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Lacombe County Council elects Reeve, Deputy Reeve during 2025 Organizational Meeting

During Lacombe County's annual Organizational Meeting, Council unanimously appointed Division 1 Councillor John Ireland as Reeve for a one-year term, and Division 4 Councillor Dwayne West as Deputy Reeve.

Reeve Ireland, who was first elected to Lacombe County Council in 2017 and served as Deputy Reeve from 2021-2025, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to continue serving in a leadership capacity.

"It's an incredible honour to be appointed Reeve by my fellow councillors," said Reeve John Ireland. "I'm deeply grateful to the residents of Division 1 for the trust they've placed in me as their councillor, and to County Council for their confidence in me to serve in this new role. Lacombe County has benefitted from strong leadership over the years—from both Council and Administration—and I look forward to building on that foundation to ensure our success continues to grow here."

Deputy Reeve West, who has represented Division 4 since 2021, shared his appreciation for the opportunity to take on the Deputy Reeve position.

"It's a privilege to serve Lacombe County in this role, and I am happy to support John Ireland in his new role as Lacombe County Reeve," said Deputy Reeve Dwayne West.

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Official 2025 Lacombe County Election results

Here are the official results of Lacombe County's 2025 Municipal Election.

A total of 1,529 voters out of a total of 5,660 eligible voters for the affected divisions cast ballots for this election.

On October 29, at their Organizational Meeting, Council appointed Councillor John Ireland as Reeve and Councillor Dwayne West as Deputy Reeve for a one-year term.

***Indicates the elected candidate.**

Division 1		TOTAL*
**IRELAND, John	Elected	177
RAMSAY, Bill		101
Division 2		
**KNIGHT, Brenda	Acclaimed	
Division 3		
ARCHIBALD, Tim		95
MAJERECH, Derek		30
**VISSCHER, Mark	Elected	166
ZOBELL, Paula		17
Division 4		
GRIFFIN, Wendy		83
**WEST, Dwayne	Elected	207
Division 5		
**VAN HAREN, Roger	Elected	207
VELDHUISEN, Gresham		135
WHITE, Kenneth		60
Division 6		
BYZITTER, Michael		35
**WILSON, Allan	Elected	216
Division 7		
**KREIL, Dana	Acclaimed	

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Lacombe County
RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3

(Continued from front) Lacombe County Council elects Reeve John Ireland, Deputy Reeve Dwayne West during 2025 Organizational Meeting

"I would like to express my thanks to the residents in Division 4 for their ongoing support in this past election. Over the past few years, I've come to appreciate the strength of Lacombe County — our Council, our Administration, and most importantly, our residents. As our County's Mission Statement reads, we are building a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and healthy relationships; our strong organization keeps this goal attainable," added Deputy Reeve West.

County Manager Tim Timmons congratulated both Ireland and West on their appointments, highlighting their leadership and commitment to collaboration.

"Reeve Ireland brings a thoughtful, steady approach to leadership and a strong connection to the community," said County Manager Tim Timmons. "His experience, along with Deputy Reeve West's steady and practical perspective, will ensure that Council continues to work effectively together for the benefit of Lacombe County."

ABOUT REEVE JOHN IRELAND

John Ireland's deep-seated connection to Central Alberta began as he grew up on a mixed farm east of Red Deer. In 1986, he relocated to the Joffre area, where he continues to farm with his family. Community involvement has always been a hallmark of John's life, enabling him to connect with residents throughout Lacombe County.

He was first elected to County Council in 2017 and served as Deputy Reeve from 2021 to 2025. Throughout his time on Council, John has actively represented the County on several boards, including: the Highway 12/21 Water Services Commission; Red Deer River Municipal Users Group; Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission; North Red Deer River Water Services Commission; North Red Deer Wastewater Services Commission; and the Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board.

ABOUT DEPUTY REEVE DWAYNE WEST

Originally from Westlock, Dwayne West relocated to Lacombe in 1992 and subsequently moved to Lacombe County with his wife, Pam, and their two children in 2000. He manages a Red Deer-based oilfield service company. He has been deeply involved in community activities through local sports associations, the Turville Community Association, and the Lacombe Fish and Game Association.

As a County Councillor, Dwayne has emphasized the importance of aligning community, agriculture, industry, and government for the continued success of Lacombe County. He is particularly passionate about supporting rural crime prevention, economic diversity, and responsible fiscal management.

Above: County Manager Tim Timmons swears in Reeve John Ireland (left) and Deputy Reeve Dwayne West.

Right: Lacombe County 2025-29 Councillors
(Back row, left to right):
- Division 5 Councillor Roger Van Haren
- Division 7 Councillor Dana Kreil
- Division 2 Councillor Brenda Knight
- Division 3 Councillor Mark Visscher

(Front row, left to right):
- Deputy Reeve/Division 4 Councillor Dwayne West
- Reeve/Division 1 Councillor John Ireland
- Division 6 Councillor Allan Wilson

APPLY TODAY: Community Program Grants available

Lacombe County is committed to strengthening the quality of life for residents and fostering civic pride by providing financial support for community programs, events and activities.

Policy RC(9) - County Support of Community Programs, Events and Activities provides additional support for organizations in the County and its urban municipalities, as well as for the municipalities themselves. Support will be given for events and activities which are held for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public, demonstrate a financial need, and other criteria explained in the policy.

The application deadline is February 1, 2026; applicants will be advised by March 31, 2026 of the status of their application.

Policy Guidelines/Procedures:

Eligibility: Urban municipalities within the County, and community organizations in the urban municipalities within the County and within Lacombe County are eligible for funding, subject to the following guidelines:

To be eligible for consideration, programs:

- Must demonstrate a need for financial support from the County;
- Must be held for the enjoyment and benefit of the general public;
- Must be hosted on an annual basis and/or recognize significant milestone events;
- Must not charge an admission, entrance or registration fee for the program, event or activity;
- Must receive at least an equivalent amount of funding from the urban municipality in which the program, event or activity is being held as that being requested from the County;
- Must receive at-least an equal amount of funding from the community organization if the program, event or activity is being held in the County; and
- Must take place in the County, or in the urban municipalities within the County in 2026 .

The following are not eligible for support under this policy:

- capital facilities and equipment;
- youth and adult sports teams and associated programs, events and activities;
- school reunions;
- private functions;
- community organizations, programs, events and activities that receive support from the County through other programs or policies.

Funding Allotment & Allocation:

Funding will be based on $0.75 per capita based on the current year official population of Lacombe County and the urban municipalities within the County, with a $1,000 minimum allotment per town or village, and a $500 minimum allotment per summer village.

To view the Policy and a downloadable application form, see the County Website and look for the Grants and Funding page (https://www.lacombecounty.com/our-government/budget-and-finance/grants-and-funding/).

Do you have outstanding 2025 taxes?

November 30 deadline fast approaching; 10% penalty will be applied to all unpaid taxes

An additional 10% penalty will be added on December 1 for all taxes unpaid after November 30, 2025.

The November 30 deadline and penalty are not applicable to property owners currently enrolled in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP).

How can I pay my taxes?

Tax payments are payable to Lacombe County and can be made using one of the following options:

- **By mail to**: Lacombe County, RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3
  - Mailed payments must be postmarked by Canada Post no later than November 30th of the current year. If the postmark is illegible or missing, the actual date of receipt by Lacombe County will apply.
- **In Person:** At the County Office (40403 RGE RD 274, Lacombe County, AB) during office hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
  - Deposited in the envelope mailbox located at the road entrance to the County office (do not submit cash).
- **Through Your Financial Institution:** Payments can be made at most financial institutions through internet or telephone banking.
  - Set up Lacombe County as a bill payee using roll number for taxes, utility account number for utilities.
  - Each roll and utility account number needs to be set up individually, or payments may be misapplied.
- **Electronic funds transfer (EFT):** Businesses, please contact the office if interested in paying by EFT.
- **By Credit Card:** visit www.lacombecounty.com and pay through OptionPay, a secure third-party site, to make payment by credit card. (Please note that there is a fee for this service. Lacombe County does not receive any of the credit card fees.)

Tax Installment Payment Plan: Those enrolled in the County's tax installment plan (TIPP) will see their payment adjusted annually in May to reflect the new tax rates for the current year.

You can pay your bills through the teller service, bank machine, internet or telephone.

Please Note:To ensure your payments are credited to your account, please remember to include the top "tear-away" portion of your assessment and tax notice, or provide your 10 Digit Tax Roll Number with your payment.

If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Lacombe County.

2025 FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Recognizing Theo and Claudine Bruning of Hillside Poultry Farm

Lacombe County is pleased to recognize the Bruning family as the 2025 Farm Family of the Year. Theo and Claudine Bruning, along with their three children, Kaiden, Emma, and Madison, operate Hillside Poultry Farm – a thriving poultry and grain farm that has grown steadily since the family first arrived in Lacombe County.

Both Theo and Claudine were born in Holland but came to Canada on different paths. Theo immigrated with his parents and brother in 1997, settling on a farmstead by Joffre. Five years later, they bought a bare quarter of land that would become the foundation of their farm. Claudine's family immigrated to Manitoba in the 1980s before moving to Alberta in 1995, where she grew up on a pig farm near Penhold. Together, they have built a farm that reflects their shared values of hard work, sustainability, and family.

BUILDING A FARM FROM THE GROUND UP

In 2002, with his parents' support, Theo officially began farming. After completing the Agriculture Production program at Olds College in 2004, he helped construct his first chicken barn. In 2011, Theo and Claudine were married, welcoming twins Kaiden and Emma in 2013 and Madison in 2015.

Over time, they've turned their bare quarter into a busy farmstead.

Today, Hillside Poultry Farm raises 52,000 chickens in their barn and farms 3,100 acres in partnership with Theo's brother Jack and his family.

A second barn is now planned for Hillside Poultry, which will double their broiler chicken capacity and incorporate new technologies to enhance efficiency and sustainability.

"When we first came here, it was just a bare quarter with nothing on it. To see what we've built together as a family is something I'm really proud of," said Theo. "Chicken farming and grain farming fit so well together, and we're always looking for ways to make the farm more sustainable."

INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Brunings have embraced innovation as part of their success. In 2024, they installed solar panels on an unused hillside, producing enough power to run their barns, shop, and home, while feeding surplus energy back to the grid. They also utilize GPS-enabled equipment, section control sprayers, and seed drills to minimize overlap and waste.

A roller mill allows the family to crack and feed more of their own wheat to their chickens, reducing costs. By integrating poultry and grain production, they recycle chicken manure to enhance soil fertility, reduce fertilizer requirements, and establish a more self-sufficient and environmentally friendly farm system, thereby reducing reliance on purchased inputs.

A TRUE FAMILY OPERATION

Farming is a family affair at Hillside Poultry Farm. Theo manages day-to-day operations, like daily barn chores and repairs. Claudine balances her career as a registered nurse in Lacombe Continuing Care with farm responsibilities, managing the books, running parts, and preparing meals for the harvest crew.

Their children—Kaiden (12), Emma (12), and Madison (10)—are also involved, helping with chores in the barns, caring for the sheep herd, picking bales, running equipment, and assisting with yard and household tasks. Despite the size of the operation, the Brunings hire only seasonal harvest help, reflecting the strength of their family commitment.

"It takes all of us to keep the farm running smoothly," said Claudine. "Whether it's the kids checking the barns, me doing the books, or Theo making farm decisions, everyone has a role. It's busy, but it's also what keeps us close as a family."

LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE

Beyond the farm, the Brunings are active in the broader agricultural community. Theo serves as a Director of the Clive Seed Cleaning Plant and was invited to join Sofina Foods' Producer Advisory Committee, which provides feedback to one of the country's largest poultry processing facilities in Calgary. His input helps shape systems, practices, and long-term industry improvements that support poultry producers across Alberta.

Claudine volunteers as registrar and admin for the Lacombe Skating Club, serves as Chair of the Father Lacombe Catholic School Council, and helped with the planning of the first annual Lacombe Soccer Tournament. The family also supports the Canadian Foodgrains Bank Growing Project through both donations and volunteer fieldwork. They also volunteer with the Alberta Chicken Producers, running the booth at various events to showcase poultry farming.

Community involvement is central to the Bruning family. They are active at St. Andrew's United Church, where they assist with youth programming through St. Andrew's monthly Messy Church program and other volunteer opportunities.

The family also takes part in the rural crime watch group southeast of Lacombe, is a member of the Clive Curling Club, and enjoys hosting their neighbours at an annual Christmas party, a tradition that helps friends and neighbours stay connected.

PROUD TO CALL LACOMBE COUNTY HOME

For the Brunings, farming is more than an occupation—it's a way of life rooted in family, community, and stewardship of the land.

"We're proud to be farmers, and proud to be part of Lacombe County," the Brunings shared. "This is our home, and it's where we've built our future."

SAFETY FIRST

Lacombe County reminds you to burn safely all year round

Lacombe County Fire Service reminds residents that although fire permits are not required between November 1 and February 28, there are still crucial safety expectations for any controlled burns conducted outside of the official fire season.

“Any burning must be done in a safe and controlled manner. We all must practice responsible burning throughout the year, even if fire permits aren’t required,” said Dave Bain, Manager of Fire and Emergency Services. “Lacombe County reserves the right to invoice residents for fire department responses to fires that are not compliant with these regulations.”

FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection Bylaw, fire permits are required from March 1 to October 31 each year. Although permits aren’t mandatory from November 1 to February 28, safety remains essential for the well-being of residents and the environment. To ensure a safe burn, follow these guidelines:

- **Check the Weather:** Always monitor the forecast. Avoid burning on windy days, as gusts can quickly escalate a small fire into a wildfire.
- **Clear a Safe Zone**: Create a 10-foot safe area around your burn site, free from flammable materials like dry grass or leaves.
- **Have Equipment Ready:** Keep a hose, water source, and fire-control tools on hand, and never leave a fire unattended.
- **No Household Garbage:** Only burn clean, dry wood or vegetation. Never burn household garbage, plastics, or chemicals.
- **Keep it Small:** Maintain a manageable fire size to stay in control.
- **Responsible Supervision:** An adult should oversee the fire at all times, and everyone present should know how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- **Respect Neighbours:** Be mindful of smoke and embers, which can disturb nearby properties.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS:

Even when permits aren’t required, certain regulations apply:

- Smoke should not cross major roadways or disturb neighbouring properties.
- Wind speeds must be under 15 km/hour.
- If a passerby calls 911, Fire Services must attend the scene to verify it is a non-emergency.

FOREST AND PRAIRIE PROTECTION ACT REQUIREMENTS

Additionally, Section 22 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act remains in effect year-round, stating that no person shall:

- Light an outdoor fire without first taking precautions to control it at all times.
- Light an outdoor fire when weather conditions could cause it to spread.
- Fail to take reasonable steps to prevent the fire from spreading beyond their property.
- Leave any burning materials in a place where they could ignite other matter.
- Conduct activities with fire in a forest protection area without exercising reasonable care.

In addition, the Forest and Prairie Protection Act states that:

- Burning must not create physical discomfort to neighbours and impair visibility on roadways.
- There shall be a minimum 15-meter guard cleared of flammable materials around the debris pile.
- Before windrows or piles of brush or debris can be burned:
  - Where the debris is a result of land clearing, debris windrows can be no longer than 60 meters in length with 8-meter breaks between each 60-meter windrow.
  - No windrow can be closer than 25 meters to uncleared land or standing hazardous fuels.
  - They must be separated from parallel windrows by **at least 15 meters.**

PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Only certain materials are permitted for open burning:

- **Per**mitted: Brush, fallen trees, straw, grass, weeds, leaves, clean wood waste, cardboard, and paper products.
- **Not Permitted:** Preserved wood, automobile parts, tires, rubber, plastics, used oil, manure, pathological waste, asphalt shingles, and any materials prohibited by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.

“We want to emphasize that no garbage of any sort can be burned, regardless of the time of year,” emphasized Bain. “We have easily accessible landfills for anyone who needs to dispose of their garbage properly, ensuring that our air, water and land don’t become contaminated.”

Anyone caught burning garbage will be fined $250 for the first offence, $500 for the second offence, and $1000 for the third offence.

For questions or to confirm that your burn complies with safety guidelines, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-8959. Thank you for your cooperation.

We want YOU! Consider being a firefighter

Lacombe County is putting out a call for new paid-on-call firefighters to bolster its fire departments. The need is especially pressing in the communities of Alix, Eckville, Bentley, and Clive, where daytime coverage is essential.

Dave Bain, the Manager of Fire and Emergency Services for Lacombe County, emphasizes the importance of local involvement, noting that having a strong, community-based fire service is crucial to maintaining safety and rapid response times.

Interested in giving back to your community, being part of a well-trained team, and taking on an exciting challenge? Consider joining Lacombe County's fire services as a paid-on-call firefighter. This role offers a unique opportunity to make a real difference in your community while developing valuable skills and working alongside a dedicated team.

Lacombe County’s fire services rely on individuals who can respond quickly to emergencies and to increase the number of trained members to meet the growing demands of the community. The County is particularly interested in recruiting people who are available during the day when many current members are unavailable due to work commitments outside their communities.

The County encourages individuals available during daytime/school hours to consider joining the fire services. This includes:

- Individuals who work from home
- Stay-at-home parents
- Freelancers
- Remote employees
- Entrepreneurs running a home-based business

Their participation could provide a valuable boost to our local fire departments.

Requirements to become a paid-on-call firefighter include:

- Being 18 years of age or older
- Holding a valid class 5 driver’s license
- Maintaining physical fitness
- Living or working within the response areas in/around Alix, Eckville, Bentley, or Clive

In addition to these requirements, **paid-on-call firefighters are expected to attend at least 50% of the scheduled training sessions and be available to respond to 25% of the emergency calls.**

For those interested in making a difference in their community, more details and the full list of requirements and responsibilities can be found on the Lacombe County website: https://www.lacombecounty.com/firefighters. You can also email lcfs@lacombecounty.com to get more information or to express your interest in signing up.

LACOMBE COUNTY

Lacombe County Holiday Hours

Staff Function 12th December	Closed between 12 - 1 p.m. Closing at 3 p.m.
Christmas Eve 24th December	Closed
Christmas Day 25th December	Closed
Boxing Day 26th December	Closed
New Year's Eve 31st December	Closing at 3 p.m.
New Year's Day 1st January	Closed

We wish you all a safe and joyful holiday season!

LACOMBE COUNTY

WE'RE HIRING!

Eckville District Fire Chief

Paid-on-call position + honorarium & cell phone allowance.

Looking for a seasoned fire service professional with a proven ability to operate in a command structure, possess strong leadership capabilities and have a commitment to public safety.

Full Details
www.lacombecounty.com/careers

Apply by December 1, 2025 to
hr@lacombecounty.com

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION

Pursuant to Municipal Government Act M-26.1 534(1) Lacombe County hereby provides notice to any person having an interest in land that is adjacent to lands which Lacombe County has constructed a public road. Persons entitled to compensation from the municipality for loss of or the permanent lessening of use of that person's land caused by the public work are advised to make a claim within 60 days after this notice is published.

The following road has been completed as of October 27, 2025:

Project Number	**Description**
C0312	Rge Rd 3-1 West 13 & 24-41-3 W5M from Twp Rd 41-2 north for 1.25 miles

For more information, please contact:
Brandon Maier, Manager of Operations
(403) 782-3567

MIRROR CORNER

TEES CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROL FESTIVAL

When: Thurs., December 11th
7:00 pm until 8:30 pm

Where: Tees Hall

Musical Numbers *Carol Singing*

Santa

All performers welcome.
Please contact Carla at 403-784-3055 or 587-447-8199 to be included in the program.

Potluck goodies and snacks to follow the concert.

Mitten Tree for Donations of Scarves, Toques and Mittens

Mirror residents reminded to shovel sidewalks

Residents in Mirror are reminded that all snow and ice must be removed from their sidewalks within 48 hours of a snowfall, pursuant to Bylaw 1098/09.

Should the County have to pay for an employee or contractor to clear the snow/ ice from a property, the occupant or owner will be charged for the cost and may face additional fines.

Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror
NEW Lacombe County has introduced a more flexible dog-tag licensing system for residents of Mirror. Any new licenses issued will be valid for the lifetime of the dog. Existing licenses will remain valid until renewal, at which point dog owners must obtain a lifetime tag under the new structure.

Lifetime license fees:

- $25 – Dog that is both altered and microchipped
- $75 – Dog that is either altered or microchipped
- $150 – Dog that is unaltered and not microchipped
- $15 – Replacement dog tag

If you receive a violation notice under the Dog Control Bylaw, you can pay it within 30 days to receive a 50% discount; after that period, the full penalty applies.

To order your new tag or view full bylaw details, visit lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol or call 403-782-8959.

Lacombe County will issue a tag for each dog, which must be attached to a collar worn by the dog at all times. Lacombe County Enforcement Officers will do checks to ensure compliance.

If you would like to report a contravention of the Dog Control Bylaw, please call 403-506-9380, or email info@klassickennels.com.
For animal welfare issues please contact the Alberta SPCA at http://www.albertaspca.org/*

Jolly Seniors

Pancake breakfast every second Sunday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Booking Mirror Community Hall

Call Lisa 403-788-3890 or call Mike Carr 403-788-3778 (Home) or 403-357-8239 (Cell) for hall information.

Mirror and District Museum

Contact mmuseum@cciwireless.ca if you would like to volunteer and for hours of operation

Friends of the Mirror Library Society/Mirror Library

The Mirror Library would like to remind patrons of the many items available for borrowing. We carry books for everyone, audio books, DVDs, games, and puzzles.

Hours: Wednesday 1-5 PM
2nd & 4th Saturday 11 AM - 3 PM

Please like us at: facebook.com/booksinmirror for the most up to date information. The Library also has meeting spaces for rent and free Wi-Fi. Please contact us through the Facebook page or email booksinmirror@gmail.com.

Mirror Royal Canadian Legion Branch 189 - 5015 50th Avenue

Meat Draws Saturday at 4 p.m. General meetings second Sunday at 1 p.m. (unless otherwise posted).

CN Rail crossing delays

If you experience delays longer than 20 minutes at the Mirror rail yard crossing, call CN Rail at 1-800-465-9239. Follow the prompts and be ready to provide details shown on the crossing signal mast to CN personnel. Transport Canada may be reached at 1-888-463-0521.

OPERATIONS

Your Roads Explained: Snow Removal in Lacombe County

Every winter, Lacombe County is responsible for keeping more than 2,000 kilometres of paved and gravel roads safe and passable. Our crews work hard after each snowfall to clear snow and ice in a timely, efficient, and safe manner.

Because every storm is different, snow removal timelines depend on both the severity and duration of the snowfall—but our goal remains the same: to maintain roads to reasonable winter driving conditions as soon as possible.

PAVED ROADS

Order of Priority

1. County-designated Primary Main Roads
2. County-designated Secondary Main Roads
3. Main access roads leading to subdivisions
4. Hamlets and Subdivisions

Our goal is to clear snow and ice from paved roads as quickly as possible while minimizing backtracking and travel time. Under normal winter conditions, we strive to have all paved roads maintained within 12 hours after a snowfall ends.

Note: All numbered highways in Lacombe County (e.g., Highway 2A, 12, 20 or 597) are maintained by Alberta Transportation through their contractor Mainroad Alberta.

For concerns or to report an issue, call 1-877-875-3263.

GRAVEL ROADS

Order of Priority

1. Local Roads – Snow removal begins in alternating areas to ensure fairness. Crews work in a sequence that reduces unnecessary grader travel.
2. Public Access and Machinery Roads – Opened to established residences or for agricultural transport when possible and when conditions allow.
3. Winging Snow and Other Maintenance – Performed once primary snow removal is complete.

Snow removal typically begins when snow accumulation reaches about 5 centimetres. The goal is to have the entire gravel road system cleared

within four days after a snowfall, depending on the storm's severity and duration.

All gravel roads in Lacombe County are designated school bus routes, meaning they receive equal priority during snow clearing.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Lacombe County **does not clear snow from private driveways or yards.**

Residents who need this service can visit www.lacombecounty.com and search "area contractors" for a list of local snow removal providers.

A QUICK SAFETY REMINDER

When clearing your own property, **please do not push snow across County roads.**

This practice creates dangerous ridges and icy patches that can cause collisions and damage equipment.

Who Clears What?

LACOMBE COUNTY
- County roads (paved and gravel)
- Hamlets and subdivisions
- Main access routes to subdivisions

AB TRANSPORTATION (Mainroad Alberta)
- All numbered highways (e.g., Hwy 2A, 12, 20, 597)
- Contact: 1-877-875-3263

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS
- Responsible for driveways and private lanes
- County does not provide snow removal on private property
- Visit www.lacombecounty.com and search "area contractors" for local options

Did You Know?

Lacombe County maintains more than **2,000 kilometres of roads** each winter — that's roughly the same distance as driving from Lacombe to Thunder Bay, Ontario!

Each storm brings unique challenges for our crews. Depending on snowfall amounts, wind, and temperatures, it can take anywhere from **12 hours to four days** to return roads to reasonable winter driving conditions.

CN Police want you to Stay Safe this Winter

No matter where you live, chances are you will face some challenging driving conditions in the months ahead. Freezing rain, snow, sleet and whiteouts can make winter driving downright dangerous.

In fact, according to the Transportation Safety Board, there's a spike in railway crossing incidents during the winter months. This is due to many factors, including:

- Ice and snow making it harder for drivers to stop and manoeuvre their vehicles;
- Snowy roads that hide pavement markings;
- Blowing snow, fog, and sleet that reduce visibility;
- Snowbanks and snow in trees reducing sight lines;

Reducing the likelihood of being in a serious car accident in winter starts with proper planning and knowing your rail-safety basics.

Following these simple tips can help keep you safe when you encounter train tracks this winter:

Plan ahead and check the weather forecast before travelling—not only for your current location, but also for your final destination. If conditions deteriorate while you're on the road, stop at the nearest town or rest area and wait until it's safe to continue driving.

Reduce your speed when road conditions are poor. Always slow down well in advance of a railway crossing. The more time you have to react, the better chance you have of avoiding a collision.

Avoid distractions when approaching railway crossings turn off your radio and heating fans so you can listen for trains. Reduced visibility and sounds from a storm can make it more difficult to see and hear if a train is coming. Roll down your window—especially if it's frosty or foggy—and look both ways before crossing the tracks.

Look for railway warning signs and signals. Snow may cover train tracks at a crossing, making them look like the road. Look for warning signs and other indications that there is a railway crossing ahead so you can prepare to stop, especially when driving at night.

Use winter tires they have treads designed to grip ice and snow, so you will be less likely to slide on the road or into the side of a train. All-season tires can begin to lose their traction when the temperature drops below 7°C.

Don't drive impaired alcohol and drugs such as marijuana reduce your ability to pay attention, react quickly and make safe driving choices.

Remember "any time is train time". Be rail-smart this winter: Look. Listen. Live.

A CN Police Service Community Resource Officer (CRO) is available to provide additional safety information as well as an in-person safety presentation to your staff. To contact the closet CRO please contact the CN Tip line www.cn.ca/en/safety/cn-police-service/ and request contact with a CNPS CRO

When clearing your driveway after a snowfall, clear an extra area to the left of your driveway. This gives County graders a place to push snow, helping you avoid a pile at the end of your driveway when roads are cleared.

Don't push snow across the road or into ditches/right-of-way. Doing so can:

- Create unsafe conditions for motorists and graders
- Slow down snow removal
- Damage roads, equipment, or buried utilities
- Contribute to spring flooding

Best practice: Shovel snow to the right side of your driveway — the same direction County plows travel. It keeps things safer and saves you from extra work later!

IMPORTANT BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS

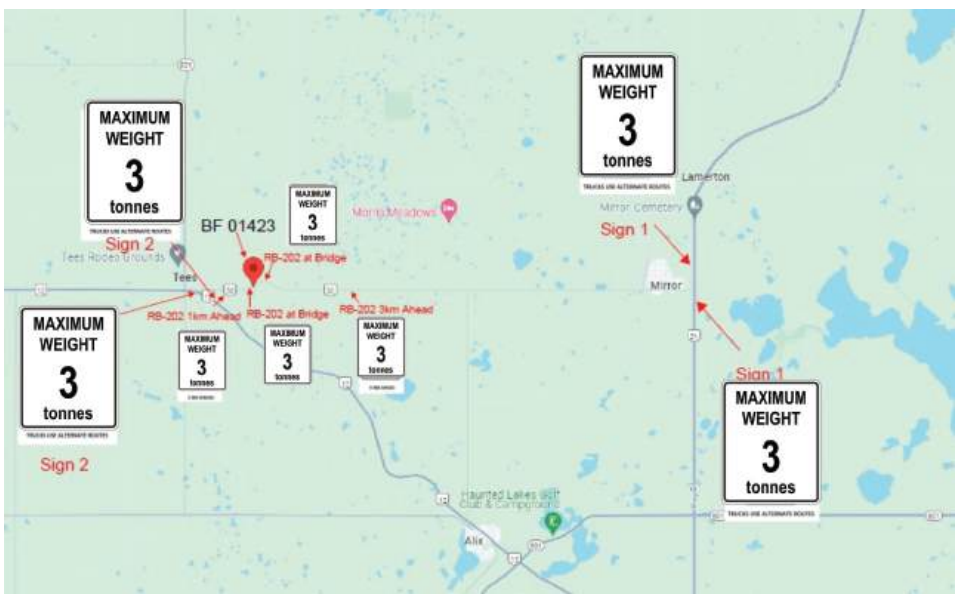
Highway 50 over Parlby Creek

Bridge Restrictions are in place on Highway 50 over Parlby Creek (BF 1423, near Tees) following a recent inspection by Alberta Transportation. The inspection found significant structural issues, including broken stirrups and concrete deterioration.

NEW RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE:

- Speed limit reduced – from 100 km/h to 60 km/h across the bridge.
- Load limits were revised, and updated postings are in effect on-site (heavier vehicles will be restricted).

Please slow down, follow posted signs, and plan your route accordingly when travelling through this area.



ENVIRONMENT

2025 Environmental
Photo Contest Winners

Lacombe County is excited to announce the 2025 Environmental Photo Contest winners!

This year's winning photos highlight the natural beauty and diversity of our local environment throughout the year.

WINNERS

- **First Place**: Kade Damant, Black-Capped Chickadee
- **Second Place:** June Rivers, Yellow Flower and Bee
- **Third Place:** Chloe Berger, Full moon at Sunrise

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped celebrate the County's environmental stewardship through photography.

Carbon Monoxide alarms save lives!

According to ATCO Gas, each year, 300 Canadians lose their lives to carbon monoxide poisoning, and many others end up in hospitals. Carbon Monoxide is an invisible, silent, odourless toxic gas.

During Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness week (November 1-7), Albertans were reminded to take precautions against CO poisoning, such as ensuring their homes have working CO alarms and having fuel-burning appliances regularly inspected and maintained.

Ensure your family's safety by reviewing this carbon monoxide checklist from ATCO Gas.

WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, silent, odourless toxic gas. In an enclosed space, such as a home or garage, CO exposure can lead to serious illness or death.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF CO EXPOSURE?

- Headache and dizziness
- Fatigue and weakness
- Watering and burning eyes
- Nausea and vomiting
- Loss of muscle control

WHERE DOES CO COME FROM?

Improperly operating natural gas appliances:

- Furnace
- Hot water heater
- Dryer
- Range
- Fireplace

EXHAUST FROM?

- Gas and diesel vehicles
- Gas-powered machines
- Wood-burning fireplaces

GET A CO ALARM TODAY AT YOUR LOCAL HOME IMPROVEMENT RETAILER

ATCO

LEARN HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR HOME AT ATCO.COM/CO

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST TO HELP PREVENT CO IN YOUR HOME.

- ◯ Fuel-burning appliances (furnace, hot water heater, fireplace, natural gas range, etc.) checked by a qualified technician regularly according to manufacturers' specifications.
  Last inspection (date): _____
- ◯ Furnace filter checked monthly and replaced (if necessary).
  Date last replaced: _____
- ◯ Indoor and outdoor vents and chimneys cleared of debris, snow and ice (if necessary).
- ◯ Area around fuel-burning appliances clutter-free.
- ◯ Flame of all natural gas appliances checked regularly (it should be blue).
- ◯ Adequate air supply (nearby window opened) when using a wood-burning fireplace.
- ◯ Vehicles never idled in garage, even with the overhead door open.

PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED CO ALARMS WILL HELP TO DETECT CO.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST TO HELP DETECT CO IN YOUR HOME.

- ◯ CO alarm(s) installed and maintained according to manufacturers' instructions.
- ◯ Expiry date written on CO alarm(s) with a marker.
  Date of expiry: _____
- ◯ CO alarm(s) battery replaced annually, if applicable.
- ◯ CO alarm(s) vacuumed monthly.

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Fall is the best time to test for radon

As the weather cools and we begin closing up our homes for the season, now is the perfect time to test for radon.

WHAT IS RADON?
Radon is a colourless, odourless, radioactive gas that comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It can enter homes through cracks in foundations, sump pumps, drains, and other openings. Because it is invisible and has no smell, the only way to know if your home has radon is to test for it.

WHY TEST IN FALL AND WINTER?
When our windows and doors are closed, radon is more likely to accumulate indoors. This makes the cooler months the most accurate time to test. Health Canada recommends testing for a minimum of three months between October and April.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?
Long-term exposure to high levels of radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada after smoking. Testing your home is simple, inexpensive, and could protect your family's health.

HOW TO TEST:

- Purchase a do-it-yourself test kit (available online or at many hardware stores).
- Consider hiring a certified radon professional.

If high levels are found, mitigation systems are available and effective.

Protect your family this fall—make radon testing part of your seasonal routine.

For more information on radon and testing options, visit Health Canada's Radon webpage, or check out Alberta Lung Association or the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (CARST).

CHECK IT OUT:

Medicine River Watershed Society website

The Medicine River Watershed Society advocates for the health of both the Medicine River and the related Paskapoo aquifer. If you would like to learn more about the watershed society activities /advocacy and how you can help, please scan this QR code, which will take you to the Medicine River Watershed Society website or visit them at https://medicineriverwatershed.ca/.

Medicine River Watershed Society

AGRICULTURE

Winter Woes to Wins: Enhancing livestock and land management during the winter

As temperatures drop and snow falls, new questions arise about how to manage livestock during the winter months. One key consideration is how our management decisions, while crucial for livestock, also impact our environment.

For instance, when deciding on a reliable water source, you could allow livestock direct access to drink from a hole in the ice from a water body. While this is an immediate solution, it can be less reliable if water levels are low and poses risks of accidental drowning if ice starts to thin. It affects livestock directly and impacts profitability, but can also lead to environmental issues, such as manure runoff introducing excess nutrients into the water after ice melts. Additionally, heavy browsing in riparian areas may increase sediment in the water. An alternative is installing an off-site watering system, tailored to your site, to keep livestock on higher ground. This approach keeps manure away from water sources, improving both livestock welfare and riparian health.

Another concern is managing manure and bedding on winter sites, particularly near natural water bodies, to prevent excess nutrients from entering the water. A straightforward solution may be to move bedding sites away from water bodies to minimize runoff and maintain a healthy riparian zone, allowing it to rest through winter and summer for fall grazing. While this may not always be practical, there are still methods that can be used to similar effect. For instance, positioning feeding areas away from water bodies or employing grazing techniques like AMP, bale, or swath grazing can ensure manure stays on pastures and can improve soil health. While this is a benefit for the environment, implementing these practices can also minimize the amount of time spent collecting and spreading manure, and uses livestock to evenly distribute the manure through pastures in the winter.

Cattle grazing through snow in an AMP grazing system.

Although not all questions have definitive answers, thoughtful consideration of these practices often yields benefits for both the farm and the environment.

If you're interested in implementing practices like:

- Installing livestock winter watering systems on high ground away from natural water bodies
- Installing fencing to enable sustainable winter grazing practices and protect sensitive riparian vegetation
- Relocating winter feeding and bedding sites away from natural water bodies

You can apply for 50% of the total value of establishing the projects as well as ongoing annual payments for the continued management of the area through our ALUS program.

To find out more, please reach out to Ken Lewis, ALUS Coordinator at 403-505-9038 or Jenna Dell, ALUS Field Assistant at 403-392-4616.

Have your say on highway speed limits

Alberta's government is engaging with Albertans on increasing speed limits on rural highways.

Starting Nov. 7, Albertans can share their views on modernizing speed limits on divided highways through an online survey running until Dec. 12. The survey will ask how Albertans view raising the speed limit by 10 km/h on various highways from 110 km/h to 120 km/h.

ONLINE SURVEY: https://www.alberta.ca/divided-highway-speed-limit-increase-survey

"Alberta's government is investigating how to safely increase speed limits on divided highways, and if Albertans support increasing speed limits. We are investing more than $1.5 billion this year alone to improve highway safety and upgrade infrastructure across the province. We want Albertans to be able to drive the speed limit that the highways are designed for. Modern vehicles combined with public awareness mean we can explore higher speed limits," said Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors.

The survey will provide Albertans with the opportunity to provide input on which highways they would prioritize having a speed limit increase, their views on restricting commercial trucks from using the far-left lane on highways with three or more lanes and any other feedback that would improve driving experiences on provincial highways.

Following a review of the survey results, Alberta's government plans to conduct a mini-trial of a 120 km/h speed limit to assess the impacts of higher speed limits on divided highways. The trial will include strong monitoring to assess driving behaviour.

Alberta's government reminds motorists to slow down and drive to the conditions. Speed limits are set for ideal conditions. When roads are wet, icy or when there is reduced visibility, motorists should slow down.

QUICK FACTS

- Alberta's provincial highway network includes more than 64,000 lane kilometres of highways, about 11,700 lane kilometres of which are divided.
- The posted speed limits of Alberta's divided highways range from 100 to 110 km/h, although the posted speed limits on segments passing through cities, towns and First Nation lands can be as low as 50 km/h due to factors such as signalized intersections, pedestrians and local access.

HAY! LET'S TALK STORAGE

CAFLA
CENTRAL ALBERTA FORAGE AND LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Tin Forest Farm
Wetaskiwin, AB

November 28, 2025
12:00PM - 4:00PM
$20

CAFLA invites you to a hands-on, informative event featuring expert presentations, real-world insights from local producers, and an on-farm visit to Tin Forest Farm to see Nature's Netwrap in action. The afternoon includes presentations from John Bland of Barbeejay Supplies on hay storage solutions and Abby Redman from Blue Rock Animal Nutrition on feed analysis. Learn how real producers like Alana Schamber are improving sustainability and feed quality on-farm. This is a great opportunity to gain practical knowledge, connect with fellow producers, and explore innovative tools to improve your operation. Lunch included – don't miss it!

Registration required

403-844-2645
www.cafla-ab.ca

Financial support for The Nature's Net Wrap Demonstration Project is distributed by Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR), with funding from the governments of Canada and Alberta through the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

Agricultural Workshop Series

Seed For Success

November 26, 2025
9:30AM-1:30PM

Red Deer County
Council Chambers
38106 Rge Rd 275

Join us for an engaging workshop focusing on **seed treatments** and **agronomics**, featuring guest speaker **Ted Labun** from TLC Agronomics Inc. You'll also hear from Alberta producer groups detailing the traits of various seed varieties and the new **clubroot seed labeling system.**

After lunch, there will be an open session where producers can learn about or work on their Environmental Farm Plans, with hands-on assistance from our EFP Technicians.

Reserve your spot today!

Red Deer County

To register or for more info:
RDCounty.ca/AgEvents

Water, Spray, Inversion & Drift

Smarter spraying starts here. Learn proven strategies from Dr. Tom Wolf to improve efficacy, reduce drift, and save time.

- Water & spray performance
- How drift can happen hours later & ways to prevent it
- Tank cleanout best practices
- Spray canopy penetration
- Sprayer productivity hacks
- Drones & nozzle selection made simple

Presenting speaker: Dr. Tom Wolf from Sprayers101.com

Tuesday, January 13
9 AM - 3 PM

Cost: $55

Innisfail Legion
#1 - 5108 49 Ave,
Innisfail, AB

Register early for an opportunity to receive a **FREE water test!**

To register: **RDCounty.ca/AgEvents**
For more information: **403.342.7367** | **agriculture@rdcounty.ca**

Agricultural Workshop Series

Red Deer County

LACOMBE COUNTY

USE RESPECT – ASK FIRST SIGNS

Use Respect – Ask First

These signs are available free for landowners across Alberta.

The signs include a space for landowner's contact information and/or conditions of the land.

These Signs are available at the Lacombe County office free of charge.

Use Respect - Ask First is about good communication between landowners and people wanting to access private land for recreation (like hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife photography, etc.). Landowners can put ***Use Respect – Ask First*** signs on their property, to encourage people who would like to access the land to contact them for permission. The signs include a space for the landowner's contact information.

Do the right thing. Ask landowners for permission BEFORE going on their property. It's trespassing if you don't.

Changes to the Agricultural Container Recycling Program

Agricultural Container Recycling

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission no longer accepts the <23L agricultural containers (Eckville, Alix/ Mirror, and Prentiss). Retailers in Lacombe County that will take your agricultural pesticide and fertilizer containers for recycling are:

- **Central AB Co-op – Lacombe** 3407-52 Ave Ph:403-782-2232
  (Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- **Richardson Pioneer** – East of Lacombe on Hwy 12 & Range Road 261 Ph:403-782-3033
  (Seed & Pesticide Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Tote Bags, Totes and Drums)
- **Nutrien Ag Solutions – Bentley** 4801-52 Street Ph:403-748-3991
  (Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- **Central AB Co-op – Eckville** 4828-50 Ave Ph:403-746-2011
  (Seed and Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Totes and Drums, Ag Containers <23L)
- **Parrish & Heimbecker – Joffre** Hwy Junction 815 & 597 Ph:403-588-7200
  (Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)

LRWSC does not accept Agricultural Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, and Totes & Drums.

If your retailer will not accept your containers, please call one of the above listed retailers to inquire about accepting them for recycling.

Large volumes of empty <23L agricultural containers (>25 bags) can be arranged for on farm pickup by calling Clean Farms at 877-622-4460.

For further information, contact your agricultural chemical retailer or LRWSC @ (403)782-8970.

LACOMBE REGIONAL WASTE SERVICES COMMISSION CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS

The upcoming Holiday Schedule for the Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission sites are as follows:

Friday December 12 – All Sites Closed at 3 p.m. for staff function.

Wednesday December 24 – All Sites Close at 3 p.m.

Thursday December 25 – All Sites are Closed

Friday December 26 – All Sites are Closed

Saturday December 27 – All Sites are Open Regular Hours

Monday December 29 – All Sites are Closed

Tuesday December 30 - All Sites are Open Regular Hours

Wednesday December 31 - All Sites Close at 3 p.m.

Thursday January 1 – All Sites are Closed

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission

ABOUT

Grain Bag and Twine Recycling in Lacombe County

Grain Bag Recycling

Details:

This service is offered free of charge to agriculture producers operating within Lacombe County. The grain bags will be rolled and collected on farm site for eventual delivery to a plastic recycling center in Alberta.

Requirements:

- Agriculture producers who request grain bag recycling services must provide one individual on site, capable of assisting the rolling and collection operation.
- Grain bags **MUST BE FREE** of grain, mud, dirt debris, and vermin.
- To ensure used grain bags are eligible for recycling, grain bag collection services should be scheduled within one week of grain extraction.
- Grain bag collection services are offered free of charge.

Twine Recycling

Details:

Producers can pick up Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bags at any Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Site during regular business hours. Twine will only be accepted if it is placed in the Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bag, and then brought to the collection site.

Requirements:

1. **Shake** – Remove as much debris, snow or ice as possible. Excessively dirty twine may be rejected, or subject to a landfill tipping fee or additional charges at drop off.
2. **Bag** – Place loose twine in a Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bag and tie bags to close. Please do not knot the twine. Clean Farms Twine Recycling bags are available free of charge at any Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Sites.
3. **Return** – Return to a Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Site during regular business hours.

LACOMBE COUNTY

To book grain bag collection or further questions regarding agriculture plastics or twine recycling, please call 403- 782-8959.

ATTENTION

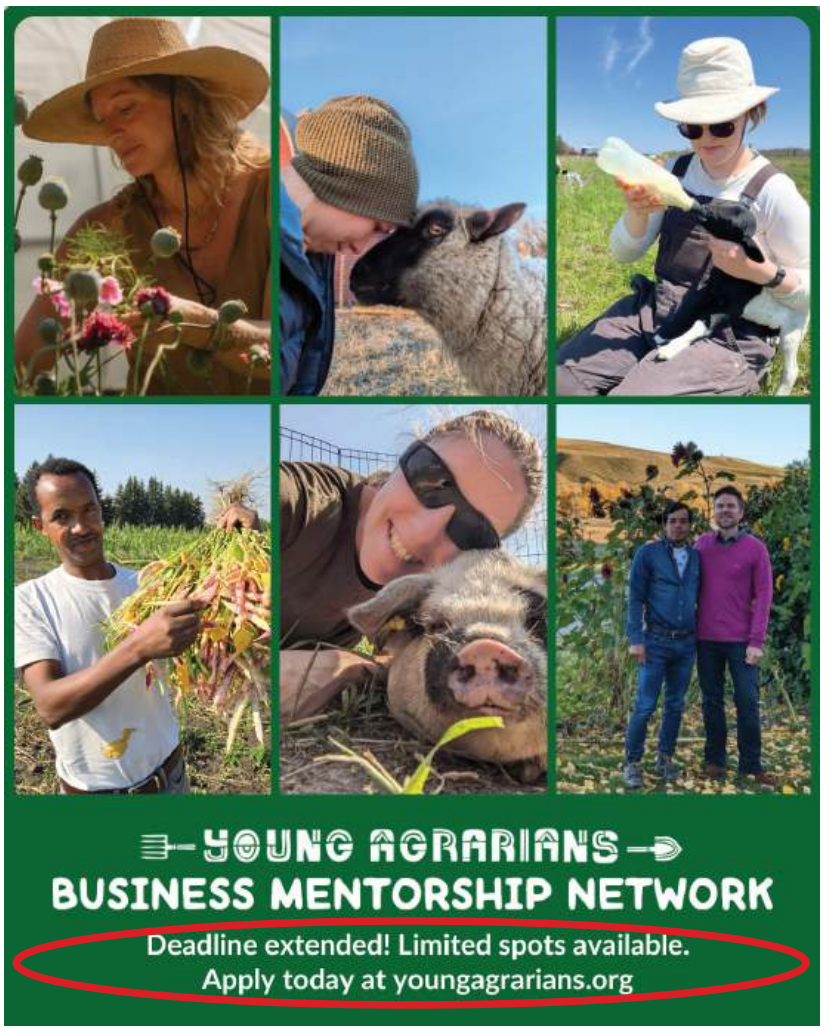
Grain Bag and Twine Recyclers in Lacombe County

Are you recycling your agricultural plastics and twine helping to promote agriculture sustainability?

IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU RECYCLE RIGHT!!

Please ensure you are only recycling clean baler twine and/or grain bag plastic, to ensure all product is accepted for recycle. See the following instructions below.

NO feed bags ~ NO grain totes ~ NO silage plastic ~ NO bale wrap



YOUNG AGRARIANS | Business Mentorship Network

Starting or growing a farm business can feel overwhelming—but you don't have to do it alone! The Young Agrarians Business Mentorship Network provides new and next-generation farmers that have been in business 1 - 10 years with practical, personalized mentorship to help build strong, resilient farm businesses.

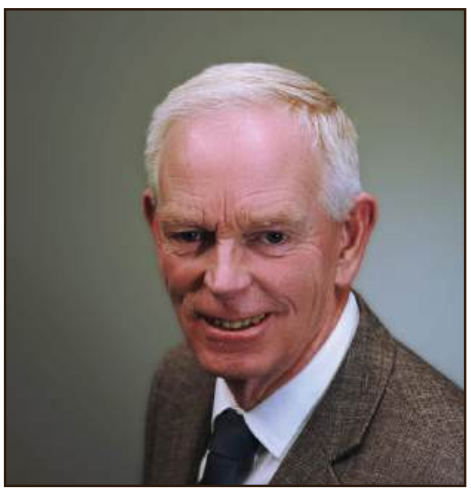
If you're farming and ready to level up your business skills, this program is for you! Join the 2026 Business Mentorship Network cohort! What the Business Mentorship Network provides:

- 30 hours of one-on-one mentorship with an experienced farmer over one year
- A farm business management webinar series with live Q&A sessions hosted by experienced farmers
- Access to resources, templates, and sample documents to help you organize your farm business
- Promotion on the Young Agrarians website and social media platforms
- Access to a community of support of fellow cohort members and the BMN Program Coordinators

INTERESTED IN MENTORING? Are you a seasoned farmer who wants to share your knowledge and passion with new and young farmers? Your participation as a Business Mentorship Network Mentor can make a world of difference to a budding new farmer. Whether your background is in livestock, vegetable, fruit, grain, mushrooms, flowers, or bee production, your guidance and experience can support a mentee's educational journey into farming and put them on the fast track for success. This is a paid position, and training and tools are provided.

LEARN MORE at
https://youngagrarians.org/business-mentorship-network/

Introducing the 2025-29



DIVISION 1: REEVE
JOHN IRELAND

“Serving the residents of Lacombe County continues to be a privilege. My focus remains on listening, collaborating, and helping build a strong, resilient future for the communities we call home.”

DIVISION 2: COUNCILLOR
BRENDA KNIGHT

“Lacombe County is built on strong communities, strong families, and strong agricultural roots. I’m committed to ensuring our decisions reflect those values while supporting a sustainable future for everyone who calls our County home.”

DIVISION 3: COUNCILLOR
MARK VISSCHER

“I believe County Council should focus on what truly matters—supporting our local residents, protecting farmland, and planning wisely for the next generation.”

DIVISION 4: DE
DWAYNE

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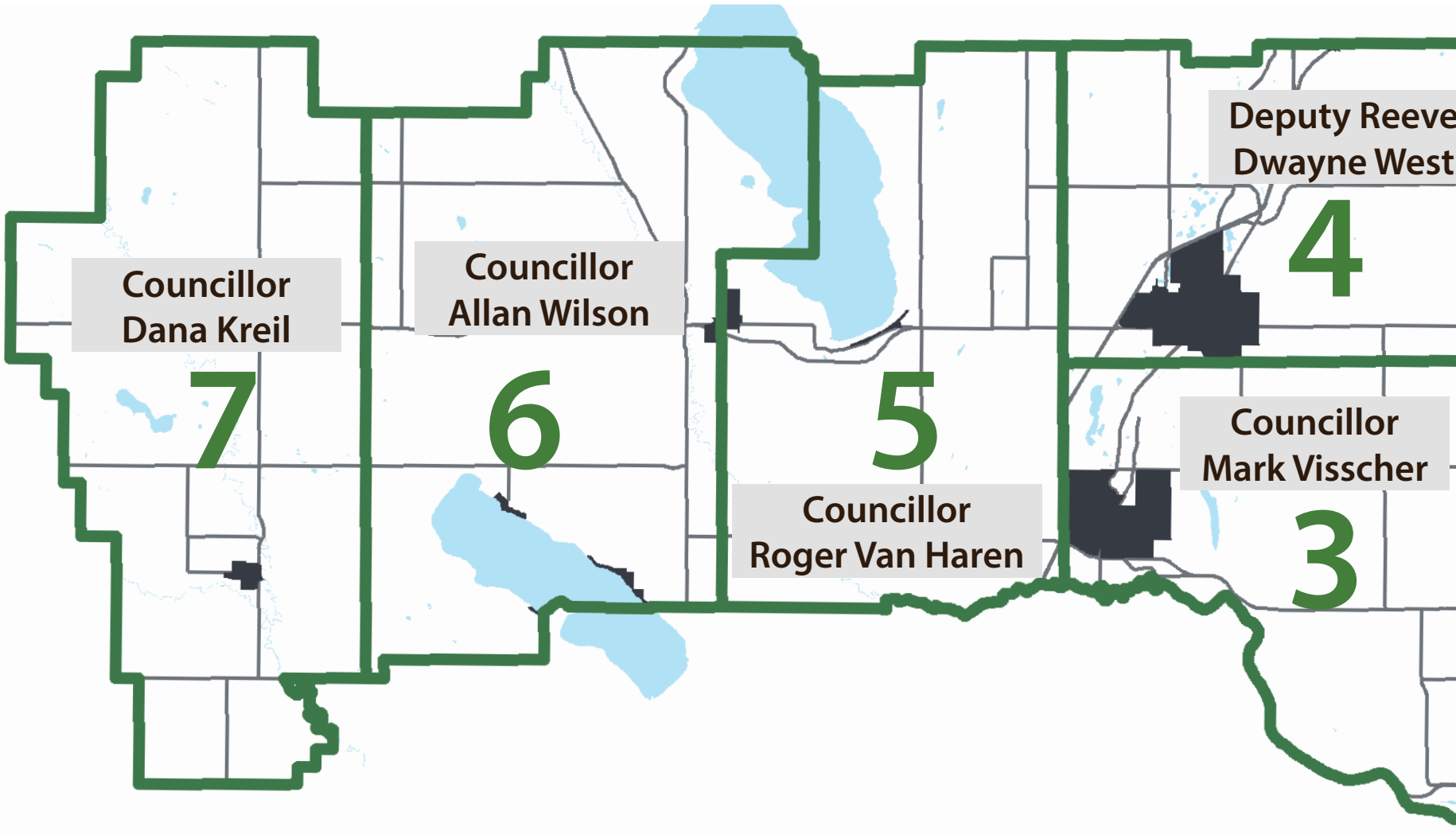

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**DIVISION 5: COUNCILLOR
ROGER VAN HAREN**

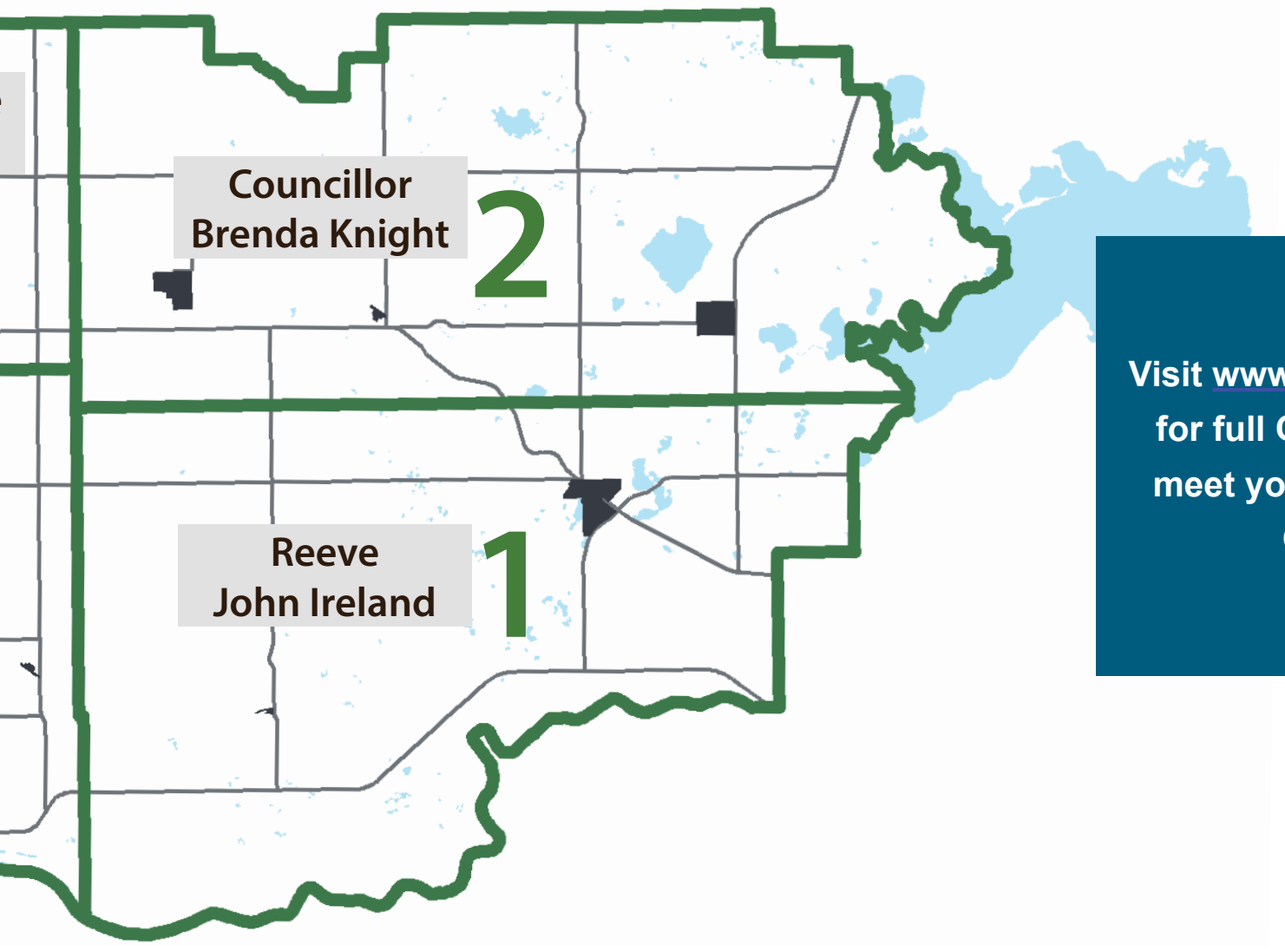
“I am committed to working with Council to serve our community by supporting flourishing families, thriving agriculture, successful businesses, and preserving our parks and recreation opportunities. I will always strive to ensure that residents and ratepayers are represented fairly and respectfully within Lacombe County.”

**DIVISION 6: COUNCILLOR
ALLAN WILSON**

“I’m proud to represent a region where agriculture, community, and hard work define who we are. My commitment is to ensure Lacombe County continues to grow responsibly while protecting the land and values that make it such a great place to live.”

**DIVISION 7: COUNCILLOR
DANA KREIL**

“I care deeply about the citizens of Lacombe County and will continue to listen, engage, and make decisions that support responsible water use, thriving agriculture, and sustainable growth for our communities.”



Visit www.lacombecounty.com for full Council profiles and meet your Lacombe County Councillors!

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Do you have questions about subdivision or development activity?

Contact Us:

Lacombe County Planning Services
(403) 782-8389
planning@lacombecounty.com

Dale Freitag
Director of Planning Services

Cajun Paradis
Manager of Planning Services

Nicklas Baran
Planner / Development Officer

Will Cebuliak
Planning Intern

Kerrie Taylor
Economic Development Officer

Allison Noonan
Planning Services Administrative Assistant

Daniella Gonzalez
Planning Services Receptionist

October 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025

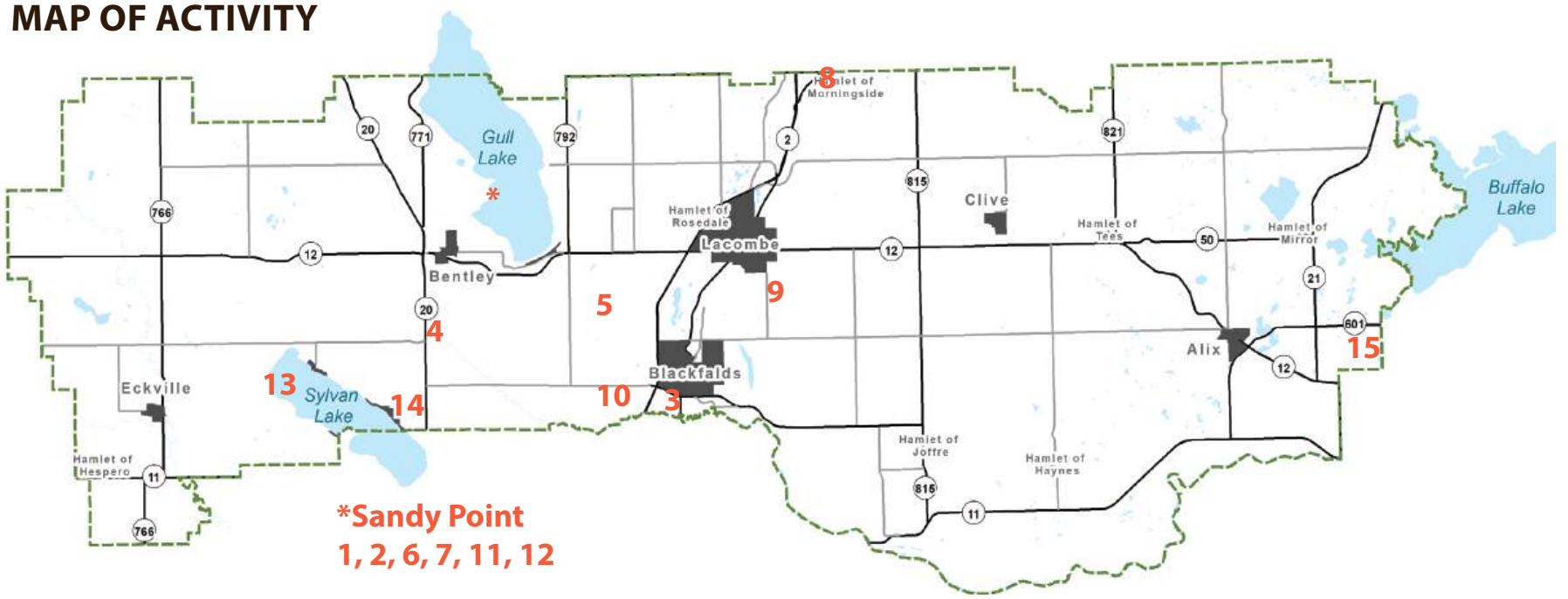
Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision *(otherwise pending)*
1	145/25	Gary Seymour	Unit 121 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Addition to existing deck	Approved
2	146/25	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 212 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Park Model w/covered deck	Approved
3	147/25	Ryan Brown	Lot 10 Block 1 Plan 022 7273 (Burbank Industrial Park)	Agri-Industrial Business *Renewal, Bizisul*	
4	148/25	Bruce & Kaitlyn Boese	Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 172 0195 (Pt. SW 03-40-01-W5M)	Minor Business and Trade *Renewal, Expansion Truck Tech Solutions*	
5	149/25	Bullseye Contracting Ltd.	Pt. SE 07-40-27-W4M	Addition to existing dwelling	Approved
6	150/25	Alta Drafting and Design Inc.	Unit 204 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	216ft² Shed	Approved
7	151/25	Andy & Heather Veitch	Unit 34 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	240ft² shed	Approved
8	152/25	Jacob Gault	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 972 3198 (Hamlet of Morningside)	240ft² replacement shed w/setback relaxation	Approved
9	153/25	Bellco Ltd - Jason Bell	SE 16-40-26-W4M	Dwelling, First *Replacement dwelling w/attached garage & covered deck*	Approved
10	154/25	Duane & Janice Fairhurst	NW 20-39-27-W4M	Outdoor Storage	
11	155/25	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 226 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Park Model	Approved
12	156/25	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 191 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Park Model	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision *(otherwise pending)*
13	S-028-25	Snell & Oslund Surveys Ltd.	Lot 32 Block 1 Plan 074 0786 (Pt. SE 29-39-02-W5M)	Eagles Quay Phase 2	
14	S-029-25	Chris Artibello	Pt. SE 17-39-01-W5M	The Slopes Phase 2	
15	S-030-25	Bemoco Land Surveying Ltd.	NW 25-39-22-W4M Pt. NE 25-39-22-W4M	Boundary Adjustment	

MAP OF ACTIVITY



Lacombe County: Ready for Growth – *Commercial & Industrial Opportunities*

Nestled in the heart of Central Alberta, Lacombe County offers a compelling proposition for businesses seeking a strategic location, reliable infrastructure, and supportive municipal leadership. With thriving commercial and industrial parks, future development opportunities, and a strong commitment to responsible growth, the County is actively positioning itself as a destination of choice for new investment.

Lacombe County's business-friendly approach starts with a stable fiscal foundation. Council strives to maintain a competitive tax environment, keeping municipal taxes as low as possible while ensuring quality infrastructure and services for residents and businesses.

Investors also benefit from transparency and data through the County's Invest Data Hub (data.lacombecounty.com), which provides valuable insights into demographics, labour force, development trends, and growth forecasts. An excellent tool for investors evaluating opportunities in the region.

In addition, the County works closely with the Province of Alberta to enhance investment visibility through the provincial Site Selector platform (regionaldashboard.alberta.ca), helping potential investors explore available properties and development-ready locations within our municipality.

While Lacombe County does not currently have a County-wide incentive program, it does offer one targeted opportunity: the Hamlet of Mirror Development Incentive Grant. This program supports new commercial and industrial development in the hamlet by providing a 100% rebate of the municipal portion of property taxes in the first year, decreasing by 10% annually over ten years.

Through its Planning Services Department, Lacombe County is continuously learning and finding new ways to streamline processes, strengthen partnerships, and enhance investment readiness across the municipality.

Lacombe County's business parks are strategically located, well-serviced, and positioned to meet the needs of a range of industries, from transportation and logistics to light manufacturing, construction, and agri-business.

- **Wild Rose Commercial Park** – A high-visibility location designed for highway commercial uses. The park features ten lots, four of which remain available, and offers easy access to the QEII Highway. Ideal for future service-oriented or retail businesses seeking exposure to high traffic volumes.
- **North Aspelund Industrial Park** – A fully developed park with 23 lots, supporting a mix of established business industrial operations. Its success demonstrates strong regional demand, and future phasing opportunities remain for additional growth.
- **South Aspelund Industrial Park** – With 16 lots and four currently vacant, this park provides space for immediate development while maintaining room for future expansion. Its proximity to major highways and complementary uses makes it attractive to industrial and construction-related businesses.

- **Iron Rail Business Park** – A growing hub for business and light industrial activity, featuring 15 lots, eight of which are currently available. Phase 2 planning is underway, offering room for future expansion and long-term growth.
- B**urbank Industrial Park** – One of the County's most established parks, Burbank includes 22 lots, with only one remaining vacant. Its near-complete build-out reflects strong investor confidence and a well-serviced industrial base.
- **Hamlet of Mirror** – The hamlet offers smaller-scale commercial and industrial lots and access to the Hamlet of Mirror Development Incentive Grant, making it a unique and cost-effective location for new businesses.

Each of these areas benefits from excellent transportation connections, supportive zoning, and access to skilled labour from nearby communities such as Lacombe, Blackfalds, and Red Deer. Together, they showcase the County's readiness to support new and expanding businesses.

For more information, visit lacombecounty.com or explore our data tools at data.lacombecounty.com.

To learn more about development opportunities or incentives, contact Lacombe County Economic Development or Planning Services. We're here to help your business grow.

Thwart-off Cyber Crime this Holiday Season

The holiday season is just around the corner, which means more and more people will be shopping for presents. Online shopping has become an increasingly popular and convenient way to find deals and cross things off our lists. With both Black Friday and Cyber Monday taking place this month, many Albertans will be handing out their credit card details in exchange for deals this month.

In the Alberta RCMP's jurisdiction in 2022 there were a total of:

- 34 reports of unauthorized use of credit card data (4 in November and 2 in December);
- 726 reports of Theft, Forgery, Misuse of Credit Card (53 in November and 47 in December);
- 1,796 reports of Fraud (money/property/security) greater than $5,000 (183 in November and 150 in December); and
- 5,653 reports of Fraud (money/property/security) less than or equal to $5,000 (445 in November and 401 in December).

The Alberta RCMP reminds all online shoppers to protect their personal and financial information making online purchases.

Here are some tips to protect yourself while shopping online:

- Don't reuse passwords; change them often, and be sure to use a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters to create a strong one!
- Many websites, especially social media platforms, offer the option of multi-factor authentication. Multi-factor authentication makes it more difficult for criminals to access your accounts by needing more than one piece of identifying information.
- Review privacy settings regularly in order to control who can see what personal information is posted to your profile.
- Don't purchase anything using public Wi-Fi; shop using your own data connection or a trusted network.
- Buy from reputable sources and don't let unbeatable prices cloud your judgement. Research retailers before purchasing.
- Install updates on your devices as soon as you're prompted. Updates fix security issues.
- Phishing is a commonly used tactic for cyber crime. Phishing messages ask you to validate information by clicking links and may threaten you with legal action. Verify legitimacy by calling the company directly.

Follow our social media accounts on Twitter @RCMPAlberta and Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, and check out #CyberSafety online for more tips.

RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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LACOMBE COUNTY

Take control of your property taxes with the Tax Installment Payment Plan!

TIPP is a hassle-free way to pay your property taxes monthly, spreading payments over the year instead of making one lump sum in August.

Payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month, helping you stay on budget and avoid costly late penalties:
- 6% penalty for unpaid taxes after August 31
- 10% penalty for unpaid taxes after December 31

How TIPP Works:
- Taxes are billed in May and cover the calendar year (January 1–December 31).
- Your monthly payment is calculated by dividing your most recent tax bill by 12.
- Payments start January 15 and ensure your account is fully paid by December 15.

What you need to know:
- Property taxes are due annually on August 31
- Sign up for the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) before December 31, 2024
- If you missed the December 31st deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2025 (before July 31). We will require you to pay the missed monthly amounts up front and then withdraw monthly payments.

Enjoy peace of mind knowing you're on track and penalty-free. Sign up for TIPP today!

Tax Installment

PAYMENT PLAN

Sign up TODAY for the monthly plan.

Contact Lacombe County at (403) 782-6601 or visit www.lacombecounty.com for more details.

Automatic
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Convenient

Thinking of buying or selling property in Lacombe County? Before the deal is finalized, it is important to request a Compliance Report from the County. A Compliance Report helps determine if buildings located on the property meet County regulations, and can identify issues before a transaction is completed.

This article aims to share information on Compliance Reports and their importance when buying or selling a property.

WHAT IS A COMPLIANCE REPORT?

A Compliance Report is an official document prepared and issued by Lacombe County that reviews buildings and structures on a property to determine if they meet the County's Land Use Bylaw regulations. If buildings on the property are non-compliant, the report will clearly indicate and explain the issue and which regulations apply.

County staff will check several items when completing a Compliance Report, including the following:

- Building setbacks and encroachments
- Issued development permits
- Building floor area
- Building site coverage
- Any other Land Use Bylaw regulations

Please remember that a Compliance report does not serve as a substitute for legal advice. If there are any issues or questions regarding compliance, it is recommended to consult a lawyer with relevant expertise.

HOW DO I REQUEST A COMPLIANCE REPORT?

To request a Compliance Report from Lacombe County, please complete the following steps:

1. Complete a Compliance Report Request Application Form available on the County's website (provide link) or at the County office
2. Pay the $100 application fee
3. Submit two copies of a current Alberta Land Surveyor's Real Property Report (RPR)

An RPR shows all buildings and structures on the property, as well as their sizes and distances from property lines and other structures.

For assistance, please contact Lacombe County's Planning Services at planning@lacombecounty.com or 403-782-8389.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THE COMPLIANCE REPORT IDENTIFIES PROBLEMS?

If you would like to address issues identified in a compliance report, Lacombe County's Planning Services can provide you with assistance in finding solutions. The planning team may suggest the following potential actions:

- Complete a development permit application for previously unapproved buildings
- Apply for setback relaxations
- Submit a variance request

Please note that setback relaxations are approved at the County's discretion and will not be considered for temporary structures. Additionally, in cases where a solution to compliance does not exist, a non-compliant structure may need to be removed to ensure compliance.

IF THE COMPLIANCE REPORT DOES NOT IDENTIFY ANY PROBLEMS, DOES IT MEAN MY PROPERTY IS FULLY COMPLIANT?

Not necessarily. Lacombe County's Compliance Reports are only based on the information shown on an RPR, in addition to a property's land title and County records.

Unfortunately, some Land Use Bylaw regulations cannot be verified through an RPR. For example, most RPRs do not indicate the height of buildings and structures on the property, and do not state information that is non-building or structure related. However, the Land Use Bylaw does include restrictions on the height of buildings and structures, as well as regulations that are not building related such as the number of animals that may be kept on a residential property.

So, it is important to remember that a "clean" compliance report is based on information displayed in an RPR, but may not identify other conflicts with Lacombe County's Land Use Bylaw.

DOES A COMPLIANCE REPORT COMMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY CODE REGULATIONS?

No. The County's Compliance Report only reviews a property for compliance with Lacombe County's planning and development regulations, as outlined in the Land Use Bylaw.

Provincial Safety Codes are enforced by external, authorized agencies. For a list of local agencies certified to complete building, gas, electrical or plumbing inspections, please visit Lacombe County's website: https://www.lacombecounty.com/business-and-development/building-and-property-development/provincial-safety-codes-and-building-permits/.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about Compliance Reports, please do not hesitate to contact Lacombe County's Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com.

When to call 911?: Complaints vs. emergencies

We often get asked, "When should we call 911?" 911 is for police, fire, or medical emergencies when immediate action is required: someone's health, safety or property is in imminent jeopardy, or a crime is in progress. 911 should be called for: Any life-threatening emergency, any crime in progress and for impaired drivers.

Local police stations have complaint lines that can be called if you require police assistance. This number should be used for crimes that have occurred in the past, noise complaints and minor incidents.

For general inquiries and complaints during the day, please call:

- Bashaw RCMP - (780) 372-3593
- Blackfalds RCMP - (403) 885-3333
- Sylvan Lake RCMP - (403) 887-3333
- Rimbey RCMP - (403) 843-2223
- Ponoka RCMP - (403) 783-4471
- Lacombe Police - (403) 782-3279

If you accidentally call 911:
Please stay on the line and advise the operator it was an accident. If a 911 hang-up is received the RCMP will follow-up by finding out who the number is registered to, and calling and sending police officers to your location to ensure you are okay. This process takes up a lot of time, so if you accidentally call 911, stay on the line, or answer the phone when they call back. You will not get in trouble.

Don't program 911 into your speed dial. It only takes a second to dial it and when it's pre-programmed, it's easy to dial accidentally.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 9, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW NO. 1442/25

A public hearing was held for Bylaw No. 1442/25, a bylaw of Lacombe County to adopt an off-site levy for land that is to be subdivided or developed within the South Sylvan Lake Area.

The South Sylvan Lake Area Off-Site Levy Bylaw allows for an off-site levy to be imposed to recover costs associated with upgrading County roadways from gravel to paved asphalt and completing intersection improvements within the area.

Following the public hearing, Bylaw No. 1442/25 was given second and third reading and so passed.

PEACE OFFICER EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

Manager of CPO Services, Mr. Mark Sproule, was awarded the Peace Officer Exemplary Service Medal, an award that recognizes peace officers who have served in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency.

PLANNING SERVICES UPDATE

Council received an update on the activities of the Planning Services Department for the month of September 2025.

2025 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION (COR) MAINTENANCE AUDIT

The County's 2025 Maintenance Certificate of Recognition (COR) Audit and Psychological Health and Safety Audit, Level 11, results were presented to Council.

DAN KYNCL AND HARVEY BRINK – PRESENTATION REGARDING FIRE INVOICING

Council received a presentation from Dan Kyncl and Harvey Brink regarding their concerns with Lacombe County invoicing for fire department responses.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS – POLICY REVIEW

Council approved the revised OP(2) Road Construction Programs policy.

2026-2030 LONG-TERM ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Council approved the 2026-2030 Long-Term Road Construction Program. A total of 28 projects were reviewed through an evaluation process, with 10 projects approved for addition to the current schedule. This adds 23.5 miles of road construction, bringing the total to 55.5 miles over the five-year program.

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY – PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

The Parkland Regional Library Proposed 2026 Budget was approved as presented.

YEAR-ROUND FIRE PERMITTING

Council deferred further discussion on year-round fire permitting pending a review of fire permit conditions.

ALLOCATION OF 2026 FCSS FUNDING

Council approved a total of $98,070 in additional FCSS funding to the following community group agencies:

Alix Family and Community Support Society	$1,500
Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society	$18,355
Bentley Community Services	$13,690
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District	$6,000
Town of Blackfalds Abbey Centre Camp Curious	$4,000
Town of Blackfalds FCSS – Seniors Programs	$4,000
BGC Wolf Creek Lacombe	$2,500
Eckville Recreation Board – Summer Camp	$2,000
Eckville and Community Youth Society	$2,500
Eckville & Area Children's Playgroup	$2,000
Friends of Mirror Library Society	$5,400
Lacombe and District FCSS	$26,125
Lacombe FCSS (Clive, Mirror, Tees Playground)	$4,000
Youth Unlimited Central Alberta	$6,000

2025 PROPERTY TAX PENALTY CANCELLATION REQUEST

A motion that Lacombe County approve the tax penalty cancellation of $212.58 on Tax Account No. 4003022001 did not receive Council approval.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BRIDGE FILE 01423 PROVINCIAL FUNDING

Council approved sending a letter of support to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors regarding the three-span concrete girder standard bridge over Parlby Creek, which is in poor condition. The letter will request funding for the replacement of Bridge File 01423 in 2026.

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS AND LACOMBE COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN / INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE - REVISION

Council approved the revised Town of Blackfalds and Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan / Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee Terms of Reference.

BYLAW NO. 1444/25 RATES AND FEES BYLAW AMENDMENT

Council approved first, second, and third readings to Bylaw No. 1444/25, the Lacombe County 2025 Rates and Fees Bylaw.

The amendments include the addition of a maximum fire suppression response fee cap of $10,000 levied on responses to properties classified as residential or farmland.

The cap does not apply to:

1. Responses involving properties of non-County residents, ratepayers, businesses, etc.
2. Responses:
   a. to a fire that was ignited during a fire ban,
   b. to a fire that was ignited without the required fire permit being obtained, and
   c. to a fire that was ignited with the required fire permit but a condition of the permit was not complied with.

A resolution to retroactively reimburse invoices exceeding the $10,000 cap, retroactive to January 1, 2021, did not receive approval.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS - 2026 LACOMBE COUNTY COUNCIL

January 8, 2026 - County Council

January 14, 2026 - Lacombe County Agriculture Service Board

January 29, 2026 - County Council

February 3, 2026 - Committee of the Whole

February 12, 2026 - County Council

February 26, 2026 - County Council

March 12, 2026 - County Council

March 16 - 18, 2026 - RMA Spring Convention

March 26, 2026 - County Council

April 7, 2026 - Committee of the Whole

April 9, 2026 - County Council

April 15, 2026 - Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board

April 23, 2026 - County Council

May 14, 2026 - County Council

May 28, 2026 - County Council

June 2, 2026 - Committee of the Whole

June 11, 2026 - County Council

June 25, 2026 - County Council

July 9, 2026 - County Council

August 27, 2026 - County Council

August 28, 2026 - Pre-budget Meeting

September 10, 2026 - County Council

September 24, 2026 - County Council

October 6, 2026 - Committee of the Whole

October 8, 2026 - County Council

October 21, 2026 - Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board

October 22, 2026 - County Council

November 12, 2026 - County Council

November 26, 2026 - County Council

November 27, 2026 - Budget Meeting

December 1, 2026 - Committee of the Whole

December 10, 2026 - County Council

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 30, 2025

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING ORIENTATION PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation outlining Lacombe County's Health, Safety and Well-Being Program, which included an overview of Council's roles and responsibilities in supporting a safe and healthy workplace.

NEW PAVED ROAD CRITERIA – POLICY REVIEW

Council reviewed Policy OP(45) - New Paved Road Criteria, which guides the long-range planning and prioritization of County roads that may be considered for future paving.

UPGRADING OF ROADS TO SERVICE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS – POLICY AMENDMENTS

Council approved amendments to Policy OP(47) - Upgrading of Roads to Service Residential Developments. The revisions include the addition of a clause clarifying that the policy applies to roads and alleys within hamlets and subdivisions.

REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE – ROAD PLAN 6111 BM

Council approved proceeding with the process to close Road Plan 6111 BM, located within NW 28-40-24 W4M. The proposal will be circulated to interested parties for comment, and a follow-up report including the feedback and cancellation request will be presented at a future Council meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

Council received an orientation on Lacombe County's Public Participation Policy, which outlines the County's approach to engaging the public through a variety of mediums.

LACOMBE ATHLETIC PARK ASSOCIATION - FUNDING REQUEST

Council received a presentation from Diane Hayduk, Tim McLenahan and Jason Lunn, representing the Lacombe Athletic Park Association. They provided an update on the Association's 2026 events and presented an operating funding request in the amount of $45,000 for 2026. Council directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendation for consideration at a future meeting.

PRESENTATION ON THE HAMLET OF MIRROR - WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE MAPPING AND CONDITION ASSESSMENTS

Brad Vander Heyden, Project Lead, and Ryan Lussier, Onsite Project Coordinator with Stantec, presented the findings of the Hamlet of Mirror Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Mapping and Condition Assessments project.

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS – 2025 RC(1) RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Council approved a contribution of up to $5,599 to the Town of Blackfalds for capital projects at the Abbey Centre, with funding to be provided from the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES

The following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 7, 2025 received the approval of Council:

- That the Municipal Leases with Community Groups presentation be received for information.
- That the Year-Round Fire Permitting presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding Year-Round Fire Permitting for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Farmers' & Property Rights Advocate Office Renewable Energy - Update presentation be received for information.
- That staff review the suggested merchandise items and reallocate the County-branded merchandise budget accordingly.
- That the Lakeview Estates Fluoride Update presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding fluoride in the Lakeview Estates water system for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

BYLAW NO. 1445/25 – SPEED CONTROL BYLAW

Council gave all three readings to Bylaw No. 1445/25, a bylaw for the purpose of regulating and controlling the speed of vehicles within Lacombe County.

The amendments include reducing the speed limit from 100km/hr to 80km/hr from 300 meters east of the intersection of Lakeside/Sargent Road and C&E Trail west to Highway 2A to enhance road safety.

Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at
calendar.lacombecounty.com/meetings

Honouring local history along the Aspelund Road

Three new signs have been installed along Aspelund Road to commemorate the locations of Blindman School, Aspelund School, and Aspelund Community Hall — three rural landmarks that once stood at the heart of community life west of Blackfalds.

The project was initiated by former Lacombe County resident Harvey Buit, who wanted to ensure that the history of Aspelund's once-bustling country school and community hall would not be forgotten. To bring the project to life, he partnered with Judy Carleton, president and archivist of the Blackfalds Historical Society, who played a key role in researching historical records and providing the dates and background for each site.

"I wanted to do this for future generations," said Harvey. "So that kids know where their grandparents and great-grandparents went to school or what life was like back then. Visible signs will help accomplish those goals."

Judy suggested adding the Blindman School sign to recognize the only other country school located along the Aspelund Road. The Blackfalds Historical Society sponsored the cost of the Blindman School sign and worked directly with the landowner to determine its placement.

"These country schools and halls were more than just buildings — they were the heart of our rural communities," said Judy. "Preserving their stories helps future generations understand where we came from, and how these small places shaped the lives of so many families."

With support from former Division 5 Councillor Ken Weenink, and in partnership with Lacombe County staff and local landowners, Harvey and Judy helped identify the sites and coordinate installation. County crews assisted with the project in late August, ensuring the signs were securely placed and historically accurate.

BLINDMAN SCHOOL (1904 – 1948)

Founded in 1903, the Blindman School District was named for the river that winds through the area. As families began homesteading west of Blackfalds, the need for a local school quickly became clear. Early trustees Ole Hedemark, John Kjellberg, and Chris Sorenson oversaw the construction of a modest one-room building in 1904, located near the southwest corner of the quarter section, along what is now known as the Aspelund Road.

A small barn stood nearby, where students tied up their horses before starting class — the typical transportation of the day. Like many rural schools of the time, Blindman also served as a church, a Sunday school, and a community gathering place, hosting events ranging from holiday concerts to community meetings.

In 1948, improved roads and the introduction of school busing led to the consolidation of students into larger urban schools. The one-room schoolhouse was sold and moved, marking the end of an era. Today, the new sign stands as a tribute to those early pioneers who valued education and community spirit. (Historical details and photo courtesy of local historian Judy Carleton, Blackfalds Historical Society)

"The Blindman School was more than a classroom — it was the centre of community life." — Judy Carleton, Blackfalds Historical Society)

ASPELUND SCHOOL (1904 – 1950)

When new settlers arrived in the Aspelund district, mostly of Scandinavian descent, they quickly recognized the need for a school closer to home. The area's first school board — Iver Aastad, Ed Wigmore, and Peder H. Lowe — chose a name that reflected the region's natural beauty and heritage. "Aspelund," meaning Land of the Aspens in Norwegian, became the name of both the school and the road that connected the rural community to Blackfalds.

The school was built in 1904 on the north side of the Aspelund Road and served as both an educational and social hub. Concerts, Christmas programs, and spelling bees filled the school year, while the playground served as a meeting spot for neighbourhood children.

Aspelund School closed its doors in 1950, as rural education shifted toward centralized schools in town. Though the building is gone, the new sign ensures its name — and the spirit of those early settlers — will not be forgotten. (Historical details and photo courtesy of Judy Carleton/Blackfalds Historical Society)

ASPELUND COMMUNITY HALL (1930 – 2010)

Originally known as the Blindman Valley UFA Hall, this community landmark was born out of local cooperation and ingenuity. The Blindman Valley Local No. 779 of the United Farmers of Alberta and the women's group Roseleaf Local No. 232 began raising funds in 1922 through barn dances, whist drives, and member donations. By 1930, their dream was realized: a 28 × 48-foot building with 12-foot ceilings stood proudly on a donated acre of land.

From that first dance in December 1930, the hall became the social hub of the district, hosting weddings, funerals, meetings, bingo nights, church services, and numerous community events.

"The Aspelund Community Hall was the hub for activities when I was growing up," recalled Buit. "I remember dances, card games, parties, and Christmas events there."

The Aspelund Hall sign now joins the two school markers as a lasting reminder of the vibrant community life that once flourished along this stretch of road. (Historical details and photo courtesy of Judy Carleton/Blackfalds Historical Society)

HISTORY MARKED ALONG ASPELUND ROAD

Three new historic signs have been installed along the Aspelund Road to commemorate the former Blindman School, Aspelund School, and Aspelund Community Hall— important rural landmarks that once served as gathering places, learning spaces, and community hubs for families west of Blackfalds.

TOP PICTURE: Blindman School — Judy Carleton, President of the Blackfalds Historical Society, and former Councillor Ken Weenink stand beside the Blindman School sign, installed with support from the Historical Society to honour the only other country school along the Aspelund Road.

MIDDLE PICTURE: Aspelund School — Harvey Buit, County resident Keith Brewer who attended Aspelund School, and former Councillor Ken Weenink at the Aspelund School site, where the sign now marks the location of the original 1904 one-room schoolhouse.

BOTTOM PICTURE: Aspelund Community Hall — Harvey Buit and former Councillor Ken Weenink with the Aspelund Hall sign, recognizing the former UFA-built hall that served as a centre for dances, meetings, reunions, and countless community events.

Thank you to Judy Carleton and the Blackfalds & District Historical Society. If you want more information on them, visit their website: www.blackfaldshistoricalsociety.com

ASSESSMENT 101 | *What you need to know*

2025 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INSPECTIONS

Property inspections for the 2026 tax year are being completed. Lacombe County is aware of new construction and significant renovations due to the development and safety codes permitting processes. We would also appreciate information provided about buildings where development and/or safety code permits were not requested.

DEMOLITIONS/S

If you have demolished or removed homes, garages, sheds, or any other buildings, and/or changed the use of land and existing buildings, please notify us so we can make the necessary adjustments. We can not make a change to the assessment next year unless it is verified with a property inspection not later than early January.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Over the past several months, Lacombe County has sent requests for various information, including validation of property sales/transfers, re-inspections, and confirmation of vacancy and occupancy. Most recently, letters requesting information regarding potentially assessable machinery and equipment, as well as the costs associated with new construction, were mailed. If your response to a request for cost information is received after December 16, you may not be able to make a complaint against your assessment in 2025. You may submit your response via email, fax, or drop it off at the County Administration Office. If you have received any one of these letters and require clarification on how to be compliant or what you are being asked to remit, please contact an Assessor – one of us will be happy help you.

WHAT INFORMATION DO ASSESSORS REQUIRE?

Assessors must collect the necessary information to estimate market value or apply a regulated rate to prepare the assessment. Your cooperation in providing the necessary information is appreciated. This information may include: type of construction, size, age, and other physical characteristics (e.g., heating type, plumbing fixtures, interior finish, basement finish, etc.), as well as additional buildings/ improvements, and the property's usage. If an Assessor is unable to collect the necessary data when requested, an owners' ability to appeal an assessment may be affected. You have the right to appeal your assessment; however, you cannot appeal a property tax levy.

RECREATIONAL USE - DID YOU KNOW?

Some of our rural property owners use their land for more than agriculture; some also have private camping facilities they've added to their parcels. Landowners have enquired about the tax implications resulting from these uses. Assessors are required to update the records to reflect the "use as found", whether a development permit has been issued or not, when one of these sites is brought to our attention or we find it via our regular re inspection cycles.

A regulated area of land at market value, as well as any improvements, will be added to the roll when these sites are identified. Many of these sites are gated with restricted access, where possible, we leave a callback card and/or update any changes found using any information available to us, including an inspection, aerial photography, planning and development or safety codes information. Assessors appreciate the assistance of property owners to collect the necessary information to prepare the assessment. The assessment and tax notice will be mailed to the registered owner of the land the following year.

NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS Lacombe County municipal Assessors are reviewing and visiting properties throughout the municipality this year as required to verify property information, ensuring accurate and equitable assessments – we appreciate your cooperation with data collection activities. Our Assessors carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

MEET THE TEAM

The Lacombe County Assessment team is made up of the following individuals:

Angel Svennes

Nolan Bespalko

Andrew Beecraft

Disposing Lithium Batteries DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH!

THE RISKS OF IMPROPER LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

Improper disposal of lithium batteries poses significant risks to both human health and the environment. It is crucial to handle and dispose of these batteries correctly to avoid potential hazards and prevent environmental contamination.

LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES

Lithium-ion batteries, if not disposed of properly, can be a fire hazard. LRWSC has had multiple landfill fires in the last six years because of improper battery disposal. These fires can have devastating effects on human lives, property, and the environment.

LITHIUM BATTERY TOXICITY

Apart from the risk of fires, improper disposal of lithium batteries can also result in the release of toxic chemicals. Cobalt, manganese, and nickel are among the dangerous contaminants found in lithium-ion batteries. When these batteries end up in landfills, there is a real danger of these toxic substances seeping into the surrounding soil and groundwater, posing a threat to plant and animal life.

LANDFILL CONTAMINATION

Lithium batteries that are thrown into landfills can cause significant environmental contamination. The leakage of hazardous metals such as cobalt, manganese, and nickel can pollute the soil and groundwater. This contamination not only harms the local ecosystem but also increases the risk of underground fires in landfills.

Proper disposal of lithium batteries is vital to mitigate these risks and protect our health and environment. By responsibly recycling these batteries, we can prevent fires, reduce toxic chemical exposure, and prevent the contamination of our landfills.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING LITHIUM BATTERIES

Recycling lithium batteries is crucial for the environment and our future. By recycling these batteries, we can prevent the need for new mineral extraction, reducing the negative impact on our planet. This process helps conserve valuable resources and promotes a circular economy where materials are reused rather than discarded.

One of the significant benefits of battery recycling is the recovery of valuable metals and materials. Lithium batteries contain components like cobalt, nickel, and plastic, which can be extracted and reused through recycling. While not all parts of a lithium battery are recoverable, the majority can be recycled, contributing to the conservation of valuable resources.

Recycling lithium batteries also plays a crucial role in reducing the risks associated with improper disposal. Batteries that end up in landfills can pose threats to the environment and human health. They can leak toxic substances like cobalt, nickel, and manganese, polluting the soil and water sources. Recycling helps prevent these risks and ensures that batteries are disposed of safely.

HOW TO RECYCLE LITHIUM BATTERIES PROPERLY

Properly recycling lithium batteries is essential to ensure their safe handling and disposal. To start, it's recommended to remove the battery from the device whenever possible. If the batteries are physically damaged, they should be stored in an insulated plastic bag to avoid any short-circuiting. It's important to keep lithium batteries in a cool and dry place to prevent combustion.

LRWSC accepts all batteries at our sites for recycling, please ask the attendant where batteries can be safely placed.

Do NOT place batteries in the Rubble Bins or the Compactor Hopper.

We all rely on each other for safe winter driving

From the moment you get into your vehicle to the moment you arrive at your destination, you have to trust that other drivers have safety in mind. Whether it be using good winter tires, adjusting speed based on conditions, or turning on your headlights and taillights, there is an understanding and hope that other drivers have the same priorities as you.

Mainroad crews rely on this too. When our crews are out brining or plowing, we rely on the travelling public to give us room to work. An accident with our equipment means one less plow on the roads. And that means it takes longer to clear snow.

We have families, and we want them to get home safe too. Maintaining the highways is more than just a job to us. Give us your patience when our equipment is in front of you. Real people are behind the wheel. Road work doesn't end when temperatures drop. Watch out for cones, flashing lights, and maintenance vehicles.

Safety starts and ends with all of us.

"Mainroad crews are working 24/7. Slowing down and taking a few extra minutes to drive could save you from potential accidents. Thank you for helping us keep the highways safe. We really appreciate it," says Candice Bryant, Contracts Manager, Mainroad Alberta Contracting.

View the location of snowplows and other maintenance vehicles through 511 Alberta.

In response to a high frequency of questions from the public during winter operations, Mainroad maintains an online FAQ which offers helpful resources. Our Call Centre operation is available 24/7 to report changing road conditions and debris. Please call toll free at 1-877-875-3263, and an operator will record and forward the information to crews on shift, dispatch additional personnel, and update 511 Alberta.

Let's all have a safe winter!

Saving Grace ANIMAL SOCIETY

RESIDENTS OF THE MONTH

Meet Duncan & Arrow

Saving Grace Animal Society's Longest-Standing Residents

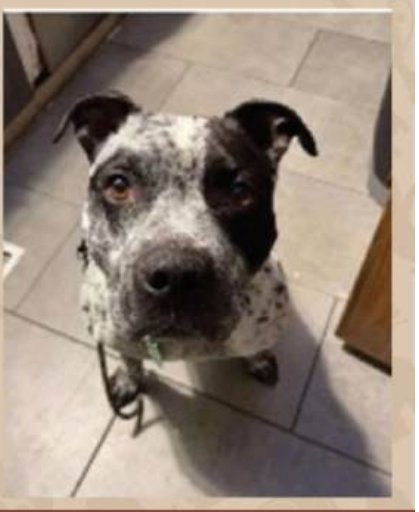
Meet Duncan and Arrow, two of Saving Grace's most loyal and patient residents. These incredible dogs have called our shelter home longer than any others — each with a story of resilience, loyalty, and hope that continues to inspire our team every single day.

Both are adoption returns, which means they've had a taste of home before, but through no fault of their own, they've found themselves back in our care. Despite the setbacks, they haven't lost their spirit or their trust in people.

- 🐶 Duncan has been waiting 434 days for his forever family.
- 🐾 Arrow has been waiting 184 days for his second chance.

They've become part of the heartbeat of our rescue — greeting staff and volunteers each day with wagging tails and gentle hearts. They've watched countless animals find their happy endings, and now, it's their turn.

No dog should ever have to spend this long in a shelter. ❤️ Duncan and Arrow have so much love to give — they just need the right person or family to open their heart and home.



If you've ever thought about adopting, now is the perfect time to meet these two incredible companions. They're ready to start their next chapter — one filled with comfort, care, and unconditional love.

👉 Learn more about adopting Duncan or Arrow by visiting Saving Grace Animal Society's website or Facebook page, or by contacting our adoption team directly.
Every day they wait is one day closer to their happily-ever-after — maybe that's with you. 💛

403-785-7427 www.savinggracecanada.com Alix, Alberta

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

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Lacombe & District Family and Community Support Services

Home Support Service

- Laundry
- Housekeeping Services
- Meal Prep assistance
- Vacuuming/Mopping
- Dusting, changing bedding
- Grocery pick up (in town only)

AVAILABLE IN LACOMBE, LACOMBE COUNTY, BLACKFALDS, CLIVE & BENTLEY

Healthy Aging Alberta

Village of Clive | City of Lacombe | Blackfalds | Lacombe County

Lacombe 403-782-6637
Clive 403-784-2020

Seniors (55+) Lunch, Cookies & Carols

30 November

LUNCH @ NOON - doors open at 11:45
Enjoy Carols thanks to Church Volunteers
Bentley Community Hall

FREE

Registration Deadline
Thursday, November 27/25
403-748-2160

This fabulous kickoff to the Season is brought to you by:

Bentley Seventh Day Adventist Church
Town of Bentley/FCSS

Town of Bentley Community Services & fcss

Over 55 Wellness Mornings

Mondays/Wednesdays

Seniors Drop In - Town Office

Call 403-748-2160

Mondays	9:45 to 11 am	Seated Range of Motion Exercises
Wednesdays	10:30 to 11:45 am	Chair Yoga - light movements

FREE!

Move your body, make connections & socialize!

These programs are free thanks to FCSS funding and great partnerships!

Mondays - zoomed in from Innisfail
Wednesdays - zoomed in from Edmonton
*****If instructors are away we used their recorded sessions*****

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Lacombe & District Family and Community Support Services

Lacombe Connex

LACOMBE COUNTY

Did you know?
County residents within 20 km of Lacombe can book the bus for errands & medical appointments.

Please call 403-782-6637 for more information or to reserve your spot

Bentley Seniors Drop In 55+

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE $10

Over The Hill & Loving The View

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+

• Tuesdays	1 pm	Socialize/cards/games
• Thursdays	10 am	Socialize - Toast & Coffee
• Potluck	noon	Last Tuesday each month

Special Outings - dinner theatres and more.
Have an idea? Let us know.

AROUND THE COUNTY

servus credit union
PUBLIC LIBRARY BLACKFALDS

Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library

Free memberships for Blackfalds & Lacombe County residents!
When signing up provide your legal land description.

Programming

Baby & Toddler Time *Ages 0-3*
Tales & Tunes *Ages 3-6*
Crafty Corner & Games *Ages 6-9*
Anime & Otaku Club *Ages 8+*
After School Arts & Crafts *Ages 10+*
English as a Second Language Instruction *Ages 18+*
Family Board Games *All Ages*

***For more program info, check out our website & social medias**

Borrowing

From e-books, to audiobooks, to magazines, to our Library of Things, you'll be able to find what you need. Access our online collection from the comfort of your own home!

Hours

Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm

Visit us on our website & social medias

Contact

403-885-2343
www.blackfaldslibrary.ca
Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue
Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

Make a SPLASH

at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre
5429 53rd Street

The Gary Moe Sportsplex is home to the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre (KAC). Come take a dip at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre. We offer a climbing wall, small slide, rope and many special events throughout the year.

What's happening at the pool:

- Winter lesson registration is now open.
- Saturday, November 29th, FREE WIBIT Public Swim for Light Up Lacombe, sponsored by Echo Energy, 6:00p.m.- 9:00p.m.
- Monday, December 1st, starts our December membership sale. Play Plinko to receive 5%, 10%, 15%, off an Aquatic Centre membership (excludes 10-pass).

For more information on the KAC schedule, pool rentals and advanced courses call **403.782.1278** or visit **www.lacombe.ca/pool.**

CITY OF LACOMBE

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Program Updates

Alix & Area Santa's Anonymous:
Apply at the Centre, after Nov 11. Open to Alix, Mirror and Lacombe County residents.
A vital program, ensuring every child in Alix and Area has a gift to open at Christmas, through the efforts of local partners and Lacombe Kinsmen. Applications available at the Centre, after Nov 11, more details to follow.

*Lacombe FCSS programs including Tools for School, Santa's Anonymous forms, Coats for Kids and Fill a Fridge are **NO longer available** to Alix and Area residents.* Please contact us if you are needing support this holiday season and all year.

NEW: Feeding the Holidays
Apply at the Centre, after Nov 11. Open to Alix, Mirror and Lacombe County residents.
Do you need some extra help this holiday? Apply to receive a $75 voucher to supplement Christmas meal costs (voucher to Alix Foods) more details to follow..

Coming up This Holiday Season

Angel Tree: During December
Place an angel on the tree at the Centre to name & honor a memory. Angels: $5 each.

Joy of Giving: Anonymous gifting for Alix and Area seniors and adults...
Sign-up by December 15,
and pick-up your gift by Dec 22 or 23.
Donate or purchase a gift (drop off by December 18)!

Holiday Postcards:
Watch your mailbox for beautiful cards from the Alix MAC School in December!

HOLIDAY CLOSURE: December 24, 25 , 31 & January 1

...We Rely on Your Support...

This time of year we look forward to our annual **Giving Campaign**, a chance to give back through individual/ corporate donations or participating in fundraising events (see below). Follow along as we work towards our goal, from October to December. Plan to join in the fun, all in support of what we do!

50/50 Tickets -
Draw Date: December 4 at 1PM. Sales begin October 1, good luck!
Tickets are available online, at the Centre and local businesses.

Winter Escapes Online Auction -
Hosted on Facebook during November 10 to 17. Bid on services, gift certificates and experiences (for example event & attraction tickets, bowling/dinner + movie, spa packages, fun family activities, etc.) .
We want to get you out of the house during the coming season!
Get in touch with Jill (403-588-5199) if you wish to donate an item (drop off by Nov 3).

Proceeds support current and future programs for all ages.

Monday to Thursday OPEN **10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Closed all statutory holidays
Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB
403-396-3369

WHAT WE DO

Services Available

- Information & Referral
- Resource Navigation
- Volunteer Services
- Family Wellness
- Meals on Wheels
- Community Services
- Adult Learning
- Alix Food Bank
- Wise Owls

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook @AlixandAreaCommunity ResourceCentre

www.alixcrc.com

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

LEARN SOMETHING NEW AT THE COUNTY OF LACOMBE LIFELONG LEARNING ASSOCIATION

These are our Regular programs at the County of Lacombe Lifelong Learning Association :

CHAIR YOGA
COOKING CLASSES
FRENCH CLASSES
LEARN ENGLISH
SPANISH CLASSES
EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS
WILLS & ESTATES
CRAFT CLASSES
SAGE ACCOUNTING
SIGN LANGUAGE
WORD OR EXCEL
MATH & READING
BASIC BOOKKEEPING
COMPUTERS
COFFEE & COMPUTERS

AND SO MUCH MORE,CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Most class start dates are ongoing and flexible.
Contact us for more info:
(403) 782-7955 office@cllla.com
or use the QR code to check out the current Don't Hibernate

CLIVE FCSS IS FOR EVERYONE

Serving Clive, Tees, Mirror, Haynes & surrounding Lacombe County

5107 50th Street, Clive, AB
Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Closed for lunch 12:00-12:30

ADULTS — Navigation & Referral, Community Volunteer Tax program, Fill a Fridge

YOUTH & FAMILIES — Tools & Shoes for school, Coats for Kids, Home Alone & Babysitting Course, Special Events.

SENIORS — Lifeline, Home Support, Seniors Support Services, Seniors Visiting Program, Seniors Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1- applications open for Fill a Fridge.
December 4th - Seniors Tea.
December 5th Clive Family Christmas Bingo.

FOLLOW US

For more details and updates about these events, please visit our website www.lacombefcss.net -Clive or follow us on Facebook.
Email: clivefcss@lacombefcss.net
Phone: (403) 784-2020

Lacombe Community Christmas Dinner

Join us as we come together to celebrate the season with a warm, festive Christmas dinner.
Free and open to everyone in our community & surrounding area.

Location
Lacombe Memorial Centre, 5214 50 Ave.

Date & Time
Christmas Day
Doors open at 11:30 AM
Dinner at 12:30 PM

All Welcome
325 Seats Available
Come for the food, stay for the fellowship. Whether you're bringing your family or coming solo, there's a seat at the table for you.

Generously made possible by local Lacombe businesses and caring community members who believe in the power of sharing and giving back.

We look forward to seeing you!

^^^ If you're in Bentley, check out this event! ^^^

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COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS MARKET
ENTRY BY DONATION
THE FORSHEE COMMUNITY HALL
SUNDAY NOVEMBER23 11AM TO 3PM
GIFTS IDEAS FOR EVERYONE AND FESTIVE FOOD STALLS
OUTDOOR FIRE, CAROLS, SLEIGH RIDES & MUCH MORE...
VISIT THE FORSHEE HALL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Lacombe Kinsmen Club
Santa's Anonymous
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*LACOMBE
*CLIVE
*TEES
*MIRROR
&
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LOCAL GROCERY CARDS ARE PROVIDED FOR QUALIFYING FAMILIES TO PURCHASE GROCERIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
APPLICATIONS OPEN
NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 12
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COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS MARKET CRAWL
NOVEMBER 29 | SATURDAY | 10AM-4PM
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MERIDIAN BEACH HALL
3 locations!!
60+ tables!!
Food, Shopping, Gifts, Picture with Santa,
and a whole lot of FUN!

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BENTLEY LIBRARY
DECEMBER 2025
NEWSLETTER
5014 - 49th Ave. 403-748-4626 prl.ab.ca/bentley
PATRON APPRECIATION
DEC 16-17
COME ON IN FOR DRINKS & TREATS!
PROGRAMS
PROFILING ART
DEC 11 3:30-4:30
LEGO CLUB
DEC 3 & 17 3:30-4:30
NATURE SKOOL
TUESDAYS 1:00 - 2:30
BOOK PICK
Everyone this Christmas has a Secret
SPICE CLUB
Cinnamon
Merry Christmas
EVENTS
SANTA'S EVENT
Dec 6th
MOVIE NIGHT
Dec 11th 6pm
HOLIDAY CLOSURE
DEC 23-JAN 2

DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	DEC 1	2 Committee of the Whole (9 AM)	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 County Council (9 AM)	12 Office Closed at 3PM County News Submissions Due	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 County News Published	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Closure	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed at 3PM	JAN. 1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)	2	3

Upcoming Events: **January 1 - Office Closed, January 8 - County Council, January 13 - Water, Spray, Inversion & Drift Workshop, January 14 - Lacombe County Agriculture Service Board, January 29 - County Council**

ATTENTION:

Notification of Access for County Assessors

Under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, Part 9, Lacombe County's Assessors regularly visit properties throughout the municipality to collect and verify the information for the purpose of preparing property assessments. An inspection may occur at any time throughout the day between 8:30 am and 4:30 p.m.

Assessors operate vehicles marked as the Lacombe County and carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at the Lacombe County Administration Office at 403-782-6601.

Follow us online, and stay up-to-date on Lacombe County news, events and other information!

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	Planning Services - 403-782-8389
	Community Services - 403-782-8959
	Operations - 403-782-8379
	Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

General	
After Hours Emergency Answering Service	403.357.1210
Administration Fax	403.782.3820
Public Works Fax	403.782.5356

For Service Requests, see our website - or phone the switchboard at 403-782-6601

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