

County News

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Lacombe County expands road maintenance capacity with additional grader division

Lacombe County is strengthening its commitment to maintaining high-quality gravel roads with the addition of a ninth grader division, set to begin operations in early July.

In March 2026, Lacombe County Council approved the expansion following a comprehensive review of grader divisions and service levels. The County currently maintains over 1,600 kms (1,000 miles) of gravel roads, which have historically been serviced by eight grader divisions.

With continued growth, shifting traffic patterns, and increased demand for service, Council recognized the need to enhance maintenance capacity to better serve residents.

"This investment reflects Council's commitment to maintaining safe, reliable road infrastructure for County residents, businesses, and agricultural producers," said Lacombe County Reeve John Ireland. "By reducing the size of each grader division, we can improve response times and deliver more consistent service across the County."

The addition of a ninth grader division will reduce the average distance covered by each grader from 210 kms (131 miles) to 187 kms (116 miles), allowing

operators to cycle through their routes more efficiently and respond more quickly to changing road conditions.

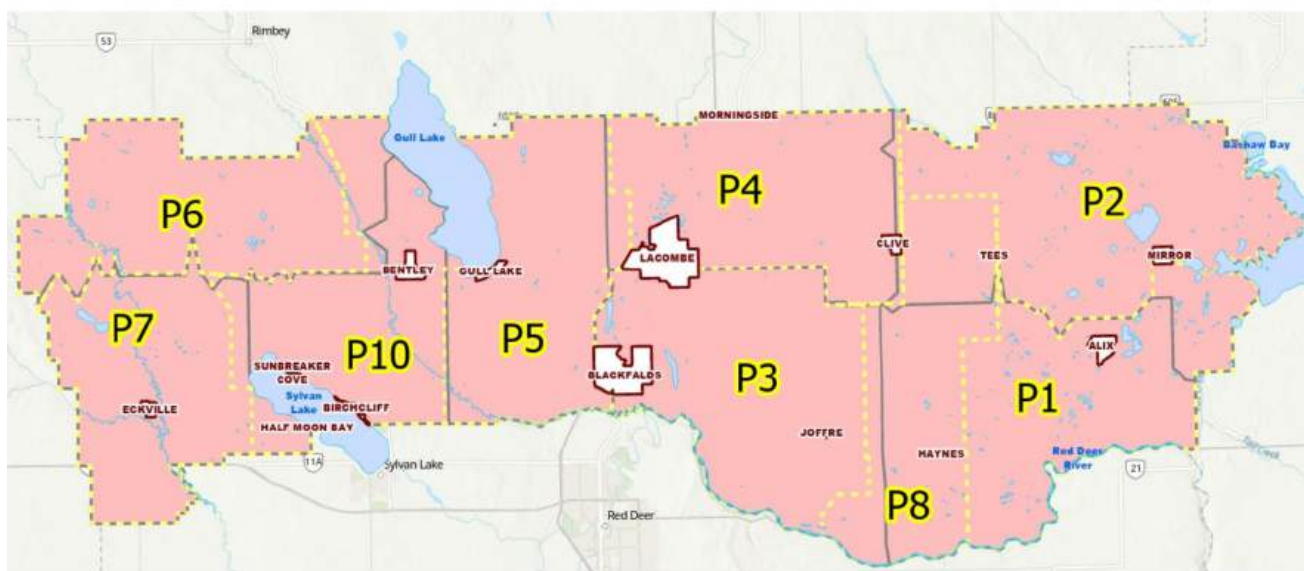
"Our operations team is focused on providing dependable service across Lacombe County's road network," said Bill Cade, Director of Operations. "Adding a ninth grader division gives our operators more capacity to maintain roads efficiently, address changing conditions, and support the people who rely on these routes every day."

The new grader division will support:

- More timely grading cycles
- Improved overall road conditions
- Increased responsiveness to weather and traffic impacts
- Enhanced service levels for rural residents and road users

Lacombe County's gravel road network plays a vital role in connecting communities, supporting agriculture and industry, and enabling safe daily travel. The addition of this grader helps ensure the County keeps pace with growth and evolving transportation needs.

NEW Lacombe County Grader Divisions



= New Division Boundaries = Old Division Boundaries

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Introducing our NEW Economic Development Officer

Lacombe County is pleased to welcome Kelly Fairall as the County's new Economic Development Officer.

Kelly brings a diverse background in marketing, communications, community engagement, workforce development, and partnership building. Throughout her career, she has supported business growth, connected industry with education, and created opportunities for people and organizations to work together.

A proud Central Albertan with deep roots in the region, Kelly was raised west of Bentley and has longstanding family ties to Lacombe County. Her knowledge of the area, combined with her professional background, makes her well-positioned to support new opportunities and economic growth across the County.

Community has been at the heart of her career. She has worked with businesses, community organizations, schools, post-secondary institu-

tions, students, and employers. Her experience includes supporting entrepreneurs and connecting young people with local employers, particularly in the skilled trades. Her background in broadcasting also shaped her into a strong communicator with a natural ability to engage a wide range of audiences.

She is passionate about supporting responsible, sustainable development while preserving the strong sense of community and rural character that makes Lacombe County a great place to live, work, learn, and play. She is also an active volunteer and has served on community boards, committees, school council, and with local sports organizations.

Kelly will continue building relationships with businesses, entrepreneurs, industry partners, educational institutions, and community organizations to encourage investment, support business development, and contribute to the long-term prosperity of Lacombe County.



You can contact Kelly at 403-782-8389, or email economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com



Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission is hosting a Residential Household Hazardous Waste Round Up event for all residents within Lacombe County at the following sites:

ELECTONICS * PAINT * TIRES * USED OIL MATERIALS * HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Alix/Mirror Transfer Station

August 29, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
40319 Range Road 231

City of Lacombe

September 19, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
5395 Len Thompson Dr.

Bentley Transfer Station

September 26, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Eckville Transfer Station

September 21, 2024
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM
3219 Township Rd 400

All items must be residential products and in original containers to be accepted.

Commercial/Agricultural products will not be accepted.

Items that will be accepted are:

- **PAINT AND PAINT PRODUCTS** – Original Containers (*Latex, oil and alkyd paints, wood stains, thinners and solvents, and paint aerosols*)
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** (<10L or <10kg) – Original Containers

(*Laundry detergents, bleach, oven cleaners, spot removers, waste acids, rust removers, drain/toilet cleaners, metal polish, household herbicides and pesticides, lawn fertilizers, insect sprays, car and household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, aerosol containers, and household propane tanks (30lbs maximum)*)

- **ELECTRONICS** (*Televisions, computer equipment, monitors, keyboards, cameras, phones, VCR/DVD players, stereos and MP3 players*)

- **USED OIL** - original containers not required and recycling of containers will be available (*Engine oil, gasoline, diesel, brake fluid, transmission fluid, kerosene, washer fluid, and antifreeze*)

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Products **will not** be accepted outside of the posted times as staff need time to transport and sort the materials.

Look for the LRWSC truck and flat deck trailer onsite and meet with the staff to dispose of your products!

Environmental Stewardship Award nominations now open

Lacombe County is shining a spotlight on outstanding individuals and community non-government organizations who exemplify the essence of environmental stewardship, recognizing individuals or groups who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to conserving and sustaining the environment within Lacombe County.

The Environmental Stewardship Award nomination process is open to the public. Anyone can put forward deserving candidates who embody the spirit of environmental stewardship. A committee will review nominations and select a recipient based on their contributions.

A judging panel will choose the winner of the Environmental Stewardship Award who will receive a one-time cash award of \$1,500, recognizing their outstanding efforts in environmental stewardship.

Nomination Process:

- **Open Period:** July 15, 2026, to September 30, 2026.
- **How to Nominate:** Submit nominations in person or via email to jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com. Include full contact information of the nominee and a detailed description of their environmental efforts. (Self-nominations are not permitted).
- **Eligibility:**
 - Must be a resident/organization in Lacombe County.
 - Recipient can only win once.
 - Nominations must be submitted by September 30, 2026.
 - Forms available at www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward.
- **Award:** A one-time cash prize of \$1,500 will be awarded, recognizing significant contributions to environmental stewardship.

About the Environmental Stewardship Award:

The Environmental Stewardship Award is part of Lacombe County's commitment to environmental sustainability. In 2021, the Environmental Community Engagement Program was launched, encompassing educational and sustainability initiatives. This program was extended by Lacombe County Council in 2023 due to its success. We are pleased to be running this program again in 2026!

Past Winners:

- **2025: Medicine River Watershed Society** – Outstanding work in preserving and improving the health of the Medicine River watershed through initiatives and community awareness.
- **2024: Nick Harper** – Restoration and preservation, including reforestation (150 native trees planted), pond restoration, and implementing sustainable grazing practices.
- **2023: Ward Nelson** - Notable for planting over 2000 trees and implementing solar-powered livestock watering systems.
- **2022: Joan Olafson** - Continued stewardship of 80 acres encompassing wetlands, forest, and streams.
- **2021: Sharon and Rick Wiebe** - Developed a community garden, off-site watering systems, and other sustainable projects.

LACOMBE COUNTY

2026 AGRICULTURE TOUR

Join us for a day of exploring agriculture and environment projects through Lacombe County!

July 22, 2026 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM | \$40

Lunch and bus transportation is provided

Destination #1: MFL Bison Ranch

A family-run ranch focused on regenerative agriculture, MFL Bison Ranch uses holistic grazing practices to build healthy soil, support biodiversity, and produce high-quality, natural bison. Their work reflects a strong commitment to sustainability, animal health, and preserving the land for future generations.



Destination #2: Biggelaar Farm

This ALUS site features tree planting areas, a year-round alternative watering system, and fenced treed and riparian pastures to improve grazing management. These projects help to support clean water, resilient landscapes, and productive grazing.



Destination #3: Western Crop Innovations

Western Crop Innovations is a leading agricultural research organization focused on developing high-yielding, disease-resistant crop varieties for the prairies. Through advanced breeding techniques and collaboration, WCI helps farmers improve productivity, resilience, & sustainability across diverse growing conditions.



RSVP online: <https://2026AgTour.eventbrite.ca>

OR scan the QR code.

QUESTIONS? Call 403-782-8959 or email

jmakus@lacombecounty.com



Environmental Sustainability Award - NOMINATIONS OPEN!



Nominations OPEN

July 15 - September 30

How to Nominate?

Fill out the form (located on our website). Submit in person or email jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com

Criteria

Resident OR organization in Lacombe County.
Can only win ONCE.

Provincial funding secured for Lacombe Regional Airport safety improvements

The City of Lacombe is pleased to announce it has been approved for provincial funding to support critical safety upgrades at the Lacombe Regional Airport through Alberta's Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP).

The project includes the installation of Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lighting and an upgraded LED windsock. It has been approved for a provincial grant of up to \$120,000 under the Transportation and Economic Corridors STIP - Capital program.

This initiative is a collaborative investment between multiple partners, including:

- Government of Alberta: up to \$120,000
- City of Lacombe: \$20,000
- Lacombe County: \$10,000
- Lacombe Flying Club: \$10,000

These combined contributions will support infrastructure upgrades that improve visibility and approach guidance for pilots, particularly during low-light and winter conditions.

Demand for these improvements has grown significantly in recent years. Aircraft movements at the Lacombe Regional Airport have more than doubled following the introduction of a new flight school in 2024. Enhanced lighting and modernized windsocks will help support safe operations, pilot training, and reliable access for services such as medical evacuations and charter flights.

Mayor Thalia Hibbs highlighted the importance of the investment: "This investment is about safety, reliability, and supporting the continued growth of our regional airport. With increased flight activity and expanding aviation services, these upgrades will ensure pilots have the tools they need to operate safely in all conditions, while strengthening the airport's role as an important community asset for Lacombe and the surrounding region."

Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors Devin Dreesen emphasized the broader impact: "Alberta's government is proud to support these upgrades, which will improve airport safety, strengthen regional connectivity, and support important services like flight training, emergency response, and local economic activity. This investment will serve residents, businesses, and



visitors for years to come."

Jennifer Johnson, MLA for Lacombe-Ponoka, noted the long-term value of the project: "This is an important investment in the future of the Lacombe Airport. As a hub for learning and aviation, the airport is a valuable asset that serves residents, businesses, visitors, and emergency services alike, supporting the continued growth and connectivity of the region."

Deputy Reeve Dwayne West spoke to the strength of the partnership: "Lacombe County is proud to partner in this important investment alongside the Government of Alberta, the City of Lacombe, and the Lacombe Flying Club. These upgrades highlight what can be achieved through collaboration and ensure the airport continues to safely serve residents, businesses, and visitors across our region."

Jon From, President of the Lacombe Flying Club, highlighted the benefits for airport users: "As the only airport serving both the City and

County of Lacombe, we support a wide range of users - from business aviation to flight training, critical fixed-wing medevac services and STARS. Thanks to strong collaboration between partners, this funding will help deliver important safety enhancements like the PAPI lights and new LED windsock, benefiting all of these operations."

The Lacombe Regional Airport is a key piece of regional infrastructure, supporting recreational aviation, flight training, emergency response, and local economic activity. These upgrades will enhance safety and usability while aligning with the airport's long-term development vision.

The City of Lacombe, in collaboration with the Lacombe Flying Club and Lacombe County, is also developing an Airport Master Plan to guide the long-term growth and use of the Lacombe Regional Airport. Residents, airport users, Flying Club members, and other stakeholders are encouraged to share their input through a survey available on the City's website and social media channels. The survey will be open until July 19.

Complete the online survey below (or scan the QR code) Deadline is July 19:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LacombeAirport>

Your input will help guide the Airport Master Plan and support the future development of this important community asset.

**Take The
Lacombe
Regional
Airport
Master Plan
Survey Here!**

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ANNOUNCING

Lacombe County Weather Page
Find current and future weather/wind
information specific to your area!

Stay ahead of the weather, Lacombe County!

We've installed new weather stations at Tees, Rainy Creek, and the Public Works Shops, bringing YOU real-time, local weather and wind data right where it matters most.

You can now access live updates from all three stations (plus other helpful resources) anytime on our website. It's your go-to source for accurate, up-to-the-minute conditions across Lacombe County!

This exciting upgrade is part of our 2026 Environmental Action Plan, helping our community stay informed, prepared, and connected to changing weather.

CHECK IT OUT: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/weather>

Lacombe County receives Water for Life funding

Lacombe County is grateful to receive \$85,000 through the Government of Alberta's Water for Life program to support a Regional Water/Wastewater Feasibility Study.

This study will help Lacombe County explore future water and wastewater needs, servicing op-

tions, and potential infrastructure considerations to support long-term planning, responsible growth, and future economic development.

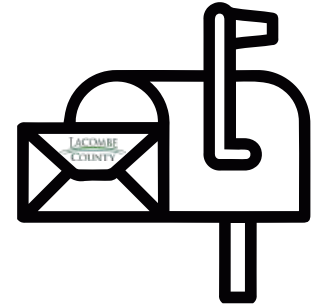
Thank you to the Government of Alberta and MLA Jennifer Johnson for recognizing the importance of investing in critical infrastructure for municipalities and rural communities.



Lacombe County TAXPAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY GUIDE

1 Watch for your annual Assessment & Tax Notices in the mail.

We will distribute our Assessment and Tax Notices in early May. These notices act as your official notification regarding the property tax owed for the current year. Please keep an eye on your mailbox for these essential documents.



2 Didn't receive a notice?

If you have not received your Assessment and Tax Notice by mid-June, please reach out to the Lacombe County Office without delay.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to confirm that you have received your notice.

3 Updating your mailing address

As a taxpayer, it's important to ensure that Lacombe County has your up-to-date mailing address.

Keeping your mailing address current is vital for receiving not just your tax notice, but also important County communications, and information from the AB Land Titles Office.



4 Assessment complaint process

Questions regarding your property assessment can be answered by County assessment staff.

There is a deadline for filing a complaint, which will be indicated on your notice.

5 Payment deadlines and options

All tax payments are due no later than August 31, 2026. Lacombe County offers a number of payment options (mail, in person, electronically, credit card, payment plan)

DON'T PROCRASTINATE! Lacombe County enforces a strict zero-tolerance policy for late payments.



www.lacombecounty.com/taxes

PAID PARKING

Information for Lacombe County ratepayers

Register TODAY for Paid Parking. Paid Parking Program starts May 15!

Lacombe County ratepayers can register up to three (3) vehicles for free parking at Sandy Point Beach, and Sunbreaker Cove and Sandy Point boat launches.

Parking enforcement is based on LICENSE PLATES, so you must add your vehicle(s) to your account. Each vehicle must be added to an approved permit to be recognized.

1

Step 1: Visit the Hot Spot Website

Go to hotspotparking.com/users/login

- **Already have a HotSpot account?** Login and continue to Step 2.
- **New to the system?** Create an account, login, and continue to Step 2.

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Step 2: Add your vehicles

- Click the **'Vehicles'** tab on the left
- **Enter** your vehicle's details and click 'Save'
- **Repeat** for up to three (3) vehicles. *You should be able to see all your vehicles below 'Add new vehicle'*

3

Step 3: Add Permits

- Click on **'Permits'** and then **'Special Permits'**
 - Select **Lacombe County** under 'Municipality'
- Upload a picture of your Tax Notice as **'Proof of Ownership'**
- Upload a picture of your Driver's License as **'Proof of Address'**
- Under **'Vehicle'**, select a vehicle to activate on that permit
 - Continue the same process for second and third vehicles.
- Check the box to agree and click **'Continue'**

4

Step 4: Add you vehicles to your permits

- Go to **'My Permits'** and add your license plates into each permit
- Only one (1) plate per permit is active for free parking

IMPORTANT NOTES

Registration opens April 15th, 2026 via Hotspot: www.hotspotparking.com.

Permits are issued by Roll Number

- Each property tax account will be eligible to register three (3) license plates.
- **Required for approval:**
 - upload a copy of your Tax Notice and Driver's License during registration.
- Only Lacombe County property owners (ratepayers) are eligible.

It takes approximately **24 hours** to have your permit approved

QUESTIONS?

SCAN ME



Is your permit taking longer than 24 hours?

CONTACT HOTSPOT DIRECT:

Toll Free Phone:

1.855.712.5888

Hours of Operation:

5:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday - Friday

www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking

2026 FARM FAMILY AWARD



Lacombe County and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce have partnered for the 2026 Farm Family Award to celebrate the achievements and contributions of ranch and farm families within our community!

Nominees must demonstrate one or more of the following:

1. Achievements and/or innovations in technical farm production
2. Sustainability practices
3. Family Farm business management
4. Agriculture Industry involvement
5. Community and rural citizenship

Visit www.lacombecounty.com/FarmFamily for more information

and to find the nomination form!

Nominations are open until **August 20, 2026**



NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SANDY POINT BEACH

To keep Sandy Point Beach clean, safe, and enjoyable for all, dogs are not permitted on the beach (leashed or not). This does not apply to service dogs.

Dogs are still welcome on nearby trails, green spaces, and in the parking lot. Please pick up after your pets.



PARKING PROGRAM REMINDER for Lacombe County Ratepayers

With the warmer weather finally here, Lacombe County reminds everyone to take a moment to review their information when registering a vehicle for paid parking. Double-check that your licence plate, vehicle details, and contact information are accurate to help avoid any parking issues.

Lacombe County ratepayers (taxpayers) are eligible to register up to three (3) vehicles for free parking at Sandy Point Beach/Boat Launch and Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch. Please remember to **ACTIVATE** your vehicle(s) in the app and assign them to your permit.

Parking enforcement is based on license plate recognition, so all vehicles must be registered correctly with an approved permit. Keeping your vehicle information up to date helps ensure your permit is associated with the correct vehicle.

Learn More: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking>

SAFETY FIRST



FIRE PITS:

THE DO'S AND DON'TS FOR SAFE BURNING
IN LACOMBE COUNTY



1. Ensure your fire pit/BBQ is constructed of bricks, concrete block or heavy gauge metal (or other suitable non-combustible material).
2. Be at least 3.3 metres (10 feet) away from buildings, property lines or other materials that could catch fire.
3. Supervise your fire at all times until it is entirely extinguished (this includes hot ashes and smouldering embers)
4. Use proper fuel such as wood, charcoal, manufactured fire logs, fireplace pellets, propane or natural gas.
5. Watch our website or social media pages for fire bans.
6. Keep a pail of water nearby, and use it to extinguish the fire.
7. Be a kind neighbour - ensure your smoke is going UP and not blowing into someone's property

Questions? Call 403-782-8959 and speak with the County Fire Chief

Ticks in Lacombe County What you need to know

You might not think of ticks when you think of Lacombe County, but they are here! Recently, ticks were found in Soper Natural Area (east of Blackfalds). Do you know what to do if you find a tick on you, a family member, or a pet?

Ticks are most active in warmer months and can be found in tall grass, wooded areas, and even urban parks. While most ticks are harmless, some can carry Lyme disease—a serious bacterial infection that can affect both people and animals if not treated early.

If You Find a Tick:

- Remove it carefully using fine-tipped tweezers. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or crush the tick.
- Clean the bite area and your hands with soap and water or rubbing alcohol.
- Save the tick in a sealed container or plastic bag (you can add a moist paper towel to keep it from drying out). Mark the date and where on the body it was found.
- Submit the tick for identification. In Alberta, ticks can be submitted to Alberta Health for testing. Learn more at <https://www.alberta.ca/tick-surveillance>.

Watch for Symptoms

After a tick bite, monitor for symptoms such as rash, fever, fatigue, or joint pain—especially in the weeks following the bite. Early treatment is key if Lyme disease is suspected.

Protect Yourself Outdoors

- Wear long sleeves and pants in wooded or grassy areas.
- Use insect repellent that contains DEET or Icaridin.
- Do a full tick check after being outdoors—including pets and gear.

Learn More

The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation (CanLyme) offers helpful resources for identifying ticks, recognizing Lyme disease symptoms, and staying safe outdoors.

Visit www.canlyme.com for more information.



FIRE PERMIT SEASON

is March 1 - October 31

Do you have a Fire Permit?

SUBMIT IT ONLINE BEFORE BURNING!



mobile requests
through the website



online
Fire Permit Request



call into the office at
403-782-6601

Fire permits can also be requested in person at our office.

Stop means stop: Stop signs aren't a suggestion

In recent months, Lacombe County has seen a troubling number of serious accidents and near misses at intersections — many caused by drivers failing to obey stop signs.

Stop signs are not suggestions. They are legal requirements designed to prevent collisions and keep everyone on the road safe. Rolling through or ignoring a stop sign puts you, your passengers, and other road users at serious risk.

Rural intersections can be especially dangerous due to higher travel speeds, limited visibility, and the mix of vehicles — from farm equipment and school buses to commercial trucks and personal vehicles. Stopping fully gives you time to assess the intersection and proceed safely.

We're asking all drivers to take this seriously.

- Make a complete stop. Look both ways.
- Yield when required.
- And only proceed when it's safe to do so.

A few seconds of caution can prevent a lifetime of consequences.



STOP SIGNS AREN'T A SUGGESTION

KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE FOR EVERYONE



MIRROR CORNER



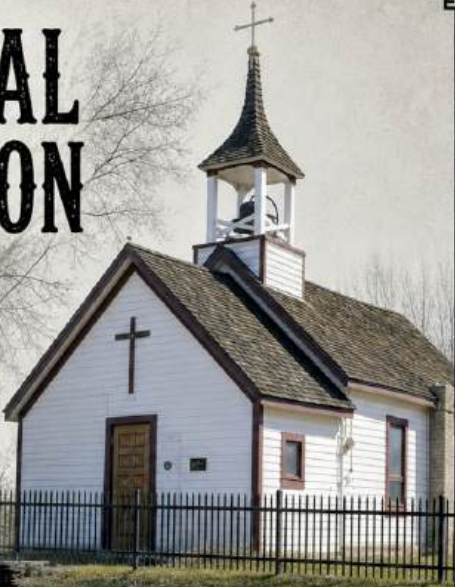


PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION

Returns to

ST. MONICA'S

MIRROR & DISTRICT MUSEUM ASSOCIATION



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Last year's investigation uncovered some intriguing anomalies... but we still have questions!

 A portion of the proceeds will support the Mirror & District Museum Association.

Join S.P.I.R.I.T. Paranormal Investigations for a follow-up investigation. Will we uncover new answers... or leave with even more questions?

 **ADVANCE BOOKING IS REQUIRED.**
Book your spot at www.spiritab.com or message the Mirror & District Museum on Facebook.

HELP US UNCOVER THE MYSTERIES THAT REMAIN...
We still have questions!

For the summer months,
Friends of the Mirror Library
is offering the kids in our community and surrounding areas a

WONDERFUL CHALLENGE!

A BINGO READING CHALLENGE

Come on in and pick up a **BINGO** card and get started!



B	I	N	G	O
READ OUTSIDE	READ A BOOK WITH A BLUE COVER	READ TO A FAMILY MEMBER	READ A FUNNY STORY	READ BEFORE BED
READ A NONFICTION BOOK	READ A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS	FREE SPACE	READ A BOOK SET IN SUMMER	READ A BOOK YOU LOVE
READ TO A STUFFED ANIMAL	READ A BOOK WITH A FRIEND	READ SOMETHING NEW	READ IN A FORT	DRAW YOUR FAVORITE PART

GRAND PRIZE DRAWN at the end of August for all participating kids!

 **MONTHLY GIVEAWAYS** for completed BINGO cards and/or lines completed on a card!

OPEN:
EVERY WEDNESDAY 1-5 | EVERY 2ND SATURDAY 11-3

See you soon! 

Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. Lacombe County has a 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@ccwireless.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 1-888-888-5909 or email contact@cn.ca. 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.

CN PUBLIC INQUIRY LINE

1-888-888-5909

contact@cn.ca

Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., ET

CN POLICE

1-800-465-9239

Emergency phone line open 24/7

CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca

email non-urgent suspicious activities

HAMLET OF MIRROR: An enhanced recycling program is coming your way!!

Hamlet of Mirror to receive new recycling carts and enhanced recycling service beginning October 1, 2026

Residents of the Hamlet of Mirror will be provided with curbside recycling service commencing this fall as Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program expands to the community.

Beginning October 1, 2026, residents in the Hamlet of Mirror who currently receive curbside garbage collection service will transition to a new recycling program managed by Circular Materials. As part of the transition, every eligible household will receive a new 360-litre recycling cart that will be used for bi-weekly recycling collection.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no changes to regular curb-side garbage pick up schedules or service levels with the addition of the recycling program.

Important: This change applies ONLY to the Hamlet of Mirror. The new recycling carts and curbside recycling service are being introduced in communities that currently receive curbside garbage collection service. All other Lacombe County residents (even if they live in a hamlet or subdivisions, etc.) are not affected by these changes

WHAT'S CHANGING IN MIRROR?

Starting October 1, 2026:

- Recycling collection will occur every second Tuesday.
- Residents will use a new 360-litre recycling cart.

- Recycling will move to a single-stream system, meaning accepted recyclable materials can be placed together in one recycling cart.
- Alberta's recycling program will accept an expanded list of recyclable materials, including items such as glass containers, foam packaging, flexible plastic packaging, aerosol containers, and laminated packaging

CART DELIVERY INFORMATION

New recycling carts will be delivered to Mirror residents throughout September 2026 in advance of program launch.

Residents are asked not to place carts out for collection or begin using them until October 1, 2026.

WHY SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING?

Single-stream recycling allows residents to place all accepted recyclable materials into one container, making recycling simpler and more convenient. The system is designed to increase participation, improve material recovery rates, and provide a consistent recycling experience across Alberta.

MORE INFORMATION COMING THIS SUMMER

Over the course of July, residents of the Hamlet of Mirror will begin receiving information from Circular Materials about the transition to the new recycling program. Information will be shared

through direct mail, social media, local advertising, newspapers, and radio.

Residents will receive details about:

- Collection schedules and service providers
- Contact information for recycling inquiries
- What materials can and cannot be recycled
- Recycling cart delivery information
- Resources available to support the transition to the new program

LEARN MORE

Residents can visit circularmaterials.ca/mirror for community-specific recycling information as it becomes available.

For recycling service inquiries:

- Empringham Disposal Corp.
Phone: 403-392-3870
Email: rio@empringhamdisposal.com

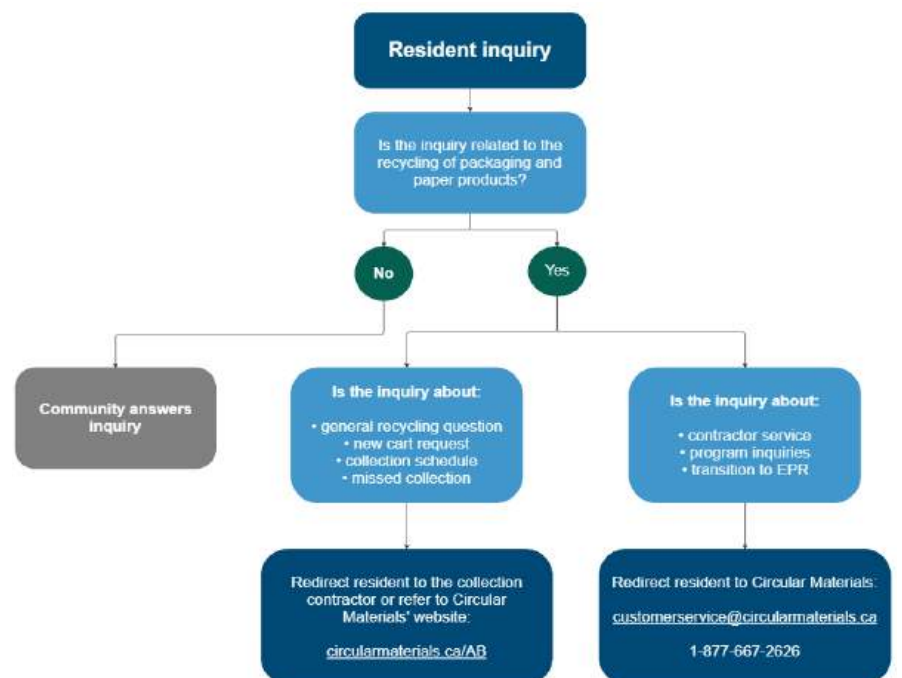
For escalated concerns:

- Circular Materials
Phone: 1-877-667-2626
Email: customerservice@circularmaterials.ca

FULL DETAILS:

(including accepted material list)

www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/mirror



OPERATIONS

Don't get left in the dust!

If you missed the May 15, 2026 deadline, don't worry! You can still get a fall application for Dust Control. If you are interested in having Calcium Chloride in front of your residence or place of business, please contact Ivy at the County shop at 403-782-3567.



Ratepayer's 2026 cost-shared rate for one application is \$1.80 per lineal metre, to a maximum of 200 metres. **If you require more than 200 metres**, the additional will NOT be cost shared.

Please contact us if you would like to get on the list for fall applications **before August 7, 2026**.

****Note:** The application of dust abatement may cause some possible effects, such as loss of vegetation. Lacombe County is not responsible for any claims or damages resulting from the application process.**

If you are interested in finding out more about the County's Dust Control Program, please call Ivy at 403-782-3567, Cassandra at 403-782-8379 or email operations@lacombecounty.com

CONSTRUCTION SEASON REMINDER

Please drive carefully around construction crews and obey **ALL** signs and speed limits during construction. If you have questions or concerns regarding any project, please contact the Operations department at 403-782-8379.

All notifications and maps can be found at lacombecounty.com under Construction Notifications (in Quick Links).

CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATIONS

TwP Road 39-2 and Range Road 27-0

Lacombe County will be undertaking road construction projects on Township Road 39-2 and Range Road 27-0 this summer. Motorists are advised to expect construction activity and possible traffic delays in these areas.

PROJECT C3927 – TOWNSHIP ROAD 39-2

Location: Township Road 39-2, from the junction of Range Road 24-0 east to Haynes Road (3 miles).

- **Construction Start:** Monday, July 13, 2026
- **Duration:** Approximately 9 weeks (weather permitting)
- **Estimated Completion:** September 14, 2026



PROJECT C2705 – RANGE ROAD 27-0

Location: Range Road 27-0, from the junction of Township Road 40-0 north to Township Road 40-2 (2 miles).

- **Construction Start:** Monday, July 20, 2026
- **Duration:** Approximately 6 weeks (weather permitting)
- **Estimated Completion:** August 31, 2026



Residents and motorists are asked to use caution when travelling through construction zones and obey all posted signage. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these improvements.

For project information, please contact Lacombe County Operations at 403-782-8379.

DO YOU HAVE GRAVEL?

To ensure we have a reliable supply of gravel to maintain our County roads, Lacombe County is always on the lookout for new gravel sources. Gravel is an important, non-renewable resource necessary for construction and maintenance of roads.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I HAVE GRAVEL ON MY LAND?

If you think you have gravel on your property, and you wish to investigate further, please contact the County office at 403-782-8379 and speak with the Operations Department. County staff will come out to meet with you and arrange for testing. While the testing involves digging a test hole or holes, it is done in the least invasive way practical.

There is no obligation on the part of the Land Owner if suitable gravel is found. The County will discuss options and work with the land owner on a possible agreement for access and use of the land.

IS THE GROUND
ROCKY?

ARE THERE GRAVEL PITS
NEARBY?

DO YOU HAVE LOW LYING
PROPERTY?

DO YOU HAVE A CREEK/RIVER BED ON
YOUR PROPERTY?

HAVE YOU FOUND ROCKS DURING
EXCAVATION WORK?

Your Roads Explained: WASHBOARD ON GRAVEL ROADS

Contact:

Operations Department

403.782.8379

or

Public Works Shop

403.782.3567



General Information:

Name

Address

Phone Number

Legal Land Locaiton/Civic Address



Brief Description:

- Basic information of the required service

In a dry year, the biggest issue with gravel roads is washboard, and this can be a difficult problem to address as washboard returns in a short time frame during extended dry conditions. More

grading does not necessarily fix the problem since working up loose material creates ideal conditions for the washboard to reappear quickly.

Washboard is often created by the acceleration or braking action of vehicles, making it more prevalent at intersections on hills, as well as at railway crossings. Drivers can help reduce the problem by slowly accelerating away from the intersection or slowing down as much as possible before braking when approaching an intersection.

Weather, changing traffic patterns, and public expectations will constantly challenge the road system, and the gravel roads will always be a work in progress.

In wet years, the washboard is less prevalent, but other issues arise, such as wheel rutting, lack of gravel on some roads, culverts and drainage concerns, and soft spots appear.

On average, our grader district size is approximately 135 miles (216 km), and we have 8 grader districts. Factors that affect grading schedules.

- Roads with larger traffic volumes or heavy traffic require more attention.
- Dust control – the grader operators prepare each site for calcium so their regular schedule is delayed
- Gravel crew in their area has the same affect
- Rain will push back the schedule
- A road that has been adequate for lo-

cal traffic for many years may be severely challenged if a new business or industry is installed along that road

Despite the many challenges of keeping gravel roads in good driving condition, we have systems and procedures in place to keep these roads as safe as possible.

While driving gravel please obey the speed limit and be vigilant for washboard and soft spots.



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Tree Planting Program

2027-2028

Free Tree Planting for Landowners

TELUS Environment is offering fully funded tree planting services to landowners with 1 hectare (2,000 trees) or more of land to help improve your land's health, resilience, and beauty. We handle everything—from custom design and sourcing to planting and long-term monitoring—at no cost to you.

Benefits:

- Protect against prairie winds and erosion
- Create wildlife habitat for birds and pollinators
- Enhance your property's natural beauty and value
- Support carbon sequestration and climate resilience
- Enhance long-term sustainability

In-Kind Contributions: While not mandatory, we prioritize landowners who can contribute in-kind support such as site preparation, post-planting tree irrigation, fencing to protect from livestock, or other on-site assistance. Your involvement strengthens project success and community partnership.

Available Species: Hybrid Poplar, Manitoba Maple, Trembling Aspen, Cottonwood, Balsam Poplar, White Birch, Bur Oak, Red Elderberry, Chokecherry, Saskatoon, Lodgepole Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Limber Pine, Jack Pine, White Spruce, Blue Spruce, Siberian Larch, and more!

To Apply: Complete the following intake form, found at this link, or by scanning the QR code <https://forms.gle/H1ZaZN3wtqMDT5ZH7>

Contact:

Tim Dottridge

tim@shaktitrees.com



ENVIRONMENT

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

Reserve Land Designation (Bylaw No. 1464/26)

Lacombe County is holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** to hear your feedback on the proposed bylaw changes that would update lands designated as Reserve under previous iterations of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* to the appropriate designation under the current MGA and designate lands which are currently being managed as Municipal Reserve, Environmental Reserve, and Public Utility Lot to the appropriate designation.

Bylaw 1464/26 will direct the management of County lands by clarifying the land's intended use, and bring additional legislative support to Policy RC(8) and Bylaw 1398/23.

PUBLIC HEARING PURPOSE:

A Public Hearing presents the proposed bylaw, and gives members of the public an opportunity to speak to Council provide input before adoption. Your input is valued and encouraged. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw changes will have an opportunity to do so at the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will take place:

August 27, 2026 | 9:00 AM
Lacombe County Council Chambers

You can find information for the properties on our website (scan the QR code below) at www.lacombecounty.com or by calling 403-782-8959.

Lots proposed to be designated as Environmental Reserve:

7720854;;R1	7822831;1;R10
7720043;;R1	567TR;1;R1
1836NY;;R	4238TR;A;R1
2620199;1;1	914MC;1;R
2620200;1;2	1183MC;1;R
2620203;1;1	5600MC;A;32R
2620116;1;1	4239RS;A;R
7820427;;R1	0924769;1;1
7821729;;R1	2020776;1;2
5034AX;A,B	2222602;1;2
2620068;1;1	2322180;1;2
2620069;1;2	2620206;1;2
2335NY;;R2	2620221;1;3
3575MC;B;R	2335NY;;R1
7822831;1;R9	2521815;1;1

Lots proposed to be designated as Municipal Reserve:

1620098;1;2	1970EO;;P
856MC;2;R2	7822831;2;R5
4;22;39;31;NE	3737KS;P1
7702AY;1	3737KS;P2
5823BK;R	1628CL;R
RN18;3;11	1483MC;2;1R
6729NY;;E	1483MC;2;8R
5665MC;4;R	1483MC;2;18R
856MC;;R3A	7722679;1;55R
856MC;;R5	7722679;1;65R
856MC;6;R6	7521105;;R13
856MC;;R4	1723277;2;2
856MC;;R3	0620731;1;4
7520233;1;R1	

Lots proposed to be designated as Public Utility Lot:

2220542;1;1
 2322171;1;3MR

SCAN ME



Scan the QR code above for information and maps related to this Public Hearing.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Participate in the public hearing to voice your opinion. There are 3 ways you can provide input!

1) Attend and speak in person:

Lacombe County Office, Council Chambers.

Located 2.5 miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road (Range Road 27-4) and Highway 12.

2) Attend and speak virtually:

Instructions for accessing the meeting by phone or online can be found on our website (www.lacombecounty.com)

3) Provide written comments:

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, but want to provide input, send your comments to **Jordan Nakonechny, Environmental Coordinator**, at 403-782-8959 or email jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com, prior to August 20, 2026. Your comments can be sent by:

EMAIL: jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com
 FAX: 403-782-3820, or
 MAIL: RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information

For more information, please contact **Jordan Nakonechny, Environmental Coordinator**, at 403-782-8959 or email jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com.

Eckville Flood Study

The Eckville Flood Study will assess and identify flood hazards along 18 km of the Medicine River and 7 km of Lasthill Creek through Eckville, Lacombe County, and Red Deer County.

The study began in spring 2026 and technical work is expected to be complete by spring 2027. Work on all components is in early stages, with on-the-ground surveys expected to begin soon.

The study is being completed under the provincial Flood Hazard Identification Program, the goals of which include enhancement of public safety and reduction of future flood damages through the identification of river and flood hazards. The provincial study is being co-funded through the federal Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program.

Project background and study progress

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The main study components outlined below include new hydraulic modelling and flood mapping, but all deliverables support local emergency response and land-use planning needs.

• Survey and base data collection – Early stages

Hydraulic models and flood maps require high-accuracy base data. Field surveys and LiDAR remote sensing are used to collect river and floodplain elevations, channel cross section data, bridge and culvert information, and dedicated flood control structure details.

• Hydrology assessment – Early stages

The hydrology assessment estimates flows for a wide range of possible floods along the Medicine River and Lasthill Creek.

• Hydraulic river modelling – Early stages

A new hydraulic computer model of the river system will be created using new survey data and modern tools. The model will be calibrated using surveyed highwater marks from past floods to ensure that results for different floods are reasonable.

• Flood inundation mapping – Early stages

Flood maps for thirteen different sized floods, based on the hydraulic model results and the hydrology assessment, will be produced. Flood inundation maps can be used for emergency response planning and to inform local infrastructure design. These maps identify areas of direct flooding and areas that could be flooded if local berms fail.

• Flood hazard mapping – Early stages

Flood hazard mapping divides the 1:100 floodplain into floodway and flood fringe zones and sub-zones, to identify where flooding is deepest and most destructive, reflect the protection provided by flood berms, and provide more information about a wider range of flood hazards. These maps can be used to help guide long-term development planning.

If you have any questions regarding this work, we can be contacted by email: epa.flood@gov.ab.ca.



AGRICULTURE

Inspiring future generations through Agriculture education

This spring, Lacombe County's Agricultural Coordinator, Jalene Makus, connected with local students through the Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP) in partnership with Ag for Life.

This year, Jalene delivered 13 presentations to classrooms ranging from Grades 3 to 5, including visits to the Leedale Hutterite Colony. These sessions provided students with valuable

insights into agriculture, environmental stewardship, and sustainable farming practices—while also helping bridge the gap for students who may have little direct exposure to farming.

BRINGING AGRICULTURE TO LIFE

Each presentation focused on practical

and engaging topics, including:

- Farming alongside wetlands and trees
- The environmental and operational benefits of wetlands and natural areas
- Developing livestock grazing plans that support both pasture health and environmental sustainability

In addition to these topics, Jalene also introduced students to the basics of farming and where their food comes from. With many children no longer living on farms or having regular access to agricultural experiences, these discussions help build foundational understanding of how food is produced.

To accomplish this, Jalene incorporated a food-to-farm matching activity, bringing grocery store items into the classroom alongside a variety of crop seeds. Students were challenged to guess which crop seed produced each food product, creating an engaging and interactive way to connect everyday foods with the agriculture behind them.

Students also took part in a hands-on experiment demonstrating how wetlands function, learning how they naturally hold, filter, and clean water. This interactive component helped bring complex environmental concepts to life in a way that was both fun and memorable.

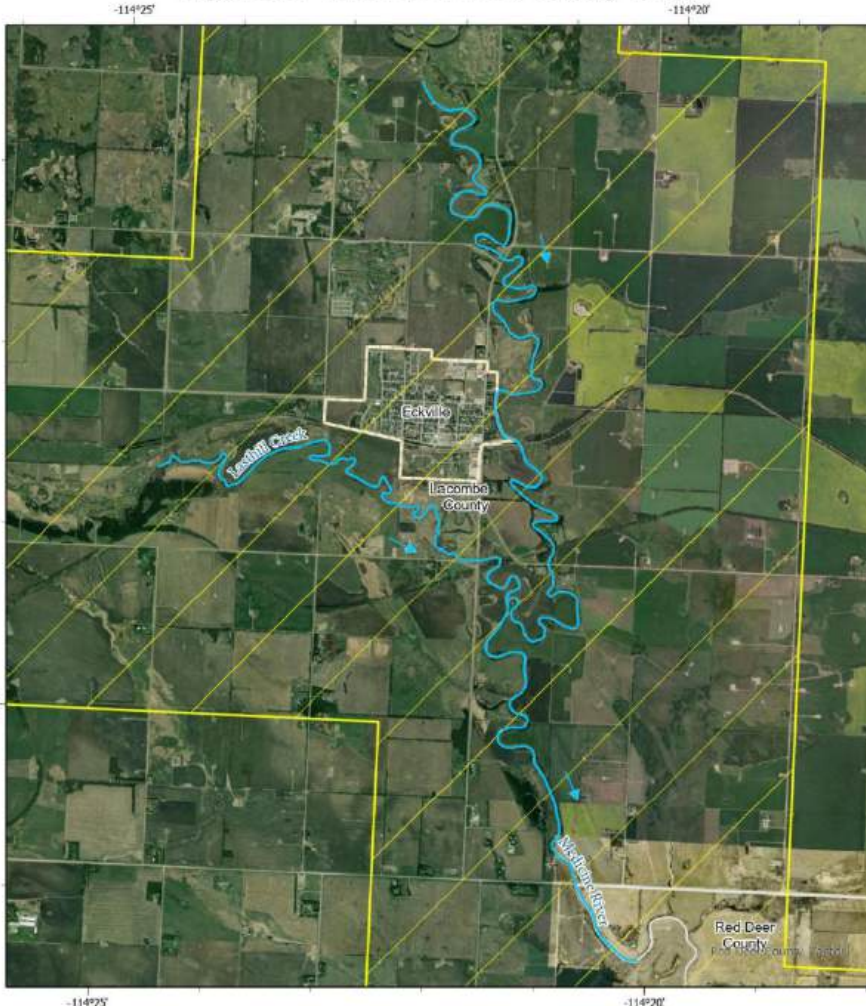
BUILDING AWARENESS AND INTEREST

Programs like CAP play an important role in increasing awareness of agriculture and its connection to environmental sustainability. By engaging directly with students through both educational presentations and hands-on activities, these sessions help foster a greater understanding of how food is produced and how responsible land management practices benefit both producers and the broader community.

The County extends its appreciation to participating schools and teachers—including those from the Leedale Colony and Terrace Ridge—as well as Ag for Life for their collaboration in supporting agriculture education.



Figure 1: Eckville Flood Study Area



Strychnine for Emergency Use Training and Product Timeline updates

Lacombe County has begun to receive limited amounts of 2% liquid strychnine. **Currently, producers on the Strychnine Contact List are being contacted as product becomes available to arrange purchase.**

At this time:

- Producers wishing to participate in the 2% liquid strychnine program can contact the Agriculture Services department at 403-782-8959.
- Producers will be added to a contact list and will be contacted once strychnine is available for purchase.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to limited supply, a maximum of one (1) case per producer will be sold. Due to limited supply, some producers may not be contacted to purchase strychnine during the 2026 season.

MANDATORY TRAINING

All producers who intend to purchase or use strychnine must complete the approved Strychnine Stewardship Training BEFORE purchasing the product. Lacombe County will

receive a limited quantity of strychnine in early-mid June.

The course is delivered online and **MUST** be completed prior to product purchase. The training provides essential instruction on:

- Proper handling and application
- Regulatory compliance
- Environmental safety

You can access the FREE training here:

<https://strychnine-stewardship-training.thinkific.com/courses/producers>

Training is available until August 1, 2026, and will be available again in the spring of 2027. Producers should complete the required training as early as possible to avoid delays once the product becomes available.

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding training support on the Strychnine Stewardship Training Program, please contact: learning@sarm.ca.

For questions on strychnine availability, please contact the Agricultural Services Department at 403-782-8959 or email mbates@lacombe-county.com.

The 2026 Census of Agriculture is underway!

Remember to complete your questionnaire online today:

census.gc.ca 



The 2026 Census of Agriculture is underway! Complete yours today and be counted. Your responses will help provide up-to-date and accurate data for informed decision-making by Canadian farm operators.

Lacombe County depends on this data to help with policies and programs. **Please take time to complete your questionnaire today at www.census.gc.ca.**

ATTENTION COUNTY RESIDENTS: MOWING PROGRAM

Please be mindful of what is left in the county ditches and move debris completely away or into the fence line. This will help prevent damage to the mowing equipment.

THESE ITEMS COULD INCLUDE:

- ✓ Fence Wire
- ✓ Telephone Wire
- ✓ Large Rocks
- ✓ Posts
- ✓ Any material that may cause damage

THANK YOU!

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 403-782-8959

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FOR RENT Pasture Sprayers

Lacombe County Agriculture Services Has
Pasture Sprayers for County Residents to Rent



RENTAL RATE - \$50.00/DAY

DEPOSIT - \$200.00 (deposit refundable when sprayer returned in good condition)

- ❖ Pull type - 400 gallon water capacity, 20 gallon/acre coverage
- ❖ Designed for spraying range and pasture in rough terrain
- ❖ Has additional hand gun system and fence line spraying nozzle
- ❖ Simple to operate
- ❖ Can be pulled by trucks OR tractors



PLANNING SERVICES

Frequently Asked Questions

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.
WE HAVE ANSWERS



Subdivisions in the Agricultural Area

Subdivision is the process of legally separating a single parcel of land into two or more parcels, each with separate titles and ownership rights. This article aims to inform County residents of the County's subdivision policies in the Agricultural 'A' District.

HOW WERE THE COUNTY'S SUBDIVISION POLICIES CREATED?

In 2017, Lacombe County adopted an updated Municipal Development Plan using extensive feedback from the community. The community indicated that subdivision opportunities are required to sustain the rural lifestyle. However, subdivision practices must be responsible to maintain the agricultural identity of Lacombe County and preserve large tracts of agricultural lands for the benefit of future generations.

This community feedback informed the subdivision policies that were adopted by Council in the Municipal Development Plan.

WHAT TYPES OF SUBDIVISIONS ARE POSSIBLE IN THE AGRICULTURAL 'A' DISTRICT?

There are four types of subdivisions that may be considered in the County's agricultural areas.

- First parcel out subdivision
- Agricultural parcel subdivision
- Fragmented parcel subdivision
- Boundary adjustment subdivision

These are described below.

FIRST PARCEL OUT SUBDIVISION

A first parcel out subdivision provides an opportunity to create a separate parcel on an unsubdivided quarter section where an established dwelling already exists. To be eligible, the quarter section must be unsubdivided and must have had a habitable permanent dwelling on site for at least five years preceding the date of the subdivision application.

The parcel cannot exceed a size of 1.62 hectares (4.0 acres) in size unless the County determines that a larger size is required to accommodate residential improvements or is reasonable based on the site's topographical features. If a larger size is considered warranted, the maximum size of a parcel that can be approved by the Subdivision Authority is 2.2 hectares (5.5 acres).

To minimize the loss of agriculture, agricultural land cannot be included in the subdivided yard site.

AGRICULTURAL PARCEL SUBDIVISION

An agricultural parcel subdivision allows an agricultural producer of a specialized or intensive agricultural operation to create a smaller parcel

where an entire quarter section is not required for the operation. Examples of a specialized or intensive agricultural operation can be greenhouse complexes, horticultural operations, specialty breeding facilities, etc.

When applying, the business operator must submit an adequate, detailed business plan that may include a financial plan to verify the existence of the business. To be eligible, the quarter section must be unsubdivided, and at least 75% of the specialized or intensive agricultural operation outlined in the business plan must be developed on the site for more than one year prior to subdivision approval. Additionally, the proposed parcel must be at least 4.05 hectares (10 acres) in size, and follow the current boundaries of the established agricultural operation, or the proposed expansion area.

For additional information on Agricultural Subdivisions, please refer to the Guide to Agricultural Parcel Subdivisions in Lacombe County. The guide provides further details on the agricultural subdivision policy, the application process, and eligibility requirements. The guide can be found on the County website or at the County office.

FRAGMENTED PARCEL SUBDIVISION

If two or three parts of a quarter section are physically severed from each other, with no physical access between the parts, a fragmented parcel subdivision can be considered by the County. Examples of a fragmenting feature would include a highway, County road, railway, or permanent or naturally occurring body of water.

In the case of a permanent or naturally occurring body of water, the feature must be permanent in nature with a visually defined riparian area where the vegetation and soils are strongly influenced by the presence of water OR written confirmation from the Government of Alberta that the title to the bed and shore of the waterbody is vested in the Crown in the right of Alberta. If these criteria are not met, the land is not considered fragment-

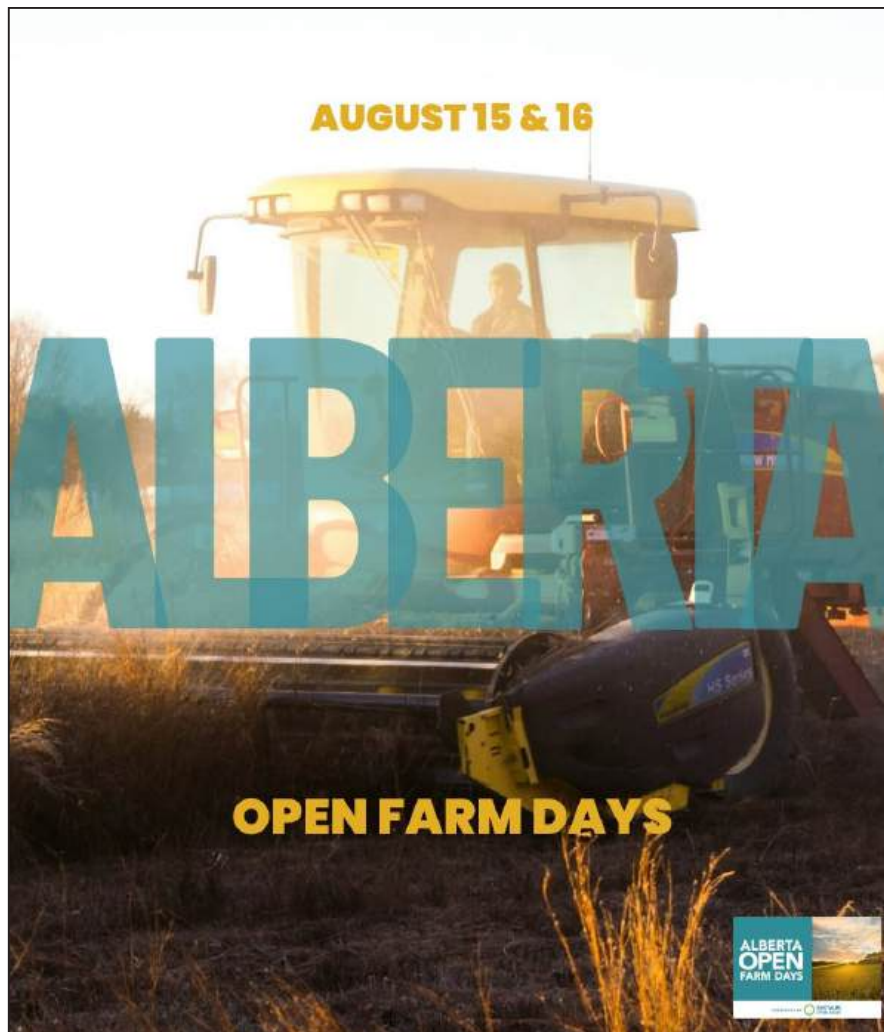
ed and subdivision is not possible. A fragmented parcel subdivision may result in no more than three titles per quarter section.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT SUBDIVISION

The County allows for boundary adjustments in the Agricultural 'A' District in cases where a boundary adjustment better reflects the use of the lands. Boundary adjustments cannot result in the creation of new parcels and both parcels must remain the same size.

WHAT IF I LIVE IN A MULTI-LOT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD OR HAMLET?

If you are in a residential neighbourhood or hamlet, the policies highlighted above do not apply. Subdivision policies vary by district. Depending on lot size, resubdivision may be possible. Please contact Planning Services at planning@lacombecounty.com or 403-782-8389 if you would like more information.



See what local farms are participating

<https://albertaopenfarmdays.ca/ofd-farms/>

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Success Grows Here!

Planning Services is here to help you plan, build, and grow in Lacombe County.

Contact us if you are:

- Planning to build or develop on your property
- Starting or expanding a business
- Subdividing land
- Purchasing property and have questions
- Unsure what is allowed on your land
- Looking for planning or development information

We encourage you to contact us early in your planning process. We are here to help you navigate the process and move your project forward.

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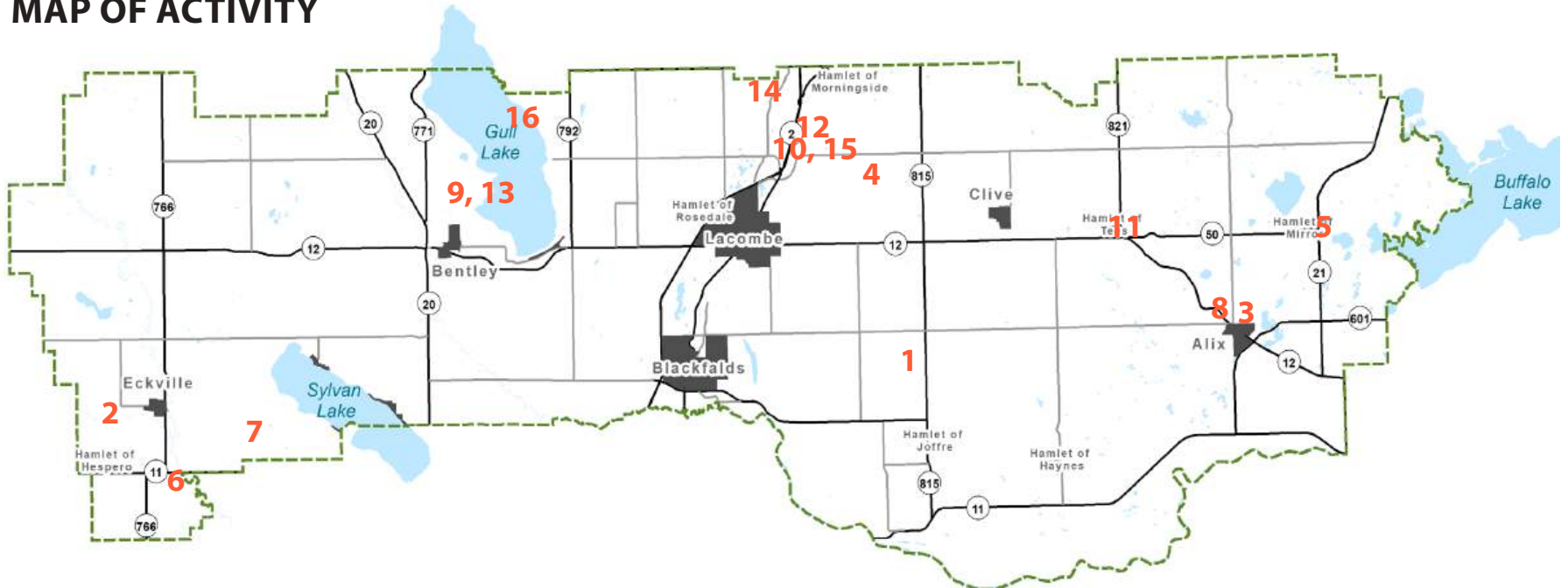
Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	74/26	John & Beverly Ter Steege	Pt. SW 33-39-25-W4M	Setback Relaxation	Approved
2	75/26	Jeff & Andrea Reiser	SE 18-39-03-W5M	Dwelling w/Attached Garage and Covered Deck	Approved
3	76/26	Craig Mauger	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 942 0343 (SW 01-40-23-W4M)	Dwelling (Replacement) w/Setback Relaxation	Approved
4	77/26	Kurtis & Megan Pope	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 202 1576 (SE 06-41-25-W4M)	Home Based Business, Major known as Crown Down Hat Bar	Approved
5	78/26	Michelle Goodrick	Lot 18 Block 28 Plan 7159AI (Hamlet of Mirror)	Modular Home	Pending
6	79/26	Charles Hicks	NW 34-38-03-W5M	3200ft ² Shop with 800ft ² living quarters and a 960ft ² lean to	Approved
7	80/26	Callaghan Construction Ltd.	SE 07-39-02-W5M	Dwelling w/Attached Garage and Covered Deck	Approved
8	81/26	Greg & Renee Moulton	NE 02-40-23-W4M	Storage Shed for wedding venue known as Creekside Willows	Approved
9	82/26	Lorne & Bonnie Blumhagen	Unit 122 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort, Gull Lake)	Park Model w/Covered Deck	Approved
10	83/26	Empire Construction	Lot 7 Block 1 Plan 212 0182 (Milton Area)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage and Veranda	Approved
11	84/26	Donna Martin or Dan Sim	Lot 1 Plan 992 6753 (Hamlet of Tees)	2400ft ² Cold Storage Shed	Approved
12	85/26	James & Anita Dodd	Lot 2 Plan 3232TR (NW 15-41-26-W4M)	Sunroom Existing addition	Approved
13	86/26	Dan Headington	Unit 211 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort, Gull Lake)	240ft ² Shed	Approved
14	87/26	BullsEye Contracting Ltd.	Block 1 Plan 012 0011 (SW 33-41-26-W4M)	935ft ² Addition to Existing Dwelling	Approved
15	88/26	Michael & Brenda Fournier	Lot 11 Block 1 Plan 252 1112 (Milton Area)	Mobile Home w/Covered Deck	Pending
16	89/26	Dwayne Gaudry & Garrett Gaudry	Unit 155 Condo Plan 232 0356 (DeGraff's RV Resort, Gull Lake)	240ft ² Shed	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No subdivision applications received in June, 2026.

MAP OF ACTIVITY



Elections Alberta launches largest recruitment drive in Alberta's history



Elections Alberta is launching the largest electoral event worker recruitment campaign in Alberta's history and one of the largest referendum recruitment efforts ever undertaken in Canada ahead of the province's upcoming referendum on October 19, 2026.

With ten ballot questions, Elections Alberta will print 45 million ballots, far exceeding the 1.8 million ballots cast in Alberta's 2023 provincial general election and the 19.8 million ballots cast in Canada's 2025 federal general election.

To achieve the 48-hour deadline to complete the unofficial ballot count, a minimum of 60,000 workers will be required.

"This referendum will be a colossal undertaking and requires Albertans to work together to deliver the upcoming referendum. Working with us in the coming months provides a great opportunity for students, teams, community groups, and Albertans from all walks of life to get involved in the democratic process," said Gordon McClure, Chief Electoral Officer.

"I especially encourage rural Albertans to apply. Delivering a referendum of this scale will require dedicated election workers in every corner of our province," McClure added.

Seeking to recruit more than 60,000 workers for upcoming referendum

All Alberta residents 16 years or older and eligible to work in Canada are welcome to apply. Some positions will require applicants to be 18 years or older, all election workers will need to pass a criminal history check, and election work-

ers will be unable to participate in any political activity during their employment. Elections Alberta is a non-partisan, independent Office of the Legislature, and all election officers must sign an oath requiring them to uphold the non-partisan mandate of the Office during the Referendum.

For day-to-day operations, Elections Alberta is staffed by 48 permanent staff. This expands significantly during election periods.

During the 2023 Alberta provincial general election, Elections Alberta hired 13,095 election workers, with the total cost for the election coming to approximately \$37 million.

Recruiting more than 60,000 workers for the upcoming referendum is no small task. For context, the 1995 Quebec referendum required the recruitment of 57,000 electoral workers to assist the 4.8 million voters and manage polling stations.

How to apply

Interested Albertans can apply online at <https://recruitment.elections.ab.ca/8400/8>.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early and should apply separately for each role they are interested in. Successful applicants will begin to be notified starting in mid-July.

Applications will be directed to the Returning Officer for the applicant's electoral division based on their residential address. Applicants may also be asked to work in electoral divisions adjacent to where they live.

Applicants are asked to be patient due to the large volume of roles being recruited for and applications received. Only selected candidates will be contacted. Please do not contact Elections Alberta to inquire about the status of your application.

About the positions

Positions will include Election Officers who staff the voting places and Counting Officers who are responsible for vote-counting once voting places close.

A variety of roles are available including:

- Site supervisors,
- Information officers,
- Voting officers,
- Ballot box clerks,
- Registration officers,
- Record clerks,
- Count supervisors,
- Count coordinators, and
- Count officers.

All positions are paid, and the time commitment varies depending on the role. Some positions will begin October 13, with paid training scheduled in early October prior to the position start date. The training will involve a mix of online and in-person, depending on the role.

Applications from rural Albertans are especially encouraged to help support referendum administration and vote counting across the province.

Positions are available for the following periods:

- Advance Voting – October 13 – 17, 2026,
- Election Day – October 19, 2026, and
- Counting Ballots – October 19 – 21, 2026.

Visit our website to learn more about Referendum 2026, the hiring process, read descriptions of the positions, and apply at our Recruitment webpage.

Please see the Important Referendum Information Update for more information on ballots, voting, and voting requirements.

Requirements on timelines to release the unofficial count are set out in the Referendum (General) Regulation. Read more about the amendments which came into effect April 23, 2026. Read the news release on all the changes to the Regulation made in Bill 23.

Follow Elections Alberta on social media for more Referendum 2026 updates.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING BUSINESS IN LACOMBE COUNTY

PIK-N-PAK PRODUCE

Growing Fresh Food and Community in Lacombe County

Since 1987, Pik-N-Pak Produce has been part of Lacombe County's local food story.

The business was established by three cousins, Joe Doef, Ron Prins, and Paul Prins, who each operated greenhouses near Gull Lake. They began working together to pack freshly picked vegetables for farmers' markets and grocery store deliveries, creating the foundation for the operation that continues today.



The business is now owned by Gull Valley Greenhouse and Doef's Greenhouses Ltd., and works closely with S4 Greenhouses Ltd. Together, they grow a variety of produce, including cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplant, bell peppers, and more.

On June 24, 1995, the warehouse was built at the location where it still stands today, 1 km east of the Village of Gull Lake in Lacombe County. What started as a way to provide food for family and friends has grown into a local business serving communities across Central Alberta.

Freshness continues to be an important part of their work. Produce is delivered to the warehouse five to six times per week and is often on shelves within hours of being picked. From there, deliveries are made to approximately 35 Central Alberta grocery stores three days a week.

Over time, customers began stopping by the warehouse to pick up fresh produce from a small cooler. That simple idea continued to grow, and in 2021, the on-site shopping experience expanded with the opening of a 24/7 self-serve store.

Operating on an honour system and accepting cash, debit, and credit card, the store gives customers a convenient way to access fresh local produce and locally made goods at any time.

From there, the Lacombe Fresh brand was created to showcase greenhouse-grown produce and other locally sourced goods. Today, Lacombe Fresh can be found at farmers' markets in Red Deer Gasoline Alley, St. Albert, Old Strathcona, and Bountiful in Edmonton, as well as through the on-site store.

The brand features local products such as honey, coffee, sauces, preserves, cookies, gluten-free baking, pierogies, soups, spices, and more. It also includes products made with their own greenhouse vegetables, including mustard relish, bruschetta, bread and butter pickles, vine-ripened ketchup, basil pesto, sliced dill pickles, and Madras eggplant chutney.

Reducing food waste is another important part of the operation. With an abundance of vegetables, the business provides weekly support to local food banks and organizations, including Rimbey, Clive, Alix, The Mustard Seed in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Lacombe, and Echo Food Rescue, among others.

The business directly employs approximately 20 people, and when including its greenhouse partners, the broader operation supports around 150 jobs. It remains family-run and is continuing into the next generation.

For the families involved, Lacombe County has been a strong place to build and grow. They value the sense of community, the relationships with other local businesses, and the support they have received over the years.

As more people pay attention to where their food comes from, local growers, producers, and farmers continue to play an important role in food security. For this local operation, that work has always been connected to family, community,



and providing fresh food close to home.

From greenhouse to grocery store, farmers' market, food bank, and 24/7 self-serve store, this is a story of steady growth, hard work, innovative thinking, and local connection in Lacombe County.

CONNECT WITH PIK-N-PAK

Location: 28118 AB-12, Gull Lake, AB

- **Email:** info@piknpakproduce.com
- **Phone:** 403-748-4555
- **Facebook:** [Pik-N-Pak Produce Ltd.](#)

If you own or operate a business in Lacombe County and would like to be considered for a future spotlight, we encourage you to connect with the Economic Development Officer.

Please email economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com.

EVERY BUSINESS HAS A STORY WORTH SHARING.



Understanding Alberta’s fire ratings: What they mean and what’s allowed

As Alberta heads into wildfire season, it’s important to understand the different fire risk levels and what they mean for residents. To keep communities safe and protect natural areas, Lacombe County follows Alberta’s standard fire rating system: **Fire Advisory, Fire Restriction, and Fire Ban.**

Since the start of May, Lacombe County has already gone from a Fire Advisory (May 1) to a Fire Restriction (May 6), with close watch on the fire hazard conditions. This quick shift is a strong reminder of how rapidly wildfire conditions can change, especially with dry weather, strong winds, and limited moisture.

Because fire ratings can escalate quickly, it’s essential to stay informed and understand what each level means. Here’s a breakdown of what each level means, and what is and isn’t allowed:

Fire Advisory
Issued when conditions are dry and the risk of wildfire is increasing.

- Allowed:**
- Burns under 500 cubic feet, as per conditions of the fire permit.
 - Recreation fires*
 - Portable propane fire pits
 - Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
 - Catalytic or infrared-style heaters
- Not Allowed:**
- Large-scale burns (greater than 500 cubic feet)
 - Fireworks

Reminder: Always monitor your fire, keep water nearby, and fully extinguish flames before leaving.

Fire Restriction
Issued when fire hazard conditions are serious. For example, if specific conditions change (ie. Wind, limited moisture, etc.).

- Allowed:**
- Recreation fires*
 - Portable propane fire pits
 - Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
 - Catalytic or infrared-style heaters
- Not Allowed:**
- Existing fire permits are cancelled, and NO new permits will be issued
 - Burning of brush piles, debris, or windrows
 - Fires on public lands, including random camping and back country areas
 - Fireworks

Fire Ban
Issued when the fire risk is extreme and fire fighting resources are limited.

- Allowed:**
- Propane/natural gas-powered appliances with an on/off switch
- Not Allowed:**
- All open fires, including recreational fire pits and campfires
 - Fireworks
 - All burn permits are cancelled

Stay Informed
Fire ratings can change quickly. Before you burn, camp or plan a campfire:

- Visit www.albertafirebans.ca for province-wide updates
- Check www.lacombecounty.com or follow Lacombe County on social media for local updates

Staying fire-safe is a shared responsibility. Thanks for doing your part to protect Lacombe County.

To report wildfires, call 310-FIRE (3473).

*Recreation fires include those in campgrounds, private lands, and backyards. Fires must be contained within a metal, brick, or rock fire ring and comply with Lacombe County’s Fire Bylaw.

- Minimum 3.3 metres (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials is maintained;
- Only wood, charcoal, or briquettes, manufactured fire logs, fireplace pellets, propane or natural gas is used;
- Placement on a rock, gravel, sand, or other non-combustible surface extending at least one metre around the fire;
- A responsible person must attend the fire at all times and ensure it is extinguished before leaving;
- Adequate water must be available on site to fully extinguish the fire.

FIRE HAZARD INDEX		NO CONDITIONS	FIRE ADVISORY IN EFFECT	FIRE RESTRICTION IN EFFECT	FIRE BAN IN EFFECT
Open Burning (permit required)	✓	Limited	✗	✗	
Burn Barrels	✓	Limited	✓	✗	
Residential Fire Pits with a Screen	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Charcoal Briquette Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Propane / Natural Gas Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Propane / Natural Gas Firepit	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Propane / Natural Gas-powered Appliances	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Smudge Fires (in barrel)	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Wood Pellet Barbecue / Smoker without an On / Off Switch	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Wood Pellet Barbecue / Smoker with an On / Off Switch	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Safe Wood Campfires on Public Lands	✓	✓	✗	✗	
Open Flame Oil Devices (tiki torches)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indoor Wood Fire	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fireworks	✗ No fireworks permits issued once an Fire Advisory is in effect.				
Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV)	✗ Use caution while operating Off-Road Vehicles or farm equipment, as hot exhaustpipes posea firehazard.				
Improperly Discarded Smoker's Materials	✗ Discarded cigarettes are one of the leading causes of preventable fires in our municipality. Use caution when disposing of cigarette butts, as they can easily light dried brush and grass. Even a smallgustofwindcansustainandcarryembersfromadiscardedcigarette,causing fires to spreadrapidly.				

Understanding Your 2026 Property Tax Payments:

A Guide for Lacombe County Taxpayers

As Lacombe County prepares for its annual property tax assessment and collection process, we want to help taxpayers feel informed and ready for the upcoming deadlines. Our goal is to provide clear information so residents and business owners can navigate the process with confidence.

Here's everything you need to know about the 2026 property tax cycle.

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES DISPATCHED

Lacombe County will send out 2026 Assessment and Tax Notices in early May. These notices let you know the property tax due for the current year, so watch your mail for this important information.

HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR NOTICE?

If you have not received your tax notice by the end of June, please contact Lacombe County. Reaching out promptly can help ensure you have the information you need and avoid payment deadline issues.

Please make sure you have received your property assessment and tax notice.

UPDATING YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Please ensure Lacombe County has your current mailing address. Keeping your address up to date helps you receive your tax notice and other important County communications.

It is also helpful to make sure the Alberta Land Titles Office has your correct mailing address so you continue to receive important property-related mail.

Having your mailing address up to date helps ensure you receive your tax notice, other important County communications, and mail from the Alberta Land Titles Office.

If your address has changed, please let us know as soon as you can by contacting:

- Lacombe County at 403-782-6601 or emailing info@lacombecounty.com.
- Alberta Land Titles changes can be found at https://servicealberta.ca/pdf/ltmanual/CHANGE_OF_ADDRESS.pdf

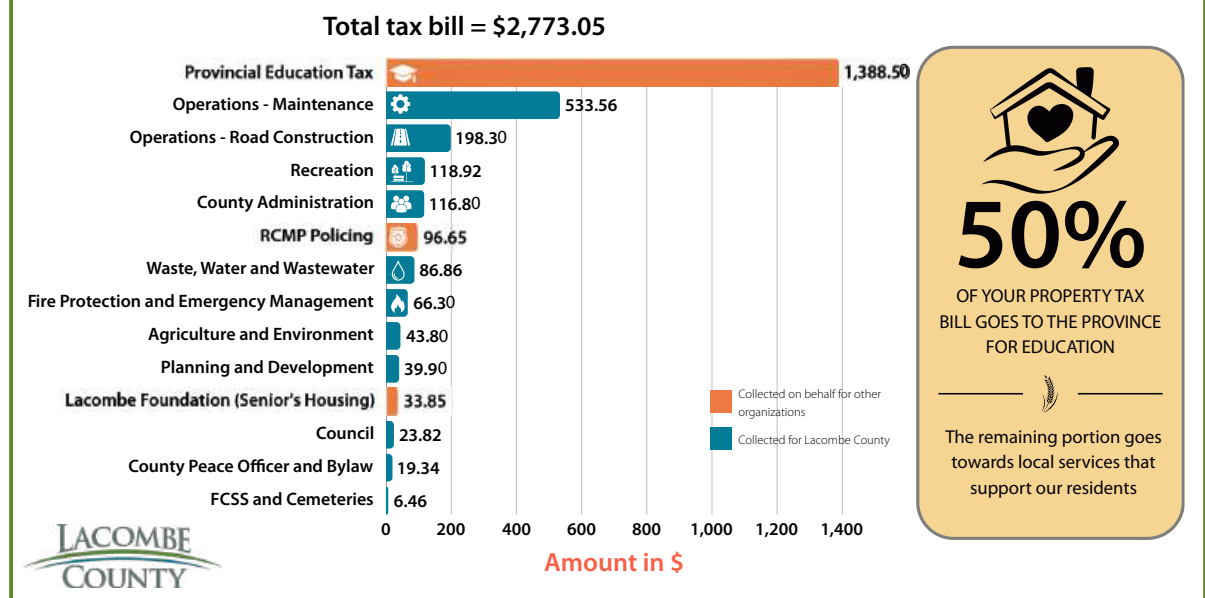
ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT PROCESS

If you have questions about your property assessment or believe there may be an error, you can use the formal complaint process. The deadline for filing a complaint will be listed on your notice, so be sure to review it carefully if you would like to submit one.

Detailed instructions for lodging a complaint are available on our website (<https://www.lacombe->

WHERE YOUR TAXES GO

Based on a \$500,000 residential assessment



[county.com/en/living-here/assessment.aspx](https://www.lacombe-county.com/en/living-here/assessment.aspx)) and at our office.

PAYMENT DEADLINES AND OPTIONS

All tax payments are due no later than August 31, 2026. Lacombe County offers several convenient payment options to help make the process as easy as possible.

- **By Mail:** Send your payment to Lacombe County, RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3. Ensure your mail is postmarked by Canada Post no later than August 31 to avoid penalties.
- **In Person:** Visit our County Office at 40403 RGE RD 274, Lacombe County, AB, during office hours. Additionally, a secure envelope mailbox is available at the road entrance for non-cash payments.
- **Electronically:** Payments can be made via internet banking or, for businesses, EFT. Ensure funds are sent several days before the deadline to ensure the funds are received in the County's bank account by the deadline.
- **By Credit Card:** Use OptionPay via our website, www.lacombecounty.com. Note that this service incurs a fee, which does not go to Lacombe County.
- **Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP):** Enroll in TIPP for monthly payments instead of a single annual payment. Enrollment forms are available at our office and online.

LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES

Paying by the August 31 deadline is the best way to avoid late-payment penalties.

- Haven't received your assessment or tax notice? Please contact us and we'll be happy to help.
- Notice something on your assessment that doesn't look right? Please get in touch so we can guide you through the next steps.
- Once you receive your assessment and tax notice, planning your payment early can help you avoid late fees.
- If you prefer to spread your payments out over the year, the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) may be a helpful option.

Payments received after the August 31 deadline are subject to a 6% penalty on September 1 for any outstanding taxes. An additional 10% penalty is applied on December 1 for taxes that remain unpaid after November 30.

These penalties do not apply to taxpayers enrolled in TIPP.

WHY STAY INFORMED?

Property taxes are a significant aspect of municipal finance, directly affecting the quality of services and infrastructure in Lacombe County. By staying informed and meeting your tax obligations on time, you contribute to the continued development and maintenance of our community.

If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to update your information, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-6601. We're here to help make the process as straightforward as possible.

REMINDER:

Responsible use of public spaces

With the return of warmer weather, Lacombe County's parks, trails, beaches, and green spaces become well-used by residents and visitors alike. These public areas are shared spaces, and everyone has a role to play in keeping them clean, safe, and welcoming.

The standards for responsible public space use are supported by several County bylaws, including the Community Standards Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw, and Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw. These bylaws work together to ensure that County spaces remain enjoyable for all while also protecting the environment and the well-being of our communities.

Here are a few simple ways to help ensure everyone can enjoy these spaces:

- **Pets must be leashed and cleaned up after:** Dogs must be on a leash when in public areas such as parks, trails, or campgrounds. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up any waste left by their animals.
- **No cannabis in public places:** Smoking or vaping cannabis is not allowed in public spaces, including parks, trails, and beaches.
- **Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are restricted:** OHVs, including ATVs and dirt bikes, may only be operated in designated areas where clearly permitted. Please follow posted signage and respect all access restrictions.
- **Equestrian use is prohibited:** Horses are not permitted in County parks or reserve lands, in order to prevent trail damage and preserve sensitive environments.
- **Discharge of firearms is not allowed:** For the safety of all users, firearms and projectile weapons may not be discharged in parks, reserves, or other public spaces.
- **Respect others when gathering:** If you're hosting a group activity in a park, beach, or public space, please be courteous. Keep music and noise to a respectful level, avoid blocking access to others, and leave the area clean.
- **Observe quiet hours:** Noise that disturbs others - such as loud music, shouting, or engine revving - is not permitted between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in public or residential areas.
- **Leave no trace:** Dispose of all garbage properly. If bins are unavailable or full, take your waste home with you to help protect wildlife and keep our parks clean for the next visitor.

By following these expectations, we can all contribute to a positive and respectful outdoor experience across Lacombe County. To learn more, or to view the full bylaws, visit www.lacombecounty.com.



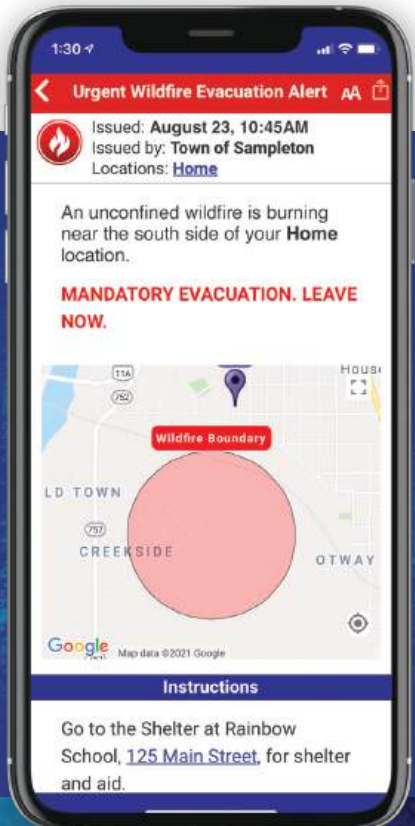
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Alberta's agricultural moisture update

Alberta's producers watch moisture levels closely throughout the changing seasons. Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation provides moisture system updates throughout the year. These updates include a synopsis of conditions and trends, perspectives, and various moisture-related maps.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](https://open.alberta.ca/publications/moisture-situation-update)

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 11, 2026

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES

Council approved the following recommendations from the June 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting:

- That the RCMP Detachment Commanders presentation be received for information.
- That the Introduction to Property Assessment presentation be received for information.
- That the Public Engagement in Council Agenda Items presentation be received for information, and that a trial public engagement section be added to Council Agenda Items until the October 6, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting, with an evaluation to follow.
- That the Subdivisions in the Agricultural Area presentation be received for information.
- That the Land Acknowledgement Review – Municipal Development Plan discussion be received for information; and further, that the Land Acknowledgement Review topic be incorporated into the 2027 review of the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw, and that the Land Acknowledgement statement be amended in the Economic Development Strategy 2026 Update document through a separate resolution.
- That the Fire Tender Trailer – Rental Program discussion be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Central Alberta Economic Partnership

Membership discussion be received for information.

- Approved amendments/updates to several policies, including:
 - AD(32) Environmental Policy
 - AD(33) Environmental Community Engagement
 - OP(1) Road Designations and Standards
 - OP(2) Road Construction Programs
 - OP(4) Gravel Program
 - OP(5) Pavement Management
 - OP(8) Compensation for Road Construction
 - AD(19) Compliance Reports

CITY OF LACOMBE - 2026 RC(1) RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST SPRAY PARK ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM

Council approved contributions up to \$42,580 toward the City of Lacombe's Spray Park Accessible Washroom Project, with funding to be allocated from the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Council approved the continued appointment of Councillor Kreil to the Parkland Regional Library Board.

PRE-BUDGET MEETING - RESCHEDULE

Council rescheduled the Pre-Budget meeting from August 28 to September 1, 2026.

POLICY UPDATES

Council approved grammatical and formatting amendments to the following Environmental

policies:

- AD(32) Environmental Policy
- AD(33) Environmental Community Engagement

Council approved amendments to the Operations policies, including:

- **OP(1) Road Designations and Standards**
 - Adding Range Road 27-4 (south of Highway 12) to the list of Primary Local Main Roads
 - Adding Range Road 27-3 (south of Highway 597) to the list of Secondary Local Main Roads
- **OP(2) Road Construction Program, OP(4) Gravel Program, OP(5) Pavement Management, OP(8) Compensation for Road Construction**
 - Administrative updates

Council approved amendments to the Planning Services policy:

- **AD(19) Compliance Reports**
 - Updates to the fees and report requirements

RATES AND FEES BYLAW

Council approved first, second and third readings of Bylaw No. 1463/26, the Rates and Fees Bylaw. The updates better align Planning Services rates and fees, particularly for large-scale energy and data centre projects, with cost recovery and industry best practices.

STARS PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from STARS highlighting current operations, local missions, future funding considerations, and a request for Lacombe County's continued financial support.

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, 2026

- If you missed the December 31 deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2026 anytime 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!

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 25, 2026

LACOMBE REGIONAL AIRPORT - 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved funding 25% (\$12,338.75) toward the rehabilitation of the Lacombe Regional Airport's south taxiway, with the project scheduled for completion in 2026.

2027 OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PURCHASES

Council approved the replacement of sixteen pieces of the County's equipment for 2027. The County Manager was authorized to tender and award the purchases at an estimated cost of \$10,009,900, and to dispose of the existing units at an estimated return of \$2,171,840. The estimated net cost difference of \$7,837,160 will be funded from the Fleet and Equipment Reserve.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE – STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY

Council reviewed the draft responses to the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee's strategic plan survey and provided input. Council directed the County Manager to submit the survey responses on behalf of Council.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING - RESCHEDULE

Council rescheduled the Agricultural Service Board meeting from October 21 to October 20, 2026.

WEATHER STATION DEMONSTRATION

Council received a presentation on the County's weather stations, including locations, data collected, and how information is accessed online. The live weather station data is available on the County's website at <https://www.lacombecounty.com/living-here/weather-information>.

STARS SUPPORT

Council approved that Lacombe County fund STARS on an annual basis, with the 2026 donation set at \$2/capita, and future contributions indexed in the same manner as other County grant funding programs.

MORNINGSIDE COMMUNITY SOCIETY – COMMUNITY HALL WATER WELL PROJECT

Council approved contributing up to \$13,000 to the Morningside Community Society's Hall Water Well Project, and that the contribution be funded from the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

POLICY RC(1) CAPITAL SUPPORT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES REVIEW

Council approved amendments to Policy RC(1), Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities. The changes aim to modernize the policy, simplify application requirements, clarify ownership for new projects, introduce a funding cap for certain projects, and ensure consistency across facility types.

FIRE TENDER TRAILER – RENTAL PROGRAM

Council approved the acquisition of a Fire Tender Trailer, at a maximum cost of \$22,000, to be funded through the 2027 Fire Services Operating Budget and directed the County Manager to develop a Fire Tender Trailer Rental Program.

BYLAW NO. 1464/26 – RESERVE LAND DESIGNATION

Council received a presentation on Bylaw No. 1464/26, which proposes designating certain lands as municipal reserve, environmental reserve, and public utility lot.

Council approved first reading and scheduled a public hearing for August 27, 2026 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Lacombe County Council Chambers.

SUNFAVOR AGRIPOWER INC. PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from SunFavor AgriPower Inc. outlining their concept for an integrated project combining agriculture-supporting energy production, heat recovery, data processing, and agricultural processing.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council received a notice of a motion from Councillor Van Haren proposing a child tax credit for residents under 18 years old, to be made at the July 9, 2026 Regular Council meeting.

Otto Family receives 125 Year Farm Family recognition

The history of the Otto Family's farm began in the spring of 1900, when Charlie Southwell purchased the NW-16-40-26-W4 quarter section. The land was later passed to his son-in-law, Fred Moore, who was the father of Barbara Otto. Fred farmed and cared for the property until 1956, when Stan and Barbara Otto purchased the land from him. More than a century later, the farm remains in Barbara Otto's name, a testament to the family's deep roots and enduring connection to the land. As of 2026, the 2.29-acre acreage is owned by grandson Brad Hellofs, continuing the family's proud stewardship into the next generation.

In recognition of this remarkable legacy, Lacombe County Deputy Reeve Dwayne West presented the family with a 125 Year Farm Family sign on behalf of Lacombe County. This extraordinary milestone honours five generations of dedication, perseverance, and commitment to agriculture. Families such as the Ottos represent the foundation of our rural community, and Lacombe County is proud to celebrate their 125 years of continuous connection to the land. Their story is a powerful reminder of the enduring spirit of agriculture and the lasting impact farm families have on shaping and strengthening our region.



Drive One For Your Community

Lacombe Ford is lucky to be part of such an amazing and generous community. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our friends, families, guests, and community members who came out and participated in our Ford Drive One for Your Community Event.

With your support, we completed 125 test drives, raising \$3,750 for Lacombe Victim Services. We are also pleased to share that Saving Grace Animal Society received \$1,016.80 from our charity BBQ. Your participation helped support two valuable, local organizations that make a real difference in our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to give back and proud to be part of a community that continues to show up, support one another, and make a positive impact.

Thank you again to everyone who joined us and helped make this event such a success. We look forward to seeing you at future events!





Bentley & District Ag Society

Fair and Rodeo
August 4 – 8, 2026



For dates and times of all events, checkout our facebook page or on our website. www.bentleyagsociety.com



Bentley & District Ag Society Fair & Rodeo Salute to: 60th Anniversary – Bentley Arena

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026		
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Bench Show Entries	Blindman Valley Ag Center
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026		
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Bench Show Entries	Blindman Valley Ag Center
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026		
10:00 a.m.	Parade Entries	Behind Arena
11:30 a.m.	Parade Entry Judging	Behind Arena
1:00 p.m.	Parade – Sunset Hills Riding Club	
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bench Show – Bentley Ag Society	Blindman Valley Ag Center
2:30 p.m.	Concession Open	Arena
3:00 p.m.	Junior Rodeo	Arena
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026		
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	*Pancake Breakfast – Sunset Hills Riding Club*	Legion Park – Tent
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Bench Show – Bentley Ag Society	Blindman Valley Ag Center
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Bench Show Presentations	Blindman Valley Ag Center
4:00 p.m.	Concession Open	Arena
6:00 p.m.	*Ag Rodeo*	Arena
Rodeo Admission: Youth/Senior/Adults - \$10.00 - 6 & under Free		
Spectators use Main Arena Door Entrance		
6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	*Beer Gardens* - Bentley Rodeo	Arena
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026		
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	*Pancake Breakfast – Sunset Hills Riding Club*	Legion Park – Tent
1:00 p.m.	Concession Open	Curling Rink/Arena
6:00 p.m.	*Ag Rodeo*	Arena
Rodeo Admission: Youth/Senior/Adult - \$10.00 – 6 & under Free		
Spectators use Main Arena Door Entrance		
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	*Beer Gardens* - Bentley Rodeo	Arena
9:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	*Dancing in the Dirt After Party*	Arena
11:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Live Music – Ashley Law	Arena

Indicates Admission Charge

Other Events		
Friday	Museum Open Fireworks – Dusk Drive In Movie	Saturday
		Museum Open Bentley Library Petting Zoo Bentley Farmers Market Kroozin' West Show & Shine
Sunday	Interdenominational Church Service Museum Open	

TAX DEADLINE: AUG. 31

Combined property assessment and tax notices were mailed in early May. If you have NOT received yours, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-6601.



Pay your property taxes BY AUGUST 31, and avoid any late tax penalties! Learn more at www.lacombecounty.com/taxes.

ASSESSMENT 101 | *What you need to know*

WHY DO WE ASSESS PROPERTY?

Assessment establishes the value of a property in relation to similar properties and does not itself generate property taxes. Assessment is the process of valuing property to fairly and equitably distribute a municipality's total property tax requirement amongst property owners. Property taxes are generated when provincial education & municipal tax rates are applied to the assessed value of your property. Assessment preparation activities are set out by the Province in Statutes and Regulations.

2026 TIMELINE RECAP

Assessors are completing a cyclical/rotational property re inspection project throughout Ranges 1, 2, & 28 and properties that have changed ownership in the past 12 months this summer. The deadline for the annual Non-Residential property request for information surveys was July 1, 2026, reminder letters were mailed in June. Lacombe County will be mailing non-compliance letters to those property owners who have not returned their non-residential surveys this month. If you have not yet returned your survey, please do so. Assessors will also be completing spot inspections on some non-residential properties over the summer as well. If you have received a letter, email, or phone call requesting an inspection of commercial/ industrial property your cooperation to arrange a suitable time is appreciated.

The deadline to make an assessment complaint about the 2026 Assessment to the assessment review board was July 8, 2026. Complaints are required to be made in the format and time frame specified by the Municipal Government Act.

2026 PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

To ensure the accuracy of property assessments, Assessors re-inspect various properties throughout the municipality each year in Lacombe County. Assessors will inspect properties for various reasons, including cyclical updates, modernizations identified via development/safety code permits, ownership changes, changes identified in the most recent aerial photographs, reports/updates from other sources or public observations.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN INSPECTION?

During an in-person inspection an assessor may:

- physically collect/verify measurements of buildings and other structures,
- review improvement and property characteristics, such as type of construction, number of bathrooms, type of heating, basement finish, areas finished as office or warehouse, site improvements, updates or renovations, etc.
- confirm the circumstances of the sale/ purchase of a property to determine if the transaction reflected a typical market value and could be used for comparison purposes.

Assessors must "classify" the property based on the use of the improvement and/or land (e.g. residential, farm land, commercial, industrial/ manufacturing – a property may be dual or multi-purpose, residential & industrial). This means the Assessor will make observations about the use occurring at the property in order to classify it while completing the physical inspection.

County Assessors may collect this information by requesting a physical "walk-thru" of each building when the owner/occupant is present (otherwise, the Assessor will try to do an external "walk-around"). Other collection methods may include in-person interviews (at the door or by phone), drive-by, mail or email request, MLS or online listings, or any other source of information available to us. Failure to respond to a request for information necessary to prepare the assessment may result in your inability to file a complaint with

an assessment review board about the property the following year.

WHY INSPECTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL?

The information we collect about a property must be current so Assessors can prepare accurate and equitable assessments of properties in the municipality each year. This is especially important if the property has recently changed ownership, if renovations/modernizations have been completed, or the actual use of the property has changed.

We will do our best to answer your questions during the inspection; however, some inquiries require further research and information. If this is the case, we may request a contact number or email address, so follow-up can be done to answer your questions.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation. Should you have questions regarding the assessment of your property, please get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS Lacombe County municipal Assessors are continuously reviewing and visiting properties throughout the municipality 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, do not 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



Andrew Beecraft



Nolan Bepalko

Tarp your load – Keep Lacombe County clean and safe

When heading to one of Lacombe County's Waste Transfer Stations, please remember to tarp your load.

While there is no bylaw requiring tarping in Lacombe County, we strongly encourage all residents to secure and tarp their loads—not only as a courtesy to others, but to help keep our community clean and safe.

WHY TARP YOUR LOAD?

Prevent roadside litter: Unsecured waste can easily blow out of vehicles, ending up in County ditches

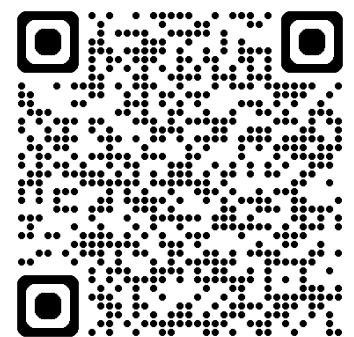
and fields, harming the environment and increasing cleanup costs.

Protect other drivers: Loose material falling off a vehicle can create serious hazards for others on the road.

We all have a role to play in preserving the beauty and safety of Lacombe County. Thank you for doing your part by securing your load.

For more information about Waste Transfer Stations, visit: <https://www.lrwsc.ca/>.

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



RAVE
MOBILE SAFETY



RAVE Alert mass notification system

What is RAVE?

RAVE allows the Alberta RCMP to provide operational or educational alerts to community members in specific areas of the province. Users who sign up can receive alerts for:

- Crime watch notifications
- Traffic advisories
- Crime prevention tips
- General public safety messaging

Alerts are sent via email, text message, or phone call.

Why should I sign up?

RAVE allows community members to assist police and act as useful resources to their local detachments and their respective communities. You can also receive trusted information in real-time.

How do I sign up?

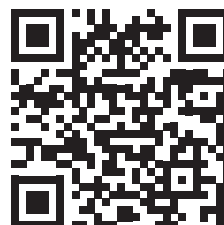
Scan the QR code to register:

www.getrave.ca/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=CrimeWatchAdvisoryAB



Scan the QR code for instructions and to set your RAVE preferences:

<https://youtu.be/0TO9oevDo5c>



CAPTURE

Community Assisted Policing Through Use of Recorded Evidence

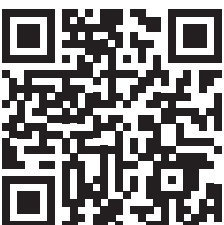


Register your security camera

Assist police with investigating crimes and keeping your community safe.

Registry is secure and entirely voluntary. Sign up today and help protect your property, your family, and your community.

REGISTER YOUR CAMERA(S) AT
ruralalbertacapture.ca



THE ALBERTA RCMP APP

A simplified online experience to:



- Report crime
- Contact a detachment
- Learn about crime rates in your area
- And more!



Stay connected by downloading the free app today.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada



RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Home Support Services

Reliable Housekeeping for Seniors

Trained & Screened Providers

Services Offered:

- Laundry
- Kitchen, Living room, Bathroom cleaning
- Dusting
- Mopping
- Vacuuming
- Meal prep assistance
- Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly
- Lacombe, Blackfalds, Bentley, Clive and Lacombe County



SUPPORTED BY:   

Lacombe & District FCSS:
403-782-6637

Bentley FCSS:
403-748-2160

Clive FCSS:
403-784-2020

CALL NOW !







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



Over The Hill & Loving The View

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+ to join us for our regular Tuesday/Thursday afternoons.

- | | | |
|-------------|------|-------------------------|
| • Tuesdays | 1 pm | Socialize/cards/games |
| • Thursdays | 1pm | Socialize/cards/games |
| • Potluck | | Last Tuesday each month |

YEARLY
MEMBERSHIP
FEE \$10

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

Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

- | | | |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| • Mondays | 9:45 to 11 am | Seated Movers & Groovers |
| • Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:45 | Chair Yoga - light movements |

Registration required for these programs
Move your body, make connections & socialize!

Call 403.748.2160



These programs are open to 55+
You do not need to be a member of the Drop In to attend thanks to....

BENTLEY SENIORS DROP IN, FCSS/TOWN OF BENTLEY, EDMONTON SENIORS CENTRE

be in the know



Community Newsletter

Monthly Editions

are available in the box downtown for pickup,
in participating businesses and the
PDF is also available on the Town Website
on the bottom of the homepage.

AROUND THE COUNTY

WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Announcing... We are thrilled to welcome a familiar face back to the region, this Fall! Noah Mulzet, will be offering chiropractic services two days a week, bringing a passion for movement, wellness and community-first care. Watch for more updates and information about this new offering.

Beach Days- Coming Soon!

On August 15, following the Alix Days Parade, enjoy Alix Beach activities from 12PM-4PM, including carnival games, lawn BINGO, scavenger hunt, face painting, money dig and more!

Launch a Learner- Apply Now

Contact us to apply if you are in need of school supplies.

We invite your help to make sure that every child has the tools they need to succeed by making a monetary donation at the Centre.

OR

- If you are shopping, double up on some items to donate
 - Collect new/ unused supplies from friends or family
- Please drop-off items at Alix CRC office or collection bins in Alix.

Hearing Clinic Day- Book Now

July 30 & August 27, 10AM-4PM.

Wax Removal (\$30/ear) and

Free Clean & Check: hearing aid evaluations.



Block Party & Community Registration Night- Save the Date

Thursday, September 10, more details to follow.

ONGOING

~Weekly Veggie Delivery~ Available to Everyone! ONE bag per HOUSEHOLD. Veggies will be available for pick-up beginning on Tuesday, as of 1PM. Thank you Pik-N-Pak Produce Ltd.!

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

Closed all statutory holidays

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369



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
@AlixandAreaCommunityResourceCentre

www.alixcrc.com

Sponsorship Opportunity

INDIVIDUALS

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BUSINESSES

FIREWORKS FRIDAY, AUGUST 7/26
BEFORE THE DRIVE IN MOVIE!

Town of Bentley \$2,500

In 2025 \$12,000 was raised and we heard it was another AMAZING FIREWORKS SHOW!

Contact Town Office to discuss your donation
403-748-4044 info@townofbentley.ca



2026 BENTLEY TOWN AND COUNTRY FAIR AUGUST 7-8, 2026

PARADE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS

"SALUTE TO 60TH ANNIVERSARY - BENTLEY ARENA"

PARADE, PANCAKE BREAKFASTS, FARMERS MARKET, HIGH SCHOOL REUNION, CAR SHOW, DRIVE IN MOVIE, FIREWORKS, GREAT SHOPPING, & MORE BENTLEY WILL BE THE PLACE TO BE!



JULY & AUG PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES!

2026
ALL SUMMER

TD STORY WALK

BEGINNING JUNE 9 | LMC COURTYARD
GO FOR A WALK THROUGH THE LMC COURTYARD AND READ "COLETTE: THE SOLITARY BEE" BY JEAN-FRANÇOIS SÉNÉCHAL. AVAILABLE ALL SUMMER! FREE!

JUNE 22 - SEPT 4

ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

* CHALLENGE PACKAGE AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY STARTING JUNE 22. COME PICK UP A PRINTED CHALLENGE PACKAGE AND GET STARTED! EVERY PARTICIPANT EARNS A REWARD AND WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE OF A \$60 GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL BUSINESS AND BOOK LOVERS GIFT BUNDLE. ENDS SEPT 4TH.

JULY 6 - AUG 13

TD SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

MON-THURS | EXACT TIMES/DATES ON WEBSITE
SIX WEEKS OF WATER THEMED FUN FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-13.
* FREE! CHECK WEBSITE FOR NEW SIGN-UP PROCESS.

THURS JULY 23

ADULT CRAFTS: BOOKMARKS

6:30-8:30PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME LEARN HOW TO MAKE A FEW DIFFERENT BOOKMARK DESIGNS!
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. \$5 SUPPLY FEE.

THURS JULY 30

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-8:30PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME FOR SOME TRIVIA FUN AS A TEAM OF 2-5 OR AS A SINGLE. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ADMISSION BY DONATION.

SAT AUG 1

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

10AM-12 PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
BRING THE KIDS FOR A MORNING OF LEGO BUILDING FUN
* DROP-IN. FREE!

FRI AUG 7

READER'S RETREAT

6-9PM | IN THE LIBRARY
RELAX, SIP SOME TEA & READ YOUR BOOK IN THE QUIET OF THE LIBRARY. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

TUES AUG 11

SPICE OF THE MONTH

PICK-UP: 10AM | LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK
REGISTER BY JULY 13 TO RECEIVE A PACKET WITH SPICE INFORMATION, SOME RECIPES, AND A SMALL SAMPLE!
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

FRI AUG 14

TD SUMMER PROGRAM PANCAKE BREAKFAST

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN ON OUR SOCIALS (FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, DISCORD, OR OUR WEBSITE) FOR MORE DETAILS CLOSER TO THE DATE!

FRI AUG 17

READER'S RETREAT

6-9PM | IN THE LIBRARY
RELAX, SIP SOME TEA & READ YOUR BOOK IN THE QUIET OF THE LIBRARY. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

TUES AUG 18

ADULT CRAFTS: TBD

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN ON OUR SOCIALS (FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, DISCORD, OR OUR WEBSITE) FOR MORE DETAILS CLOSER TO THE DATE!

THURS AUG 27

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-8:30PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME FOR SOME TRIVIA FUN AS A TEAM OF 2-5 OR AS A SINGLE. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ADMISSION BY DONATION.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW DISCORD SERVER!
Join us for bookish chatter, news and updates, make suggestions, and more!

Link:
<https://discord.gg/vFn5cBZ8kS>

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.LACOMBELIBRARY.COM



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:

- July 19th-25th is National Drowning Prevention Week. There will be activities all week to raise awareness around drowning prevention.
- Holiday Public Swim on August 3rd, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Watch for Fall Registration to open in August.
- Spray Park still closed due to maintenance.

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

Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library

EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE

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

Summer Programming

Wild Things Yoga *Ages 18mths-3yrs*
Pirate Escape Rooms *Ages 5-9*
Poke-Go Walking Club *Ages 8+*
Read-Justu *Ages 6-13*
Family Film Fest *All Ages*
Write Place, Write Time *Ages 18+*

**For more program info, check out our website & social media platforms.*

Our Summer Reading Program will run until August 14th!

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

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!

Visit us on our website & social medias

Contact
403-885-2343
www.prl.ab.ca/blackfalds
Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue
Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

GULL LAKE COMMUNITY LEAGUE
SPONSORED EVENT

THE MEMPHIS MAFIA
will be playing!

SATURDAY, JULY 18

DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM

DANCE 7:00 - 10:00 PM

\$25.00 PER PERSON

Put on your dancing shoes!

TICKETS - CONTACT Sue F. 403-748-2382

CASH BAR

CLASSIC ROCK ★ ROCK 'N' ROLL ★ COUNTRY FAVOURITES

GULL LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

LET'S DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

Good Times GREAT MUSIC!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MEMPHIS MAFIA!

September 21st - 25th 2026

ADVANCED GRANT WRITING COURSE™

Learn a proven process for winning government grants. The course is created and taught by David Kincade, a professional grant writer with 25+ years of experience.

- Includes your grant calendar (e.g., customized list of grants)
- Create a master grant application you can use year after year
- Ideal for people seeking more than \$50,000 in grants

The City of Lacombe is excited to host David Kincade's Advanced Grant Writing Course™ from September 21st to September 25th, 2026 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. 13 spots are available.

Schedule:

Monday: 1:00pm - 4:15pm
Tuesday: 8:45am - 12:00pm. Lunch. 12:30pm - 3:45pm
Wednesday: 1:00pm - 4:15pm
Thursday: 8:45am - 12:00pm. Lunch. 12:30pm - 3:45pm
Friday: 8:45am - 12:00pm

Deliverables:

- 21 hours of in-person training to help organizations build a master grant application
- Online grant writing portal for 12 months following the course (over 14 hours of instructional video and over 140 lessons)

Question and Answer:

- Organizations will receive complimentary assistance in applying for a training grant with the course instructor, so please contact us as soon as possible.
- The training grant (Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant) may cover 50% of the trainee cost.
- Course Cost Per Trainee: \$5,000. Training Grant covers \$2,500 per trainee. Plus GST.
- The training grant is first come, first serve. **Submit by August 21st, 2026.**
- A reminder that the grant is reimbursed. The organization is required to pay the tuition before the course starts, and it submits for reimbursement the day after the course.
- If the organization is ineligible for the CAPG, they are required to fund the course cost.
- Learn more: <https://albertabusinesgrants.ca/grant-writing>



Contact: davidk@albertabusinesgrants.ca or 780-297-6177 to register by September 10th.

CHECK IT OUT:

Medicine River Watershed Society website

The Medicine River Watershed Society advocates for the health of both the Medicine River Paskapoo aquifer. If you would about the watershed society activities you can help, please scan this will take you to the Medicine River website or visit them at <https://medicineriverwatershed.ca/>.



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ALIX WAGON WHEEL MUSEUM 2026 FUNDRAISER

BIKE-RUN-WALK-A-THON & POKER RALLY

Saturday, July 18 | Register 8:30AM-10:30AM
Meeting Point: Heritage Park Alix, across from the arena

Poker Rally (18+) and Pledge Sheets (under 18)



\$10 per poker hand
\$5 minimum per kids' pledge sheet
• Get your pledge sheet at the museum or at registration

Visit the Five Stations throughout Alix!

Enjoy Treats While Supporting Your Local Museum
\$6 Hot Dog or Spring Rolls, Chips and Pop

Prize for the Top Poker Hand is a BBQ donated by Gator RV!
Sucker Pull Prizes for All Kids!



For more information: Alixmuseum@gmail.ca or
Visit the Museum Tuesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM

MORNINGSIDE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendar for
the Duane Steele Band

November 14, 2026.

Cocktails at 5:30 pm

Bob Ronnie catered

dinner @ 6pm

Silent Auction | Cash Bar

Tickets: \$85.00 each or \$80.00
for a table of six

Call Glenna at 403-872-4254 for
more information

Save the date for Travelling
Dinner Show in September.
More information coming
soon!

gull lake centre
creating space to connect

WONDER STRUCK

SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTRATION OPENS JAN 7TH!

CAMP	AGES	DATE	PRICE + GST
Scamper	5 - 7	June 19 - 21	\$180
Scamper's Adult	18+	June 19 - 21	\$180
LTD Week	14 - 18	June 27 - July 3	See web
Family Camp	All ages	July 5 - 10	See web
Jr. Teens 1	12 - 14	July 12 - 17	\$590
Kids	9 - 11	July 19 - 24	\$590
Teens *NEW*	13 - 15	July 26 - 31	\$590
Juniors	7 - 10	Aug 4 - 7	\$480
Jr. Teens 2	12 - 14	Aug 9 - 14	\$590
Sr. Teens	15 - 18	Aug 16 - 22	\$620

camp@gulllakecentre.ca 403-782-2495 gulllakecentre.ca

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL & **COATS FOR KIDS**

DONATE OR APPLY TODAY!

Local Kids. Local Support. Real Impact.

fcss Lacombe & District Family and Community Support Services

fcss Clive Family and Community Support Services

Through the support of community donors and corporate sponsors, we continue to meet the needs of children and youth in our community. Supplies will be given to students in the Lacombe, Lacombe County, Clive & Mirror.

Lakeside Hall

Special Community Meeting

The board of the Lakeside Recreation Society is holding a special meeting on Sept. 9, 2026 7 PM at the Lakeside Hall to discuss and get input on the future direction of the hall.

All interested community members are invited to attend. Memberships, required to vote, will be sold at the door for \$2.00 Please contact lakeside.rec.society@gmail.com for more information.

THE CRAFTY CREW
Create amazing crafts!
Learn about your community!
Showcase your work at the Bench Show!

When: July 9, 16, 23 & 30
Where: Community Room, basement of Town Office
Time: 9am to 3pm
Age: 8 - 12
Investment: \$40 Need to bring lunch/snacks/water bottle

Youth will participate in a variety of activities while learning about Bentley. They will be creating crafts which will be shared in community as well as entered into the Bench Show in August.

10 SPOTS Registration with payment will secure a spot for 4 fun filled days!
Community Services: 403-748-2160

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE

Rec. Program's
**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
FUNDRAISER
9am - noon

\$12
*CASH ONLY
UNDER 18 BY
DONATION

**MON.
AUG.
3**

**SUPPORT THE SUMMER
REC. PROGRAM**

Find us at the Summer Village of Gull Lake Community Hall!

Let's party! We are having a
"Celebrate Life Event!"

Families with children of all ages are invited to join us at the Care Centre for a special morning celebrating life with the residents!
This is a wonderful opportunity to create smiles, build connections across generations, and celebrate the joy of community.
We look forward to sharing this special time with you!

Fun games
Cupcake decorating
Sing Happy Life Day

August 11th, 2026
Bentley Care Centre
10:30am to 12pm

Registration Deadline
August 6th/26
403-748-2160

**Ellis
Nature Centre**

Roots & Wings

Harvest Dinner

Fundraiser Gala
August 22nd 2026
From 5pm - 9pm

At Ellis Nature Centre
39502 Range Rd 260, Lacombe County

Price: \$125.00 (Fees included)
Tickets available on eventbrite



2026
LIVE STANDARDBRED RACING CALENDAR
CASINO OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

THE TRACK ON 2
CASINO & HORSE RACING

The Track On 2 - Where you can always bet on the excitement of the race!

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

THE TRACK ON 2
40109 Range Road 272
Lacombe County, Alberta, Canada
Phone: 1-403-785-3122
Email: thetrackon2@gmail.com
www.thetrackon2.com

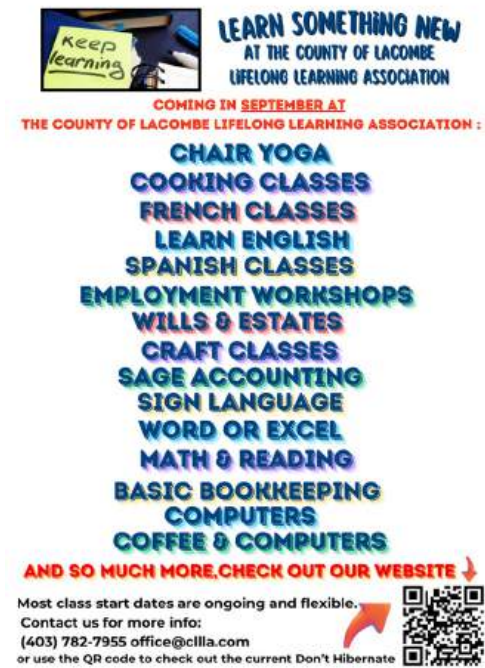


The Saron Lutheran Congregation of Clive
invites you to its
125-year Anniversary

Date: Saturday, August 8th, 2026
Time: 2-4 pm
Program: Starts at 2pm

Welcome
Greetings from the County
History of the Church
Music: Choir - two songs
Congregation Participates
Blessing / Prayer

Open House
Tour of Grounds / Snacks
Memorial Garden
Dedication - 3:30pm



LEARN SOMETHING NEW
AT THE COUNTY OF LACOMBE
LIFELONG LEARNING ASSOCIATION

COMING IN SEPTEMBER 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 Hibernator

The County of Lacombe Lifelong Learning

What's Coming Up!



FALL ACTIVE LIVING FAIR
WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 9 - 2026
4:30-7:30 PM
AT THE LMC

TO BOOK A TABLE - \$20
OFFICE@CLLLA.COM
(403) 782-7955



EVERYONE IS INVITED!
Good Neighbor Day
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 3:30 TO 7:30 PM
COME & GO AT THE BENTLEY AG CENTRE

Book Your Spot!
Non Profits/Service Providers - information tables available

Sponsor Opportunities
*Door Prize
*Water
*Cookies

Volunteer Opportunities
Set Up/Planning,
Clean Up, Floaters

- Music for listening or dancing!
- Children's Corner - Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 22ft Bouncy Pirate Ship
- BBQ - Nutrien - thanks for the loan of the bbq!
- Facility - Bentley Ag Centre - thank you for the facility use!
- Touch A Vehicle - Town and others!

Info: 403-748-2160
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Family & Community Support Services



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Day One AM	Day Two AM	Day Three AM	Day Four AM
Career Exploration	How To Get A Job	Career Planning	Change Management
Day One PM	Day Two PM	Day Three PM	Day Four PM
Mental Fitness And Resiliency	Interview Skills	Resume & Cover Letter Development	Goal Setting And Taking Action

CONTACT US TO REGISTER:
(403) 782-7955 OR OFFICE@CLLLA.COM. OR
US OR CODE

2026 • AUG. 10TH • SEPT 14TH • OCT 19TH
start dates: • OCT 19TH

STARTS AT 9AM DAILY
COME FOR 1 OR ALL SESSIONS

ONLINE OR IN PERSON FOR ADULTS 18+



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PRE-Registration and assessment required:
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING:
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~18+ and 1 year out of school
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Next Session Starts in September

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AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 HERITAGE DAY (Office Closed)	4	5	6	7	AUG. 1
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9	10	11	12	13	14 County News submissions due	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 County News Published	22
23	24	25	26	27 Council Meeting 9AM	28 Pre-Budget Meeting	29
30	31	SEPT 1	2	3	4	5

Upcoming Events: September 7: Labour Day (Office Closed), September 10: County Council Meeting (9AM), September 24: County Council Meeting (9AM)

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.



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