



Redwater's Citizens on Patrol: Eyes and ears of the community



Members of the Redwater Citizens on Patrol volunteer group pose together during a recent meeting. The team helps deter crime by patrolling the community and working closely with local law enforcement. **Photo by Henry Goeckel**

By Shelley Winger

The Redwater Citizens on Patrol (RCOP) program continues to serve as a vital part of the local crime prevention strategy, offering both support to the

RCMP and reassurance to residents. A not-for-profit chapter of Alberta Citizens on Patrol (ACOPA), RCOP is made up entirely of dedicated volunteers who patrol Redwater and its surrounding subdivisions, observing

and reporting any suspicious activity.

"We are the eyes and ears for the local RCMP, reporting suspicious activity. Our presence helps to deter crime," explained Henry Goeckel, a spokesperson for

the group.

Currently, RCOP has 14 active members. Volunteers patrol in pairs using a vehicle owned and maintained by the organization.

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Building tomorrow: how Thorhild County is driving local economic change

Thorhild County submission

Thorhild County is setting its sights on creating a bright future through continuing its Economic Development initiative aimed at strengthening the regional economy. Since the launch of this project in September 2024, the County has focused on economic development through supporting local businesses, promoting entrepreneurship, and increasing investment readiness. By addressing both present-day challenges and future opportunities, the County aims to build a resilient economic foundation that serves the entire community.

This work is being carried out in partnership with Lochaven Consulting, a firm with over 25 years of experience in economic development and management consulting. Their process is rooted in significant local engagement, involving businesses, residents, service providers, nonprofit groups, municipal leaders, and other key stakeholders to truly understand the realities of the County. The first phase focused on developing a customized Economic Development Strategy tailored specifically to the context and needs of Thorhild County.

The resulting strategy outlined a range of supports and programs with five main goals, capacity building, business retention and expansion, entrepreneurship, inbound investment, and workforce development. The shared goal is to strengthen the economy from the ground up and prepare the community for future growth.

With a clear understanding of needs, tailored programs, and a focused direction, implementation is now well underway. A variety of programs are active and gaining momentum. Nick Schmidt, MBA, Economic Development Coordinator with the County, pointed

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Egremont Community Club hosts Annual Mother's Day Brunch

Shauna Krankowsky photos



The Egremont Community Club celebrated Mother's Day with its much-anticipated annual brunch on May 11. Guests enjoyed a delicious spread featuring crêpes, French toast, scrambled eggs, quiche, sausages, and a variety of other tasty offerings. The event brought together families and community members in a warm and festive atmosphere to honor mothers and caregivers.

Recognizing the Emergency Social Services Team: A heartfelt thank you

By Brandie Majeau

In times of crisis, the strength and resilience of a community often shine brightest through the dedication of individuals who step up to help those in need. Recently, the Emergency Social Services (ESS) team in Thorhild demonstrated this commitment with exemplary courage and professionalism during an urgent situation in the Southeast part of Thorhild County.

On Tuesday evening, May 6, the community faced an unforeseen challenge as they received an evacuation notice affecting local residents. This alert called for immediate action, and the ESS team rose to the occasion with remarkable readiness.

The seamless registration and support provided to those impacted showcased the hard work and preparation of each member. Their ability to adapt and step in wherever needed made a crucial difference, ensuring that everyone received the care and assistance they required during that turbulent time.

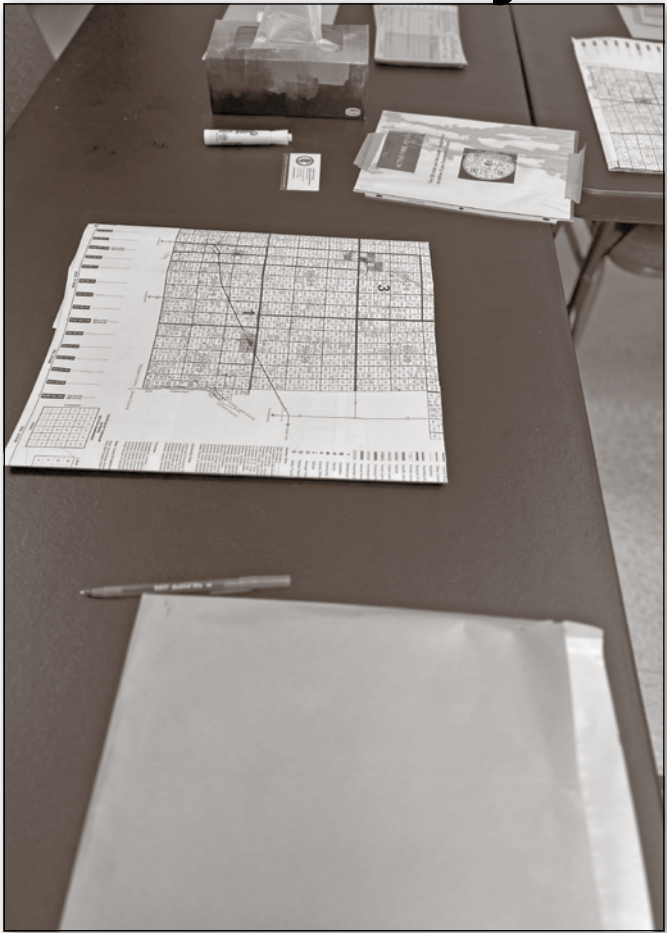
When directed to open the reception centre, everyone pitched in to set up tables and chairs, put on coffee, set up snacks, hung signs, reviewed maps and information and waited for evacuees to arrive. The reception centre remained open and manned through the night into the late afternoon of May 7. Approximately forty households were registered and while many had family nearby to stay with, several households did require accommodations in Westlock.

While not all team members received a direct call to action for this particular response, it is essential to emphasize that this was a result of the team's substantial structure and readiness. Having a strong enough group to meet the immediate needs of the residents is a testament to their dedication and preparation. If the situation had escalated, all hands would have been on deck, demonstrating the true spirit of teamwork that defines the local ESS.

Regarding ESS and their response, the team leaders believe that communication and feedback are vital to growth and effectiveness. It is encouraged that all team members



Photos courtesy of Thorhild Emergency Social Services



share thoughts on what worked well, suggestions for improvements, and any insights from this experience. Personal experiences and voices are invaluable in shaping response strategies for future emergencies.

As ESS reflects on the recent event, they extend their deepest gratitude to each volunteer for their hard

work, commitment, and compassion. These individuals are the backbone of our community's emergency response efforts, and it is through their unwavering support that as a community there is connection and commitment to face any challenge that comes their way.

A thank you goes out once again

for the incredible service of everyone involved. Comments regarding emergency services revolved not only around the ESS volunteers and their amazing dedication, but also around Thorhild County's fire department and their quick readiness and spectacular staging in their response to the fire.


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ACROSS

- 1. Rear of a home
- 4. Sandy area
- 5. Rising and falling of the sea
- 6. Place to pitch a tent
- 8. Has a good time

DOWN

- 1. Style of slow-cooked food
- 2. Luxury ship
- 3. Evening meal
- 7. The Empire State (abbr.)

Answers:
Across
1. Backyard 4. Beach 5. Tide 6. Camp 8. Enjoys
Down
1. Barbecue 2. Yacht 3. Dinner 7. NY

CANADA



HISTORY

1962

The Bedford Institute of Oceanography opens in Nova Scotia. This research facility would become the largest ocean research station in Canada.

Food FACT:

The USDA advises cooking this beloved grilled food to an internal temperature of 160 F.

Answer: Hamburger

NEW WORD

SEAR

to burn or scorch the surface of something with high heat

How they say that in...

- English: Smoke
- Spanish: Humo
- Italian: Fumo
- French: Fumée
- German: Rauch

Did You Know?

Propane and charcoal grills should only ever be used outdoors. A grill should be located away from the home or other structures.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Hamburger bun



With wildfire risk currently elevated, residents are reminded to stay vigilant. Any violations of fire bans should be reported immediately to the complaint line at 780-939-8418. Public cooperation is essential to preventing dangerous fire outbreaks. **Sturgeon County photos**



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| Redwater Dairy Queen | Redwater NAPA Service | Redwater Tim Hortons |
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RCMP **ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

Redwater RCMP makes arrest in wildfire sprinkler tampering investigation

On May 8, 2025, Redwater RCMP members were conducting patrols in the evacuation zone when they noticed a male that appeared to be trespassing. Upon further investigation, they learned that the man was tampering with sprinkler

systems that were set up by the fire department to protect residences from wildfires, rendering them inactive. Officers arrested the suspect and charges are pending approval. An update is anticipated once charges are laid.

“We want to send a clear message to those who have evacuated as well as to those who enter evacuation zones to cause

harm” stated S/Sgt. Michael Jaszczyszyn, District Advisory NCO for Eastern Alberta District. “We are patrolling evacuation areas to ensure the safety of the communities and will continue to apprehend, arrest and charge all those who commit criminal activities within those zones, especially those than can facilitate the spread of wildfires”.

TIMED ONLINE AUCTIONS

Consignment Auction, RR 214-58020 Redwater, Bids Start to Close June 17th
Yard Will Be Open for Equipment Consignment Starting Wednesday June 4th to June 13th, 10-6 pm, Closed on Sundays. Misc. is Full

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Large Amount of Cattle Equipment • Case 420CT Skidsteer • 2- JD Gators • Trailers • Creep Feeders • Panels • Feeders • 4- Seacans • Older Farm Equip. • Tools • Misc.

Estate of Lorne Lakusta, Andrew, Bids Start to Close June 25th
2014 Peterbilt 367 • 2- JD 568 Balers c/w net wrap • JD 4890 Swather c/w 890 Hayheader • Buhler 2145 Tractor • JD 4440 • Case 2290 • Versatile 835 • JD 7720 Combine • Cattle Equip. • Tillage • Trucks

Large Acreage Sale, Sherwood Park, Bids Start to Close July 1st

Estate Sale, Smoky Lake Area, Bids Start to Close July 8th
Case IH 535 Tractor 1600 Hrs • Case IH 9120 Combine • JD S680 Combine • Case 1203 30' Swather • Vertec VT 5600 8 tier Dryer • 2- 75 KVA Gen sets • **Tillage** • Grain Bins • 3- Tandem grain trucks • Augers

Farm Retirement Sale, Fort Saskatchewan, Bids Start to Close July 15th

Large Joint Farm Equipment Sale For M3 Farms & Tribend Ranch, Gibbons, Bids Start to Close July 22nd
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PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1680/25 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1548/21

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw #1680/25 Sturgeon Industrial Park Offsite Levy Bylaw 1548/21 Amendment.

Sturgeon County Council deems it necessary to establish Off-Site Levies to pay for the capital costs of new and expanded roads, for new or expanded water and wastewater facilities, for new or expanded stormwater facilities, and the land required in connection with those facilities, all of which will be required as a result of anticipated subdivision and development within the Sturgeon Industrial Park Area.

A bylaw is needed to amend existing bylaws, and a public hearing must be held.

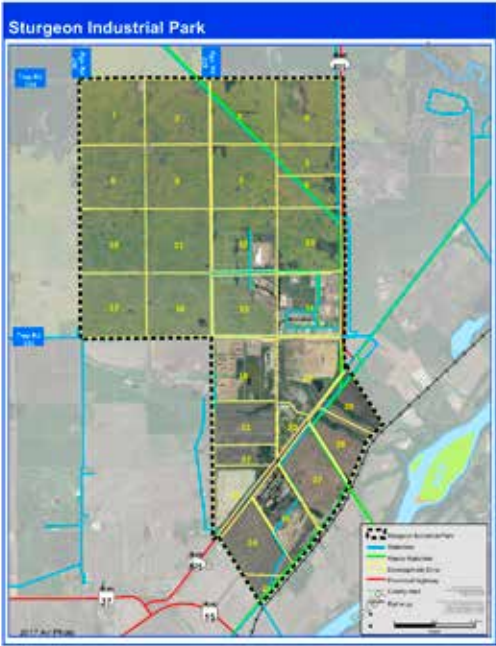
View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1680-25.

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter)
Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)
sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

Questions? Contact us!

Chris Pullen
Development Engineering & Land Services
780-939-1319
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Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

All speakers have five minutes to speak and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission before the Public Hearing.

Speaking in person

To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at **780-939-8277** or **780-939-1377** to pre-register.

Speak via video conference (phone or video call-in)

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you **must** register by May 26 at 1:00 p.m. by contacting Legislative Services at **780-939-8277** or **780-939-1377**. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions are accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

If making a written submission, you must include your name, state your interest in the matter (such as a County resident directly impacted by the proposed bylaw), and indicate if you are in favour of or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Watching the Public Hearing

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings. To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.

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Victoria Settlement opens for the summer



By Brandie Majeau

Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site is now open for the summer season!

Starting from May 17, visitors can explore this remarkable site every Wednesday through Sunday from 10 AM to 5 PM. In addition, the site will extend its hours on special statutory holidays, including Canada Day on July 1, the August Long Weekend on August 4, and Labour Day on September 1.

This historic site offers a charming glimpse into the area's rich heritage and cultural significance. With meticulously restored buildings and engaging exhibits, visitors can immerse themselves further than any pages in a history book could ever take them.

Whether a school group, a history enthusiast, a family looking for an educational outing, or an individual wanting to connect

with nature through scenic walks, Victoria Settlement has a little something for everyone.

Victoria Settlement provides a unique educational experience through school programs that explore the fur trade history at the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site, Métis Crossing, and the picturesque North Saskatchewan River. These programs include introductory sessions that orient students to the Victoria Settlement story and themed programs focusing on specific aspects of that history.

Visitors can further immerse themselves in Métis culture at Métis Crossing, where they can learn about the roles the Métis played in the fur trade at a fur trapping camp. Traditional activities like sash weaving and trapping demonstrations encourage visitors to step back in

time.

Guests can also canoe from Métis Crossing to Victoria Settlement, guided by an instructor in a traditional Voyageur canoe. Upon arrival, individuals can explore life at a Hudson's Bay Company fur trading fort. Hands-on activities, interactions with costumed interpreters, and a historic snack provide insight into life at the fort. To all visitors, please note that this is a pre-registered program and must be booked in advance for this cultural experience.

Take time this summer for the opportunity to stroll through its beautifully landscaped grounds, participate in interactive programs, and learn about the region's history through guided or self-guided tours. It's a wonderful way to appreciate the summer while discovering the stories that shaped the community!





Seniors from Diamond Spring Lodge had been evacuated on May 7 due to a wildfire in Alberta. They returned home on May 12 to a warm welcome from staff and fellow residents. The occasion was marked with a festive reception featuring fancy beverages and leis. To celebrate their safe return, the group enjoyed a communal meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and more. **Shauna Krankowsky photos**

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The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Town Office; we are located at 56 Wheatland Ave and are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you have a question regarding your combined assessment, please contact Tanmar Consulting at 780-417-5191. The assessment complaint form must be filled out and sent into the Town of Smoky Lake, plus a \$50.00 deposit fee is required. The final date of appeal is July 21, 2025.

If you did not receive your tax notice, please contact the Town Office at (780) 656-3674.

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\$89,900

Why rent when you can own? This cozy one-bedroom mobile in the quiet hamlet of Warspite, conveniently located just off Highway 28, offers an affordable start or easy-care retirement option with the bonus of municipal water and sewer. Recent upgrades bring peace of mind: a new furnace (2024), newer washer and dryer, a 2024 refrigerator, a brand-new stainless gas range, and freshly installed 50-year shingles. Natural light fills the bright sunroom, whose patio doors lead to a private deck, and a spacious shed provides plenty of extra storage. Move in and enjoy worry-free small-town living.

62209 RR 201 THORHILD COUNTY



\$649,900

This Nelson Homes-built RTM bungalow sits on a ICF basement and offers the perfect blend of comfort and functionality. Located on 10 acres, the property features a double attached garage and a 36x48 drive-through shop—ideal for hobbyists, mechanics, or those that just need more storage. The home's layout is thoughtfully designed, starting with a spacious mudroom complete with a sink and stove—perfect for canning, prepping, or cleaning up after outdoor work. The main floor boasts an open-concept kitchen, dining area, and walk-through pantry, creating a seamless flow for everyday living. You'll also find main floor laundry, a 2-piece bath, a 4-piece main bath, and 3 bedrooms including the primary suite with a walk-in closet and private 4-piece ensuite. The basement with in floor heat is nearly complete—just flooring and drop ceiling remain. It includes a 4th bedroom, 4-piece bath, family room, den and wet bar area. Step outside onto the deck off the kitchen and take in your own private paradise.

6517 53 AVE REDWATER



\$420,000

Beautifully finished 3+2 bedroom bi-level located in a quiet neighborhood. The main floor features a spacious living room with a cozy corner gas fireplace, a bright kitchen with patio doors leading to the back deck, a 4-piece main bathroom, and three bedrooms—including a primary suite with a walk-in closet and a private 3-piece ensuite. This home is carpet-free throughout for easy maintenance. The fully developed basement offers two additional bedrooms, including one with its own 3-piece ensuite, a large rec room, and plenty of storage space. The fully fenced yard includes a storage shed and a double attached heated garage. Recent upgrades include a high-efficiency furnace with central A/C, a washer/dryer combo, and a garage heater—adding comfort and value to this move-in-ready home.

4816 50 AVE REDWATER



SOLD

Commercial building in Redwater with prime Main Street exposure! Featuring three office spaces, this property is ideal for an insurance agency, law firm, accounting office, or other professional services. A great opportunity to establish your business in a high-traffic location!

1114 OLD TIMER'S DR, SKELETON LAKE



\$279,900

Enjoy the best of both worlds with this incredible .46-acre gated lot in the Summer Village of Bondiss at Skeleton Lake—backing onto the 5th tee box of Skeleton Lake Golf Course and offering lake views! Included in the sale is a spacious 2014 Bighorn Silverado 5th wheel (42 ft) featuring quad bunks, 2 bathrooms, an outdoor kitchen and outdoor shower, 4 slide-outs, an Onan 5500 onboard generator, and oversized water tanks. The trailer sits on a 12x36 deck, perfect for relaxing or entertaining outdoors. The lot is fully equipped with a 2000-gallon septic tank, 50A power hook-up for the RV, two additional 30A receptacles, and power to the 12x20 shed. You'll also find a 16x16 wood/storage shed combo, a fenced dog run, and a secure gate at the entrance for added privacy and peace of mind. Located just 30 seconds from the boat launch and public playground, with paved roads right out front. Under 2 hours from Edmonton and less than 3 hours from Fort McMurray—this is your ideal lake retreat!

5347 61 ST REDWATER



\$329,900

Beautifully updated 3-level split located at the end of a quiet street with only one neighbor—offering added privacy with a town easement behind and open farmland to the north. Nearly every upgrade has been completed in this 3-bedroom home, with new bedroom flooring already purchased and ready for installation. The main floor offers a bright, open-concept layout ideal for entertaining, featuring the kitchen, dining area, and living room all on one level. Upstairs you'll find three bedrooms, including a spacious primary suite with a 2-piece ensuite, along with a 4-piece main bath. The lower level includes a cozy family room with a wood-burning fireplace, utility room, and ample storage space. The fully fenced yard includes a double detached garage and side driveway—perfect for RV parking.

5123 54 ST REDWATER



\$149,999

2-bedroom bungalow located on a quiet street in Redwater, just minutes from the golf course, outdoor pool, and school. This home sits on a generously sized lot and features a double detached garage—perfect for extra parking or storage. Inside, the home offers a great opportunity for renovation or investment. The basement is partly finished with plumbing roughed in for a second bathroom, providing additional potential living space. Ideal for buyers looking to personalize their next home or take on a flip project.

H.A. Kostash School News



Grade 1-9 H.A Kostash students took part in the 4th Annual Robotics Tournament in Athabasca. A great time was had by all!



TOWN OF Redwater

Notice of Statutory Public Hearing: Bylaw PD-01-2024

Statutory Public Hearing | PD-01-2025
Miscellaneous Land Use Bylaw Amendments (2)
Tuesday, June 3, 2025 | 18:30 | Council Chambers 4924 47 St.
This hearing is being held under S. 692 of the Municipal Government Act and any member of the public may attend to hear comments.

What is Bylaw PD-01-2024?
Bylaw PD-01-2023 proposes a series of miscellaneous amendments to the Town's current Land Use Bylaw. These changes aim to improve clarity, update terminology, enhance accessibility standards, and introduce or revise land use categories to better reflect modern development needs. The amendments include changes to definitions, the addition of new uses in various districts (such as Dwelling, Temporary, Office, Temporary, and Vehicle Autobody Repair), updated parking standards for accessibility, and administrative adjustments for permit processes and referrals.

What does this mean?
If adopted, these amendments will allow for more flexible and responsive land use management within the Town of Redwater. The changes ensure that the Land Use Bylaw continues to support development that meets the needs of the community, improves accessibility and equity in site design, and provides clearer administrative procedures. The updates also introduce new discretionary and permitted uses to support a broader range of residential, commercial, and industrial activity.

How can I get more information?
Any member of the public may review the proposed bylaw and ask questions. A copy of the proposed bylaw is available at redwater.ca or you can visit the Town Office during office hours where staff can explain what is proposed, how it might impact you, and how the Public Hearing process works.

How Can I provide comments?
Members of the public are welcome to provide comments on the proposed bylaw. You can participate in the public hearing in the following ways:

- Registering in advance to speak either in person or virtually (advance registration is encouraged but not required)
- Submitting written comments at any time up to the close of the public hearing
- Speaking at the meeting, either in person or by joining virtually using the link below

To register or submit written comments, please contact us at 780.942.3519 ext. 250 or email redwater@redwater.ca.

Written comments received by 16:00. on the Tuesday before the hearing will be included in the published agenda.

Comments received after that time will still be accepted and read into the record but will not appear in the agenda package.

To attend virtually, use the following link at the time of the hearing:
The Microsoft Teams link for virtual attendance is available in the agenda package at: www.redwater.ca/p/minutes-agendas

Each presenter will be allotted up to 10 minutes to speak. Please note that the names of individuals providing comments will become part of the public record.

Call Us: 780.942.3519 ext. 250
Speak or provide comments at the Public Hearing:
In person: Registration not required; those registered to speak will speak first.
Virtual: Register by 10 am on Friday September 13, 2024
Written submissions, visuals: submit by 10 am on Friday September 13, 2024
Email Us: redwater@redwater.ca

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PUZZLES

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Review

SUDOKU

CROSSWORDS

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
4. British thermal unit
7. Afflict
8. Refrain from harming
10. Galls
12. Leg bone
13. Rhine distributary
14. Recipe measurement
16. Chap
17. Useful book
19. Mountain Time
20. Snakelike fishes
21. Places where people live
25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
26. Periodical

27. A type of sense
29. A way to get possession of
30. Everyone has one
31. Body art
32. Mr. October
39. Abba __, Israeli politician
41. Head movement
42. Jeweled headdress
43. VCR button
44. A way to change color
45. Basketball move
46. Upright stone slab
48. Forest-dwelling monkey
49. Pulsate steadily
50. Negative
51. Sino-Soviet bloc

- (abbr.)
52. Unit of work
- CLUES DOWN
1. Island
2. Pittsburgh ballplayer
3. Chemical compound
4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
5. Mesas
6. Wild, long-legged sheep
8. Engine additive
9. "CSI" actor George
11. Stony waste matter
14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis
18. Digraph
19. Married woman
20. Peripheral
22. Northern Italy city
23. Klutz

24. Type of tree
27. Witnessed
28. Popular breakfast food
29. __ Mahal
31. BoSox legend Williams
32. Professional drivers
33. Atom or molecule type
34. The Constitution State
35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)
36. Type of solution
37. Speaker
38. Specifying
39. Formerly (archaic)
40. Wiseman and Krom are two
44. The bill in a restaurant
47. Tennis shot

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 – April 20)



Telling the truth has always come naturally to you, Aries. But tact isn’t always your specialty and sometimes your candor is now well-received. Keep that in mind this week.

TAURUS

(April 21 – May 21)



It is time to make peace with someone even if it is the last thing you want to do this week, Taurus. There is no better option than to talk it out, so schedule that chat as soon as possible.

GEMINI

(May 22 – June 21)



Sometimes there is nothing you like more than being silly with other kindred spirits who get you, Gemini. But you’re in a different mood this week and it might feel unfamiliar to you.

CANCER

(June 22 – July 22)



It is fair to say this week that you desire some time alone and maybe need it as well, Cancer. Take some time for yourself and let others know you’re going off the grid.

LEO

(July 23 – August 23)



Leo, although your first inclination might be to get into a war of words with someone with whom you disagree, this week you might want to try a different approach.

VIRGO

(August 24 – September 22)



You might be tired of recent drama in your life, Virgo. But if you dig deeper, you might find that you have contributed to the noise. Make some meaningful changes this week.

LIBRA

(September 23 – October 23)



Your negotiation skills are well-known, Libra, and you’re usually the first person anyone thinks of when they need a third party to help them smooth over a situation.

SCORPIO

(October 24 – November 22)



Scorpio, even if someone is pushing your buttons this week, you won’t let that get in the way of doing something for this person because they are dear to you.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)



You are no stranger to good luck, Sagittarius. This week that luck will be shared with people who cross your path. They will appreciate the fortune.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)



Expect to experience a strong feeling of wanderlust this week, Capricorn. You may find it challenging to pass up a trip or a new experience of any kind.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 – February 18)



Aquarius, right now the old adage that if you ignore it, it will go away might not hold true. Failing to face something right now may not be the best approach.

PISCES

(February 19 – March 20)



You are ready to share secrets with a soul-mate, Pisces. The challenge lies in trying to find the time when you are alone to have this important conversation.

SKIN CARE

WORD SEARCH

S	E	B	U	M	D	L	Z	T	E	C	Z	E	M	A	H	I	F	O	D
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS	ANTIOXIDANTS	COLLAGEN	EXFOLIATE	MOISTURIZER	ROSACEA
ACIDS	CERAMIDES	DRYNESS	GLYCOLIC	OILY	SALICYLIC
ACNE	CHARCOAL	ECZEMA	HUMECTANT	PEPTIDES	SEBUM
ANTI-AGING	CLEANSER	EMOLLIENT	HYALURONIC	PORES	SPF
					SUN SPOTS

The House in the Middle of the Road

By Brandie Majeau

In the heart of the Victoria District, nestled along the winding Victoria Trail, stands a peculiar landmark known to all (and registered as a local landmark and historic location) as “The House in the Middle of the Road.” For decades, it has captured the attention of passersby and locals alike, primarily due to its unique position — mere feet from the road, right at a gentle bend. To those approaching from the east, it appeared as though the house was daringly situated right in the path of travel, a fitting nickname for a building with such a remarkable presence.

The tale of this house begins in the early 1900s, amidst the fond memories of homesteading life. River Lot 14, where the house now stands, was once home to Simon Whitford and

his family, who lived in simpler structures closer to the riverbanks. In 1905, Simon applied for a homestead, a promise of land and stability for his family’s future.

Tragically, he passed away before his application was approved. His wife took up the mantle, continuing the dream for their family, but fate had other plans, claiming her life in 1906 before she could see the homestead realized.

After the Whitfords, Henry Anderson, son-in-law to Simon, and his partner Joseph Favell took ownership of the land. Between 1906 and 1912, they began constructing the notable house that stands there today, marking a shift from the simpler life of earlier years to a more substantial settlement style. It wasn’t until 1912 that Henry finally saw his homestead application approved,

although his efforts had long been set into motion by the generations of the past.

The architectural style of “The House in the Middle of the Road” reflects this progression. With its one-and-a-half stories, distinctive shingled gable roof, dormer windows, and dovetail log construction, the house represented a blend of practicality and emerging artistic flair. Unlike the single room log homes that had come before, this residence stood as a testament to the increasing complexity and creativity of homebuilding, embracing innovations such as multi-levels and wood-shingle cladding.

As years rolled on, the property changed hands, each new owner adding their touch to its story. In 1914, Spurge Van Iderstein purchased the property and later sold

it to Ivan Ference in 1926. Then in 1948, the Charuk brothers, Sam and Tarus, came into the picture. They made the house their home, living there until 1974. After they moved on, the property entered the hands of Donald Van Iderstein, the grandson of its earlier owner, Spurge. In 1988, Brent Fletcher took over, keeping the legacy alive to this day.

Today, “The House in the Middle of the Road” stands not just as a structure made of logs and shingles but as a living history of the community, a remarkable narrative of the hopes and hardships of the settlers who came before, reflecting their dreams, struggles, and the inevitable changes that shaped the land over time. Each weathered log and empty window tells a story, a reminder of the resilience and evolution of life in the Victoria District.



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Patrol routes include all streets and alleys in Redwater, as well as the nearby industrial area, Waterdale Park Subdivision, and Juniper Hills Subdivision. Members use the ACOPA app during patrols to trace their routes and document any concerns. These reports are then forwarded to the local RCMP for follow-up.

Beyond their patrol work, RCOP members participate in regular meetings to stay informed and engaged. Monthly member meetings are held at the Redwater Legion, while additional

monthly sessions involve representatives from the RCMP, peace officers, sheriffs, and the Safe Communities for Sturgeon County initiative. These collaborative meetings focus on addressing crime trends and discussing potential solutions to issues facing the community.

In 2024, RCOP members completed an impressive 38 patrols, covering a total of 1,869 kilometers. They logged 249.6 hours of driving time, contributed 136 hours to administrative duties, and dedicated 397.2 hours to events and community engagement activities.

RCOP’s commitment

to community involvement goes beyond patrolling. The group has hosted crime prevention seminars and taken part in numerous local events, including Redwater Discovery Days, the Festival of Trees, Kris Kringle, and Redwater Community Night. On Halloween, RCOP members add a visible safety presence by handing out candy while on patrol, contributing to a safer and more festive atmosphere for local children and families.

Looking ahead, RCOP is preparing to host the 2025 ACOPA Annual General Meeting and workshops. Scheduled for September

12–14, the event is expected to bring together over 100 Citizens on Patrol members from across Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan. This significant gathering will highlight the Redwater chapter’s role within the broader network of community-based public safety initiatives.

To become an RCOP member, individuals must complete an application process that includes submitting a clear criminal record check and a clean driver’s abstract. New recruits are encouraged to attend COPA workshops and safety seminars, and full training is provided. The

organization is actively welcoming new members, and anyone interested is invited to attend the monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Redwater Legion Hall or to reach out via email at redwatercropa@gmail.com.

To support its operations, RCOP has introduced window decals and gate signs that promote the group’s visibility within the community. “Proceeds of these sales go towards truck maintenance, fuel, insurance and other miscellaneous expenses,” noted Goeckel. The decals are available for \$10, while larger gate signs are

priced at \$50. The organization also recently completed a fundraising casino through Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC), which will help finance RCOP’s activities for the next three years.

Despite the group’s achievements and strong community support, one ongoing challenge remains: increasing membership. “Recruiting more members. With additional members, we can do more patrols,” said Goeckel. As crime prevention relies on community involvement, RCOP encourages anyone interested in making a difference to consider joining their ranks.

Redwater School News



Redwater School student, Jayce Kiriak, proudly displaying his artwork.



**OILFIELD
HAULING**



Cohen Ollikka, Caleb Rogoza, Andre Fortier tried on Firefighting gear when they visited the Career Fair in Bonnyville with Holy Family Catholic School on May 15.



HFCS students participated in the Career Fair in Bonnyville on May 15. Students went from booth to booth to learn about several career options. Gus Shwetz did some hands-on learning as an RCMP officer.

Fire and ATV/OHV ban remains in effect

Sturgeon County remains under a state of local emergency. The public is reminded that the total fire and OHV/ATV ban is still in place. Operating OHVs/ATVs is not allowed anywhere in the County. With the long weekend approaching, please keep in mind that the risk of wild-fires is at an all-time high. No outdoor fires are allowed, and no new burn permits or fireworks permits will be issued. If you witness a ban violation, please call the complaint line at 780-939-8418 as soon as possible.

REDUCED
GORGEOUS TREED
70 ACRES WITH HOME



This cozy 1 bdrm walk out bungalow in Thorhild County offers a peaceful retreat with a beautifully landscaped yard and wide trails that wind through the mature trees, creating the perfect setting for outdoor enthusiasts. The main house features a finished basement, which could be used as second bedroom, with door to the attached woodshed and provides ample living space for family or guests. The 26'x26' double detached garage has in floor heating and offers plenty of room for vehicles and storage, while multiple outbuildings on the property provide additional space for hobbies, animals, workshops, or extra storage. There is also a charming guest house, which only requires water to complete it and make it a perfect space for visitors. Bring your animals or just use the land for recreation and hunting with moose and deer right on your land. Gardens, fruit trees and dugout complete the property. **\$524,900. Call Heather to view.**



RENOVATED
BUNGALOW NEAR
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149 ACRES IN
THORHILD COUNTY

Beautiful 149 Acres of rolling land in Thorhild County with many great building sites for a walkout home. Approximately 100 acres is cleared and planted to hay with the rest large, mature forest. There is both a dugout and a natural pond on the land. Lots of wildlife in the area. Use as your weekend getaway, build your dream home and start your farm, or rent the hay land out and use for hunting. Power line runs along both sides of this quarter. Good possibility of subdividing into a few smaller parcels with County approval. Located just under an hour to north Edmonton. **\$295,000 plus gst. Call Heather for more info.**



3 BEDROOM HOME
IN PIBROCH

Great starter or retirement home or rent it out. Has been rented in the past few years for \$950 per month plus utilities. Upgrades over the past years include metal roof, windows, and furnace. In the past 3 years the hot water tank has been replaced, bathroom renovated and new vinyl plank flooring was installed. Main floor features a large back entrance with laundry, good sized kitchen with plenty of wood cabinets, 4 pce bathroom, furnace room and huge living room. **\$79,900. Call Heather to view.**



NEWBROOK FARM

Enjoy privacy on this 160 acres at the end of a dead end road just a few minutes south of Newbrook. This cute 896 sq ft 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home was built in 1983 with 2"x6" walls and has been well kept. Open living/kitchen concept, bay window and garden doors to a large covered deck add to this great home. Just about an hour to Edmonton. **\$459,900. Call Heather to view.**



2,78 ACRES NEAR
BON ACCORD

2.78 acres of treed land on pavement 30 minutes north of Edmonton, in a beautiful setting close to Lily Lake. The property has two outbuildings – a 87x24 ft pole shed and a 30x12.5 ft storage shed. Close to power and gas, with the trees offering privacy from the road, this land is great for a new home or private storage. Easy access to Bon Accord and Gibbons for shopping and schools. **\$110,000. Call Glenn for more info.**



5 BEDROOM 3 BATH
BUNGALOW NEAR
WESTLOCK

Beautiful 3 acres with 1770 sq ft 2+3 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow with fully finished bsmt and 30'x28' attached heated garage just a few minutes NW of Westlock, about a half hour to St Albert. Home has had substantial upgrades over the past 20 years including siding, soffits, paint, HOT WATER ON DEMAND, high efficiency furnace, wood stove, and back deck. In 2018 CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING was added along with a GENSET SYSTEM which automatically turns on if the power goes out and powers the whole house and at that time new flooring and a maintenance free front deck were also added. Other features are in floor heating in basement, pantry, 3 pce ensuite with soaker tub, main floor laundry, main floor office, back up sump pump system. Heated garage built in 2016 has 2 floor drains and a handy back porch area for boots and coats. Main floor also has a large flex room and office space. Garden area and raised garden beds, storage sheds, mature trees and view from front deck of a small lake complete this great property. **\$559,000. Call Heather to view.**



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Hon. Dale Nally, MLA, helps celebrate the grand opening of Dairy Queen in Redwater on May 3, 2025, with a ceremonial cake cutting and a first taste of summer.
Photo by Hon. Dale Nally, MLA

Ronald Howard McConnell

January 14, 1950 ~ May 5, 2025

The family of Ronald Howard McConnell sadly announces his peaceful passing on May 5, 2025. Born on January 14, 1950, in Elk Point, Ron spent his early years in Ashmont and made his home in Coronado, just north of Gibbons, throughout his working life and into retirement.


Ron is lovingly remembered by his wife, Peggy, who cherished their life together. He was a devoted father to Chad (Rozanna), Andy (Amy), Patrick (Chrisy), Ted, and Todd (Sam), and his love for them was evident in his efforts to provide for his family. He found deep satisfaction in ensuring their well-being.



Ron's greatest joys blossomed in the presence of his grandchildren: Grace, Lucas, Josh, Keegan, Ethan, Shyann, Riley, and Makayla. Even the furry, four-legged members of the family brought him immense delight. He treasured the times they were near.

An open-house-style gathering to commemorate his life will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eulogy and tributes at 10:30 am, at the Gibbons Community Cultural Centre, 5115 51 Street, Gibbons, Alberta. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you plant a tree in his memory, a living tribute to Ron.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Sturgeon Memorial Funeral Home (780) 921-3900



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MAILING OF COMBINED ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the combined Assessment and Tax Notices have been mailed on May 22, 2025, to all property owners in the Town of Redwater. In accordance with Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26.1 R.S.A., 2000, all persons are deemed to have received their Combined Assessment and Tax Notices as a result of this notice.

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the Town of Redwater Office by appointment, 4924 – 47 Street from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Monday to Thursday and 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Friday and on our website at www.redwater.ca. Any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll or the assessed value placed upon any property must, **by 4:30 p.m. on July 29, 2025**, lodge their complaint(s) in writing to the Assessment Review Board Clerk, c/o Town of Redwater. Complaint forms are available at the Town Office or by download at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca and must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee (as detailed on the reverse side of all Assessment and Tax Notice forms) at the time of filing.

Please note: Making a complaint against your assessment does not make you exempt from paying your taxes by June 30, 2025. A penalty will be applied if taxes are not paid in full by the due date.

Your Property Assessment and Tax Notice terms and conditions are included in your Notice.
Taxes are due and payable on or before June 30, 2025.

If you are on the monthly payment plan, please continue to pay monthly. You will be notified by the Town Office of your new monthly payment.

If you do not receive your tax notice, please contact the Town Office at 780-942-3519.

Ken Van Buul
Chief Administrative Officer

Spring Bake Sale – Time: 1:15pm

Coffee, Tea & Cake Also with vendors selling their wares

Where: Newthorad Seniors Housing Foundation (Thorhild Lodge)
When: Friday May 23rd, 2025
Vendors 1:00-3:00pm
Bake Sale/Coffee & Cake (\$5.00) 1:15-3:00pm
We will have an assortment of baked goods and frozen Perogy's for Sale
Please come to Shop, Visit & show your support.

All proceed go to Hearts for The Golden Age Society which is a non-profit organization.
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How are your savings protected?

(NC) With the rise in interest rates and inflation over the last few years, it's no wonder people today are more concerned with their money. But did you know that, in Canada, your deposits and investments may be protected by various government organizations?

Here are three ways to find out how your money is protected:

- Learn about the different protection frameworks: Become familiar with which financial products are eligible for protection and by whom. There are different organizations that offer protection depending on the type of product, including:

- ◇ Federal deposit insurance: Protects deposits in banks and other federally regulated institutions.
- ◇ Provincial deposit insurance: Protects deposits in provincial credit unions.
- ◇ Investor protection: Offers protection for other investments like mutual funds, stocks and bonds.
- Find online resources: You can find out which of these organizations your financial institution is a member of, and how coverage may apply to your financial portfolio by visiting the organization's

website. For instance, the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC), the federal deposit insurer, provides a list of all its member institutions. They also have additional information and tools, like their online calculator, which you can use to help determine your coverage at CDIC.ca.

- Ask questions: Don't hesitate to reach out to your financial institution to find out how your financial products are protected.

With all the changes and uncertainty over the last few years, one thing you shouldn't have to worry about is whether your money is safe.

Morinville Celebrates Seniors' Week with Coffee, Community, and Culture



By Haylee Winger

Morinville is set to honour Seniors' Week with events that bring people together for connection, conversation, and a little entertainment. Adults aged 50 and over are invited to take part in two special gatherings designed to celebrate community and recognize the contributions of older adults.

The week kicks off on Tuesday, June 3, with Coffee with a Cop at the Rendez-Vous Centre. From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., guests can enjoy free coffee, snacks, and friendly conversation with fellow community members and local law enforcement. The

drop-in event, hosted by Rendez-Vous and FCSS Harmony, provides a relaxed setting to connect with others and learn about services and supports available in the area.

Then, on Thursday, June 5, the spotlight turns to the Morinville Community Cultural Centre for Dinner & Show: Hats & Gloves – Hard Work & Dreams. Supported by Chartwell St. Albert Retirement Residence, this charming evening features a catered dinner followed by a heartwarming play from renowned theatre duo Rooney & Punyi. Their performance celebrates six resilient prairie women, and attendees are encouraged

to wear their favourite hats and gloves to join in the spirit of the event.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$32 + GST if purchased before May 24, and \$37 + GST afterward. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://ow.ly/pTka50VOT2H>.

As a bonus, all seniors attending any Seniors' Week events will receive a free Morinville Community Library card.

Seniors' Week is a chance to come together, share stories, and celebrate the vibrant contributions of older adults in the community. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this week of connection, learning, and laughter.

A man with glasses and a white shirt pointing towards the text on a green background.

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to monthly business workshops that address timely challenges for local entrepreneurs, along with a Youth Entrepreneurship Program now running at the Newbrook Library.

"We're also working directly with local business owners through the Business Support Program," said Schmidt. "It's all about making sure they're well-equipped to succeed and grow. As always, this work depends on community involvement. The more people

take part, the more impactful these programs can be."

Phyl Toronchuk, a local citizen, who received support through the program mentioned: "The one-on-one support from the Economic Development team helped me move my idea forward by providing practical tools and insights. I really valued the chance to connect with professionals who have experience in this space. They made me feel safe in expressing my thoughts and ideas."

Looking ahead, Schmidt emphasized that focus will be

upon planting seeds of opportunity and creating the conditions for businesses and organizations that are already here to thrive, while making space for new ideas and initiatives to take root.

Residents, business owners, and community groups are encouraged to connect and learn how they can get involved and benefit from the project. For more information, contact Nick Schmidt, MBA, Economic Development Coordinator, at 250-938-8590 or by email at ecdev.coordinator@thorhildcounty.com.

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Responding to growth: Residential building permits in Alberta

By Rob Roach, ATB ECONOMICS

The monthly numbers released this morning by Statistics Canada show an uptick in the value of residential building permits in Alberta in March.

Led by multiple-dwelling projects, permit value was up by 20% compared to March 2024.

The monthly numbers tend to be quite volatile, so it's important to look at the trend over a longer period. As the chart below shows, residential permit

values have been on a strong upward trend since 2022.

The upward trend in permit value is in keeping with the rapid pace of housing starts in the province.

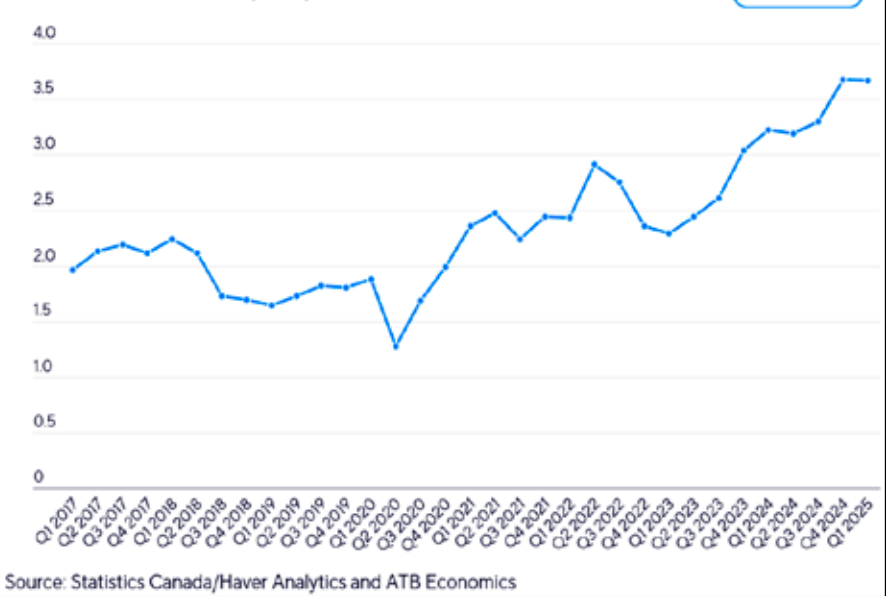
Both the permit and housing starts trends point to the need for housing construction to continue to catch up to the population boom Alberta has been experiencing since 2023. Alberta's population growth was the highest in the country last year at 3.5%* with real-time estimates showing it just passed

the 5-million mark.

Although Alberta's population growth is forecast to slow, ongoing increases combined with the housing backlog will continue to support new residential construction in the province. Our current tracking sees housing starts cooling slightly to 45K this year from 47.8K in 2024, but this still represents a strong pace of new home construction in the province.

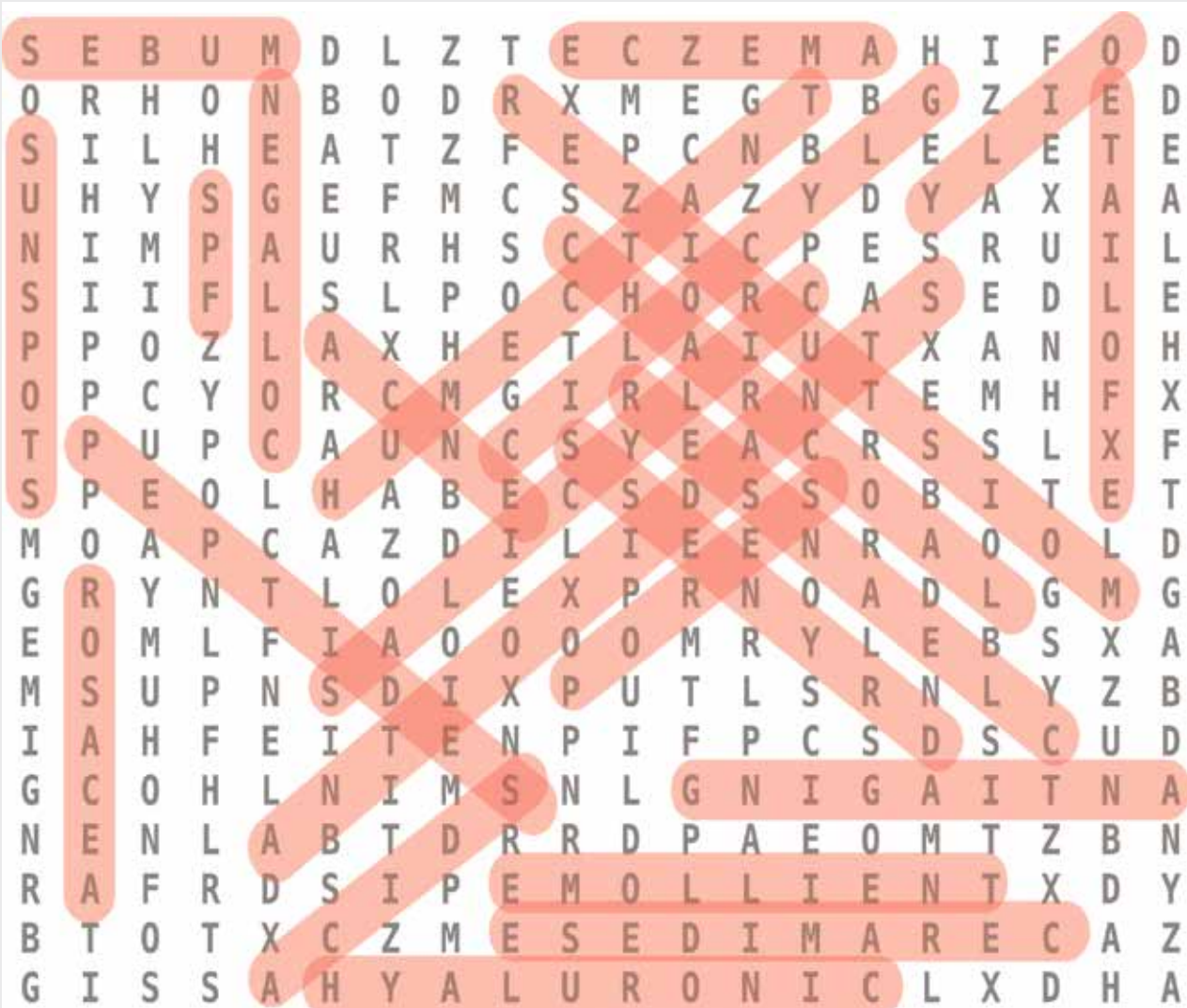
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Residential building permit value in Alberta
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