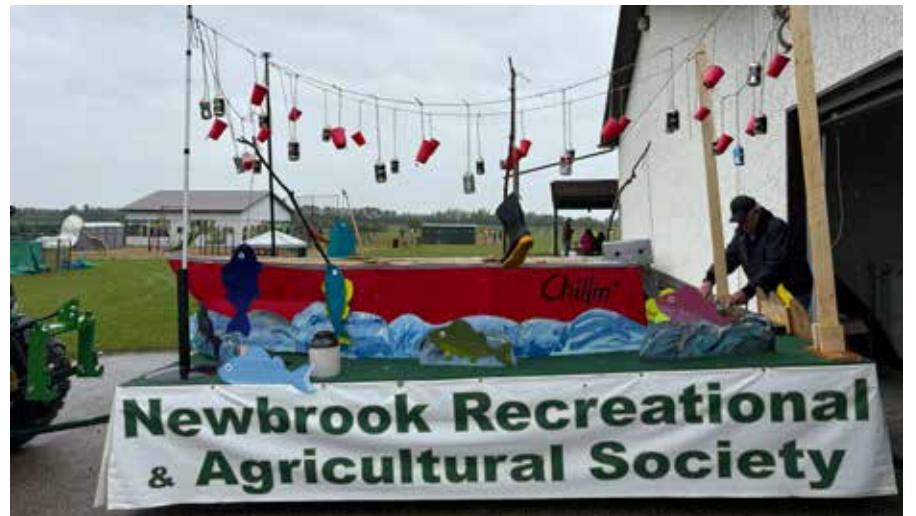




Young participants proudly display their Father's Day brownie creations during Redwater IGA's Father's Day Brownie Decorating Event. Families gathered to decorate sweet treats in celebration of Father's Day. **Redwater IGA photo**

A little rainy day fun



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By **Brandie
Majeau**

Despite a weekend of record-breaking rain, Newbrook Fair Days went ahead as planned on June 20, with organizers and attendees embracing the weather in true redneck fashion. Undeterred by rainfall warnings, crowds turned out for a packed Saturday featuring everything from lawn mower races to baseball tournaments, proving that a little

water was no match for a little Redneck Roundup spirit.

Last year's Viking theme gave way to a playful redneck motif for 2026, celebrating the region's rural roots. Parade participants and guests showcased their creativity with camouflage and flannel outfits, while local paintball business Xcalibre added a splash of colour to the procession. The parade came alive as something truly unique, a blend of modern flair with a nod to backwoods traditions.

Organizers adapted nimbly to the off and on rains, shifting the petting zoo to provide tarped shelters for the animals and moving the bouncy houses and mechanical bull indoors. Ball players donned raincoats and braved the elements to compete in a soggy but passionate tournament, drawing cheers from the crowd for their dedication and perseverance. Smoky Lake's new archery range also joined the

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
June 23, 2026

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the June 23, 2026, Regular Council meeting:

- Seeds to Sprouts Request for Cancellation of 2026 Taxes**
Council declined the request of the Seeds to Sprouts Childcare Society to cancel the 2025 property taxes imposed on its properties due to the late submission of the exempt status application and directed Administration to respond to the Society on Council's behalf.
- Delegation - Redwater RCMP**
Council accepted the presentation from Sgt. Dehaan, Redwater RCMP for information.
- Delegation - Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc.**
Council accepted the presentation from Travis Horne, Municipal Assessment Service Group Inc. for information.
- Delegation - George and Christine Mudryk**
Council accepted the presentation from George and Christine Mudryk for information, and further directed Administration to provide further information regarding George and Christine Mudryk's water line connection request to a future Council Meeting.
- Thorhild Fire Station Boiler Replacement Project**
Council approved increasing the 2026 Capital Budget for the Thorhild Fire Station Boiler Replacement project from \$7,000 to \$24,000 with the funds coming from the Emergency Services Operating Reserve.
- Correspondence for Action - Redwater Review**
Council authorized the Reeve and Administration to work with the Redwater Review on a Reeve's message.
- Agricultural Disaster**
Council directed Administration to bring further information regarding the Agricultural Disaster to the next Council Meeting on July 14, 2026.
- Correspondence for Action - Caleb Groves**
Council referred the letter from Caleb Groves, RE: Proposal to Thorhild County Council Regarding Preservation and Acquisition of Historic Air Raid Siren to the July 14, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

PROPERTY TAXES DUE BY JULY 15, 2026



A friendly reminder that payments for the 2026 property taxes are due by July 15.

We welcome in-person payments; however, please note our County Administration building is closed on Mondays.

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To learn more, scan the QR code or click on the Corporate Services web page at www.thorhildcounty.com and find details on "Paying Your Property Taxes" under the Assessment & Property Taxes subheading. For additional information, call 780-398-3741 ext 2822.





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1 Members of the Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Club gather with organizers and participants during a snooker tournament at the Vilna Pool Hall on June 28. Despite rainy weather, the event drew a good crowd for a day of pool, food and community fellowship.



2 Jackson and John provided live music during the snooker tournament at the Vilna Pool Hall on June 28, entertaining guests throughout the community event.

Dianne Ingle Cathcart photos

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Scheduled Meetings

Visit our 'Agendas & Minutes' web page for Council meeting information and the 'Calendar' web page for the complete list of other scheduled meeting dates and community events.

- Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 13, 2026 @ 1:00 PM
- Regular County Council Meeting
July 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM
September 17, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
A Public Q & A Period is held during each Regular Council Meeting from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting
August 11, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
- County Departmental Meeting
September 10, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Council Highlights

Council Highlights provide a snapshot of Council decision-making and the progress made on County programs and initiatives. For more details visit www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/highlights

- Approved providing a letter of support to assist the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society with its application to the Large Stream Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant.
- Gave third and final reading to Bylaw 1511-26: Fire Protective Services.
- Amended Policy 62-15: Vegetation Management Plan Policy.
- Gave third and final reading to Bylaw 1507-26 which repeals Bylaw 1360-19, the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Smoky Lake County and the County of Two Hills; and Bylaw 1391-21, the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Smoky Lake County and Lamont County.
- Gave second and third reading to Bylaw 1505-26, to amend Land Use Bylaw 1272-14 by redistricting a portion of NW-22-59-14-W4M, from Highway Commercial (C1) District to Agriculture (AG) District.
- Gave first reading to Bylaw 1509-26: Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan and Whitefish Lake Area Structure Plan and schedule a Public Hearing for July 23, 2026 at 1:00 PM.
- Amended Policy 01-54: Signing Authority.
- Appointed Braden Lanctot as an additional member of the Assessment Review Board for 2026.

Donations

- Three belly-dump loads of gravel to Stanica Kopernik Scout Camp at Garner Lake to assist with camp road repairs.
- Two belly-dump loads of gravel to the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society for improvements to the east end of the Nutrien Ag Centre.
- \$500 to Flemming Hockey Camp to support a hamburger and hot dog lunch for participants and their families on the final day of the camp.
- \$1,000 to Victoria Home Guard Historical Society for the Lobstick River Lot Settlement roadside exhibit project.

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Mailing of 2026 Combined Assessment & Tax Notices

Mailing of the 2026 Assessment and Property Tax notices has taken place on June 8, 2026. Any ratepayer who has not received a tax notice by the end of June is advised to contact the County Office.

Taxes are due by 4:00 PM on **October 31, 2026**. Penalties will be applied to all outstanding taxes after this date.

Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP): Smoky Lake County offers a convenient monthly payment plan for property taxes. Learn more at: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/tipp

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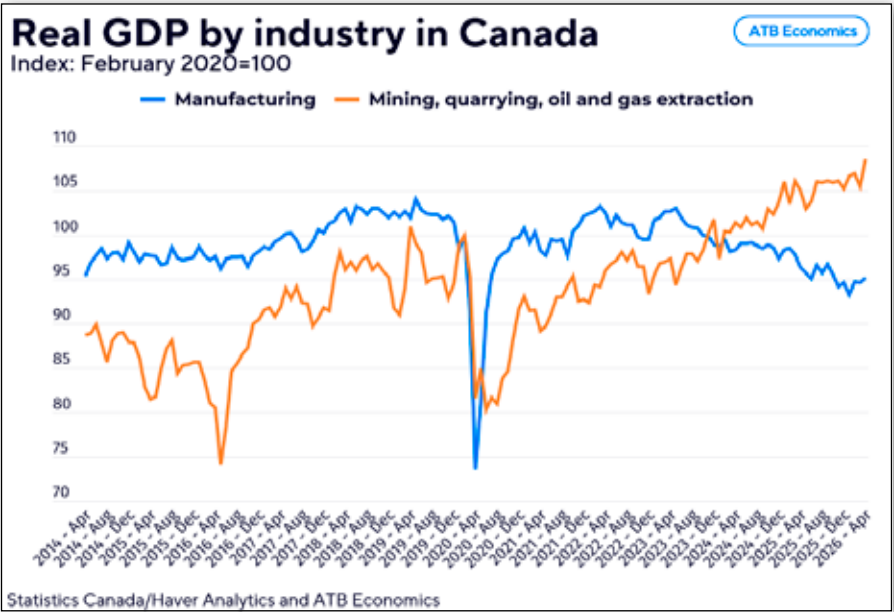
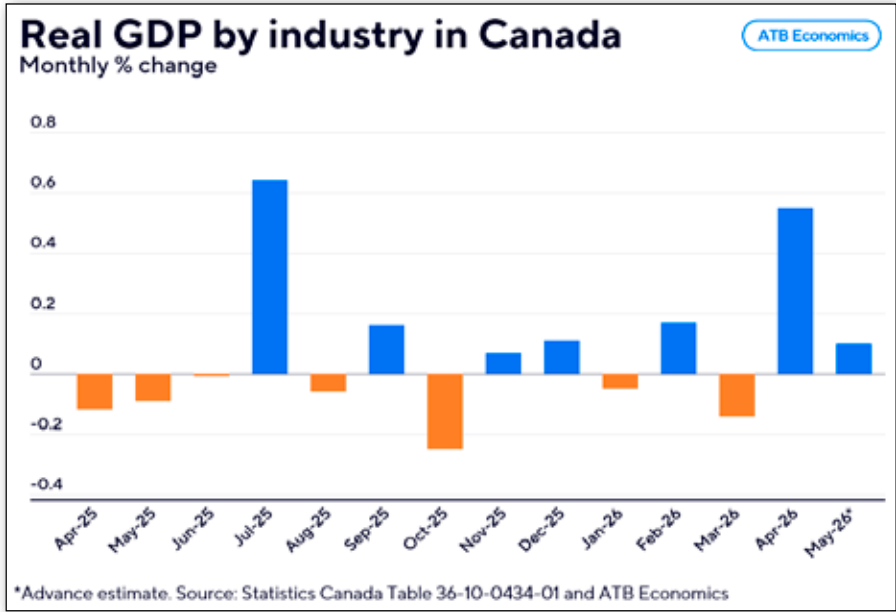
To obtain a fireworks permit please call Smoky Lake County at 780-656-3730.

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Back in the game: Canadian GDP growth returns



By Mark Parsons,
ATB ECONOMICS

Canada's economic growth returned to positive territory in both April and May (advance reading), following two straight quarterly declines.

The headline numbers show that April real GDP gained 0.5%, while the advance reading for May points to a 0.1% increase.

Industry details for April:

Goods-producing industries (+1.2%) drove April's gain.

- Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction: Rose by 2.9%, the largest monthly gain in over two years, and accounting for about half the headline increase. The oil sands sector expanded 6.6% as synthetic crude oil production rebounded following previous unscheduled maintenance.
- Construction: Grew by 0.7%, the first increase in five months.
- Manufacturing: Up 0.6% after a string of

weak performances. This sector has been hampered by sector-specific tariffs (GDP in primary metals, lumber, and auto manufacturing all remain below January 2025 levels).

Services-producing industries (+0.3%)

- **W i d e s p r e a d** gains—notably in real estate, transportation and warehousing, finance and insurance, and public administration—helped offset declines in wholesale trade and professional services.

Bottom line

It's not worthy of a World Cup game celebration, but we'll take it. Today's report comes after two straight quarterly declines in GDP and a month-long debate over whether we're in a recession or not (our view: it's not an actual recession and this report should quiet the recession chatter, but a sign of economic weakness and long-term structural issues

- more below).

When combined with May's solid job gain, today's report shows that the Canadian economy still has some life. While the monthly GDP report is not always a reliable gauge of quarterly results, the economy is on pace for annualized growth of over 2% in the second quarter (assuming June comes in flat).

Further, Canada's GDP is growing again on a per-person basis, even if that's in large part due to a shrinking denominator.

But let's leave the champagne on ice for now, as we put today's data into historical context. Growth is returning in the second quarter, but this comes after declines in three of the past four quarters. The economy is now making up for lost ground.

More importantly, we are still looking for evidence that long-term structural issues (see playing less injured below) are getting resolved. So far, the consumer has

been doing too much of the heavy lifting (retail trade GDP was flat in April, but this comes after an annualized gain of 3.5% in Q1).

What's next?

Corner kick. A one-time tourism bump can be expected from the World Cup festivities in June/July. Food and accommodation services are poised for a temporary lift.

Playing less injured. Our eyes are squarely on whether the struggling components of GDP—exports and investments—will return to the field. The consumer has been resilient, providing an offset to a challenging trade environment for business. But consumer spending will be put to the test by a declining population, wobbly labour market and higher energy costs. As the tariff shock wears off, and businesses adjust to the new trade environment, we expect to see exports grinding higher, but still being challenged. The Bank of Canada is also banking on more

investment and exports in their latest forecast.

Game time decision. The Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) review is slated to start tomorrow, though President Trump does not appear to be in a rush. An optimistic take is a positive renewal, extending the agreement for 16 more years. But we think a more likely scenario is no renewal, ushering in annual reviews. Our base case is that sector tariffs remain in place, but with the CUSMA exemption retained. That is, no better or worse, but the same. Still, compared to last year's tariff turmoil, a period of relative stability.

Also coming soon, Alberta will announce its submission of the proposed West Coast oil pipeline to the federal Major Projects Office on July 2. The federal government will then have until October 1 to designate it as a project of national interest.

Will a ringer enter the field? Canada could use the assistance of the "made in Canada" playmaker to kickstart growth. The largest upside comes from accelerating major projects that have been promised, but with shovels waiting to hit the ground. Lofty investment goals (Carney's plan is to catalyze \$1 trillion over five years) are not yet showing up in the data, with real business investment falling 1.9% y/y in Q1 2026. Going back further, investment is still 16% below its Q4 2014 peak.*

On the sidelines. Don't expect the Bank of Canada to react too much to this report. The economy is only now making up for lost ground, and inflation is too high. We continue to see the Bank of Canada on hold next month and for the remainder of the year.

*Real non-residential business investment in structures and machinery and equipment.

Another tee-rific tournament



Photos courtesy of Kinette Club of Smoky Lake



By **Brandie Majeau**

The annual golf tournament hosted by the Kinette Club of Smoky Lake was greeted with perfect weather and enthusiastic participation on June 13, marking another successful event in the books for the local group. Under clear sunny skies, golfers of all skill levels gathered at the Smoky Lake Golf Course to enjoy a day of friendly competition, friendly conversation, and the essence of a charitable day.

The tournament feels like a now-tradition in Smoky Lake, drawing a wide range of participants, everyone from longtime club members to newcomers eager to take part in raising money for community projects. The tournament's success can be credited to the strong sense of community and the energetic involvement of everyone present. The

Kinette Club of Smoky Lake hosts a variety of events and is known for its impact on making Smoky Lake a better place.

A special note of gratitude was extended to the numerous sponsors whose support made the tournament possible. Notable sponsors included Smoky Lake Waste & Recycle, represented by Derek and Stephanie Rosichuk, Tate and Erin Murphy, Grant Miller Motors, Nutrien-Redwater-Cam Chern, ATB Smoky Lake, and New Morning Contracting. Their generous contributions were recognized as vital to both the event's logistics and its fundraising efforts.

The tournament was also made possible thanks to the dedication of volunteers Amanda and Mikaelynn, whose efforts behind the scenes ensured the day ran smoothly. Organizers also acknowledged the Smoky Lake Golf Club for its hospitality and for providing a welcoming and

well-maintained facility for the event.

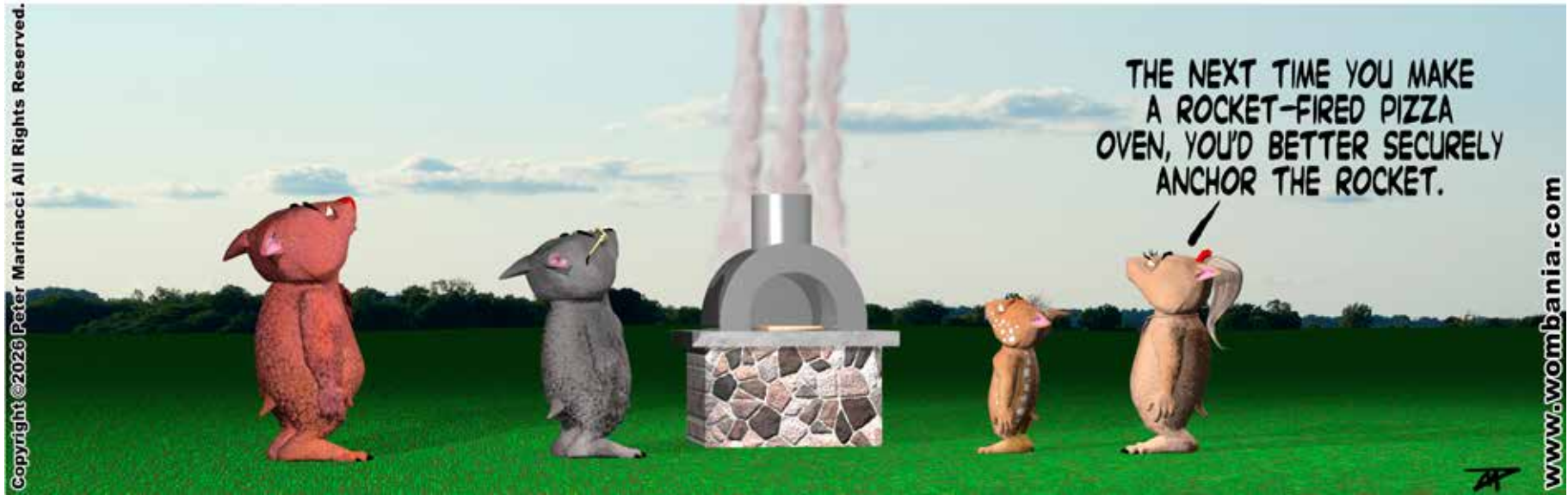
Golfers enjoyed a day filled with laughter, friendly rivalry, and impressive displays of golfing skill. The tournament encouraged both seasoned players and beginners to work together and have fun. As the tournament came to a close, there was always appreciation for the ongoing support of local residents, sponsors, and volunteers. Their combined efforts not only made the day an unforgettable one but also reinforced the importance of community-driven events in Smoky Lake.

With another successful tournament down, the Kinette Club of Smoky Lake is already amping up for its Beer Gardens & BBQ on August 2 as they celebrate Smoky Lake Heritage Days. They are pleased to welcome back the Ryan Snow Band and are ready to serve a hearty helping of brisket and sides.



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Radway Library hosts Creative Card-Making Workshop



 **By Brandie Majeau**

The usually quiet walls of the Radway Public Library were filled with laughter and originality recently as local residents gathered for a creative card-making workshop. Organized by the library and led by certified Stampin' Up instructor Tracey Stewart, the evening

drew a diverse group of participants eager to try their hand at crafting personalized greeting cards. Attendees were provided with all necessary materials and expert guidance as they explored a range of techniques, allowing even beginners to create beautiful, professional-looking cards. Each participant completed three unique cards during the session, gaining not only new skills

but also a sense of accomplishment. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn something new and unwind with friends and neighbours, as participants looked forward to sharing or sending out the cards for a little piece of handmade cheer. The atmosphere was relaxed and social, encouraging attendees to talk about a little bit of everything, exchange ideas, and inspire each other. The process of a

tangible activity also brings with it the benefits of stepping away from digital screens and engaging in hands-on creativity. It brings with it the chance to build on community connections, meet new people and embrace the warmth of walking into Radway Library. Stewart was an amazing instructor and brought with her a message of the accessibility of the craft. It reinforced that anyone can try their hand

at card making regardless of their experience. The evening showed that cards were about expressing oneself and having fun. Plus, participants also left with something beautiful to share. Due to the positive response, the Radway Public Library plans to hold another card-making session in the fall. There is hope that the program will build on itself and include more advanced techniques.

The possibilities are endless, perhaps a future of themed projects for the holiday season. The library continues to serve as a center for lifelong learning and neighborhood engagement. Events like this enhance the value of creative gatherings in encouraging both individual and collective growth. For more information on upcoming programs, visit the Radway Public Library.

Pros and cons of a home equity line of credit

(NC) With the warm weather finally here, maybe you're considering installing a pool or doing those home renovations you've been dreaming about. Perhaps you want to get away and an RV or a cottage are at the top of your wish list. A home equity line of credit (HELOC) is a quick and easy way to pay for such big expenses. But the long-term risks of HELOCs can outweigh their up-front

benefits if you don't manage the loan well. **How do HELOCs work?** HELOCs are secured by your home as a guarantee that you'll pay back the money you borrow. With a HELOC you can borrow money, pay it back and borrow it again up to a maximum credit limit. They use a variable interest rate, which means your payment amounts will change as the lender's

prime interest rate goes up or down. **Advantages of HELOCs:**

- They offer easy access to credit.
- They have lower interest rates than other types of credit, especially unsecured loans and credit cards.
- You can pay back the money you borrow at any time without a penalty.
- You can borrow as much as you want,

up to your available credit limit. **Disadvantages of HELOCs:**

- It takes discipline to pay off a HELOC because you're usually only required to pay the monthly interest charges.
- Large amounts of available credit can make it easier to over-spend and carry debt for a long time.
- You will have to pay off your entire

HELOC if you sell your home or want to switch your mortgage to another lender.

- The amount you owe on your HELOC reduces the equity in your home.
- Your bank could take possession of your home if you miss payments.

Before you take out a HELOC, make sure you consider the risks and have a repayment plan. If your lender is

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Sheilah Maureen Walker
June 20, 1963 – June 7, 2026

It is with deep sorrow and loving hearts that we announce the passing of Sheilah Maureen Walker, who left us peacefully on June 7, 2026, just ahead of her 63rd birthday.



lifestyle, finding joy and comfort in the spirit and landscape of the place she called home.

Above all, Sheilah was a devoted mother, grandmother, partner, and friend. Her absolute favorite

moments were the simple ones—especially cozy movie nights spent laughing and bonding with Blair and her children. She was happiest when her kitchen was full of delicious aromas, her home was filled with laughter, and she was surrounded by the people she loved most. A passionate cook and a natural social butterfly, Sheilah had a rare gift for making everyone feel welcome and cherished.

Her love for life was beautifully reflected in her garden, where she spent countless peaceful hours tending to her plants putting lotion in her basket and bringing beauty into the world. Sheilah also held a deep affection for the Alberta

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day, setting up targets and giving fairgoers the chance to test their skills with a bow and arrow.

While the rodeo thrilled as always, the new lawn mower race

event quickly became the highlight of the day. Local competitors (who had actually spent time practicing their maneuvers) showed off their ingenuity, lawn mower handling skills, and a competitive streak,

delighting spectators as they raced around the muddy track.

Newbrook Fair Days 2026 proved that not even relentless rain could dampen the enthusiasm for this year's Redneck Roundup.

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PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1707/26
DYNAMIC DEMOLITION & RECYCLING

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1707/26.

The applicant is proposing to redistrict a portion of 26431 Township Road 540 from AG (Agriculture District) to DC26 (Direct Control 26) to better accommodate an existing aggregate recycling yard business. The redistricting application is required to bring the property into compliance with the Land Use Bylaw.

A Direct Control (DC) District is a customized land-use district that allows for specific, site-unique regulations. It offers detailed control over development where standard land use districts are unsuitable or inadequate. It is often used for development requiring regulations beyond those provided by standard land use districts.

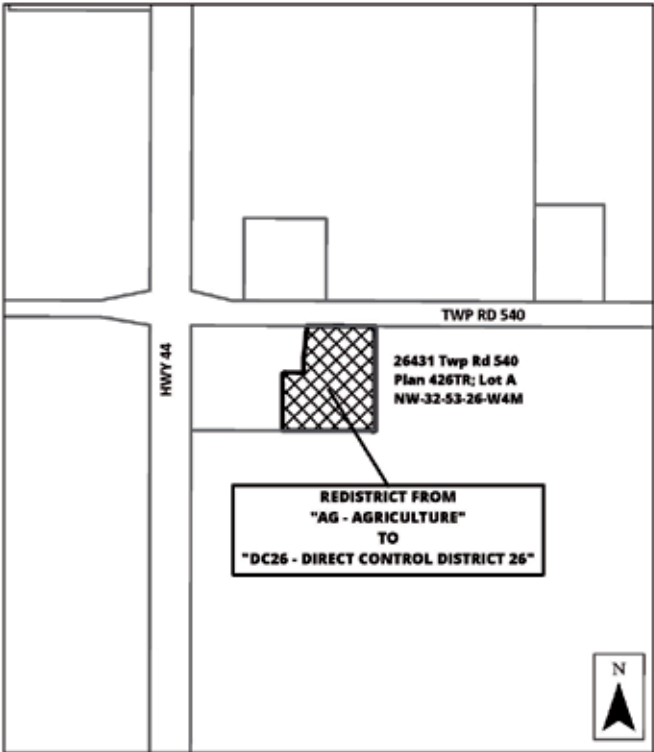
Learn more at sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1707-26

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 1 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St., Morinville)

Questions? Contact us!

Rebecca Schapansky, RPP, MCIP
Planner, Current Planning
587-404-9866,
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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 **780-939-8029** to register.

Speak via videoconference (phone or video call-in)

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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

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Can you develop food allergies as an adult?

(NC) Most people assume food allergies are a childhood condition that you either grow up with or outgrow. But for a growing number of Canadians, the first signs are showing up later in life.

“Adult-onset allergies are more common than people realize,” says Dr. Harold Kim, an allergist and immunologist. “The challenge is that adults are more likely to dismiss symptoms or assume it was something else, and that can be dangerous.”

When symptoms don't seem serious Symptoms like hives, upset stomach, scratchy throat or even chest pain after eating can be easy to blame on stress, a stomach bug or acid reflux. This tendency to explain away reactions can delay a proper diagnosis and leave you unprepared to respond if a severe reaction happens.

Why reactions can change over time Allergic reactions don't always stay the same and can change as we age. Research indicates that factors like declining physical activity and underlying health conditions such as cardiovascular disease or respiratory illness can make an allergic reaction worse.

“An allergy that caused mild symptoms in your 40s may present very differently in your 60s,” says Dr. Kim. “Age-related changes to the immune system and the presence of other conditions can change how your body responds.”

An allergic reaction can happen fast and without warning. If you've noticed a pattern of repeated symptoms after eating a particular food, it's important to see your doctor and not ignore it. An allergist can confirm a diagnosis through testing, help identify triggers and advise on how to manage it, including whether carrying emergency epinephrine medication, like an EpiPen, is recommended. The earlier an allergy is properly diagnosed, the safer you can be.

Find more information on allergies and treatments at epipen.ca.



Mr. and Mrs. Dalby of the Smoky Lake Lions Club present Canadian flags to Grade 1 students, helping foster pride in Canada's heritage and giving each student a special keepsake to commemorate the occasion. **H.A Kostash School photo**

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PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1715/26 PRAIRIE GARDENS REDISTRICTING APPLICATION

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1715/26.

The application proposes to amend Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 to redistrict 56311 Lily Lake Road from AG (Agriculture District) to AG2 (Agriculture 2 District) to better accommodate an existing agritourism business.

Prairie Gardens is an agritourism operation that offers agriculture-focused programs and events to the public.

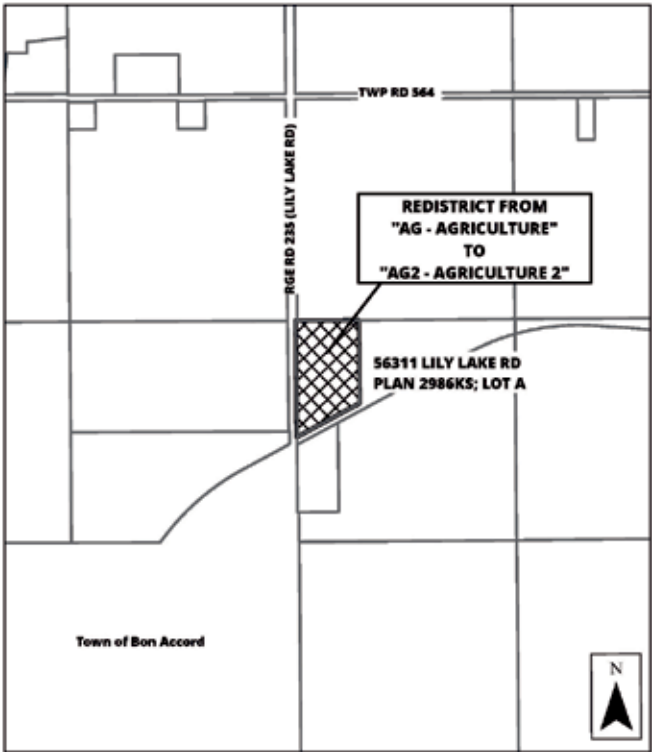
Learn more at sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1715-26

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 2 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St., Morinville)

Questions? Contact us!

Rebecca Schapansky, RPP, MCIP
Planner, Current Planning
587-404-9866,
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Speaking in person

To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at **780-939-8029** to register.

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Broadband expansion, land-use changes headline busy Sturgeon County Council Meeting



By Haylee Winger

Rural broadband expansion, land-use amendments and community priorities dominated discussions as Sturgeon County council met on June 16.

One of the meeting's most notable decisions saw councillors' direct administration to prepare a design package to extend the County's broadband fibre network to the Sturgeon Valley Estates subdivision. The work, estimated at up to \$20,000, will be funded through the Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve.

Council also dealt with several planning matters. Bylaw 1712/26 received second and third readings, formally redistricting lands associated with the Morinville Colony

to accommodate residential, agricultural and other uses typically connected with communal farming operations.

First reading was given to Bylaw 1707/26, which would redesignate a portion of land at 26431 Township Road 540 to support an existing aggregate recycling operation run by Dynamic Demolition and Recycling. A public hearing will be held before additional readings are considered.

Councillors also gave first reading to Bylaw 1715/26, which proposes to rezone Prairie Gardens & Adventure Farm on Lily Lake Road from Agriculture District to Agriculture 2 District to accommodate its existing agricultural support service operations. Public input will be gathered at a future hearing.

Waste management

regulations were updated through the passage of Bylaw 1709/26. The County-led amendment aims to provide greater clarity regarding potential new waste facilities and strengthen compliance measures involving unauthorized sites.

Financial matters also featured prominently. Council received the 2026 first-trimester financial report, covering the period ending April 30, and approved transferring \$750,000 from the Heartland

Signage Project to the Machinery and Equipment Reserve.

Additional motions directed administration to develop terms of reference for a Dark Sky Policy, review community grant programs to consider support for non-profit organizations that do not operate facilities and prepare a report ex-

Government of Alberta to determine the feasibility of installing traffic signals at the intersection of Highways 643 and 38.

During Committee of the Whole discussions, members received a presentation on the ecological health of the Redwater wildfire area, including information about post-fire

increasing the municipality's contribution to \$3 per capita beginning in 2027.

Quarterly updates from the Morinville, Redwater and Fort Saskatchewan RCMP detachments were received as information.

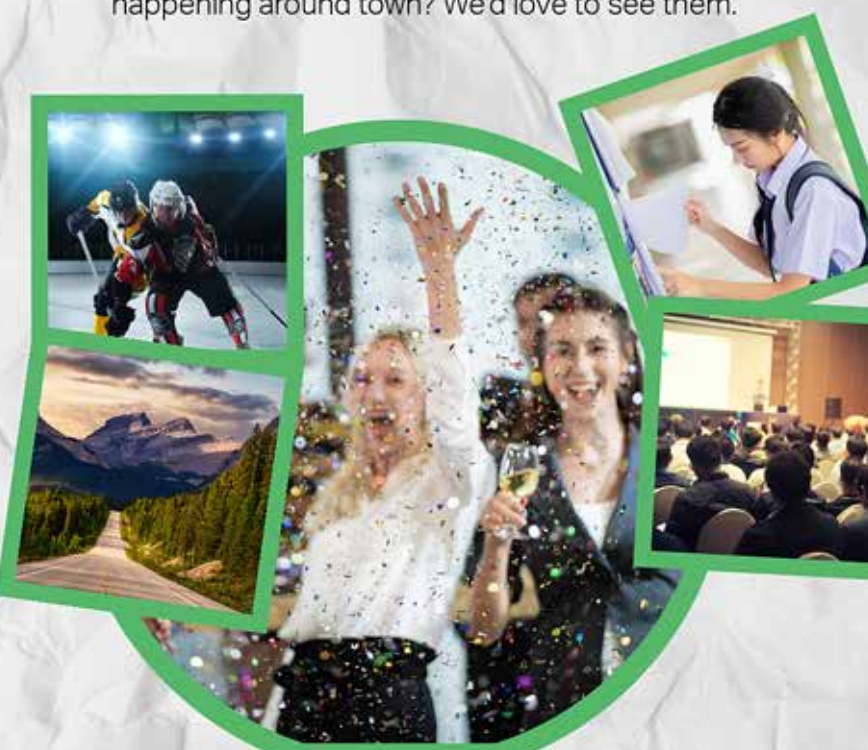
Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Alanna Hnatiw proclaimed June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in Sturgeon County. Council also referred a request from resident Amanda Bodhi for compassionate municipal tax relief to administration for a future recommendation and appointed the mayor to the YEG-ZVL Noise Advisory Committee.

The meeting reflected council's continued focus on infrastructure investment, responsible growth and support for communities across Sturgeon County.



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Have photos from a recent game, tournament, school event, fundraiser, community gathering, or something interesting happening around town? We'd love to see them.



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Sean Faithful signs with the Redwater Rebels after committing to return for the 2026-27 season. The 20-year-old forward recorded 19 goals and 19 assists in 62 games over the past two seasons with the team. **Redwater Rebels photo**

Wildrose Mamas bring 1950s nostalgia to Pembina Place



By Shelley Winger

The Wildrose Mamas (Redwater/Gibbons Red Hat Society Group) stepped back in time on June 10, hosting a 1950s-themed gathering at Pembina Place that brought together 83 women for a day of music, dancing, shopping and friendship.

Attendees embraced the theme with colourful 1950s-inspired outfits featuring polka dots, poodle skirts and vintage accessories, creating a festive atmosphere throughout the event.

The Wildrose Mamas are part of the international Red Hat Society, a social organization that encourages women to celebrate friendship, fun, freedom and life after 50. Members are known for their signature red hats and purple attire and regularly gather for social outings, special events and community

activities. Greetings from the Town of Redwater were delivered by Councillor Connie Butcher before guests enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment and activities.

Music was provided by The Twilaters, whose performance encouraged singalongs and dancing throughout the day. Many attendees took to the dance floor, while others enjoyed visiting with friends and reminiscing about the music and fashions of the 1950s.

Guests also had the

opportunity to browse offerings from 10 vendors selling clothing, jewelry and accessories. Door prize and raffle draws added to the excitement and provided plenty of opportunities for participants to take home a souvenir from the day.

A restored 1955 Chevy owned by Wayne Harvey was displayed outside the venue and proved to be a popular attraction. The classic vehicle provided a fitting backdrop for photographs and sparked conversations about a

bygone era.

Organizers described the event as a celebration of friendship and community. For many attendees, the gathering offered an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new people and enjoy an afternoon filled with laughter and nostalgia. The success of the event reflected the spirit of the Red Hat Society itself — bringing women together to create friendships, share experiences and make lasting memories while embracing life's adventures.



Flo Ludwig photos

A member of the Wildrose Mamas addresses attendees during the group's 1950s-themed gathering at Pembina Place. The event featured music, shopping and opportunities for friendship and fellowship.



Colourful outfits and Red Hat Society flair were on display as attendees enjoyed socializing during the Wildrose Mamas' 1950s-themed event.



Members of the Wildrose Mamas pose with a restored 1955 Chevy that served as a popular photo backdrop during the group's 1950s-themed gathering at Pembina Place.



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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	July 7	2:00 PM
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- 1997 Jayco 3030 5th wheel Holiday Trailer c/w 1 slide, water damage, Sells As Is
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Lower your risk of West Nile virus infection this summer

Primary Care Alberta release

Mosquitoes are a common summer pest. It's important to remember that

if you're bitten, you may be at risk for West Nile virus. With mosquitoes thriving this time of year, Primary Care Alberta asks Albertans to protect

their health by preventing bites. While the risk of West Nile virus remains low in Alberta, some mosquitoes can carry the virus, so it's

best to avoid being bitten at all. West Nile virus is an infection that can give you flu-like symptoms. In rare cases, the infection can lead to brain and spinal

cord inflammation, which can be hard to recover from. There is currently no specific treatment for West Nile virus infection. Here are some ways you can help prevent mosquito bites:

- Cover as much of your body as possible when outdoors, especially in grassy or wooded areas.
- Wear long-sleeved, light-coloured shirts and pants, and a hat.
- Stay indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Use a Health Canada-approved insect repellent (for example, products with DEET or Icaridin) and follow the product label instructions.

If you're a parent or caregiver, do not use insect repellent with DEET on babies under six months of age. Instead, use mosquito netting and try not to be outside when insect activity is high, like at dawn and dusk.

If your child is old enough for you to use insect repellent with DEET, limit use where you can:

- If your child is six months of age to two years old, do not use insect repellent more than once a day. Use insect repellent only when there's a high risk of insect bites, like at dawn and dusk.
- If your child is over two years of age, you can use it up to three times a day.

Always make sure you use a registered product labelled as an insect repellent for use on people. Visit Personal Insect repellents - Canada.ca for more information. To learn more about West Nile virus and ways to keep safe, visit Fightthebite.info.

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Smoky Lake County NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed Bylaw #1509-26



TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with sections 216.4, 606 & 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of Smoky Lake County is giving consideration of Bylaw #1509-26:

- To redistrict portions of the lands legally described as Pt. NE 4-62-13-W4M, from AGRICULTURE (AG) DISTRICT to MULTI-LOT COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL (R1), under the County's Land Use Bylaw #1272-14;
- To reclassify portions of the lands legally described as Pt. NE 4-62-13-W4M, from AGRICULTURE AREA to RESIDENTIAL AREA, under the County's Municipal Development Plan Bylaw #1249-12; and
- To reclassify portions of the lands legally described as Pt. NE 4-62-13-W4M, from AGRICULTURE AREA to RESIDENTIAL AREA, under the Whitefish Lake Area Structure Plan Bylaw #1189-09.

A Statutory Public Hearing will be held in relation to Bylaw 1509-26, both in-person and via videoconference on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at: Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0 or online: <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/219324220> Meeting ID: 219324220 or via phone: 1-844-511-2074

In-person Speakers:

If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register for the Public Hearing by contacting Jordan Ruegg at 780-656-3730 Ext. 113.

Speakers participating through Telus Business Connect videoconference:

If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you are asked to register 24 hours prior to the opening of the Public Hearing by contacting Meaghan Andreychuk at 780-656-3730. This is to ensure that virtual participants receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Requirements for all Speakers:

All speakers will be given a 5-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.

Written Submissions:

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a written submission by email at jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.

Persons wishing to view the Bylaw and/or the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or view the Meeting at the County website at <http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca> or view the Bylaw <https://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/notices>

Questions? Contact:

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Residents of Diamond Spring Lodge enjoyed a summer barbecue followed by an interactive performance from Edmonton-based entertainer Amanda Panda. Through her Hula Hoop Circus, Amanda combined circus arts, storytelling, and audience participation, bringing an afternoon of fun while encouraging confidence, creativity, and the pursuit of dreams. **Shauna Krankowsky photos**

County shares flood prevention tips following record rainfall



By Haylee Winger

Residents across Sturgeon County experienced the effects of prolonged rainfall in late June as saturated ground, flooded ditches and localized road washouts affected communities throughout the region. The wet weather came as the Edmonton area recorded its wettest June in more than a century, breaking a rainfall record that had stood since 1914. With heavy rain always a possibility during the summer months, the County is encouraging homeowners to take simple steps to help protect their properties from flooding.

One of the easiest ways residents can help during periods of

heavy rain is by reducing unnecessary water use to ease pressure on the regional wastewater system. The County recommends waiting to do laundry if possible, postponing car washing, taking shorter showers, and only running the dishwasher when it is full. Residents are also reminded to flush only toilet paper and human waste and to never pour cooking grease down household drains. Roof drains and sump pumps should also not be directed into the wastewater system.

To help reduce the risk of water damage, homeowners are encouraged to make sure roof downspouts carry water well away from their home's foundation, seal basement windows and ground-level doors with weatherproof

sealant and install a sump pump and backflow prevention devices where possible. Keeping eaves-troughs, culverts and nearby storm drains clear of leaves and debris can also improve drainage during heavy downpours.

The County also encourages residents to download the Alberta Emergency Alert app and stay informed by monitoring local weather forecasts. If flooding occurs, residents should avoid driving through flooded roadways, obey all road closures, and contact a plumber and their insurance provider if a basement floods. Taking a few preventative steps before the next major rainfall can help reduce property damage and better prepare homes for severe weather.

New owners bring community focus to Redwater IGA



By Shelley Winger

Redwater IGA's new owners are settling into the community with a

focus on building relationships, supporting local initiatives and continuing the hometown feel of the grocery store.

Kristina Dekorver, who recently took over

ownership of the store, said the opportunity appealed to her because it offered more than running a grocery business.

"It really came down to the opportunity to

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Well-maintained 3-bedroom bungalow with a functional and family-friendly layout. The main floor features a bright kitchen, dining area, comfortable living space, three bedrooms, and a 4-piece bathroom. The basement is mostly undeveloped, offering excellent potential for future development, and includes a 2-piece bathroom with a shower already started. Situated on a spacious lot with plenty of room to enjoy the outdoors, the property also features a 24' x 20' double detached garage, providing ample space for vehicles, storage, or a workshop.

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SOLD
\$299,900

Well-maintained 2-bedroom bungalow in an adult living setting, conveniently located across from Diamond Spring Lodge. This no-stairs home offers comfortable single-level living and has seen numerous recent updates over the past year, including fresh paint, all new flooring, updated bathrooms, quartz countertops, and new washer and dryer. The functional layout features a spacious living room, room for a dining set, a bright kitchen, and a 4-piece main bathroom complete with a jetted tub. The primary bedroom includes a convenient 2-piece ensuite, and the utility room houses the laundry area. Enjoy the convenience of a single attached garage and low-maintenance living with condo fees that include snow removal and grass cutting — ideal for those who head south for the winter or spend summers at the lake.

4419 47 ST GIBBONS

\$399,900

Pride of ownership shines throughout this original-owner 3+1 bedroom bungalow, ideally situated on a large lot with a town easement behind for added privacy. This well-maintained home offers the perfect blend of classic charm and valuable modern upgrades, including triple-pane windows, a high-efficiency furnace, newer hot water tank, shingles, exterior doors, garage door, front vinyl siding, driveway, and rubber sidewalk. The main floor features a bright living room, a dining area open to the kitchen, a 4-piece bathroom, and three bedrooms, including the primary with a convenient 2-piece ensuite. The fully finished basement offers a spacious recreation room, a fourth bedroom, a den, a 3-piece bathroom, and plenty of storage space. Outside, the beautifully landscaped, partially fenced yard features a large deck with a gazebo, raised garden beds, a spacious side driveway with plenty of parking, and a double detached garage. With the added privacy of the town easement behind, this property offers an ideal.

58201 RR 214 THORHILD COUNTY

\$599,900

Beautifully renovated 3-bedroom bungalow situated on a mature 10+ acre yard site. Recent upgrades include fresh paint, new baseboards, flooring, bathroom fixtures, light fixtures, countertops, microwave hood fan, hot water tank, and furnace — all thoughtfully completed while preserving some of the home's original character and charm. The main floor features a bright kitchen with dining area, a welcoming living room overlooking the garden space, three bedrooms, and a 4-piece bathroom. A convenient 2-piece bathroom is located off the back entrance, with space available for main floor laundry if desired. The basement offers a spacious rec area, a 3-piece bathroom, and plenty of room for storage or kids' play space. Outside, the property is well-equipped for acreage living with over 10 acres, two double garages, three large sheds, a pole shed ideal for equipment or hay storage, and a large shop with dirt floor. Plenty of room for kids, horses, and country living — just move in and enjoy.

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be part of a close-knit community," she said. "I grew up in Canmore, where our local IGA was more than just a grocery store—it was a place where people connected and you could see the role it played in everyday life." Dekorver, her husband Ryan and their two children are making Redwater their home. While she is new to the community, her husband's family has deep roots in the area. His grandfather, Reg Austin, served as mayor of Gibbons during the 1980s, and the Austin family farmed between Gibbons and Redwater for many years. She said those family connections made the decision to come to Redwater even more meaningful. "In a town like Redwater, the grocery store naturally becomes part of everyday life," she said. "It's

where people see familiar faces, stop to chat and stay connected." Since taking over the store, Dekorver has already introduced several updates, including refreshing the front end of the store and adding kid-sized shopping carts, which have proven popular with young shoppers. Rather than making sweeping changes, she said she has spent much of her time on the sales floor talking with customers and listening to their ideas. "That feedback is guiding what we look at next," she said. "It's not about change for the sake of change—it's about building on what already works and making thoughtful improvements that reflect what the community is asking for." She also hopes the store can continue supporting local organizations and provide

employment opportunities for area youth. As her family begins its new chapter in Redwater, Dekorver said the welcome they have received has already made a lasting impression. "We're so excited to be here and become part of the community," she said. "My focus is simple: build trust, build relationships and ensure Redwater IGA is a store people feel good about shopping at and proud to have in their community."



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