

Sturgeon County declares agricultural disaster amid wet conditions



Standing water fills a Sturgeon County field following prolonged wet weather this summer. Excessive moisture and localized flooding have delayed field operations and affected crop development across the region. **Sturgeon County photos**



By **Shelley
Winger**

Sturgeon County has declared an agricultural disaster for the 2026

growing season following ongoing concerns about excessive moisture, localized flooding and prolonged wet weather.

County council made the declaration during

a special council meeting Aug. 6, following a recommendation from the Agricultural Service Board.

The County has been

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Redwater annual golf tournament combines fun with giving back



By **Shelley
Winger**

Golfers gathered at the Redwater Golf Course on August 6 for the Town of Redwater's annual golf tournament, spending the day enjoying friendly competition while helping raise funds for



Golfers show off their colourful team attire during the Town of Redwater's annual golf tournament on Aug. 6. **Town of Redwater photo**

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Enjoy country living on this 11.22-acre acreage located just 1 mile east of Egremont and less than an hour from North Edmonton. This spacious 1,600+ sq. ft. bungalow offers 3 bedrooms, including a primary bedroom with a 2-piece ensuite, a bright living room, functional kitchen, dining area, family room, and a 4-piece main bathroom. The mature yard site provides plenty of room for gardens, a few animals, or simply space for the kids to ride ATVs and enjoy the outdoors. Outbuildings include a 24' x 45' heated garage with 220V power, a 30' x 50' insulated shop with a newer overhead door and opener (also wired with 220V), and a massive 27' x 125' cold storage pole shed, offering exceptional space for equipment, RVs, or all your storage needs. A fantastic opportunity to enjoy peaceful acreage living with an easy commute to the city.

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One-of-a-kind 78-acre property offering approx. 50 acres of pasture, 2 dugouts, and a picture-perfect yard site. The custom-built 2-story home features a walkout basement and thoughtful design throughout. Enjoy 2 upper-level decks, including a private deck off the primary suite. The main floor includes laundry, a 2-pc bath, and a galley-style kitchen with high-end appliances, flowing into a spacious dining area, living room, and cozy sitting space. Outside, the property is equally impressive with an 82' carport, a 16x21 workshop, a 12x14 bunkhouse, and a 25x40 vegetable garden.

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Escape to the peace and beauty of this stunning 4-acre mature yard site, where every tree was lovingly planted by the current owners over 40 years ago. Whether you're looking for a weekend retreat or the perfect location to build your dream home, this property offers endless potential. Located just 10 minutes east of Redwater, you'll enjoy the privacy of country living with the convenience of nearby amenities. The existing 2-bedroom cabin sits on a concrete slab and features a spacious living room, kitchen, a wood-burning stove for heat, and a second wood-burning cook stove for preparing meals. An outhouse serves as the bathroom. Additional features include a double garage, with half converted into guest accommodations, an original farmhouse, storage shed, horseshoe pits, and a beautiful tree-lined driveway. A rare opportunity to own a picturesque acreage with mature landscaping and endless possibilities.

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Alberta Transportation addresses major infrastructure plans



By **Brandie Majeau**

At a rural media roundtable held on August 11, 2026, Alberta's Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Devin Dreeshen, addressed a range of transportation issues currently affecting the province. The meeting brought together local media representatives to discuss high-profile projects and ongoing challenges, providing insight into the government's priorities as Alberta's population and transportation needs continue to grow.

A significant portion of the discussion

centered on the widening of areas on the QE2 highway, one of Alberta's busiest transportation corridors. Media inquiries focused on the balance between infrastructure development and environmental stewardship, with particular attention to the impact on parklands and wetlands. Minister Dreeshen acknowledged these concerns, reiterating the government's commitment to responsible expansion while highlighting the necessity of maintaining 64,000 lanes of traffic in the province. He pointed to Alberta's recent population growth, with 400,000 new drivers added, as a driving factor behind

these projects.

Other pressing topics included damage caused by landslides and severe weather events, as well as the reduction in air service to regional airports following WestJet's withdrawal from several smaller communities. Minister Dreeshen assured attendees that assessments and repairs following natural disasters are ongoing, and the province is exploring options to support affected regional airports.

In response to questions about road safety, the Minister outlined ongoing audits and enforcement actions. Twenty trucking companies and five fraudulent driver training

schools have been shut down in recently in an effort to restrict inexperienced and ill-trained drivers from being on the road. Dreeshen also discussed inter-provincial efforts to establish Red Seal certification for trucking, looking ahead at improving industry standards and cross-border consistency.

Highway 28, especially at critical points such as the RR224 intersection, continues to be a significant concern for residents who regularly rely on this route. Alberta Transportation has pledged a multi-year upgrade to the entire Edmonton-Fort McMurray corridor, with plans that encompass intersection



improvements, resurfacing, additional climbing and passing lanes, and targeted realignments to enhance long-term capacity and safety. Minister Dreeshen's remarks underscored

the province's proactive approach to transportation challenges, balancing growth, safety, and environmental considerations as Alberta continues to evolve.



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monitoring agricultural conditions throughout the region, with saturated agricultural land continuing to create challenges for producers.

The prolonged wet conditions have affected field access, delayed seeding and harvest activities, hindered crop development and reduced overall agricultural productivity.

The County said continued moisture is raising concerns about crop health, reduced yields and forage production, while further wet weather could prevent or delay producers

from completing necessary field operations.

The conditions are also creating increased financial and operational pressures for local farming operations.

Agriculture is a cornerstone of Sturgeon County's community and local economy, and the municipality is considering options to formally recognize the severity of the conditions and communicate concerns to provincial and federal decision-makers.

The County is coordinating with neighbouring municipalities and regional partners to better understand the

broader effects of the wet conditions and advocate for appropriate support measures.

Producers are encouraged to document the impacts to their operations and remain connected with municipal agricultural staff and available agricultural support programs as the situation develops.

Sturgeon County said it will continue working with producers, industry organizations and government partners to monitor conditions, gather information and advocate on behalf of those affected by flooding and excessive moisture.

RCMP officers in Alberta will soon start wearing a new navy-blue uniform shirt

RCMP Press Release

As part of on-going efforts to modernize the RCMP uniform, the RCMP is equipping officers with new navy-blue uniform shirts on a province-by-province basis. Commencing mid-August, 2026, frontline RCMP officers at RCMP detachments in Alberta will begin to wear their

new navy-blue uniform shirts.

Members of the public should note that RCMP officers may still wear the previous grey uniform shirts for the foreseeable future, meaning they can be seen wearing either the grey or blue shirts on duty. The RCMP understands that seeing a new uniform colour may cause confusion. The RCMP

also understands that there have been recent incidents of individuals impersonating police. If you have any concerns about the identity of the police officer you are interacting with, you can ask the officer for identification. You can also contact your local detachment's non-emergency line to determine if there is a police officer at your location.



Alberta Farm Days: Connecting city and country



By **Brandie Majeau**

This past weekend, August 15-16, fields across Alberta were alive with activity as thousands of visitors flocked to rural communities for the annual Alberta Open Farm Days, a province-wide event that invites the public to experience life on the farm firsthand.

Launched over a decade ago, Alberta Farm Days has grown into a much-anticipated

tradition, offering urban and suburban families a rare glimpse into the province's agricultural heart. Approximately 150 farms, ranches, and agri-businesses participated this year, opening their gates for tours, demonstrations, and tastings. From an Alpaca Ranches to Historical Museums to grain farms to wineries (yes, Alberta has wineries) this weekend showcased the diversity of Alberta agriculture.

Across Alberta, visitors wandered

through golden wheat fields, tasted warm, freshly baked bread, and watched demonstrations of antique threshing machines. Though the event is designed for easy, close-to-home day trips, the range of farms and activities encourages people to turn it into a weekend adventure. Each farm has unique features manned by knowledgeable hosts eager to explain what guests are seeing. You might observe an off-site watering system inspect cattle or grain farming equipment, or

study living displays. At some places, guests can place themselves in situations to give them an new perspective on agricultural practices. Opportunities are everywhere to learn about what makes agriculture unique in Alberta and visitors may just get to chat with retired farmers who share their stories. Reading about farming is one thing; experiencing it firsthand is another. The sight of a real tractor or the feel of a baby chick in hand for the first time is unforgettable.

Open Farm Days also offered an opportunity for local producers to promote Alberta-grown products. Farm stores brimmed with honey, jams, cheese, and grass-fed beef, while food trucks and pop-up markets featured menus built around homegrown ingredients. While many visitors took home armfuls of fresh produce and ingredients the weekend's popularity speaks to a growing curiosity about food origins and sustainable agriculture. There seems

to be more and more people interested in buying local, eating seasonally, and reducing their environmental impact. Open Farm Days helps bridge the gap between city and country.

As the sun set on another successful Alberta Farm Days, both visitors and hosts can agree that the event is something a little more than a weekend outing. It's a celebration of community, tradition, and the vital role farmers play in putting food on every Albertan's table.

Alberta high school students grow their futures with green certificate program



By **Brandie Majeau**

Alberta's agricultural roots run deep, and thanks to a visionary partnership between the province's education and agriculture sectors, high school students can plant the seeds of a rewarding career while still earning their diplomas. The Green Certificate Program, a unique agricultural training program, offers high

school students across Alberta the chance to gain hands-on, industry-recognized skills while also earning credits toward graduation.

Launched in 1975, the Green Certificate Program has evolved into a key pathway for youth interested in farming, ranching, and the agri-food industry. Students in grades 10 to 12 can enroll in one of several agricultural specializations such as cow-calf beef production, equine technician, greenhouse production,

field crop production, and more. Under the supervision of experienced trainers, often on family farms or with local producers, students complete a series of practical modules that mirror real-world agricultural work.

Alberta's agriculture sector is the backbone to the economy. When students are provided with these opportunities, they are ensuring the next generation is prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities in modern

farming. The program is designed to be flexible, allowing students to learn at their own pace, often outside the traditional classroom. Training is competency-based, meaning students are assessed on their ability to perform tasks safely and effectively which in turn builds skills that are directly transferable to future employment or post-secondary education.

For each specialization, students can earn up to 16 high school

credits which is equivalent to several full courses. This helps students work toward their receiving their diploma while giving them a head start in their agricultural careers. Many graduates of the program have gone on to manage family farms, work in agribusiness, or continue their studies in agriculture at the post-secondary level.

Participation in the Green Certificate Program continues to grow, with hundreds of Alberta students

signing up each year. The program is supported by both Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and Alberta Education, ensuring that students receive high-quality, relevant instruction.

As the province looks to the future, programs like the Green Certificate Program are helping to cultivate the next generation of agricultural leaders, building resilient students who are as comfortable in the classroom as they are in the field.

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 11, 2026

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the August 11, 2026, Regular Council meeting:

Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw

Council gave second reading to Proposed Bylaw 08-2026 Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw, as amended.

Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw

Council directed Administration to amend Proposed Bylaw 07-2026 Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw as discussed and bring it back to a future Council meeting.

Public Land Auction

The Public Land Auction opened at 10:00 a.m. No bids were received for Lot 5, Block 10, Plan 1346 HW (618 – 4 Street, Hamlet of Thorhild) or Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 092 0794 (59103 Hwy 827, rural Thorhild County).

Non-monetary Support Policy

Council approved Policy 1407 – Non-monetary Support as presented.

RCMP Stakeholder Engagement

Council directed Administration to complete the RCMP Stakeholder Engagement – Redwater Detachment survey as discussed.

FedGas Convention

Council directed Administration to register the Reeve for the Chair and Official Meetings Only Track at the FedGas Convention.

Range Road 221 Culvert Replacement

Council approved \$480,000 from bridge reserves for the installation of a new bridge culvert on Range Road 221, south of Township Road 584.

2026 Paving Program

Council approved an additional \$317,256 for the 2026 Paving Program, with funding from Accumulated Surplus.

Interim Drainage Mitigation Measures

Council approved \$66,000 from Accumulated Surplus for interim drainage mitigation measures at five locations throughout the County.

Assessment Review Board Appointments

Council appointed Carol Revega as Assessment Review Board Clerk and Tina Groszko (Chair), Darlene Chartrand, Sheryl Exley, and Richard Knowles to Thorhild County's Assessment Review Board for 2026.

Coffee with Council – Newbrook

Council directed Administration to coordinate a Coffee with Council on October 22, 2026, with Newbrook Library as part of its Thursday Library Lunch Program.

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DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT(S) ISSUED – APPEAL BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Take notice that the Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application(s):

Legal Description:	Lot 16, Block 2, Plan 5818 KS (Long Lake)
Land Use Description:	RL - Long Lake Residential District
Proposal:	Requesting approval of a front yard setback deficiency for a Single Detached Dwelling and height of an accessory building (detached garage)
Division:	5
Permit #:	DP26-2740

Date of Decision: August 11, 2026; Appeal by: 4:00 p.m., September 1, 2026

Additional Information:

For additional information regarding these permits, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 Ext. 2825 or email: David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

Appeal Information:

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must appeal to the following appeal body (see below for details):

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SEPTEMBER 25

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THORHILD SWIMMING POOL

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Town of Redwater Council approves change to the budget for 2026 Sidewalk Replacement Program

By Garnet Davison
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Redwater Town Council has approved an increase to the 2026 Sidewalk Replacement Program budget from \$130,000 to a maximum of \$168,000, allowing the Town to proceed with the full planned scope of sidewalk replacement work.

Up to \$38,000 will be funded from the Town's Sidewalks Capital Reserve.

"The purpose of quotes and contracts is to proactively respond to conditions that we know are part of the project," said Mayor Dave McRae. "This year an anomaly with the weather drastically affected how this tried and true method of maintaining our sidewalks occurred. As a result, we effectively utilized our reserve funds to ensure we could maintain the level of service our residents deserve."

Why Did the Project Cost Increase?

The 2026 Sidewalk Replacement Program was originally

budgeted to include \$20,000 to down-town paving stones and \$110,000 towards sidewalk rehabilitation. The sidewalk rehabilitation portion of the project was originally estimated at approximately \$109,000. The revised anticipated cost is approximately \$148,000.

The contractor identified that additional soil-cement stabilization is required beneath portions of the planned sidewalk work before new concrete can be placed. This stabilization provides a more stable foundation and helps reduce the risk of settlement, movement and premature failure.

"The condition of the material underneath a sidewalk is critical to the performance and longevity of the concrete above it," said Garnet Davison, General Manager of Operations. "The required soil-cement stabilization will provide a more stable foundation for the new sidewalks and reduce the risk of settlement, movement and premature failure."

Council Considered Two Options

Council was presented with two options on August 11th: reduce a portion of the planned 62 Street sidewalk replacements to keep the project within the approved budget, or provide additional funding from reserves to maintain the planned scope and complete the required stabilization work.

Council chose to maintain the full planned scope.

The use of reserve funds allows the Town to complete the planned work in 2026; however, reserves are funds set aside for future municipal needs and capital projects. Using up to

\$38,000 now reduces the funds available for future sidewalk rehabilitation and other capital needs. Council considered this longer-term financial impact as part of its decision.

How Sidewalk Replacement Priorities Are Determined

The Town's sidewalk replacement

program is an annual prioritized program. Under Policy 403 - Inspections and Maintenance, sidewalk deficiencies are reviewed and prioritized annually based on established priorities.

The Town also completes a comprehensive sidewalk assessment approximately every five years. This assessment helps inform longer-term capital planning and anticipated sidewalk rehabilitation needs over the following five-year period.

The annual program is developed based on identified deficiencies, priorities, available funding and anticipated construction costs.

Why Doesn't the Annual Program Include a Large Contingency?

The sidewalk replacement program is an annual maintenance program developed and budgeted as part of the Town's annual budget process in November/December for the upcoming construction season. It is informed by Policy 403 - Inspections and Maintenance,

mentioned above, which establishes the Town's approach to inspecting and prioritizing sidewalk deficiencies. The program is then developed based on those priorities, anticipated construction costs and the amount of work that can reasonably be completed within the approved budget.

That's not to say that the Town does not include contingencies for larger, defined one-time capital projects where appropriate. An annual sidewalk

maintenance program is different. A dollar value is established each year, based on anticipated average construction costs and the Town's five-year plan for addressing prioritized sidewalk deficiencies. Administration then works to maximize the amount of priority work that can be completed within that approved amount.

Building a large contingency into the annual

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Back-to-school costs put pressure on Alberta families



By Haylee Winger

With September approaching, families across Alberta are getting ready for another school year. For some, the cost of getting children ready is becoming harder to manage.

Pencils, binders and markers may seem like small purchases, but when an entire school supply list is added up, the bill can quickly grow.

A 2025 Léger survey found that 60 per cent of Canadian parents said school-supply costs had increased from the previous year, while 63 per cent said back-to-school expenses had a significant impact on their household budget.

The pressure comes as Alberta families continue to deal with rising everyday costs. Food Banks Canada's 2026 Alberta Poverty Report Card found that 43 per cent of Albertans are spending at least 30 per cent of their income on housing, while 28.4 per cent are living in households experiencing food insecurity.

In Redwater, a local program is helping take some of that pressure off families.

The Town of Redwater's Tools for School program is collecting new school supplies for local students who need assistance. The program is asking residents to donate items such as glue, scissors, markers, pens, highlighters, binders, pencil cases,

calculators and geometry sets.

Donations can be dropped off at the Community Services Office upstairs in Pembina Place during regular office hours.

Families who need help with school supplies can contact Redwater Community Services at 780-942-4101 or dgordey@redwater.ca.

The need for programs like Tools for School comes as back-to-school spending continues to be a significant expense for Canadian families. The Retail Council of Canada and Caddle estimate that Canadians will spend more than \$4.5 billion on back-to-school shopping in 2026, with average spending estimated at \$600 to \$750 per child when electronics are included.

For families with multiple children, or households already balancing housing, groceries and other necessities, September can bring another difficult expense.

Community donations can help close that gap.

A package of markers or a binder may not seem like much, but for a family trying to stretch its budget, having those items provided can mean one less purchase to make before the first day of school.

As students get ready to return to classrooms, Redwater's Tools for School program is giving local residents a chance to make that transition a little easier for families in their community.

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Tyler Ryan Shaffer
Age 16

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THIS WEEK'S TIPS

TIP #1

POSITIVE COMMUNICATIONS TIP

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program could ultimately mean completing less priority sidewalk work each year. The intent is to use the available annual funding to address as much of the identified priority work as reasonably possible, while adjusting through the budget process when unforeseen conditions materially affect the cost of the program.

Regarding Recent Project Speculation

There has been recent speculation regarding whether

portions of the sidewalk replacement program would be cancelled or reduced. At the time of those comments the Town had not confirmed a change in scope because no decision had yet been made.

When unforeseen circumstances affect an approved project and Council direction is required, the matter is brought forward to the Special Council for consideration. Council's agenda packages are publicly available and provide the information, options and financial implications considered

by Council.

Following the August 11, 2026 Special Council Meeting, the decision has now been made: the planned 2026 sidewalk replacement scope will proceed.

The Town will provide further updates as the project progresses to those impacted, including any material impacts to construction scheduling. The agenda package for the Special Council Meeting, including the full report considered by Council, is available at the link here: <https://www.redwater.ca/p/council-agendas-minutes>.



On August 11, Off Grid Kids took a break from their summer camp activities for a bouncing good time at Fun Park in Edmonton, where they played in the foam pit and tried their hand at laser tag. **Redwater Hype photo**

Got Photos, Sports Scores, Community News Or Upcoming Events?

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



🏒 Sports photos & scores

🎓 School news & achievements

🎉 Community events

🏆 Local accomplishments

📍 Interesting photos from around the region

📅 Upcoming events and fundraisers

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PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1713/26
LINGHAM EVENT VENUE REDISTRICTING

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1713/26.

The property owner would like to operate an event venue on their land at 55202 Range Road 230. This land is zoned as AG-Agriculture, which does not allow this type of activity.

The applicant is requesting the land be rezoned to AG2 – Agriculture 2 District, which would allow them to apply for an event venue development permit.

Each time land is rezoned, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw, and a public hearing must be held.

Legal land description: SE-13-55-23-W4

Public Hearing details

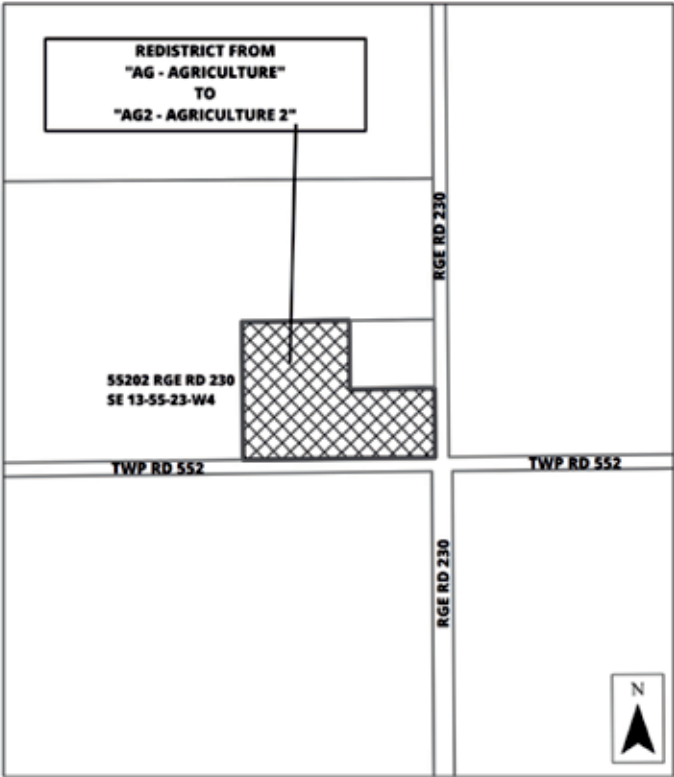
The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference:

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 1 p.m.
(or as soon as practical thereafter)

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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)

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by August 24, 2026 at 1 p.m. by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8029. 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.

By submitting comments on this bylaw, either orally or in writing, the personal information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the public hearing or otherwise made public. This information is collected under section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act (POPA). If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information, please contact the Sturgeon County Access and Privacy Advisor at 780-939-1306 or accessandprivacy@sturgeoncounty.ca.





Town of Redwater photos

Volunteers prepare food for participants during the annual golf tournament.

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programs and initiatives in the community.

The annual event brought golfers together for an 18-hole Texas Scramble, with the day beginning with registration, breakfast and a chance for participants to get ready for the tournament before the shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Although temperatures were on the chilly side, the weather did not stop participants from enjoying the day.

The tournament offered plenty of opportunities for golfers to have some fun along the course, including hole prizes and door prizes. A silent auction was also part of the event, with the day concluding with



Golfers pose for a photo during the Town of Redwater's annual golf tournament.

cocktails, an auction and supper.

For the Town of Redwater, however, the tournament is about more than a day on the golf course. Proceeds from the annual event are used to support local scholarships, community initiatives and charitable organizations.

The tournament provides an opportunity for local businesses, organizations, residents and golfers to come together while contributing to projects and causes that benefit the community.

The town thanked everyone who participated in this year's event and helped make the tournament a success.

A special acknowledgement was also given to the tournament's sponsors, donors and those who contributed gifts-in-kind. Their support helps make it possible for the annual fundraiser to continue supporting the community.

Volunteers also played an important role throughout the day, helping with the various activities and

ensuring the tournament ran smoothly. The Town of Redwater recognized the golf course crew as well for their work both inside and outside to help make the event possible.

Despite the cool conditions, participants appeared to make the most of the day, with the tournament providing plenty of opportunities for conversation, laughter and some friendly competition.

For many, the annual tournament is as much about spending time with fellow community members as it is about the golf itself.

The Town of Redwater expressed its appreciation to everyone who helped make this year's tournament a memorable one, from the golfers who took part to the volunteers, sponsors, donors and course staff who contributed to the event.

With proceeds going back into the community, the annual tournament continues to combine recreation with fundraising and community support.



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which he was very good at and enjoyed immensely. In later years Cliff designed metal art for relatives and many friends. Cliff enjoyed life and accomplished everything on his bucket list. Forever kind and willing to give a helping hand. To quote another friend, he had to a good haul.

Come join us at Redwater Legion, August 22, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Luncheon to be served.



Levern and Carol celebrate being named Redwater in Bloom's Week Two Yard of the Week, after 42 years of tending their beautifully landscaped property. Their yard features mature trees, colourful flowers and unique vintage treasures. **Town of Redwater photo**

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Alberta RCMP provides tips for new drivers

Press Release

This August, the Alberta RCMP is sharing safety tips for new drivers. According to Transport Canada, young and new drivers are more likely to be involved in fatal and injury collisions due to their age and inexperience.

The Alberta RCMP would like to remind new and experienced drivers of the following tips:

- If you have your learner's license, you must always be accompanied by a valid Class 5 licence holder.
- Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of major collisions. Stay off your phone and avoid any activity that might impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely.
- Your passengers' safety is also your responsibility. Make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt.
- The posted speed limit is the limit for ideal conditions. You may need to slow down according to weather, road, and traffic conditions.
- Highways tend to be busier in the summer. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination.
- Be aware of your surroundings and don't tailgate. Only pass when it is safe to do so.
- Be mindful of other roadway users, such as bicycles and motorcycles. They are not always easily seen.
- Driving for the first time can be nerve-wracking. Be patient with new drivers.

"Everyone has a duty to look out for each other on the roads, and this includes looking out for new drivers," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services. "Stay attentive, drive according to conditions, and if you see dangerous driving, report it. This way, we can all do our part and stay safe."

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From The Mayor's Desk

Smoky Lake Quilters Sew Quilts Of Valour

Dave McRae,
Mayor of Redwater

Jurisdiction:
Often, we will get inquiries at the Town Office and although the correct answer is “we can’t help” it seems like we are dodging responsibility. The main reason for that is that we do not have the legal right to fix the problem, or to go on private property or our involvement will create a bigger problem. A good example is a familiar pothole just where you exit the downtown core onto the highway. This particular pothole has caused more than one person; me included, to respond verbally halfway through their turn.
As with all potholes they get bigger the longer they are left unattended and we get more phone calls to fix it. The problem with this

particular pothole is that it is located on the Provincial Highway and not on a town regulated thoroughfare. We do not have the authority to maintain their infrastructure and doing so causes three issues. The first is simple. If we do the repair contrary to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors policy, we could be held liable for any damages or injuries that occurs post repair.
Second is whatever time our staff and equipment is tied up at this location it means they cannot be doing something within our responsibility. While it may only take half an hour to actually fix that pothole we have had to ensure a safe working space, properly trained staff, proper insurance, record keeping, signage and materials. Those of you with any safety

training will understand the difference between traffic control for cars and pick-up trucks on a residential street compared to semi-trailer trucks and heavy loads on a designated provincial highway.
The third issue becomes one of repeating the request. If we were to fix the pothole the first time we will continue to get calls to fix it every time it needs repair. The public response to our staff will become “Yes, but you fixed it last time” while the road maintenance company will say “Don’t worry the Town will fix it.” That of course leads to communication problems and an unfixed pothole.
So next time we say, “Sorry we can’t”, understand we will try to help by sending you to the proper agency or people.



Submission

The group of quilters at The First Baptist Church of Smoky Lake are working on their 4th “Quilt of

Valour”. Three quilts have already been donated to the Edmonton Chapter of Quilts of Valour Canada to be presented to deserving veterans. Quilts of Valour Canada was founded in 2009 by Lesley Zwaal, of Edmonton.

Lesley knew of the American QOV program, and when the first injured soldiers returned home from Afghanistan in 2006, she recognized that our Canadian Armed Forces veterans deserved to be thanked for their service and sacrifice to their country. She asked permission to go to the hospital to present quilts to 3 injured soldiers. That kind gesture was the beginning of the QOV Canada story, and many lives were changed that day.
The Quilts of Valour – Canada Society has presented over 28,500 quilts to recipients who are coping with illnesses or injuries both visible and invisible. These quilts are made by volunteer quilters from across the country to show their appreciation to our ill and injured Canadian Armed Forces members, past and present, for their bravery and commitment to Canada and its citizens. The quilts come from individuals, groups and guilds, men and women, young people, retired armed forces members themselves, and many others with no connection to the military.

There are many more veterans that are on a waiting list to receive a QOV, so if you, or your group, would like to get involved in this worthy cause, or, if you would like to nominate a veteran to receive a quilt, just go to their website: <https://quiltsvalour.com>.
You can also donate and volunteer by logging onto the website.



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(Section 26)

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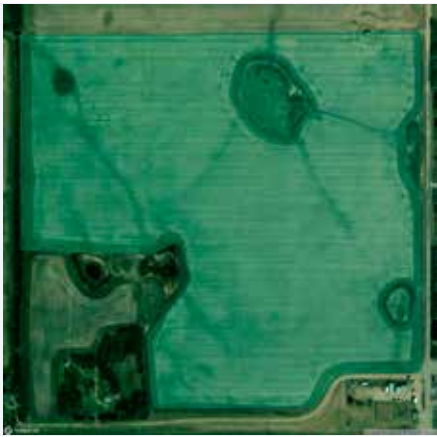
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