

# 2025 FALL NEWSLETTER

## County of Wetaskiwin No. 10

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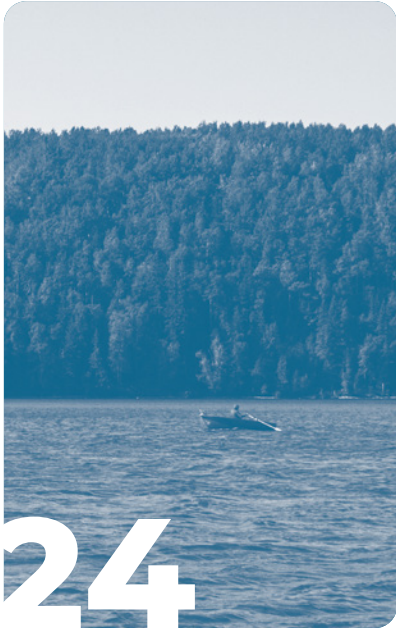

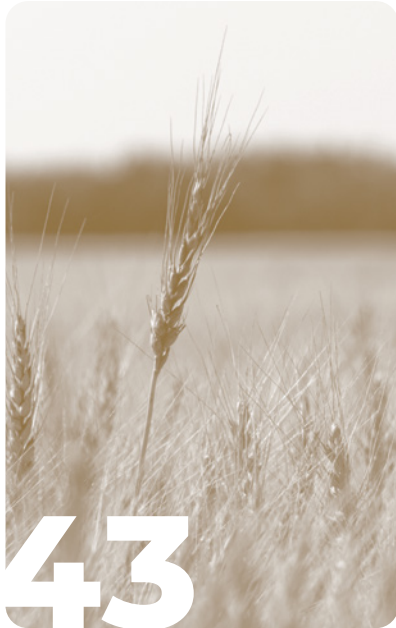
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# Innovation & Strategic Priorities

## Ground-Breaking FlightTrain Technology

On August 25, we celebrated the groundbreaking of Chinook Propulsion Technologies' High-Speed Rail Test Facility. Chinook Propulsion Technologies is a Western Canadian technology and manufacturing company reimagining how we approach building infrastructure in Canada.

Reeve Josh Bishop and Minister Nate Glubish joined CEO Callum Hanton and Chinook representatives to officially break ground on this exciting new demonstration site. The facility will showcase Chinook's cutting-edge FlightTrain technology—an innovative approach to high-speed rail.

## Regional Water Security

The Town of Thorsby and the County of Wetaskiwin are exploring the feasibility of a collaborative water distribution model. Thorsby's sophisticated water system is at the heart of this initiative, which seeks to provide enhanced water options for County residents, businesses and the agricultural sector, both now and in the future.

This proactive effort aims to identify a more secure and sustainable water source in response to the County's current dependence on wells. This initiative is designed to secure a reliable water supply that meets immediate needs and supports future growth throughout the greater region.

## Enhanced Grading Program

The Enhanced Grading Program is on track to achieve its goal of completing shoulder pulls and localized improvements on 15-20 miles of gravel roads in 2025. Shoulder pulling is a high-value alternative to full road

rebuilds, offering a practical solution for roads that need significant attention but don't require full reconstruction. It allows us to maximize taxpayer dollars while significantly extending the life of our rural road network.

## Improving Transfer Station Access

The County is introducing an innovative and modern way to improve transfer station access for residents. We're replacing paper transfer station cards with durable permanent cards that use Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. This upgrade will make accessing transfer stations faster, easier, and more secure by automatically identifying cardholders. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of all County residents as we make this transition. This change is a big step forward in improving service and convenience for our community. Find out more or apply today at [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/tscard](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/tscard).

## Website Redesign

We're proud to announce the official launch of our new website design, which went live on September 4, 2025. This refreshed design was developed with our residents in mind, aiming to provide a more user-friendly experience that makes it easier to find the information you need quickly and efficiently. We're committed to transparency and communication, and we hope this redesign helps strengthen that connection. Check out our new design today at [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca).

We love hearing your feedback! To report an issue, contact Naomi Finseth, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives, at 780.361.6220 or [communications@county10.ca](mailto:communications@county10.ca).

# 01 Agriculture



# Agricultural Services

Beaver Control has been more active in 2025 than it was in 2024 with 124 beaver trapped or removed. To date 16 dams have been breached from problem locations throughout the County this is done to prevent flooding and support proper drainage.

The Roadside Spraying Program started on July 2 for noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds, brush and sweet clover. All range roads (north/south roads) North of Highway 13 in the County of Wetaskiwin were sprayed and completed on August 8. In all 852 miles of roadsides were sprayed. The County, under contract from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, sprayed 50 highway ditch miles along highways 795, 822, 780, and 761. The County also sprayed an additional 60 miles of backslopes along Highway 13 and 795.

The Roadside Mowing Program started on July 2 at Highway 2 south of Highway 13. with two tractors, side arms and fifteen-foot mowers cutting vegetation along County roads east of Highway 795. In total the County completed 1,206 ditch miles of mowing on August 27. The contract mowers started mowing roadsides in the Alder Flats area of the County on July 14 and continued to mow east until Highway 795 amassing 1,142 ditch miles.

## Weed Workshops Returning Spring 2026

The County of Wetaskiwin/Clearwater County weed workshops are gaining in popularity as word spreads about program advantages. County of Wetaskiwin residents that attend the workshops can purchase range and pasture herbicide products at a discounted rate

One tractor with a ten-foot pull behind mower started cutting subdivisions, hamlets, transfer stations and County properties on July 2. All of these areas were mowed once in 2025 and were completed on September 5.

Rental equipment was well used this year. The skunk traps were rented by 11 producers for 32 days, magpie traps were rented by 5 producers for 35 days and the pasture sprayers were rented by 29 producers for 57 days. The sprayers were available to rent from the County Office, through Curtis Snethun in Alder Flats and Charles Collisson in Winfield. Please contact the County Office for further information regarding pasture sprayer rentals.

Five Weed Inspectors were hired to inspect properties for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds throughout the County. There were over 6,800 properties inspected resulting in over 3,200 weed letters being sent to producers advising them of the weeds and the clean-up process.

from Clearwater County. All weed workshop attendees are eligible for a 10% discount upon purchase. Previous workshops were held in Alder Flats and Buck Lake. Watch for detailed workshop announcements next spring.

## Pesticide & Fertilizer Containers

As of January 1, 2025, the County of Wetaskiwin transfer stations no longer accept pesticide container jugs at Bear Hills Lake, Gwynne, Hilgartner and Lakedell. Collection of pesticide containers continued at Buck Lakes and Winfield. Producers are expected to return containers to the place of purchase.

New!

## Free Large Volume On-Farm Pickup

Clean Farms now offers free pickup of ag plastics for high-volume producers in Alberta. To qualify, participants need to accumulate a half semi-truckload of specific materials like pesticide jugs, SPI bags, drums, grain bags, or twine. Contact [Clean Farms.ca](https://www.cleanfarms.ca) for more information or to schedule a pickup.

## Agricultural Bursaries

The County of Wetaskiwin has five \$1,000.00 Agricultural Bursaries available to post-secondary students pursuing an agriculture-related degree. To qualify, applicants must:

- be or have previously been, within the last three years, a resident of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10,
- be registered in a post-secondary institution in a faculty relating to agriculture,
- provide a copy of their letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution for the current year,
- participation in agricultural and/or community activities is desirable. For example, participation in agricultural fairs, 4-H memberships, etc.

Applications are due by October 1, 2025. They will be reviewed by the Agriculture Service Board at the first meeting following the deadline.

The County of Wetaskiwin Policy 62.1.1 states that applicants may only receive a bursary once from the County of Wetaskiwin.

If you have any questions regarding the Agricultural Services programs, please contact:

**Director of Agricultural Services**  
Stephen Majek | 780.361.6226  
smajek@county10.ca

Applications may be submitted by:

1. Mail:  
County of Wetaskiwin  
Attn. Stephen Majek,  
Director of Agricultural Services  
Box 6960  
Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 2G5
2. Email: smajek@county10.ca
3. Drop of at the County of Wetaskiwin office (1 ½ miles West of Wetaskiwin on Hwy 13)



# ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc

ALUS helps producers create resilient operations by cost sharing on project establishment. Even better, ALUS pays producers annually to maintain their projects. As of March 2025, more than 1,760 agricultural producers have enrolled 57,275 acres in the ALUS program across Canada. Join us!

Please contact:

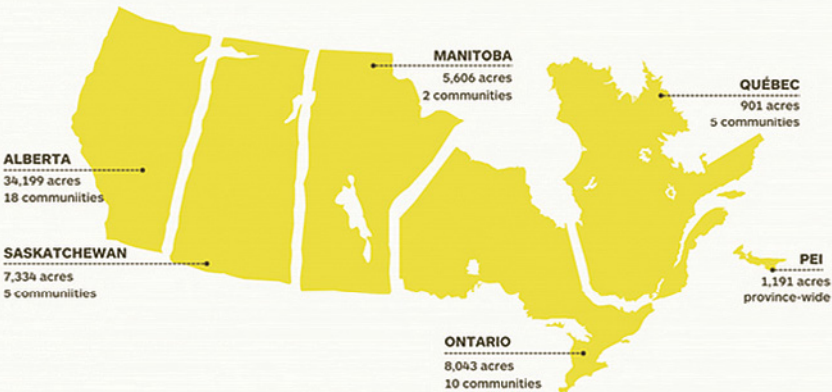
Kim Barkwell  
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## ABOUT ALUS

ALUS envisions a future where all farmers and ranchers produce ecosystem services from nature-based solutions alongside food and fibre to help solve the crises of biodiversity loss and climate change.

Through its turn-key community-developed, farmer-delivered program, ALUS supports more than 390 community leaders across 42 ALUS communities in helping close to 2,200 farmers and ranchers build and actively manage 57,000+ acres of nature-based projects. These projects, like wetlands, grasslands and tree and shrub plantings, help capture carbon, keep lakes, rivers and streams clean, provide food and shelter for wildlife, and better prepare communities for extreme weather events like flood and drought.

## ALUS COMMUNITIES



MARCH 2025



**PLANNING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION, ONE EFP AT A TIME**

The Alberta Environmental Farm Program covers an entire farm using a self-assessment tool to help producers identify their on-farm environmental risks. At the completion of the program, the farmer has an itemized list of adjustments that can be made in their operation. The EFP is a useful tool for analyzing a farming operation and guiding changes as time and resources allow.

Alberta EFP ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

AN ARECA INITIATIVE

WWW.ALBERTAEP.COM



# 02

## Election

## Municipal Election 2025

(County Council)

Election Day	Polling Hours	Location
Monday, October 20, 2025	Open: 10:00 a.m. Close: 8:00 p.m.	Voting Stations throughout the County (in Divisions with an Election)

The County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 has established 7 Divisions which are each represented by 1 Councillor. Municipal Elections are held every 4 years with Members of Council serving a 4-year term. The position of Reeve is elected annually from within the body of Council at the Annual Organizational Meeting.

### Voter Eligibility

According to Section 47(1) of the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA), a person is eligible to vote if they are:

- at least 18 years old,
- a Canadian Citizen, and
- residing in Alberta and their place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on Election Day.

### Voter Identification

To vote in a Municipal Election, every person must:

1. Produce 1 piece of identification issued by a Canadian Government, whether federal, provincial, or local, or an agency of that government, that contains a photograph of the person or produce acceptable identification in accordance with Section 53 of the LAEA; and
2. Be on the Permanent Electors Register or complete the prescribed Registration Forms

### Special Ballots

Special (mail-in) Ballots will be available for any eligible Voter unable to vote during advanced voting or on Election Day by contacting Returning Officer Jeff Chipley by email at [jchipley@county10.ca](mailto:jchipley@county10.ca) or [legislative-services@county10.ca](mailto:legislative-services@county10.ca) or by phone at **780.361.6223**.

#### Special Ballot Requests must be:

- **Received** by the Returning Officer no later than October 6, 2025; and
- **Returned** to the Returning Officer no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day, October 20, 2025.

### Advanced Voting

Advanced voting is open to any eligible voters from any division. However, on Election Day, eligible voters can only vote at a Voting Station within their Division.

Advanced Voting Dates	
Saturday, October 11, 2025 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Wednesday, October 15, 2025 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
<b>Location:</b> Council Chambers County Administration Office 243019A Highway 13, Wetaskiwin AB T9A 2G5	



Institutional Voting

Eligible Voters, who on Election Day:

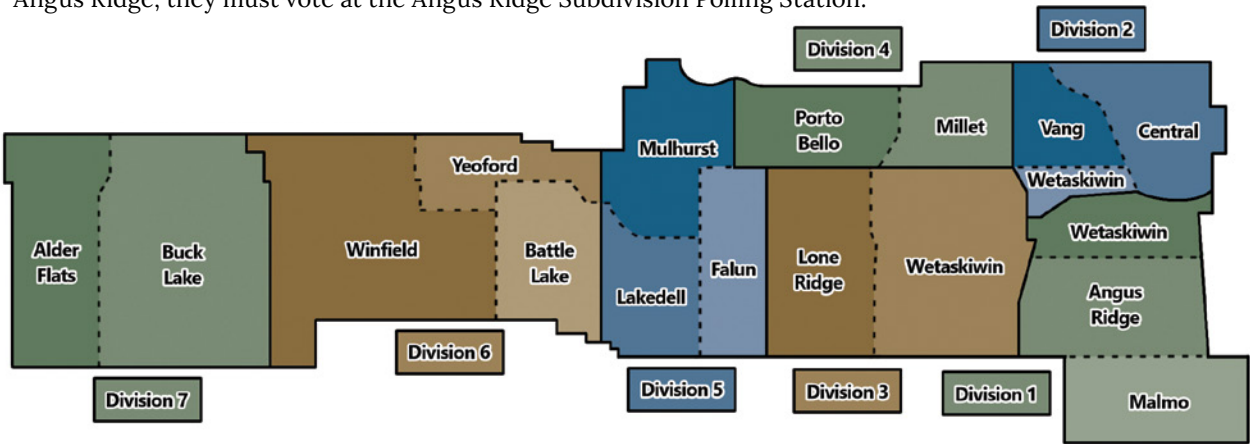
- Are confined to a treatment center in the local jurisdiction; or
- Are a resident in a supportive living facility in the local jurisdiction,

will be able to vote at a designated Institutional Voting Station, determined by the Returning Officer, as noted below:

Date	Location & Time	
Monday, October 20, 2025	West Pine Seniors Lodge (Winfield) 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Wetaskiwin Hospital 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Voting Subdivisions

The 7 Divisions in the County have been divided into Voting Subdivisions and eligible Voters may only vote at the Voting Station within the Voting Subdivision where they reside on Election Day. For example, if a person resides in Division 1 within the Voting Subdivision of Angus Ridge, they must vote at the Angus Ridge Subdivision Polling Station.



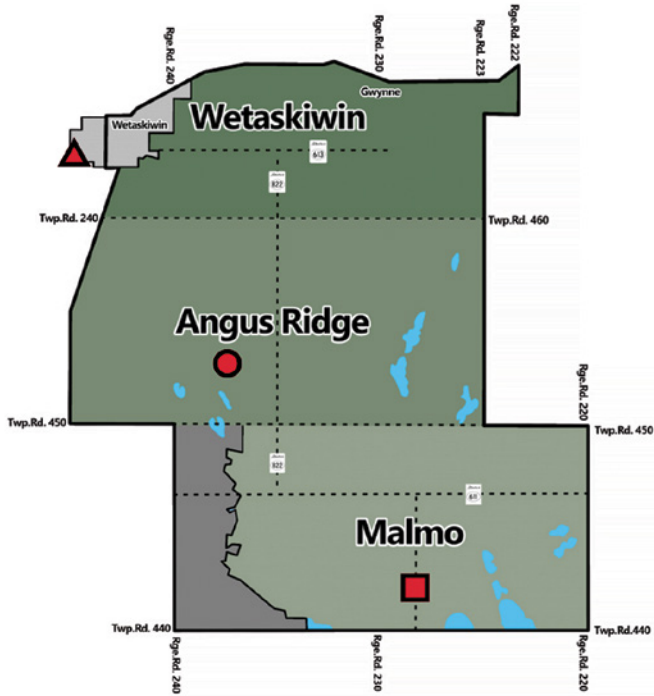
School Elections:


- Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools - County residents within Ward 1, 2, 3 or 4 of the School Trustee Electoral Wards can vote at their designated municipal Voting Station, as identified under Voting Subdivisions.  
<https://www.wrps11.ca/trustees/election-2025>
- St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division #38 - County residents within Ward 2 of the STAR CSSD Ward/Electoral Divisions can vote at their designated municipal Voting Station, as identified under Voting Subdivisions.  
<https://www.starcatholic.ab.ca/division/school-board/183763>

Candidates & Voting Station Locations

The following are Candidates who have submitted their nomination papers along with locations of Voting Stations.

Divison 1





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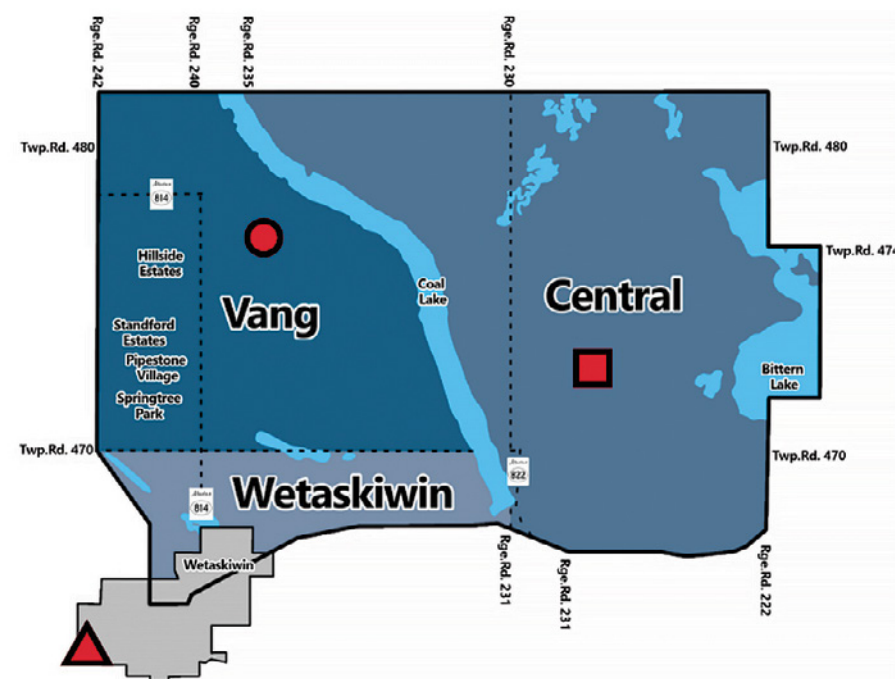


**Bill Krahn**

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f Bill Krahn

Division 1 Voting Stations		
▲ Wetaskiwin	County of Wetaskiwin Administration Office	243019A HWY 13
● Angus Ridge	Angus Ridge Community Hall	234005 TWP RD 452
■ Malmo	Malmo Mission Covenant Church	224079 TWP RD 442

Divison 2



**Raymon Boeve**  
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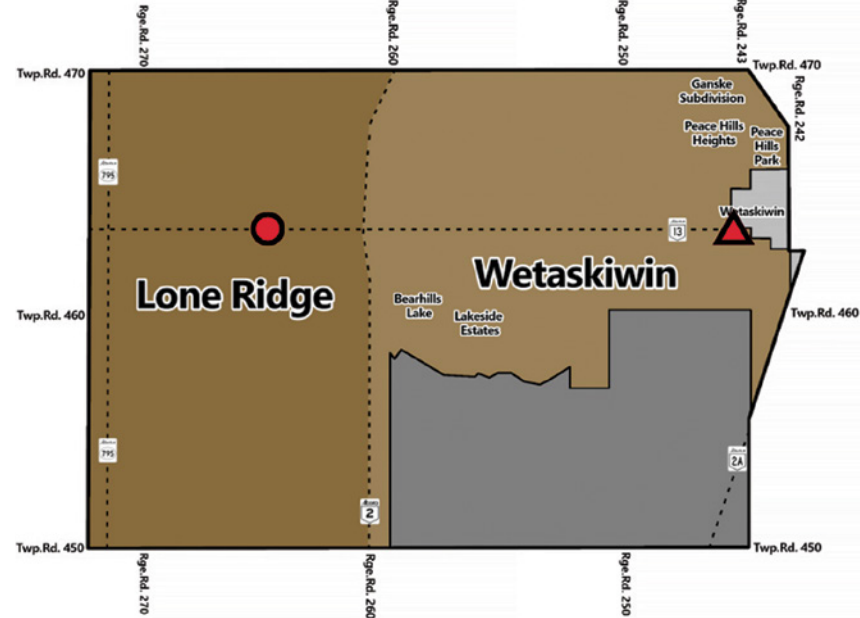
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Division 2 Voting Stations		
▲ Wetaskiwin	County of Wetaskiwin Administration Office	243019A HWY 13
● Vang	Vang Church	474050 RGE RD 235
■ Central	Central Community Hall	224045 TWP RD 472

Divison 3



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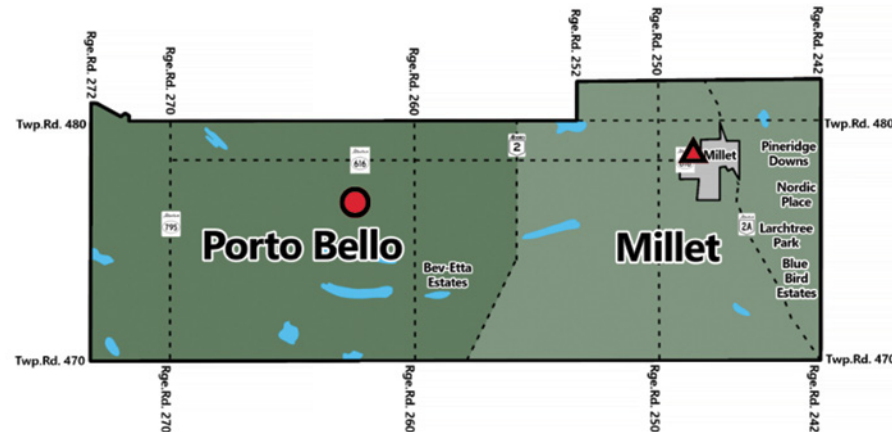


**Dale Woitt**  
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Division 3 Voting Stations		
▲ Wetaskiwin	County of Wetaskiwin Administration Office	243019A HWY 13
● Lone Ridge	Lone Ridge Community Hall	263001 HWY 13



Divison 4



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in Josh Bishop



**Ron Buchaski**  
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Division 4 Voting Stations

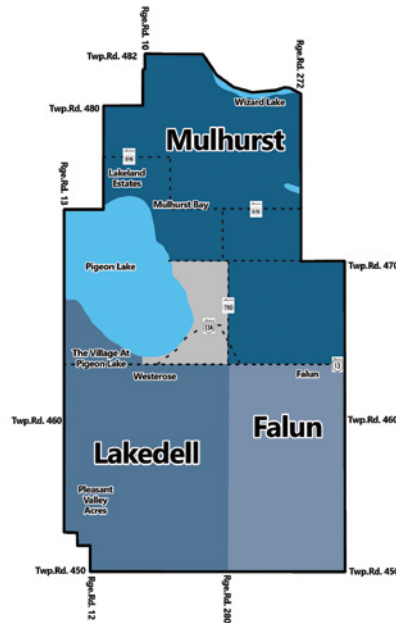
▲ Millet	Millet Agriplex	5290 45 Avenue, Millet AB
● Porto Bello	Porto Bello Community Society	262003 TWP RD 474

Divison 5

Acclaimed



**Ken Adair**  
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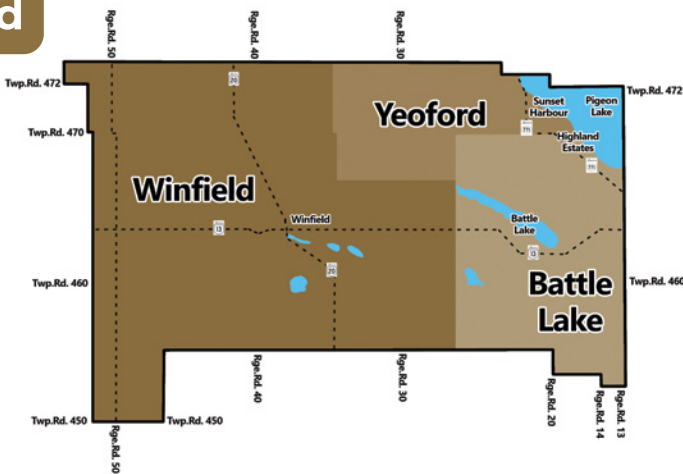


Divison 6

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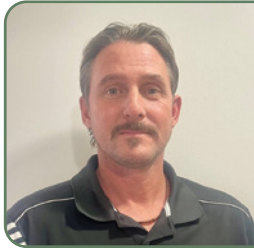


**Barry Clarkson**  
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raebear@explornet.ca

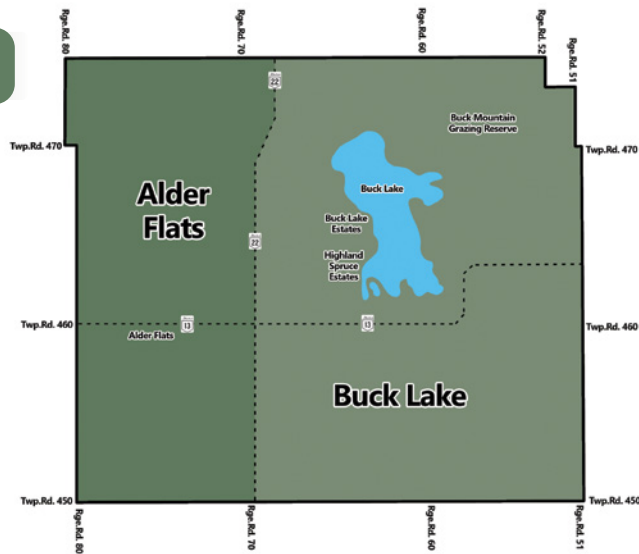


Divison 7

Acclaimed



**Chad Baumann**  
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For more information on the County of Wetaskiwin 2025 Municipal Election, please contact:

Returning Officer Jeff Chipley, CLGM

780.361.6223 | jchipley@county10.ca | legislativeservices@county10.ca

OR

Visit the County Website – Election 2025 page  
<http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/election>



# 03

## Financial

## Financial Position

The County continues to be in a healthy financial position. Through careful budgeting and responsible stewardship of tax dollars, we are able to sustain services residents rely on today while planning for the needs of tomorrow. The 2024 Audited Financial Statement confirms this stability and ongoing commitment to prudent financial management.

### What is an Audited Financial Statement?

An audited financial statement is a detailed report that shows how the County managed its money over the past year. Reading the financial statements helps you see how the County is working to deliver best value for residents—making smart investments, maintaining services, and planning for the future.

### Budget Process

Budget planning is an ongoing process throughout the year. The County works hard to allocate tax dollars responsibly, balancing core services with strategic investments in infrastructure, recreation, and growth.

Here's a quick look at the budget process:

- **Budget Deliberations (September-December):**  
County Administration drafts a budget to cover expected operating and capital expenses for the upcoming year, guided by priorities set by Council. This proposed budget is then reviewed by Council over several days during budget deliberations.
- **Final Budget (December):**  
Council adopts the final budget by year's end. Once approved, the budget guides spending throughout the fiscal year.

### How You Can Get Involved

Your voice matters in shaping the County's budget and priorities.

Here's how you can engage:

- Attend Council meetings
- Participate in public engagements
- Review budget documents online
- Contact your Councillor with feedback or questions

You can view the County's budget and annual consolidated financial statements online at [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/474/Budget-Finance](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/474/Budget-Finance).



# 2024 Audited Financial Statements

COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN NO.10  
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash and equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 24,357,832	\$ 22,149,191
Investments (Note 3)	18,947,493	18,497,398
Property taxes receivable (Note 4)	2,407,192	2,005,598
Trade and other accounts receivable (Note 5)	6,771,040	6,183,091
Patronage reserves	13,846	13,820
Debt charges recoverable (Note 7)	9,027,428	9,497,427
	<b>61,524,831</b>	<b>58,346,525</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 9)	2,911,583	2,873,984
Deposit liabilities	171,557	183,602
Deferred revenue (Note 10)	11,810,183	13,701,283
Employee benefit obligations (Note 11)	404,085	401,747
Long term debt (Note 12)	9,027,428	9,575,552
Contaminated sites	822,000	750,000
Asset retirement obligation (Note 13)	4,567,535	4,352,596
	<b>29,714,371</b>	<b>31,838,764</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>31,810,460</b>	<b>26,507,761</b>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets(Schedule II)	103,938,417	104,117,356
Inventory for consumption (Note 14)	8,136,194	9,194,993
Membership fee (Note 16)	400,000	400,000
Prepaid expenses	463,649	341,808
	<b>112,938,260</b>	<b>114,054,157</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$144,748,720</b>	<b>\$140,561,918</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS CONSISTS OF:</b>		
Accumulated operating surplus(Schedule I)	\$144,904,057	\$ -
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses)	(155,337)	-
	<b>\$144,748,720</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 20)

Approved on behalf of Council

Original Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Reeve  
Original Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Reeve

COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN NO.10  
Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budget 2024 Note 22	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Net municipal property taxes(Schedule III)	\$ 25,099,725	\$ 24,434,135	\$ 24,060,691
User fees and service charges	3,282,399	3,645,203	3,685,768
Government transfers for operating(Schedule IV)	1,674,321	2,167,072	1,665,408
Investment income	944,230	736,797	1,986,879
Sales to other governments	525,713	537,546	546,412
Other	323,240	524,928	395,507
Permits, licenses, and fines	275,000	363,831	291,054
Rental	282,727	329,010	291,789
	<b>32,407,355</b>	<b>32,738,522</b>	<b>32,923,508</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Public works	9,874,976	15,654,536	13,762,581
General Government	5,983,205	6,699,740	5,818,372
Utilities	1,930,001	3,510,081	3,165,138
Protective services	2,775,174	3,609,315	2,853,106
Recreation and cultural services	1,865,089	1,948,335	1,762,897
Planning and development	1,142,524	1,289,914	1,184,412
Agriculture Service Board	1,068,528	912,335	878,758
Family and Community Support Services	483,508	466,651	456,889
Cemetery	33,654	33,795	33,615
	<b>25,156,659</b>	<b>34,124,702</b>	<b>29,915,768</b>
	<b>7,250,696</b>	<b>(1,386,180)</b>	<b>3,007,740</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)</b>			
Government transfers for capital(Schedule IV)	6,740,282	5,614,194	179,693
Gain (Loss) on sale of tangible capital assets	315,000	114,125	(148,171)
	<b>7,055,282</b>	<b>5,728,319</b>	<b>31,522</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>14,305,978</b>	<b>4,342,139</b>	<b>3,039,262</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>140,561,918</b>	<b>140,561,918</b>	<b>137,522,656</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$154,867,896</b>	<b>\$144,904,057</b>	<b>\$140,561,918</b>



## Find the Support You Need to Grow Your Business with JEDI

JEDI is a dynamic non-profit organization focused on supporting economic growth in the County of Wetaskiwin. We help local businesses and agriculture producers by providing useful tools and resources to succeed. Visit our website or contact us by phone or email to learn about upcoming workshops, events, funding programs, and other helpful business information.

## Exciting Events on the Horizon

Join us for our annual Ag Forum being held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Wetaskiwin Ag Society Hall, featuring expert speakers discussing pertinent agriculture topics tailored to our region's farmers. Follow us on social media or sign up for email updates for event dates & details as they become available.

JEDI is proud to support the Leduc-Nisku-Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce Small Business Support Program. The Chamber is offering a variety of sessions covering topics such as Business & Strategic Planning, Marketing Strategies, and more. Visit their events page [business.yourchamber.ca/chamber-events](https://business.yourchamber.ca/chamber-events) for more information and to register.

For more information on the Chamber's Small Business Support Program visit [www.yourchamber.ca/smallbusinesssupportprogram/](https://www.yourchamber.ca/smallbusinesssupportprogram/) or contact Amber Cook, Small Business Specialist at [acook@yourchamber.ca](mailto:acook@yourchamber.ca) or 780.566.5454.

## Resources & Data Page

Explore our revamped Resources & Data page for a wealth of information on business resources, grants, training centers, research facilities, and more. Your go-to hub for everything business awaits at <https://jedialberta.com/resources-data/>

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## Joint Regional Tourism Strategy

The City and County of Wetaskiwin have partnered to complete a Joint Regional Tourism Strategy which serves as a roadmap to strengthen our tourism profile, support local businesses, and enhance quality of life for residents. Developed through extensive engagement with community members, Indigenous partners, and tourism operators, the strategy identifies opportunities to build on our region's unique strengths while planning for long-term, sustainable growth.

The final plan outlines practical steps for tourism development, marketing, and collaboration, ensuring the benefits of tourism are shared across the region. It also highlights the importance of storytelling, partnership, and respect for local culture and environment. Residents are encouraged to explore the full strategy and see how our community is positioning itself as a tourism destination. This project was made possible thanks to funding from the Alberta Northern Regional

Economic Development program. For more information visit [www.jedialberta.com](https://www.jedialberta.com).

### Regional Tourism Group – Join the Conversation!

JEDI, together with the Pigeon Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Village Business Marketing Group, facilitates a regional tourism group that meets monthly in the evenings during the fall and winter at the Village Creek Country Inn. The group brings together local businesses such as retail shops, restaurants, accommodations, and other tourism operators to share ideas, collaborate, and support the strategy's vision for growing tourism in our area.

If you have a business in the County of Wetaskiwin and would like to get involved, we'd love for you to join the conversation. Please email [info@jedialberta.com](mailto:info@jedialberta.com) to be added to the invitation list.



**JEDI**  
**2025**  
**AG FORUM**  
**Thursday, November 13, 2025**  
10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wetaskiwin Ag Society Hall, Wetaskiwin, AB

This **FREE** event (including lunch) is open to all agricultural producers. Gain valuable insights from expert speakers on the latest trends and innovations in agriculture.

For more details and to register, scan the QR code, call the number provided or e-mail [info@jedialberta.com](mailto:info@jedialberta.com).

[www.jedialberta.com](https://www.jedialberta.com) 780-361-6232

The poster features a collage of agricultural images: a green field, a yellow field, a red barn, a green tractor, and a brown cow. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.



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## Recreational

### WINFIELD ARENA ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

The County is offering Local Businesses a spot on the arena wall! Reasonable rates for seasonal signage.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT GEOFF OR AMBER  
[arecreation@county10.ca](mailto:arecreation@county10.ca)  
780.352.3321

### WINFIELD ARENA JOIN US FOR PUBLIC SKATING!

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT GEOFF OR AMBER  
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780.352.3321

We are excited to offer

### YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS!

Camps will take place across the County. Watch upcoming announcements for a program near you.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Online Bookings Open April 1, 2026!

The County of Wetaskiwin will be accepting online booking through *Let's Camp* for the following Municipal Campgrounds:

- Battle Lake Campground
- Mound Red Campground
- Buck Lake Campground
- Red Deer Lake Campground
- Coal Lake Campground
- Twin Lakes Campground

Accepting bookings online beginning at 10:00 AM for May 15th and on!



[LETSCAMP.CA](https://letscamp.ca)



[COUNTY.WETASKIWIN.AB.CA](https://county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca)



### Upcoming Events

Join us for community programming this fall and winter! Program dates and times subject to change. Please see [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca) for up-to-date details, times and locations.

Event	Date
Low Impact Exercise Class (Tuesdays at Buck Lake)	September 30 October 7, 14, 21, 28 November 4, 18, 28 December 2, 9, 16 January 6 to April 28
Learn Your Technology (Mulhurst Bay Community Hall)	October 7, 14, 21, 28 November 4, 18, 25 December 2, 9, 16
Home Alone (Lakedell)	October 10
Babysitting (Lone Ridge)	October (exact date TBD)
Psychological First Aid (Mulhurst Bay)	November (exact date TBD)
Citadel Theatre Bus Trip: A Christmas Carol <i>Tickets will be on Sale in October.</i>	December 13

### Low Impact Exercise Class

Starting September 30, 2025

Join us for an exercise class suited to your level.

Tuesday Mornings

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Buck Lake Seniors Centre

Certified Instructor

Sit or Stand

Older Adults

Drop-in: \$2.00

Equipment Provided

CALL AMBER FOR INFO

780.352.3321

### WATCH FOR UPCOMING HOME ALONE & BABYSITTING COURSES

### Grant List

LGFF	
Angus Ridge - Move Building	\$40,000.00
Central Community Grounds - Facility Upgrades	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

FCSS	
<b>Adult/Family Programs Totaling</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>
Alder Flats Buck Lake Public Library - Annual Programming	\$4,000.00
Lone Ridge Community Hall - Handmade Quilts for "Bags of Love" Program	\$250.00
The Town of Millet Library - Parent Bonding Storytime	\$3,750.00
Winfield & District Agricultural Society - Self Care Sundays	\$4,500.00
Winfield & District Agricultural Society - Spill the Tea Party	\$1,000.00
<b>Community Development Programs Totaling</b>	<b>\$10,225.00</b>
Lakedell Agricultural Society - Women's Conference	\$500.00
Millet and District Recreations and Agricultural Society	\$4,000.00
Mulhurst Bay Community League - Quilt Club: Compassionate Quilt	\$750.00
Winfield & District Agricultural Society - Family Day Activities	\$500.00
Winfield & District Agricultural Society - Harvest Hootenanny	\$1,975.00
Winfield & District Agricultural Society - Homesteading Series	\$2,500.00
<b>Seniors Programs Totaling</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Youth Programs Totaling</b>	<b>\$16,275.00</b>
Lakedell School - Community Nights	\$1,250.00
Leader of Tomorrow - 2025 Leaders of Tomorrow	\$1,000.00
Millet and District Historical Society - Heritage Programs 2025	\$7,830.00
The Town of Millet Library - Children's Coding Program	\$875.00
The Town of Millet Library - Children's Summer Wellness Program	\$2,000.00
Winfield & District Agricultural Society - Cooking Classes	\$2,320.00
Winfield School - One Book One School and Extra Curricular Nights	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>



Library	
Alder Flats Library	\$17,677.59
Lakedell Library	\$20,113.12
Winfield Library	\$22,548.63
Millet Library	\$29,226.22
Wetaskiwin Library	\$48,710.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$138,275.93</b>

Budgeted Intermunicipal Recreation Funding	
City of Wetaskiwin	\$560,785.00
Millet Recreation Centre	\$161,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$722,285.00</b>

Charitable Organizations, Institution & Organization Grants	
Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Wreaths	\$750.00
Canteen Events	\$150.00
Wetaskiwin and District Victims Services	\$7,000.00
Farm Safety Centre Safety Smarts Program	\$3,000.00
STARS	\$16,818.00
Wetaskiwin and County Sports Hall of Fame	\$200.00
Alberta Conservation Association	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,918.00</b>

Chamber of Commerce Grants	
Pigeon Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000.00
Leduc, Nisku and Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce	\$7,750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,750.00</b>

Cemetery Operating & Maintenance Assistance Grants	
Alder Flats Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Bonnie Glen Cemetery	\$980.00
Bunker Hill Cemetery Club	\$1,000.00
Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Crooked Lake Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Dalby Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Emmaus Lutheran Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Hegge Community Cemetery	\$860.00
Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery	\$550.00
Lakedell Community Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Lone Ridge Community Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Malmo Mission Covenant Church Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Maywood Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Millet Community Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Mount Clare Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Nashville Cemetery	\$1,000.00
New Sweden Mission Church Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Peace Hills Zion Lutheran Cemetary	\$1,000.00
Poplar Valley Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Roseland Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Siegel Hill Cemetery	\$1,000.00
St. John's Lutheran Cemetery	\$1,000.00
St. Norberts Community Cemetery	\$600.00
St. Peters Lutheran Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Twin Creek Cemetery	\$730.00
Vang Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Waldheim Cemetery	\$450.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,170.00</b>

Zone 1	
Alberta Central Railway Museum Society – <i>Operations</i>	\$4,000.00
Angus Ridge Community Hall Society – <i>2025 Operations</i>	\$4,000.00
Wetaskiwin Ski Club – <i>Operations</i>	\$8,000.00
Alberta Central Railway Museum Society – <i>Railway Day</i>	\$350.00
Wetaskiwin Soccer Club – <i>Spirit Cup</i>	\$2,000.00
Wetaskiwin’s Children’s Play Society – <i>Art Month</i>	\$670.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,020.00</b>

Zone 3	
Winfield & District Agriculture Society – <i>Operations 2025</i>	\$12,701.00
Winfield & District Agriculture Society – <i>Breakaway Jackpot Series</i>	\$2,000.00
Winfield & District Historical Society – <i>Summer Saddle Series Barrel Jackpot</i>	\$2,000.00
Winfield Rec Hockey – <i>Jerseys, Insurance, &amp; Supplies</i>	\$2,000.00
West of the 5th Baseball Association – <i>2025 Baseball Season</i>	\$2,000.00
Yeoford Community Centre – <i>Operations and Membership Drive</i>	\$4,698.00
Yeoford Community Centre – <i>Spring Back to Life</i>	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,399.00</b>

Zone 4			
Alder Flats Community Agricultural Society		Alder Flats Fish & Game Association	
Furnace Replacement	\$1,985.00	Picnic Tables & Repair	\$2,456.00
Operating	\$11,131.00	Facility Operations	\$2,673.00
Easter Fun Festivities	\$371.00		
Western Pioneers Senior Citizens Association – Operational Funding			\$5,044.00
Buck Lake			
Community and Agricultural Society – Facility Operations			\$10,649.00
Stampede Society – Operating			\$3,160.00
Buck Lake Seniors Citizens Drop-In Centre			
Operation Costs	\$5,454.00	Curling Bonspiels & Breakfast Programs	\$952.00
Footcare	\$890.00	Programs	\$1,484.00
Piecemakers Quilt Club – Charity Quilt Making			\$1,855.00
Winfield & District 4H Beef			
Awards Banquet & Father’s Day	\$1,113.00	Show & Sale Meals	\$595.00
TOTAL			\$49,812.00

Zone 5	
Hillside Community Club <i>Washroom Upgrades</i>	\$1,575.00
Hillside Community Club <i>Operations</i>	\$2,783.00
Millet Fish & Game Association <i>3D Range Upgrade</i>	\$5,000.00
Millet Soccer Association <i>Electrical Upgrade</i>	\$1,761.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,119.40</b>



Zone 2			
Falun Community League			\$13,907.48
Lakedell Agricultural Society			\$12,758.30
Lone Ridge Community Hall Association			\$3,354.00
Mulhurst Bay Community League			\$9,451.46
Pipestone Community Society			\$9,990.87
Porto Bello Community Society			\$5,933.55
Usona Agricultural Society			\$10,436.47
Alberta Conservation Association - Kids Can Catch			\$1,000.00
Brightview Community Baptist Society - Jr & Sr Youth Group			\$2,000.00
Falun Community League - Spring & Fall Supper			\$2,000.00
Lone Ridge Hall Community Association - Children's Programming			\$300.00
Pigeon Lake Soccer Club - 2025 Outdoor Season			\$2,000.00
Pipestone Community Society - Fall Community Harvest Supper/Dance			\$2,000.00
Lakedell Agricultural Society			
2025 Fair	\$2,000.00	Functional Fitness Supplies	\$400.00
2025 Halloween	\$1,600.00	Gymkhana Club	\$2,000.00
2025-2026 Curling Season	\$750.00	Junior Curling	\$2,000.00
2026 Farm Safety Day	\$2,000.00	Pickleball Clinic	\$1,150.00
2026 Ladies Bonspiel	\$2,000.00	Spring BBQ 2025	\$2,000.00
2026 Mixed Bonspiel	\$1,600.00	Volunteer & Sponsor Appreciation 2025	\$2,000.00
Mulhurst Bay Community League			
Mulhurst Daze Parade and Car Show	\$1,000.00	Seasonal Events	\$1,000.00
Portobello Community Society			
Community Events	\$600.00	Enrichment & Wellness Program	\$2,000.00
Royal Canadian Legion Mulhurst Branch 246			
Annual Legion Christmas & Awards	\$2,000.00	Sporting Area Supplies & Games	\$250.00
Usona Agricultural Society			
Curling Bonspiel	\$2,000.00	Harvest Dinner & Dance	\$2,000.00
Farmer's Day	\$525.00	Usona Ag Expo	\$400.00
Wizard Lake Watershed			
2025 Buoy Installation	\$165.00	2025 Lake Clean-up and Sign Installation	\$125.00
2025 Canada Day	\$550.00	2026 Try It Event	\$2,000.00
TOTAL			\$109,247.13





# Emergency Services

## Fire Extinguisher Use on the Farm/Acreage

Handling a fire on your farm or acreage is easier when proper safety equipment is in place, and fire extinguishers are one of the crucial elements.

Fire extinguishers should be located in the following areas: workshop, barns, farm vehicles, combines, balers, tractors, and in the house.

In the stores you see many types and sizes of extinguishers, so which ones should you buy?  
*Well, that depends on the location and the class of fire that may start in that location.*

Remember, if you use the wrong type of extinguisher, you may cause a more severe problem!

Here are the types of fire extinguishers needed for particular locations:

Location	Type of Fire Extinguisher	
Workshops	10 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher	5 pound dry chemical ABC extinguisher
Barns	10 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher	2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher
Farm Vehicles	5 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher	
Combines	10 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher	2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher
Balers	2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher	
Tractors	10 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher	
Silos	20 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher	2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher

## Alberta 9-1-1

911 is for emergencies where life or property is in immediate danger or there is a crime in progress.

When you dial 911 from a landline, your land location is automatically established at the Yellowhead Regional Emergency Communication Center and the appropriate fire department, police and ambulance will be dispatched.

When you dial 911 from a cell phone, 911 will ask you to provide your rural address and / or land location, detailed directions or any other information required by the operator.

REMEMBER, IF YOU NEED TO CALL 911:  
**Know your location, stay calm and speak clearly**

- Be prepared to answer the following questions:
- What is your emergency?
  - Do you need fire, police or ambulance?
  - What town or city are you calling from?
  - What is your exact address and/or closest major intersection?
  - What is your name and telephone number?
  - Are you safe?

To learn more about 911 services, visit [www.alberta.ca/alberta-911-program](http://www.alberta.ca/alberta-911-program).

## The ABCs of Proper Fire Extinguisher Use

What does “ABC” mean when it comes to fire extinguishers?

**Class A:** Fires involving ordinary combustibles such as paper, wood, cloth, rubber, or plastics.

**Class B:** Fires involving flammable liquids, gases, oil, paints, or lacquer.

**Class C:** Fires involving energized (live) electrical equipment such as motors, appliances, or power tools.

Here are just a few more quick tips on proper fire extinguisher practices to implement around your farm or acreage:

- Fire extinguishers with DRY CHEMICAL will last approximately one second for every pound of dry chemical in the extinguisher. For example, a 10 pounder would last 10 seconds.
- WATER fire extinguishers will last 30 seconds for every gallon of water. For example, a 2.5 gallon water extinguisher will last 75 seconds.
- All vehicle and machinery fire extinguishers should be mounted on the outside near the door.
- Fire extinguishers for buildings should be mounted near the exit doors.
- Some balers are equipped with bracket mounting areas on both sides of the baler.
- Fire extinguishers should be inspected monthly and have a tag with the date of the last inspection.
- Turn all dry chemical extinguishers upside down and tap them on the bottom to loosen the powder stored in them. The indicator on the extinguisher shows the charge of gas (nitrogen) that will force the powder out.
- Train everyone over the age of 12 in the use of fire extinguishers. They should also know how to get everyone out of danger, call the fire department, and fight small fires only.

Farm FireSmart ([www.farmfiresmart.ca](http://www.farmfiresmart.ca)) is a shareable, ever-growing archive of resources focused on reducing farm-related wildfire risks and promoting safer agricultural communities.

Explore the videos, articles and other resources designed to help you minimize potential wildfire risks and leverage available opportunities.

# Protective & Bylaw Services

## Protective Services Summary for the Summer

The Community Peace Officers (CPOs) serve their community by ensuring public safety on roadways within the County of Wetaskiwin. In doing so, CPOs have a direct impact in reducing collisions, damage to infrastructure, and loss of life.

### Speeding Excessively

A CPO was making patrols in Division 3 and observed a motorcycle heading westbound. The bike split the lanes to pass between 2 side by side westbound vehicles. The bike was travelling at 146 km/hr in the 80 km/hr zone, accelerating while passing the vehicles. The CPO turned to engage the bike and received a RADAR reading of 235 km/hr.

A CPO was conducting radar in Division 1 when they recorded a vehicle at 143 km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone. A stop was initiated, and a summons was issued under the *Traffic Safety Act*.

### Stolen Vehicle

A CPO patrolling in Division 3 observed a stationary vehicle at an intersection. The driver pulled out and passed the CPO, appearing nervous and not wearing a seat belt. Investigation found the vehicle was stolen out of Edmonton the previous day. The driver was also found to be in breach of conditions, and the vehicle contained break and enter tools. Several charges laid and the male was arrested by RCMP for possession of stolen property.

### Commercial Vehicle Overload

A CPO stopped a commercial vehicle (crane) for inspection in Division 6. The crane had its boom over the cab and not on the dolly trailer. The CPO stopped the same crane in Division 7 in spring 2024 on a county road for operating overweight. The crane was extremely overloaded with several other documentation, equipment, and cargo securement violations. The driver was charged with several charges and given several warnings.

A CPO was making patrols in Division 2 and observed a commercial vehicle with pilot and escort vehicles, hauling a large piece of equipment. The vehicle was stopped for an inspection and found to be hauling in contravention of their Provincial permit, and without any municipal permits for local roads. The vehicle was placed out of service and was required to remain until authorization was granted to continue. The vehicle was reduced to legal weights as the carrier had not obtained proper permits for County roads. Later, the CPO determined the vehicle had departed the area against direction and continued without the permit being granted. Multiple charges were laid in the event exceeding \$40,000.

### Unsafe Commercial Vehicle

A CPO stopped a tank truck hauling flammable dangerous goods for a licence plate violation. The Officer then conducted a safety inspection on the unit, finding numerous violations including 3 out of service conditions. Of most concern, 50% of the truck's air brakes were defective or inoperative. The driver was ticketed, and the truck was removed from the highway for being unsafe.

A CPO stopped a commercial vehicle for inspection in Division 4 which was operating on a seventy-five percent (75%) seasonally banned county road. During the inspection, the driver was found to be operating without a Safety Fitness Certificate, Commercial Vehicle Inspection (CVIP), or pre-trip inspection as a provincial carrier. The truck was found to be operating above ban weight. A charge was laid for operating a commercial vehicle in a prohibited manner with several warnings.

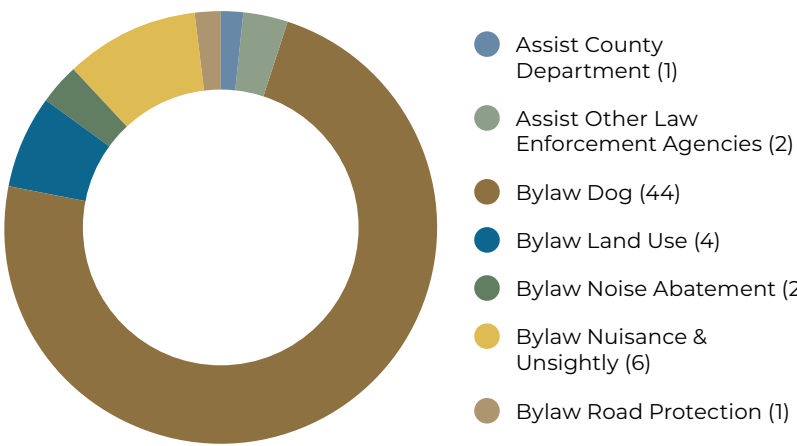
### Suspended Driver

A CPO conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in Division 4, finding the driver to be operating on a Class 8 Identification Card. During investigation, the Officer found the driver to be on an indefinite licence suspension with multiple previous offences, as well as the vehicle found to be uninsured and unregistered. The officer also found violations regarding Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Act. The driver received several violations under the *Traffic Safety Act*, as well as 2 Summons charges. The vehicle was removed from the road.

A CPO stopped a vehicle in Division 3. After the vehicle pulled over and the driver and front passenger switched seats. Further investigation found that the female passenger (previously driving) was suspended, and the male driver (previous passenger) was not a licensed driver. The vehicle was seized for 60 days as per the *Traffic Safety Act* and both the male driver and female passenger were charged.

## Bylaw Services Summary for the Summer

While most bylaw incidents are dog related files, the department also generated 53 call logs advising ratepayers and providing education and information regarding County Bylaws. Several multi-department files remain open with follow-up throughout the year as Bylaw officers work with residents to address concerns.





# Planning & Development

## Development Permit vs. Building Permit

A development permit is required when building or adding a structure on your property, such as a new home, addition, shed, or garage. It ensures the location and use of the structure meet the County’s Land Use Bylaw. Any structure, whether movable or permanent, that is 150 ft<sup>2</sup> (14 m<sup>2</sup>) or larger requires a development permit.

Once your development permit is approved, you’ll need the appropriate building and safety code permits from Superior Safety Codes. These permits cover:

- Building
- Gas
- Private Sewage Systems
- Electrical
- Plumbing

These safety code permits ensure your project meets the Alberta Building Code for structural integrity and public safety.

For any questions about safety code permits, contact Superior Safety Codes at **1.866.999.4777** or visit their website at [www.superiorsafetycodes.com](http://www.superiorsafetycodes.com).

## Planning to Subdivide? Water Wells

Subdivisions are processed in partnership with Municipal Planning Services (MPS), who are contracted by the County to initiate all subdivision applications.

Multi-lot subdivisions require an Area Structure Plan (ASP) as outlined in the County’s Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

A general subdivision guide prepared by MPS, along with the ASP Policy, is available on the Planning & Development page of the County website for anyone interested in subdividing land.

Water wells fall outside of the County’s jurisdiction and are regulated in Alberta under the Water Act, the Water Regulation, and the Directive for Water Wells and Ground Source Heat Exchange Systems.

In Alberta, it is a legal requirement to use a certified water well driller.

For a list of licensed water well drillers in your area, please visit the Association’s website [www.awwda.ca](http://www.awwda.ca).

For more information on water wells or to access water well drilling reports, please visit the Government of Alberta’s website, or direct any questions to Groundwater Alberta at [gwinfo@gov.ab.ca](mailto:gwinfo@gov.ab.ca).

## Did You Know?

One of the most common questions Planning & Development receives is “*What can I do on my property?*”

If you own property or are interested in one in the County, you can use the County Interactive Map on our website to search and view details. By clicking on a property, you’ll see its zoning code, which outlines allowable uses and regulations such as site coverage and setbacks.

For step-by-step instructions on using the Interactive Map and to view our Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Planning & Development webpage or scan the QR codes below.



Scan to view the Planning & Development Page



Scan to view the Interactive Map Instructions

# Public Works



Range Road 12



Alder Flats



Township Road 472

## Road Construction Projects

All new road construction projects will be posted on the County website [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca) under Road Construction Projects as they are approved by Council. Updates will be posted periodically. To stay informed, go to the following link to sign up and receive notification when projects are added and updates are posted: [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/notify](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/notify)

The Public Works Department mails notices to land-owners who will be directly affected by construction projects. Inquiries can be made by calling the Public Works Call Centre at 780.361.6241 or email [pwadmin@county10.ca](mailto:pwadmin@county10.ca).

## County Capital Projects

The County is proud to announce its latest capital projects, demonstrating Council's commitment to investing in essential infrastructure improvements to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

2025 Paved Road Projects		
Location	Status	Project Description
Alder Flats	Phase 1 - Complete Phase 2 - Started	The work involves clearing; common excavation; borrow excavation; culvert removal/installation; concrete sidewalk removal/installation; supplying, hauling and placing granular base course; adjusting manholes; permanent highway signing; and asphalt concrete pavement.
Range Road 12	Complete	The work involves clearing; common excavation; borrow excavation (contractor supplied); hauling of materials; culvert removal/installation; fence removal/installation; top-soil placement; supplying, hauling and placing granular base course; supplying, hauling and placing Asphalt Concrete Pavement (EPS); and line painting.
Township Road 472	97% Complete	The work involves tree clearing, topsoil and subsoil stripping and placement, common excavation; borrow excavation, channel excavation, small diameter culvert installation, bridge file culvert installation, and gravel surfacing.
Township Road 460	Complete	Shallow pulverization of existing pavement, ditch and waste excavation, base and road preparation, and surface gravelling.
Range Road 10	Started	Hydrovacing pipelines; ditch and waste excavation; culvert replacement; shoulder pull, shaping and compacting; and surface gravelling.
Range Road 262	Starting in October	Roadway rehabilitation including ditching and drainage improvements, culvert replacement and surface gravelling.



Township Road 472



# Snow Removal

As winter approaches, County road crews are working hard to keep roads safe and accessible for everyone. In the event the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) declares a snow event—defined as a snowfall exceeding 10 cm—we aim to clear the roads within 72 hours after the last snowfall or when conditions allow.

Please note that the County does not provide plowing services for private driveways. If you need assistance with driveway maintenance, a list of local contractors is available on our website.

To ensure the safety of all road users and our crews, please do not plow snow across the road or pile it in the County right-of-way (including ditches). This practice creates dangerous ridges that can freeze and pose serious hazards. Additionally, it is a fineable offense per *Public Highway Development Act*, Section 43 (1).

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our roads safe this winter!



# Winter Driving Safety

As winter approaches, the County would like to share some winter driving safety tips.

Before you drive, make sure that your vehicle’s lights, windshield wipers, and tires are clear of snow and ice. Keep a full tank of gas—if you’re stuck in an emergency on the road, you’ll be able to run your car for short periods of time to stay warm.

Be prepared for an emergency by keeping an emergency kit in your vehicle. It should include a small shovel, a first aid kit, a blanket, a flashlight with batteries, extra winter clothing, booster cables, and any other items that can help keep you safe in an emergency.

When driving in snowstorms, be extra cautious and slow down, turn on your lights for better visibility, and avoid sudden maneuvers. If conditions are too severe, know when to stay inside until the storm has passed and driving conditions have improved.



# Utilities



Winfield Lagoon



Village West Lift Station

## Capital Project Updates

### Village West Construction

Work is well under way for the construction of the Village West Lift Station and main. The lift station will connect homes to municipal service.

- The underground structure is complete and connected.
- The building that will house the equipment and mechanics has been built. Finishing work and landscaping are progressing.
- An infiltration study was completed and upstream manholes have been cleaned.
- Commissioning is expected to begin early fall.

### Winfield Lagoon Upgrades

The County is in the process of upgrading the Winfield wastewater lagoon to improve capacity and efficiency.

- Site mobilization, setup and Geotube containment area construction has been completed.
- Cell #1 has been de-sludged.
- The old HDPE liner was removed and disposed of.
- Transfer and discharge structure installation occurred.
- Clay removal and subgrade preparation are in progress.
- The work that is still left to be completed is the final grading of the lagoon, anchor trench excavation, and HDPE liner installation. Once that is complete, Cell #2 and Cell #3 will be reconnected.
- Final site cleanup and demobilization is expected to wrap up early October.
- The completion date has been pushed back due to weather-related delays. The anticipated completion date is October 15, 2025.



# Did You Know?

- All solid waste is hauled from our transfer stations to the West Dried Meat Lake Landfill (WDML) in Camrose County. That is up to 162 km one way!
- Metal, tires, electronics, oil and appliances are accepted at specific sites and are compacted/ recycled by a third party.
- In 2024, we hauled 3,038,919 kilograms of solid waste to the WDML Landfill. That’s the same as hauling 8,700 grizzly bears.
- Improperly flushed products create extra work for our operators and equipment. It is hard on the systems that we rely on to flush away your waste.

New!

## Transfer Station RFID Cards

The County of Wetaskiwin is modernizing its waste management system by replacing paper transfer station cards with permanent plastic cards using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. This upgrade will make access to transfer stations more efficient by securely and automatically identifying cardholders.

Instead of receiving a paper card in the mail this year, residents must apply for a permanent card online at the County of Wetaskiwin website or in-person at the

County office. Once the application is processed, permanent cards will be delivered by mail or available for pick up at the County office if requested. This card does not expire and should be stored in a secure location.

Residents should continue using their current paper cards until their new transfer station cards arrive.

Landowners within the County are eligible for one free transfer station card per parcel. Additional and replacement cards will be issued at a cost of \$25.00.

### FAQs

**When will I receive my new transfer station card?**

Please continue using your current paper card until your new transfer station card arrives.

*We are currently experiencing manufacturing delays.*

Thank you for your patience as we work diligently to get your new card to you as soon as possible!

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## Other Information



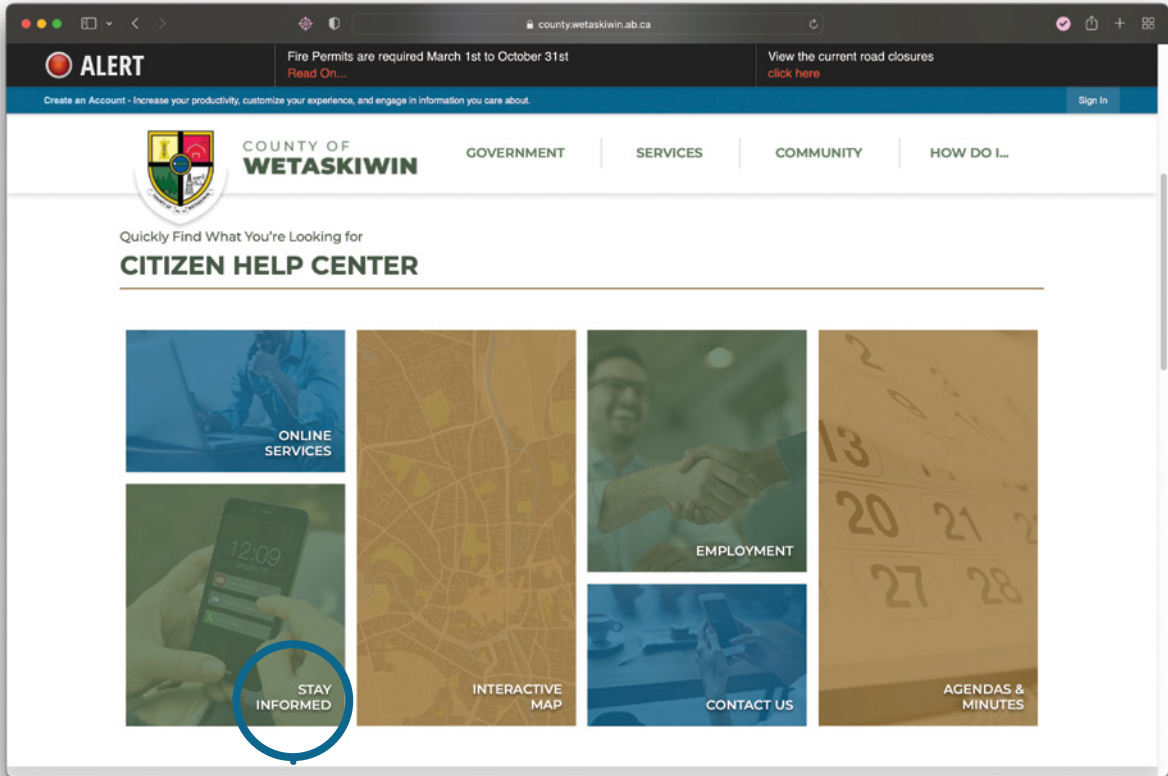
# Notify Me

In an effort to increase communication, the County has refreshed our Notify Me categories on our website.

[www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/notify](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/notify)

## Sign-Up to Stay Informed

Stay informed about Council meetings, public hearings, community events, construction projects, and more. Through the Notify Me service, residents can sign up to receive a variety of notifications directly via email or text message.




... Click here to sign-up for notifications

## Sign-Up Online

1. Enter your email address and click sign in.
2. If you would like to receive notifications by text message instead of email click the box below and enter your phone number and select save.



If you need help signing up call  
**780-361-6220** or email  
**nfinseth@county10.ca**

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**Notify Me®**


Available Lists

1. Type your email address in the box and select **Sign In**.  
2. If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select **Save**.  
3. To subscribe or unsubscribe click  and/or  next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe/unsubscribe.

Please sign in to subscribe, unsubscribe, or manage your subscriptions

Email Address


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**Email Address**

john.smith123@gmail.com

☒ I prefer to receive HTML emails when available



**Phone Number**

780-123-4567

Ex: 555-555-0123. Standard text messaging rates apply.

Save








Unsubscribe from All Lists

## Click Icon to Subscribe

To subscribe select the icon next to the name of the category you would like to subscribe to.

1. Select the **envelope** to subscribe for **emails** OR select the **phone** to subscribe to **text messages**.
2. Once you subscribe to the topics you want to see notifications about, you will receive an email confirming your subscription.

*\*You can unsubscribe or add subscriptions at any time.*

Alert Center		
	METHOD	LIST NAME
Click icon to subscribe →	 	Emergency Alert
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	 	Road Bans/Haul Restrictions
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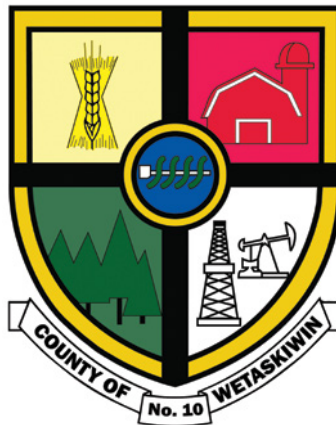


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