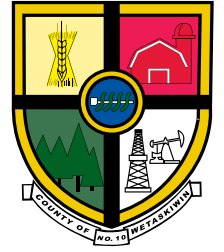


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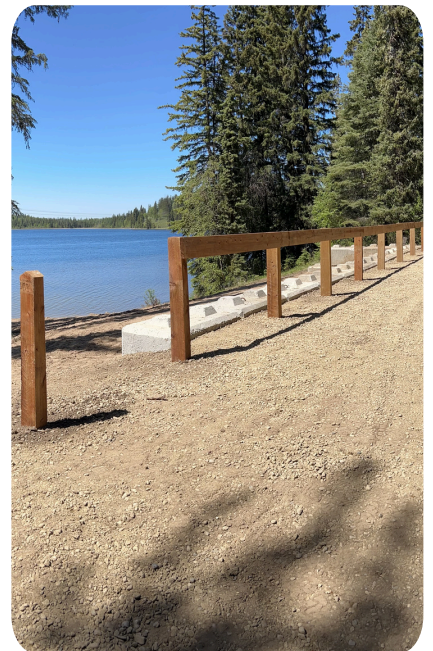
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Reeve's Message

It has been 6 months since your new Council was elected and I've had the opportunity to get to know each new Councillor. It was very interesting to discuss and learn what priorities are important across the County. We have such a great group of leaders and I know we will accomplish many great things over the next few years.

The County will continue to focus on core services such as roads and bridges as well as securing our future by pursuing access to water.

The challenges ahead are significant, to maintain our current network of infrastructure is going to take far more investment than we have access to funds. Specifically, a large percentage of our 197 bridges are at or past their expected lifespan. With oversubscribed and declining grant programs, this burden is going to be placed on all of us. This is why, over the past several years, we have been laying the groundwork for expanding our assessment base. This will help to share the load and ensure a viable financial future for the County of Wetaskiwin.

We are patiently waiting to hear if we are successful in our grant application through the Water for Life Program that would bring a sustainable supply of potable water to the region. At the same time, we are pursuing a water license to supply industry and farms on the non-potable side.

This year we will really start to see some progress as various new projects are announced and we move forward on existing initiatives. There is much to look forward to and we are excited to overcome our challenges through new opportunities!

We will continue to keep you informed and we hope to see everyone out at the County BBQ!

– Reeve

Josh Bishop





10 Years of ALUS

Ten years ago, the ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc program began with the formation of its first Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) and three pioneering projects. Today, the program stands as a testament to what farmers can achieve when supported by a model built around their knowledge, leadership, and vision.

A Farmer-Built Model for Local Solutions

The ALUS program was created by farmers, for farmers. Its design allows it to flex and adapt to the needs of diverse agricultural communities. Producers voluntarily enroll and lead their own projects, while ALUS provides cost-sharing for establishment and annual payments for ongoing project stewardship. This voluntary, producer-driven structure ensures

projects are practical, meaningful, and grounded in real-world agricultural experience.

Guided by Community Through the PAC

ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc is jointly delivered by the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 and Leduc County as part of the municipalities' sustainable agriculture program. Oversight is provided by the Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) – a group of local farmers and community leaders who shape program priorities and help identify local environmental challenges and opportunities.

Their leadership ensures the initiative remains aligned with producer needs while advancing broader environmental resilience goals across the region.



Local Impact by the Numbers

By the end of 2025, the program had grown to 50 participants with 1,260 acres enrolled in nature-based projects. These acres represent a wide range of on-the-ground conservation actions, including:

- Wetland restoration and enhancement
- Fencing to protect sensitive water bodies
- Alternative livestock watering systems
- Shelterbelts and riparian plantings
- Grassed waterways and other practices that support soil health and biodiversity

Together, these projects help protect water quality, improve soil structure, support wildlife habitat, and increase landscape resilience – benefits that extend across farms, watersheds, and rural communities.



Celebrating Early Champions

Among the first to join ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc was Pearl Gregor of Leduc County. Although since retired, Pearl's project remains intact today, an example of long-term stewardship and legacy-building.

Stories like these reflect the dedication of local farmers who recognized early on the value of integrating agricultural production with ecological restoration.

A Program Rooted in Partnership

ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc is supported in part by ALUS, a national charitable organization committed to advancing biodiversity and climate resilience through farmer and rancher-led natural infrastructure projects.

This partnership — local producers, municipalities, and national support — has been essential to building a decade of success.



Pictured: Leduc County resident Pearl Gregor

Wetland - Before



Wetland - After



Get Involved

Farmers and ranchers interested in exploring how the ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc program can support their own land stewardship goals are encouraged to contact the Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator at 780.387.6182 or kbarkwell@county10.ca.

Whether you are looking to enhance a wetland, improve habitat, protect a waterway, or build resilience into your operation, ALUS is here to help bring your vision to life.

Looking Ahead

As ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc celebrates its first decade, the program continues to grow — guided by producer leadership, community values, and the shared goal of strengthening the landscape for future generations. The last ten years have laid a strong foundation, and the next decade holds tremendous promise.



Forest Tent Caterpillars

In 2025, the County of Wetaskiwin had an outbreak of forest tent caterpillars that significantly defoliated deciduous trees from Pigeon Lake to the west County boundary. Aerial applications were done to prevent the spread of forest tent caterpillars.

In 2026, forest tent caterpillars are anticipated to be back in the same area and may expand their territory. County Administration has been working with a local aerial applicator who will have equipment (helicopter and/or plane) to aid in pest control.



What Are They?

Forest tent caterpillars are a serious pest that affects many species of deciduous trees in North America. When outbreaks occur, they cover extensive areas and can completely defoliate host trees. Eggs hatch and larvae begin feeding on newly emerging leaves in late April to early May.

Prevention and Management

Pest management strategies vary depending on several factors, including:

- the population level of the pest,
- the expected damage of the pest's activity and population level,
- how many individual host specimens are affected,
- the value of the host(s) versus the cost of pest management.

Potential strategies include:

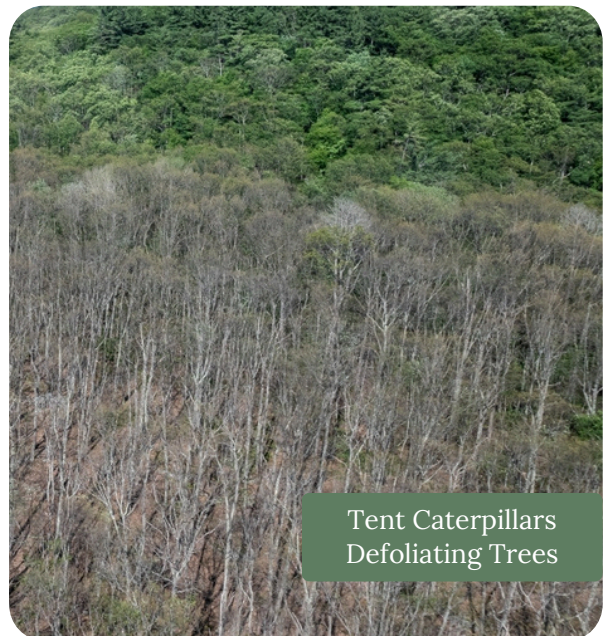
- removing colonies of young larvae by hand or with pressurized water,
- applying a registered insecticide against larvae for larger trees or in forested situations.

Search Health Canada's Pesticide Product Information Database for currently registered pesticides and product information for use against forest tent caterpillars. Apply registered products only as necessary and follow all directions and precautions noted on the manufacturer's label.

Rental Equipment

The County of Wetaskiwin offers a "bug sprayer" for rent that can be used to spray your trees. This self-contained trailer sprayer unit can spray trees up to 40 feet tall. It has its own motor and handgun nozzle to spray trees. It requires a 2 and 5/16" ball to pull the trailer and can be rented for \$20.00 per day or \$40.00 for the weekend.

For further questions or clarification, contact Stephen Majek, Director of Agricultural Services, at 780.361.6226 or smajek@county10.ca.





Coyote Poison

As required by Health Canada, the Government of Alberta has made significant changes this winter to the coyote control program. Updated training and reporting requirements include:

- Mandatory Farmer Pesticide Certificate for producers – available through the County of Wetaskiwin, and
- Mandatory 1080 Training Certificate for producers – available through Lakeland College.

Please note that obtaining both these certificates can take upwards of two months. For more details about the program, please contact Stephen Majek, Director of Agricultural Services, at 780.361.6226 or smajek@county10.ca or AGI (Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation).

Drone Spraying

Recently, there has been an increasing interest in drone (RPAS – Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) spraying. While drone spray equipment is widely available, there is only one herbicide registered for drone application in Canada at this time – Garlon XRT, a brush control product.

For areas where ground application is not practical, there are a wide range of products allowing application by Conventional Piloted Aircraft (Aerial) on the label. The label of each individual product must be carefully adhered to.

Horticultural Services

The County of Wetaskiwin is pleased to welcome our seasonal Horticulturist for 2026 season.

“My name is Stefanie de Boer; I recently moved back to the County of Wetaskiwin. The last five years I have been abroad in the Netherlands, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and Business Management. During my studies I focused on greenhouse production and specialized in post-harvest supply chains. Before moving abroad, I graduated from Olds College with an Environmental Horticulture diploma and worked mainly in landscape maintenance for several years.”

In this role, Stefanie supports residents with horticultural questions—from growing trees, fruits, flowers, and vegetables to general landscaping—along with advice on insects, plant diseases, weeds, and how to manage them effectively.

Stefanie is available Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday. She can be reached at 780.352.3321, ext. 2271 or by email at sdeboer@county10.ca.

Weed Workshops

The County of Wetaskiwin along with Clearwater County are co-hosting two Weed Workshops. Attendees can choose either date to learn about the region’s top 10 weeds, along with effective control methods and potential herbicide options. Attendees will also be able to purchase herbicides for weed control from Clearwater County at a discounted rate.

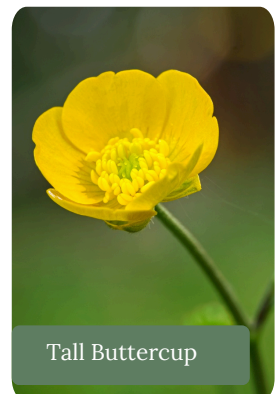
May 11 or May 20, 2026

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Buck Lake Community Hall

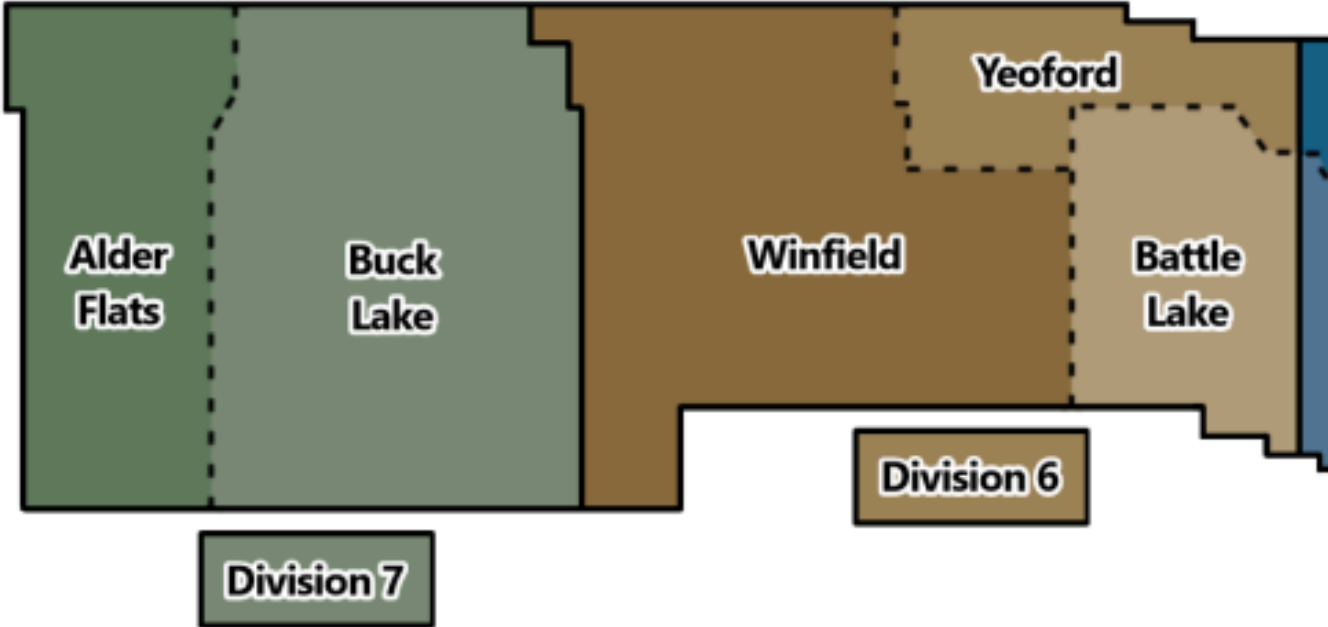


Meadow Hawkweed



Tall Buttercup

County of Wetaskiwin Council 2026



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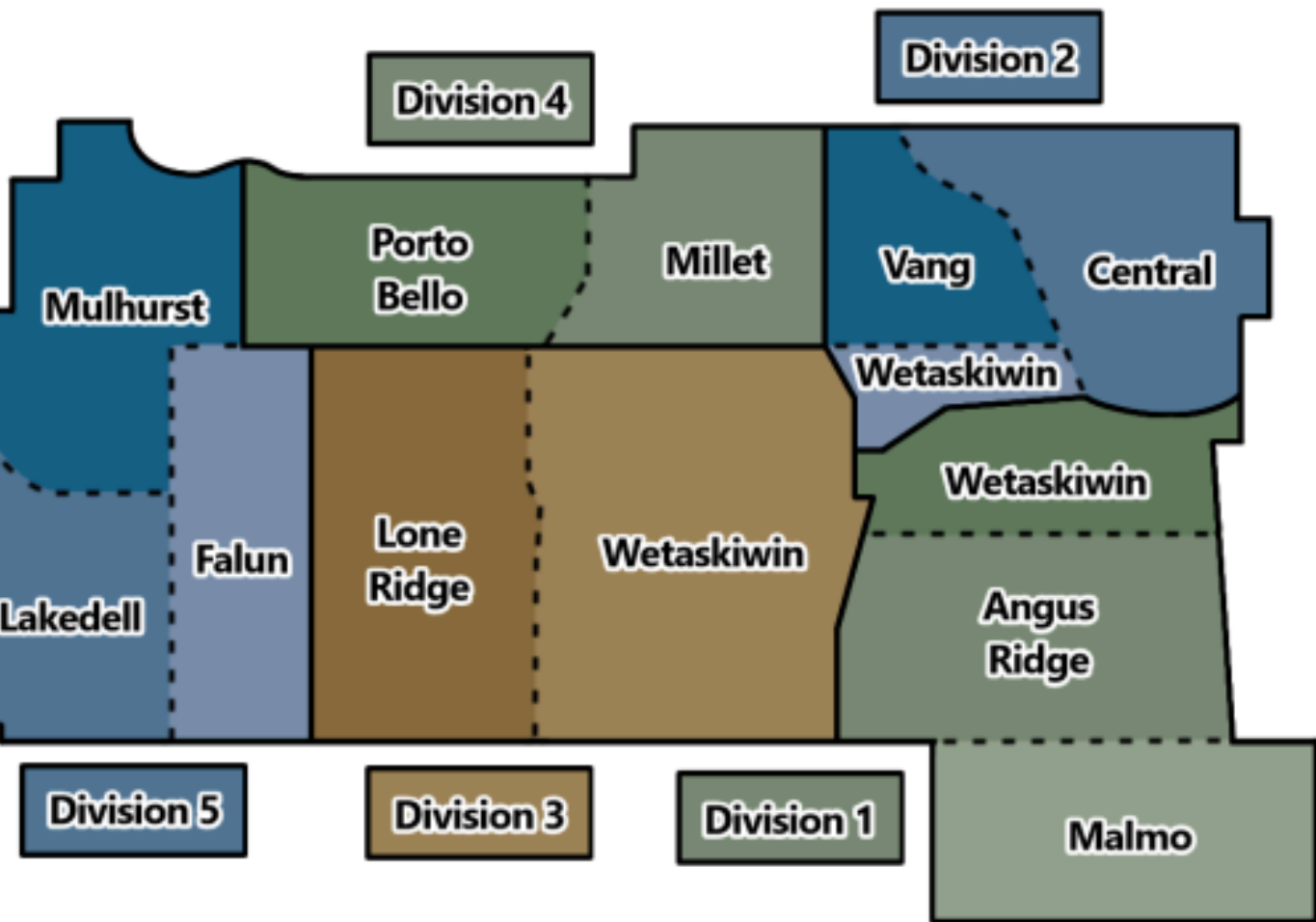
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Annual Open Houses

The County of Wetaskiwin holds two open houses annually – the County Open House & BBQ and the Buck Lake Open House & Tax Collection. Our open houses are a great opportunity to connect with the County in a relaxed and welcoming setting. To kick off the summer, we invite all County residents to stop by, enjoy some food, and spend some time getting to know your councillors and municipal staff at the County’s annual Open House.

Help Shape County Transportation – Learn More at the Open House

The County of Wetaskiwin has just begun the process to develop its first Transportation Master Plan. A TMP is a long-term strategy that identifies opportunities to improve transportation infrastructure and prioritize infrastructure updates throughout the County over the next 25 years.

The TMP will explore the current transportation system, regional and economic growth and safety and accessibility requirements to recommend transportation improvements. The TMP will align with the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the Land Use Bylaw (LUB), the Requirement for Area Structure Plan (ASP) Policy and any other relevant County plans.

Learn more about the TMP project and provide feedback about transportation issues and opportunities in the County by attending the County Open House on May 7. A paper and online survey will also be available at the event and on the project website.

In 2026, the County will also be undertaking a Utility Master Plan, with a focus on wastewater systems, to support long-term asset management planning. Watch our website, social media and the Pipestone Flyer for more information.

Join us to meet the team behind the work, enjoy a bite to eat, and make your voice heard. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming: Hamlet Engagements

We want to hear from you!

Where

Locations TBD

Details will be posted on our website and Facebook

When

Summer 2026 – Specific dates & times TBD

Details will be posted on our website and Facebook



county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca



[County of Wetaskiwin No. 10](#)



You are invited to the Wetaskiwin Open House!

When

Thursday, May 7, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where

Located at the County Office across
from the Reynolds Alberta Museum

What

Free BBQ
Prizes
Fun for the whole family

You are invited to the Buck Lake Open House!

When

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Where

Located at the Buck Lake
Community Hall

Tax Collection:

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Open House & BBQ:

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

What

Free BBQ
Prizes
Fun for the whole family



Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

FCSS offers a variety of programs and services throughout the year to support the well-being, safety, and connection of individuals and families in our community. We are excited to share a preview of some of our upcoming programs and events. More details and registration information will be shared on our Facebook and website as dates approach.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Event	Date & Location
Babysitting	July 9, 2026 - Wetaskiwin Agricultural Hall July 13, 2026 - Winfield Hall
Home Alone Course	July 10, 2026 - Wetaskiwin Agricultural Hall July 14, 2026 - Winfield Hall
Psychological First Aid	June 18, 2026 - Winfield Hall June 19, 2026 - Winfield Hall
Clear Space Clear Mind <i>Organization/Decluttering</i>	April 22, 2026 - Lone Ridge
Confidence Through Planning <i>Wills & Estates</i>	June 2, 2026 - Lakedell Agricultural Society
Wellness Days	Location and dates TBD
Scam Savvy <i>Fraud & Prevention</i>	April 28, 2026 - Mulhurst
Understanding Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease	April 16, 2026 - Wetaskiwin Agricultural Hall October 21, 2026 - Mulhurst
Counselling Subsidies	Contact FCSS for more information
Home Support Aid	Contact FCSS for more information
First Aid Training	TBD
Canadian Volunteer Income Tax Program	March 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026

Have Feedback?

We are always looking to ensure our programs reflect the needs and interests of our community. If you have ideas for future workshops, events, or have questions about any FCSS programs or services, please reach out to our FCSS Department at fcssadmin@county10.ca.





Community Program & Events Guide

Keeping our Community Connected

To view the entire guide, visit county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/community-guide.

Have an activity or club you would like us to include?

Email fcssadmin@county10.ca

Looking for ways to stay active, connected, and supported in your community? The County's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Community Program and Event Guide highlights a variety of programs designed to enhance the well-being of individuals and families.

FCSS is a partnership between the County of Wetaskiwin and the Province of Alberta, focused on prevention and building strong, healthy communities. From workshops and activities to family supports and community events, there's something for everyone.

Have a community event happening in the County? We would love to help share it on our social media—please email event details to communications@county10.ca.

Scan for Community & Events Guide



Contact Us

780.352.3321

fcssadmin@county10.ca

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Groups & Non-Profits Included

Alder Flats-Buck Lake Public Library

Buck Lake Ag Society & Farmers Market

Buck Lake Stampede

Concert in the Country

Family Resource Network

JEDI Alberta

Lakedell Agricultural Society

Lone Ridge Hall

Millet & District Museum & Archives

Millet & District Recreational Agricultural Society

Millet Library

Mulhurst Bay Community League

Pigeon Lake Public Library

Rundles: The Meeting Place

Wetaskiwin & Area Community Resources

Wetaskiwin 4-H

Wetaskiwin Agricultural Society

Winfield Agricultural Society

Winfield Library

Wizard Lake Watershed

Yeoford Community Hall



BABYSITTING COURSE

Open to Ages 12+ or turning 12 within 6 months. Limited spaces per session. This course is being hosted by the County of Wetaskiwin FCSS. Public registrations are welcome.

REGISTER NOW



SCAN HERE

July 9, 2026
Wetaskiwin Agricultural Hall
9:00 AM-4:00 PM
LUNCH NOT PROVIDED
Cost: \$20 *

July 13, 2026
Winfield Hall-401 6 ST East
9:00 AM-4:00 PM
LUNCH NOT PROVIDED
Cost: \$20 *

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT WWW.CONFIDENCECOURSES.CA
FOR INFORMATION
PH. 780-352-3321 OR FCSSADMIN@COUNTY10.CA



*Cost will only be subsidized for County Residents.
Other registrations will be asked to pay the full price of \$75.



HOME ALONE COURSE

Open to Ages 9+ only. Limited spaces per session. This course is being hosted by the County of Wetaskiwin FCSS. Public registrations are welcome.

REGISTER NOW



SCAN HERE

July 10, 2026
Wetaskiwin Agricultural Hall
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
LUNCH NOT PROVIDED
Cost: \$20 *

July 14, 2026
Winfield Hall-401 6 ST East
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
LUNCH NOT PROVIDED
Cost: \$20 *

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FOR INFORMATION
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PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID

Register online:
county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca
or Scan QR Code

Limited Spaces Available
Earn your PFA Red Cross Certificate



Questions: Call Amber 780-352-3321
or email fcssadmin@county10.ca

PFA is for everyone over the age of 16!
Gain an understanding of how to recognize when someone is experiencing distress. Learn how to offer help to promote resiliency and reduce the impact of loss and trauma, not only in a disaster, but everyday life.

- ◆ WHEN: June 18 & 19 9:00 AM -4:00PM
Daily (2 Day Course)
LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
- ◆ LOCATION: Winfield Hall
- ◆ REGISTRATION FEE: FREE
Limited spots available - register early



CONFIDENCE THROUGH PLANNING

WILLS & ENDURING POWERS OF ATTORNEY, AND PERSONAL DIRECTIVES EXPLAINED

Planning documents help support independence and peace of mind. This workshop provides an overview of wills, enduring power of attorney, and personal directives, as well as certain elements of tax planning for your estate, in a welcoming, community-based setting. Scan the QR Code below to register

To register contact Amber
or Scan the QR Code



Questions: Call Amber 780-352-3321
or email fcssadmin@county10.ca

- ◆ WHEN: June 2, 2026 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
- ◆ LOCATION: Lakedell Agricultural Society
- ◆ REGISTRATION FEE: FREE
Limited spots available - register early





Municipal Budgets at a Glance

Operating vs. Capital Budgets in Alberta Municipalities



OPERATING BUDGET

Supports day-to-day municipal services

What This Funds

- Road maintenance & snow removal
- Fire & protective services
- Utilities & facility operations
- Wages & benefits
- Supplies & contracts

Where Funding Comes From

- Property taxes
- User fees
- Operating grants

Purpose

- Keeps essential services running smoothly every day.



CAPITAL BUDGET

Builds long-term infrastructure

What This Funds

- Roads & bridges
- Water & wastewater systems
- Fire trucks & heavy equipment
- Municipal buildings
- Land acquisitions

Where Funding Comes From

- Provincial & Federal grants
- Municipal reserves
- Long-term debt

Purpose

- Invests in the assets that support growth & long-term service delivery.

Operating Budget

The County of Wetaskiwin Operating Budget is the County’s annual financial plan for delivering day-to-day services to residents, farms, and businesses across our rural community.

It outlines how funding will be used each year to maintain essential services such as:

- Gravel road maintenance, snow clearing, dust control, and traffic safety
- Fire and emergency protective services
- Waste and recycling services, including transfer stations
- Parks, campgrounds, community halls, and recreation supports
- Agricultural services, land use planning, and development permits
- Bylaw enforcement and community safety
- Staff wages, fuel, utilities, insurance, and routine equipment maintenance

The operating budget is funded primarily through property taxes, along with user fees, permits, grants, and other revenues. These funds support the services that residents depend on throughout the year.

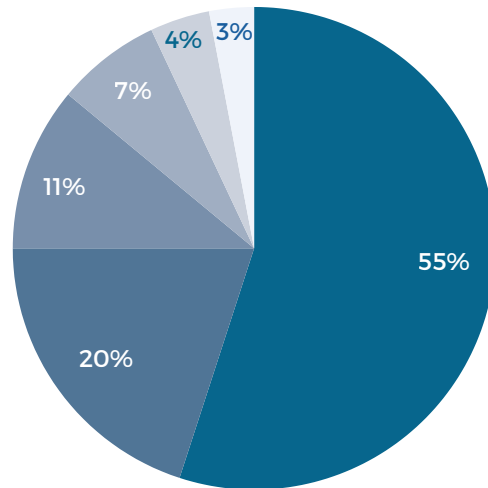
Each year, County Council carefully reviews and approves the operating budget to ensure that services are delivered reliably, efficiently, and responsibly, while balancing service levels with affordability for County of Wetaskiwin ratepayers.

The operating budget is different from the capital budget, which focuses on major, long-term investments such as road reconstruction, bridge replacements, facility construction, and large equipment purchases. The 2026 budget includes a \$28 million tax-support operating budget to maintain essential daily services, along with a \$14 million capital budget to invest in infrastructure, facilities, and long-term assets.



2026 Operating Budget

- Infrastructure Management (55%)
- Corporate Services (20%)
- Emergency Services (11%)
- Leisure & Community Services (7%)
- Planning & Economic Development (4%)
- Agricultural Services (3%)



Municipal Audit

Each year, the municipality's financial statements are reviewed through a municipal audit. An audit is an independent and thorough review of the municipality's financial records, processes, and accounts. Think of it as a financial "check-up" completed by an external, neutral expert.

The audit is performed by independent auditors who are not municipal employees, ensuring the review is objective and unbiased. Their role is to confirm that taxpayer dollars are being managed responsibly, accurately, and in accordance with the Municipal Government Act of Alberta.

What Do Auditors Review?

Auditors examine a wide range of financial information, including:

- **Revenues** – Ensuring property taxes, fees, and other revenues are properly collected and recorded.
- **Expenses** – Confirming payments are supported, approved, and related to municipal services.
- **Assets** – Verifying the municipality owns the cash, equipment, infrastructure, and property reported.
- **Debt** – Reviewing loans and other obligations to ensure they are authorized and managed appropriately.
- **Internal Controls** – Assessing policies and procedures (such as spending approvals) that protect municipal assets.
- **Financial Statement Audit** – Primary review to confirm the financial statements fairly reflect the municipality's financial position.

Audit Results

Once the audit is complete, the auditor issues a formal audit report (opinion):

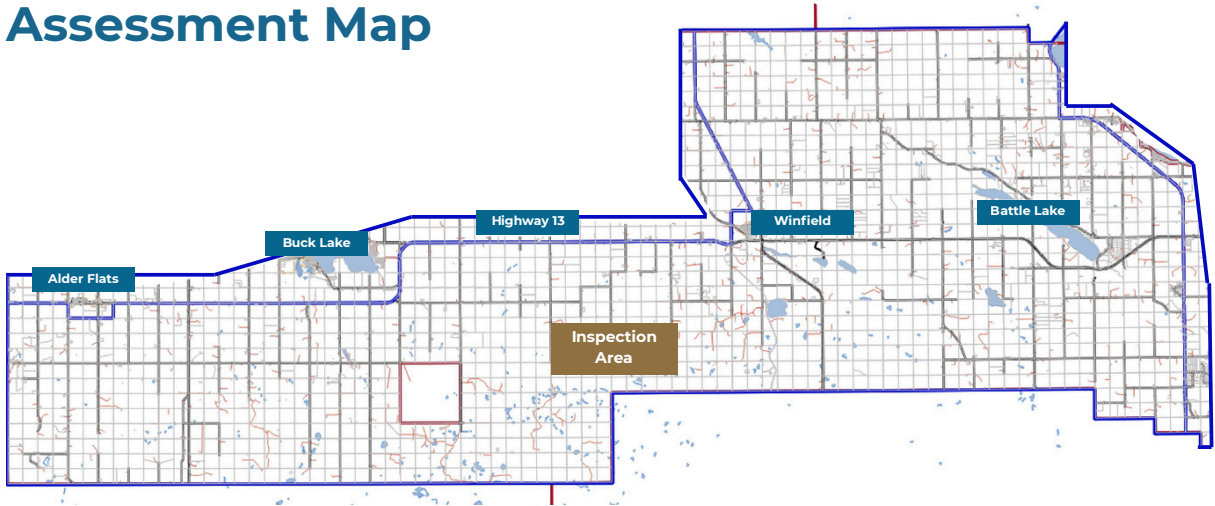
- A clean (or unqualified) opinion is the best result, meaning the financial statements are accurate and reliable.
- If improvements are needed, the auditor may include recommendations to strengthen controls or procedures.

The County's audited financial statements are presented to Council each year and made available to the public, reinforcing openness, trust, and confidence in how municipal finances are managed. A clean audit report acts as a formal "certificate of excellence," giving residents and business owners confidence that their tax dollars are being handled with care and professional precision.

The County's audited financial statements can be found on the County website and will also be included in the Fall newsletter for easy access.

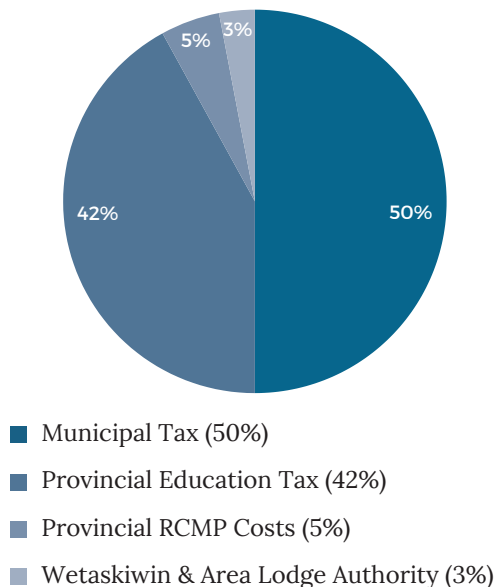


Assessment Map



The County of Wetaskiwin re-inspects all properties on a five-year cycle based on best practice requirements as set out by the Alberta Municipal Affairs Assessment Services Branch. Shown on the map are the respective areas for 2026 inspection. Additionally, a request for information has been mailed out to the 2026 re-inspection area in the winter of 2026 to expedite the inspection process. Annual inspections (reviewing new and progressive construction) are also being conducted throughout the County. The County requests your co-operation in assisting the assessors with any information necessary to complete the assessments or re-assessments in your area. County staff will always carry identification which may be asked for if there is any question. Should you have any questions please contact Rene Boutin, Director of Assessment at 780.361.6233 or email rboutin@county10.ca.

Where Do My Residential Tax Dollars Go?



A portion of your property tax bill is collected by the County of Wetaskiwin on behalf of other organizations and levels of government. These are called requisitions, and the County does not control or set these amounts.

- **Education Property Tax:** Required by the Province of Alberta, the County collects this tax on the Province’s behalf. In 2026, the total education requisition is \$10.36 million, representing approximately 42% of a residential tax bill.
- **Policing Costs:** Under a provincial framework introduced in 2019, municipalities like the County contribute to front-line Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) services.
- **Seniors Housing:** The County also collects a requisition to support seniors housing operated by the Wetaskiwin and Area Lodge Authority.



Council Salaries 2025

Division	Salary	Benefits/Allowances	Total
1	54,876.96	16,171.44	71,048.40
2	54,876.96	16,171.44	71,048.40
3	54,876.96	14,816.44	69,693.40
4	78,750.00	13,206.60	91,956.60
5	55,803.24	16,296.24	72,099.48
6	58,971.13	17,226.00	76,197.13
7	54,876.96	15,585.19	70,462.15
	413,032.21	109,473.35	522,505.56

3 Steps to Register for Utility E-Billing

1.

Visit:
www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/e-billing

2.

Fill out the online form
(have your utility account number ready)

3.

Click submit!
Your next utility invoice will be sent to the email you provide and no longer mailed.

IMPORTANT

Customers who choose to receive a paper utility invoice instead of an electronic bill (e-bill) will be required to pay a fee of \$2.00 per utility invoice.

Reasons to Switch to E-billing

- Same look as paper bill, but more secure
- Easily download for other uses
- Better for the environment
- Safe, convenient, contact-less

Questions?

P: 780.352.3321 or E: utility@county10.ca



Your Dream is Our Job!

Joint Economic Development Initiative

Discover the guidance you need for your business journey 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.

Expanding the Region's Online Presence

The Discover Wetaskiwin County West website was initially launched with funding that supported the west portion of the County only. Now that the grant has wrapped up, JEDI is pursuing options to grow the site to highlight the entire County. Stay tuned for exciting updates ahead! In the meantime, visit www.discoverwetaskiwinwest.ca to plan your adventure.

Joint Regional Tourism Strategy

JEDI, in partnership with the City of Wetaskiwin, received funding through the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program for the development of a Joint Regional Tourism Strategy. The strategy establishes a shared regional vision focused on increasing overnight stays, moving visitors throughout the region, strengthening tourism operators, and improving coordination through marketing, destination development, and operator support, providing a clear roadmap for tourism growth and regional economic resilience. Stay tuned as the strategy is rolled out in phases and more initiatives begin to take shape.

Exciting Events on the Horizon

Join us for our annual Ag Forum scheduled for November 26, 2026, at the Lakedell 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 details as they become available.

The Leduc, Nisku, Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) hosted the 2026 Wetaskiwin Chamber Business Awards Gala on March 27, 2026. The event honours and celebrates the outstanding local businesses and business leaders. To check out other Chamber events, visit www.yourchamber.ca.





The Chamber's Small Business Support Programming

JEDI is pleased to partner in the Chamber's small business support program. This program goes beyond the startup phase to provide necessary resources for small business. Whether you are an entrepreneur with an idea, a newcomer to the area, a home-based business, or looking to grow and thrive, this program meets you wherever you are.

The Yes-Up Program provides entrepreneur support and guidance for students ages 13-18. This program offers free resources to teachers and students with the goal of inspiring youth to pursue entrepreneurial dreams and giving them support to succeed.

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

County of Wetaskiwin Business Group

The group typically meets once a month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Village Creek Country Inn. These gatherings are relaxed, informal, and conversational, typically featuring a short presentation followed by a round-table discussion. They provide a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and get to know other local business owners.

You can read more about these meetings in our Tourism and Business Talk Newsletter, available on our website at www.jedialberta.com. If you own or operate a business in the County of Wetaskiwin and would like to get involved, please contact us at info@jedialberta.com.

Connect with Us

Visit www.jedialberta.com, email info@jedialberta.com, or call **780.361.6232**. Follow @JEDIAAlberta on social media for updates.

JEDI
2026
AG FORUM
Thursday, November 26, 2026
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lakedell Ag Society Hall, 461043 RGE RD 12

Join us for this free event (lunch included) open to all agriculture producers. Connect with fellow producers and hear from expert speakers sharing the latest trends and opportunities shaping the future of agriculture.

Scan the QR code, call the number below or e-mail info@jedialberta.com for more details & to register.
www.jedialberta.com **780-361-6232**



What is Economic Development?

Economic development is about helping businesses succeed and encouraging new ones to start in the County. This creates jobs, supports local services, and helps keep the County affordable and strong for everyone who lives here. Economic development is about creating an environment where businesses can be successful. Whether it's helping new businesses locate in the County or helping existing businesses overcome constraints to growth, JEDI supports the creation of jobs and assessment which in turn helps the County maintain and build infrastructure and enhance services for the benefit of everyone.

Why is it Important?

Economic development plays an important role in maintaining a strong, sustainable, and vibrant County of Wetaskiwin. When new businesses choose to locate here or when existing businesses grow here, the entire community benefits through local job creation, increased access to services, and long-term community viability. A diverse local economy helps ensure the County continues to be a great place to live and visit and reduces its reliance on grants to undertake important projects.

When a business opens in the County, it helps diversify the municipal tax base. This broader tax base can reduce pressure on residential property taxes by sharing costs across industrial and commercial development. Increased economic activity also supports the County's ability to maintain and improve services that residents rely on every day, from roads and infrastructure to recreation and community programs.



Bear Creek Cabins

The County understands that growth can sometimes raise concerns. Through thoughtful planning and public consultation, the County works to balance growth with the characteristics that residents value most. By planning together, we can ensure development supports both current needs and future generations, while preserving the rural charm that makes the County of Wetaskiwin unique.



Edmonton International Raceway





Joint Economic
Development Initiative



2026 Residential Solar Grant

Grants of \$6,500
available for owner-
occupied residential
projects!



JEDI, on behalf of the County of Wetaskiwin, is launching the 2026 Residential Solar Installation Grant Program, funded by a generous anonymous donor with no funding provided by any level of government.

Install a new 5 kW+ solar system and receive up to \$6,500 toward your project.

Apply April 22 – May 22 (4:30 p.m.)

Complete applications only

Must meet eligibility requirements

Eligible applications entered into a random draw

New installations only. Permits and final inspection required. Funding is limited.

Scan the QR code for full program details and eligibility requirements



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Twin Lakes Trail

Exciting news for outdoor enthusiasts!

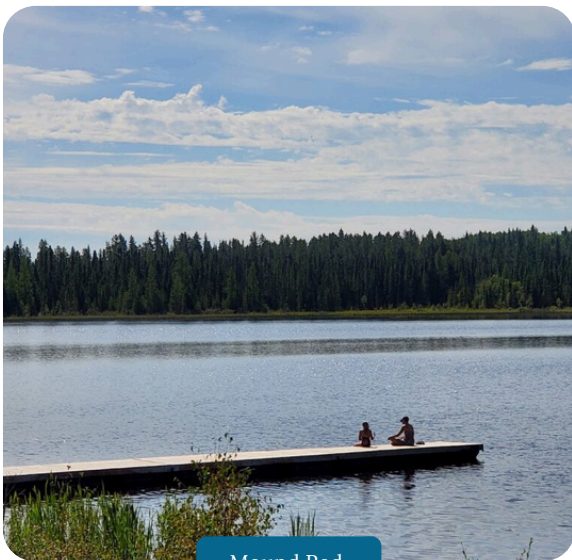
Whether you love hiking, camping, or simply enjoying nature with family and friends, 2026 continues to bring great new opportunities to get outside and explore.

The brand-new hiking and walking trail system, developed around the scenic Twin Lakes area, officially opened on May 17, 2025. Since opening, the Twin Lakes trail system has been a tremendous success, drawing both residents and visitors to the region and quickly becoming a go-to destination for outdoor recreation.

Designed to accommodate a range of abilities, the trails offer a fantastic way to connect with nature, breathe in fresh air, and stay active. The site is also an ideal location for families to enjoy the outdoors together. And the adventure doesn't stop there, plans are already in place to expand the network in 2026, giving outdoor enthusiasts even more space to explore.

Lake users will also notice improvements to County-owned docks, enhancing access and usability for those looking to enjoy the beautiful lakes throughout the region. The Woody Johnson Arena will also be providing pickleball in the spring and summer for residents to enjoy, along with other indoor activities. Check our Facebook and website for further updates.

The County of Wetaskiwin is proud to invest in recreation that supports healthy lifestyles, encourages tourism, and enhances the everyday experience for residents.



Mound Red



Wizard Lake



Camping in the County

The County of Wetaskiwin is home to six campgrounds and three day-use areas, all maintained by our Leisure and Community Services Department. As summer approaches, campers will be welcoming in the summer season on May 15, with bookings having opened on April 1. These spaces offer residents and visitors an easy way to enjoy the outdoors close to home.

Did You Know?

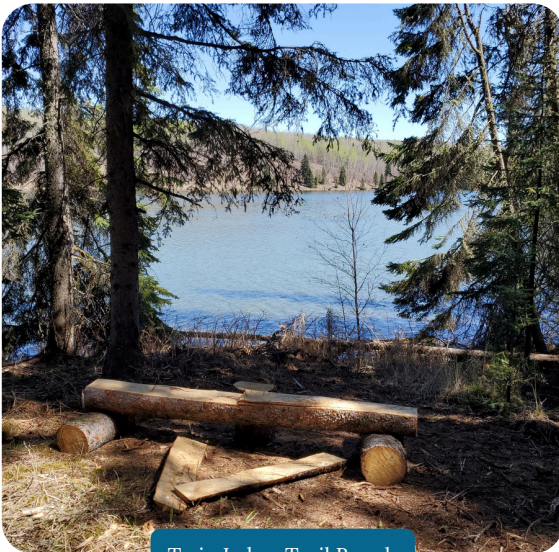
Battle Lake Campground, Viola Beach Day-use Area, and Mulhurst Bay Memorial Park provide scenic views and convenient access to the Village of Pigeon Lake—making them the perfect stop for a mid-day ice-cream run, a grocery re-stock, or an afternoon of boutique shopping.



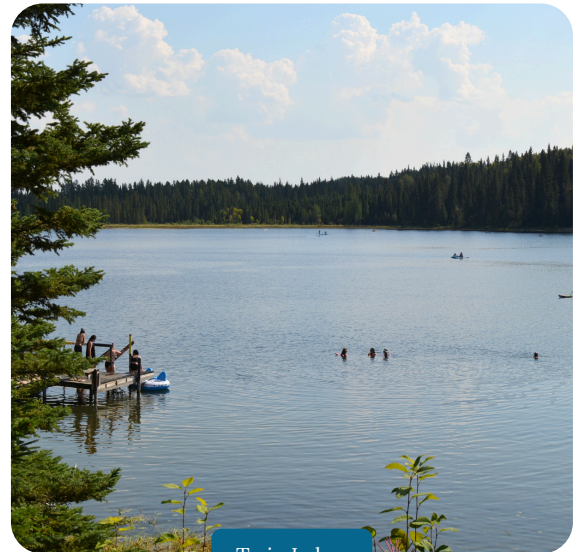
Battle Lake Campground

Trail Development

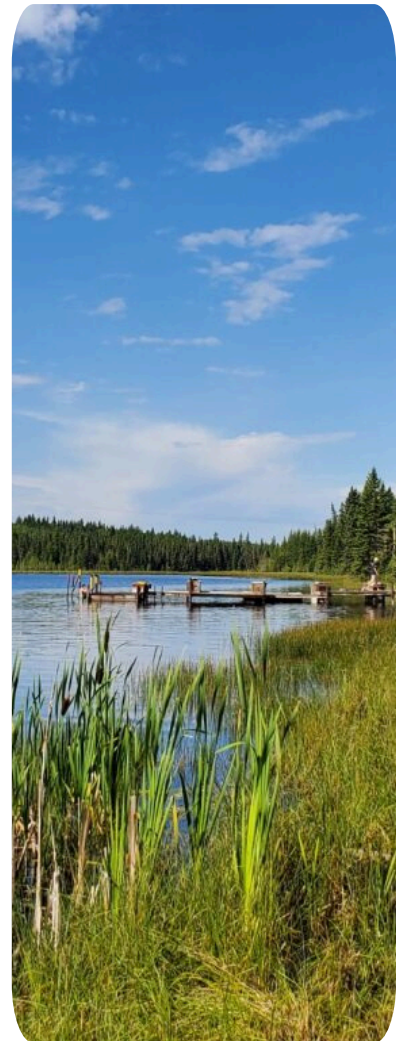
Last season, the County developed 4.5 km of trails at Twin Lakes Campground, offering a scenic out-and-back hike that takes approximately 1 to 1.5 hours to complete. The trail features a total elevation gain of 78 metres, picnic benches, and beautiful views of Twin Lakes along the way. Trail expansion work will continue this year, including the completion of a loop around the east Twin Lake, adding approximately 4 km to the trail network. These investments create more opportunities for residents, campers, and day-trip adventurers to enjoy County parks and outdoor amenities.



Twin Lakes Trail Bench



Twin Lakes



County of Wetaskiwin No. 10

2026 CAMPING COUPON

One (1) Night of Camping FREE (No Cash Value)

Redeemable for **County of Wetaskiwin Residents** at Municipal Parks including:

**Battle Lake Park
Buck Lake Park
Coal Lake South Park**

**Mound Red Park
Red Deer Lake Park
Twin Lakes Park**

BOOKINGS MADE ONLINE AT LETS CAMP.CA

CALL THE OFFICE AT 780-352-3321

FOR PROMO CODE





Campgrounds

Online reservations available through lets-camp.ca

Please visit www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca for more Parks and Recreation information.



Battle Lake | 20077A TWP RD 462A

battlelake@county10.ca

- \$29/night
- Boating & Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- Pay Showers
- Restrooms
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



Mound Red | 281077B TWP RD 452

moundred@county10.ca

- \$27/night
- Trout Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- Group Camping
- No Motor Boats
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



Buck Lake | 710 Lakeshore Drive East

bucklake@county10.ca

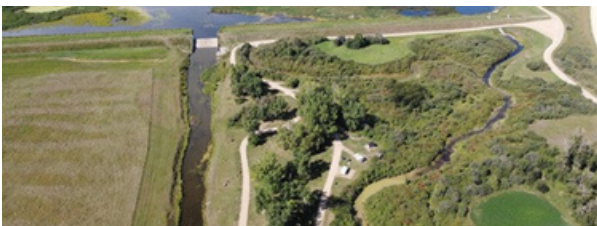
- \$29/night
- Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- Trailer Dumping
- Pay Showers
- Restrooms
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



Red Deer Lake | 440050 RGE RD 222A

reddeer@county10.ca

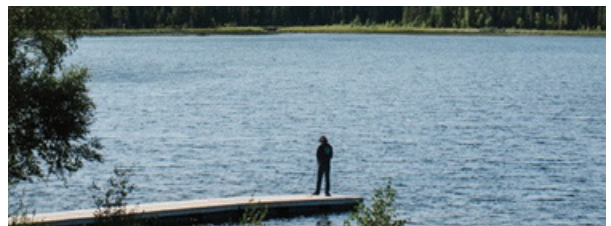
- \$24/night
- Boat Launch
- No Hook Ups
- Trailer Dumping
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



Coal Lake South | 764070 HWY 822

coallake@county10.ca

- \$27/night
- Boat Launch
- Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- Restrooms
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



Twin Lakes | 461034B RGE RD 33A

twinlakes@county10.ca

- \$27/night
- Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- No Motor Boats
- Playground
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



Fire Services

Do You Have Proper Firefighting Insurance?

Most standard homeowners, tenants, and farm insurance policies in Alberta include coverage for fire damage to property, but they may not adequately cover the actual costs of firefighting services (trucks, personnel, equipment) charged by municipalities. These fees can reach thousands of dollars, particularly in rural areas.

Residents are encouraged to have a minimum of \$25,000.00 for Residential Properties and \$50,000.00 for Farm Properties (Fire Services Bylaw, Part 14 – Fire Protection Charges).

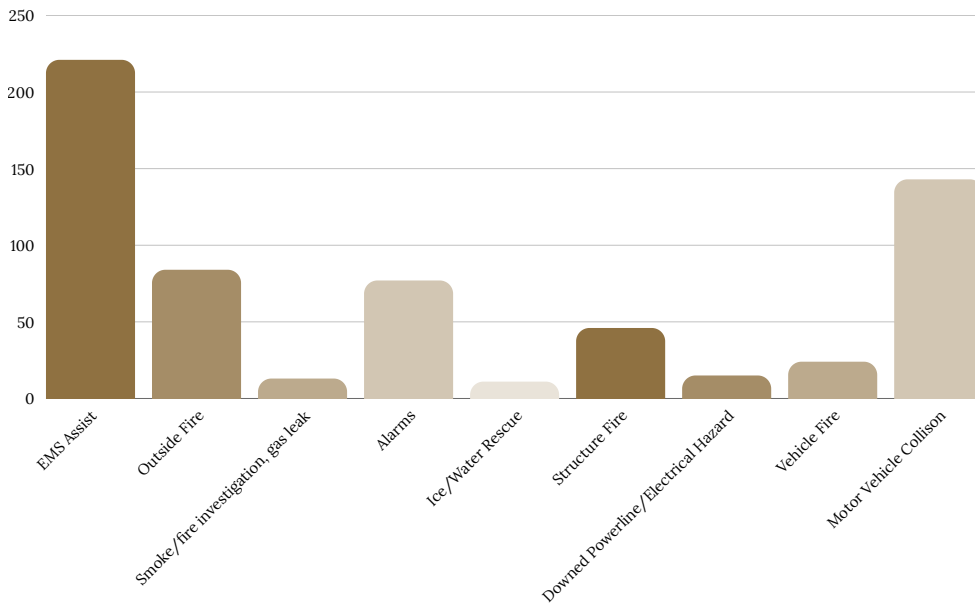
Residents are strongly encouraged to review their insurance policies to confirm that firefighting costs are covered, as fire protection charges will be levied for all responses.

Fire Services Bylaw

The County has charged for fire protection responses since 1998, briefly shifting to a tax-supported fire levy from 2019–2021 before reinstating the user-pay model in 2022 due to rising costs and funding considerations. Many properties carry insurance that covers fire response, and billing ensures costs aren't paid twice by taxpayers; residents are encouraged to confirm their coverage. The County is also exploring Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS) status in parts of the County to help lower insurance premiums.

2025 Fire Department Stats

Ever wonder what our fire departments are up to? Here is a breakdown of their work in 2025.



Fire Permits

Fire Permits are REQUIRED from March 1st to October 31st. Contact a Fire Guardian in your division to get your Fire Permit before your burn or apply online at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/online-fire-permit.

An application for a Fire Permit should be made two or three days prior to the first day of burning. A Permit will be issued for a maximum ten-day period beginning from the date of issue; however, certain conditions may be required for a permit to be issued.

Scan for Fire Permit



Division 1

Angus Ridge - Haultain -
New Sweden - Gwynne

Nadine Taylor

647.202.5292

Janet Dyberg

780.312.5042

Division 4

Hillside - Porto Bello -
Pipestone

Herb Waters

780.940.2903

Fay Waters

780.721.3075

Division 6

Battle Lake - Winfield -
Yeoford

Christine Woods

780.682.2165

Albert Brandl

780.696.2547

Division 2

Coal Lake

Ray Boeve

780.387.6375

Lori Cridland

780.387.6367

Division 5

Falun - Westeros -
Mulhurst

Wayne Gist

780.361.8624

Herb Waters

780.940.2903

Fay Waters

780.721.3075

Division 7

Buck Lake - Alder Flats

Gil Lechelt

780.388.2384

Mary Arseneau

403.612.5591

Amy Rainer

780.898.4803

Division 3

Bearhills Lake - Lone Ridge -
Usona

Chad Irwin

780.312.3192

Ken Cherniak

780.352.4066

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

(For permits in the Forest
Protection Area)

1.403.845.8250

www.alberta.ca/get-a-fire-permit

Permission to Stubble Burn

Stephen Majek,

Director of Agricultural Services

780.361.6226



Emergency Preparedness Week

Did You Know?

May 3-9, 2026, is Emergency Preparedness Week. Follow us on Facebook for preparedness tips all week long.

Virtual Info Session

Sign up for a virtual information session on May 4, 2026, that will introduce the essentials of emergency preparedness and walk attendees through the key steps they can take to begin, or strengthen, their preparedness journey.

Sign up here: www.alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness-week



Fire Preparedness

Wildfire season in Alberta runs from early spring through fall, and being prepared is one of the most effective ways to protect your home, family, and community. Wildfire prevention and preparedness are shared responsibilities—small actions taken by residents can significantly reduce risk and improve safety for everyone.

Start at Home: Reduce Fire Risk

Taking simple steps around your property can greatly lower the chance of fire damage. Experts recommend creating a “defensible space” by removing flammable materials within at least 1.5 metres of your home, including dry leaves, branches, and firewood.

Additional FireSmart tips include:

- Keeping roofs and gutters clear of debris
- Trimming trees and maintaining your yard
- Moving firewood and combustible items away from buildings
- Installing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

These actions matter—most homes lost to wildfire are ignited by embers, not direct flames.

Be Prepared Before an Emergency

Preparation ensures you can act quickly if a wildfire threatens your area. Consider:

- Creating an emergency plan for your household
- Preparing a grab-and-go kit with essentials and important documents
- Keeping your vehicle fueled and ready
- Planning for pets and livestock evacuation

Staying informed is also critical—monitor alerts and follow local fire bans and restrictions.

When a Wildfire Occurs

If a wildfire is nearby:

- Be ready to evacuate on short notice
- Follow instructions from emergency officials
- Never attempt to fight a wildfire yourself
- Take precautions around smoke, especially for vulnerable individuals

A Community Effort

Programs like FireSmart emphasize that wildfire resilience depends on everyone working together. By taking proactive steps at home and staying prepared, residents help protect not only their own property but the entire community.

www.firesmartalberta.ca



Bylaw Services

Community Aggregate Extractions

What is Aggregate?

Aggregate refers to sand, gravel, clay or marl that is excavated from pits around Alberta to provide materials to build homes, businesses, roads, and facilities.

Resource extraction pits on private lands within the County require a Development Permit to operate and excavations greater than 12.5 acres must be registered with the Province under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act. Those that are smaller do not need to be registered but are still regulated along with larger pits by the County under the Land Use Bylaw and Community Aggregate Levy Bylaw and by the Province under the Water Act.

These regulations help to ensure that extractions occur with appropriate consideration for safety, the environment, County roads, and neighbors. The levy applied through the Community Aggregate Levy Bylaw allows funds from the extraction operations to flow back into the community and help maintain roads and infrastructure. The County requires that all privately owned pits track and report their extractions on a quarterly basis. You can reach out to the Bylaw Enforcement Department at **780.352.0005** for further inquiries regarding extraction pits.





Protective Services

Community Peace Officer Highlights 2025/2026

The County of Wetaskiwin Protective Services team continues to work with residents and local businesses to support safe travel and protect our road network. Through education, enforcement, and collaboration, they play an important role in maintaining safe, reliable roads for everyone.

The Government of Alberta has recently increased specified penalties for traffic violations. Higher fines took effect in mid-March 2026 for speeding and other traffic related offences. The increases are intended to enhance road safety and align Alberta closer to other Canadian provinces. The increases particularly target higher-speed violations to deter reckless driving, as well as for driving without a license, using a phone, or driving with an expired registration.

A Few Highlights

Speeding Offences

Driver going 164 km/h in a 100 km/h zone

While patrolling in Division 2, a CPO stopped a driver exceeding the posted speed limit by 64 km/h. The driver was issued a summons to appear in court.

Driver going 151 km/h in an 80 km/h zone

A CPO was patrolling in Division 1 when they observed a vehicle going 71 km/h over the posted speed limit. The driver received two (2) violations under the *Traffic Safety Act*, including a Summons violation for excessive speeding.

Driver going 160 km/h in an 80 km/h zone

A CPO stopped a vehicle travelling eastbound on Correction Line Road going 80 km/h over the posted speed limit. A court summons was issued to the driver.

Commercial Driver going 157 km/h in a 100 km/h zone

While on patrol, a CPO stopped a commercial vehicle for driving 57 km/h over the posted speed limit. A summons was issued and the driver was placed out of service for not possessing a daily logbook/record of duty status.

Stolen Vehicle

A CPO was patrolling in Division 3 and observed a vehicle stationary at an intersection. The driver pulled out and passed 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 were laid and the driver was arrested by RCMP for possession of stolen property.





Driving Complaint

- Protective Services received a complaint from a school bus operator in Division 4. The driver advised they were stopped with red lights and stop sign activated with two (2) children exiting. The driver advised a vehicle had made no attempt to slow down nor stop and passed the bus from the rear. The driver further advised the children normally cross the road at this location. The license plate was obtained, and the CPO subsequently charged the owner of the vehicle.
- A CPO observed two (2) vehicles engaged in a street race west bound on Highway 13. The vehicles were estimated to be travelling at more than 130 km/h in the posted 80 km/h zone. The CPO was able to intercept one of the vehicles several kilometres from Wetaskiwin. One (1) charge was laid along with multiple warnings.
- A CPO stopped a vehicle for stunting in Division 3. The driver was doing donuts and preventing northbound and southbound vehicles from passing. The driver was charged.

Regional Dangerous Goods Training

- The County of Wetaskiwin hosted a Dangerous Goods refresher training course for local agencies at the South Pigeon Lake Fire Station. Officers from Brazeau County, County of Wetaskiwin, and the City of Wetaskiwin attended for a half day, facilitated by the Chief Dangerous Goods Inspector for Alberta. This was an opportunity to sharpen inspector skills and keep updated on Dangerous Goods legislation.





Planning & Development

Any development over 150 ft² (14 m²), whether movable or not, requires a Development Permit before work can begin. All development is regulated by Land Use Bylaw 2024/66 and supporting County policies.

The Development Permit process typically takes two to six weeks, depending on the nature and complexity of the proposal. Before an application can be processed, the Planning and Development Department must complete several review steps.

Please note that applications are not considered complete until all required information, supporting documents, and applicable fees have been submitted. Incomplete application forms or illegible documentation may result in the application being returned to the applicant.

To view the Development Permit Application form and the document checklist, please visit the Applications page on the County website.

Scan the QR code to access Planning and Development Applications.



The County recognizes that constructing a new structure can be complex and, at times, challenging. The Planning and Development Department encourages anyone with questions about development within the County to visit the County website or contact wpermits@county10.ca. Early inquiries can help streamline the development process and support a smoother application experience.

Building Permits

After your Development Permit has been approved and issued, the appropriate safety code permits must be acquired. Superior Safety Codes Inc. issues the safety code permits listed below within the County.

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

Superior Safety Codes Inc. allows construction to proceed on condition of compliance with the Alberta

Building Code. It deals with structural integrity and public safety. All safety code permits must be obtained from Superior Safety Codes Inc. and no other agency.

For information on Safety Codes Permits, please contact Superior Safety Codes Inc. directly:

Edmonton: 780.489.4777

Red Deer: 403.358.5545

Superior Safety Codes website:
www.superiorsafetycodes.com



Recreational Unit for Personal Use and Storage

Each zoning district has specific regulations regarding the number of recreational units allowed on a property. Please refer to your zoning district to determine the permitted number of units and guidelines for personal use and/or storage.

Additional information can be found under Section 9.17 Recreation Unit, Personal Use & Storage of the Land Use Bylaw.

Zoning	# of RU Allowed	Guidelines
Agricultural (AG)	3 under 40 acres 4 over 40 acres	Development Permit not required and can have a vacant lot
Conservation (C)	2	Development Permit not required and can have a vacant lot
Country Residential (CR)	2	There must be an existing dwelling on the property, or you must apply for a Development Permit for an approved dwelling
Hamlet Residential (HR)	2	There must be an existing dwelling on the property, or you must apply for a Development Permit for an approved dwelling
Residential Recreation (RR)	2	A Development Permit is not required if there is an existing dwelling on the property. If there are no existing or planned dwellings, a permit is required. Please refer to Section 9.17.1 of Land Use Bylaw for application details.

To determine the zoning for your property, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the County website or scan the QR code to access the Interactive Map.
2. Sign in as a Guest.
3. Use the search function to locate your property on the map.
4. Once you find your property, click on it.
5. Look for the Zoning Code information linked to your property.

Have questions about applying for a Development Permit, subdividing, rezoning, or other planning and development topics? Please visit the FAQs section on the County website for helpful information and guidance on common processes and requirements.

Scan the QR code to access our FAQs.





Did You Know?

Development taking place within the designated Off-Site Sewer Levy area is subject to a one-time levy of \$2,034. This levy helps fund the capital costs of new or expanded infrastructure, including lagoons, required for the treatment, movement, and disposal of sanitary sewage.

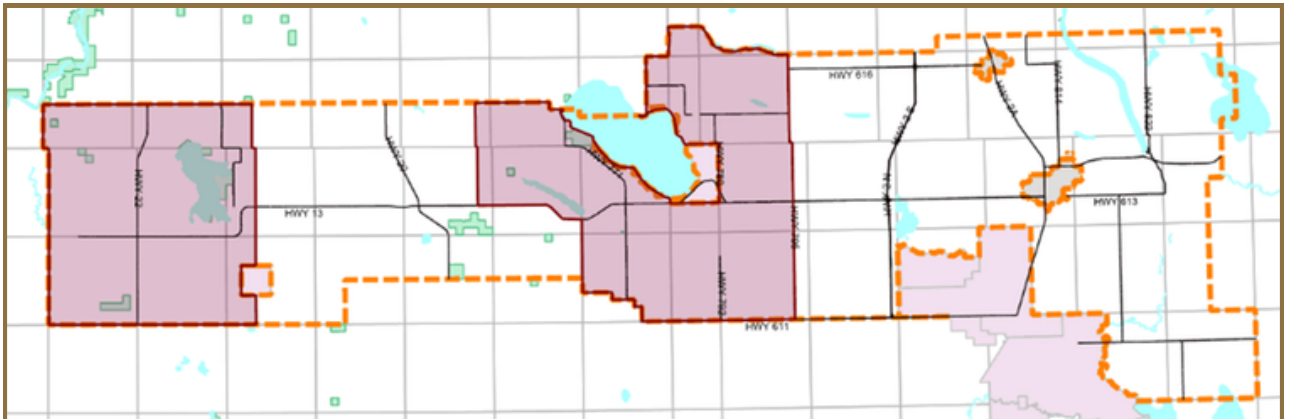
The Off-Site Sewer Levy is triggered when a Development Permit application is submitted for new development or redevelopment within the designated area (shaded pink) and must be paid before a Development Permit can be issued.

For properties that are one (1) acre or larger, where no municipal sewer service is provided and sewage is treated privately on-site, a Sewage Inspection Report must be obtained from Superior Safety Codes Inc. If a satisfactory inspection report is signed off, the Off-Site Sewer Levy payment may be refunded in full.

See the map below to determine whether your property is located within the levy area and scan the QR code for additional information:

Any development located within the pink shaded area below is subject to the Off-Site Sewer Levy payment.

Scan Here for
Additional Information





Public Works Dust Control

The County of Wetaskiwin is now accepting applications for the 2026 Dust Control Program. Residents have the option to have dust control applied by the County or hire an approved independent third-party contractor to perform the work.

Private Dust Control Treatment

Any residents or companies seeking private dust control treatment to local roadways must use a qualified independent third-party contractor to perform the work. The Director of Infrastructure Services shall pre-qualify contractors seeking to conduct business as well as approve the type of dust-abatement products to be applied. These include chloride-based compounds (salts), polymers, plant-based lignosulfonates, water, and various blended combinations. Unacceptable dust control products include petroleum-based materials such as crude oil, asphalt emulsions, used motor oil, and asphalt oil.

County Dust Control

Any resident wishing to have the County apply their dust control can submit an application online at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/dust-control or in-person at the County office. The deadline for applying is **June 1, 2026**. County dust control services shall only be offered during the period of **June 1 to August 31** of each calendar year and is not guaranteed within a specific time frame.

County Dust Control Fees

- Before June 1, 2026: \$6.50 per lineal metre (plus GST) and entitles to only one (1) application.
- After June 1, 2026: \$7.50 per lineal metre (plus GST) and entitles to only one (1) application.

Note: Re-treatments of dust control area may be requested; however, re-treatments shall be charged at \$3.50 per lineal metre at 50% dilution. Application and payment options are available on the County website at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/dust-control.

Flags are available at the County Administration office, Falun Co-op, Buck Lake Hardware and Seely's General (Alder Flats).

For more information, contact Public Works at 780.352.3321 or email pwadmin@county10.ca. Application of dust control will not commence until seasonal road bans have been lifted.

Deadline for application: June 1, 2026

Applications must be submitted online at county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/dust-control



Scan Here to Apply
Online





Enhanced Grading Program: Smarter Maintenance, Better Value

Building on its success in 2024 and 2025, the County is continuing the Enhanced Grading Program to improve rural road conditions in a practical, cost-effective way. Using shoulder pulling as an alternative to full road rebuilds, the program targets roads that need attention without the expense of full reconstruction — extending road life while keeping costs down.

Recent assessments have identified nearly 100 miles of County roads suitable for this approach.

By addressing 15–20 miles annually within the operating budget, the County can make steady, ongoing improvements for residents. Previous years showed a cost saving compared to third-party contractors, allowing more roads to be repaired each year.

This program also reduces pressure on the Capital Plan, offering a more flexible and sustainable way to invest in rural road infrastructure.



Road Capital Projects

All new road construction projects will be posted on the County website at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/construction as they are approved by Council. Updates will be posted periodically.

To stay informed on County projects, subscribe to Notify Me at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/notify.

The Public Works Department mails notices to landowners 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.



2026 Road Capital Projects

Location	Project Description
Bev-Etta Estates	Improving the Bev-Etta community road network with asphalt pavement overlay and drainage work on internal subdivision roads.
Township Road 472A (Pipestone School Road)	The project includes pavement repairs and overlay on Township Road 472A from Highway 795 east for ½ mile to the termination of existing pavement just past the Pipestone school.
Range Road 12 (Lakedell Road)	Cement stabilization, including double chip seal, will be completed on Range Road 12 from Lakedell Community Centre to Highway 13, and from Lakedell Transfer Station to Lakeview Drive (pending provincial grant funding).
Range Road 255	This project includes shoulder pulling, culvert work, general road improvements, cement stabilization, and double chip seal. Five miles of work will be completed on Range Road 255, ranging from Township Road 470 to Highway 616.
Range Road 252	This project will improve Range Road 252 (south of Highway 13) through shoulder pulling, culvert replacements, and ditching to reduce ongoing maintenance needs.
Range Road 254	This project will improve Range Road 254 (south of Highway 13) through shoulder pulling, culvert replacements, and ditching to enhance access to the Bear Hills Transfer Station and support the surrounding residential area.



Alder Flats Pavement



Bridging the Future: Investing in Safe, Reliable Infrastructure

Bridges are a critical part of everyday life in the County of Wetaskiwin—whether you're hauling grain, commuting to work, responding to an emergency, or heading out to enjoy our lakes and trails. While they may not always be top of mind, bridges are essential connections that keep our communities, economy, and services moving.

Why Bridges Matter

Rural municipalities like the County of Wetaskiwin maintain the majority of Alberta's road and bridge network—supporting agriculture, energy development, tourism, and local businesses. According to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), rural infrastructure continues to face a significant funding gap, with aging bridges identified as a major concern across the province.

Bridges are complex and costly pieces of infrastructure. Unlike roads, they require specialized engineering, ongoing inspections, and significant investment to maintain or replace. When bridges deteriorate, weight restrictions or closures can impact emergency response times, increase travel distances, and create challenges for farmers and industry.

The State of Bridges in the County

The County's bridge network tells a story of both longevity and growing need:

- 197 bridge files including bridge-size structures
- Average age: 45 years old
- 105 bridges are older than 45 years
- Approximately 60 bridges are at or nearing end of life
- The oldest bridge is 112 years old
- 12 bridges currently have load restrictions
- Average replacement cost: ~\$500,000 to 5 million depending on size/style of the required structure.

These numbers highlight a clear reality: much of our bridge infrastructure is aging at the same time, creating increasing pressure on maintenance and replacement programs.



Haultain Bridge: Oldest Bridge in the County



Range Road 61

What Council is Doing:

Recognizing the importance of this infrastructure, Council is taking proactive steps to address both current needs and long-term sustainability:

- Doubling the bridge maintenance budget in 2026 to extend the life of existing structures and address priority repairs.
- Establishing a Capital Planning Committee to prioritize bridge replacements and upgrades based on risk, condition, and community impact.
- Continuing to advocate for provincial and federal funding to help close the rural infrastructure gap.

This approach ensures that decisions are strategic, transparent, and focused on delivering the greatest value for residents.

Bridge infrastructure is not just about today—it's about planning for the next generation. Replacing or rehabilitating bridges before they fail helps avoid costly emergency repairs, reduces long-term expenses, and ensures safe, reliable travel for everyone who depends on our road network.



Bridge File 168 Replacement Restores Key Route

The County of Wetaskiwin is pleased to share that Bridge File 168 on Township Road 470 has been successfully replaced and reopened to traffic. This project was made possible through \$1,717,500 in funding from the Government of Alberta's Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP).

The previous structure—a 63-year-old three-span bridge—had reached the end of its serviceable life, impacting a key east-west connection between Highway 2 and Highway 2A. Its replacement restores an important route for residents, agricultural producers, and commercial traffic, improving both safety and reliability.

Engineering and construction moved forward quickly through a design-build approach, allowing the bridge to reopen to the public in February. A temporary reduced speed limit remains in place while final work is completed.

Crews are expected to return in mid-June (weather dependent) to complete abutment transitions and the final pavement lift. Until then, residents are asked to follow posted signage and reduced speed limits when crossing.

Council continues to advocate for critical infrastructure funding, recognizing the important role roads and bridges play in supporting rural communities and economic development.

Thank you to residents for your patience and cooperation throughout construction.



County or Provincial Road?

Road maintenance in the County of Wetaskiwin is a cooperative effort at both the local and provincial level.

County local roads include Township and Range Roads and associated bridges along with roads in hamlets and subdivisions. For any issues or concerns regarding road maintenance of County roads, contact the Public Works Call Centre **780.361.6241**. After hours, contact **780.352.0005**. Residents can also submit concerns anytime through the Report a Concern feature on the County's website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/concern

All provincial numbered highways (i.e. Highways 2, 2A, 13, 20, 761, 814, etc.) are under the jurisdiction of the Province of Alberta (Alberta Transportation). Private contractors are hired by the province to operate and maintain all numbered primary and secondary highways. Mainroad Alberta Contracting is the provincial contractor for highways within the County. Mainroad Alberta: **1.877.875.3263**.










































Did You Know?

Your local government is an important part of the bigger picture. The County of Wetaskiwin provides many of the services residents rely on every day, including roads, transfer stations, and emergency services, while the Provincial and Federal governments are responsible for services such as healthcare, education, highways, and national programs like defense and immigration. Please note this is not a comprehensive list of all services provided by each level of government, but rather a general overview to help illustrate roles and responsibilities.

Government Roles & Responsibilities



MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT	PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
 Road maintenance & upgrades (gravel & paved)	 Highways	 Airports
 Bridges	 Hospitals	 Borders & passports
 Mowing & Spraying	 Housing	 Broadcasting & telecommunications
 Development Services (permits)	 Justice	 Canada Child Benefit
 Utilities (water, waste water, garbage collection)	 Schools	 Charter of Human Rights
 Transfer Stations	 Employer & employee supports	 Employment insurance
 Emergency Services (fire, emergency preparedness)	 Landlord & tenant support	 Fisheries, oceans and national parks
 RCMP Funding	 Post-secondary education	 Income tax
 Economic Development	 Safety enforcement	 International travel and support for Canadians abroad
 Family & Community Support Services (80% provincial government / 20% municipal government)	 Social services (treatment and specialized services, domestic violence shelters)	 Mortgages (ie. Canadian Mortgage & Housing Corporation)
 Campgrounds & Trails	 Family & Community Support Services (80% provincial government / 20% municipal government)	 National RCMP
 Libraries	 Student loans	 National defense & veteran's affairs
 Property Tax (municipal portion)	 Property Tax (provincial portion)	 Student loans
		 Postal service



Utilities

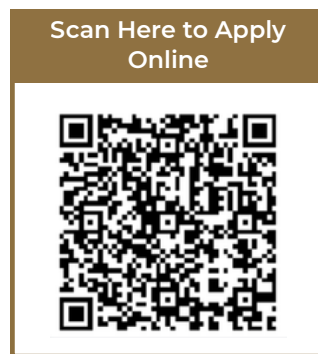
RFID Transfer Station Cards

The County recognizes that the transition to permanent transfer station access cards has been a lengthy process and may have caused frustration for residents. The County sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience experienced and thanks residents for their patience and cooperation.

All initial permanent card applications have now been processed. Residents who have applied and have not yet received their card are requested to contact the County office to confirm their application details.

Please do not re-apply for a card if you have already done so – contact the County office at **780.352.3321** or utility@county10.ca to verify your application.

As of April 15, 2026, expired paper transfer station cards will no longer be accepted at any County transfer station. Residents must obtain a permanent transfer station card to access County transfer stations. Applications may be submitted online or in person at the County office. Apply online at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/tscard or scan the QR code



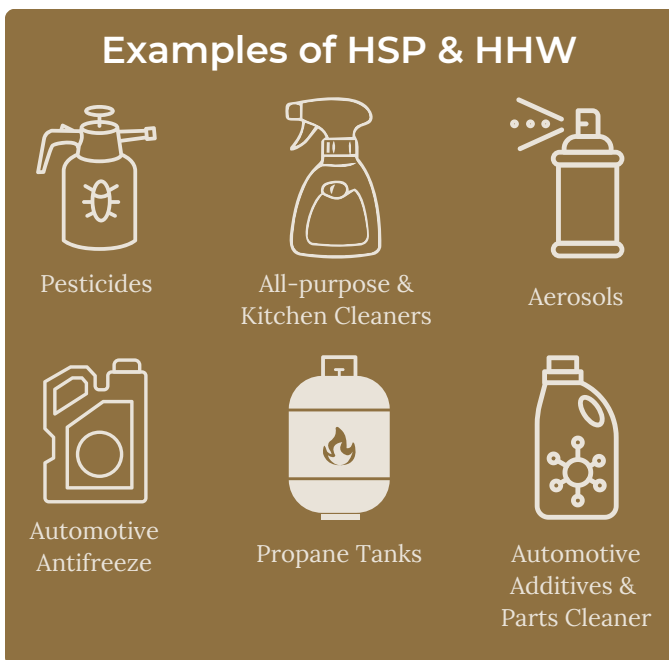
NEW Permanent Hazardous Waste Sites

New this spring, the County is creating five permanent sites for collection of Household Special Products (HSP) and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) located at the following transfer stations: Buck Lake, Mulhurst, Lakedell, Gwynne, and Millet.

Replacing the annual Recycling Roundup, these collection sites will accept HSP and HHW. Common examples of HSP and HHW include aerosol sprays, hazardous household cleaners, propane tanks, and automotive anti-freeze.

Please note that the annual Recycling Roundup will no longer take place, as all County residents will be able to dispose of hazardous materials year-round at the transfer stations listed above.

To view a list of accepted products, visit www.productcare.org/products/hhw/alberta/





Curbside Collection

New Services & New Provider

On May 1, 2026, the County begins a partnership with Integrity Waste Solutions to provide curbside collection. Enhancements include an automated garbage collection system and new waste carts provided to all residents who currently receive curbside collection.

Delivery of the new carts will begin **April 29, 2026**, with use commencing on **May 7, 2026**. Continue using your existing collection method until May 7, 2026.

If you currently use a cart, it will be collected by the provider on their last currently scheduled collection day prior to May 7, 2026.

Integrity Waste Solutions will deliver your cart to the location where it should be placed for picked up each week.

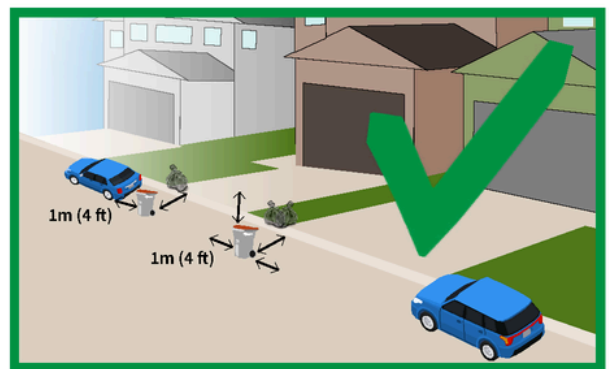
The new curbside collection day is **Thursday**. This change includes all curbside collection sites.

For any collection issues, please reach out to Integrity Waste Solutions at 780.437.5000 or email info@integritysolutions.ca.

Cart Placement

1. Please bag materials in the waste cart.
2. Place your cart out on your collection day by 7 a.m.
3. Ensure 1m (4 ft) clearance all around and above cart (including between carts and bags and parked cars).
4. Face carts to roadway, spaced appropriately using all available space to either side of driveways and cars.

In consideration of disruptions in service due to changes, additional bagged waste can be placed near carts for pick-up on **May 7, 2026 ONLY**.



Stuck Materials

Residents are asked to be responsible for loading carts in a manner that allows carts to empty freely when inverted. Collection operators are not responsible for jammed materials.

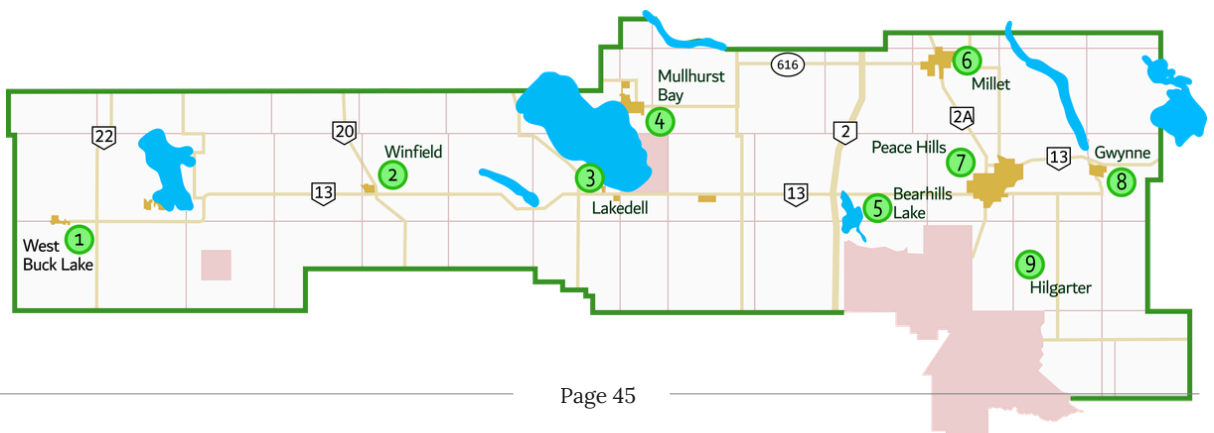
Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Program

As part of an initiative to promote infrastructure longevity and efficiencies, the Utilities team will be conducting an infiltration and inflow reduction program on manholes across the County. This project aims to proactively manage our systems by preventing unnecessary groundwater and stormwater from entering the wastewater system. Benefits of this initiative include reducing the pressure on water treatment plants, mitigating the risk of lift station flooding and eroding manhole barrels, and reducing long-term maintenance costs.



Transfer Station Hours & Map

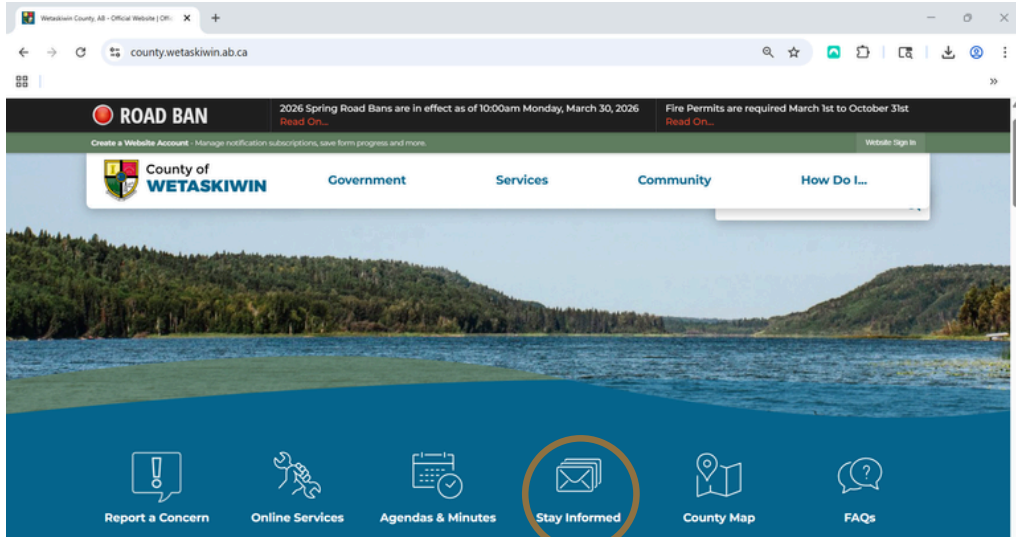
Station	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Bearhills	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Buck Lake	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Hilgartner	Closed	10:00am - 4:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	10:00am - 4:00pm	Closed
Gwynne	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Lakedell	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Millet	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed	12:00pm - 8:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Mulhurst Bay	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed	May 1 - Oct 31 - 12:00pm - 8:00 pm Nov 1 - Apr 30 - Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Peace Hills	Closed	Closed	April 1 - Sept 30 - 12:00pm - 8:00 pm Oct 1 - Mar 31 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Winfield	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed



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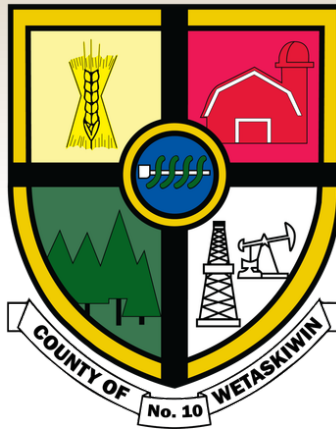
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