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ACREAGE LAND-USE CHANGES HEAD TO PUBLIC HEARING

COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER ELIMINATING THE TRANSITIONAL RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND MOVING THREE REMAINING PROPERTIES INTO CHESTERMERE'S NEWER COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION

By Stephen Jeffrey



Chestermere's continuing effort to determine how its acreage communities fit into a growing city returns to Council Tuesday, July 28, with a public hearing on another change to the Land Use Bylaw.

Council is considering Bylaw 018-26, which would eliminate the Transitional Rural Residential district from the Land Use Bylaw and redesignate the three remaining properties within that district as Country Residential.

The public hearing begins at 1 p.m. during the regular Council meeting. Council gave the bylaw first reading June 23.

Although the proposed change directly involves only three parcels, it is part of a broader discussion that has been unfolding this year over development, subdivision and servicing within Chestermere's acreage communities.

Council created the Country Residential district in February. The designation is intended to accommodate residential properties that retain a semi-rural character and generally do not have the full range of urban utility services available in newer subdivisions.

The regulations provide an avenue for one- to two-acre residential parcels while limiting further subdivision.

The new district has particular relevance to residents in the North Acreages, East Acreages, Paradise Meadows and Lake Ere Estates, where questions surrounding subdivision, servicing costs, taxation and future development have been the subject of considerable discussion.

The City held an acreage information session June 10 to explain the Country Residential and Transitional Rural Residential districts, subdivision requirements, off-site levies and servicing expectations.

A follow-up report was presented to the Governance and Priorities Committee July 21. The committee directed Administration to prepare a mail-out to acreage property owners containing questions and answers arising from the information session.

The July 28 hearing deals specifically with removing the Transitional Rural Residential designation and transferring Lots 15, 16 and 17, Block 3, Plan 251 2026 into the Country Residential district.

It does not, by itself, approve a new subdivision or development on those properties.

That distinction is important as Chestermere attempts to balance the interests of existing acreage owners with the infrastructure and planning demands created by a rapidly growing urban community.

Residents wishing to speak at the hearing can register before it begins. The City's deadline for submissions guaranteed to be included in the Council agenda has passed, although later submissions may still be provided to Council if Council agrees to accept them.

After the public hearing closes, Council can amend and pass the bylaw, defeat it or postpone a decision.

For acreage residents, Tuesday's decision will be another step in a planning conversation unlikely to disappear as urban Chestermere continues growing around communities that were built under very different servicing and development expectations.

CHESTERMERE LAKE LEVELS RECOVER FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY CANAL SHUTDOWN

CITY SAYS UPSTREAM OIL SPILL DID NOT REACH CHESTERMERE LAKE AS WESTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT RESUMES NORMAL WATER FLOW

By Stephen Jeffrey



Water levels on Chestermere Lake are returning to normal after an upstream oil spill prompted the temporary shutdown of water entering the lake over the weekend.

The City of Chestermere said inflows were stopped Saturday, July 25, as a precaution while containment and cleanup work was carried out within the Western Irrigation District's canal system.

According to information available to the City, the oil did not reach Chestermere Lake.

The Western Irrigation District has since reopened the canal, allowing water to once again enter the lake and levels to begin recovering.

For residents watching the shoreline, the temporary drop was a visible reminder that Chestermere Lake is part of a much larger water-management system stretching from Calgary into agricultural areas east of the city.

When the inflow was closed Saturday, water continued moving out of Chestermere Lake through the irrigation system. With no replacement water entering from upstream, lake levels temporarily declined.

That relationship is part of the normal operation of Chestermere Lake, which functions not only as the recreational centrepiece of the community but also as an important reservoir within the Western Irrigation District system.

Water for the district is diverted from the Bow River at Harvie Passage in Calgary and travels east through the Western Headworks Canal before reaching Chestermere. From the lake, water continues through a network of canals, pipelines and reservoirs serving agricultural and other water users farther east.

The Western Irrigation District normally operates its water-delivery system from the beginning of May until the end of

September, with water levels and flows managed throughout the season.

That interconnected system also means events occurring upstream can sometimes require operational changes in Chestermere even when the lake itself is not directly affected.

In this case, the City said shutting off the inflow was a precautionary step while crews dealt with the spill elsewhere in the canal system.

The City has been supporting the response alongside the Western Irrigation District and emergency services partners. However, officials said the irrigation district is leading the cleanup and investigation because the incident occurred within its infrastructure.

No information provided by the City identified the source of the oil or what caused the spill. Questions surrounding the origin of the spill, the investigation and the cleanup are being handled by the Western Irrigation District.

That distinction is important for residents concerned about what happened upstream. Based on the information released by the City, there is no indication that oil entered Chestermere Lake itself.

The immediate local effect was instead a temporary change in water level caused by stopping the inflow while water continued leaving the lake.

With the canal reopened, that imbalance has ended and lake levels are recovering as normal operations resume.

The City said it will continue monitoring conditions and will provide further information should circumstances change or additional impacts to Chestermere residents be identified.

For now, the incident appears to have resulted in a short-term operational impact on the lake rather than contamination of the lake itself, based on the information currently available.

ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS RECEIVES \$3 MILLION FOR CLASSROOM COMPLEXITY

ADDITIONAL PROVINCIAL FUNDING WILL EXPAND SUPPORT TEAMS FROM ELEMENTARY GRADES INTO JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH CLASSROOMS

By Stephen Jeffrey

Rocky View Schools will receive an additional \$3 million from the Alberta government to help schools respond to increasingly complex student needs.

The funding expands classroom complexity supports previously introduced for kindergarten through Grade 6 and adds teams serving students in Grades 7 through 12.

RVS announced the additional funding July 9, saying the division will have flexibility to determine which schools and classrooms require the resources most.

The term “classroom complexity” covers the growing range of educational, behavioural and other support needs teachers encounter within a single classroom.

Earlier this year, provincial complexity funding provided additional teachers and educational assistants to 12 RVS schools serving younger students.

At the time, the Board of Trustees welcomed the funding but said student needs were not limited to those schools or age groups.

The latest allocation addresses part of that concern by extending support into Grades 7 through 12.

Exactly how the additional \$3 million will be distributed among Rocky View schools has not yet been announced.

The division says having local flexibility will allow resources to be directed where demand is greatest and adjusted as needs



change.

RVS has continued to argue that classroom complexity is a system-wide challenge and that stable, predictable funding will be important for longer-term planning.

That issue is particularly significant in a school division experiencing sustained enrolment growth in communities including Chestermere, Airdrie, Cochrane and Langdon.

For Chestermere families, the funding does not necessarily mean every local school will receive a new complexity team. Those decisions will be made by RVS based on student and school needs.

It does, however, provide the division with another \$3 million worth of tools for classrooms where one teacher is increasingly being asked to meet a very wide range of learning needs.

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The free ChamberPerks App is available to everyone and helps users discover local businesses, browse promotions, search by category, save favourite businesses, and access exclusive perks from their mobile device.

For Chamber members, the app provides additional value through a business directory profile and the ability to create and manage custom perks for the public, other businesses, or employees. Members can update offers at any time and track how many people have viewed them.

Current Chamber members are encouraged to log in to the new member portal and review their business profiles to ensure their information is accurate and up to date. Businesses requiring assistance with their login can contact the Chamber office.

The Chamber invites businesses, residents, and visitors to explore the new website, download the ChamberPerks App, and discover new ways to connect with Chestermere's local business community.

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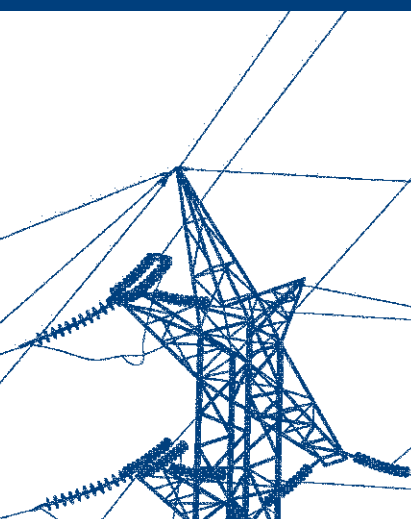
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RAVEN'S NEST FARM NAMED ROCKY VIEW'S 2026 MASTER FARM FAMILY

INDOOR GROWING OPERATION RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATION, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND A NEW APPROACH TO YEAR-ROUND LOCAL FOOD

By Stephen Jeffrey Ohoto compliments of Rockyview County

A Rocky View County farm combining generations of agricultural roots with modern indoor growing technology has received one of the municipality's top agricultural honours.

Raven's Nest Farm, operated by Keith and Laura Chitwood, has been named Rocky View County's 2026 Master Farm Family. The award was presented during the County's annual Agricultural Tour by Councillor Greg Boehlke, chair of the Agricultural Service Board.

Unlike the sprawling fields and cattle operations traditionally associated with Rocky View agriculture, Raven's Nest produces leafy greens and herbs year-round using a Canadian-made modular indoor growing system designed for Alberta conditions. The farm supplies restaurants, markets and customers in the surrounding region.

The operation nevertheless has deep roots in conventional agriculture. Keith Chitwood is a fourth-generation Rocky View County farmer, a former Balzac 4-H Beef Club member and an Olds College agribusiness graduate.

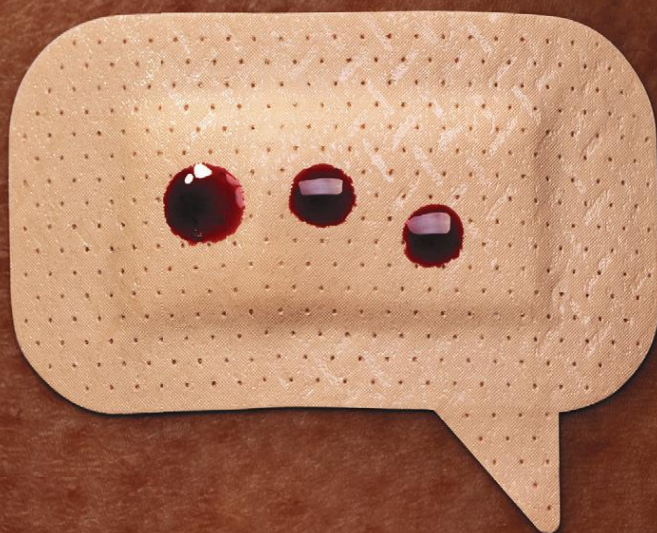
Laura Chitwood, a McMaster University graduate, has been involved in agricultural education and community organizations, including volunteer work with Agriculture in the Classroom.



The couple has also used the farm to strengthen connections between consumers and local food production through educational information, newsletters and community initiatives. Among those efforts has been a reusable bag campaign supporting the Airdrie Food Bank.

Rocky View County established the Master Farm Family Award in 1989. Farm and ranch families are nominated by residents and evaluated for their agricultural practices, business management, industry involvement, sustainability and community service.

Raven's Nest follows Twin Lakes Ranch Ltd., east of Balzac, which received the honour in 2025.



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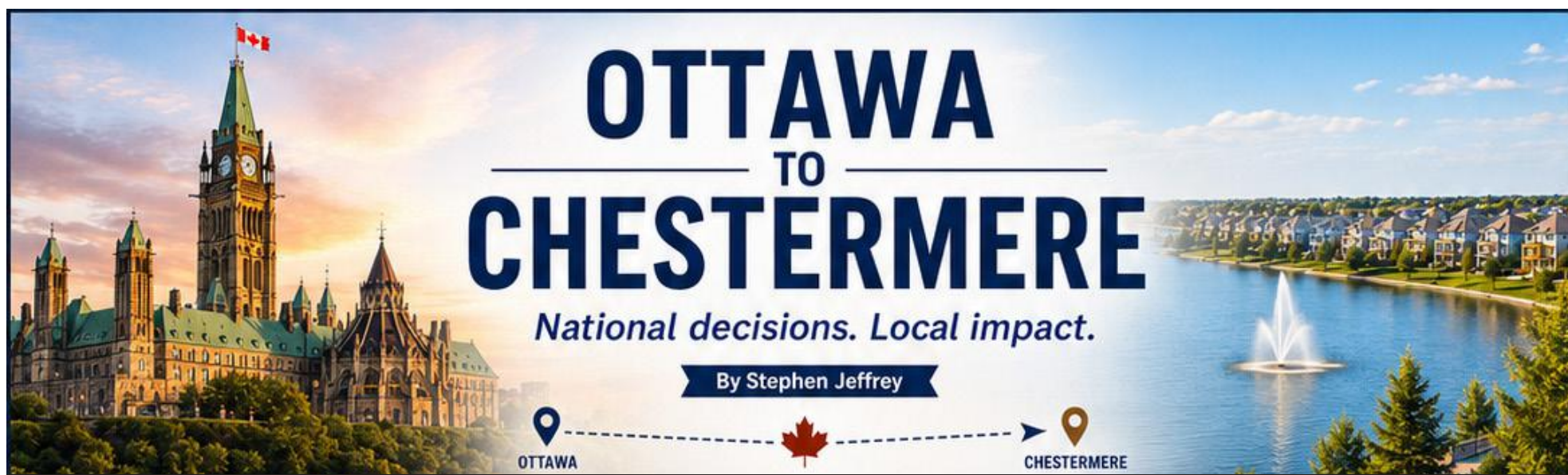
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TARIFFS RETURN TO CENTRE STAGE AS CANADA TACKLES INTERNAL TRADE, PROJECT APPROVALS, BRIDGE CONTROVERSY AND HEALTH-CARE FUNDING

Trump Imposes New 50% Tariffs on Canadian Goods

Canada has another 30-day clock ticking in its trade dispute with the United States after President Donald Trump ordered new 50 per cent tariffs on nearly \$20 billion worth of Canadian imports.

The duties, scheduled to take effect Aug. 19, cover a broad assortment of products including wine, hockey sticks and cement. Unlike previous tariffs, goods qualifying under the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement will not automatically escape the new duties. Energy, potash, critical minerals and products already covered by certain other U.S. tariffs are among the exemptions.

The Trump administration invoked Section 338 of the U.S. Tariff Act of 1930, arguing that Canadian policies discriminate against American alcohol, dairy and automobile exports. U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer specifically pointed to provincial restrictions on U.S. liquor, Canada's dairy system and limits affecting some American vehicle exports.

Prime Minister Mark Carney rejected the U.S. position, describing the tariffs as part of a series of unilateral American measures that Canada considers contrary to CUSMA. He said Ottawa remains prepared to intensify negotiations.

Alberta Premier Danielle Smith was also critical, calling tariffs economically destructive and arguing that diplomacy remains the best route toward resolving the dispute.

The 30-day delay leaves time for negotiations before Canadian exporters begin feeling the latest round of duties.

Provinces Open Doors to Canadian Beer, Wine and Spirits

Nine provinces have agreed to make it easier for Canadians to order alcoholic beverages directly from producers elsewhere in the country, removing one of Canada's more persistent internal trade barriers.

Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia signed the agreement during the premiers' meeting in Charlottetown.

Eight provinces are moving ahead with their systems, while British Columbia has committed to introducing direct-to-consumer access for all types of alcohol by February 2027.

Quebec and the Yukon have indicated they intend to join the agreement, while the Northwest Territories and Nunavut are not participating.

The agreement comes at a particularly interesting moment as Canada faces renewed U.S. trade pressure, but it was not created in response to Trump's latest tariffs. It builds on a memorandum signed by provinces and Yukon in June 2025 as governments looked for ways to reduce barriers to trade within Canada.

For consumers, the change could eventually mean being able to order beer from an Alberta brewery, wine from an Ontario vineyard or spirits from a Maritime distillery without the provincial barriers that have traditionally limited direct sales.

Ottawa and Quebec Move Toward One Review for Major Projects

Major mines, ports and other developments in Quebec could eventually face a single environmental assessment instead of overlapping federal and provincial processes.

Ottawa and Quebec announced a draft agreement July 20 establishing a proposed "one project, one review" approach.

Where projects are primarily within provincial jurisdiction, the federal government could rely on Quebec's environmental assessment process rather than conducting a second parallel review. Ottawa says the goal is to reduce duplication while maintaining federal environmental responsibilities and Indigenous rights.

The agreement is not yet final. The federal government opened a 21-day period for public and Indigenous feedback before the arrangement is completed.

The move follows similar agreements between Ottawa and several other provinces and reflects growing pressure to shorten approval timelines for major Canadian projects as the country seeks new markets, infrastructure and investment.

Northern Quebec areas governed under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement and related treaty arrangements will continue to operate under their existing assessment processes.

Carney Acknowledges Confusion Over Gordie Howe Bridge Deal

Prime Minister Mark Carney says he should have been clearer when describing Canada's new agreement with the United States over revenues from the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

The agreement in principle says Canada will contribute 50 per cent of net bridge and crossing revenues during the first 15 years of operation to a Canada-U.S. economic development fund controlled by the U.S. government. Net revenues are defined as bridge revenues remaining after operating costs.

That wording created controversy because Carney had earlier said toll revenue would not be shared until Canada's debt from constructing the bridge had been repaid.

Carney subsequently said he had been referring to the original 2012 Canada-Michigan agreement, which remains in effect, and acknowledged that his explanation had been imperfect. The new arrangement is separate from that agreement.

The Conservatives have called for further scrutiny of the deal and of the government's earlier descriptions of it.

Canada financed construction of the \$6.4-billion crossing between Windsor and Detroit. The bridge opens to traffic July 27 and will add another major route through a corridor that already carries roughly 30 per cent of Canada-U.S. trade by truck.

Whatever the eventual political fallout, the released agreement provides considerably more clarity than Canadians had when the arrangement was first announced.

Premiers Push Ottawa for Larger Share of Health Costs

Canada's premiers are again calling for Ottawa to shoulder a greater portion of the country's health-care bill, with several premiers raising the possibility of returning to a 50-50 federal-provincial funding relationship.

During their annual summer meeting in Charlottetown, premiers argued that rising costs, aging populations, workforce shortages and pressure on hospitals and primary care are placing increasingly heavy demands on provincial budgets.

New Brunswick Premier Susan Holt was among those calling for a return to a 50-50 arrangement, while Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew described that target as an aspirational goal.

The history behind that number is more complicated than a simple 50-50 split.

Until 1977, Ottawa cost-shared approximately half of specified insured hospital and physician services. The system was then replaced with block funding that included both cash and the transfer of federal tax points to provinces, allowing provincial governments to raise additional revenue themselves.

Premiers frequently point to the Canada Health Transfer's current cash contribution as representing roughly one-fifth of provincial health spending. Ottawa has historically argued that comparisons should also recognize the value of the tax room transferred to provinces in 1977.

Either way, health care remains the largest or one of the largest expenditures for every provincial government, making any substantial increase in Ottawa's contribution a major federal budget decision.

With Canada's population aging and provincial health systems facing persistent staffing and access problems, the old argument over who should pick up which part of the bill appears nowhere near retirement.



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HEALTH CARE, RECREATION AND NEW SCHOOLS LEAD BUSY CHESTERMERE COMMITTEE MEETING

Health care, recreation opportunities and Chestermere's growing need for schools dominated a busy July 21 meeting of the city's Governance and Priorities Committee, with several discussions setting the stage for further decisions later this year.

Health care emerged as one of the strongest themes.

The committee heard from Primary Care Alberta about its Healthier Together initiative, an approach aimed at improving community health through prevention and cooperation among municipalities, health services, schools, community organizations and other partners.

Rather than simply receiving the presentation, committee members directed city administration to explore whether a partnership with Primary Care Alberta could advance Chestermere's strategic and community well-being priorities.

The committee took another step on health care following a presentation on the Chestermere Healthcare Blueprint.

Administration and Mayor Dean were directed to prepare terms of reference for a Mayor's Task Force for Medical Advocacy, with the proposal expected back before or at the city's 2026 organizational meeting. The blueprint examined issues including access to health services, preventative care and supports that could help residents remain in the community as they age.

Inclusive recreation also moved forward.

Calgary Adapted Hub powered by Jumpstart presented information about recreation opportunities for children and young adults with disabilities. The organization primarily works with participants between four and 24 years old and helps families connect with adapted and inclusive sport and recreation programs.

The committee directed administration to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the organization, with a report expected back before the end of September.

For families watching Chestermere's continuing school shortage, administration also provided an update on three major projects.

The new Catholic kindergarten to Grade 9 school is under construction and is currently anticipated to open in fall 2027. A contractor has been selected for the new public K-9 school, with opening targeted for fall 2028, while the planned public high school has received design funding and is anticipated for fall 2029.

Committee members also discussed traffic congestion and student drop-off problems surrounding existing schools.

Residents in Chestermere's acreage communities can expect further communication from the city following a June 10 information session involving East Acreages, Lake Ere Estates, North Acreages and Paradise Meadows.

After reviewing a report summarizing feedback from that session, the committee directed administration to prepare a mail-out for acreage property owners addressing questions and answers raised through the process.

Changes to Chestermere's business licensing system are also moving toward formal Council consideration.

Administration presented a proposed update intended to modernize licensing requirements, simplify processes and improve compliance tools. The committee did not adopt the new bylaw. Instead, members directed administration to consider comments made during the meeting before bringing Bylaw 027-26 to Council for first reading.

Rocky View Regional Handibus was another item on the agenda, with administration reporting increased demand for specialized transportation. Further information and recommendations concerning transit services are expected to return to Council in the fall.

Recreation discussions included the Chestermere Regional Community Association, where limitations in current facility-use data were identified as an issue for future recreation planning.

Administration also reported continuing work at Lakeside Greens Golf Course, including bridge repairs, irrigation maintenance and clubhouse improvements. Plans are being developed for a September golf tournament and concert intended to support further improvements at the municipally owned course.

The meeting opened on a celebratory note when Council recognized Mila Miskulin and Piper Robinson for helping Fury Purple capture Calgary's U15 female box lacrosse city championship and provincial title. Mila was also recognized for earning a bronze medal at the Alberta Summer Games.

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BOARD MEETINGS

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Whitecappers Activity Schedule

JULY 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Enjoy the beautiful days of summer! 			1 WHITECAPPERS CLOSED  HAPPY CANADA DAY!	2 OFFICE OPEN 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Quilting 9:30 am Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm Bridge 1:00 pm	3 OFFICE OPEN 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Dance Fit with Vicky 10:30 am Chair Yoga 11:45 am	4 Whitecappers Stampede Breakfast 9:30 – 11:30 am YAHOO!! 
5	6 Chair Yoga with Vicky 11:30 am Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm MAHJONG 1:00 pm	7 Dance Fit with Vicky 10:30 am	8 OFFICE OPEN 12:00 – 2:30 pm Chair Yoga with Vicky 11:30 am Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm Cards/Crib 1 – 4:00 pm Board Mtg 7:00 pm	9 OFFICE OPEN 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Quilting 9:30 am Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm Bridge 1:00 pm	10 OFFICE OPEN 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Dance Fit with Vicky 10:30 am Chair Yoga 11:45 am	11  Coffee at Whitecappers 10:00 – 11:15 OFFICE OPEN 11:00 – 3:00 pm Cards/Crib 1:00 – 4:00 pm 
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19	20 Chair Yoga with Vicky 11:30 am Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm MAHJONG 1:00 pm	21 Dance Fit with Vicky 10:30 am Private Function 2:00 – 4:00 pm 	22 OFFICE OPEN 12:00 – 2:30 pm Chair Yoga with Vicky 11:30 am Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm Cards/Crib 1 – 4:00 pm	23 OFFICE OPEN 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Quilting 9:30 am Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm Bridge 1:00 pm	24 OFFICE OPEN 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Exercise Class with Julie 10:30 am Chair Yoga 11:45 am	25  Coffee at Whitecappers 10:00 – 11:15 OFFICE OPEN 11:00 – 3:00 pm Cards/Crib 1:00 – 4:00 pm
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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT WHITECAPPERS

	MONDAYS	Mahjong 1:00 pm • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm
	TUESDAYS	Dance Fit 10:30 am (with Vicky) for July & August Line Dancing with Tarnia 10:30 am (until June 16)
	WEDNESDAYS	Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Cards/Crib 1:00–4:00 pm
	THURSDAYS	Quilters 9:30 am • Artisans of Chestermere 1:00 pm Bridge 1:00 pm
	FRIDAYS	Exercise Class 10:30 am (with Julie) • Chair Yoga 11:45 am (video) Pub Night 6:00 pm (cancelled until September)
	SATURDAYS	Coffee Social 10:00 – 11:15 am • Cards/Crib 1:00 – 4:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE

- Drop-in activities – No charge for members. \$5/non-members.
- **WALK FIT CANCELLED** for July & August. Resumes August 24th.
- Classes with instructors Vicky (chair yoga, dance fit) and Julie (exercise class) for July and August.
- **PUB NIGHT CANCELLED** for July & August.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ✓ Calendar is subject to change. Please check page 1 of the Newsletter for updates.
- ✓ Everyone is welcome to drop in and try any activity.
- ✓ Come for the activities, stay for the friendship!



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NEXT WEEK: Travel tips for seniors

OPINION

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The early July announcement from Premier Smith regarding Meta building a hyperscale AI data centre in Sturgeon County should be a cause of concern for Albertans. Promoting the idea that Alberta welcomes a significant number of gigawatts of computing power potentially worth \$100 billion to the economy, coupled with employment through 3000 construction jobs and 300 post-build operational jobs, sounds like a winning formula for the province and its citizens. Minister Glubish envisions Alberta as the place in Canada for private investment to build a thriving data centre industry, essentially because we have the natural gas available to ensure an uninterrupted energy supply to these non-stop technologies.

In her announcement, Premier Smith stated Albertans could expect about an annual return of \$250 million derived from gas royalties, taxes and levies. It's estimated that electricity transmission fees could be reduced by as much as 6% or about \$1.50 per month. On the surface, there are positives in this recent agreement. However, what is the cost to Albertans in the form of natural gas consumption, water usage, emissions, infrastructure and environmental consequences and will data centres return a net benefit to citizens? With Alberta currently earning \$36 million-per-day in non-renewable resource revenue, it would take a week to reach the \$250 million amount, which could likely be done by maximizing current pipeline usage currently being improved by Trans Mountain and Enbridge.

This one GW (billion watts) data centre will need lots of natural gas to operate. A centre this size may consume 150 million cubic feet per day, totaling 55 billion cubic feet in one year. Although the province has no strict fixed GW target, developers have proposed over 20 GW of gas powered data centres. Simply put, if even a substantial portion of the many gigawatts of proposals proceed, natural gas exploration will expand to meet the need. Increasing demand by a growing data centre industry will likely increase the price to Albertans to heat and cool their homes, as natural gas is an internationally traded product, subject to price fluctuations. A growth in carbons emissions should be a provincial concern if this industry expands in Alberta.

Premier Smith has assured the water consumption by the Meta hyperscale centre will not be a problem as the centre will use a closed loop, liquid cooled water system.

Research indicates that indeed, a 70% reduction in water consumption is possible. However, risks in the United States with closed systems should be noted as they include, bio-fouling, corrosion, pressure drops and leaks. The water system itself consumes enormous amounts of electricity and natural gas to operate effectively. In reading various media articles and listening to interviews, no specific mention of the water needed for fracking gas reservoirs is added in the water consumption totals. Water is taken from lakes, rivers, aquifers and brackish water to be used to access over 80% of the natural gas produced in Alberta. A single well might use anywhere from 4 to 21 million gallons of water to free the gas reservoir and most of the water is not recoverable.

Premier Smith was quoted by the July 11th edition of the Edmonton Journal that Meta is a "responsible corporate citizen". To ensure that Meta remains so, one can hope that effective monitoring by the province occurs. Before Alberta celebrates hyperscale AI as an unquestioned economic victory, Albertans deserve a transparent accounting for the complete benefits and costs: jobs, taxes, natural gas consumption, grid impacts, water requirements, greenhouse-gas emissions, infrastructure obligations and the long-term consequences of committing one-time use of our natural resources to a rapidly expanding industry. Is what we are getting in return worth it hosting hyperscale data giants?

~Don Cassidy

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Building Partnerships, Opening Markets and Protecting Alberta's Waters



FROM CROSS-BORDER TRADE AND INTERPROVINCIAL SALES TO INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION AND A \$168,000 LYALTA WATER-SYSTEM UPGRADE, ALBERTA'S GOVERNMENT HIGHLIGHTS A WEEK OF REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND COOPERATION.

Our government is showing what strong partnerships can deliver for Albertans. Last week, our government strengthened regional trade and investment and helped Albertans protect our lakes and rivers from invasive species. These actions support and strengthen the well-being of our communities across the province.

Alberta was at the center of cross-border cooperation last week as Edmonton hosted the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's 2026 Annual Summit – also known as PNWER. This summit brought together western provinces, territories, and northwestern U.S. states to work on shared priorities like trade, energy, transportation, agriculture, education, and economic growth. Last year alone, PNWER's U.S. member states accounted for more than \$18 billion in trade with Alberta. Our MLAs were proud to showcase Alberta's economic strengths, build relationships, and promote our province as a reliable trading partner and a world-class place to invest.

Liquor distilleries, wineries, and breweries will soon have more access to sell their products across Canada. Alberta's government has now signed direct-to-consumer alcohol sales agreements with eight provinces, increasing the number of customers they can sell to. Direct-to-consumer sales mean people in participating provinces can buy products directly from producers for personal use, without going through a retailer. This opens new markets for Alberta businesses, gives Canadians more choice, and helps reduce trade barriers between provinces.

Protecting Alberta's waters means stopping small issues before they create major damage. Through the "Don't Let It Loose" campaign, our government is reminding Albertans never to release aquarium pets like goldfish, live bait, sportfish, or water garden plants into local waters. Goldfish may seem harmless, but once released into ponds, lakes, or stormwater systems, they can multiply quickly and damage the habitat that native fish and wildlife depend on. They compete with native species for food, destroy aquatic plants, lower water quality, and can

spread disease. A single released goldfish can produce an estimated 40,000 offspring within three years. By reporting sightings of invasive fish, Albertans can help protect our lakes, rivers, wildlife, and local ecosystems before the damage spreads.

Finally, I am pleased to share that Alberta's government is investing \$168,000 in upgrades to the Lyalta Water Treatment Plant. This funding will support the replacement of the plant's ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system, a critical component in reducing harmful microorganisms and helping ensure the community continues to have access to safe, reliable drinking water. This investment reflects our government's commitment to strengthening essential infrastructure in smaller rural communities and ensuring residents have access to the services they rely on every day.

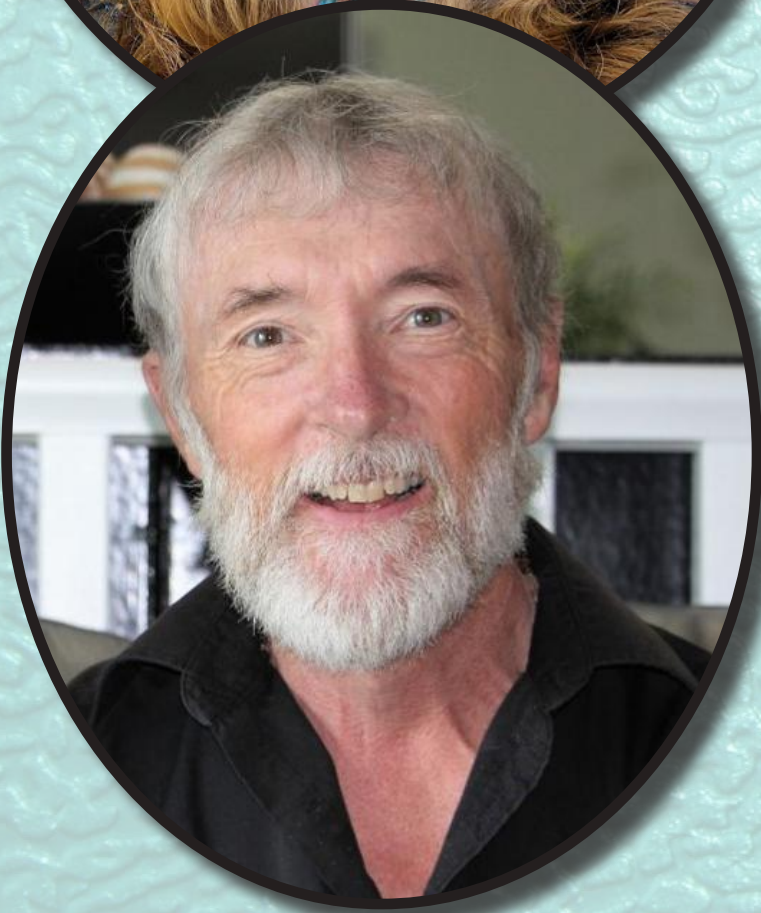
Alberta is strongest when we work with partners, support people who need help, and remove barriers that hold businesses back. Together, these actions show our government is focused on delivering results that keep Alberta stronger at home and even more competitive beyond our borders.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions at Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca.



Crow's Feet

Birding with Elaine and Don



Growing Up Local Younger



Observant birders inherently reverence the creation of the next generation of any bird species. From purple martin condos, to tree swallow boxes and robins building nests above outdoor lighting fixtures, May, June and July are truly busy months for adult birds and wildfowl.

On a recent trip to West Inverlake Slough, located on Secondary Road 791, we were wondering what species might be living in this small waterbody. With the sun still rising behind us we looked along the western portion of the slough. A pair of adult American Avocets moved cautiously, watching our every move. It became apparent that the avocets had juveniles foraging in the tall grasses and shoreline of this tiny slough. To our surprise each of the youthful avocets were clearly different in size, indicating a notable difference in when the eggs were laid, incubated and hatched. Sunlight lit up the lightly colored feathers of the juveniles as they moved, very aware of our presence nearby.

While watching the young and clicking our camera shutters, we marveled at the close up view we had of the next generation of avocets. Avocet females lay on average, four eggs in the most scant of nest materials. She incubates the eggs during the night, while both parents share this duty during the day. After twenty-four days or thereabouts have passed, the cracks to freedom appear in the eggs. What we find amazing is that immediately



after birth, the newborns, “dressed” in beautiful down, leave the nest and begin foraging for food. The parents of course, ensure the best safety practices they can are implemented to provide the greatest chance for the survival of their young. If an intruder gets too close to a nest or a juvenile avocet, the parent may initially use distraction to draw it away. The parent will crouch down, spread its wings and run away from the threatened young. If the intruder is too close, extraordinary action may be required. Adults will fly directly at the intruder, calling out loudly, alerting other avocets and trying to chase off the danger.

If successful in avoiding danger, an American Avocet has an average lifespan of five years. Decades ago, avocets would normally create the next generation in southeastern Alberta. With climate change and habitat loss as challenges, the breeding range has moved as far north as the Northwest Territories. We were happy to enjoy, watch and appreciate this most beautiful of species, just minutes from home during the quiet early morning hours of a July weekday. Growing up local, these youthful avocets are truly a part of our birding experience





At the height of last week's heatwave, I met up with the usual suspects in my tipping posse to cool down by observing the 13th annual National White Wine Day with some chilled white wines on a sunny patio. While the worst-ever air quality warnings from the wildfires raging up north may have dulled our palates, we struggled through the smoke as we sampled from the cornucopia of crisp white wines that I pulled from the dusty recesses of the wine cellar and served from ice buckets on the back deck.

Faithful readers may have noted that I wax poetic about red wines far more often than white, but I must confess my tipping choices favour the crisp and chilled white wines during the dog days of summer. In decades past, there was actually more white wine produced globally than red. However, the balance shifted at the turn of the millennium, and white wines now account for around 45% of global wine production.

For those readers not familiar with the winemaking process, the juice of both red and white grapes is entirely clear, so the only reason that red wine is red is due to colouration of the wine from contact with the red skins of the grapes, not the juice itself.

The most popular white grapes are Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Riesling. If you have ever had a glass of white wine, odds are pretty good it was one of these.

Chardonnay originated in the Burgundy region of France, but is now grown all over the world. The Chardonnay grape is quite neutral, which winemakers usually refer to as being expressive of terroir, or reflecting the place the grapes were grown.

For example, California Chardonnay tends to burst with tropical fruit flavours, while the more reserved Chardonnay from the Chablis region of France has a more subtle minerality due to the cooler temperatures and chalkier soils.

Chardonnay is a very adaptable grape that grows in both hot and cool climates, so it is rare to find a winery that doesn't grow at least a little bit of Chardonnay.

While the majority of Chardonnay is fermented in stainless steel vats, a few brave winemakers will age their Chardonnay on oak, which gives it a buttery and toasty finish.

Sauvignon Blanc hails from the Bordeaux region of France, and is still very popular there. However, it is the tiny country of New Zealand that has taken the world by storm with their Sauvignon Blanc wines.

The cool maritime climate of New Zealand provides a long and steady growing season, with very little diurnal variation, which allows the grapes to develop a perfect balance between sweetness and acidity.

The defining characteristics of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc are flavours of gooseberry, asparagus, and passion fruit. Those may sound like strange flavours for a wine, but consumer palates seem to love them.

Riesling is considered a more refined white wine that Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc, perhaps due to its German origin, or its highly aromatic and acidic nature.

Most Riesling is grown in cooler climates, which lend notes of ripe apple and peach to the wine. Unlike Chardonnay or Sauv Blanc, Riesling is often fermented as off-dry or even semi-sweet.

It is common for the yeast to be removed before it can consume all the natural sugars in the grape juice, leaving some residual sugar in the Riesling, which imparts hints of honey or clover.

German winemakers also use Riesling for Eiswein (ice wine), although that process has been made more famous right here in Canada, the worldwide leader in ice wine.

The Riesling grapes are left to hang on the vine long past the regular harvest, with the hope that there will be a hard frost before the grapes have a chance to rot on the vine.

If Mother Nature cooperates, the frozen grapes are hand-picked, then gently squeezed to extract a single drop of highly concentrated sweet liquid from the very center of the grape.

We grow plenty of Riesling here in Canada, with my favourite being the Mission Hill Riesling from the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia.

Even if you normally drink reds, pull yourself out of your comfort zone and try a bottle of white wine with your next dinner or social gathering. Not only will you broaden your horizons, but your teeth will not be stained red at the end of the night!



LANGDON INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW LOOKS AHEAD TO FUTURE GROWTH

**WATER, WASTEWATER, ROADS AND STORMWATER
ARE BEING STUDIED ACROSS 81 QUARTER SECTIONS
SURROUNDING THE HAMLET**

By Stephen Jeffrey

Planning for Langdon's long-term growth is continuing, but Rocky

View County has not yet decided how, or whether, the hamlet's development boundary should expand.

County officials provided an update on the Langdon Servicing Technical Review Committee project during the July 14 Governance Committee meeting.

The study covers approximately 81 quarter sections surrounding Langdon and is examining four pieces of infrastructure considered essential to future growth: drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and transportation.

Langdon Waterworks commissioned the technical studies, while an eight-member Technical Review Committee is overseeing the work. The committee includes representatives from Langdon Waterworks, Rocky View County, the Western Irrigation District, Ducks Unlimited and the public. It began meeting in September 2025.

The project has taken longer than originally anticipated as technical work and community consultation have continued.

County-led engagement was added after Council rejected a separate four-quarter-section Langdon Area Structure Plan expansion proposal in April and directed Administration to seek broader landowner feedback on infrastructure needs and possible future planning.

Residents participating in the latest consultation raised concerns about water capacity, traffic, infrastructure, communication and the possible effects of future large-scale development.

The technical review does not authorize new development. Its purpose is to establish what infrastructure exists, what additional capacity may eventually be required and what limitations would need to be addressed before further growth is considered.

Once completed, the infrastructure and committee recommendations will return to Rocky View County Council and could help shape future changes to the Langdon Area Structure Plan.



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ARI ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

A plan that has been idling finally gets a green light. Move quickly enough to keep the spark, but not so fast that you miss an important detail. Midweek brings a useful conversation about work or money. By the weekend, step away from the checklist and make room for fresh air, good company and one small adventure that is purely for you.

GEM GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Your phone, inbox and social world may all seem determined to keep you busy. Choose the conversations that actually lead somewhere. A chance meeting or unexpected invitation could connect you with a useful idea around midweek. Before promising too much, protect one pocket of time for yourself. Sunday brings the mental reset you have been quietly needing.

LEO LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

You enter the week with extra visibility, and that can be useful. Speak up for a project, refresh your look or finally put your name on an idea you have been circling. Confidence works best without the trumpet section. Someone responds warmly to your sincerity late in the week. Birthday-season energy makes the weekend ideal for celebrating without over-scheduling it.

LIB LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Community is your lucky direction. A friend, neighbour or colleague may introduce an idea that deserves a second look. You do not have to say yes immediately, but do stay curious. Midweek favours planning with others, especially when everyone has a clear role. By Sunday, a relaxed social moment could remind you how restorative the right people can be.

SAG SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

The horizon looks wider this week. Travel, learning, publishing or a bold new plan could gain momentum, especially when you stop waiting for perfect timing. Check the details before committing money or dates. A spontaneous outing near the weekend may become the week's best story. Leave enough room in the schedule for a detour that was never on the map.

AQU AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

Partnerships ask for clarity rather than cleverness. Say what you need and give the other person room to do the same. A collaboration could become more productive once the roles are adjusted. Midweek is good for agreements, repairs and second chances. By Sunday, the strongest connections are the ones that leave you more yourself, not less.

TAU TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

The week asks you to simplify. One familiar routine, household task or financial choice becomes easier once you stop trying to improve everything at once. A thoughtful message may clear up a lingering uncertainty around Thursday. Let comfort be practical rather than expensive. The weekend favours a slow meal, an easy drive and people who never require you to perform.

CAN CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Money and self-worth share the same lane this week, so do not confuse what something costs with what it is worth to you. A practical decision early in the week leaves you feeling more secure. Family plans become smoother once expectations are spoken aloud. By Sunday, home feels less like a to-do list and more like the refuge it is meant to be.

VIR VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

Quiet work beats noisy progress. You may accomplish more behind the scenes than you would by pushing for immediate recognition. A nagging problem becomes manageable once you break it into one small next step. Protect your sleep and your attention from unnecessary static. The weekend offers a chance to clear space, physically or mentally, before a busier stretch begins.

SCO SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Career and reputation come into sharper focus. A responsibility may land in your lap because someone trusts your judgment, not because the universe has mistaken you for free labour. Set terms clearly. Wednesday and Thursday favour decisive conversations. Later in the week, step back from performance mode and give a private goal some attention before announcing it to the world.

CAP CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

A shared expense, obligation or responsibility needs a straightforward conversation. Numbers are easier than assumptions, so put everything on the table. Once the practical piece is settled, the emotional temperature drops nicely. Friday brings useful perspective from someone you trust. The weekend is better for restoring your energy than proving how much you can carry.

PIS PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

A small routine change has an outsized effect. Tidy the calendar, improve one daily habit or remove a task that has outlived its usefulness. Work moves more smoothly once priorities are visible. Someone may need patience on Thursday, but you do not need to absorb their mood. The weekend favours water, music, rest and conversations that do not require an agenda.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JUL 27

Maya Rudolph

Actor and comedian - 54

JUL 28

Elizabeth Berkley

Actor - 54

JUL 29

Martina McBride

Country singer - 60

JUL 30

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Actor - 79

JUL 31

J.K. Rowling

Author - 61

AUG 1

Jason Momoa

Actor - 47

AUG 2

Charli XCX

Singer-songwriter - 34

SUMMER SKY NOTES

BEGIN

Wednesday

CONNECT

Friday

RECHARGE

Sunday

Follow the bright thread, not the loudest one.



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LUCKY NUMBER

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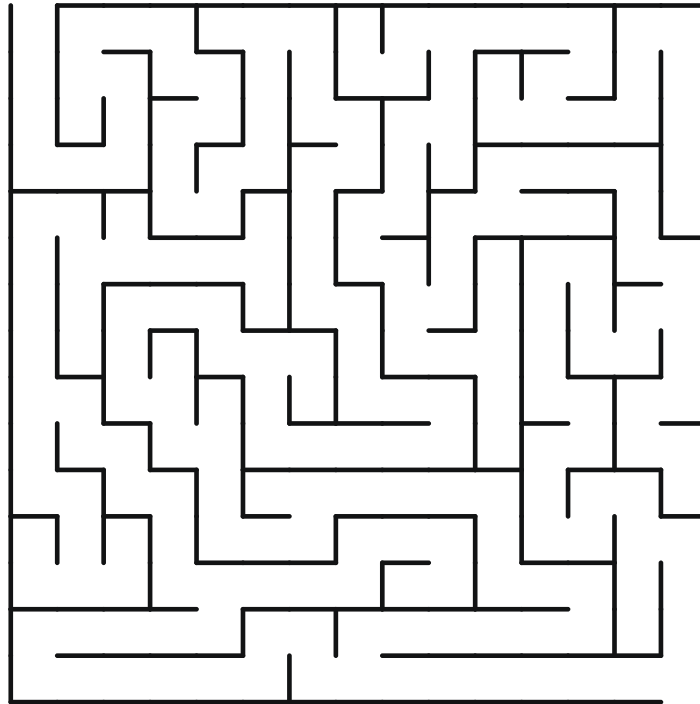
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Maze Craze

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Finish

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HISTORY

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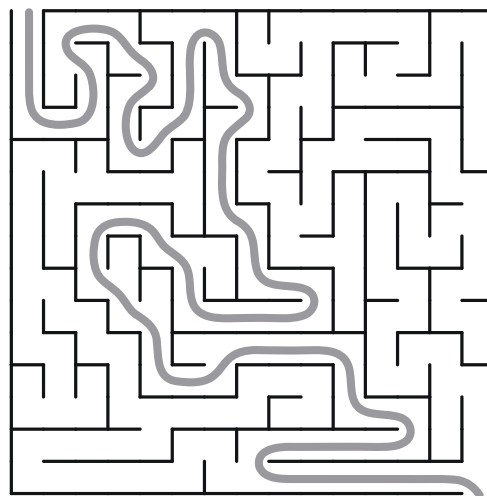
Canada receives a United Nations Award for sheltering refugees.

People FACT:



Canadian workers tend not to use all of these each year.

Answer: Vacation days



NEW WORD

RESPIRE

a short period of rest or relief from something unpleasant

How they say that in...

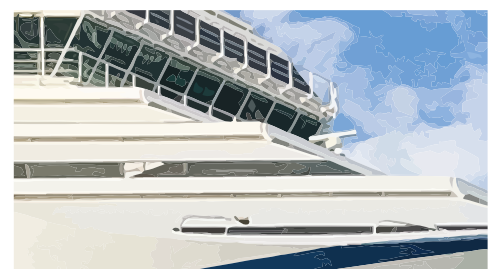
English: Vacation
Spanish: Vacaciones
Italian: Vacanza
French: Vacances
German: Urlaub

Did You KNOW?

Vacations are highly effective at reducing stress and preventing burnout. They can lead to positive emotions.

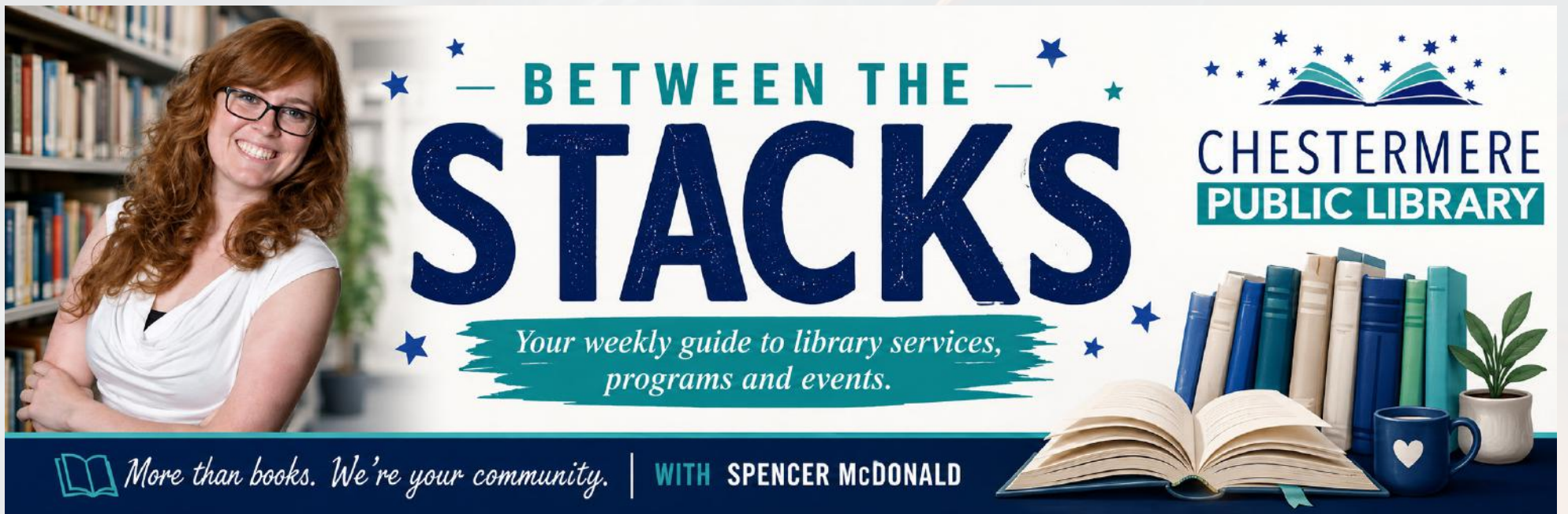


Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Cruise ship



Upcoming Library Closure
Please note: the Library is closed from August 1st to August 3rd for August Long Weekend.

Summer Program Session
Our Summer Program have begun! Find our full program guide on our website at www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com.

Home Alone: Empowering Independence For Kids
Is your child ready to learn how to stay safe and have fun at home?
Join Trellis on Monday, August 10th at 11:00AM for a FREE Home Alone program designed for kids ages 10 years old and above. In this engaging session, your child will: Discover essential safety tips, learn fun activities to enjoy while at home, build confidence and independence, and basic first aid.
Registration required. Please register at <https://online.traxsolutions.ca/trellis/family-resource-networks#/search>

Summer Reading Program: Wrap-Up Party
We're celebrating the end of summer reading! Join us for our wrap-up event on Saturday, August 15th at 2:00PM. We have a variety of activities throughout the event including an art collaboration, Magic show from Christopher Cool, and the Mobile Adventure Playground! Registration required only for magic show.

Summer Reading Challenge
Face off against adults, children, teens, and library staff to be the top reading group. Pick up a reading log at the Library and fill it out as you read. Once the log is full, bring it back to the Library in exchange for a ballot to our prize draws. The more you read, the more chances you have to win a prize. No registration required. Reading logs will be accepted until August 15th at 5PM.

Summer Reading Workshops!
Set sail for adventure all summer at the Library!
Join us for a variety of programming including themed crafts, activities, games and more throughout the summer for kids ages 3-12. Please note: Children must meet the program's age requirement they are registered for by June 30th.
This weeks theme is: Legends of the Lake!

Age 3: Thursdays from 12:00PM to 12:30PM

Age 4-5: Tuesdays from 10:15AM to 11:15AM & Saturdays from 2:15PM to 3:15PM
Age 6-7: Wednesdays from 11:15AM to 12:45PM & Saturdays from 10:15AM to 11:45AM
Age 8-9: Thursdays from 10:15AM to 11:45AM & Saturdays from 12:00PM to 1:30PM
Ages 10-12: Tuesdays from 11:30AM to 1:00PM & Thursdays from 1:30PM to 3:00PM
Drop-In Craft (All Ages): Fridays from 12:00PM to 1:00PM
Registration required for workshops except Drop-In Craft.

Playdate
Get Ready to Build, Create, and Explore! Join us for a unique day of play featuring the Mobile Adventure Playground!
The Mobile Adventure Playground is a dynamic play space packed with "loose parts" (items that can be moved, carried, combined, and redesigned). Kids are free to build forts, invent games, and explore in a safe, supportive environment.
Important Reminders for Parents:
Dress for mess: Active, messy play is heavily encouraged.
Footwear: Strictly closed-toe shoes only for safety.
Come let your child's imagination run wild!
No registration required. Parents and Caregivers must supervise their children.

YouTube Storytimes
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Solve the code to discover words related to irrigation.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = R)

A. 14 7 22 11 12

Clue: H2O

B. 10 12 9 8 20

Clue: Plants grown as food

C. 22 1 12 4 17 11

Clue: Flourish

D. 24 12 4 8

Clue: Slowly leak

Answers: A. water B. crops C. thrive D. drip

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to irrigation.

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Answer: Hose

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor and former athlete born in Michigan on July 30, 1968. I attended Western Michigan University, where I played football. I played a handful of seasons in the NFL. I segued into acting and starred on a TV series as the lead character's father. I also have been in many movies.

Answer: Terry Crews

ON THE FARM

WORD SEARCH

S	E	V	L	A	V	M	F	P	P	K	R	O	I	N	M	H	N	U	L
H	A	A	N	F	O	W	N	A	K	N	O	I	T	A	R	U	T	A	S
R	U	H	Y	N	R	W	K	P	A	P	O	W	O	T	W	U	C	Y	F
S	E	K	R	E	L	K	N	I	R	P	S	W	Y	V	S	O	I	L	A
H	I	T	S	N	M	N	L	W	C	C	I	G	Y	U	R	O	N	N	A
C	S	G	A	P	H	H	P	C	N	D	C	U	L	S	V	E	N	N	M
I	O	D	I	W	E	R	U	S	S	E	R	P	V	I	K	P	S	B	C
T	N	R	P	C	F	K	E	E	N	H	N	T	P	O	P	S	K	E	K
A	D	O	B	I	O	A	G	R	I	C	U	L	T	U	R	E	O	E	R
M	P	P	I	D	C	N	P	R	H	C	O	O	U	W	M	D	M	G	M
O	H	U	C	T	C	R	S	F	Y	Y	K	L	S	F	A	P	E	L	U
T	L	F	D	G	U	C	O	E	T	C	D	O	N	C	O	R	T	M	Y
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A	K	O	C	I	R	F	I	A	S	V	N	E	A	U	W	N	Y	W	M
T	I	L	B	M	I	C	E	R	N	M	A	I	I	T	R	C	S	O	L
H	E	F	S	R	H	Y	S	F	T	N	H	T	L	C	I	V	B	F	A
S	M	A	O	A	E	A	B	D	F	S	E	B	I	E	I	O	Y	H	N
V	W	E	C	F	I	R	I	I	S	G	I	L	R	O	P	F	N	O	A
G	E	G	A	C	C	P	K	F	W	N	M	D	S	V	N	I	F	C	C
H	I	M	U	P	H	S	U	M	O	I	S	T	U	R	E	V	P	E	N

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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PRESSURE
PUMP
RESERVOIR
SATURATION
SOIL
SPRAY
SPRINKLER
SYSTEM
VALVES
WATER

Lakeside Quilters' Guild

Lakeside Quilters Guild. Meeting twice a month at the Chestermere Recreation Center, meeting room #1. Meetings and Sew Days are monthly, every second Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Quilting experience not necessary, new members are welcome. For more information contact Teena at 403-285-8309.

The Rotary Club Of Chestermere

Rotary Chestermere meets virtually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm via Zoom and in-person on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Lakeshore Manor to share a meal, fellowship and hear our Guest Speaker. Guests are warmly welcomed to join our meetings. Please contact Bill Quinney at wtquinney@shaw.ca

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