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# ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS EXPANDS FOCUS ON DIGITAL LITERACY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

**TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES AND CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENTS AIM TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR AN INCREASINGLY DIGITAL FUTURE**

*By Stephen Jeffrey*



Rocky View Schools (RVS) is continuing to invest in technology infrastructure, digital literacy, and artificial intelligence education as part of a broader effort to prepare students and staff for a rapidly evolving digital world.

The division's Technology for Learning department recently highlighted several accomplishments from the 2025-26 school year, including major infrastructure upgrades, expanded cybersecurity measures, and increased support for classrooms across the school system.

The work affects students and staff throughout Rocky View Schools, including schools serving Chestermere, Langdon, Cochrane, Airdrie, and surrounding communities.

According to Rocky View Schools, the Technology for Learning department is focused on providing secure, reliable, and modern digital learning environments that align with both the division's Strategic Plan and Alberta Education's Learning and Technology Policy Framework.

One of the division's key priorities is strengthening digital literacy among students while helping educators navigate emerging technologies, including generative artificial intelligence.

The Educational Technology team provides professional development, classroom support, and training designed to help teachers effectively incorporate technology into learning environments.

The goal is not only to improve student access to digital tools but also to help young people develop the skills needed to use those tools responsibly and effectively.

Artificial intelligence has become an increasingly important topic in education across Canada as school divisions work to determine how AI technologies can support learning while addressing concerns related to academic integrity, privacy, and critical thinking.

Cybersecurity has also become a major focus for Rocky View Schools.

The division reported significant investments in strengthening network security during the past year, including the

implementation of a 24-hour Security Operations Centre (SOC).

The system provides continuous monitoring of digital networks, allowing technology staff to identify potential threats and respond more quickly to security incidents.

Additional upgrades included network redundancy improvements designed to reduce service interruptions and improve reliability across schools.

Technology replacement and modernization efforts also continued throughout the year.

Rocky View Schools deployed 2,624 devices through a centrally funded replacement program supporting classrooms and staff across the division.

Technology officials also reported improvements in service delivery, including fewer support requests and faster response times.

Infrastructure modernization remains an ongoing priority.

During the 2025-26 school year, the division purchased 103 new Wi-Fi access points, 24 network switches, and four firewalls to replace aging equipment and improve connectivity throughout the system.

Four schools are scheduled to receive additional critical hardware upgrades during the summer of 2026.

RVS Board Chair Fiona Gilbert noted that technology planning will continue to be part of future discussions as trustees consider the division's next strategic plan.

"There will be more work ahead as we begin to have conversations around advocacy priorities with the new strategic plan that will be considered by the board," Gilbert said.

As classrooms increasingly rely on digital tools for research, collaboration, communication, and instruction, school divisions across Alberta continue to face growing demands for reliable networks, cybersecurity protection, and modern learning technologies.

For students in communities such as Chestermere, those investments are becoming an increasingly important part of preparing for post-secondary education, future careers, and life in an increasingly connected world.

# MAYOR FOR A DAY BRINGS FRESH IDEAS TO CITY HALL

**CHESTERMERE'S MAYOR FOR A DAY PROGRAM GIVES GRADE 9 STUDENT A FIRSTHAND LOOK AT LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND THE CHALLENGES OF A GROWING CITY**

By [Stephen Jeffrey](#)

For one day, Grade 9 student Nemah Nihal traded the classroom for City Hall and discovered that being mayor involves much more than attending meetings and cutting ribbons.

Nihal was selected as Chestermere's 2026 Mayor for a Day, a program designed to give local students in Grades 7 through 12 an opportunity to learn how municipal government works while sharing ideas to improve the community. The initiative challenged students to submit proposals focused on enhancing the well-being of Chestermere residents.

The experience included a mock inauguration, meetings with Mayor Shannon Dean and municipal staff, tours of city facilities, and opportunities to learn how decisions are made in one of Alberta's fastest-growing communities.

For Nihal, one of the biggest surprises was discovering just how demanding the role can be.

"I did not expect it to be such a busy job, honestly," she said. "Chestermere is growing, but I didn't think it would be that big."

Throughout the day, she met with municipal officials, community partners, and representatives from organizations that help keep the city running. The experience offered a behind-the-scenes look at how local government balances growth, infrastructure, recreation, and community services.

One of the highlights of the day came during a visit to the Chestermere Fire Department.

Nihal climbed aboard one of the department's fire trucks, drawing plenty of smiles from firefighters and city staff. She said learning about the department's operations left a lasting impression.

"I've never gone there before," she said. "They said there's never a day when they don't have a call coming."

The visit helped illustrate the pressures facing emergency services as Chestermere continues to expand.

Outside of school, Nihal is already committed to helping others. She volunteers as a candy striper at Peter Lougheed Centre in Calgary, an experience that aligns with her long-term goal of pursuing a career in medicine.

While she enjoyed serving as mayor for a day, politics is not part of her future plans.

Instead, she hopes to study neurology or neurosurgery, fields that reflect her fascination with the human brain.

"There's a lot that goes on in the human mind," she said.

Nihal earned the opportunity by proposing the creation of a youth hub in Chestermere. Before developing the idea, she spoke with elementary and high school students throughout the community to learn what they felt was missing.

"I went around and asked kids in elementary school and at my school what they wanted for the community," she said. "The main thing that I got was they wanted someplace to go after school."



Her vision goes beyond simply providing a place to gather. She envisions a facility offering structured programs and opportunities for learning, including cooking classes, coding workshops, and guest speakers.

"The youth hub would be a place where you can hang out, but there would be different activities like cooking classes, coding classes or talks going on during the day, so everybody's entertained, and there's learning going on in a fun way," she said.

Mayor Shannon Dean said the proposal resonated with discussions already taking place within the city.

He noted that Chestermere has been exploring concepts related to community gathering spaces and non-profit services, and said Nihal's proposal brought a valuable youth perspective to the conversation.

"I can foresee us looking at some of the ideas that have been brought forward today and incorporating them into some of the things we're doing," Dean said.

Dean also praised Nihal's confidence and professionalism throughout the experience.

"The confidence that this young woman has is pretty incredible," he said. "It's been an absolute pleasure turning over the job to her."

For Nihal, the day provided a unique opportunity to learn how local government functions. For city leaders, it offered a reminder that some of the community's best ideas can come from its youngest residents.

# CHESTERMERE UPDATES SECONDARY SUITE RULES

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENTS EXPAND HOUSING OPTIONS WHILE UPDATING REGULATIONS FOR SECONDARY SUITES

By Stephen Jeffrey



Chestermere City Council has approved amendments to the City's Land Use Bylaw that update how secondary suites are defined and regulated, a move aimed at expanding housing options as the community continues to grow. Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw #015-26 during its recent meeting following a public hearing that received four submissions or participants.

According to information presented by Administration, the amendments update existing secondary suite definitions, expand the types of suites that may be permitted, and revise related regulations within the Land Use Bylaw.

Secondary suites are self-contained living spaces located within or attached to a primary residence. They are often used to provide housing for family members, renters, caregivers, or multi-generational households. Across Alberta, municipalities have increasingly reviewed secondary suite regulations as communities work to address housing availability and affordability challenges.

City officials indicated the bylaw changes are intended to modernize the City's approach to secondary suites and provide greater flexibility within residential neighbourhoods while maintaining appropriate development standards.

The amendments come as Chestermere continues to experience significant population growth. According to recent municipal and census data, the city remains one of Alberta's fastest-growing communities, creating increased demand for a range of housing options.

Supporters of secondary suites often point to their ability to create additional housing without requiring large-scale new developments. They can also provide homeowners with rental income opportunities while offering more affordable housing choices for residents.

Like many Alberta municipalities, Chestermere regulates secondary suites through its Land Use Bylaw to ensure issues such as parking, building safety, lot coverage and neighbourhood compatibility are addressed.

Council's approval of Bylaw #015-26 follows the required public hearing process and represents the final step needed for the amendments to take effect.

While the changes do not automatically create new secondary suites, they establish an updated regulatory framework that may allow a broader range of suite configurations in the future,

subject to applicable development and building requirements. Additional information regarding specific regulations and eligibility requirements for secondary suites is available through the City of Chestermere's planning and development department.



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# LANGDON RESIDENTS RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSED AI DATA CENTRE

**OPEN HOUSE DRAWS HUNDREDS AS COMMUNITY WEIGHS POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND CONCERNS OF WILD ROSE POWER HUB**

*By Stephen Jeffrey*

A proposed large-scale data centre west of Langdon is generating significant discussion in the community, with hundreds of residents attending a recent open house to learn more about the project and voice their concerns.

The proposed development, known as the Wild Rose Power Hub, would be located in Rocky View County west of Langdon, south of Township Road 232. The project is being advanced by Chinook Development L.P. and would occupy approximately 194 hectares (479 acres) across three quarter sections.

According to project information presented at the open house, the facility would be a 1,300-megawatt hyperscale data centre designed to support cloud computing services, artificial intelligence applications, and large-scale data processing.

The June 3 open house at The Track Golf Course attracted a large turnout, with residents lining up before the doors opened and a steady flow of attendees throughout the evening.

While some residents expressed interest in the potential economic benefits, many focused their questions on water use, noise levels, environmental impacts, and the project's proximity to residential areas.

"I just don't understand why they have to build so close to a populated area," one resident commented during the event.

Feedback boards available at the open house reflected many of those concerns. Written comments included questions about groundwater protection, environmental impacts, and whether the project was appropriate for the area.

Rocky View County Division 7 Councillor Ken Ball said the strong turnout demonstrated the level of public interest surrounding the proposal.

"I've been to many open houses in my career, and usually four or five people show up," Ball said. "Obviously, people really do care about this."

The Wild Rose Power Hub team highlighted several potential benefits, including construction and long-term employment opportunities, increased property tax revenue, and proximity to existing electrical transmission infrastructure.

One of the most frequently discussed topics was water usage.

Project representatives stated the facility would use a closed-loop cooling system supplemented by glycol and other cooling technologies. According to project materials, the development would be connected to the Langdon Waterworks distribution system and is designed to avoid impacts on local groundwater supplies.

The developers also indicated there would be no on-site baseload power generation. Instead, electricity would be supplied through Alberta's existing power grid using nearby substations and transmission infrastructure.

Noise concerns were another recurring topic throughout the

evening.

Project information stated that noise mitigation measures would include setbacks, engineered sound controls, noise barriers, and specialized cooling systems. Representatives described modern data centres as relatively quiet facilities compared to many industrial operations because they generate little truck traffic and have limited outdoor activity.

Environmental impacts also remain a point of discussion.

Project documents indicate the site consists primarily of cultivated agricultural land, with portions of wetlands and grassland. Developers state environmental studies have not identified rare plant species or significant wildlife habitat on the site, though some wetland impacts are anticipated and would require regulatory review.

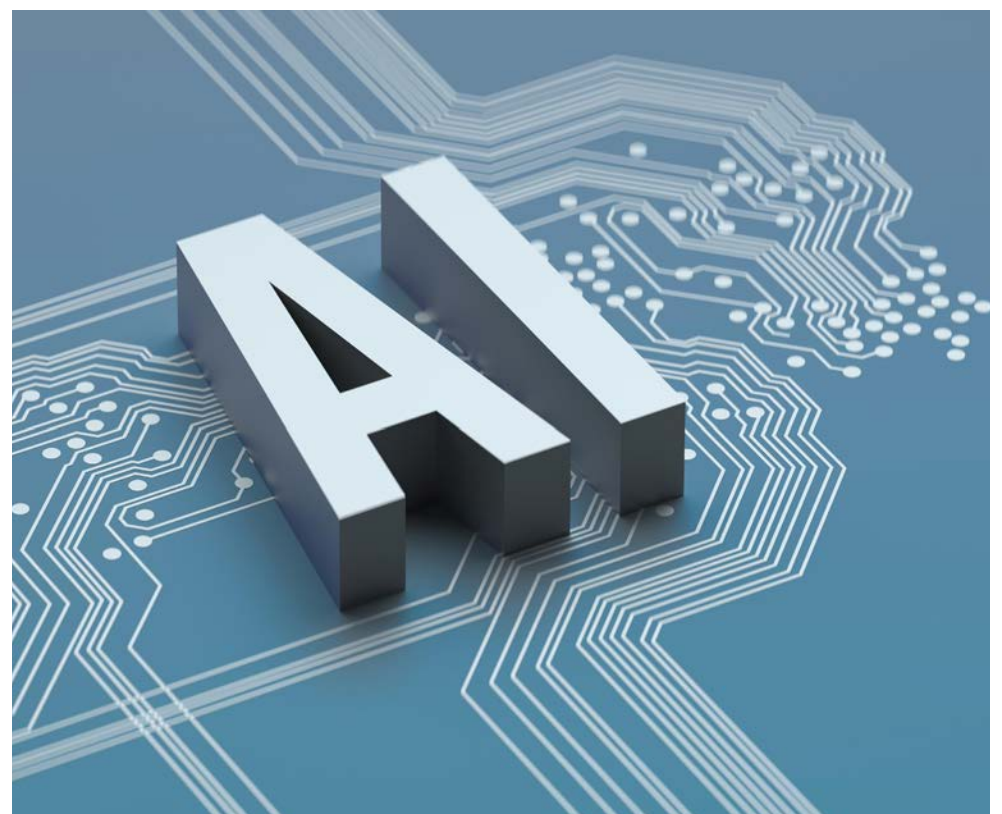
The proposal comes as Alberta experiences rapid growth in the data centre sector.

Industry observers have noted that the province's available land, electrical infrastructure, and competitive energy market have made Alberta increasingly attractive for technology investments and artificial intelligence-related projects.

At the same time, communities across North America are wrestling with many of the same questions being raised in Langdon: How much water will these facilities use? What impact will they have on nearby residents? And do the economic benefits outweigh potential environmental concerns?

For now, those questions remain at the centre of the conversation.

Public engagement on the Wild Rose Power Hub continues through surveys and written submissions as Rocky View County moves forward with the planning process.



# CALGARY SEEKS NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING

**INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSIT AND RECREATION PROJECTS COULD HAVE REGIONAL BENEFITS**

*By Stephen Jeffrey*

The City of Calgary is preparing to ask the federal government for nearly \$1 billion in funding for infrastructure, transit, recreation facilities and economic development projects, a move that could have implications well beyond city limits.

Calgary officials are recommending a funding request that includes major investments in water infrastructure, public transit and recreation facilities as the city continues to experience rapid population growth.

For residents of Chestermere, the most immediate impact could come from Calgary's efforts to strengthen critical infrastructure. The city is seeking federal support for the replacement of the Bearspaw feeder main, a key water line that carries a significant portion of Calgary's drinking water. Breaks in the line over the past two years resulted in months of water restrictions across the region and highlighted the importance of reliable infrastructure for neighbouring communities.

Transit investments could also benefit Chestermere commuters. Calgary is seeking hundreds of millions of dollars for transit expansion projects, including improvements to the Blue Line LRT and the purchase of additional buses. As more Chestermere residents travel to Calgary for work, education and

services, improved transit options could help reduce congestion and improve regional connectivity.

The funding request also includes support for several recreation projects, including upgrades to aquatic centres, fieldhouses and athletic facilities. While located in Calgary, many of these amenities are regularly used by Chestermere families, sports organizations and youth teams.

Mayor Jeremy Farkas said the request is focused on essential infrastructure rather than optional projects, arguing that growing cities require support from all levels of government.

If approved, the funding could help address challenges created by rapid growth across the Calgary region. For Chestermere residents, investments made in Calgary often have a direct impact on transportation, recreation opportunities and the infrastructure systems that support daily life throughout the region.





## MAYOR SHANNON DEAN'S CHESTERMERE COUNCIL UPDATE



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# Around City Hall

## COUNCIL ADVANCES RECREATION PLANNING, HOUSING CHANGES AND HERITAGE PRESERVATION

**PROCLAMATIONS, RECREATION INVESTMENTS AND FUTURE GROWTH PLANNING AMONG KEY TOPICS AT LATEST MEETING**

*By Stephen Jeffrey*

**A**t last week's Chestermere City Council meeting, mayor and council addressed a wide range of community issues during its most recent regular meeting, including recreation planning, housing policy, heritage preservation, utility operations and support for regional health care services.

Council began by accepting several proclamations recognizing community and national awareness initiatives throughout June. Mayor Shannon Dean proclaimed June as National Indigenous History Month, Pride Month, Recreation and Parks Month and Men's Health Month. June 21 was also proclaimed National Indigenous Peoples Day. The proclamations were accepted for information in accordance with the City's updated proclamations policy.

Council also received an update on the City's Resolution Tracker, which monitors the status of active motions previously approved by council. Administration reviewed progress on a number of initiatives, including recreation data collection efforts involving the Chestermere Regional Community Association and work related to resident donations supporting the Festival of Lights program. Council directed administration to provide a future update on community outreach efforts connected to that initiative.

Looking ahead to future utility operations, council received information regarding a planned Expression of Interest process for waterworks operations services. The process is intended to gather information about various service delivery models, including internal operations, external contractors and regional partnerships. Administration will use the information gathered to help determine future operating options.

Council also received an update on the City's Social Wellbeing Framework, which was developed around priorities identified by residents. Areas of focus include belonging and inclusion, safety and resilience, community gathering spaces and managing growth. Administration reported ongoing work toward implementing recommendations contained within the framework.

Heritage preservation was another topic discussed during the meeting. Recommendations from the Chestermere Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee were presented as part of an upcoming review of the City's records retention and destruction policy. Committee members recommended clearer definitions regarding which records should be retained permanently, what constitutes a historical document and how artifacts



should be preserved. Council directed administration to explore incorporating those recommendations into the revised policy.

Housing policy also moved forward. Following a public hearing that received four submissions or participants, council approved amendments to secondary suite definitions within the Land Use Bylaw. The changes expand the types of secondary suites permitted within the city and update related regulations governing those developments.

Council further agreed to support a request from the Town of Strathmore advocating for expanded diagnostic imaging services at Strathmore Hospital. Mayor Dean was authorized to sign an updated letter of support on behalf of the City of Chestermere.

Development planning was also on the agenda. Council approved amendments affecting the Clearwater Park West Stage One Outline Plan and corresponding Land Use Bylaw changes. The revisions redesignate certain Direct Control districts to standard residential districts, convert two private roads into public roads and reduce residential density within portions of the development area.

Recreation received significant attention during the meeting. Council reviewed recommendations for the allocation of the City's \$100,000 Unstructured Recreation Budget. Proposed uses include support for community events, recreation programming, accessibility improvements and future recreational amenities. Council approved spending of up to \$100,000 from the 2026 Operating Budget to support drop-in recreation programming and directed administration to explore additional opportunities to support youth recreation.

Council also approved the annual update to the Off-site Levy Bylaw following a public hearing that received three submissions. The bylaw adjusts levy rates based on updated infrastructure costs and growth forecasts.

Finally, council endorsed the proposed scope of work for Chestermere's upcoming Master Recreation Plan. The project will help guide long-term planning for City-owned recreation lands, facilities and amenities as Chestermere continues to grow. Administration was directed to proceed with the first phase of the planning process.

The decisions reflect several recurring themes currently shaping municipal priorities in Chestermere, including growth management, recreation investment, community wellbeing and preservation of local history.

# LEAD BY EXAMPLE POWWOW COMING TO CHESTERMERE

**CULTURAL CELEBRATION HONOURING KRISTIAN AYOUNGMAN TO BRING DANCERS, DRUMMERS AND FAMILIES TO JOHN PEAKE PARK**

By [Stephen Jeffrey](#)



Chestermere will welcome one of Alberta's growing Indigenous cultural celebrations this summer as the Lead by Example Powwow makes its debut in the community.

Scheduled for July 8 at John Peake Park, the free event is expected to bring together dancers, drummers, Elders, families, vendors and visitors from across Alberta for a day dedicated to culture, connection and community. The powwow will run from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the Grand Entry beginning at 1 p.m.

The Lead by Example Powwow was created in memory of Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman, a young leader, athlete, champion dancer and member of Siksika Nation whose life continues to inspire Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities alike. Organizers say the event was established to promote understanding, healing and stronger relationships between communities while celebrating Indigenous traditions and culture.

This year marks the fourth annual Lead by Example Powwow and the first time the event will be hosted in Chestermere. Organizers recently announced the move to John Peake Park, citing the event's continued growth and the need for additional space to accommodate participants and spectators.

According to event organizers, attendees can expect a full contest powwow featuring traditional drumming and singing, competitive dance categories, cultural demonstrations, Indigenous artisans, food vendors, storytelling and family-friendly activities throughout the day. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about Indigenous traditions while experiencing one of the most vibrant forms of cultural celebration in Canada.

The event will feature invited drum groups from across the region, including Blacklodge, Ho Chunk Station, White Tail Boys and Wild Rose. Organizers are also planning the 2026 Miss Lead by Example Princess Pageant, which highlights cultural knowledge, leadership and community involvement among Indigenous youth.

The City of Chestermere has expressed its support for the event, describing it as an opportunity to strengthen relationships with Indigenous communities and advance

reconciliation efforts. In a message posted on the Lead by Example website, Mayor Shannon Dean noted that the gathering provides an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together in a spirit of respect, learning and celebration.

For Chestermere residents, the powwow represents more than just a cultural event. It offers an opportunity to experience Indigenous traditions firsthand, learn about the significance of powwow dancing and drumming, and engage with Indigenous artists, businesses and community members.

Powwows have long served as important gatherings for Indigenous communities, bringing together nations and families through music, dance, ceremony and storytelling. While deeply rooted in tradition, modern powwows also welcome visitors and provide opportunities for cultural education and understanding.

Admission to the Lead by Example Powwow is free, and organizers encourage residents from Chestermere and surrounding communities to attend.

With colourful regalia, powerful drum groups, traditional songs and a strong message of unity, the event is expected to become one of the community's most unique and meaningful summer gatherings.

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# CANADA THIS WEEK

## FROM OTTAWA TO CHESTERMERE: THE NATIONAL PICTURE

### TRADE TALKS, FOOD PRICES AND ALBERTA'S FUTURE DOMINATE THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION

Canada's relationship with the United States remained front and centre this week as political leaders, business groups, and industry representatives weighed in on trade, infrastructure, food affordability, and Alberta's place within Confederation.

#### Trade agreement review approaches

Questions continue to surround the future of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) as the July 1 review deadline approaches.

Speaking at the 2026 U.S.-Canada Summit in Toronto, U.S. Ambassador Pete Hoekstra suggested recent comments from President Donald Trump should be viewed as an invitation for Canada to negotiate rather than a signal that the agreement is ending.

Trump recently indicated he is not looking to renew the agreement for another 16-year term. However, Canada's Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. trade, Dominic LeBlanc, downplayed concerns, noting that the review process was designed to allow continued discussions even if a formal renewal is not reached immediately.

Prime Minister Mark Carney emphasized that most trade between the two countries remains tariff-free and said both countries continue to benefit from integrated industries including automotive manufacturing, forestry, steel, and aluminum.

For Alberta businesses and consumers, the outcome of the talks could influence everything from export opportunities to supply chains and product pricing.

#### Gordie Howe Bridge opening delayed

The opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge between Windsor and Detroit has been postponed following a request from the United States.

The bridge, largely financed by Canada at a cost of approximately \$6.4 billion, is expected to become one of the most important trade crossings between the two countries.

Prime Minister Carney confirmed the delay while declining to discuss specific issues still being negotiated.

The postponement has frustrated some transportation industry leaders who argue the bridge would immediately improve efficiency for trucking companies moving goods across the border.

Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens also urged Ottawa not to make unnecessary concessions simply to accelerate the opening.

Despite the delay, both governments continue to describe the bridge as a critical piece of long-term infrastructure that will strengthen trade and economic ties for decades.

#### Federal food strategy targets affordability

With grocery prices remaining a concern for many Canadian families, the federal government unveiled a new food security strategy designed to increase domestic food production and improve competition within the food supply chain.

The plan includes \$3.2 billion in funding over the next decade.

Among the major initiatives are investments in wholesale food terminals, regional food hubs, and greenhouse production facilities. The government says the goal is to improve food distribution while helping independent grocers compete with larger chains.

Additional funding will be directed toward the Competition Bureau and Competition Tribunal to strengthen oversight of Canada's grocery sector, where a handful of major retailers control most of the market.

The strategy also proposes measures aimed at limiting so-called "surveillance pricing," where businesses use consumer data to tailor prices to individual shoppers.

Conservative Deputy Leader Melissa Lantsman criticized the plan, arguing the government should focus instead on reducing taxes and controlling spending to bring down costs.

For residents in communities like Chestermere, where grocery bills remain a significant household expense, the effectiveness of these measures will likely be judged by one simple question: do food prices come down?

#### Poilievre focuses on Alberta concerns

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre spent part of the week in Calgary, delivering a speech focused on Alberta's role within Canada and addressing growing separatist sentiment in the province.

Poilievre argued that frustration in Alberta stems from years of federal policies affecting the energy sector, including emissions regulations, energy development restrictions, and federal environmental initiatives.

While strongly supporting Alberta's interests, he also urged Albertans not to give up on Canada.

The comments come as Albertans prepare to vote on several referendum questions later this year, including one dealing with the province's future relationship with Confederation.

Political observers noted that Poilievre attempted to balance support for Alberta's concerns while maintaining a message of national unity.

As debates over energy policy, federal-provincial relations, and economic development continue, the discussion is likely to remain a major political issue heading into the fall.

#### Looking Ahead

Whether the issue is trade, food affordability, border infrastructure, or Alberta's place within Canada, decisions being made in Ottawa continue to have direct impacts on communities like Chestermere.

For local residents, the coming months could shape everything from grocery prices and employment opportunities to transportation networks and Canada's broader economic relationship with its largest trading partner.



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## JUNE 2026 AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b> June 1-6 <b>SENIORS WEEK</b>	<b>June 1</b> • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Mahjong 1:00 pm	<b>June 2</b> ★ <b>SENIORS WEEK</b> Afternoon at Whitecappers 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>June 3</b> • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>June 4</b> • Quilting 9:30 am • Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm • Bridge 1:00 pm	<b>June 5</b> • Exercise Class 10:30 am • Chair Yoga 11:45 am ★ <b>SENIORS WEEK PUB NIGHT</b> 6:00 - 10:00 pm	<b>June 6</b> ☕ Coffee at Whitecappers 10:00 - 11:15 am Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm
<b>WEEK 2</b> June 7-13	<b>June 8</b> • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Mahjong 1:00 pm	<b>June 9</b> • Line Dancing with Tarnia 10:30 am	<b>June 10</b> • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>June 11</b> • Quilting 9:30 am • Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm • Bridge 1:00 pm	<b>June 12</b> • Exercise Class 10:30 am • Chair Yoga 11:45 am <b>PUB NIGHT</b> 6:00 pm	<b>June 13</b> ☕ Coffee at Whitecappers 10:00 - 11:15 am Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm
<b>WEEK 3</b> June 14-20	<b>June 14</b> 🧥 <b>Clothes-Orama</b> 10:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>June 16</b> 🏢 <b>Whitecappers' AGM</b> Doors open 4:30 pm Dinner 5:30 pm Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>June 17</b> • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>June 18</b> • Quilting 9:30 am • Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm • Bridge 1:00 pm	<b>June 19</b> • Exercise Class 10:30 am • Chair Yoga 11:45 am <b>PUB NIGHT</b> 6:00 pm	<b>June 20</b> ☕ Coffee at Whitecappers 10:00 - 11:15 am Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm
<b>WEEK 4</b> June 21-27	<b>June 21</b> • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Mahjong 1:00 pm	<b>June 23</b> • Dance Fit with Vicky 10:30 am	<b>June 24</b> • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm • Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>June 25</b> • Quilting 9:30 am • Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm • Bridge 1:00 pm	<b>June 26</b> • Exercise Class 10:30 am • Chair Yoga 11:45 am <b>FINAL PUB NIGHT OF THE SEASON</b> 6:00 pm	<b>June 27</b> ☕ Coffee at Whitecappers 10:00 - 11:15 am Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT WHITECAPPERS

- MONDAYS** Mahjong 1:00 pm • Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am  
Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm
- TUESDAYS** Line Dancing with Tarnia 10:30 am (until June 16)  
Dance Fit with Vicky 10:30 am (June 23 through August)
- WEDNESDAYS** Walk Fit 11:00 am • Chair Yoga 11:30 am • Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm  
Cards/Crib 1:00 pm
- THURSDAYS** Quilters 9:30 am • Artisans of Chestermere 1:00 pm • Bridge 1:00 pm
- FRIDAYS** Exercise Class 10:30 am • Chair Yoga 11:45 am  
Pub Night 6:00 pm (final for season June 26 • resumes Sept 11)
- SATURDAYS** Coffee Social 10:00 - 11:15 am • Cards/Crib 1:00 - 4:00 pm



### COMING UP NEXT

**STAMPEDE BREAKFAST**  
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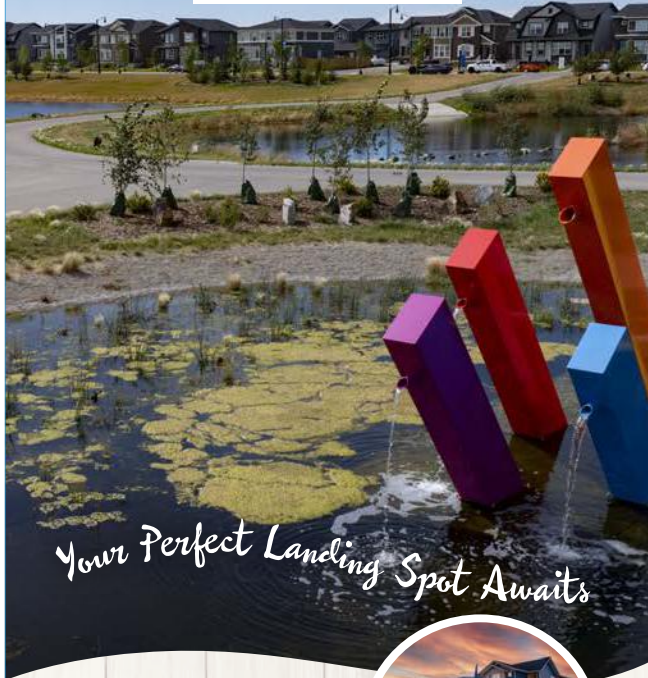
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# ALBERTA TO ADD HEALTH CARE NUMBERS AND CITIZENSHIP STATUS TO DRIVER'S LICENCES

NEW IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM SET TO LAUNCH JULY 2 AS GOVERNMENT CITES CONVENIENCE WHILE PRIVACY CONCERNS REMAIN

By Stephen Jeffrey

Albertans renewing or replacing their driver's licences this summer will soon notice a significant change.

Beginning July 2, new Alberta driver's licences and identification cards will include an individual's Alberta Health Care number and citizenship status, bringing information previously carried on separate documents onto a single government-issued card.

The Alberta government says the change is intended to simplify access to services and reduce administrative paperwork.

Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Dale Nally said the initiative is designed to make everyday interactions with government services easier and more efficient.

For many Albertans, the change means the long-standing paper Alberta Health Care card will no longer be necessary as a separate form of identification.

Alberta is not the first province to move in this direction. British Columbia has offered a combined driver's licence and health card for several years, allowing residents to carry fewer government documents.

While supporters see the move as a practical modernization, the announcement has sparked debate over privacy and security.

One concern involves the inclusion of Alberta Health Care numbers on documents that are frequently presented to businesses, employers, hotels, financial institutions, and other organizations for identification purposes.

In late 2025, Alberta Information and Privacy Commissioner Diane McLeod raised concerns about the proposal, noting that personal health numbers can be valuable targets for fraud and identity theft. She also questioned whether organizations involved in issuing driver's licences are subject to the same privacy protections that apply within Alberta's health-care system.

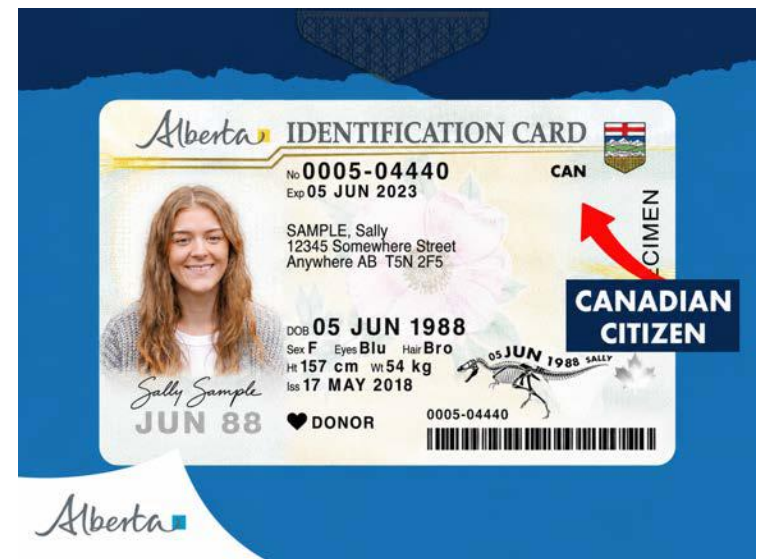
The provincial government has not indicated any plans to alter the rollout schedule. The addition of citizenship information has also generated discussion.

Critics, including the Official Opposition NDP, have argued that displaying citizenship status may be unnecessary and could create additional privacy concerns. Supporters, however, say the information may help streamline access to government programs and services that require proof of status.

The timing of the change has drawn attention as Alberta prepares for several citizen-initiated referendum questions expected later this year, although the government has not directly linked the new cards to those discussions.

For residents in Chestermere and across Alberta, the practical impact will begin July 2 as newly issued licences and identification cards start reflecting the new format.

Whether Albertans view the changes as a welcome convenience or a privacy concern, the updated cards are likely to remain a topic of discussion long after they begin appearing in wallets across the province.



# CHESTERMERE TAKES FIRST STEP TOWARD NEW RECREATION MASTER PLAN

**LONG-TERM PLANNING PROCESS WILL HELP GUIDE FUTURE RECREATION FACILITIES, AMENITIES AND COMMUNITY SPACES**

*By Stephen Jeffrey*



Chestermere City Council has approved the first phase of work on a new Master Recreation Plan, a document that will help shape the future of recreation facilities, parks and community amenities as the city continues to grow.

The decision came during Council's recent regular meeting, where Administration presented the recommended scope of work for the project on behalf of the Recreation Committee.

Council accepted the recommendations and directed Administration to proceed with Phase 1 of the planning process.

The Master Recreation Plan is intended to provide a long-term roadmap for recreation services and infrastructure throughout the community. The plan will focus on City-owned recreation lands, facilities and amenities, helping identify future needs and priorities as Chestermere's population continues to increase.

Municipal recreation master plans are commonly used by Alberta communities to guide investment decisions over periods ranging from 10 to 20 years. They typically examine current recreation opportunities, assess future demand, identify service gaps and recommend priorities for future development.

For Chestermere residents, the planning process could influence future decisions involving parks, pathways, sports fields, community gathering spaces and other recreation amenities. The plan may also help the City determine where future investments should be focused to meet the needs of a growing and changing population.

The project arrives at a time when recreation remains a frequent topic of discussion among residents. Population

growth has increased demand for recreational programming and facilities, while community organizations continue to advocate for expanded opportunities for youth, families, seniors and local sports groups.

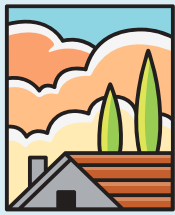
According to information presented to Council, the approved scope of work will establish the foundation for future phases of the project. Those later stages are expected to include research, community engagement and the development of recommendations for Council consideration.

While no specific recreation projects have been approved as part of the current decision, the Master Recreation Plan is expected to help guide future policy and budget discussions by providing a clearer understanding of community needs and priorities.

Council members have repeatedly identified recreation planning as an important component of maintaining quality of life as Chestermere grows. The new plan is expected to provide a framework for balancing future recreation investments with the community's long-term development goals.

Further updates on the project and opportunities for public participation are expected as the planning process moves forward.

Recreation planning has become increasingly important as Chestermere evolves from a small lakeside community into a growing city. Residents have regularly identified recreation opportunities, park space, trails, sports facilities and community gathering places as important factors in maintaining the quality of life that attracts families to the community.



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# WHY NEW HOUSING MATTERS FOR CHESTERMERE

**GROWTH BRINGS CHALLENGES, BUT EXPANDING HOUSING OPTIONS IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY'S FUTURE**

*By Stephen Jeffrey*



As Chestermere continues to grow, discussions about new housing developments often generate strong opinions. Concerns about traffic, school capacity, infrastructure, and the changing character of the community are understandable. However, ensuring a steady supply of new housing remains one of the most important steps the city can take to support its long-term future.

Like many communities across Alberta, Chestermere has experienced significant population growth over the past decade. Families continue to move to the city seeking a high quality of life, access to recreation, proximity to Calgary, and a strong sense of community. That demand is expected to continue for years to come.

Without enough new housing, affordability becomes a growing challenge. Limited housing supply can drive up prices for both homebuyers and renters, making it more difficult for young families, seniors, and first-time buyers to remain in the community. A healthy housing market requires a range of options, including single-family homes, townhouses, duplexes, secondary suites, and apartment-style developments.

New housing also supports local businesses and services. Every new resident helps strengthen the local economy by shopping in local stores, using local services, and supporting restaurants and community organizations. Population growth helps attract new businesses while providing the customer base needed for existing businesses to thrive.

Growth can also help support investments in infrastructure and amenities. As the tax base expands, municipalities have greater capacity to invest in roads, parks, recreation facilities, emergency services, and community programs. While growth does create additional demands on infrastructure, it can also provide the financial foundation needed to meet those demands.

Housing diversity is becoming increasingly important as demographics change. Not every resident needs or wants a large detached home. Seniors looking to downsize, young adults entering the housing market, and workers seeking affordable rental options all benefit from having a wider variety of housing choices available.


Of course, growth must be managed responsibly. New neighbourhoods require careful planning to ensure transportation networks, schools, utilities, and public services keep pace with development. Residents are right to expect that growth be balanced with maintaining the quality of life that makes Chestermere attractive in the first place.

As Chestermere looks toward the future, the question is not whether the city will grow, but how that growth will be managed. Providing a range of housing options will be a key part of ensuring the community remains welcoming, affordable, and economically strong for generations to come.



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# CHESTERMERE-STATHMORE MLA APPOINTED TO ALBERTA TREASURY BOARD

**CHANTELLE DE JONGE TAKES ON EXPANDED ROLE IN PROVINCIAL SPENDING AND BUDGET OVERSIGHT**

*By Stephen Jeffrey*

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Chantelle de Jonge has been appointed to Alberta's Treasury Board, giving the local representative a direct role in shaping provincial spending decisions and budget priorities.

The appointment was announced following Premier Danielle Smith's cabinet shuffle in May, which also saw Jason Nixon become President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance.

Treasury Board is one of the Alberta government's most influential decision-making bodies. The committee is responsible for reviewing ministry spending plans, evaluating government programs, and helping determine how public funds are allocated across departments before the provincial budget is finalized.

For residents of Chestermere and Strathmore, the appointment means their MLA will now have a seat at the table during discussions involving major provincial investments, fiscal planning, and long-term government spending priorities.

De Jonge was first elected as MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore in 2023 and has steadily expanded her responsibilities within government since taking office.

In addition to her new Treasury Board role, she currently serves as Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities, where she works on issues related to household costs, energy affordability, and utility policy. She also chairs Alberta's Nuclear Energy Engagement and Advisory Panel, which has been tasked with examining the potential role of nuclear energy in Alberta's future electricity system.

Beyond those responsibilities, de Jonge serves on the government's Continuous Improvement Cabinet Committee and the Economic Diversification Cabinet Policy Committee. Both groups focus on strengthening government operations and exploring opportunities to grow Alberta's economy beyond traditional sectors.

Treasury Board appointments are often viewed as significant within government because members help assess competing

priorities from across ministries, including health care, education, transportation, social services, public safety, and infrastructure.

While Treasury Board deliberations largely occur behind closed doors, the committee's recommendations play a major role in determining how taxpayer dollars are spent and which projects receive provincial support.

The appointment comes at a time when Alberta continues to face growing demands for infrastructure, housing, health care services, and economic development. Communities such as Chestermere, one of the fastest-growing municipalities in the province, are increasingly looking to the provincial government for support in addressing growth-related pressures.



Although Treasury Board members represent the interests of the province as a whole, local residents often view such appointments as an opportunity to ensure the concerns of rapidly growing communities are heard during budget discussions.

De Jonge has not publicly outlined specific priorities she intends to advance through her new role, but the appointment places the Chestermere-Strathmore MLA in a position to participate directly in some of the province's most important financial and policy decisions.

As Alberta prepares future budgets and spending plans, the decisions made by Treasury Board will continue to influence everything from major infrastructure projects to public services relied upon by communities across the province, including Chestermere and Strathmore.





**MORE THAN 40 LOCAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**KIDS & FAMILY**

**Wee Groove**  
Tuesday, June 16  
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM  
Chestermere Public Library  
Music, movement and fun for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers.

**Storytime**  
Wednesday, June 17  
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM  
Chestermere Public Library  
Stories, songs and early literacy activities for preschool-aged children.

**Kids Creative Club**  
Thursday, June 18  
4:15 PM - 4:45 PM  
Chestermere Public Library  
Weekly hands-on crafts and creative projects.

**Baby Storytime**  
Friday, June 19  
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM  
Chestermere Public Library  
Interactive stories and songs designed for babies and caregivers.

**Reading Buddies**  
Saturday, June 20  
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Chestermere Public Library  
Young readers can build confidence and reading skills in a supportive environment.

**ENTERTAINMENT & NIGHTLIFE**

**Trivia Night**  
Tuesday, June 16 • 6:00 PM  
Dockside Bar & Grill  
Bring your team and test your knowledge at one of Chestermere's most popular weekly events.

**Karaoke Night**  
Friday, June 19 • 9:00 PM  
Dockside Bar & Grill  
Take the stage and enjoy a fun night of music and entertainment.

**Live Music at the Firehouse**  
Saturday, June 20 • 8:00 PM  
Langdon Firehouse  
Check the Langdon Firehouse social channels for this week's live music lineup and special events.

**SENIORS**

**Whitecappers Weekly Activities**  
The Chestermere Whitecappers continue to offer social gatherings, games, cards, coffee meetups, fitness activities and community connections throughout the week.

Contact the Whitecappers Association for the latest schedule of activities.

**Rocky View Immigrant Services**

Monday, June 15  
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Chestermere Public Library  
Support and resources for newcomers to Canada.

**COMMUNITY**

**English Conversation Circle**  
Wednesday, June 17  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
Chestermere Public Library  
Practice English and meet new people in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

**Community Volunteers Needed**

Many local organizations are currently seeking volunteers for summer events and community programs.

- Check with:
- Chestermere Regional Food Bank
  - Whitecappers Association
  - Chestermere Children's Festival
  - Local sports organizations

**BUSINESS & LEARNING**

**Acreages Information Session**  
Tuesday, June 16  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Chestermere Recreation Centre  
Information and updates for acreage owners and rural residents.

**Let's Talk Business Open House**  
Thursday, June 18  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Chestermere City Hall  
Learn about proposed Business Licence Bylaw updates and provide feedback to City officials.

**SPORTS & RECREATION**

**Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament**  
Friday, June 19  
Chestermere Golf Club  
Annual fundraising tournament supporting the Chestermere Regional Food Bank.

**Summer Sports Registration**  
Registration continues for many local:

- Soccer programs
- Baseball leagues
- Football camps
- Summer recreation programs

Contact local associations for details.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**JUNE 20**  
**CHESTERMERE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL**  
John Peake Park • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Free family fun all day long!  
Live entertainment, food trucks, explorer stations, face painting, petting zoo, activities and more.

**JULY 1**  
**CANADA DAY IN CHESTERMERE**  
Celebrate with a full day of community events and activities throughout the city. Details will be announced in upcoming editions of *The Anchor*.

**WHITECAPPERS SUMMER EVENTS**  
Socials, BBQs, day trips and more. Check their schedule for upcoming summer activities.

**CALGARY YACHT CLUB SUMMER REGATTAS**  
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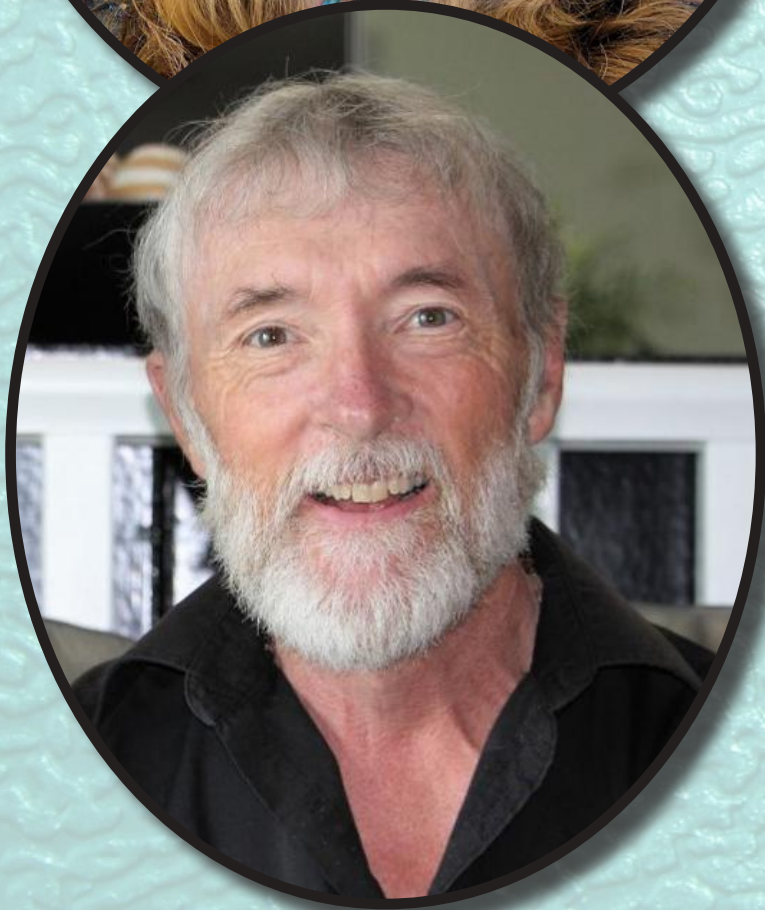
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# Crow's Feet

## *Birding with Elaine and Don*



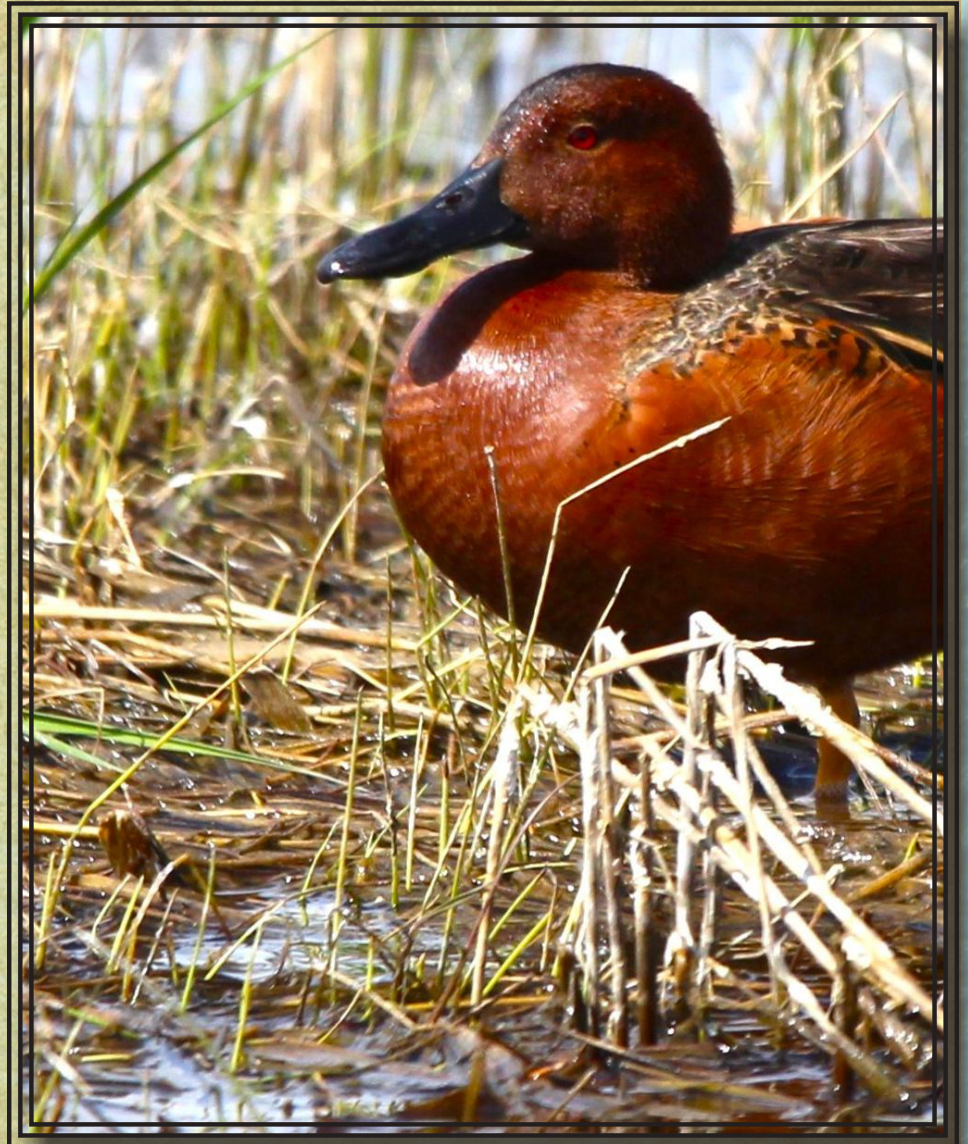
### *Cinnamon Sprinkles*



Oatmeal without cinnamon? Birding without cinnamon? I can't imagine breakfast or birding without the flavor or color of cinnamon. Often after that oatmeal breakfast, tastefully seasoned, birding is the order of the day. Some local sloughs lend themselves to closer observation of wildfowl and shorebirds. Using "Rusty Red" as a blind, our camera lenses scan years of birding, Elaine and I have seen more of these beautiful teals this season. We wondered at the waters from the rolled down door windows, looking for that one cinnamon colored dabbling duck, the Cinnamon Teal. Over our seven years the population size of this teal species and our curiosity needed to be satisfied.

The Cinnamon Teal's breeding range lies in the southern parts of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. As it breeds outside of the normal range outside of the standard range of waterfowl surveys, it is counted with Blue-winged Teals. Hence accurate population counts for this colorful teal is generally not available. Complicating this process, is the fact that this teal is one of the earliest to leave breeding grounds in the fall.

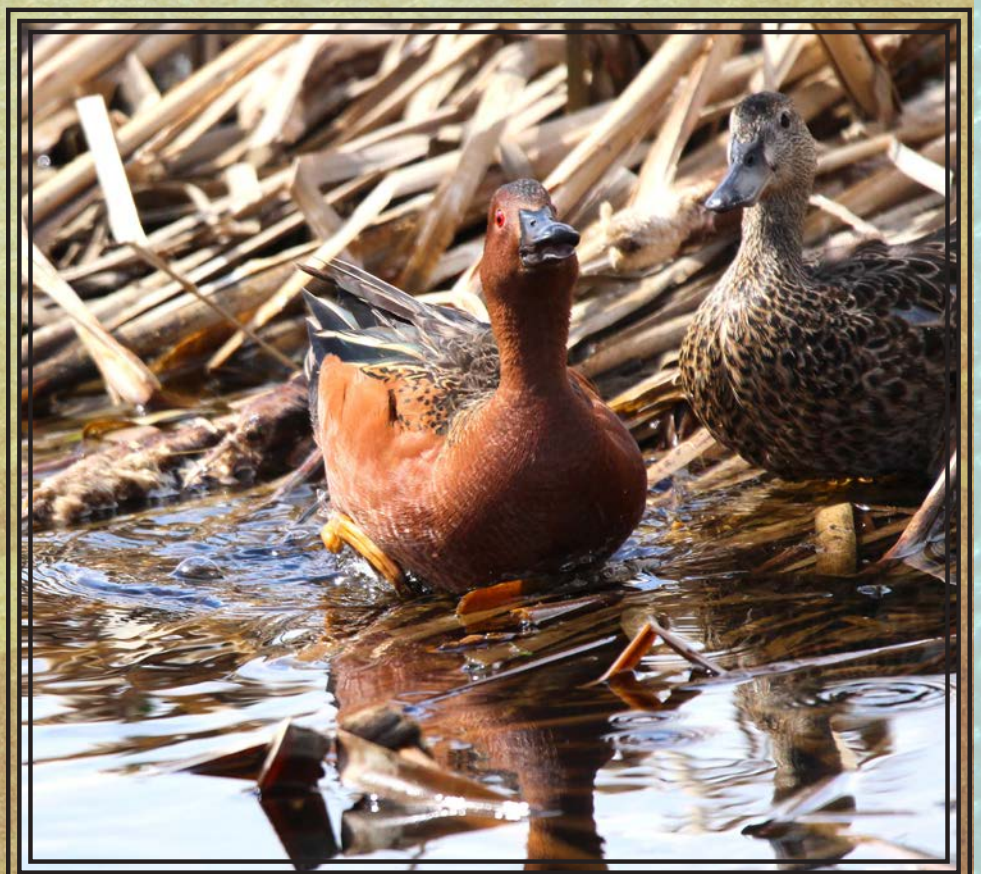
Based on our experience and checked with a little research, Cinnamon Teals prefer small, shallow alkaline wetlands surrounded by low growing plant cover. Of note, deep ditches, like those along Inverlake Slough, east of Chestermere, provide habitat for this colorful duck. Marshes and ponds close by are used for breeding. Nests are concealed with great effort to protect the eggs. The females hide their nests beneath vegetation, on all sides and from above. A tunnel is used as an entry or exit from



the nest. Anywhere from four to sixteen eggs are laid and incubation time is just over three weeks in length.

Males teals, like other duck species are well colored. Breeding males have a brownish-red, or cinnamon colored body. The bill is long and black. What also stands out is the red eye. In flight, the sky-blue wing patch is clearly visible. Females are covered with coarsely marked brown body, long black bill and dark eyes. They share the sky-blue wing patch. Post breeding males, molt, and their brilliant body color disappears. In fact, they look much like the females at this time in their life cycle.

In reviewing our sightings of Cinnamon Teals for 2026, we spotted our first one on April 9th. We've recorded nineteen sightings to the end of May, in nine different locations. The highest count for a single sighting was twelve Cinnamon Teals. As these teals are included in Blue-winged Teal North American surveys, the best guess for this specific teal population is about 380,000. Of note, researchers note Cinnamon Teal populations are in a decline, mainly due to a loss of habitat, through agriculture and urban development. If you do enjoy birding or wish to begin, add a little spice to your life and seek out the Cinnamon Teal.



# Lakeside Libations

## CANADIAN MOONSHINE



**Dr. Nick Jeffrey**

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I was hosting out-of-town guests from the Maritimes last week, and they surprised me with a bottle of authentic eastern Canadian moonshine from PEI, an island that might look all innocent and squeaky clean with its Anne of Green Gables stories, but it hides a seedy underbelly of boozers and ne'er do wells in the dark corners of the island.

No other province has a longer history of moonshining than PEI, whose citizens suffered under the harsh yoke of Prohibition from 1900 to 1948, plus another 20 years of only being able to obtain booze with a government permit, making it the longest dry stretch of any jurisdiction across North America.

Most Canadian provinces had to endure Prohibition from around 1916-1924, with the exception of our wise Quebecois brethren, who emphatically voted Non to the whole idea. Let me tell you, Montreal was quite the tourist destination in the 1920's, being pretty much the only place in North America to legally buy a drink.

However, isolated and insular PEI, with its small-town morals, fell under the spell of a fire-and-brimstone-spouting Anglican minister, who basically railroaded his entire congregation into supporting Prohibition, which eventually spread to the entire island.

Unsurprisingly, the devout parishioners seemed to develop selective amnesia as soon as the Sunday church services let out, as they went right back to the barn to tend their personal moonshine stills.

Apparently, a snootful of shine helped take the edge off the message of eternal damnation as the just reward of a life of debauchery that the demon liquor entailed.

Moonshine had become a deeply ingrained tradition on PEI for decades by the time Prohibition ended in 1948, and it didn't stop then just because hooch was legal to purchase down at the

Government liquor store. No gentle reader, those crafty islanders kept right on cooking up their shine, just like their pappy and their grandpappy did before them.

In fact, the first legal distillery in PEI is just getting out of its awkward teenage years. The Myriad View Artisan Distillery opened their doors in 2006, itself on the site of a former illegal still. Lest you think that is a bit scandalous, there probably isn't a single farmhouse on PEI that didn't have a moonshine still at one point, so that claim may be for marketing reasons more than anything else.

The flagship product from PEI's first legal distillery is called Strait Shine, which was their only product when I visited their taproom on a vacation more than a decade ago, but they have since expanded the product line to a dozen or more different spirits, including Gin, Vodka, Pastis, and many others.

Unlike the more common corn-based moonshines, Strait Shine is made from molasses and cane sugar, in homage to the historical trade of fish for molasses that PEI had with the Caribbean hundreds of years ago. Using molasses as the base for distillation produces a spirit with a smoky flavour, and just a hint of caramel. For



comparison, a shot of Strait Shine is not unlike a young and unaged Tequila.

Because of the harsh taste, locals usually cut their shine with a cocktail mixer, often something sweet like apple juice or soda. For special events like weddings, a huge punchbowl spiked with moonshine has come to be expected by all guests.

For novice tipplers unaccustomed to the harsh flavours, my preference is a shot of shine over ice in a tumbler glass, then add two ounces of bar lime, and fill with soda water. The bar lime adds sweetness to mask the harsh shine flavour, and the soda water classes up the whole affair to shake off any hillbilly connotations.

For many years, Strait Shine was only available in PEI, but distribution is available in well-stocked liquor stores in Alberta, especially where expat Maritimers tend to gather.

If you are looking for a more local option, the Skunkworks Distillery in Calgary's so-called Barley Belt has a fancy cocktail lounge attached to their distillery, where a mustachioed mixologist meticulously prepares the smoothest moonshine cocktails you have ever tasted. They even have premixed ready-to-drink canned options for your next camping trip!

Looking to the north, Red Deer is home to the hilariously named Booze Brothers Moonshine Company, who sell assorted moonshines in mason jars direct from their distillery, or from 50+ retail locations across Alberta.

Looking even further north, Badlands Distillery in Leduc, and the Crabbie Goat Distillery in Valleyview also produce wild and crazy moonshine flavours, so try one of our Canadian Moonshines today!



#### How to Drink Strait Shine

- **Choose a high-quality moonshine:** Ensure it is legally produced and free from contaminants like methanol.
- **Start with a small amount:** Allow the shine to sit on your tongue to acclimate to the high alcohol content.
- **Sip slowly:** Take micro-sips to avoid overwhelming your senses and allow the shine to reach your olfactory sensors.
- **Chase with a chaser:** If you find the shine too strong, drink a glass of water or a chaser like pickle juice to dilute the alcohol.

Remember, drinking moonshine straight is a cultural tradition in some regions, but it should always be done responsibly and in moderation. Enjoy the unique flavor of the shine, but be aware of the risks involved.

**Drink responsibly • 18+**

Follow Lakeside Libations in The Anchor every issue

# FROM THE LEGISLATURE

*Chantelle de Jong, MLA Chestermere-Strathmore*

## CHOICES

Alberta does not have to choose between producing energy, environmental stewardship, attracting investment, and planning for the future. This past week showed what happens when a province can do it all at once. From proving the strength of made-in-Alberta methane technology, to bringing global energy leaders to Calgary, to laying the groundwork for passenger rail, our government is focused on building a strong economy for generations to come.

Methane reduction is one area where Alberta is showing that results matter more than words. That is why our government announced more than \$8 million from the industry-funded Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction program for 16 new methane reduction projects, including a new online tool to help industry adopt technology faster. These projects will support everything from artificial intelligence used to detect leaks to upgrading equipment to reduce emissions in real-world operations. Since 2014, Alberta's energy sector has cut methane emissions by more than half while increasing production – proving that innovation, partnership, and smart policy can lower emissions without weakening our energy sector. That matters to Albertans – because it means protecting good jobs, keeping our energy sector competitive, and ensuring responsible development for the long term.

The Global Energy Show brought the world to our own backyard. Calgary played host to delegates from more than 100 countries, where Alberta showcased our energy, minerals, technology, and investment opportunities to global leaders. At a time of global uncertainty and energy supply challenges, Alberta used this platform to reinforce a simple message: we are a secure, reliable, and responsible energy partner. By promoting Alberta's resources, technologies, and expertise directly to international decision-makers, our government helped make the case for more investment, better market access, and long-term partnerships that support jobs and economic growth here at home.

Looking ahead also means thinking about how Albertans move across a growing province. Alberta's Passenger Rail Master Plan is now complete, and our government is investing \$15 million to advance the next phase of planning. The plan looks at a phased passenger rail network over 30 years, including potential high-speed regional service between Edmonton and Calgary, higher-speed service between Calgary and Banff, and airport-express and commuter rail connections in major urban regions. Initial work is already underway to explore connections between Calgary and Edmonton's LRT systems and their international airports. This is long-term planning with real economic potential – connecting communities, supporting tourism, improving airport access, and preparing Alberta for future growth.

Alberta's manufacturing sector continues to grow as well, creating jobs and strengthening our economy. Last week, I joined the Honourable Joseph Schow, Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration, in Wheatland County to celebrate the opening of CGC's new \$210-million wallboard manufacturing plant. Supported by \$3.7 million through Alberta's Investment and Growth Fund, the project created approximately 200 construction jobs and will support nearly 100 permanent positions. The new facility will strengthen the supply of building materials across Western Canada while helping diversify Alberta's economy and create new opportunities in rural communities.

This is what responsible development looks like in Alberta: responsible energy without punishing industry, international outreach that turns attention into opportunity, forward-looking transportation planning, and manufacturing. Alberta's government is focused on building a province that continues to produce, prosper, connect, and lead.

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

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### Summer Program Session

Our Summer Program registration is opening on June 20th at 10AM. Find our full program guide on our website at [www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com](http://www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com).

**New Artists on Display – Chestermere Public Library Staff**  
Did you know that the Chestermere Public Library is home to a vibrant, multi-talented collective of creative individuals? Beyond their dedicated work in literacy and community service, our versatile staff members passionately engage with an impressive variety of artistic mediums. Our staff work with mediums such as vibrant acrylic painting, intricate crochet designs, meticulous cross-stitch patterns, textured rug tufting, and delicate glasswork, among many other disciplines. As an institution, we have always been deeply thrilled to showcase the incredible diversity of art and artists flourishing within our local community. We are absolutely delighted to turn the spotlight inward and look forward to sharing our own unique, creative passions directly with you!

### DIY Home Energy Audit – Information Session

Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and save on utility bills without breaking the bank. Join the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA) for an informative session on Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30PM covering how to conduct a home energy audit to identify hidden leaks, reduce energy waste, and uncover safety hazards. No registration required.

### National Day of Reading with Dolly

Join Imagination Library Of Chestermere for a special storytime at the Library on Friday, June 26th at 10:15AM celebrating National Day of Reading with Dolly! This year marks 20 years of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Canada. No registration required.

### Babysitting Course with Trellis

Join Trellis Society for a free babysitting course at the Library on Friday, June 26th at 11:30AM. Learn how to become a successful babysitter, care for children aged 3+ months, basic first aid and prevention, learn common behaviours, handling emergencies, and more. Registration required. Must be 12+ to register.

Registration required. Please register at <https://online.traxsolutions.ca/trellis/family-resource-networks#/search>

### Old Skills, Modern Living: DIY Dairy

The Chestermere Public Library and the Rocky View Chestermere Agricultural Society (RVC Agricultural Society) have partnered to bring you the 'Old Skills, Modern Living' series. Discover the art of homemade dairy in this beginner-friendly workshop on Sunday, June 28th at 11:30AM. We will explore some simple, approachable ways to make cultured dairy products and soft cheeses right in your own kitchen. Participants will have the opportunity to sample as well as make and take their own kitchen-crafted creation. Registration required.

### Home Alone: Empowering Independence For Kids

Is your child ready to learn how to stay safe and have fun at home?

Join Trellis for a FREE Home Alone program designed for kids ages 10 years old and above on Monday, June 29th at 11:00AM. 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>

### The Open Stitch

The Open Stitch is a relaxed, needlecraft club for anyone who enjoys knitting, crochet, embroidery, mending, hand-stitching, etcetera. Bring your current project on Tuesday, June 30th at 5:15PM and stitch alongside fellow makers in the community in a relaxed, creative space. No registration required.

### YouTube Storytimes

Find us on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@TheChestermerePublicLibrary> for a variety of storytimes available anytime!

### Graphic Novel and Manga Clubs

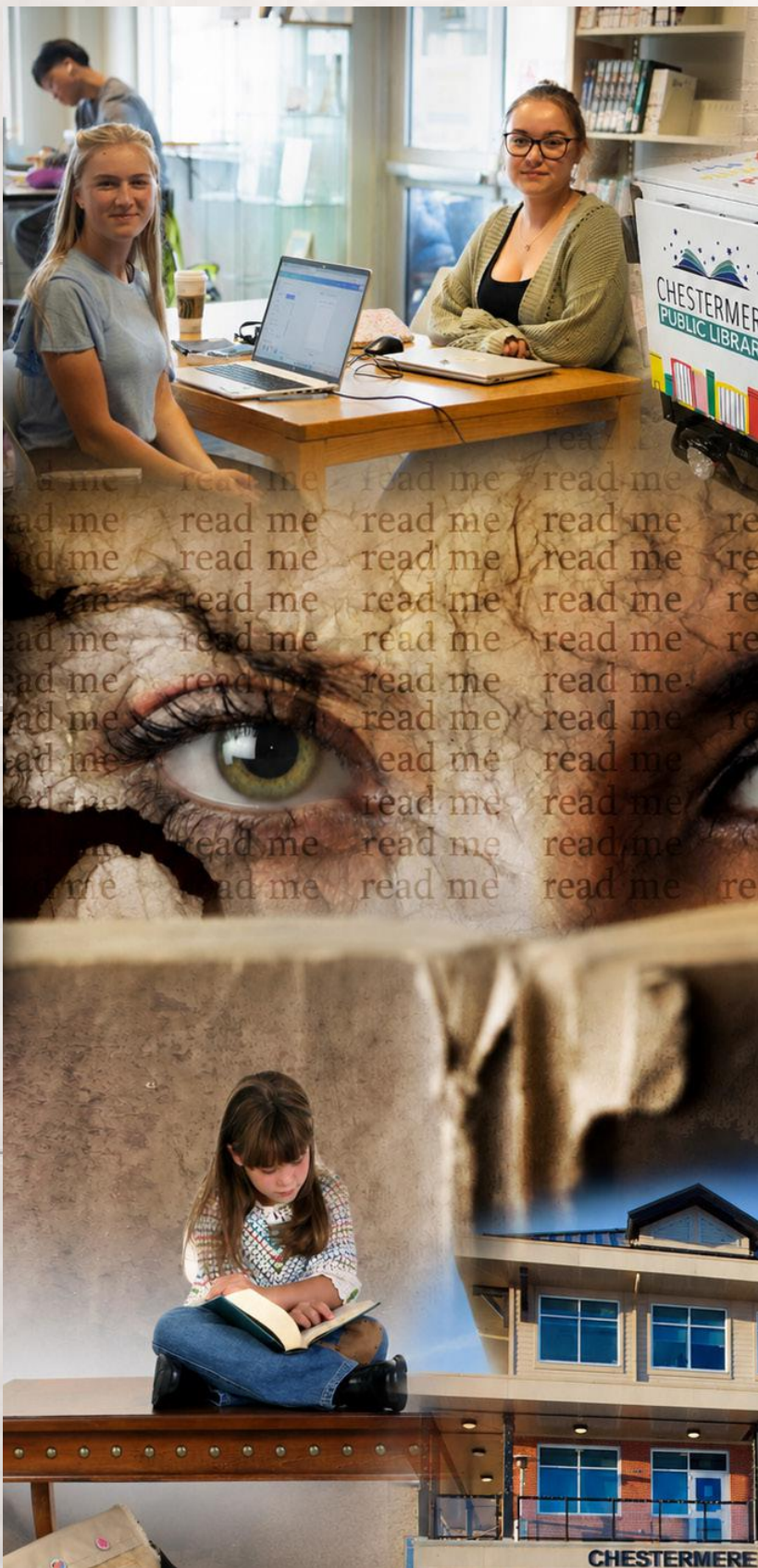
This month, our Graphic Novel and Manga club are looking at Rock Group Comics. Try something new and let us know what you chose. Join our Discord on our website to discuss this month's theme.

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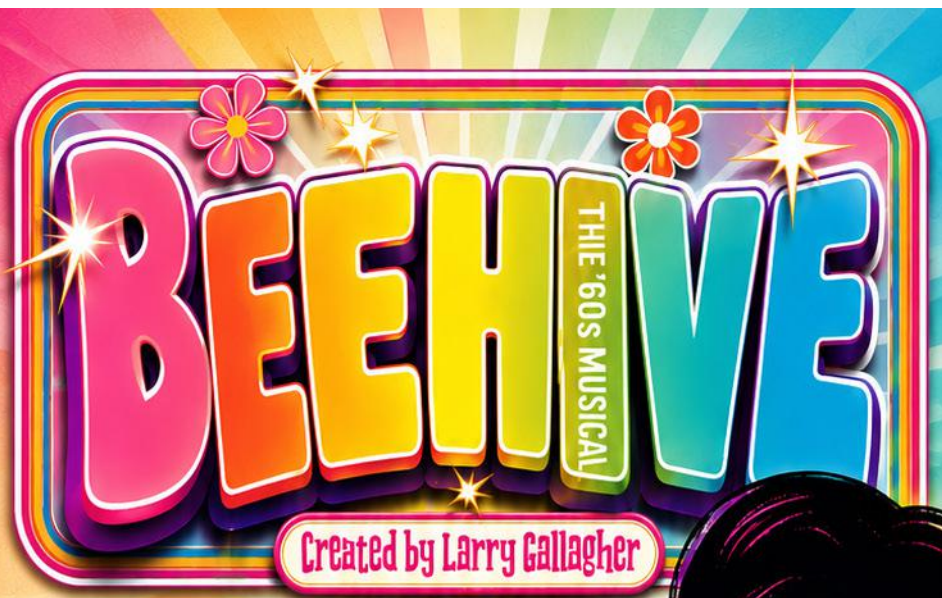
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# HOSTING VISITORS? HERE'S HOW TO SHOW OFF CHESTERMERE

*FROM LAKESIDE STROLLS TO LOCAL DINING, THERE'S  
PLENTY TO KEEP GUESTS ENTERTAINED*

*By Stephen Jeffrey*

When friends or family come to visit, many Chestermere residents quickly discover something locals already know: there is plenty to see and do without ever leaving town.

The obvious starting point is Chestermere Lake, the community's defining feature. A walk along the waterfront pathways offers visitors beautiful views of the lake while providing a chance to explore some of the city's parks and gathering spaces. During the summer months, the lake becomes a hub of activity with boating, paddleboarding, kayaking, and swimming.

John Peake Park remains one of the city's most popular destinations. The park regularly hosts community events, live music, markets, and festivals throughout the year. Visitors can relax by the water, enjoy a picnic, or simply watch the activity along the shoreline.

For guests who enjoy shopping and dining, Chestermere's growing collection of locally owned businesses offers plenty of options. From coffee shops and bakeries to family restaurants and pubs, visitors can spend an afternoon exploring the city's commercial districts while supporting local entrepreneurs.

The Chestermere Public Library is another hidden gem. Beyond books, the library offers programs, exhibits, community events, and welcoming spaces that showcase the city's commitment to lifelong learning and community engagement.

Outdoor enthusiasts can take advantage of the city's extensive pathway system, which connects neighbourhoods, parks, and green spaces. Whether walking, cycling, or simply enjoying the scenery, the pathways provide an excellent way to experience the community.

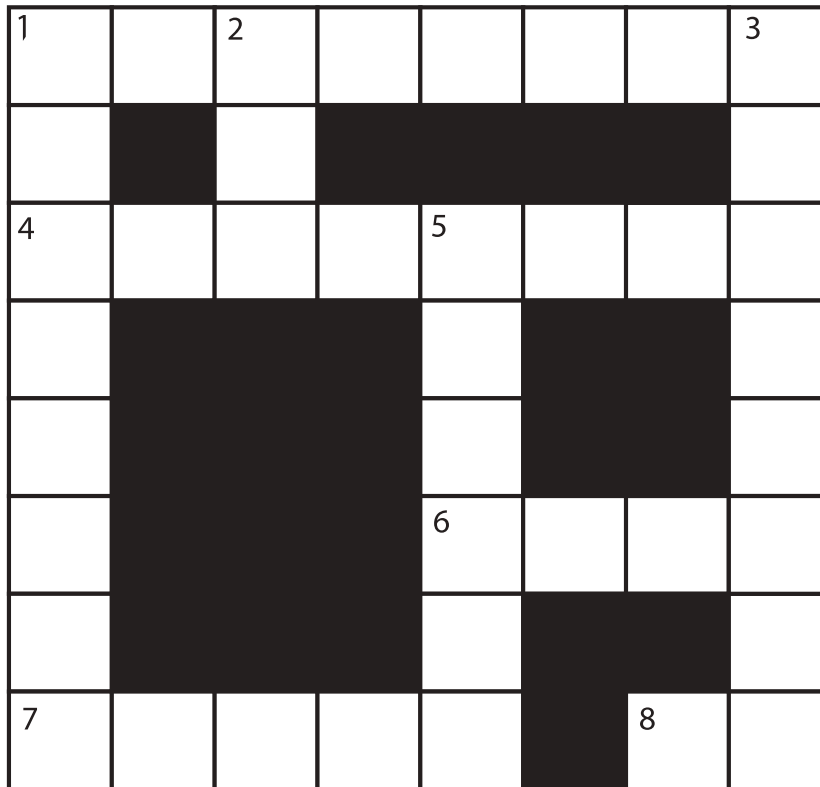
If visitors are staying for the weekend, timing a visit around one of Chestermere's many community events can make the experience even more memorable. Seasonal festivals, farmers' markets, cultural celebrations, sporting events, and performances regularly bring residents together throughout the year.

One of Chestermere's greatest strengths is its location. Visitors can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of lakeside living while remaining only a short drive from Calgary's attractions, making the city an ideal home base for exploring the region.

Ultimately, the best way to show off Chestermere is often the simplest: spend time at the lake, enjoy a meal at a local restaurant, and take in the community spirit that continues to make the city one of Alberta's fastest-growing and most welcoming places to live.



## Crossword Puzzle



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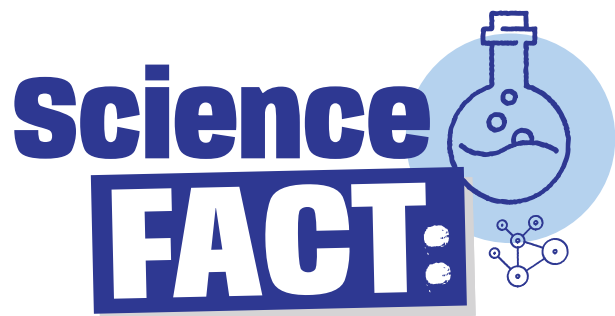
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Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau returns to space for a third time.



These buildings are designed to be flexible, which prevents them from snapping as they get taller.

Answer: Skyscrapers

### ACROSS

- Special church
- Something that happened
- Contraction for "is not."
- Impressive
- Opposite of down

### DOWN

- Structure with roof and walls
- Short for "second"
- Phrase meaning summit: \_\_\_\_\_
- Refused to obey

Answers:  
 Across  
 1. Basilica 4. Incident 6. Isn't 7. Grand 8. Up  
 Down  
 1. Building 2. Sec 3. At the top 5. Defied

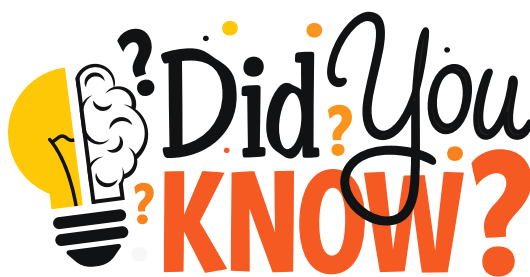


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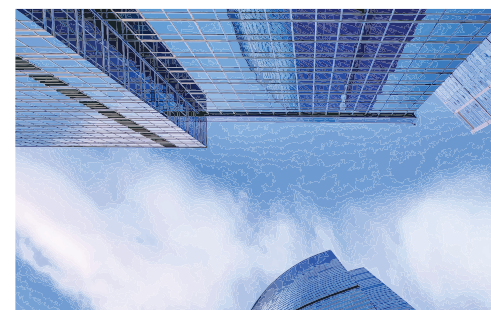
the solid rock layer deep underground that supports skyscrapers



- English:** Tall
- Spanish:** Alto
- Italian:** Alto
- French:** Grand
- German:** Groß



Skyscrapers come in supertall, megatall and superslender, depending on their height and width. A skyscraper rises to a minimum of 150 meters.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Skyscrapers

# OLDER ADULTS COALITION OF CHESTERMERE

## OACC COMMUNITY UPDATE

Older Adults' Coalition of Chestermere (OACC)

I hope everyone had a chance to declutter during Chestermere's Annual Parade of Garage Sales—or to discover a few treasures along the way. Welcome, June! After a rainy end to May and a wet start to the month, the extra moisture is certainly welcome, especially for newly planted gardens. There's lots happening in and around the city this month, and with summer approaching, it's wonderful to enjoy the sunshine and spend more time out and about.

### OACC News & Community Events

OACC was honoured to attend the grand opening of Age Care on May 22, 2026. We thank Dr. Patel and his organization for including us in the celebration. It is a beautiful facility and, more importantly, a much-needed addition to our community's services.

Seniors' Week begins on June 1, with events taking place each day and closing ceremonies at City Hall on June 6th at 9:30 a.m. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Seniors' Week in Alberta, a time to recognize the valuable contributions seniors make to life in our province. Registration was open from May 4th to May 20th, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the week's events. For the full schedule, visit <https://www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com/seniorsweek>.

Don't forget to buy your Seniors' Week 50/50 tickets. Thank you to Synergy for sponsoring this annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the raffle will support events for seniors in Chestermere and the surrounding area, and the winner will be contacted directly to claim the prize. Tickets are available online through Rafflebox at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/seniors>. The draw will take place on Sunday, June 7th, so be sure to purchase your tickets by the end of the day on June 6th. Thank you for your support.

The 2026 Mayor & Council Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held on June 12th at Lakeside Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will support this year's selected charity, the Chestermere Regional Food Bank. The event is now sold out, and we thank the sponsors, businesses, and residents taking part in this annual fundraiser that benefits local charities and strengthens our community.

On June 16th, the library will host an information session on DIY home energy audits. Presented by the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA), the session will show you how to make your home more energy efficient by identifying hidden energy leaks, spotting potential safety hazards, and reducing energy waste to save money. No registration is required, and the session will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the library.

As part of the Old Skill, Modern Living series—a collaboration between the Rocky View Chestermere Agricultural Society and the Chestermere Public Library—the next workshop, "DIY Dairy," will be held on Sunday, June 28th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Main Hall Kitchen (large gym) at the Chestermere Rec Centre. This beginner-friendly session will introduce simple

ways to make cultured dairy products and soft cheeses, and participants will create and take home their own kitchen-crafted items. Registration is required through the Chestermere Public Library website at <https://www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com/Events/old-skills-modern-living-diy-dairy>.

Whitecappers also have plenty happening in June. Thank you for waiving the non-member fee during Seniors' Week—it's a wonderful opportunity to experience the excellent programs CWA offers. Their full calendar is available at <https://chestermerewhitecappers.ca/>.

A reminder that Friday Night Pub Night does not run during the summer, so June 26th will be the last Pub Night until September.

Whitecappers will hold a casino on September 2nd and 3rd and are looking for volunteers. As with many non-profit organizations, casinos are an important fundraiser. If you are able to help, sign-up sheets are posted in the CWA foyer.

CWA's next Stage West production event is Beehive: The 60's Musical on July 22, 2026. Payment is due by July 1, 2026, and tickets can be reserved and paid for at the CWA during office hours.

The Chestermere Show & Shine is back for the summer. It's a great outing for car enthusiasts or anyone looking to enjoy the nice weather and connect with neighbours. The event takes place at Chestermere Landing every Tuesday evening and continues into the fall, weather permitting. According to their Facebook page, it officially runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., though many people arrive early and stay later. Admission is free.

On June 30th, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the library will host "The Open Stitch," a drop-in program for anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or similar crafts. Bring your project, enjoy the company of others, and stitch in good company. No registration is required.

It's block party season, and the City of Chestermere offers a program to help build connection and community. Gather your neighbours or family for a cook-off or BBQ with support from the city. Each kit includes cookware, dishes, utensils, recipe books, and a gift card to help purchase ingredients. BBQs are also available. For details, visit <https://thecityofchestermere.ca/residentialservices/block-parties/>. You can also contact Community Services at 403-207-7094 or email Craig at [cmcleod@chestermere.ca](mailto:cmcleod@chestermere.ca). It's a fun way to bring people together.

As a reminder, OACC will not meet in July or August. This break offers a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy the summer.

### News & Views on Health

Did you know Chestermere once again has diagnostic imaging services? Frontier Diagnostics has opened a clinic at 300 Merganser Dr W, Unit 103, in the same complex as Remedy Rx. The clinic offers a range of specialized services, including general X-rays, screening mammography, ultrasound, and pain management. According to its website, pain management

services include image-guided aspirations and injections.

Please consider using this service to help keep this valuable resource in our community. For more information, visit <https://www.fds.health/>. To book an appointment, call 403-444-4150 or email [admin@fds.health](mailto:admin@fds.health).

Join the Older Adults' Coalition of Chestermere

OACC – Upcoming Meeting Dates – Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 1:30PM – 3:30PM Synergy, 101 – 340 Merganser Dr W, Chestermere). It is super easy to find after you have been there once – enter through the Gas Plus parking lot and turn left behind the West Creek Mall. While walk-ins are welcome to our meetings, RSVPs are appreciated. Please email Val at [vgertzen@shaw.ca](mailto:vgertzen@shaw.ca).

The OACC also welcomes community businesses, organizations, and service providers to join our meetings as a guest speaker. If you are interested, please reach out to Val.

## OACC – Upcoming Meeting Dates

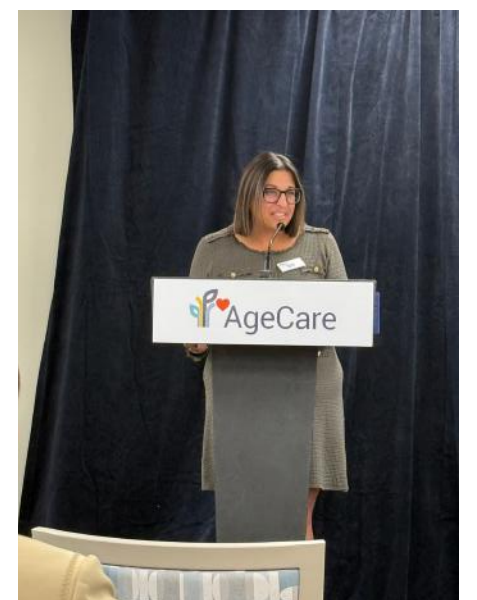
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# MY OPINION

## BEFORE ALBERTA TALKS SEPARATION, IT NEEDS TO TALK REALITY

*POLITICAL FRUSTRATION IS REAL, BUT CONSTITUTIONAL FACTS STILL MATTER*

*By Stephen Jeffrey*

There is no question that many Albertans are frustrated. Whether the issue is federal energy policy, equalization, emissions regulations, pipeline approvals, or what some see as Ottawa's failure to understand the West, a growing number of Albertans feel disconnected from decisions being made in the nation's capital.

Those frustrations should not be dismissed. They deserve to be heard and debated.

What should concern all Canadians, however, is how quickly serious discussions about Alberta's future can become disconnected from the legal and constitutional realities involved.

Recent attention has focused on Alberta's proposed separation referendum and a court ruling that quashed a separatist petition after finding the province failed to adequately consult First Nations. The petition reportedly exceeded the required signature threshold, and Premier Danielle Smith has indicated the province will appeal the decision.

At the same time, Albertans are expected to vote on a non-binding referendum question this October asking whether the province should begin a process that could eventually lead to a future binding vote.

For some, that raises hopes of a quick path to independence. The reality is far more complicated.

A provincial referendum, even one that receives majority support, does not automatically allow Alberta to leave Canada. The federal Clarity Act makes it clear that secession cannot occur unilaterally. The federal government would first determine whether the referendum question was sufficiently clear and whether the result reflected a clear majority.

Even then, extensive constitutional negotiations would follow. Questions involving borders, federal assets, debt obligations, Indigenous treaty rights, resource management, pensions, citizenship, trade relationships, and countless other issues would need to be addressed. Those discussions would involve not only Alberta and Ottawa, but every province and numerous Indigenous governments.

This is not a process measured in weeks or months. It would likely take years.

That does not mean Albertans should not discuss the province's future. Open debate is healthy. Democracy requires citizens to examine difficult questions and challenge governments when necessary.

What it does mean is that discussions should be grounded in

facts rather than assumptions.

The greatest risk facing Alberta today may not be separation itself. It may be the uncertainty created by prolonged political conflict. Businesses delay investments when future rules are unclear. Employers hesitate to expand. Families become uncertain about long-term plans.

Meanwhile, the issues affecting daily life remain unchanged. Housing affordability, health care access, infrastructure, public safety, education, and economic diversification continue to demand attention regardless of constitutional debates.

Albertans have every right to be frustrated. They have every right to demand better from Ottawa and from Edmonton.

But before anyone starts redrawing maps, it is worth remembering that Canada's constitutional framework was designed to make major changes difficult. That may be frustrating for some, but it also protects stability for everyone.

Political passions can rise and fall quickly. Constitutional reality tends to move much more slowly.

And that reality deserves a place in the conversation.



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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

### The Chestermere Fine Art Guild

The Chestermere Fine Art Guild meets every Thursday at 1pm, at the Synergy Building, 101-340 Merganser Drive West, and have classes on the first and third Monday at 7:00 pm. Come and explore your artistic potential. We welcome new members beginner to advanced. Like us on Facebook and/or email [chestermereartguild@gmail.com](mailto:chestermereartguild@gmail.com)

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Solve the code to discover words related to the pollinators.  
 Each number corresponds to a letter.  
 (Hint: 26 = O)

**A. 6 26 4 4 13 17 9 7 26 19**

*Clue: Carries pollen*

**B. 11 4 26 25 16 19**

*Clue: Contains petals*

**C. 22 19 26 25 7 23**

*Clue: Getting bigger*

**D. 24 4 26 26 5 8**

*Clue: Flowering*

Answers: A. pollinator B. flower C. growth D. blooms

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the pollinators.

**E S E B**

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Answer: Bees

## GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in South Korea on June 16, 1972. I first rose to fame in a film franchise opposite Kal Penn. I also portrayed a character in the reboot of the "Star Trek" franchise. I made history as the first Asian American actor to star in a mainstream Hollywood thriller.

Answer: John Cho

## FLOWER FRIENDS WORD SEARCH



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### WORDS

- ANTENNAE
- APIARY
- BEEBLE
- BLOSSOM
- BUMBLEBEE
- BUTTERFLY
- CHRYSLIS
- COLONY
- DRONE
- ECOSYSTEM
- FLIGHT
- FORAGING
- HABITAT
- HOVERFLY
- HUMMINGBIRD
- LARVA
- MANDIBLES
- MIGRATORY
- NECTAR
- OVARY
- PETAL
- POLLEN
- PROBOSCIS
- STAMEN

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

# HOROSCOPES

Your guide to the week ahead 



**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Management opportunities are coming your way, Aries. It is time to step up and take the lead. Your confidence has long been a strong character trait, so push forward.



**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
It's time for your inner child to come out to play, Leo. Say yes to a game night or a creative pursuit. Joy will be the primary focus this week, leading you to have more fun.



**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, patience will pay off big time when a long-awaited piece of news finally arrives. The weekend is a perfect time for walking in nature or tending to the garden.



**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, a breakthrough in your wellness routine may be on the horizon, leaving you feeling energized and refreshed. People might notice the glow and ask for your secret.



**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21  
Your curiosity is leading you down a fascinating path right now, Gemini. This could spark a new interest. Stay flexible, as a last-minute change of plans might be in the cards.



**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, artistic inspiration might just be everywhere you look this week. Whether gazing at the clouds or the buildings around you, you might be inspired to create something.



**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, emotional clarity might help you address a minor concern with grace and ease. You often project a gentle strength that helps to draw people closer to you.



**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Transformation is in the air, Scorpio. You might be shedding an old habit for a better one. You may be stepping into a more powerful version of yourself soon enough.



**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Sagittarius, it's time to share your knowledge with others, which can bring you a sense of fulfillment that you might not have seen coming.



**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Career goals are moving forward at a steady, satisfying pace, Capricorn. Keep your eyes on the future and trust the process. You're doing amazing work.



**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Social activism or community work may give you a sense of purpose that is much-needed right now, Aquarius. Your ability to think creatively will help immensely.



**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Your kindness this week will create a ripple of positivity that flows right back to you, Pisces. Reach out to a friend in need when you have a moment.

## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS



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**JUNE 16**  
Camila Morrone,  
Model (29)



**JUNE 17**  
Kendrick Lamar,  
Rapper (39)



**JUNE 18**  
Blake Shelton,  
Singer (50)



**JUNE 19**  
Atticus Shaffer,  
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**JUNE 20**  
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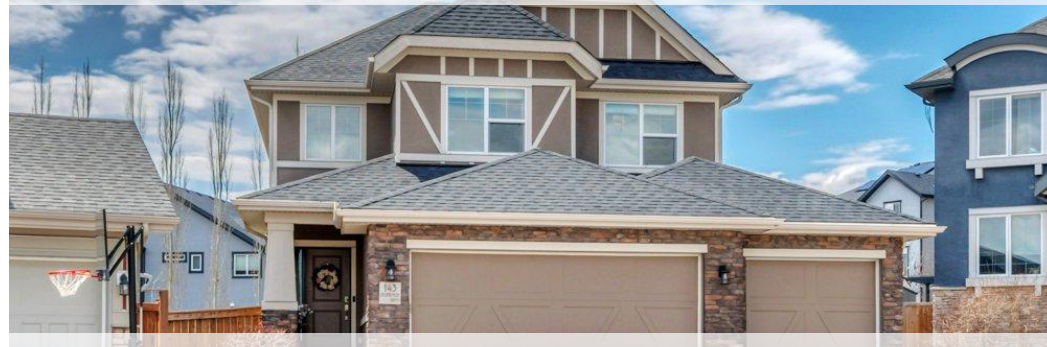
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