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Accidental Author

By Amissa Jablonski

At this time last year, local mom Pam Fouillard (nee Techer) never imagined she would be a published author with over 200 sales under her belt and with her work available worldwide.

Temporarily laid off in March 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pam found she had much more time on her hands. To fill this time, Mrs. Fouillard turned her attention to a box of childhood memories and notes that she had kept for her eldest son, Dakota, now 27. Throughout Dakota's childhood, Pam had written these notes with the intention of compiling them as a future gift and the pandemic was the perfect excuse to make this dream a reality. These words of love soon developed into what would eventually become 'Wally,' her now published children's book.

When Dakota was born, Pam and her husband, Dan, discovered that he had left hemiplegia cerebral palsy. This diagnosis meant that he would potentially have issues with movement, muscle weakness, and a number of other concerns. While some parents would have seen this as a struggle, Pam and Dan were determined not to let Dakota be limited by the diagnosis. The Fouillards never treated the cerebral palsy as a disability and Dakota thrived in this environment. For example, they enrolled Dakota in 4-H when he was old enough and he showed his approximately 1200-pound steer, just like his clubmates. He is now a Red Seal Journeyman Millwright and coming into his own in his adulthood.

As she moved into the March lockdown, Pam began building her story of what would become 'Wally'. She originally started crafting the book as a Christmas gift for Dakota and both his grandmothers. She connected with another Thorsby alumna, Jeanine Kuva (nee Brod), who is well-known for her artistic talents, to illustrate the gift. Jeanine took the photos contained in the memory box and developed images based on them and Pam's notes to Dakota. It was these illustrations that really helped bring 'Wally' to life and Pam was grateful that Jeanine's talent helped her nail down the story she wished to tell. When the book was completed in November, Pam ordered four copies, one for each of the intended recipients and one for herself. She showed her copy to friends and family who then encouraged her to see if it was possible to publish it. With Dakota's permission, she began the process of publishing, eventually reaching a deal with Amazon.

While publication was never her intent when she began tucking away those notes and photos into the memory box, Pam is pleased with the final result. She hopes that anyone who reads 'Wally' is left with the messages that you cannot judge someone at face value and that you need to accept people for who they are. Now that she is a published author, she is not sure if she would seek to write another book; however, if she is inspired by the right story, she just might try!

'Wally' is available for purchase on Amazon, for loan at the Thorsby Municipal Library, and at numerous schools throughout the Black Gold School Division.

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Help set priorities for Leduc and Thorsby/ Breton RCMP

The Leduc and Thorsby/Breton RCMP set policing priorities each year to ensure that - in addition to responding to calls for service - members focus on the policing topics most important to the public.

Leduc County is assisting the RCMP to conduct a two-minute survey to ensure RCMP priorities align with those of area residents.

Take the survey by Feb. 28 at
surveymonkey.com/r/RCMP2021

Basic Zoom tools for beginners

Are you new to Zoom? Join Leduc County Family and Community Support Services, City of Leduc Family and Community Support Services and Leduc Regional Adult Learning for a Zoom course for beginners! The program runs in February and March. You will learn:

- How to join a meeting on your device
- How to use basic zoom tools
- How to leave a meeting

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Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday 16 | Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 23 | Regular Council Meeting

MARCH 2021

Tuesday 2 | Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 9 | Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday 16 | Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 23 | Regular Council Meeting

All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the
Council Chambers unless otherwise stated.



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We're updating the Leduc County Transportation Master Plan (TMP), and we want to hear from you about the way you travel, the issues you face and how we can improve the way you move throughout Leduc County.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Participate online throughout the month of February.
- Use our interactive map to mark down your issues, thoughts and ideas.
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The Breton Museum will be celebrating Black History Month virtually for 2021. On each day in February, we will publish information about Black History in Alberta. Check our FaceBook page or website (bretonmuseum.ca) for further information and links, or send an email request to: bgregory658@gmail.com

Sunnybrook Community Hall yearly Membership Renewals are due. \$5 a person Or \$10 for a family. Payments can be done via etransfer to: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Thorsby Bingo CANCELLED due to rise in COVID-19.

Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst Branch: Has **Cancelled** the General Meeting that was to be held Jan. 11, 2021. No Bingo's at this time. No Social's at this time either. All due to, you guessed it...Covid. Call: 780-935-6281

Follow Thorsby Library on Facebook to learn the latest news. Visit us to renew your library card at <https://thorsbymunicipallibrary.ab.ca/copy-of-form>

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Jane 780-789-37891 or Elaine 780-221-3939

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is OPEN again - ALL COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will only accept donations during store hours. We do not accept mattresses, car seats, strollers, cribs, or furniture. All donations MUST BE CLEAN AND RE-SELLABLE. Thank You!

Treasures Thrift Shop -IS NOW OPEN! (With restrictions) Please see signs at the store for everyone's safety. Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm. Donations will only be accepted during store hours, please ensure your donations are clean. 5112 - 53 Street Warburg.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Thorsby Family and Community Support Services - PH. 780-789-4004 or email: fcsc@thorsby.ca

Does drinking affect your personal life in any way? Have friends or family expressed concerns towards your drinking habits? Have you ever tried to quit drinking, but could not manage to do so? AA can help! 5203 -54th Avenue Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780-270-7903

Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement - For concerns or inquiries email bylaw@thorsby.ca or call 780.789.3935 Ext. 21

Foot Care Nurse will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176 to make an appointment or for information.

Bus Transportation To Leduc - The 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Departs from the Thorsby Rec Center. Approx. 9:30 am, cost of \$7, call to reserve a seat: 780-848-7717.

Community Events Sign is Free to Non-Profit Organizations on a first come, first served basis for a period of one week, or less. To have your event placed on the sign call, 780-789-4041.

WORSHIP

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby is holding in-Church Worship at 10:30 a.m. Following COVID protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on YouTube.

Community United Church - 5112 - 53 St., Warburg. Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30 AM. For information please phone the church office 780-848-2227.

New Life Christian Fellowship - Worship Services Sunday - 10:30 am, Ladies Fellowship and Prayer Friday - 9:30 am. 780-789-3020.

Our Lady of Victory Mass Time is 9:00 am. and anyone wishing to attend Mass must register first with Guy Giroux at 780-940-2751. There will also be Wednesday morning Mass at 11:00 a.m. Again registration is recommended by calling Guy Giroux.

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Warburg Alliance Church is open. 11 a.m. worship service. For more information please phone 780-848-7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com.

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sat. Sabbath School 10 am, Main Service 11:30 am, Pastor Jason Williams 780-848-2271

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Thorsby Ag. Society Regular Meetings - First Wednesday of every Month, 7:00 pm, Haymaker's Arena. www.thorsbyhaymaker.com or call 780-789-3829.

CANCELLED Thorsby Senior's Supper Meetings These monthly meetings will now be held in the Senior's Centre (4812-51st Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Members are requested to bring a potluck dish. Memberships are available for \$10 from Elaine Warnock at 780.221.3939.

Thorsby & District Fish & Game Regular Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more information.

Thorsby & District Lions' Club (non-profit organization serving Thorsby & District), Meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in Community Hall Basement at 7:00 pm. For information or membership, call 780-903-1695.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Pioneer Br. 144 Thorsby is wanting more members. Meetings are every third Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at the Thorsby Senior Club 4512-51 Street at 9:30 am.

FACILITY RENTALS

Thorsby Community Centre - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety

Thorsby Senior's Centre rentals. Call Cathy Kuzio 780-719-7124.

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Kelly @ (780) 898-9636.

Camp Barvnok - For bookings, call Walter 7807172432, or Jason 7809904043, or email bookings@barvnok.com

Centrelodge Community Centre - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

Genesee Community Hall - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

FACILITY RENTALS

Glen Park Hall - For bookings call Mike at 780-919-1250.

Morrowdale Community Hall - For bookings call Elaine at 780-789-2104.

Mulhurst Legion #246 Hall Rentals - Call: Marie 780-361-7350

Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre: 780.389.2422 or rent@rundlesmission.org, you can also visit our website at www.rundlesmission.org

Sandholm Community Hall - For hall bookings call Doris 780-389-2381.

Strawberry Community Hall - Call Ollie at 780-789-2180.

Sunnybrook Community Hall Rentals: Contact Name: Mikayla, Phone Number: 306-307-2599, Email Address: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Telfordville Hall - For bookings call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5:00 pm.

Rundle's Mission - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or www.rundlesmission.org

Breton Community Center- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.com, call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at bretonagsociety@gmail.com

Breton Golden Age Centre Rentals - \$10 / hour with \$25.00 for use of kitchen or \$15/day. Deposit of \$50 required. **Call Pat at 780.696.2056**

Warburg Cultural Centre - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths, phone Linda McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly.

Warburg Legion Hall is available for rent at \$75.00/ full day and \$50.00/half day with a deposit of \$50.00 that is refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental, please contact Deb/Max 780 848 2923 or (780) 264 9217 or Nancy/Allan 780 848 7756.

Warburg Senior's Centre rentals. Call Nancy/Allan Gruninger 780-848-7756. \$75 per rental, \$50.00 damage

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- **Thorsby - 4.87 acres** - private hidden road. Upgraded 4 bedroom, 2-storey with large attached garage, 24'x26' heated hobby shop. \$675,000.00
- **Thorsby - 130 acres** - good quality farm land. \$399,000.00

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Municipal Score Card | Municipal Indicators (MMI)

Alberta Municipal Affairs has implemented a new performance measure for the ministry, and associated indicators for municipalities. The new ministry performance measure builds on the work of the Municipal Sustainability Strategy. <https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-indicators.aspx>.

Each indicator measures a specific aspect of the municipality's governance, finances or community and has a defined benchmark. The benchmarks established for each indicator are rules of thumb that provide a general indication of acceptable risk.

Publication of
detailed municipal
indicator results

Fiscal report card
improves local
decision-making.



Note: The Municipal Indicator Dashboard uses a broad range of data collected by Municipal Affairs, and includes financial, governance and community inputs that are derived from information provided by municipalities through their audited financial statements, municipal election results, population affidavits as well as a court of instances whereby the Minister may request to intervene.

Alberta's government is launching the Municipal Measurement Index to improve local decision-making and help Albertans see how local governments spend their money. The Financial Indicator Graphs (FIG) provide an opportunity for Albertans to explore a municipality's financial and statistical data in the context of the minimum, median and maximum of the same municipal type.

Find out more about how each municipal indicator is calculated and what the results mean:
<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/0bbb6b6a-465e-43b5-930c-c7f55eae3ded/resource/568bddd7-4f4d-464f-8422-883ef16cd35d/download/municipal-indicators.pdf>

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Chief Administrative Officer

ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FOR TOWN OF THORSBY

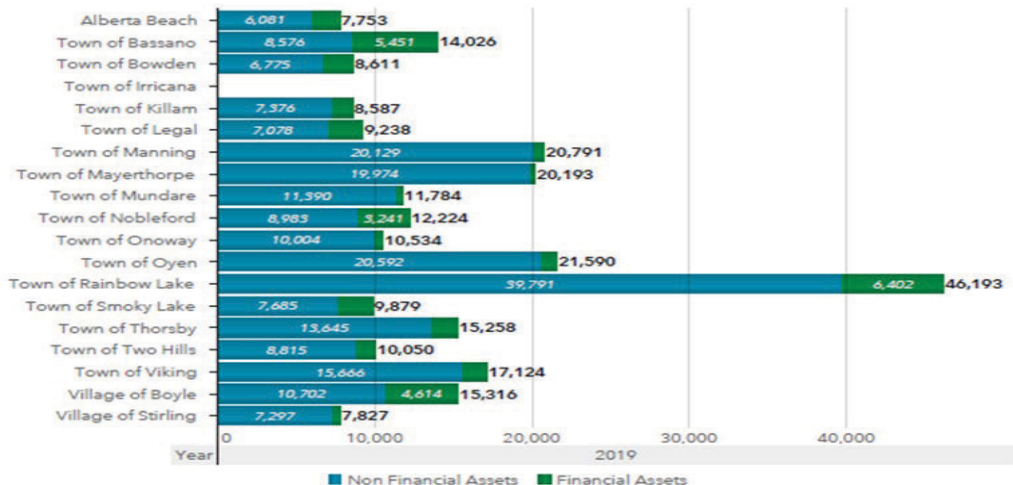
The higher the **cash** accumulated surplus, the lower the risk for a community to be in deficit.

Town of Thorsby has \$1,613/capita accumulated **cash surplus**. As per MGA, the non-cash accumulated surplus is set aside, and the municipal deficit is only based on "**cash**" accumulated surplus.

Indicator	Description	Expected Result	What It Means	Suggested follow up for exceptions
Accumulated Surplus	The total assets of the municipality net of total debt, excluding tangible capital property (TCA) and debts related to TCA.	The municipality has a positive (above zero) surplus. An accumulated deficit is a violation of Section 244 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Municipalities in a deficit position are required to recover the shortfall in the next year.	The municipality has more operational assets than liabilities, which generally provides the municipality with cash flow to meet ongoing obligations and manage through lean periods of the year where costs may exceed revenues.	Consider increasing revenues or reducing costs to provide additional surplus and maintain working capital

Accumulated Surplus Per Capita

Accumulated Surplus
Per Capita shows the financial resources (both cash and non-cash) that a municipality has available to provide

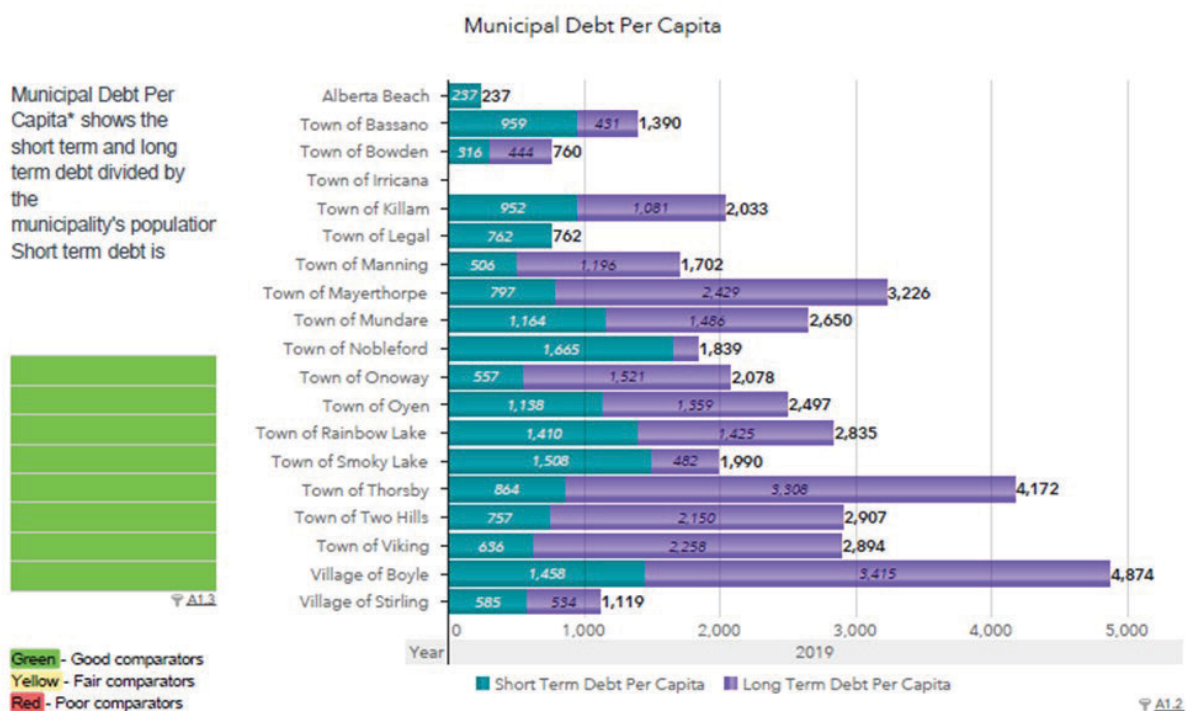
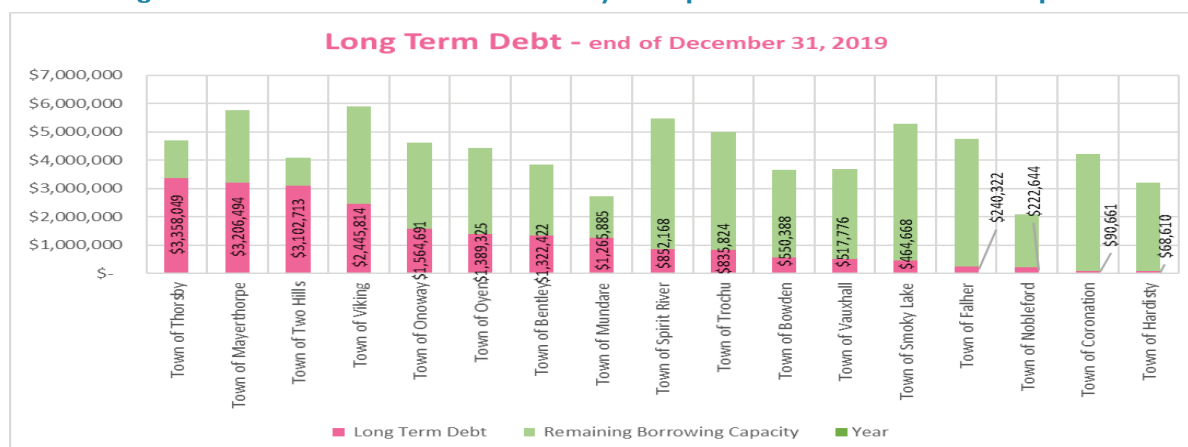


LONG TERM DEBT FOR TOWN OF THORSBY

Town of Thorsby has the 2nd highest debt per capita, \$4,172 per capita versus \$4,874.

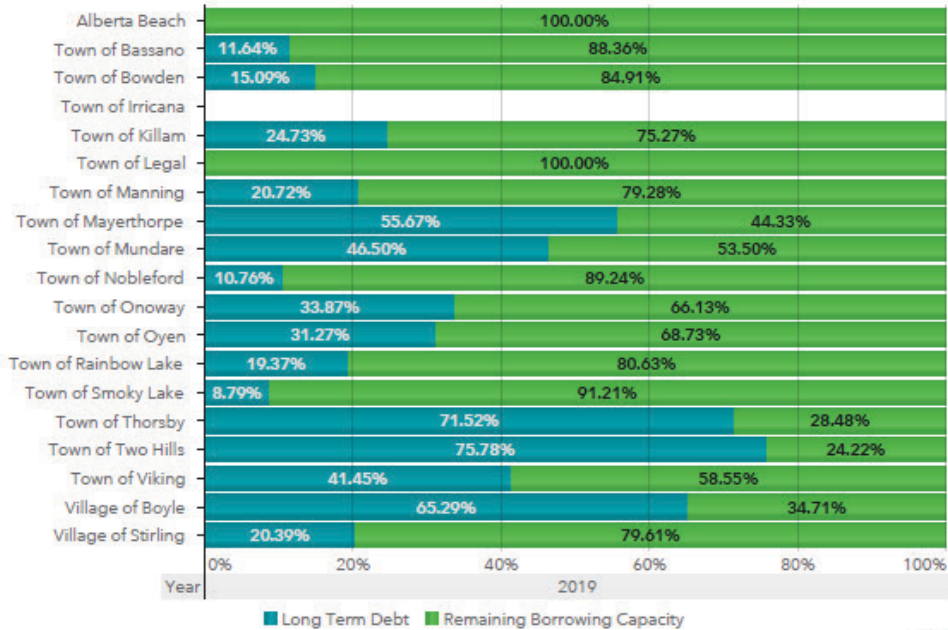
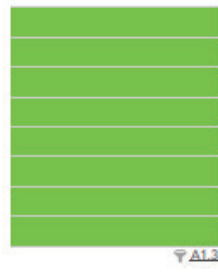
Indicator	Description	Expected Result	What It Means	Suggested follow up for exceptions
Debt to Revenue Percentage	The total amount of municipal borrowings, including long term capital leases, as a percentage of total municipal revenues	The municipality's total borrowings represent less than 120% of its total revenue.	The municipality has maintained reasonable levels of borrowing debt.	Review anticipated funding sources for debt repayments to ensure borrowing commitments can be met.
Debt Service to Revenue Percentage	The total cost of making scheduled repayments (including interest) on borrowings as a percentage of total municipal revenues.	The municipality's total costs for borrowing repayments do not exceed 20% of its total revenue.	The municipality has assumed a reasonable level of borrowing repayment obligations.	Review anticipated funding sources for debt repayments to ensure borrowing commitments can be met.

Long Term Debt for Town of Thorsby comparative to other Municipalities



Long Term Debt - Debt Limit Ratio

Long-Term Debt - Debt Limit Ratio shows the municipality's long-term debt as a percentage of the municipality's debt limit.

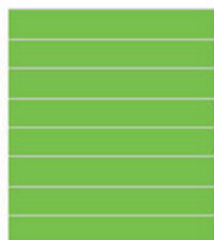


TAX BASE RATIO FOR THE TOWN OF THORSBY

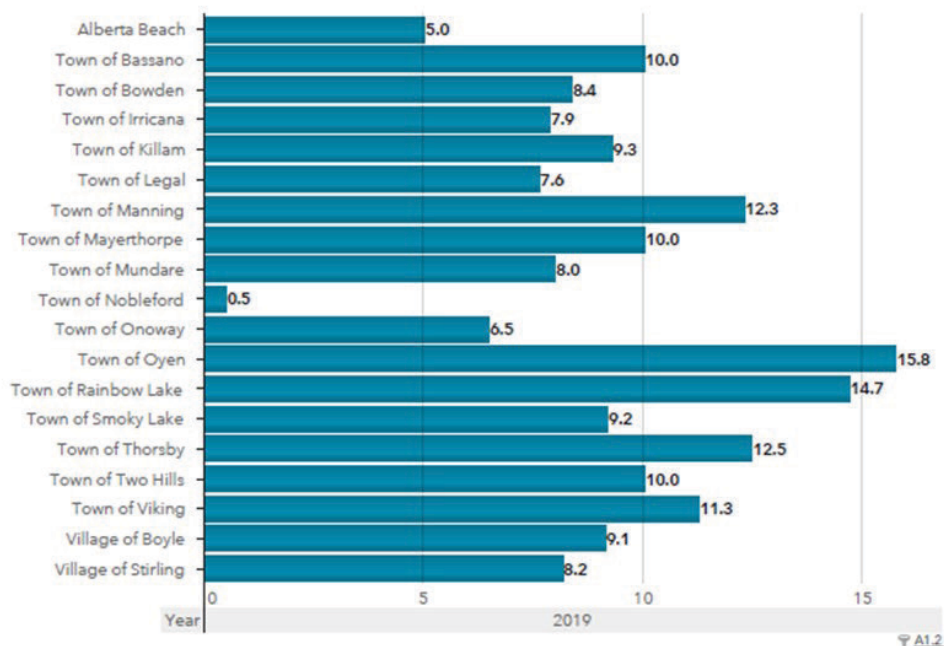
Indicator	Description	Expected Result	What It Means	Suggested follow up for exceptions
Tax Base Ratio	Tax base ratio is the proportion of the total municipal tax revenue generated by residential and farmland tax base, regardless of whether it is municipal property taxes, special taxes, or local improvement taxes.	The municipality’s residential and farmland tax revenue accounts for no more than 95% of its total tax revenue.	The municipality is able to rely in some measure on its non-residential tax base to generate a portion of its tax revenues.	Ensure taxes on residential and farm properties are sufficient to meet budgeted expenditure requirements.
			These properties are typically taxed at a higher rate than residential and farm properties.	
Thorsby				
67.16%	The tax base ratio for Thorsby is 67.16%	The residential and farmland tax revenue accounts for less than 95% of its total tax revenues as expected by MGA	Thorsby is relying 67.16% on its tax revenues	The higher dependance on tax revenues, the higher the risk for the community from the cash flow perspective. Thorsby has a well "balanced and safe" risk.
Thorsby versus Other 19 Comparable Communities				
12.50%	Residential tax rate	Lower Residential tax rate to attract increase in population.	Residential rate for 2019 is 12.5 versus the highest 15.8; the 3rd highest within the group.	Review Residential tax rates for 2021
24.00%	Non-Residential tax rate	Lower Non-Residential tax rate to attract and increase business investments in the community	Non-Residential rate for 2019 is 24% which is the highest rate for the group.	Review Non-Residential tax rates for 2021

Residential Tax Rate

Residential Tax Rate shows the amount of tax payable per thousand of dollars of taxable property assessment, taken from the municipality's

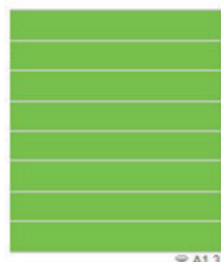


Green - Good comparators
Yellow - Fair comparators
Red - Poor comparators

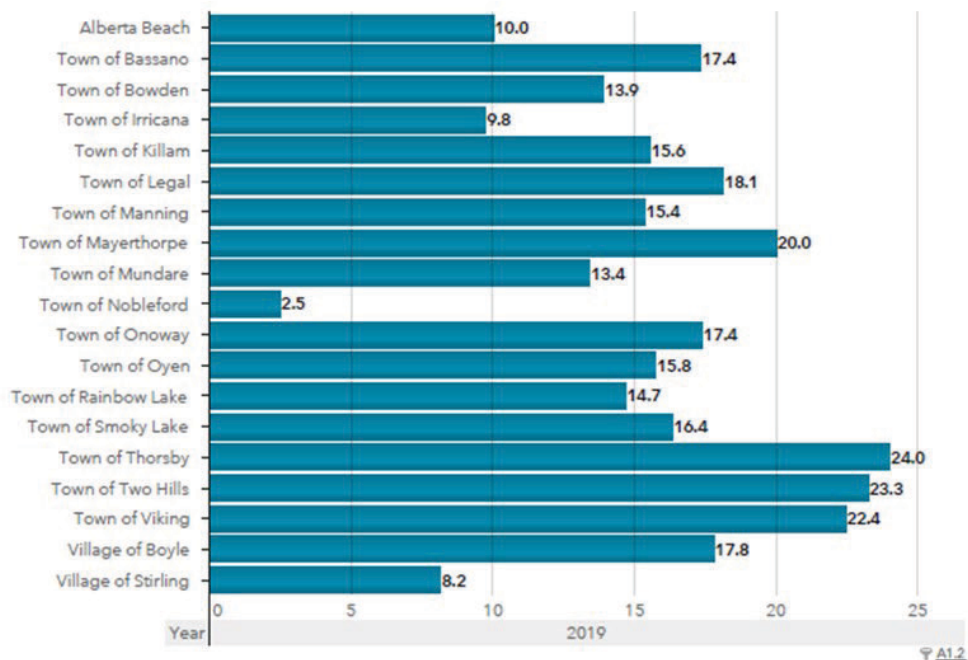


Non Residential Tax Rate

Non Residential Tax Rate shows the amount of tax payable per thousand of dollars of taxable property assessment, taken from the municipality's



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Breton-Thorsby RCMP Welcomes New Detachment Commander

Thorsby, Alta. – Staff Sergeant Dwayne Moore has been named the new Detachment Commander for Breton and Thorsby Detachments, and he began duties in his post effective Feb. 8th. Superintendent Gord Stewart, Acting District Commander for Central Alberta District is pleased to make this announcement and welcome Staff Sergeant Moore.

Dwayne has spent all of his 17 years' service in Alberta. He has previously served in Leduc, Edson and Maskwacis and brings in-depth knowledge of the dynamics of policing in rural Alberta.

Superintendent Gord Stewart would also use this opportunity to thank S/Sgt. Harpreet Dhaliwal who was the Detachment Commander since 2017 and who provided strong leadership to the detachment.

Staff Sergeant Moore will focus on crime reduction and community engagement while promoting and maintaining the strong ties between RCMP partners and the community at large. He is excited to take up this post and looks forward to meeting the people in Breton and Thorsby communities.



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GLEN PARK HALL CPCP WITH SENIORS VIA ZOOM

THE COVID PROOF CONTACT PROGRAM

We here at the GLEN PARK HALL need you! We have been gathering ONLINE for the past ten weeks having a great time safe from Covid 19 while gaining many new computer skills, making friends, having fun, and exploring a range of topics of interest in our club. While coronaphobia is causing panic this weekly online event keeps us as seniors connected, active, and healthy! We just want more people in our community to join in. If you are over 55 living in Calmar, Thorsby, Wizard Lake or along Glen Park Road we can help you get connected. Its free and we will not turn you away.

CALL MIKE & STELLA at 780-919-1250 to Register (get the link), or CALL RON at 780-668-2458 for tech support.

The Glen Park Hall is one of the most active and viable community groups in the area and we encourage you to join in this online outreach and see how you can benefit and help others in these challenging times.

We are online EVERY
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UPCOMING TOPICS/EVENTS

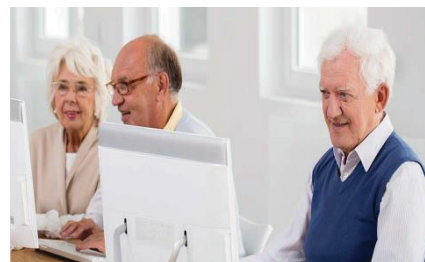
FEB 17 FCSS RESOURCES

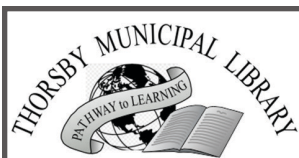
FEB 24 ESTATE PLANNING

MAR 3 FAMILY HISTORY

MAR 10 HEALTH MATTERS

Past Discussions have included avoiding scams, zoom, online banking, family search, messenger, computers, internet, travel, family, current events and volunteering.





News

From Gayle Sacuta

Thank you to the 30 individuals who participated in our Family Literacy Day gift certificate give-away in partnership with Thorsby Family Restaurant. Special thanks to Jerry for supporting this program. The lucky winner was local resident Stephanie Kuzio. If you know of someone, a group, or business interested in partnering with the library, just email us at thorsbypublib@yrl.ab.ca.

The Thorsby Library Board meeting is Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021, 7:00PM via Zoom. Library Board meetings are open to the public. Contact the manager for further information at yatmsacuta@yrl.ab.ca.

We are looking for your feedback and ideas for library programs for the year. How about "soap making" or "willow basketry" or "coffee house idea exchange" or "learn to play 3 chords on guitar" or "storytime on the trails" or "bread baking for everyone" or "community gardening". Email, phone, or follow the link from our FB page to participate in giving feedback or to sign up for our new e-newsletter alerting you to upcoming events.

The library will continue curbside service on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00AM-4:00PM. Call 780-789-3808, email, or send a FB message. As health restrictions lift, we will expand hours. Looking forward to hearing from you. Stay warm!

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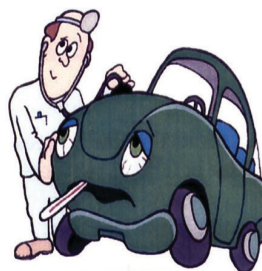
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Family Day Ideas

With the Family Day Long Weekend coming up quickly here are some suggestions to spend some time together

Turn Your Living Room into A Fort - Too cold to camp? Break out the extra bedsheets and build a tent or fort right in your own living room. Turn off the lights and use a lamp in the tent to project shadow puppets on the wall in place of staring up at a starry sky.

Visit An Outdoor Rink - Winter sports are some of the best sports, so take advantage of the cold weather by strapping on some skates and heading to your nearest outdoor rink. We have a great outdoor rink right here in the Village of Breton.

Go On A Scavenger Hunt - Played indoors or outdoors, a scavenger hunt will keep the kids busy for hours. For younger kids, simply make a list of things for them to find. For older kids, make the game more challenging by setting up brain teasers that will require a little bit of problem solving.

Go For A Hike At A Provincial Or National Park – Lots of great outdoor space in our backyard. Take advantage by taking your family to Eagle Ridge Park on Family Day.

Cook Together - Teach your children a family recipe or create a new one together. Things might get messy but it will give you a chance to teach your kids about nutrition. And best of all, they'll soon discover cooking a meal for the whole family isn't easy and shouldn't be taken for granted.

Build A Board Game - If game night is a frequent hit in your household why not spend the day making your own game? Ask everyone to jot down theme ideas, pick one and then work together to set goals and objectives for the game. Once you've determined how play-

ers win work on the rules and make sure you all agree on what does and doesn't count as cheating.

Create A Time Capsule - Love seeing your Facebook memories every day? Then imagine how much more you'll love sifting through a box of physical mementos you hand-picked as a family.

Put On A Performance - Got a budding pop star in your family? Give the kids the day to plan their own performance, let them pick out costumes, decorate the stage and sing and dance until their heart's content.

Give Back - Tired of stepping on old toys and rummaging through overflowing closets filled with clothes that no longer fit? Take the day to tidy up while teaching your kids the importance of giving back at the same time. Talk to your kids about how some children aren't as fortunate as they are and let them know how happy a person in need will be when they get the items. Let your child choose where their old items go to by teaching them about different organizations. Once they've made a decision, ask them why they've chosen that particular group.



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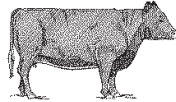
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If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

At what point can we just start using 2020 as profanity? As in: "That's a load of 2020." or "What in the 2020." or "abso-2020-lutely."

My goal for 2020 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.

Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce, and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza.... OK, I ate a pizza! Are you happy now?

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below freezing outside they closed school? Yeah, me neither.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.

I love approaching 70, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I got up and searched with him.



This robin (on the bird bath) either didn't get the memo to go south or was grounded due to Covid-19!

Thanks for sharing Darryl H!

Have a cute or funny pet picture or a wildlife picture taken in the area? Email it to media@community39.com or text to 780.887.0088

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.

It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

Marriage Counselor: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true? Me: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.

I see people about my age mountain climbing; I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

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