THE BRETON BOSTER

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2025 Are you ready to make a difference in your community?

October 20, 2025 is election day for Municipalities! There has never been a better time to run, you know your community and its needs best.

If you're considering running for local council, the Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) and Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) are hosting webinars to help you prepare for this year's election. In these engaging sessions, you'll learn about the roles and responsibilities of local office, how it compares to federal and provincial governments, and the incredible rewards that come with serving your community. You'll also get an inside look at how councils are structured, what's expected of council members, and the unique impact you can have in a municipality. They will have guest speakers from local councils who will share their personal experiences leading small Alberta

municipalities. Plus, there will be a Q&A session where you can ask questions and gain valuable insights on what it's like to be a local elected official.

There are sessions for all types of municipalities but no matter which type or where you live, any Albertan is welcome to attend these webinars to learn about the experience of serving on council.

The Villages and Summer Villages webinar will run on the following dates:

- April 23, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm
- May 6, 2025 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm

To attend simply register: <u>www.abmunis.ca/events/municipal-election-</u> <u>webinar-villages-summer-villages.</u>

- The Rural Municipal District and Counties webinar will run on the following dates:
 - April 25, 2025 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
 - May 7, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm
 - June 5, 2025 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
 - June 17, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

- July 18, 2025 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- August 13, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

To attend simply register

www.abmunis.ca/events/municipal-election-webinarrural-municipal-district-counties

The Small and Mid-size webinar will run on the following dates:

- April 29, 2025 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- May 5, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm
- June 3, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm
- July 16, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm
- August 14, 2025 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- September 9, 2025 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- September 16, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

To attend simply register

www.abmunis.ca/events/municipal-election-webinarsmall-mid-size-municipalities

"I never saw myself as a 'politician' – I'm just someone who cares about my village. What surprised me most was discovering how much impact a small council can have when we work together to solve local problems." Councillor, Village of 750



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COMMUNITY EVENTS / SERVICES

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Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks

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You can email your ads to <u>media@community39.com</u>, call 780-434-7446 OR DROP OFF your Payments & Ads at the <u>BRETON IDA PHARMACY</u>

*Please note: Ads will be picked up every Tuesday afternoon from Breton IDA so if your ad is time sensitive, please call in or email your ad by 10am Monday morning for the Wednesday Booster.



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Sudoku Answers from March 26 Issue

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1–9 exactly once in each row, column, and the nine 3 × 3 subgrids.



Wilf Brandt Trucking Ltd. is seeking Experienced Class 1 Oilfield Drivers, for Year-Round Production Fluid Hauling in the Warburg, Thorsby, Leduc, Drayton Valley and Pigeon Lake areas.

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Please email resume along with a current drivers abstract to info@wilfbrandttrucking.ca

CAREER OPPORTUNITY 2025/13 **Equipment Operator**

The **County of Wetaskiwin** is seeking applications for the permanent full-time position of Equipment Operator.

For further information and position requirements, visit our website <u>www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs</u>

Applications, along with cover letter, can be emailed directly to <u>cbrooks@county10.ca</u>.

Please include Posting Number on application.

Deadline for Applications: Friday, April 4, 2025 at noon.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY 2025/12 **Utilities Operator**

The **County of Wetaskiwin** is seeking applications for the permanent full-time position of Utilities Operator.

For further information and position requirements, visit our website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs

Applications, along with cover letter, can be emailed directly to <u>cbrooks@county10.ca</u>.

Please include Posting Number on application.

Deadline for Applications: Friday, April 4, 2025 at noon.







UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

April 4 - Breton Playschool Open House from 3:30-5pm. Email <u>bretonplayschool@hotmail.com</u> for more information.

April 4 & 5 - Warburg Ice Makers Revenge Bonspiel. Contact warburgcurling@gmail.com to register.

April 5 - Annual Trophy Night & Banquet hosted by Thorsby & District Fish & Game at Warburg Hall. Call 780-898-5013 or 780-621-2200 for tickets

<u>April 5</u> - Breton Playschool Bottle Drive Fundraiser. Curbside or door pick up or drop off at the Breton Bottle Depot.

<u>April 6</u> - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

April 6 - Divine Liturgy on Sunday at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Thorsby at 12:00 p.m. For further information, contact Dan at 780 789-3698

April 7 - Lindale Hall AGM at 7pm at the Lindale Hall.

<u>April 7</u> - Early Childhood Resource Fair at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Centre from 10am - noon. For parents and children 0-6. Registration not required, just join the fun! For more info email <u>frn@leduc-county.com</u>

April 7 - Paint Night at Winfield Hall at 6:30pm. \$45 Sign up by emailing winfieldagsociety@gmail.com

<u>April 8</u> - Attachment & Therapeutic Care Information Session at Beehive Support Services, Drayton Valley at 7pm. Free. Contact <u>stjosephshouseofrepose@gmail.com</u>

April 10, 11, 12 - Spring Cleaning Garage Sale hosted by the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex and Thorsby Municipal Library. Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-3

<u>April 12</u> - Women's Wellness Day hosted by Breton & Warburg FCSS. \$30 tickets, available for purchase online or through Breton & Warburg FCSS. 60% SOLD.

April 12 - Open Mic & Games Night at Winfield Hall at 7pm. Email <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u> to book your spot or just come and enjoy the entertainment.

<u>April 15</u> - Leduc Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting at Telford House Seniors Centre in Leduc at 7pm

April 17 - **Easter Egg Party** at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex from 3-4:30pm. Hunt, Decorate Eggs, play.\$2 per participant. <u>www.thorsby.ca/recreation</u>

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<u>April 17</u> - FireSmart Workshop: Fire proof your house, garden and community at 5 PM \$50/person with dinner included. Register by emailing <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u>

<u>April 18</u> - Easter Egg Hunt and Activities at 2pm at the Breton Community Centre. Contact Breton Ag Society or Breton Elks or Breton FCSS for more info.

April 19 - **Easter Egg Hunt** hosted by the Thorsby Lions at the Thorsby Rec Centre Field House. 12-2pm. Check out their Facebook Page for more information.

April 19 - Easter Egg-Stravaganza at the Winfield Hall from 1-3pm. Duck hunt, Easter bingo, cookie decorating and crafts. FREE! 780-621-1125 or winfieldagsociety@gmail.com

April 22 - Go Girl 2025 at the Thorsby Recreation Complex from 9am - 4:30pm. Girls aged 7-17. \$60 per participant. Go to www.thorsby.ca/recreation or call 780-789-4041 to register.

<u>April 24</u> - Robert Schmidt's Living Well Program at the Warburg Library. Contact the library for more information.

April 25 - Name That Tune "Grad Glam" Edition at 7pm at the Winfield Hall. 101 - 6 Street. For more information: <u>www.winfieldagsociety.com</u> or Facebook.

<u>April 26</u> - Rise of Robin Hood Junior Theatre Production by Miss Joanne's School of Dance at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley. Shows at 2pm & 7pm.

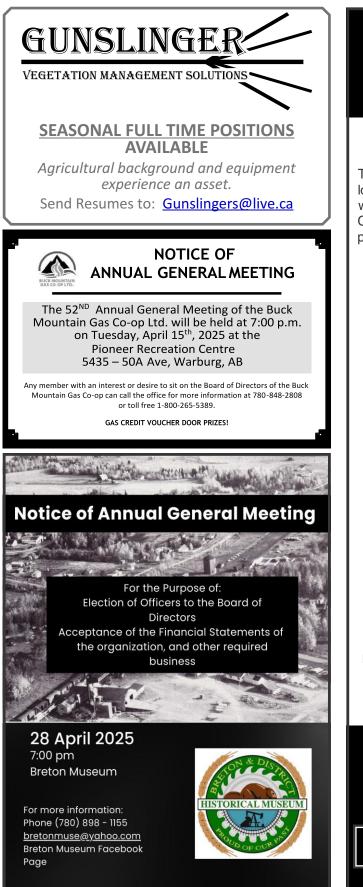
<u>April 26</u> - Kids Cooking Class - two sessions to choose from; Cajun (morning session) and French (afternoon session). \$10 per child per session, must be 10 years or older. Register by emailing <u>winfieldagsociety@gmail.com</u>

Community Events & Information are <u>FREE</u> to advertise

<u>Pick up your FREE</u> "<u>Community Connections</u>" booklet

at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office Or go online to <u>www.community39.com</u>

You will find information on our local communities including maps, contacts, rental facilities, community groups and supports and more....



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We are looking for a Community minded individual to join our team!

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- Must be organized

Please drop off your resume in person at CE Media Signs & Promotional 4928 Hankin Street, Thorsby

Open Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

OR email your resume to media@community39.com

*Do not try to contact us or apply through Facebook. If you have questions email the above address or call our office at 780-434-7446.

**This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.



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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change - Please email us at <u>media@community39.com</u> or call 780-434-7446 if we have incorrect information.

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (Aquasize or Walmart) Must pre-register. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 for more info.

CARDS & FLOOR CURLING at the Breton Golden Age Club at 1pm (\$3)

DRAMA CLUB at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. Email bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

PEER TUTORING for grades 4-11 at the Breton Youth Centre. by appointment only. Fee but subsidies available. Contact the BYC or Liam at 780-721-4658 or liamkmiller444@gmail.com

STAY, PLAY & GROW - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old from 10am -11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures. For more info 780-514-5070.

FLOOR CURLING at the Breton Golden Age Club at 12:30pm

FOOT WELLNESS services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Breton. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640

TRADE PARADE - 2nd Tuesday of every month 6-8pm at the Winfield Hall. <u>www.winfieldagsociety.com</u> or FB for more info.

WEDNESDAYS

AA MEETING - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre, 5120 51 Ave in Warburg

BRETON BOOK CLUB meets at the Breton Library the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm from September until June. All readers are welcome to join the conversation!

<u>CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES</u> at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. from 3:30-5:30pm. <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

KNIT & KACKLE - knit and crochet items for non profits. No experience necessary. 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Breton Faith Covenant Church at 1pm. Gaylene 780-696-3597

MOVIE AFTERNOONS on Wednesdays at the Breton Library from 3:30 - 4:50pm. All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

THURSDAYS

<u>CRAFT NIGHT FOR ADULTS</u> every second Thursday of the month at the Breton Library from 5-8pm. 780-696-3740 for info. **CHILDREN'S STORY TIME** at the Breton Municipal Library on

Thursdays from 11:15am - 11:45am **ADULT EXERCISE PROGRAM** - Thursday mornings at the

Breton Community Centre from 9-10am, Drop In \$2.

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS at the Buck Lake Seniors Centre from 11am - 12pm. Drop in \$2. Call Erin at 780-352-3321 for more info.

TACO THURSDAYS at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. from 3:30-6pm.

FRIDAYS

JAM DANCE & CARDS NIGHT at the Buck Creek Community

Hall the first Friday of every month.

FREE COMMUNITY BOWLING NIGHT at Alder Flats Western Pioneers Seniors Centre on Fridays starting at 7pm until April 18. Call 780-388-3793 or 780-542-0057 to book your lane.

MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 4:15 - 6:15pm.

SATURDAYS

<u>CRIB</u> at the Breton Golden Age Club on Saturdays at 12:30pm. Contact Larry at 780-975-8755

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

<u>WELCOME TO BRETON</u> - We want to help newcomers feel welcome by giving you a package of promotional and informational items from local businesses and community organizations. We look forward to meeting you! Call or text: Diane - 780-514-4273

MEMORIAL PLAQUE - Anyone wanting to put their loved ones name on the memorial plaque at the Breton Cemetery can contact Diane with the Breton Royal Purple Elks at 780-514-4273 for more information.

TABS FOR TOTS - The Breton Elks collect the tabs off beverage cans and other recyclable metals. This is sold for scrap and the funds help local hospitals. To donate your tabs or other recyclable metals please call 780-696-3800

BRETON YOUTH CENTRE is volunteer run located at the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre downstairs from the Breton Library. All activities are FREE! All kids grade 6-12 are welcome. Contact them at <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

<u>COMMUNITY CALENDARS</u> - FREE! Pick up at the Village of Breton Office or the Breton Municipal Library located in the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre at 4916 - 50 Avenue.

<u>BRETON FOOD BANK</u> - provides food hampers to community families who are struggling to place food on their tables due to tough economic times and/or circumstances beyond their control. Not a permanent food source but they provide hampers as a hand up during difficult times. Call 780-696-3669 and leave a voice mail in box #3 if you need help or to donate. Located at the Breton Faith Covenant Church.

COMMUNITYGROUPS&MEETINGS (Breton&Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

BRETON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Monthly meetings the 4th Monday at 7pm at the Breton Museum. Jan-June & Sept-Nov. 780-898-1155 or <u>bretonmuse@yahoo.com</u>

BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). Contact Pat at 780-696-6557 for more info.

BRETON ROYAL PURPLE ELKS NO. 285 - the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Community Hall (except July & August) 780-514-4273 or bretonrp285@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD - Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm (except July & August) 780-696-3740 or <u>bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca</u>

THURSDAYS

BRETON AG SOCIETY - Meets the second Thursday of every month (except July & August) at 7pm at the Community Centre. 780-202-0140 or bretonagsociety@gmail.com

BRETON ELKS 402 - at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month (except July & August) at the Community Centre. 780-898-3557 or bretonelks402@gmail.com





Wow winter just doesn't want to go away. Lucky for us Easter is still a few weeks away and hopefully it will be feeling a bit more like spring by then.

<u>July 1 – Canada Day Celebrations</u> will be here before we know it. If you or a group you are with are planning activities or would like to be involved in the day, please contact the Village office with your ideas. It only takes a bit of time to put something together to add to the fantastic celebration in the community.

The Adult Exercise Program continues for a few more weeks, now going into May. Watch for more details. This class runs from **9 - 10:00am on Thursday mornings**. Equipment is provided. Focus on toning, balance, increased mobility, strength gains, and increased flexibility. Participants can do the exercise standing or sitting, which ever their ability will allow. Facilitated by Cassie Kreil a certified instructor. Participants will be asked to pay a small fee of \$2/class. Join today and start to get fit with friends. This is a drop-in group so you are welcome to start attending at any time throughout the year.

Brighter Futures Stay, Play & Grow – **Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30am**. Hosted by Brighter Future's, held at Faith Covenant Church, 4712 – 53 Ave. Children 0–6 can burn off all that extra energy with physical activity. Drop in. Free. 780-514-5070 for info.

Breton Youth Centre – A fun and safe place for youth Grades 6-12 to hang out, try new activities. Located in the Breton Civic Centre. Activities are advertised on social media. Volunteer run. Some activities have included Movie nights, Crafts, Taco Thursdays, Games, Music, Bible & Pizza Time, Drama Club. Everyone welcome.

Kindness Project 2025 -

Still time to get your nominations in for March. A reminder that the nominations must be for a "Act of Kindness". Thank you to those that have made nominations and those that are showing such kindness.

Throughout 2025 we are asking you to let us know who has shown you Acts of Kindness. There are a couple of ways you can share with us:

- Send an email to <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>. Include the Act of Kindness, whom it was done by and their contact information along with your name and contact information.
- Drop by the Village office or the Breton Municipal Library and complete a form

Once a month we will select random entries to be awarded gift certificates to local businesses for their gestures.

70% Of Our Tickets Are SOLD for the Breton & Warburg Women's Wellness Day – Saturday April 12, 2025. Join us in Breton for a day filled with learning, laughter, great food, shopping and time for yourself. Gather your girlfriends, sisters, mom and older daughters and join us for a day to welcome Spring and give yourself some self-care.

Tickets are available at the Village of Breton or the Village of Warburg. Or you can fill out our online application at <u>www.forms.gle/kMdYv8wUC3ZqrEjy6.</u>

Applications can't be filled out until March 3 online. Payment can be made by e transfer to <u>admin@breton.ca</u>

If applying online your tickets will be at the door on the day of the event. Your \$30 ticket includes:

- Keynote Jodie Baulkham Moving through adversity and building self-awareness to enhance resilience.
- Group Session Self Defense Impact Martial Arts
- Lunch by Starkist Catering
- Your choice of 2 select A sessions.
 - Select A Session I
 - Bra Necessities
 - Herbal Medicine Back Yard Herbal Anita Berger
 - Financial Foundations: Strengthening Women's Financial Health
 - Select A Session II
 - Menopause Myths
 - The Art of Tallow
 - Vacations on a Budget
- Boutique on your Street Fashion Show

Community Easter Event

Breton FCSS together with the Breton Agricultural Society and the Breton ELKS invite you to join us on Friday April 18,2025 at 2:00 pm at the Breton Community Centre – outside for some fun spring activities.

- **Petting Zoo** 1:00 3:00 pm
- Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 pm
- Old Fashion Games following the Egg Hunt
- Easter Bonnet Contest decorate a hat and show it off at the Community Easter event. Enter as an individual, family or team.
- **Coloring Contest** pick up your coloring sheets at the Breton Library, ATB or the Village office. Age categories are 6 & under, 7 11, 12 15, 16 adult. Drop off completed sheets by April 11 at ATB. Winners will be notified.

We could use a few VOLUNTEERS for our Community Easter Event. If you would like to help with some of the games or activities that day, please contact us at <u>fcss@breton.ca</u> or 780-696-3636.

Breton FCSS & Area continued on next page...

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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT – Are you energetic, can work independently, hardworking and love to spend time with youth of all ages? We are currently looking for 2 individuals that would like to work in our summer program. You would be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program. The positions are approximately 20 – 30 hours / week, from June 26 – August 28. Most hours are during the day Tuesday– Thursday but the occasional evening may be required. There is some flexibility in the work days. Preference will be given to students 17+. A valid driver's license is required and First aid is an asset. Please submit resumes to Breton FCSS at the Village of Breton office, by email to fcss@breton.ca or Fax to 780-696-3590, by April 21

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – FREE **INCOME TAX PREPARATION** - For low income persons, families, seniors and students. Although this is something that most of us would like to avoid thinking about and doing, I am afraid that this is unavoidable. You need to file your income tax each year, even if you have no income to report. By doing this you may receive benefits that you did not know you were eligible for. Also, in the event of the death of your spouse, benefits can easily be transferred to you, if you have filled a return for the last calendar year. If you did not file a tax return in 2024 you may not be receiving benefits from the government that you are eligible for. The focus of the Community Volunteer Tax Program is to assist those individuals who have limited income. This includes seniors, families, and students. If your income was approximately in one of the following categories, you may qualify for assistance.

*1 person - \$35,000/*Couple \$45,000/*Family - \$52,500 We are not able to complete returns with income from the following sources: Capital Gains or Losses, Farming Income, Rental Income, Self-Employment, Interest exceeding \$1,000, Bankruptcies, Deceased Persons

This service is FREE to those who qualify. If you require this service, please gather your information, and bring it to the Village of Breton office Monday to Thursday between 8:30am-4pm.

Clients will be notified when your return is completed. The program will run from March 3 – April 30, 2025.

We require the following information to complete your return:

- Personal Information (Social Insurance Number, Birth date, Marital Status, Address)
- Dependent's information spouse/ children's names, birthdates.
- All "T" Slips (T4's, T4A, OAS etc.)
- All Forms, Schedules, and Labels you have received from Revenue Canada.
- Receipts for any expenses such as medical, moving, tuition, sporting activities. Printouts from your pharmacist are available for those with numerous prescriptions.



Annual General Meeting

April 10,2025 7pm at the Buck Creek Hall

All members are urged to attend

- Must be a sign contract holder for voting privileges
- Will be available to get contract signed an hour earlier - you will know if you are a member if the Lindale REA Logo is on your power bill
- Three directors up for re-election
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Contact the Brazeau County office for more information

780-542-7777

Request forms available at the Brazeau County Office

Application Deadline May 1st

IMPORTANT DATES

April 7 | Budget Meeting | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. April 8 | Budget Meeting | 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m April 14 | All About Trees workshop | 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 15 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m. April 16 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 1:00 p.m. April 18 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Good Friday April 21 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Easter Monday May 1 | ALUS PAC meeting 9:00 a.m.











Cody Brooks Councillor Div. 3 780-898-9526 brooks@brazeau.ab.ca



Kara Westerlund Councillor Div. 4 780-898-4561



Anthony Heinrich Councillor Div. 5 780-696-2468







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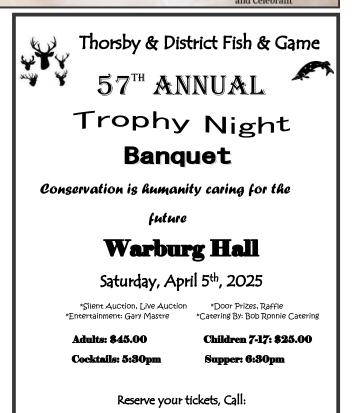


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WHAT IS A BILLION?

Submitted by email, found on the internet

This is true and rather hard to really understand.

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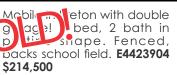


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ALBERTA IS ENDING THE PHOTO RADAR CASH COW

Alberta News, March 27, 2025

Alberta's government is fulfilling its promise to end Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) in select locations while enhancing safety with a new Traffic Safety Fund.

For years, Alberta has had the most ATE sites of any jurisdiction in Canada with many serving as a "cash cow," generating millions of dollars in revenue with no clear evidence they were improving traffic safety. Now, following thorough consultation and review of existing ATE sites, Alberta's government is making significant changes to restore public trust in the use of photo radar.

Effective April 1, the updated ATE Technology Guideline will prohibit photo radar on numbered provincial highways and connectors, restricting it only to school, playground and construction zones. Intersection safety devices in Alberta will also be limited to red light enforcement only, ending the "speed-on-green" ticketing function.

"We have officially killed the photo radar cash cow and the revenue-generating "fishing holes" that made Alberta the biggest user of photo radar in Canada. The updated guideline will ensure that photo radar is used for safety only. The new provincial traffic safety fund will support municipalities in physical improvements at key intersections, helping to reduce traffic risks and enhance safe roads." Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

Alberta's government has also created a new \$13million Traffic Safety Fund for municipalities to upgrade local roads and intersections that pose demonstrated safety risks. Details will be made available on how to apply for the Traffic Safety Fund, once the application process has been finalized.

"This shift ensures that photo radar is used where it matters most – near schools, playgrounds and construction zones. Traffic enforcement should be about protecting people, not generating revenue. The new Traffic Safety Fund gives municipalities the tools to make targeted improvements to roads and intersections with real safety concerns. Keeping Edmontonians safe on our streets must always remain the priority." Tim Cartmell, Pihêsiwin councillor, City of Edmonton

"Shifting photo radar to playgrounds and construction zones enhances safety where it matters most – protecting our children and workers on Calgary's roads. I'm proud to back this important step toward safer communities." Dan McLean, Ward 13 councillor, City of

Calgary

"The Traffic Safety Fund is a welcome addition to the overall funding available to municipalities. The Rural Municipalities of Alberta support a dynamic approach to managing traffic safety." Kara Westerlund, president, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

Municipalities are encouraged to use traffic calming measures instead of photo radar but may request provincial approval for an exemption to the photo radar ban in high-collision locations. To do so, municipalities must submit a business case detailing high-collision frequency and severity at the site, relative to similar locations, and demonstrate how other safety measures are not possible or will be ineffective. To be approved for an exemption, they must also commit to audit the exempted site every two years to assess the effectiveness of photo radar in reducing collisions at that location.

The updated ATE Technology Guideline also includes parameters around equipment testing and maintenance, data collection and reporting requirements, traffic safety plans, signage and public communication of photo radar locations.

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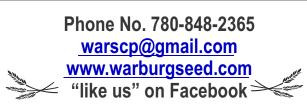
- On April 1, the new ATE 2025 Technology Guideline comes into force.
- The newly created Traffic Safety Fund will provide \$13 million over three years to help municipalities reengineer intersections to reduce collisions:
 - \$1 million in 2025-26
 - \$2 million in 2026-27
 - \$10 million in 2027-28
- Alberta first introduced photo radar in 1987.

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PROTECTING HOMES AND BUSINESSES FROM DROUGHT AND FLOODS

Alberta News, March 27, 2025

Alberta is investing more than \$19 million through Budget 2025, if passed, to help protect families and businesses from future floods and drought.

In recent years, drought and flooding have been felt across the province, and building the critical infrastructure needed to protect Albertans can be costly for many municipalities. That's why Alberta's government is investing more than \$19 million in 10 different projects through the Drought and Flood Protection Program to protect homes, safeguard businesses and, ultimately, save lives.

These 10 projects will help protect critical infrastructure from floods, while increasing water storage to reduce the impacts of drought and build other necessary projects across the province.

"Albertans have seen first-hand the impacts that floods and drought can have on our communities and livelihoods. This funding is helping communities build the next generation of drought and flood mitigation projects. While we can't change the weather, we can help protect families, businesses and communities for years to come." Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

This funding will help eight municipalities and two First Nations build projects designed to keep homes and businesses dry, ensure critical infrastructure remains operational during emergencies and maintain reliable access to water. This includes community upgrades such as:

- Building a retaining wall to protect the Slave Lake Airport and Helitack Base during floods.
- Constructing a berm to safeguard Siksika Nation's newly constructed Washington Sewage Lagoon and other local infrastructure.
- Building 300 metres of shoreline protection along the South Saskatchewan River to protect the Medicine Hat Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Stopping erosion along Carrot Creek to help protect infrastructure in St. Albert.
- Creating a naturalized stormwater management pond in St. Paul to reduce drought risks and improve water quality.
- Improving flood protections in the Calgary area by replacing the Landon Ditch with a system to manage stormwater and guard infrastructure.

"By investing in preventative erosion measures now, we

will be minimizing the impacts of large storm events for St. Albertans and our municipal neighbors in the future. It is through partnerships with the Government of Alberta such as these that we can efficiently build resilient communities across the province." Cathy Heron, mayor, St. Albert

"Lake Elizabeth and its surrounding natural space are a treasured part of our city. Rising water levels over the past decade have eroded the shoreline, flooded natural areas, and threatened both private property and city infrastructure. The Drought and Flood Protection grant is critical to stabilizing the water levels and restoring these valuable natural spaces, ensuring that Lake Elizabeth remains a community asset for generations to come." Grant Creasey, mayor, City of Lacombe

"This is good news for the county, as we work to manage surface storm water issues for the benefit of all residents." Bart Guyon, reeve, Brazeau County

"The investment confirmed by the Government of Alberta will help the City of Medicine Hat's plans to reduce the risk of flood damage to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Combining this funding, along with the city's contributions, will aid in providing shoreline protection, flood risk management, environmental protection, operational safety and sustainability." Pat Bohan, managing director of development and infrastructure, City of Medicine Hat

Alberta's government is investing \$125 million over five years into the Drought and Flood Protection Program, which is already showing results. Last year, the government delivered millions to counties, towns, cities and Indigenous partners for infrastructure projects, which are now underway. In total, more than \$50 million has now been invested in 28 projects through the program.

The next round of funding applications will open in October, with another \$25 million available to protect businesses, families and communities.

Budget 2025 is meeting the challenge faced by Alberta with continued investments in education and health, environmental protection, lower taxes for families and a focus on the economy.

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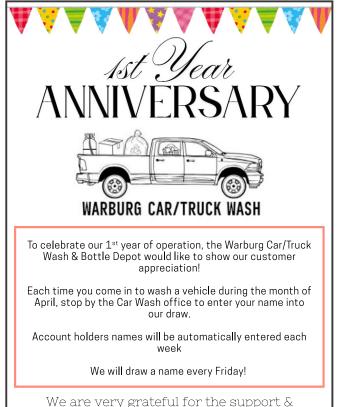
- Funding for all projects approved in this round will be paid out in 2025-26.
- Of the 10 projects receiving funding, seven are focused on primarily responding to floods, one focused on responding to the impacts of drought and two are focused on mitigating impacts from both drought and floods.
- Of the 18 projects receiving funding in round one, 10 were focused on responding to the impacts of drought.
- In round one of funding, \$5,727,119 was deferred to 2025-26, with \$5 million going to the Fort Mckay Water Supply Infrastructure Rehabilitation and \$727,119 going to the Glenmore Trail Stormwater Diversion Project.

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SAVING MONEY AND **IMPROVING** RECYCLING

Alberta News, March 31, 2025

Alberta's new extended producer responsibility programs will start saving taxpayers money and keep more waste out of landfills.

Alberta is entering a new era of recycling and waste management to keep more waste out of landfills. Starting April 1, Alberta's new extended producer responsibility (EPR) will begin reducing waste, improving recycling programs and saving communities and taxpayers money. The provincewide shift to EPR includes programs, services and communities transforming throughout 2025 and 2026, which will ultimately keep thousands of kilograms of waste out of Alberta landfills.

"This new system will keep more waste out of landfills while saving communities and taxpayers money. And we're doing it without creating more work or costs for Albertans or making them change their recycling habits." Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

"By working with industry, municipalities and provincial partners, we've created a made-in-Alberta EPR solution that helps advance our priority of responsible waste management. We're grateful for the strong support of the Government of Alberta as we work together to grow our province's circular economy through EPR." Ed Gugenheimer, chief executive officer, Alberta Recycling Management Authority

"The province made a wise decision with EPR. It is a big win for the economy, the environment, and a splendid example of how we achieve great things when municipalities and the province work together. Calgarians will see the benefits immediately in their blue cart fees, but all over Alberta people will get clearer recycling rules and less waste in their landfills. This is only the beginning of the good it will do." Peter Demong, councillor, Ward 14, City of Calgary

Reducing waste and improving recycling

EPR shifts the financial burden of recycling single-use products away from municipalities and onto the companies that produce those packages and products. By making producers responsible, EPR encourages them to find new ways to reduce waste and design products that are more recyclable and reusable.

Alberta's EPR programs include thousands of different single-use products, packaging and paper, along with hazardous and special products like batteries and

pesticides. Starting April 1, most municipalities, including all major Alberta cities, will operate under the new EPR programs, representing more than 90 per cent of Alberta's population.

Some municipalities need more time to transition and will join EPR in July, while a small number of communities will join in 2026 - some getting recycling service for the first time in their history.

Saving money

These new systems will centralize, standardize and streamline recycling among Alberta municipalities, which will help reduce costs in many cases.

While each community is unique, many communities have already indicated that taxpavers will save money. For example, Calgary, Red Deer and Lethbridge have all recently publicly indicated that recycling fees can likely be lowered thanks to the new system.

Alberta's government and the Alberta Recycling Management Authority will continue working closely with producers and municipalities to help them implement the EPR programs.

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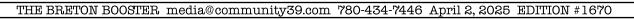
- Albertans send 1,034 kilograms per person of waste to landfills annually - more than any other Canadian jurisdiction. The national average is 710 kilograms per year.
- · EPR has two programs that focus on two main types of waste materials:
 - · Single-use products, packaging and printed paper.
 - · Hazardous and special products like batteries or flammable materials.
- · As of March 17, 99 per cent of all curbside recycling contracts are in-place for the April 1 start date.
 - · All First Nations and Métis communities have also been contacted and most have registered to participate in the October 2026 intake date.
- The Alberta Recycling Management Authority, which has managed regulated recycling programs for used oil, paint, tires and electronics for more than 30 years, is overseeing the new EPR systems.

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Total Calls for Service	217
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Collisions	19
Vehicle Theft	2
Fraud	8
Break and Enter	9
Assault	2
Impaired	1
Recovered Vehicles	3
Missing Person	1

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

Breton RCMP investigate fatal collision

Wetaskiwin County, Alta. – On March 12, 2025, at approximately 10:36 p.m., Breton RCMP received a report of a serious collision involving a Ford F250 and a Peerless semi trailer on Range Road 34 in Wetaskiwin County.

Breton RCMP located the vehicle and Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services arrived shortly after. The 38-year-old male driver of the Ford F250 was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Peerless semi trailer was not attached to a vehicle at the time of the collision.

The collision is still under investigation at this time.

Alberta RCMP wish to extend our condolences to the loved ones of the deceased.

Leduc County, Alta. - On March 14, 2025, Thorsby RCMP received a report of a possible break and enter at a local community hall. Members attended and observed the hall door ajar. After confirming the premise had been entered, RCMP located a vehicle covered in a tarp in the parking lot with one male occupant. Thorsby RCMP confirmed the vehicle to be stolen, and containing items removed from the hall. Zane Pixley-Sahlen (29), resident of Calmar, was charged with the following:

- Break and Enter with intent to commit an indictable offence
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 (X3)
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000

Pixley-Sahlen was held for a bail hearing, and is scheduled to appear in Breton Provincial Court on April 10, 2025.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

It is with a great deal of interest that it was noted that a local Brazeau resident received the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

This medal was set up to commemorate King Charles and Camilla's coronation (May 6, 2023 – Google). It is awarded for "... significant contribution to Canada... or to... community..."

Since it was awarded to Mr. Guyon (Reeve), one has to wonder about its meaningfulness. Consider the following: He leads a group that

- a. Overspent its revenue by \$35 \$40 million with reserves now at zero or close to it;
- b. Didn't follow FOIP regulations (according to a government adjudicator);
- c. Had several codes of conduct issues;
- Removed development fees to the extent that his 50+ development permits are subsidized by taxpayers for undetermined value of possibly in the hundreds of thousands of dollars;
- e. Is currently waiting for a court appearance concerning actions on council;
- f. Cannot or won't provide answers to simple questions like the "money spent on legal costs last year";
- g. As a large landowner, he benefits most from the tax rebate.

How many other counties would make the same claims?

To distort a famous remark "some award, some recipient."

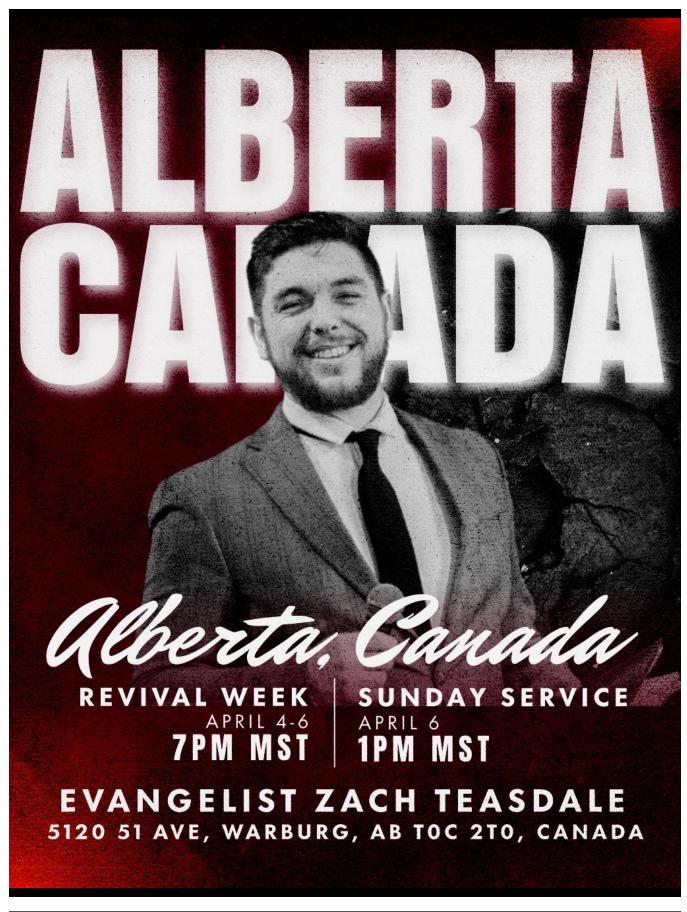
Come to your own conclusions.

Finally, it seems to this writer that the above issues (and others) would be less of a problem if the province initiated a committee (or three) to conduct random, unannounced "corporate reviews." These reviews would need attention to some <u>compulsory</u> items along with other optional recommendations.

Lynn Oberle Brazeau County March 24, 2025

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Second winter

Spring of Deception

Third winter

Mud season

Actual spring

Summer

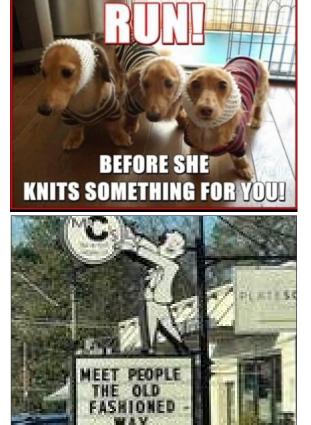
False fall

Second summer

Actual fall



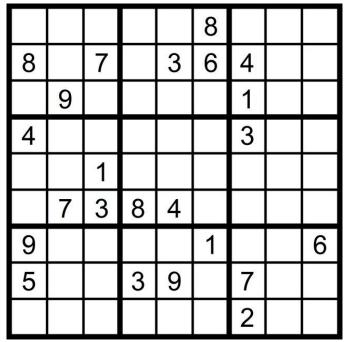
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