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## Bringing the excitement of martial arts to Spruceview Lodge



A finishing yell from Claire.

Homeschooled youth part of Whitecourt Taekwondo brought their exciting talents to the residents of Spruce View Lodge last week, leaving plenty of smiles in their wake. See the story page 2.

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# Bringing the excitement of martial arts to Spruceview Lodge

By Serena Lapointe

The residents at Spruce View Lodge had an exciting visit last week. A large contingent from the Whitecourt Taekwondo club stopped in to share some of their martial arts abilities with them. Right after lunch on Thursday, chairs and tables in the lodge's activity room were pushed to the outer edge near the windows to make room for the youth and leaders.

Master Jim Rennie led the group through several demonstrations from complex patterns, kicks, and even board breaks. Clarissa Canda Titong, Activity Coordinator for Lac Ste Anne Foundation at Spruce View Lodge, said the visit was two years in the making. "I know the Taekwondo club is busy, but I really wanted them to come. One of the residents

wanted to see them come here because it's something new for everyone here to experience."

Titong is in charge of creating and putting on activities for the residents at Spruceview Lodge and said she likes bringing in groups that can provide an activity. "I do the activities here, but it's always me doing something most of the time," she laughed. "I like having people from outside to help, especially something like this. It's exciting. It's action. I knew they would enjoy it, and they did!"

Titong said one of the residents also had a great-granddaughter in the demonstration, which was extra special. "I've been waiting for them to come because I knew I would be a proud grandma

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Some of the 24 youths who took part.



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A big axe kick from Elizabeth.



Evan with a board-busting punch.

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with her, watching them perform. We were waiting to see that. I don't have kids, but I enjoyed it. I even had tears in my eyes looking at them! They did so good! Having them here was so much fun, even for me."

Getting to watch something exciting is also great for mental health, said Titong.

"Everyone enjoyed it. They had big smiles. It really helps a lot. It puts a smile on their faces, and that's what I want most, which is to have good activities that hit the heart. I always wanted something like that to make them smile the rest of the day."

The group of twenty-four youths also gained from the performance. Aside from

feeling good about bringing joy to others, it was also a confidence boost. "Whenever the kids get an opportunity to do an activity like this, they gain confidence. I think that's the number one thing that taekwondo can offer to people. I know every parent wants to give their kid confidence, but they can't buy it for them, and you can't tell them how to do it. They

have to get it from life experiences, and this is one of those life experiences, performing in front of others," said Master Rennie.

The youth taking part were from the homeschool class. "We have about 150 students (in the club) of all ages, and about 25 took part today. Because they all trained together at a similar time, it was easy to get everybody

together, and those kids did a great job," said Rennie. "Our club is so darn busy. We have so many activities going on that we haven't had a chance to come before now. Just as we were winding up our classes for summer break, the timing worked out perfectly."

Titong said she was grateful their calendars could align. "I'm so thankful they came in

today. When I told the residents that Whitecourt Taekwondo was coming in today, they asked me if they would also be doing it," she laughed. "I said no, you're going to watch it and clap. Ha-ha!" However, one resident did get to become part of the act. Mr. Ghostkeeper was the first one in line to watch the

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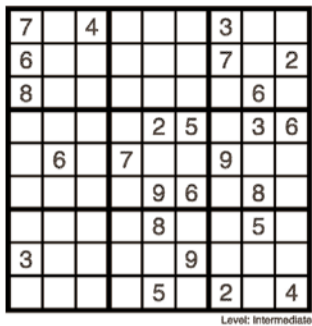
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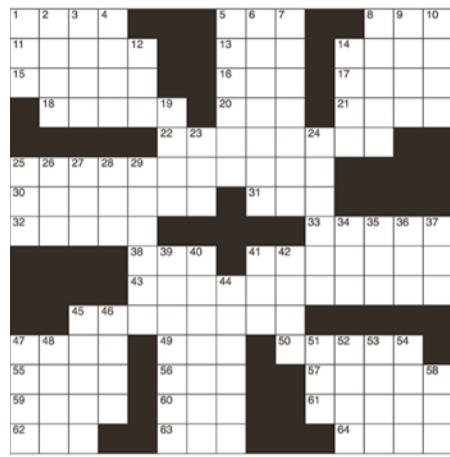
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## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Breezed through
- 5. Supervises interstate commerce
- 8. Unruly group
- 11. Backs away from
- 13. Expression of understanding
- 14. Have concern for
- 15. Monetary units
- 16. Congressman (abbr.)
- 17. Iranian city
- 18. Eating houses
- 20. 2,000 lbs.
- 21. Grandmother
- 22. They include North, South and Central
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Shuttered British entertainment magazine
- 32. One who unloads cages
- 33. Another term for sesame
- 38. Formally forbid
- 41. Make clear
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Get through
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

- 49. Decameter
- 50. Type of sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traditional Hong Kong street food: \_\_ pai dong
- 63. Termination point
- 64. Email function

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Helsinki neighborhood
- 4. Unable to hear
- 5. More rapid
- 6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
- 7. In a cagy way
- 8. Kate and Rooney are two
- 9. Algerian port
- 10. Community in Ladakh
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Town in Galilee
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Italian impressionist painter
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Chest muscle (slang)
- 26. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
- 34. Baseball stat
- 35. Pointed end of a pen
- 36. Popular sports league
- 37. Body part
- 39. Unlikely to provoke dissent
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Domesticated house pet
- 42. Untruths
- 44. Set out to attract
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 47. Repair
- 48. Genus of flowering plants
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. River in central Europe
- 54. Harness
- 58. Father

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- ACIDIC
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- BASTE
- BRINE
- BRISKET
- BURGERS
- CARRYOVER
- CHAR
- CHARCOAL
- CHIMNEY
- DRY-AGED
- FLAME
- FLAT
- FORK-TENDER
- GRILL
- HEAT
- LEAN
- MARINADE
- RIBS
- RUB
- SMOKE
- TEMPERATURE

# Party in the Park



An electric performance by the Arcana Kings.



Bag pipes and rock & roll with the Arcana Kings.



Scott Helman loved hearing the crowd sing back to him.



Madeline playing with the audience.



View from the grass.



Scott Helman.



Helman was full of energy.

Another great Party in the Park event is in the books for Whitecourt. The wind might've been an unwanted guest, bringing a chill to concertgoers, volunteers, and performers, but it didn't keep people from enjoying themselves and taking in some fantastic music. From local acts, like Analog Smokeshow, Finley and Nic Melnychuk, The Murms, and Addison Watson, to visiting acts like The Long Run: Canada's Salute to the Eagles, Arcana Kings and Jason Kirkness to headliners Scott Helman and Madeline Merlo, there was something for everyone to bop their heads to.





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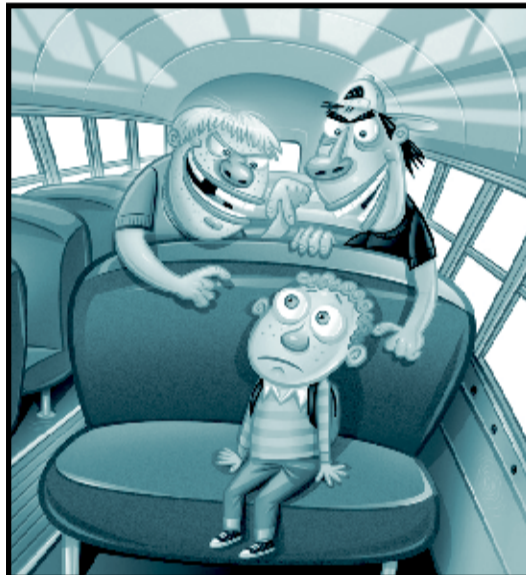


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Mitchell Barrigan

Age 16

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### NOTICE TO TOWN OF WHITECOURT RATEPAYERS

Answers to your Planning and Development Questions:

The 2024 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices for the Town of Whitecourt were mailed on May 10, 2024. Please see [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) for further details. If you have not yet received your notice please contact the Tax Department at 780-778-2273, as you are still responsible for the timely payment of your taxes.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

**June 28, 2024**, with the exception of those ratepayers on the Tax Installment Plan, full payment of your taxes must be received at the Town Office, or postmarked prior to 4:30 p.m., to avoid penalties. Please make payment in person, by mail or through your banking institution.

**July 16, 2024**, is the deadline to submit your assessment complaint. Written complaints must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied with the appropriate fee to the Town Office by 4:00 p.m. It is strongly advised that you speak with the Assessor to answer any questions you might have regarding your assessment prior to submitting a formal assessment complaint.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Current opportunities are posted on the Town's website and when required, opportunities are posted on [purchasingconnection.ca](http://purchasingconnection.ca). Currently, Whitecourt has the following opportunities:

- Project Number: **2024-06-07**. Town of Whitecourt Agenda and Meeting Management Software Closes: July 2, 2024 4:00 p.m. M.S.T.

For further details on any of these opportunities visit [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) and search the project title.



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## WHITECOURT LAND USE BYLAW

### Answers to your Planning and Development Questions:

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#### Not sure if you need a Permit?

As a property owner, you are responsible for making sure your property meets the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw, including having all of the correct permits.

Contact one of our Development Officers for a FREE consultation on your proposed project.

#### Fence Height

In Residential Districts, most fences can be constructed to a maximum height of 1.8m in rear and side yards, and up to 1.0m within front yards up to the property line. If your property is located on a corner lot or within a Commercial, Industrial, or Urban Services District, the maximum height of a fence is determined by the Development Authority. Contact one of our friendly Development Officers for more information.

#### Accessory Buildings & Structures

Sheds and garages require a minimum setback of 2m from your house (including deck) and 1m from your side and rear yard property line. Permits are required for accessory buildings or structures over 10m<sup>2</sup> and for raised decks that are taller 0.6m.

#### Businesses & Home Occupations

If you are opening a new business or home occupation, or relocating or changing the use of an existing business (i.e. from service to retail), you need to apply for a Development Permit to ensure your business is in compliance with the Land Use Bylaw. In some cases, a Building Permit and Safety Code inspection may also be required.

Our Development Officers are on hand to assist you with your business permits.

#### Driveways & Parking Pads

Most residential driveways can be up to 6 metres wide. In certain circumstances, some driveways can be 7.25m wide - your Development Officer can confirm the maximum width allowed. All driveways that connect to a town street must be hard surfaced.

Gravel, river rock, or paving stones placed adjacent to the driveway within the Town boulevard is prohibited. An RV parking pad located completely within a property may be allowed, but check with a Development Officer first to ensure it complies with the Land Use Bylaw.

If you have questions about the Land Use Bylaw or permits, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 780-778-2273 or visit [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca).

## NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Development Authority:

Application 24-049: 43 McLeod Drive – Admin Variance – Over Height Fence from 1.8m to 2.4m at the South East Property Line – Approved with Conditions.

**Date of Decision:** May 30, 2024      **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** June 20, 2024

An Appeal of the above decision(s) may be made by submitting a written appeal and appeal fee (\$300) to the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Town of Whitecourt Administration Building, Box 509, Whitecourt, Alberta, T7S 1N6 prior to 4:00pm on the above noted date. Any person(s) affected by the said proposal(s), has the right to appeal prior to the above date.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### JUNE 24, 2024 – 4:00 PM

Forest Interpretive Centre - Council Chambers  
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Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Whitecourt is proposing to:

- Rescind Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 505 and adopt new Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1576;
- Rescind Land Use Bylaw 1506 and adopt new Land Use Bylaw 1577;
- Adopt the North Flats Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1578.

A public information session will be held at **3:00 p.m.** at the Forest Interpretive Centre on **Monday, June 24, 2024**, prior to the Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow presentations for or against the proposed amendments. Any individuals or organizations may make presentations, speak at the Hearing, or submit written comments for consideration. Written comments must be received at the Town Office before 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

The proposed bylaws can be found on the Town of Whitecourt website at [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) or viewed using the following QR codes. Point the camera on your smart phone at the barcode, and tap the link to view the documents.

Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1576	Land Use Bylaw 1577	North Flats Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1578

The documents will also be made available for viewing at the Town Office 5004 - 52 Avenue, Planning Desk, during regular business hours prior to the Public Hearing.

Questions on the process or the Public Hearing should be directed to Stephanie Schaffner, Planner, at 780-778-2273, e-mailed to [stephanieschaffner@whitecourt.ca](mailto:stephanieschaffner@whitecourt.ca), or mailed to Box 509, Whitecourt, AB, T7S 1N6.



## Whitecourt Town Council updates

Phase 1 of a four-year concrete rehabilitation project for 55 Avenue has been approved. Based on assessments, the pavement along 55 Avenue remains in good condition and doesn't require replacement at this time; however, the concrete is in need of replacement. The curb and gutters along 55 Avenue, between 41 Street and Mink Creek Road, will be fully removed and reconstructed over a four-year period. This will allow drainage and sidewalk condition to be improved and will rectify any deterioration of the sidewalk joints.

**Year 1** Torgerson Drive to 39 Street (south sidewalk)

**Year 2** 39 Street to 41 Street (south sidewalk, including swales)

**Year 3** Mink Creek Road to Atkinson Crescent (north sidewalk)

**Year 4** Atkinson Crescent to end (north sidewalk)

The construction schedule for Phase 1 is still being developed, and information will be posted once finalized.

As part of Whitecourt's asset management implementation

plan, Pillar Systems has been contracted to complete the Town's asset inventory, update the Town's GIS database, create asset performance criteria, and review asset management software options.

Canada Day celebrations will be held in Festival Park on Monday, July 1. The event will include a pancake breakfast, family activities, crib and volleyball tournaments, as well as live music and fireworks. Visit [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) for details.

The Town of Whitecourt has approved the Joint Use Planning Agreement with Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division, Northern Gateway Public Schools, the Francophone Regional Authority of Greater North Central Francophone Education Region, and Woodlands County. The Government of Alberta requires all municipalities to enter into Joint Use Planning Agreements with all school boards that operate within their municipal boundaries, and the agreement enables the integrated and long-term planning and use of school sites.



A flying kick from Thaddeus.



A board-breaking kick.

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demonstration. When the club was performing board breaks, one small wayward piece went near where he was sitting, and he managed to catch it, resulting in a big laugh and a clap from the rest of the residents." He did a great job," smiled Titong.

Moments after the performance, Titong was ready to plan their next visit. "We would love to have them back. Next time they come, I can make some afternoon tea or even have ice cream so the children can visit and spend time with the residents. They would love to chat with them and interview the children about taekwondo."

Rennie said they like to do demonstrations to

help attract new families to the sport. "I'm pretty sure we're not recruiting anybody from the senior's lodge, but you never know," he chuckled. "We had the right group of kids, the right ask, the right space and the perfect timing. I'm glad it all worked out and that they enjoyed it." He added that a future visit will be planned.

"I think our community is an incredibly great community, and it's because of the founding people who have put in so many volunteer hours and created so many great opportunities for the youth in our community. I was one of those youths who grew up here and had so many opportunities that I know my friends who live in Edmonton nev-

er had. The people who provided those are many of the same people who are in the senior's lodge today. I respect our seniors. They made a difference in our community. As I look around the room, I've got connections to many of them or their children or grandchildren, and I think that's pretty cool."

Rennie said the experience reminded him of the travelling

demonstration team that Whitecourt Taekwondo used to have in the 90's. "The last trip we did was to Disneyland, but we competed across Canada with that team, and it was a lot of fun. So, maybe this will lead us to that. I know we are taking a team to Las Vegas to compete in 2025, and maybe this experience will lead us to have a demonstration team there as part of that team."



Residents enjoyed the show.

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Dollar Values as of June 19, 2024

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## New County program to see double the grading frequency on a handful of roads, increasing service levels

*Councillor  
Prestidge asked  
about the Old Blue  
Ridge Highway.*



*Councillor  
Wilhelm spoke in  
favour of the pilot  
program.*



**A new pilot project is underway in Woodlands County. Just under nineteen kilometres of roadway will receive double the grader attention they currently receive.**

**By Serena Lapointe**

A pilot program in Woodlands County aims to increase the service level on specific segments of six different county roads that currently see a grader once every two weeks. The program would see the roads receive treatment once a week instead, increasing the level of service for road users. Jeff Zhang, Director of Infrastructure Services, brought the program forward during the June 5 Woodlands County Council meeting.

Roads recommended for the program include Thompson Road (from the Township Rd 590 intersection to 583), Mountain View Road (from the Township Rd 590 intersection to 583), Tower Road (from Township

Rd 591A to 592B), and Horne Road (from Township Rd 594 to northerly end). Four stretches off Range Road 121 (Township Roads 585B, 590, 114A and 114B) to the ends of the roads in Estates of East Mountain would also increase to once-a-week grading, as would Township Road 590 from Highway 32 to the westerly end.

The sections on Thompson Road and Mountain View Road are each five kilometres, the largest of the group. The Estates of East Mountain grouping totals 1.6 kilometres, the smallest segment. The other three, Tower Road, Township Road 590, and Horne Road, are roughly two and a half kilometres each. The total for the

pilot program would be just shy of nineteen kilometres. The roads selected by the administration were chosen based on road usage and the service requests received from residents.

"This pilot program is intended to run for a duration of between one and four months. Based on the current resourcing level, it is best if a contract grader and operator be hired for this undertaking," explained Zhang. "It is estimated that the monthly grading hours, including transportation, will be less than 80 hours, which translates to approximately sixteen thousand dollars a month." Zhang added that the work could start immediately if approved. Zhang explained that the money

for the program would come from his department's operating budget. "We will monitor the budget closely. My staff will be evaluating the efficacy of this proposed pilot program to monitor the increasing level of service and road surface condition," he said.

Councillor Bruce Prestidge asked about the Old Blue Ridge Highway past the Whitecourt Transfer Station. "When we did a traffic survey years ago, it was the second highest road usage in the county, and it is usually in terrible condition. Why couldn't that be included in this program?" Zhang responded that there wasn't special funding for the program. "I know the Old Blue Ridge Highway is a

well-traveled road. We also get service requests on a regular basis, as well. However, there's only so large of a pie. The more roads we add in, the more roads we will have to take out. We are trying to find the balance between how many roads we want to run in a pilot program versus how much money we have."

Reeve Dave Kusch said the highest focus was on residential impact. "What we were looking at was based on a service call area, road conditions, and the volume of houses and people," he said. Though the Old Blue Ridge Highway has some of the highest traffic levels, the program aimed to impact as many residents as possible.

Paul Benedetto, Interim Chief Administra-

tive Officer, explained that adding more roads to the program would alter the frequency of grading but still result in an increased service level for the selected roads. Adding more stretches of road to the program would mean that instead of doubling the grading from every fourteen days to every seven, roads would see grading every eight or nine days, which would still be a noticeable improvement.

He said that though the program was made flexible, they can't increase the monthly budget as it currently stands, coming from the infrastructure budget line. To grow the program further, without stretching grading beyond every seven

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# Lemonade Day



**Best Stand: Lovely Lemonade.**



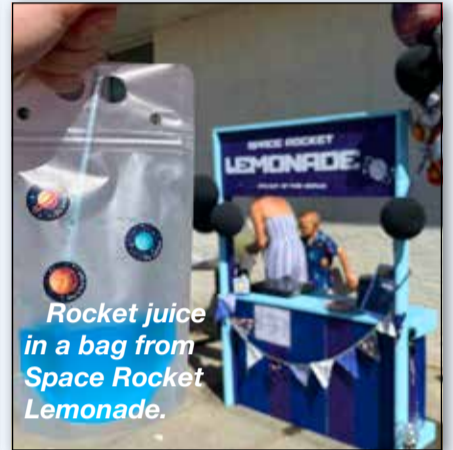
**Best Tasting: Lemonade Palace.**



**Entrepreneur of the Year: Squeezies Squad.**



**Friendly dinosaurs at the Yellow Dino Lemonade booth.**



**Rocket juice in a bag from Space Rocket Lemonade.**

Children across the country took part in Lemonade Day on Saturday. Eight stands were set up in Whitecourt, including at Festival Park, IGA, Canadian Tire, Twice Is Nice, and Wedow Park. Youth worked with Community Futures Yellowhead East to learn how to run a stand as young entrepreneurs, including getting a food permit and a Town of Whitecourt permit. Judges visited each stand and gave out three ribbons: Best Tasting Lemonade, Best Stand, and Entrepreneur of the Year. This year's judges included staff from Pembina Pipelines, the event sponsor, Councillors Serena Lapointe, Derek Schlosser and Deputy Mayor Braden Lanctot. The Best Tasting Lemonade ribbon went to Hailey and Sophia at Lemonade Palace for their orange and strawberry lemonade. Best Stand was awarded to Ava and Zoey at Lovely Lemonade, and Entrepreneur of the Year was awarded to the Squeezies Squad of Nathalia, Audrey, Scarlett, Audrey and Elijah.



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- Perform the same duties as workers supervised
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- Experience in the occupation supervised is usually required.
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- AML certificate

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- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
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- May perform the same duties as workers supervised.
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- Handle emergency situations
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- Prepare and submit progress and other reports
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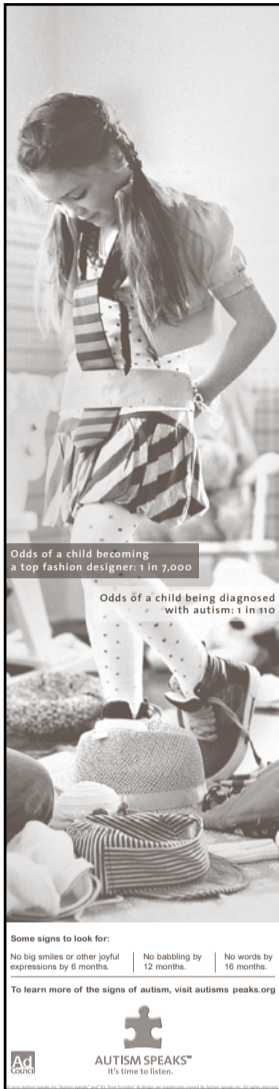




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7°C  
SE 9 km/h  
<1mm



**Thu., June 20**  
Mainly sunny  
10%  
22°C  
9°C  
S 4 km/h  
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**Fri., June 21**  
Mainly sunny  
30%  
23°C  
11°C  
SW 8 km/h  
~5mm



**Sat., June 22**  
Risk of a thunderstorm  
60%  
24°C  
12°C  
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days, Council would need to allot funding towards it. "We're hoping to achieve a marked improvement to the service level and the condition of the roads that a lot of our public are travelling on," said Benedetto.

Councillor Peter Kuelken said the pilot program was an excellent idea. He credited the Service Tracker, which gives residents the freedom to report issues and compiles data to show areas needing attention, as a help

before and during the program. "If we start getting less requests on the service tracker for these areas, I'm pretty sure that that would be an indicator of whether that program is working or not."

Councillor Jeremy Wilhelm felt that sticking with the current list of roads and evaluating results in six weeks before changing things up and adding more was a good option. "The point of a pilot project is to try something new, right? We're not set in stone on specific roads. We're just start-

ing with specific roads now and can shift as we need to in the future." Councillor Devin Williams agreed. "We're not lowering service anywhere else. We're just doing a pilot project to see if this is better. I wouldn't commit to four or five months and specific roads, but I like the idea of up to six weeks because it gives us a full month of the service tracker."

Councillor John Burrows, who zoomed in for the meeting, said they were heading in the right direction. "We've had to go through a pe-

riod of time where we were looking at service levels and pulling back, and now we're looking at adding it again a bit. So, we have to do it in a careful and methodical manner, and I think this is the best way to do it. I'm sure we'll pick up some roads along the way." Zhang said that idea would work. "It's perfectly valid to collect data, reevaluate, and see where we go." Councillor Wilhelm motioned to approve the pilot program, adding that a review be done in August. The motion passed unanimously.

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# Building momentum: Residential construction in Alberta

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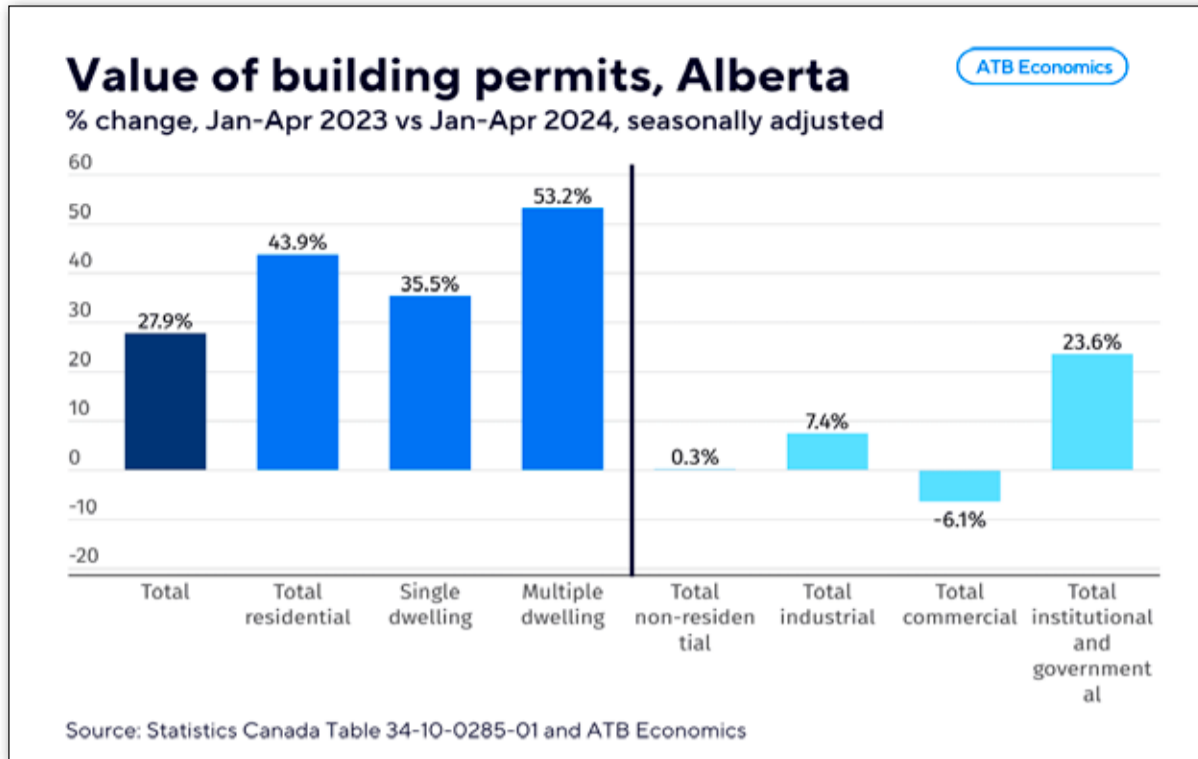
After pulling back in February and March, construction intentions in Alberta grew by 9.4% in April to reach \$1.62 billion.\*

The direction of the trend is clearer when we look at the year-to-date (YTD) numbers: the value of building permits issued over the first four months of 2024 was 28% higher than over the same period in 2023.

Residential construction has been driving the growth so far in 2024; YTD permits were up 44% compared to just 0.3% in the non-residential sector.

Breaking it down further, the YTD value of permits issued for both single-detached houses (+36%) and multi-dwelling projects increased (+53%).

The strong residential numbers reflect the population growth Alberta has been experiencing



and drum-tight supply levels in the resale market.

Although last week's interest rate cut by the Bank of Canada was only conjecture in April, builders may have been anticipating lower borrowing costs and sub-

mitting more permits as a result.

In the non-residential sector, YTD permit value for institutional and governmental building projects was up by 24% and by 7% for industrial buildings. Despite growth on a month-over-

month basis, the YTD permit value of commercial buildings was down by 6% over the first four months of the year.

YTD growth has been particularly strong in the Edmonton Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) and the Leth-

bridge CMA.

Led by an 81% rise in multi-dwelling permit value, Edmonton posted YTD growth across all residential and non-residential categories for an overall increase of 52%.

A 470% spike in multi-dwelling permit

value in Lethbridge lifted the total value of permits by 50%.

In the Calgary CMA, single-detached (+40% YTD) growth outpaced multi-dwelling projects (+29% YTD) while non-residential permit value saw a YTD decline of 15%.

Due to an unusual spike in the value of its single dwelling building permits in April of last year, Red Deer was the only CMA in Alberta to see a drop in residential permit value. Even a 328% surge in multi-unit permits was not enough to offset the YTD drop in the single dwelling category.

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