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## Looking at what options there are for post-secondary education in Whitecourt



The main space at NorQuest's Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) in Whitecourt.

By Serena Lapointe

Part of Whitecourt Town Council's Strategic Plan involves investigating higher education opportunities for locals, allowing graduates and those seeking career changes or upgrades to have post-secondary options without leaving the community. In the fall, several meetings took place between the Town and post-secondary operators to establish the challenges and barriers that have kept them from having a physical location in Whitecourt.

On Tuesday, May 21, Whitecourt's Economic Development Officer,

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May was a busy month for the County's Infrastructure Department as they plan for an even busier summer season



Director Jeff Zhang (right). See story page 3

Post-secondary education in Whitecourt has changed since NorQuest College closed its campus doors during the pandemic, when students moved to online classes. The Town of Whitecourt has been looking into how to increase post-secondary education locally.



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# May was a busy month for the County's Infrastructure Department as they plan for an even busier summer season



Councillor John Burrows asked about Old Ferry Rd.



Councillor Deane.

Woodlands County Council recently received an Infrastructure Status Report for May that included vehicle purchases, updates on flood-damaged roads, paving plans, and the current focus of the Infrastructure Department.

By Serena Lapointe

Woodlands County Council receives a breakdown of ongoing Infrastructure Department operations from the Director of Infrastructure Services toward the end of each month. Jeff Zhang recently took on that role and provided May's report on May 22. The Infrastructure Status Report touches on several different categories of operations,

including agricultural services, roads, and water/wastewater.

"We have been focusing our efforts in the past month on seasonal changeovers, hiring and training seasonal staff, and getting ready for summer," explained Zhang. "On the roadside, we have started drift removal for bridges and culverts. Bridge cleaning and roadway sweeping are complete. Brushing

and mowing will commence in the summer. Pothole patching is a routine activity," explained Zhang. Other projects include signpost repairs and road grading.

For paving, Zhang explained that three projects had been put together for one RFP (Request for Proposal): West Mountain (including the bus pullover), East Mountain, Carlson Drive,

and Woodlands Lane, which leads to the County office, and the parking lot. "All those are packaged together in one single RFP package, being advertised and closing in mid-June."

Councillor Wilhelm asked about the parking lot and road leading to the County office, as both projects had been moved to 2025. Zhang explained that though they were part of an

RFP that included projects for this year, the two-part project at the county office would be in 2025. "The consultant will design them as separate projects and provide separate cost estimates. It's for ease of management to package them together into one single RFP," he added.

Councillor Peter Kuelken asked what was included in the Carlson Drive project.

"Is this RFP just going to be for the drainage, or does it include the mitigation? The trees on our right-of-way are part of the problem with the powerlines and stuff there," he said. Zhang responded that the RFP would look at drainage, the trail and the trees. "Those three have to go together," he added.

Two county bridges

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- Election of Directors
- Appointment of an auditor

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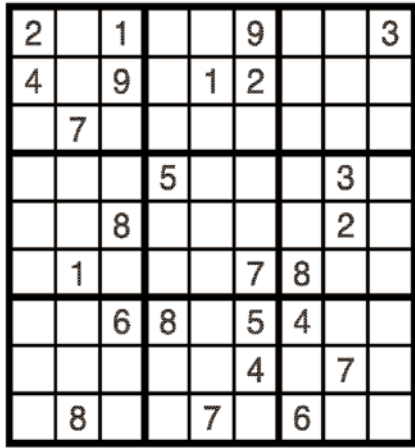
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# PUZZLES

## SUDOKU

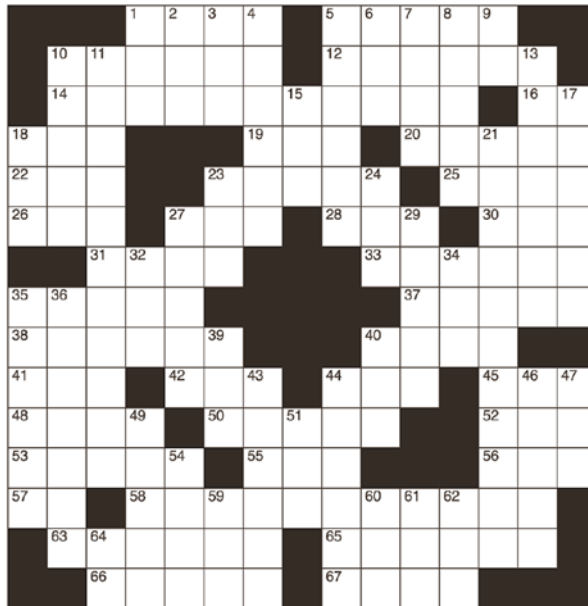


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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## CROSSWORDS



## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, you may have to shuffle your schedule a bit this week to accommodate some interesting ideas that you have come up with on the fly. It's a good thing you're adaptable.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, think about where you want to go in the upcoming weeks, because you have some pretty influential supporters who can help propel you in that very direction.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, you may be involved in a few different projects right now, but often you start things and do not finish them, which can be frustrating to others.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



You have some high hopes regarding something that has been taking up your time for quite a while, Cancer. Although you're getting good feedback, don't count your chickens just yet.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, if you haven't been doing so already, it is important to set aside some savings so that you'll have a safety net in the future. It's essential that you are not just living for today.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, get together with your significant other or another partner and figure out how to divide the workload that has been bogging you down. It's alright to admit that you need help.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, if you think about it, you have been procrastinating a bit more than usual. It might be because your tasks are not interesting you much.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, get essential tasks out of the way early this week, because it's likely you will not be enthusiastic about mundane jobs later on. Save plenty of time for fun and entertaining.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Emotions are roiling right now, Sagittarius. Perhaps it is not the best time to reach out to an estranged friend or family member. Instead, wait things out a little longer.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



It is time to disconnect from all of the gadgets and feeds that are constantly drawing your attention, Capricorn. Enjoy a technological detox and reconnect with friends.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, you are a major force to reckon with when you pair your creative visions with solid, grounded plans. Things will start falling into place soon enough.

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



This week you get a free pass to put yourself first and foremost for a change, Pisces. Go to the head of the line, because it's all about you for the next few days.

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

- Native American people
- Very long periods of time (Brit.)
- Schoolboard accessory
- Rods
- One who renews
- Sculpted body part
- Chatter incessantly
- \_\_ King Cole, musician
- Plates on a turtle's shell
- University of Utah athlete
- The world of the dead
- Singer Redding
- Former Yankee great
- Mattingly
- Prefix indicating wrongly
- Unhappy
- Anger
- Dark brown or black
- Restaurants have a lot of them

### CLUES DOWN

- Made a mistake
- Damp
- Type of gasoline
- Actor LeBlanc
- Perform in a play
- One's mother
- Prohibit
- Swiss river
- Part of a banana
- Indian hand clash cymbals
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Agave
- Noted journalist Tarbell
- Computer firm
- Type of record
- Bacterium that can cause infection
- Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
- A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)

- Pattern
- Very eager to see something

### CLUES DOWN

- Witch
- Utilize
- Writing utensil
- Places to perform
- Subsides
- Consume
- Athleisure clothing brand
- California town
- Atomic #50
- The Muse of lyric and love poetry
- Creates anew
- Humorous commentaries
- Cool!
- Most ignoble
- Soggy dirt
- Designed to be useful
- Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- High schoolers' test
- One-time internet

- City in India
- Furniture
- You have likely chatted with one
- Pass or go by
- Proof of purchase
- A digital tape recording of sound
- More (Spanish)
- Disfigured
- White (Spanish)
- Building occupied by monks
- Georgia rock band
- Device that generates intense beam of light
- State of agitation
- Make by braiding
- Local area network
- Unit of work or energy
- Indigenous person of Thailand
- Liquefied natural gas
- Distance to top

## SPARKLE & POP WORD SEARCH

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

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

### WORDS

- |         |               |              |              |           |           |
|---------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| BARGE   | BROCADE       | CROSSETTE    | MINE         | SALUTE    | SPHERE    |
| BARRAGE | CAKE          | DAHLIA       | PEONY        | SET PIECE | SPIDER    |
| BATTERY | CHRYSANTHEMUM | FLASH POWDER | PISTIL       | SHELL     | STARS     |
|         | COMET         | FUSE         | ROMAN CANDLE | SPARKS    | STROBE    |
|         |               |              |              |           | WATERFALL |



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## Anne Kachur

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May 28  
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It is with great sadness and heavy heart that we share the passing of Anne at the age of 96.

The Lord took her home while she lay sleeping peacefully in His arms.

She is survived by her daughter Jean Draeger (Vernon, B.C.): grandson Lawrence Draeger (Terry) (Vernon, B.C.): Granddaughter Carrie Mallach (Hinton, AB.): Great grandchildren:

Michael and Shannon Draeger (Blackfalds, AB.), Sarah and Trevan Dewar (West Kelowna, B.C.), Jessica and Jennifer Blackstock (Hinton, AB.): Sisters: Betty Stephan and family (Langley, B.C.): Janet McCabe and family (Regina, Sask.)

She was predeceased by her daughter Mary Kerekanich, grandson Walter Draeger, granddaughter Joanne Mallach; Sisters: Leona, Kay, Sophie, Doris, and brothers: Matt and John.

Anne was a gentle person with a very kind heart. Her memory is forever in our hearts and minds.

Anne will be laid to rest near her daughter Mary in Whitecourt, Alberta.

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
There will no more death or mourning  
or crying or pain, for the old order of  
things has passed away.*

*Revelation 21: 4*

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are on opposing sides of the worksheet, with one in the design phase and another stalled. "Bridge F78525, we have some issues with getting approval from the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, so that project will likely be delayed due to permitting. BF73605, we are working on the design. We should have it designed and tender package ready sometime in July."

Another delayed item is the tender for Hard Luck Canyon, which was recently rejected due to the bid coming back significantly over budget. The project would have seen the stairs and fencing replaced. "We are working with the consultant for a revision of the tender for

a late summer tendering," explained Zhang.

Several vehicles have been purchased this year. "We have received four half-ton trucks. There are two additional three-quarter-ton trucks in route. They are currently in Calgary. (We are) just waiting for delivery and (they) should be here sometime in June. We have ordered one tandem sander/plow truck from the 2023 carryover budget, and that truck will be here sometime in August. A second will arrive, out of the 2024 budget, and will arrive towards the end of the year," said Zhang.

Other purchases that have arrived include a zero-turn mower and a culvert steamer. Items purchased that have not arrived include a rubber tire backhoe,

skid steer, and two grader units, which are expected to arrive in October or November of this year.

Councillors asked about the progress of two damaged roads in the meeting: Cutbanks Road and Old Ferry Road. Councillor Deane spoke first. "I see there's a note in the Capital about the Cutbanks Road construction, and the second sentence speaks to a consultant service that's been obtained to determine the feasibility of securing the riverbank adjacent to the existing road versus relocating the roadway. I didn't realize those were options. I'm happy to see that because that's a beautiful scenic road, and if it can feasibly be salvaged, then I think that's an option that I

would hope Council would look at closely."

Zhang said that the consultant tasked with the project will be the one to determine what path to take. "He was asked to compare the option of keeping the existing alignment and doing the bank protection versus realigning the road through a new road construction. To me, that's an important conceptual-level question to be asked before we charge forward into preliminary engineering and detailed design," Zhang responded.

Councillor Burrows queried next. "The Old Ferry Road was very eroded. We lost like 80 feet of the bank, and there is a section there that's actually barricaded." In jest, he said it's a very scenic road now because drivers

are so close to the river. "I was wondering if we could get an update on where we are going with that road," he asked.

"There were three flooded locations last year. Two overtop of the roads and one bank being eroded. The two overtop locations have been repaired. The bank that was cut through the 2023 flood, the same consultant working on the Cutbanks Road, is also looking at developing the different options of bank protection versus realigning the road," said Zhang.

Reports from Old Ferry Road and Cutbanks Road are expected sometime in June. Zhang said once he receives them, he will bring them forward for Council to review. He is also anticipating

a report back on cold mix options in August or September. He added that he would ask the consultant to consider a variety of techniques to fix roads.

The last topic focused on areas in Blue Ridge that need attention. Councillor Bruce Prestidge asked about a stretch of damaged sidewalk. "I believe it's Second Street. There's a stretch of sidewalk that's all broken up. Across the street, there's a ditch that holds water all the time. The sidewalk has gaps that are like two inches high. People are complaining that they are tripping on it." Zhang said he knew about the site and a couple of rutted intersections. He said he planned to bring a crew there this summer to deal with the issues.

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Contact the Executive Assistant at 780-778-2273 if you have questions about these Boards or the application process.

Applications will be presented to Town Council for review and appointment.

## 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  
3002 – 33 Street, Whitecourt, AB

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.

## LEMONADE DAY JUNE 15, 2024

Whitecourt Town Council encourages the citizens of Whitecourt to recognize June 15 as Lemonade Day in Whitecourt.

Lemonade Day helps youth learn skills to be become the business leading, social advocated, community volunteers and forward thinking citizens of tomorrow. Youth will be set up all throughout town with their lemonade stands on June 15 and we encourage the residents of Whitecourt to support these entrepreneurs by purchasing their tasty treats.



NORTHERN ALBERTA





A level lane and a ramp for water to follow.

# Back alley drainage fix

Town crews recently fixed a drainage issue in a back alley on Mink Creek Road near Torgerson Dr. The dirt around the manhole had dropped too low, keeping water from draining. This resulted in a very soggy alley anytime it rained, as water would accumulate. The dip in the lane was also a nuisance for drivers to maneuver around. But those worries are no longer a concern, as crews have levelled, paved, and created a drainage path to get water where it should be, down the drain.

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Rhonda Woods, updated the Policies and Priorities Committee (comprised of Council members) on what happened in those meetings and what potential solutions may have emerged from them.

“Some of those challenges that were identified were significant financial investment, with not a lot of capital funding in their budgets to be able to support that,” explained Woods, speaking to why post-secondary institutions didn’t have physical locations in the community. She said another concern was program capacity needs. “You need to fill classes completely in order to have that return on investment and then have qualified staff to teach those classes in person on a regular basis.” Smaller populations would make filling a classroom challenging.

From the fall discussions, Woods said there were recommendations for collaborative models that could solve the issues mentioned. “We have been quite successful with that direction,” she said. Collaborative models would see institutions having a different presence in the community, such as through training based

on area industry needs, which two institutions already do. Woods said she spoke with several institutions.

“We’ve worked with a number of them for stakeholder engagement, including Bow Valley, GPRC, which is now Northwestern Polytechnic, Northern Lakes and Red Deer College. Also, Norquest College still does a lot of training even though they are not in the community,” explained Woods. “The two we are working on that are working in the community right now are NorQuest College and Northwestern Polytechnic.”

Woods said that she shared some of the training opportunities offered by both institutions at the Business Support Network and Chamber of Commerce meetings so area businesses involved with both groups would know about the opportunities available. “They might not have that brick and mortar, physical location, but these are colleges that have a model to be able to come into the community and set up programs as needed,” said Woods. She also explained that these institutions have already worked directly with some area businesses. “I know a number of the businesses have

used them to develop programs for internal staff,” she said.

Other possible solutions that could support post-secondary education options in the community include using different delivery methods through the use of technology and online learning platforms. “That has expanded hugely since COVID, obviously,” said Woods. Another was to develop incentive programs, which could entice post-secondary institutions to set up satellite campuses or outreach programs in Whitecourt, with support for infrastructure development or operational costs. She added that having attractive quality-of-life amenities, like recreational facilities and cultural attractions, helps, adding that “Whitecourt does a pretty good job” at that.

Woods then shared about one local business that offers a variety of programming and training opportunities. “Ballad offers a lot of different programming. They do face-to-face and live online training. The program they have right now is that they will actually provide incentives to businesses who are looking at hiring local people. They will train their staff and provide all the tickets, whether

that’s for construction work or oilfield or that type of thing.”

Woods explained that Ballad hires trained staff on a contract basis with businesses. “If they are a good fit then the business will hire them on. That’s one program that has expanded. They are also offering an HR program coming up for small businesses who can’t afford or don’t have the resources or supports to have a full HR,” said Woods.

She explained that this fall, she would check back in with the post-secondary institutions to see if anything had changed or if there were new opportunities to develop programs or even have a physical location. “If there is the ability in their capital funding to look at a location, we want to ensure that Whitecourt is marketed first.”

Woods said she is working on a plan detailing what post-secondary training/education would work in the community today and will look at different models to increase those opportunities. Councillor Paul Chauvet said he appreciated the update. “I appreciate the work that you did on this project. It comes up from time to

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time of why we don't have post-secondary when you think of Vermillion and the other smaller communities that have one."

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- Co-ordinate, assign and review work
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- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition materials and supplies
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports.

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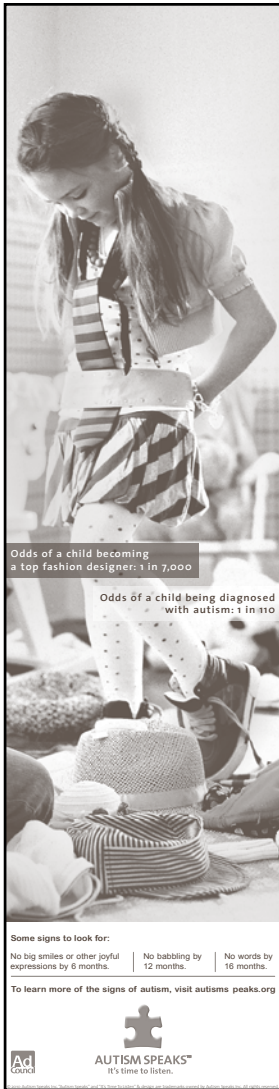




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# LAND USE BYLAW

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Woodlands County is exploring updates to its Land Use Bylaw. Woodlands County business owners, residents, and ratepayers are encouraged to attend public information workshops. These meetings provide an opportunity for County ratepayers to be involved early, learn about preliminary plans for the Land Use Bylaw, and gather information on the County's proposals.

**Being Discussed:**

- How the new Bylaw will benefit those residing in the County
- Gathering preliminary feedback from County ratepayers

**Overview of Current Land Use Bylaw:**  
The County's current Land Use Bylaw 490-17 was adopted in 2017. Over the past seven years, the Bylaw has become outdated and requires updates to reflect changing development needs. The County identified changes that could be made to the Bylaw to benefit residents and the County as a whole.

**INFORMATION WORKSHOPS**

**Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
Fort Legion (Memorial) Hall  
32 State Ave, Fort Assiniboine

**Wednesday, June 19, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
Woodlands County Council Chambers  
1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt

**Thursday, June 20, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
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**Proposed Changes:**  
The County is exploring the following main areas to make changes:

- Reduce red tape for development and speed up the approval process
- Align the Land Use Bylaw with the Municipal Government Act and the County's newly adopted Municipal Development Plan
- Introduce general updates to create a more effective and easy-to-use land use bylaw.

Details and additional information are provided at the Land Use Bylaw Public Information Workshop. More opportunities to participate in the proposed Land Use Bylaw in Fall 2024.

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

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#### Fence Height

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#### Businesses & Home Occupations

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# Woodlands County council recap

Woodlands County Council discussed the following items at their recent meeting of Council:

Council approved a pilot project to increase grading services on select roads in Woodlands County this summer. The pilot project will run up to four months with Council receiving an update on the project at the August Council meeting. Roads selected for the

pilot project include:

- Range Road 120 (Thompson Road),
- Range Road 121 (Mountain View Road),
- Range Road 121 (Tower Road) from Township Road 591A to Township Road 592B,
- Township Road 590 from Highway 32 to the end of the road,
- Range Road 130 (Horne Road) from Township Road 594

to the end of the road, and roads in the Estates at East Mountain subdivision including Township Road 585B, Township Road 590, Range Road 114A, and Range Road 114B.

The BF78525 Culvert Replacement project on Township Road 584, east of Range Road 121, and the BF73605 Culvert Replacement project on Range Road

62 over Horse Creek were carried forward to the 2025 Capital Budget. Construction on the two projects is no longer possible for 2024 due to the application and approval timelines to the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The East Mountain Road resurfacing project, West Mountain Road resurfacing project, and West Mountain Road pull-over were carried forward to the 2025 Capital budget as two provincial highway resurfacing projects in the area were identified which may bring a cost savings to the County.

As per the CAO report, Council support-

ed Administration's initiative to review the processes and timing on delivering Capital projects to avoid future delays on projects. Processes to be reviewed include revising the approach on designing capital projects one to two years in advance before going to tender ensuring that the County has shovel ready projects when funding is available.

Council and Administration are preparing to review of the Strategic Plan Initiatives. The Strategic Plan establishes the overall direction for the County set by Council and outlines Council's priorities and long-term goals for the

term.

The Governance and Priorities meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 5:00 pm was cancelled.

### Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Regular Council – Wednesday, June 19, 9:30 am
- Regular Council – Wednesday, July 17, 9:30 am
- Regular Council – Wednesday, August 14, 9:30 am

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