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CHESTERMERE TARGETS MOSQUITOES AFTER WET JUNE

CITY SAYS LARVICIDE TREATMENTS WILL FOCUS ON STANDING WATER WHILE RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO EMPTY BACKYARD BREEDING SPOTS

By Stephen Jeffrey

THE CITY SHARES WITH THE ANCHOR STAFF HOW ITS MOSQUITO CONTROL IS NOW UNDERWAY

After weeks of heavy rain, standing water has created ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes across our community.

The City is treating breeding areas with larvicide to stop mosquitoes before they become biting adults.



Crews are treating standing water in storm ponds, roadside ditches, parks and other areas.



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Chestermere's mosquitoes have had a good run. Too good.

After weeks of heavy rain left water sitting across the community, the City of Chestermere has launched a mosquito control program aimed at stopping the insects before they turn every evening on the deck into a small battle of wills.

The City released its treatment plan on Thursday, July 2, outlining what it described as a science-based approach focused on mosquito breeding areas. Instead of widespread spraying, crews will apply larvicide to standing water where mosquitoes develop before they become biting adults.

That distinction matters.

The City said the recent wet weather created breeding conditions in storm ponds, roadside ditches, parks and residential areas. Anywhere water sits for long enough, mosquitoes can get to work.

"After weeks of heavy rain, mosquitoes can develop anywhere standing water remains," the City said.

For Chestermere residents, that means the problem is not only in large ponds or public drainage areas. It can also be in the quiet corners of a yard.

A bucket left under the eaves. A bird bath that has not been emptied. A planter holding rainwater. A kiddie pool, wheelbarrow or tarp with a shallow puddle tucked inside it.

Those small places can produce a surprising number of mosquitoes.

"Even a small amount of standing water can produce hundreds of mosquitoes," the City said.

The City said larvicide is being used because it targets mosquitoes at the source. By treating standing water, crews can interrupt the mosquito life cycle before the insects mature and spread through the community. The City also said larvicide is safe for people, pets and wildlife when used as directed.

Monitoring and treatment will continue as needed.

Still, the City is not promising a mosquito-free summer. That would be a brave promise in a lake community after a wet June, and probably one best avoided.

Mosquitoes can also move into Chestermere from surrounding wetlands and agricultural areas, the City noted. Even with local treatment, conditions outside the community can continue to affect what residents experience inside the city.

That is why residents are being asked to do their part at home.

The job is simple, but useful. Walk the yard. Check anything that can hold water. Empty it, tip it, cover it or move it. The less standing water there is around homes, the fewer places mosquitoes have to breed.

It is the kind of summer chore that does not take much time, but can make the difference between enjoying an evening outside and surrendering early to the indoors.

The City said mosquito populations typically decline when the weather becomes warmer and drier. Until then, Chestermere's mosquito control plan will depend on both City crews and residents paying attention to the places where water lingers.

After a rainy June, the best time to deal with mosquitoes is before they are flying.

Preferably while they are still in the puddle.



CHESTERMERE MARKED CANADA DAY WITH A FULL DAY AT THE LAKE

PANCAKES, MUSIC, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND FIREWORKS BROUGHT THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AT JOHN PEAKE PARK

By Stephen Jeffrey Photos Robert Peters

Chestermere's Canada Day celebration did what these days are meant to do.

It gave people a reason to come down to the lake. Last Wednesday, the City of Chestermere hosted a full day of Canada Day activities at and around John Peake Park, marking Canada's 159th birthday with food, music, family entertainment, community performances and fireworks over the water.

The day began with a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m., with the first 2,000 people served. Mayor and Council gave opening remarks at 10 a.m., setting the stage for a long community day that stretched from morning coffee to the 10:45 p.m. fireworks finale.

From there, the park shifted into celebration mode.

Families had a full afternoon of activities to choose from, including carnival games, kids' activities, face painting, balloon artists, glitter tattoos, wagon rides, a petting zoo and stilt walkers. Artisan vendors and food trucks filled out the grounds, with free treats also part of the day, including birthday cake and pizza.

The Canada Day cake celebration took place at 1 p.m., around the same time the larger afternoon festival programming opened up. Games, vendors, food trucks and family activities ran through the afternoon and evening, while the beer gardens operated from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. for adults 18 and over.

The stage offered entertainment through much of the day, with dance, magic and live music giving the celebration a steady rhythm.

Young Bhangra Club brought Punjabi folk dance to the event, adding colour, movement and cultural pride to the Canada Day program. Jody the Magician provided family-friendly comedy magic, with both stage work and close-up magic around the grounds.

Dorienne Proulx, an Anishinaabe/Cree Métis artist, dancer and entrepreneur, was also part of the lineup, bringing Indigenous art, dance and cultural storytelling into the day.

The music program included Alberta Métis singer-songwriter Jaiden Riley & The Crybabies. Riley's country sound draws from traditional country roots, with influences listed from Hank Williams, Patsy Cline and Dolly Parton. She was named the 2025 Ranchman's Country 105 Rising Star.

Chestermere's own The Blenders were also part of the entertainment. The local band, featuring Jim Llewellyn, Nicky Rejante, Naomi Holmes and Blair Supple, has been performing around the Calgary region for more than eight years and remains a familiar name at community events.

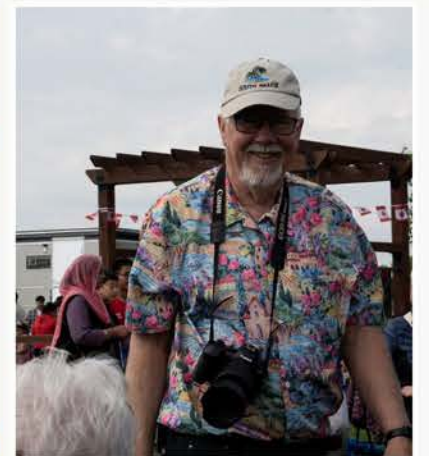
JG n' The District brought a dance-band feel to the stage, with a mix of funk, reggae, new wave, soul, R&B and current hits. Morrissey's Private Stock added an East Coast flavour, bringing Newfoundland and Irish kitchen-party energy to the celebration.

As with most major lakefront events in Chestermere, traffic and parking were part of the planning.

The City offered free shuttle service every 30 minutes from Our Lady of Wisdom School and East Lake School between 3 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. to help reduce congestion near the park. Road closures were in effect around John Peake Park and City Hall, and parking nearby was limited. Accessible parking and washrooms were available on site.

The boat launch remained open during the event, but stopping or parking on the bridge during the fireworks was not permitted.

The day ended the way Chestermere Canada Day often should. Not with speeches or ceremony, but with people gathered near the lake, looking up together.



SUSPENSIONS DECLINE FOR REPEAT INCIDENTS AT ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

RVS SAYS MOST STUDENTS SUSPENDED DURING THE 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR WERE NOT SUSPENDED A SECOND TIME, WHILE FIGHTING AND VAPING REMAIN CONCERNS

By Stephen Jeffrey

Rocky View Schools is seeing some encouraging signs in its work to keep schools safe, supportive and focused on learning.

During the 2025/26 school year, the division reported that 35 per cent of student suspensions involved students who had previously been suspended. Looked at another way, about 65 per cent of suspended students were not suspended more than once.



For RVS Associate Superintendent of Schools Jeff Smith, that matters.

Smith told trustees the number of repeat suspensions has decreased from previous years, suggesting the division's work with students after a suspension may be starting to make a difference. Those supports include structured re-entry plans and restorative practices meant to help students return to school with clearer expectations and a better chance of success.

The numbers also show where the pressure points remain.

RVS reported 518 days of in-school suspension and 2,169 days of out-of-school suspension during the school year. About one-third of all suspensions were connected to physical altercations or fighting, making that one of the main areas of continued focus for school staff.

Smith said the causes behind suspensions can vary by age group. In high schools, vaping is believed to be one of the more

common reasons for repeat suspensions. In middle schools, physical conflict remains more common, with some students still trying to settle disagreements with their hands instead of their words.

That distinction is important for parents and school communities. A single suspension number does not tell the whole story. A Grade 7 hallway fight, a high school vaping incident and dangerous behaviour in a classroom may all lead to discipline, but each requires a different response.

RVS has also changed how it tracks some behaviour categories over the past few years. Smith noted that some issues, including disruptive or dangerous behaviour and fighting, were not always tracked in the same way in earlier reports. That makes year-to-year comparisons useful, but not perfect.

Trustees also discussed student behaviour on buses. Ward 5 Trustee Susan Flowers, who said she had worked as a bus driver, noted that bus-related problems remain low compared with other categories. Smith explained that under the Education Act, principals can suspend a student from riding the bus for up to five days. Many bus incidents are still managed first by drivers, depending on the nature of the behaviour.

The report also touched on weapons-related incidents, a category that can sound alarming without context. Smith said police may be called when needed, including through school resource officers in communities where they are available. However, he added that possession of a weapon at school does not always mean it was used or threatened. In some cases, a student may have

brought an item to school to show someone, or forgotten it was in a pocket or bag.

That does not make the issue minor. It does mean the circumstances matter.

Expulsions remained rare across the division. RVS reported one expulsion during the school year. With a school system serving nearly 30,000 students, Smith said that figure speaks to the work being done in schools before matters reach that level.

For Chestermere families, the report offers a mixed but useful picture. Schools are still dealing with fights, vaping, disruptive behaviour and the everyday strain that comes with growing communities and busy classrooms. But the decline in repeat suspensions suggests that follow-up matters.

A suspension may remove a student from class for a time. The harder work starts when that student comes back through the school doors.

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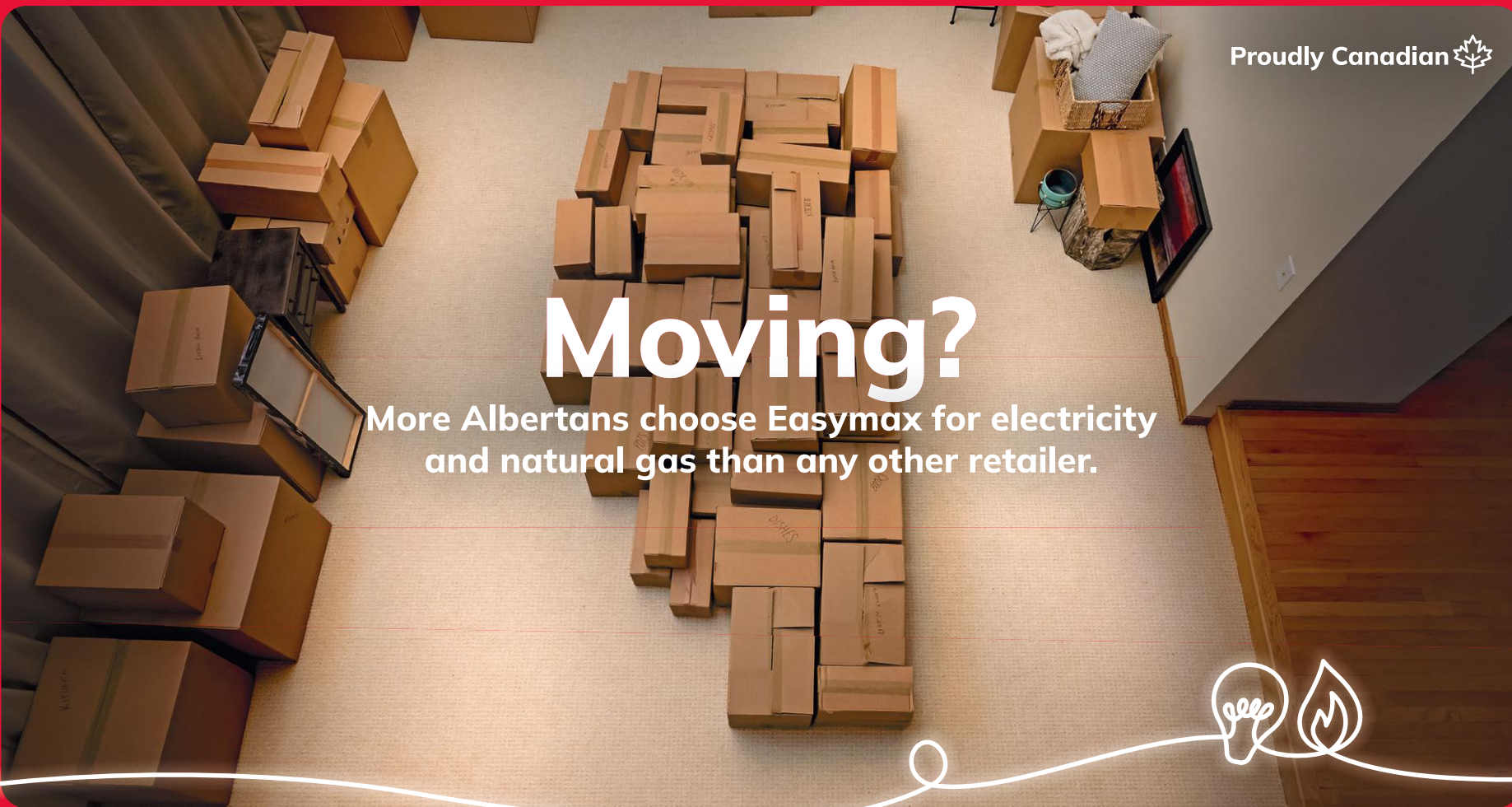
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PHO CITY CELEBRATES LOCAL MILESTONE IN CHESTERMERE

RESTAURANT THANKS CUSTOMERS WITH ANNIVERSARY OFFER AS LONGTIME VIETNAMESE DINING SPOT MARKS 11 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

By Stephen Jeffrey

Pho City Chestermere is celebrating a local milestone, marking what the restaurant says is 11 years serving the community and two years operating under the Pho City name.

To thank customers, the restaurant is offering a free taro ice cream cone with the purchase of any dine-in entrée, according to a public anniversary post from the business. The restaurant noted that flavours may change and invited families and friends to come in for Vietnamese favourites and a sweet treat.

Pho City Chestermere is located at 100 Marina Drive. The restaurant's website lists the Chestermere location along with its Calgary location, and describes Pho City as a family-run Vietnamese restaurant business with more than 20 years of restaurant experience across Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The Chestermere location previously operated as Van Son Vietnamese Cuisine before becoming Pho City. The Anchor reported on the Pho City grand opening in September 2024, noting the restaurant had taken on a new name while continuing to serve Vietnamese food at its Marina Drive location.

For Chestermere, the anniversary is a small but meaningful reminder of how local restaurants become part of daily life.

They are where families stop after practices, where friends meet for lunch, where regulars are greeted by name, and where a bowl of soup can feel like a practical response to an Alberta winter.

In a fast-growing city, those places matter.

Independent restaurants depend on repeat customers, word of mouth and community support. In return, they add life to commercial areas, provide local jobs, and give residents another reason to spend their dollars close to home.

Pho City's anniversary offer is simple: sit down for a meal and receive a thank-you treat.

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MLA CHANTELLE DE JONGE ACCLAIMED AS UCP CANDIDATE FOR CHESTERMERE-STRATHMORE

LOCAL MLA WILL SEEK ANOTHER TERM WHILE CARRYING LARGER PROVINCIAL ROLES ON AFFORDABILITY, UTILITIES, TREASURY BOARD AND NUCLEAR ENERGY REVIEW

By [Stephen Jeffrey](#)

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Chantelle de Jonge will be back on the ballot for the United Conservative Party in the next provincial election.

The UCP announced that de Jonge has been acclaimed as the party's candidate for Chestermere-Strathmore, giving her a clear path to seek a second term as the riding's MLA. She was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on May 29, 2023, and was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities later that summer.

For Chestermere voters, the announcement means the next campaign will not begin with a contested UCP nomination race in the riding. Instead, de Jonge enters the pre-election period as the sitting MLA, with both local constituency work and a growing list of provincial responsibilities attached to her name.

Since being elected, de Jonge has served in a role tied closely to some of the issues residents raise around kitchen tables: power bills, affordability, utilities, and the cost of running a household. Alberta.ca lists her as Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities, a position she has held since July 13, 2023.

Her provincial role has also grown beyond that file. Alberta's current government committee list shows de Jonge serving on Treasury Board, the cabinet committee responsible for reviewing government spending and fiscal decisions. That puts the local MLA at one of the tables where Alberta's budget choices are tested before they become line items affecting municipalities, families, schools, health care, roads, grants, and provincial programs.

de Jonge has also been involved in Alberta's discussion around nuclear energy, including the potential future use of small modular reactors. She chairs Alberta's Nuclear Energy Engagement and Advisory Panel, which was asked to advise the province on what role government may have in advancing nuclear energy. The panel's final report was publicly released in April 2026 and included recommendations built around public awareness, economic and community impacts, safety, waste management, environment and water, public participation, and market readiness.

That work matters locally because Chestermere sits in a fast-growing region where power demand, housing growth, industrial development and long-term infrastructure needs are no longer abstract provincial debates. Decisions made in Edmonton eventually land on the edge of Chestermere Lake, in monthly bills, municipal planning, and the services residents expect to keep up with growth.

At home, de Jonge has been connected to several community files and announcements in Chestermere and the surrounding riding. In February, the Chestermere Historical Foundation received \$42,643 through Alberta's Community Initiatives Program for the final phase of its "Word of Mouth" public art project, including a community time capsule. The funding was

announced by de Jonge.

In April, a Chestermere restorative justice group received a \$25,000 provincial grant, another local announcement tied to community safety and prevention work. She has also used regular public updates to highlight provincial affordability programs, sport and recreation funding, and government priorities that could affect families in Chestermere and across the riding.

The next campaign will also unfold in a province wrestling with larger political questions, including Alberta's relationship with Ottawa and public debate around separatism. de Jonge's own public position on Alberta separation is less clear. The Anchor was able to verify that she voted with the government on third reading of Bill 14, the Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which passed in December. The official Votes and Proceedings list de Jonge among MLAs voting in favour.

Bill 14 made changes to several provincial election and referendum laws, including the Citizen Initiative Act and Referendum Act. Elections Alberta said the amendments came into force after royal assent on Dec. 11, 2025. Critics of the bill have argued it made it easier for citizen-led referendum questions related to Alberta independence to proceed, while the government framed the legislation more broadly as changes to democratic processes and access to justice.

For now, de Jonge's acclamation sets the table for the next election in Chestermere-Strathmore. The campaign will decide whether voters want to return a first-term MLA who has moved into broader provincial responsibilities, or whether they want a different voice carrying local concerns into the Legislature.

Either way, Chestermere will have questions. About growth. About affordability. About schools, roads, health care, policing, recreation and the future of Alberta itself.

That is where the next campaign will have to move from party announcement to local accountability.



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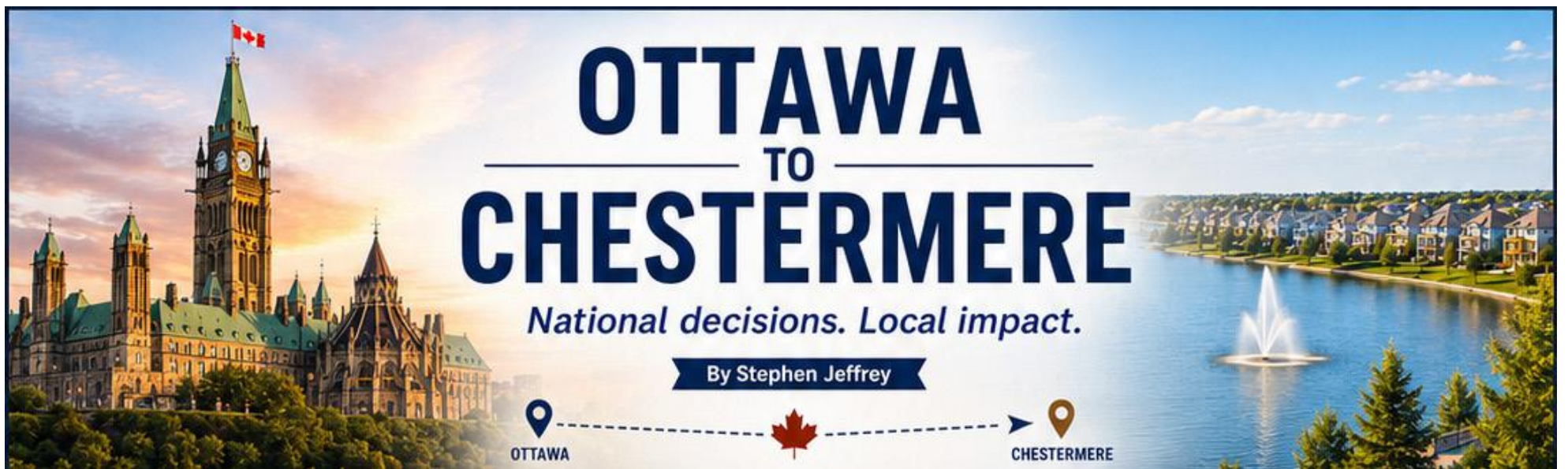
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When Ottawa talks about climate policy, pipelines, trade deals, and housing markets, it can sound a long way from Chestermere. It isn't.

These are the decisions that help shape what families pay to heat their homes, what commuters pay to fill their tanks, whether Alberta workers see new projects moving ahead, and whether small businesses can plan with any confidence. Ottawa may make the announcement. Communities like Chestermere live with the results.

Prime Minister Mark Carney is now reshaping Canada's climate and energy policy, saying the plan he inherited from Justin Trudeau's government had become too costly for Canadians and too divisive for the country.

In a 17-minute video posted online, Carney acknowledged that Canada's emissions will be higher over the next few years than previously expected. That is due in part to his government's decision to scrap the consumer carbon price and the oil and gas production cap, while also supporting expanded liquefied natural gas exports and a new pipeline from Alberta to the West Coast.

For Chestermere families, the issue is not abstract. Energy policy reaches into household budgets through gasoline, home heating, electricity, transportation, and the cost of nearly everything that moves by truck. It also reaches into local jobs. Many Chestermere residents work in Calgary, in energy, construction, trades, logistics, finance, engineering, and the service businesses that support them.

Carney used much of the video to focus on electricity. He said Canada needs to double the size of its electricity grid by 2050 and better connect the country's isolated provincial systems. He also made the case for expanding Canadian oil and gas exports, saying that as long as the world continues to rely on

conventional energy, more of that energy should come from Canada.

That message matters in Alberta. It also matters in Chestermere, where growth depends on reliable infrastructure, affordable power, and an economy strong enough to support new homes, new businesses, and community services.

The comments drew predictable reaction from both sides. Conservative natural resources critic Carol Anstey said Carney has offered Canadians videos, but little in the way of tangible results. Climate groups welcomed the focus on electrification, but criticized the government's continued support for expanding fossil fuel exports.

The pipeline file also took another turn last week, as the federal government and British Columbia unveiled a new memorandum of understanding that keeps the northern oil tanker ban in place. That effectively rules out an oil pipeline from Alberta to B.C.'s northern coast.

Carney and B.C. Premier David Eby announced the Canada-British Columbia Cooperative Prosperity Agreement in Vancouver, saying it could help unlock more than \$150 billion in new investment, with B.C. positioned as a key part of Canada's future trade and energy plans.

The agreement includes \$3.5 billion in federal funding for the North Coast Transmission Line, \$500 million to expand the Red Chris Mine and boost national copper production by more than 15 per cent, and federal support for a \$10-billion upgrade of the Roberts Bank container export terminal. Carney said that port expansion could add \$100 billion in new trade capacity.

For Alberta, the key question is whether new energy infrastructure will actually get built. For Chestermere, that question lands closer than it may first appear. New pipelines can mean work for Alberta companies, confidence for investors, and revenue for governments. Delays and uncertainty can do the opposite.

The agreement also recognizes Ottawa's pipeline discussions with Alberta. It says British Columbia must meaningfully share in the economic benefits of any new pipeline and be compensated for environmental risks if one is imposed on the province. Possible mechanisms, including an annual royalty payment and an environmental response fund, are still to be discussed.

Eby said the deal does not require B.C. to support any Alberta pipeline proposal. However, he also acknowledged that pipelines fall under federal jurisdiction and said the province will not go to court to fight a project.

The agreement also recognizes Canada's interest in increasing throughput on the existing Trans Mountain Pipeline from



890,000 barrels per day to 1.2 million.

Alberta, meanwhile, has submitted its application for a West Coast oil pipeline to the federal Major Projects Office. The province is seeking to have the project listed as being in the national interest.

The proposed pipeline would carry more than one million barrels of oil per day from Bruderheim, Alberta, to a deep-water port on B.C.'s southwest coast. The route would largely follow the existing Trans Mountain corridor, avoiding the northern coast and the federal tanker ban.

Alberta says it will partner with Trans Mountain Corporation and Pembina Pipeline to build the project. The province says Indigenous equity partnerships would be supported through federal and provincial loan guarantee programs.

Ottawa has committed to a timely review, with a goal of having the project listed as being in the national interest by October 1. Alberta says construction could receive permission, though not necessarily begin, as early as September 1, 2027.

The province says the project would help double Alberta's oil production to eight million barrels per day over the next decade. Carney has said federal support for the pipeline is tied to progress on the Pathways carbon capture and storage project. A broader agreement between Ottawa, Alberta, and the Oil Sands Alliance on regulatory reforms and growth incentives is expected in the coming days.

Canada is also facing renewed trade uncertainty with the United States.

U.S. President Donald Trump's administration has formally declined to extend the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, triggering what are expected to be difficult negotiations over the future of North American trade.

This matters locally because Chestermere is tied directly to the Calgary regional economy. Tariffs and trade fights can raise costs for vehicles, building materials, farm equipment, household goods, business supplies, and construction projects. In a growing city, those costs do not stay on a spreadsheet. They show up in quotes, invoices, grocery carts, and mortgage decisions.

Last Wednesday was the deadline for each country to say whether it wanted to extend the agreement to 2042 or renegotiate its terms. Canada and Mexico both said they wanted an extension. The United States did not.

U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer announced the decision after a virtual meeting with Canada-U.S. Trade Minister Dominic LeBlanc and Mexico's economy secretary. Greer said the United States does not agree to renew the deal in its current form and will continue talks with Canada and Mexico about what it considers shortcomings in the agreement, as well as U.S. trade deficits.

The decision does not end the trade deal. CUSMA does not expire until 2036. However, a senior Trump administration official said the President reserves the right to withdraw entirely, which any country can do with six months' notice.

The agreement is particularly important to Canada because it shields nearly 90 per cent of Canadian exports to the United States from the tariffs Trump has imposed since returning to the White House. Canada is also seeking relief from tariffs on steel, aluminum, autos, and softwood lumber.

LeBlanc said the three countries agreed on the importance of continuing discussions, though no date has been announced for

the next meeting between Canadian and American negotiating teams.

In Parliament, Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre is calling for an investigation into Ottawa's proposal to help convert unsold condominium units in British Columbia into affordable housing.

In a letter to the House ethics committee, Poilievre said the proposal, which could help finance the purchase of 2,200 vacant condos, amounts to a "condo bailout" for developers, bankers, and investors.

Carney has defended the idea, saying the goal is to support Canadians who need housing. He said the proposal is part of British Columbia's plans to help home buyers struggling to save for a down payment. Carney has also acknowledged that his government did not explain the program well when he announced it on June 19.

Poilievre argues the Liberals are interfering in the market to protect developers who built too many condos that did not match demand. He says the proposal would prop up high prices by preventing a market correction.

That debate may be centred in British Columbia, but the question is national. Should governments step in when housing markets stall, or should prices be allowed to fall? For Chestermere, where growth, affordability, and development pressure are never far from the front door, that question is not theoretical.

The federal government may be making these decisions in Ottawa, Vancouver, and Washington meeting rooms.

But the bill, the benefit, or the uncertainty often arrives here. At the gas pump. On the power bill. In the price of a new home.

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Notice of Public Hearing

July 28, 2026 | 1 PM

Transitional Rural Residential (TRR) District
Rescindment Land Use Bylaw Amendment
Bylaw # 018-26

How to share your feedback:

- Submit a written comments online at thecityofchestermere.ca/cityhall/public-notice
- Email publichearing@chestermere.ca (include your name, address, and phone number, the bylaw number, and whether you are in favour or opposed)
- Attend the public hearing in person

Written submissions accepted until:

Friday, July 17, 2026 at 12 PM

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ELECTIONS ALBERTA BEGINS VERIFICATION OF ALBERTA INDEPENDENCE PETITION

**AGENCY HAS UNTIL JULY 27 TO DETERMINE WHETHER CITIZEN INITIATIVE HAS
ENOUGH VALID SIGNATURES TO MOVE FORWARD**

By Stephen Jeffrey

Elections Alberta has begun verifying signatures on the Alberta independence citizen initiative petition, with results expected no later than July 27. The verification process began July 6 after a Court of Appeal decision allowed that part of the process to proceed while proponent Mitch Sylvestre appeals a Court of King's Bench ruling that quashed the issuance of the petition.

The petition asks for a constitutional referendum on Alberta independence. For the citizen initiative to be successful, it must include valid signatures from at least 10 per cent of the total number of votes cast in the last provincial general election. Elections Alberta lists that threshold at 177,732 signatures, based on 1,777,315 votes cast in the 2023 provincial election.

The agency has 21 days to complete verification. Once that work is finished, Elections Alberta says it will post the results on its website as soon as practical and no later than July 27.

If the petition is found to be successful, Elections Alberta says it will submit a copy of the proposal to the Minister of Justice. Under Alberta's Citizen Initiative Act, the minister is then required to refer the proposal to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the purpose of a constitutional referendum under the Referendum Act.

The process is detailed, and for good reason.

Elections Alberta says it will check that only approved petition sheets were used, that signatures are original, that individuals signed only once, and that each entry includes required information such as full name, physical address, contact information, date, signature and eligibility declaration. Each signature must also have been witnessed by a registered canvasser, and each petition sheet must be signed by a canvasser.

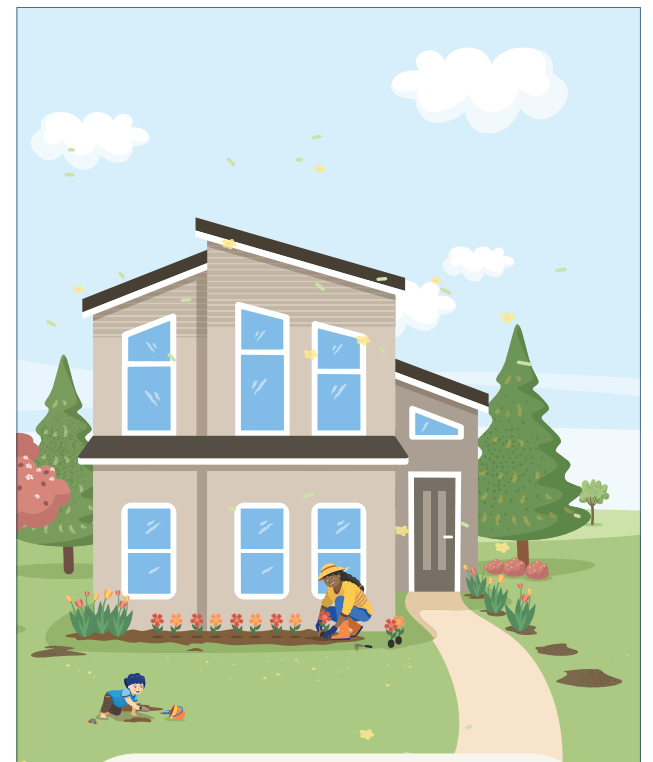
Some electors who signed the petition may be contacted as part of the verification process. Elections Alberta says randomly selected electors may receive a text message before a phone call if a phone number was provided. Others may receive an email asking them to verify information.

The agency says electors do not need to call or text back in response to the initial message.



The verification will also include statistically valid random sampling, with the process required to meet a 95 per cent confidence level. The proponent and the Minister of Justice may appoint scrutineers to observe the process. Elections Alberta says those scrutineers must be lawyers and active members of the Law Society. The petition was issued Jan. 2. The 120-day signature period ended May 2nd.

For Albertans, the verification process does not settle the larger political question. It only answers whether the petition meets the legal requirements to move to the next stage.



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CHESTERMERE NAMED ONE OF ALBERTA'S BEST PLACES TO LIVE

NEW WORLDATLAS RANKING POINTS TO THE LAKE, RECREATION, GROWTH AND CALGARY ACCESS, BUT THE REAL STORY IS HOW CHESTERMERE MANAGES THE FUTURE THAT COMES WITH BEING NOTICED

By [Stephen Jeffrey](#)

Chestermere has been named one of Alberta's best places to live in a new 2026 ranking by WorldAtlas, placing the city alongside some of the province's best-known and fastest-growing communities.

The online publication included Chestermere in its list of the eight best places to live in Alberta in 2026, citing the city's lakefront lifestyle, recreational opportunities, proximity to Calgary and continued population growth.

The other communities named in the ranking were Spruce Grove, Beaumont, Cochrane, Medicine Hat, Okotoks, Canmore and St. Albert.

WorldAtlas pointed to the lake, recreation, Calgary access and growth as reasons Chestermere made the list. It somehow missed Chestermere's world-class community newspaper and radio station, an oversight this writer will accept with almost convincing humility.

That small editorial grievance aside, the ranking reflects what many residents already know.

Chestermere has something most communities cannot build after the fact. It has a centrepiece. Not a slogan. Not a planning concept. A real place. Chestermere Lake sits in the middle of the community and shapes daily life in a way that is hard to explain to anyone who has only driven past on Highway 1.

In summer, the lake is where families gather, boats move across the water, paddleboards drift along the shoreline, and children bounce between towels, snacks and one more swim. In winter, when conditions allow, the city takes on a quieter rhythm as residents look to the lake for skating, walking and that particular stillness that comes when a prairie city settles under cold air and open sky.

WorldAtlas highlighted that outdoor lifestyle as one of the reasons Chestermere stood out, noting summer activities on the water and winter recreation when the season allows.

The City of Chestermere describes Anniversary Park and Beach as a lakefront space with a sand beach, lakeside promenade,

rolling grass hills, picnic areas, green space and seasonal washrooms. It is one of the public places where Chestermere feels most like itself. There are shade tents, coolers, sandals, bikes, grandparents, teenagers, small children with sand on their hands, and neighbours who did not plan to meet but somehow always do.

That is not nothing.

Public spaces matter. They are where a city proves whether it is more than houses and roads. Anniversary Park, John Peake Park, Sunset Park and the pathways and lakefront areas around the city are part of the shared geography of Chestermere. They are where community becomes visible.

The city's own summer recreation information notes that swimming is permitted in marked shoreline areas near Anniversary Park and John Peake Park, while reminding residents there are no lifeguards and that people swim at their own risk. The city also allows boating on Chestermere Lake, with rules and speed limits applying.

Those reminders matter because the lake is both an amenity and a responsibility.

It draws people here. It supports recreation, tourism, community events and local identity. But it also requires care, respect, safety, enforcement and long-term planning. A lake can be loved to pieces if a city is not careful.

The WorldAtlas ranking also pointed to Chestermere's location near Calgary. That has long been one of the city's advantages. Chestermere is close enough for many residents to commute, work, shop, attend appointments, or access major services in Calgary, while still living in a smaller city with its own schools, parks, businesses, sports organizations, volunteer groups and community traditions.

Health services are part of that regional relationship. Alberta Health Services lists the Chestermere Community Health Centre at 288 Kinniburgh Boulevard, with services that include public health, laboratory services, immunization, well child services,



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families, newcomers, business owners and investors looking for a place that offers both opportunity and quality of life.

But rankings are snapshots. They are not full portraits.

A city can be recognized for its strengths while still facing real challenges. Chestermere residents know the appeal because they live it. They also know the traffic at busy times, the pressure on schools, the demand for recreation facilities, the need for local services, and the importance of making sure growth does not flatten the community spirit that brought people here in the first place.



and addiction and mental health services. For hospital care and many specialized services, residents continue to rely on nearby Calgary.

That is part of Chestermere's reality. The city benefits from being close to Calgary, but it also lives with the pressure that comes from being close to Calgary.

Growth arrives quickly in communities like this. It does not knock gently and wait by the door. It comes in moving trucks, school registrations, traffic counts, development applications, recreation wait lists, road repairs, policing demands and long conversations at council tables.

The numbers show the pace.

The City of Chestermere's 2025 municipal census report listed the population at 32,255, with 9,296 dwellings. Alberta's Regional Dashboard, which uses provincial data, listed Chestermere's 2025 population at 31,671, an increase of 9.22 per cent from 2024 and 41.9 per cent over five years.

The two figures are not identical, which is not unusual when different reporting systems and methods are used, but both tell the same larger story.

Chestermere is growing quickly.

It is no longer simply a bedroom community east of Calgary. It is a fast-growing city trying to build the civic muscle that growth demands.

That is why the WorldAtlas ranking is worth more than a quick social media post and a few pleased comments.

Being named one of Alberta's top places to live is good news. It reinforces what many residents value: the lake, the location, the family feel, the recreation, the access to Calgary and the promise of a community still young enough to shape.

It may also help strengthen Chestermere's reputation among

That is the balance Chestermere must keep.

The lake that helps define the city must be protected. Parks that bring people together must be maintained. New homes must be matched with roads, schools, emergency services, recreation options, health access and local employment opportunities. A

city cannot live on scenery alone, no matter how fine the shoreline looks at sunset.



The quieter story behind the ranking is that Chestermere is being noticed because it has what many places want: a strong natural identity, a family-oriented feel, access to a major urban centre and enough room to imagine its next chapter.

The challenge is making sure that next chapter still feels like Chestermere.

That work is not done only at city hall. It is done by volunteers, coaches, teachers, service clubs, business owners, event organizers, faith communities, seniors' groups, parents, youth, first responders and neighbours who keep showing up. It is done every time someone helps run a tournament, organizes a fundraiser, opens a small business, checks on a neighbour, sponsors a team, cleans up after an event or turns a public space into a shared memory.

Chestermere's story has never only been about the lake.

The lake may be the first thing outsiders notice. It may be what helps get the city onto a provincial ranking. But the real measure of Chestermere is found in how people use that shared place: the festivals, the fundraisers, the sports weekends, the school concerts, the seniors' gatherings, the family walks, the small businesses, the local conversations and the familiar wave across a parking lot.

WorldAtlas has given Chestermere a nice line for the scrapbook.

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HIGHLIGHTING THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES THRIVE

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free book-gifting program that mails age-appropriate books monthly to children from birth until their fifth birthday, aiming to foster a lifelong love of reading and build early literacy skills. Each book arrives directly at the child's home, offering access to high-quality reading materials regardless of family income.

The Imagination Library of Chestermere serves the City of Chestermere and immediate surrounding rural area.



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LAKESHORE MANOR MARKS FIVE YEARS IN CHESTERMERE

Senior living community celebrates milestone after transforming former hotel into a home for older adults

By Stephen Jeffrey



Lakeshore Manor marked its fifth anniversary in Chestermere on June 26, celebrating five years as part of the city's growing network of seniors' housing and community supports.

The independent senior living community, located at 200 Marina Drive, invited residents, families and community members to gather for an afternoon of celebration, refreshments, entertainment and reflection. The anniversary event was promoted publicly by Lakeshore Manor as a celebration of five years in Chestermere.

For a city that has grown quickly, the milestone is also a reminder of how important seniors' housing has become in the community.

Lakeshore Manor opened its doors in late 2020 after the former Best Western hotel was converted into an independent senior living community. According to Lakeshore Manor's own history, the idea took shape after Chestermere identified seniors' housing as a priority in 2018. The ownership team applied for a land-use amendment in 2019, with permits to renovate the former hotel granted in February 2020.

That timing was not simple. Opening a seniors' residence in 2020 meant beginning during one of the most difficult periods the sector had faced in decades. The first five years have included not only the normal work of building trust with residents and families, but also doing so during a period when older adults, caregivers and housing providers were

under intense pressure.

Lakeshore Manor describes itself as an independent living community for seniors, offering meals, 24-hour health care aides, an emergency call system, social activities, entertainment and exercise. The Alberta Seniors Housing Directory lists the property as a private, for-profit seniors housing site with service options and health supports, including meals, snacks and beverages, hospitality staff and health care staff.

Its location has also been part of its appeal. Lakeshore Manor is near Chestermere Lake, John Peake Park, restaurants, grocery stores and other local amenities, giving residents access to the daily life of the city without being cut off from the community around them.

That matters.

As Chestermere continues to grow, the need for housing options that allow older adults to remain close to family, friends, familiar services and the lake community they know will only become more important. Seniors' housing is not just about buildings. It is about belonging.

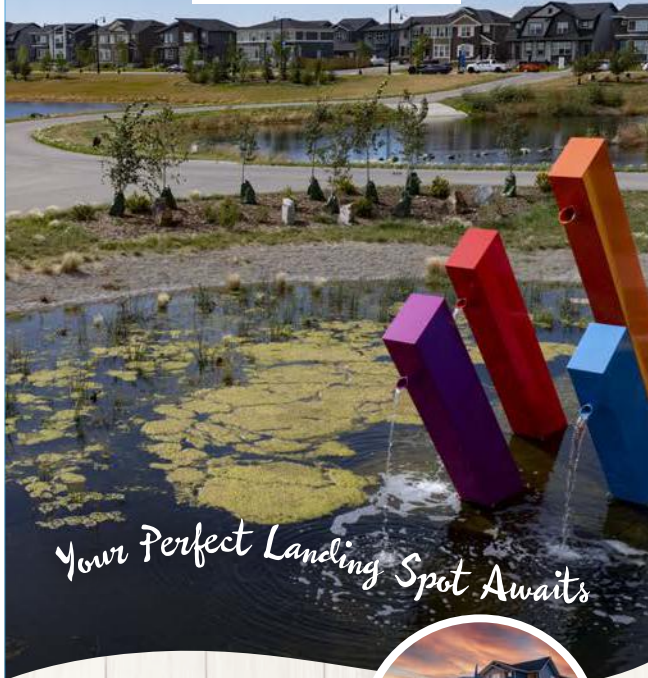
Five years is a modest anniversary in the life of a city. But for the residents and staff who have helped make Lakeshore Manor part of Chestermere, it is still worth marking.

A community is measured, in part, by whether people can grow older in it with dignity, safety and connection.

Lakeshore Manor's fifth anniversary is one piece of that larger story.



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We have plenty happening this month at Whitecappers. Join us for our popular Stampede Breakfast, our Monthly Dinner with a special presentation, and an interesting evening with the Chestermere Historical Foundation. Watch for details on the Casino and how you can help make this important fundraiser a success. Check the calendar on page 2 for all our activities, classes and drop-in programs.



★ STAMPEDE BREAKFAST ★

Saturday, July 4, 2026

9:30 – 11:30 am

- Pancakes, sausages, potatoes, fruit, orange juice, coffee/tea
- Entertainment: Rich Stephens

- Cost: \$5.00 (Free for children under 12)
- Prizes for Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl!
- 50/50 Draw

Tickets available for sale at the office June 16, 2026. Tickets will also be available at the door.



CANADA DAY NOTICE

The Recreation Centre and Whitecappers will be closed on Wednesday July 1 for Canada Day. All activities are cancelled. Enjoy the City of Chestermere celebrations in John Peake Park!



WHITECAPPER MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed your membership this will be the last copy you receive of the Newsletter and Calendar.



BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Note: The July meeting will be held on Wednesday July 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm.



CHESTERMERE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION July 29, 2026

Chestermere Historical Foundation presents "The Chestermere Cabin Owners History" 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm July 29th Sonja LeDuc, CCOA will tell the fascinating story of how the cabin owners worked their magic to turn a few cabins into a Summer Village. Refreshments served. Registration is required please go to

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e4ba04cffca45e1bafab96b37bfd5a4>

If you cannot use that system please call 403 200 8046.

There is no charge but everyone is asked to register.

CASINO

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2026

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 & WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

This is Whitecappers most important fundraiser. Funds received from this Casino are dedicated to the payment of rent for our facility. The volunteer sheet is starting to fill up.

Looking for five people to help out with the late night shifts.

If you could handle a late night shift please contact Ellen Neary 403-813-1669.

To those who have already signed up you will be contacted shortly to fill out the Volunteer Form.

Food and beverages are provided for the volunteers working the Casino.



Whitecappers Bird / Nature Walking Group

A new Bird/Nature Walking Group has been established at Whitecappers. There are many walkable storm ponds within Chestermere and the outings could include a few parks on the east end of Calgary as well, Elliston Park and Ralph Klein Park where both exercise and birds come together. Don Cassidy will provide presentations on local birds.

More info available at Whitecappers.



Whitecappers Activity Schedule

JULY 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Enjoy the beautiful days of summer!</p> 			1 WHITECAPPERS CLOSED  HAPPY CANADA DAY!	2 OFFICE OPEN 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Quilting 9:30 am Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm Bridge 1:00 pm	3 OFFICE OPEN 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Dance Fit with Vicky 10:30 am Chair Yoga 11:45 am	4 Whitecappers Stampede Breakfast 9:30 – 11:30 am YAHOO!! 
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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT WHITECAPPERS

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

PLEASE NOTE

- Drop-in activities – No charge for members. \$5/non-members.
- **WALK FIT CANCELLED** for July & August. Resumes August 24th.
- Classes with instructors Vicky (chair yoga, dance fit) and Julie (exercise class) for July and August.
- **PUB NIGHT CANCELLED** for July & August.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

-  Calendar is subject to change. Please check page 1 of the Newsletter for updates.
-  Everyone is welcome to drop in and try any activity.
-  Come for the activities, stay for the friendship!



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NEXT WEEK: Travel tips for seniors



From Pipelines to Pocketbooks: Alberta Pushes Forward

Alberta is proving that it can grow the economy and support families at the same time. Last week, our government advanced one of the most significant opportunities in a generation – a new west coast pipeline that will connect Alberta energy to the world. We also launched applications for the Alberta Energy Rebate and added more support for complex classrooms.

Alberta’s energy future took a major step forward with the submission of the west coast oil pipeline proposal to the federal Major Projects Office for designation as a project of national interest. This bold, nation-building project would move more than one million barrels of oil per day to the west coast, opening the door to Asian markets and helping Canada become an energy superpower. Working with Trans Mountain Corporation, Pembina Pipeline, and Indigenous partners, this project will create thousands of jobs, generate revenue that supports public services, strengthen Canada’s energy security, and support economic growth across the country – all while helping Alberta produce some of the lowest-emissions heavy oil in the world through the Pathways CCUS initiative.

Everyday costs are still putting pressure on many Alberta families, and a little extra help can go a long way. That’s why our government has opened applications for the one-time Alberta Energy Rebate, which provides \$100 to eligible Albertans. The rebate can be used however families need it most – whether that’s groceries, gas, utility bills, or other expenses. Eligible Albertans can apply online from July 1 to September 30 by visiting energyrebate.alberta.ca, while those receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit, AISH, ADAP, or Income Support will be automatically enrolled. By putting money directly into Albertans’ pockets, our government is delivering practical support where families need it most. If you have questions about the Alberta Energy Rebate, please email AlbertaEnergyRebate@gov.ab.ca or call 780-401-4014 or toll free 1-844-401-4014. The call centre is open Monday to Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Students learn best when classrooms are safe, supportive, and focused on learning. That is why Alberta’s government is investing \$100 million to help schools manage increasingly complex classroom needs from kindergarten to Grade 12. This funding will help hire more teachers, educational assistants, and specialized support staff, including 221 new complexity teams across the province. These teams work directly with



schools facing behavioural and safety challenges, with new help for students in grades 7 to 12 and additional support for kindergarten to Grade 6 classrooms. The funding also includes training for teachers and school staff, along with better access to specialized services in rural and remote communities, giving teachers the tools and support they need to help every student succeed.

Building a stronger Alberta means looking ahead while continuing to support families today. The decisions government makes should lead to real improvements in people’s lives. Whether it’s creating jobs through major infrastructure projects, helping families with rising costs, or supporting teachers and students, our government is focused on delivering results that strengthen Alberta today and create opportunities for the future.

As always, please free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions at Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca.

COMMUNITY HEROES

Highlighting the organizations that make our communities thrive



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a project of CCIS

Who We Are

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What We Do

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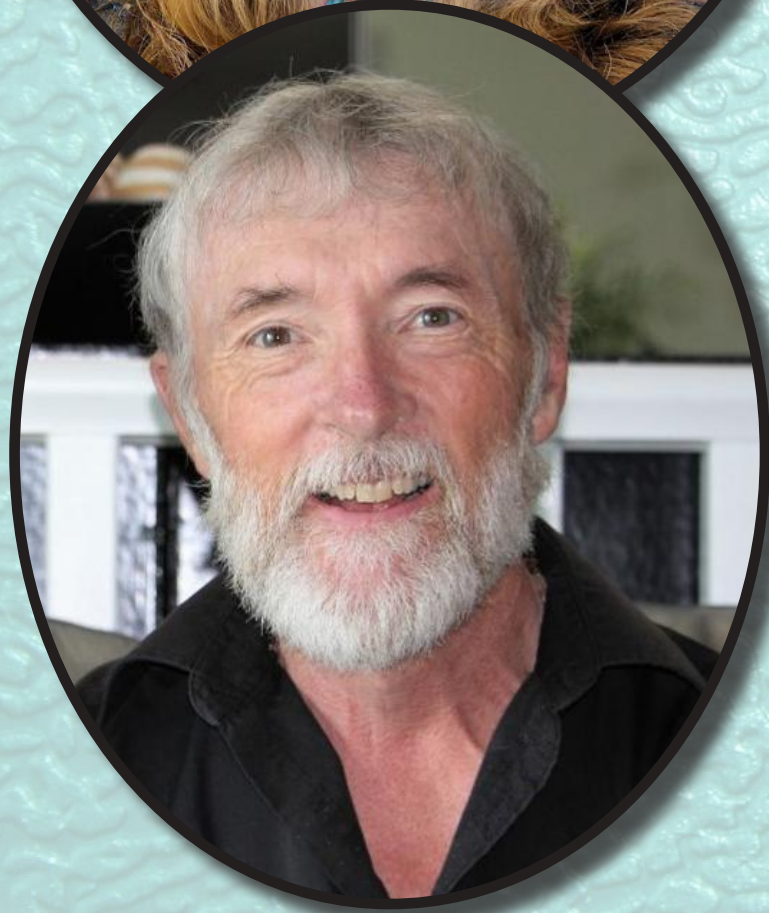
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Birding with Elaine and Don



“Go North” Feathered Friend



Although most Canadians are familiar with the term “climate change”, some of the more subtle changes in nature provide evidence where increases in temperature have birds acting in their best interests for their multi-generational survival. As drought, heat, agricultural practices and urbanization increase in the southern United States, Canada may temporarily “benefit” from these changes, from the bird watcher's perspective.

Fortunately, the Audubon Society, through the analysis of citizen science data collected on the popular global website, ebird.org, has painted a picture of both northward and upward migration, as well as other behavioral changes in birds. From 1966 to 2005, 60% of 305 bird species of North America have moved north. A few examples, include the Purple Finch moving no less than 433 miles, the House Finch, 269 miles, and Ring-billed gulls moving nearly 356 miles. In addition to moving north, some species seeking cooler climates have moved into the foothills and mountain ranges to find that comfortable temperature.

Research completed by Nature Canada identified some concerning outcomes. Birds are laying eggs 6.6 days earlier per decade, while Tree Swallows are nesting up to 9 days earlier than 30 years ago. Birds are migrating earlier. In analyzing 63 years of data for 96 Canadian migrating species, 27 have significantly altered migration times, arriving earlier with warmer springs. 6 bird species are delaying the departure south. In Europe, some birds have “retired” from migrating all together.

Mr. Jeremy Cohen, a Yale research scientist, published an extensive study in the May 28th, 2025 edition of Nature Ecology and Evolution, examining the relationship between bird migration and the warming climate. Using data collected over 20 years, researchers found that 400 North American bird species shifted their locations between the years 2000 and 2020, during both summer and winter.

On average, the 400 species were able to reduce their summer warming by 52% of what they would have experienced had

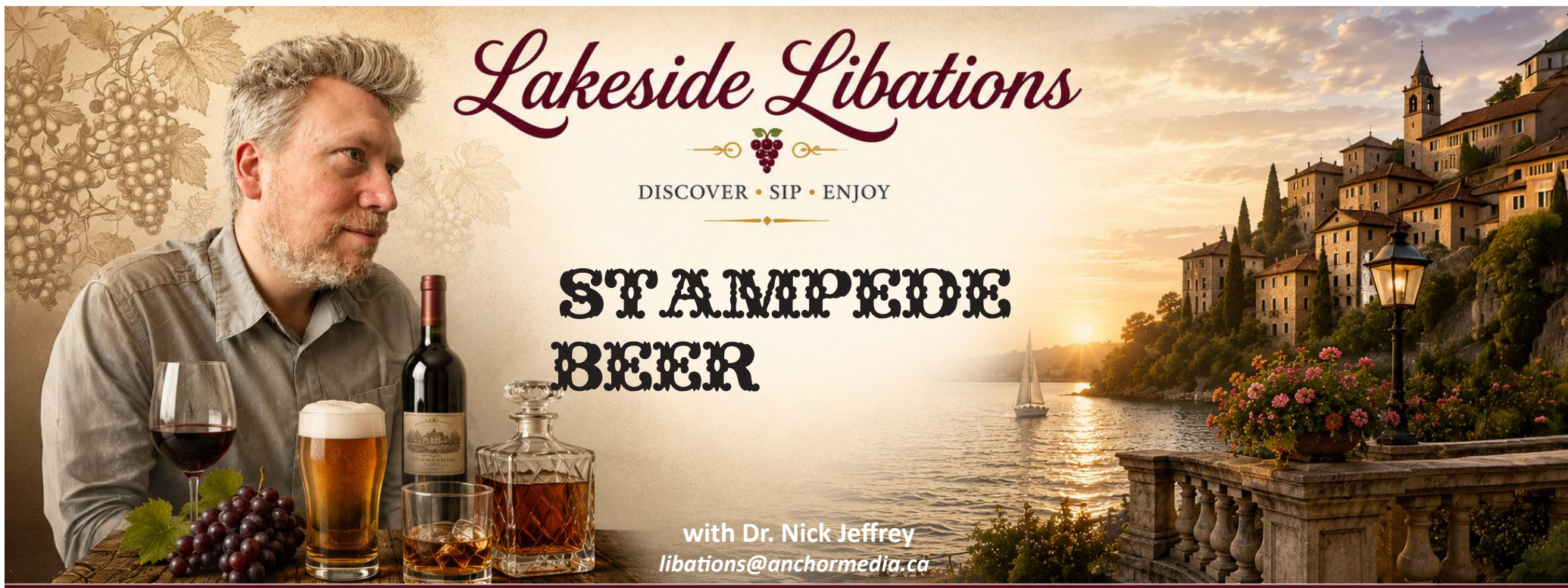


they stayed put. During the winter, the average warming was reduced by just 11%. Interestingly, each species reduced their risk of warming temperatures in varying degrees. For example, Blue-winged warblers could easily move north, while Nashville warblers hardly moved. Cactus wrens didn't move much in winter and were faced with a warming of 5C during the "cold" season. Cohen concluded that birds which normally migrate long distances and have wing shape proportions meant for long-distance flight, were most successful in reducing exposure to climate change.

Popular with birders, the wood warblers of Canada, provide evidence of changing behavior. 7 of 35 North American warblers have shifted on average, 65 miles further north over the past 24 years. One would hope that this natural shifting north by birds will save them from climate change. However other factors put the birds at risk. Continued land development and agricultural land clearing could fragment suitable habitat for bird species. Furthermore, food and nesting materials that birds depend on, may not be available. Moving into new areas brings additional risks of parasites, competitors and predators to which they are not adapted.

Canadian bird watchers will without doubt, see more species. One example is the beautiful White-faced Ibis, first identified near Rosebud, Alberta in 1941. Its range historically has been at Pakowki Lake in southeastern Alberta and Frank Lake, east of High River. Sightings now have occurred near Cold Lake and Grande Prairie, several hundred kilometers north. Go north feathered friend. It may be good for a while.





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STAMPED BEER

with Dr. Nick Jeffrey
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I have performed my once-per-decade pilgrimage to Calgary Stampede, having gotten my fill of cotton candy and creepy clowns as a young child. But I had out-of-town friends visiting, so off we went to take in the greatest show on earth. Sure, I still had to wear those uncomfortable boots, and squeeze into the faded blue wranglers that seem to get a bit tighter around the midsection every year, but at least the imbibing options have improved a bit.

Long-time Albertans will recall that the annual bacchanalia known as the Calgary Stampede has traditionally been a bleak and barren wasteland for the beer snobs of the world.

For many decades, Labatt was been the exclusive beer sponsor, so all Stampede venues were only able to carry products from Labatt's parent company.

For those who may not be aware of the labyrinthine organization of the megabrewers of the world, Labatt is owned by the Belgium-based conglomerate Anheuser-Busch Inbev, whose brands include Budweiser, Labatt, Corona, Stella, Becks, and hundreds of others. Many of these brands are brewed at the giant Labatt facility in Edmonton, so that Bud Light or Corona you were pounding on the patio is not really an import.

Faithful readers may recall that a miracle occurred in 2017, with locally produced Alberta craft brews being permitted on the Stampede Grounds for the first time. That trend has continued, to the present day, with the food and drink halls in the Big Four building boasting offerings from local Alberta brewers, and more from around the world, much to the delight of the boozing public.

This year, there were 32 Alberta craft brewers (and the giant Labatt megabrewer) pouring their wares, showcasing our world-class Alberta malting barley to the world. In addition to offerings inside the fair, there are more than a dozen craft breweries within 5 kilometers of the Stampede Grounds in Calgary, all of which are extra

busy this time of year.

The nearby Inglewood-Ramsay neighbourhood was historically known as Brewery Flats thanks to Calgary's first brewery opening there in 1892, and has experienced a resurgence of brewing culture, with half a dozen small craft breweries opening their doors in the past few years, and more in the works.

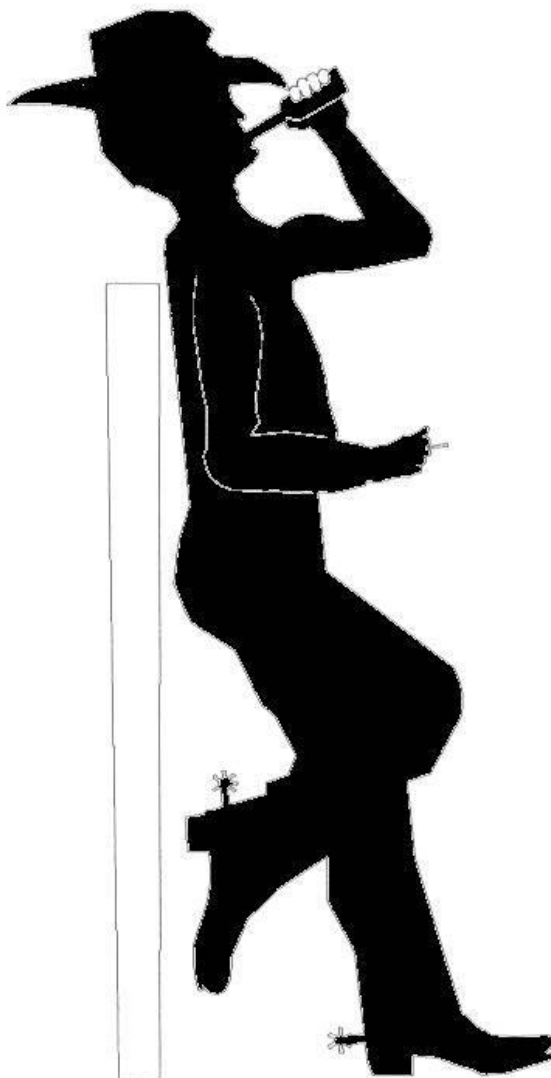
My latest favourite in the area is Good Cheer Brewing, open for less than a year now, and specializing in ancient beer styles from centuries past, and is located just a few blocks from the site of the original Calgary brewery in Inglewood-Ramsay.

Lacking centuries of domestic beer history here in Canada, most of the offerings from Good Cheer Brewing are old European styles, with those wacky brewers from Belgium featured heavily. The beer selection changes regularly, I popped in there last week and enjoyed a pint of Grisette, an old Belgian farmhouse style, sometimes considered an ancestor of the current Saison style.

Just across the street is Dandy Brewing, famed for their Dandy in the Underworld Oyster Stout, but on sunny patio days, I prefer their crisp Dandy Lager or refreshing Hefeweizen, paired with chef-inspired gourmet nibbles from their small but lovingly curated food menu.

And just down the street is Cold Garden, known almost as widely for being full of friendly dogs as it is for beer. Their quintessential summertime beer is the One Summer in Saskatoon, made in the French/Belgian Saison style, with Saskatoon berries added during the brewing process for a tart and sweet finish.

Whatever your preferred brew may be, you should be able to find it on the Calgary Stampede fairgrounds during the annual rodeo, or at the ever-growing number of nearby craft breweries. Take a tour of Brewery Flats on your next trip to the big city and see for yourself!







HOROSCOPES



WEEK OF JULY 5 TO JULY 11, 2026



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

There is nothing that you cannot handle this week, Aries. Expect to juggle a lot at the same time, but somehow you make it look easy. A calm demeanor is a big asset.



TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

This week will be fairly quiet for you, Taurus. You are likely to connect with a task and dig down deep until it is completed. If someone tries to persuade you to take a break, you likely won't.



GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Many forces are working together to provide insight, Gemini. Take a step back and consider all of the variables in play. The solution may be simpler than you can imagine.



CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, there is no time for daydreaming right now. You will be tasked with managing multiple projects in the days ahead. Remain focused.



LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Are you getting pummeled by obstacles, Leo? It could be that you need to set aside more time to yourself to complete the tasks expected of you. You also may need to ask for help.



VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, an ability to communicate clearly is among your most notable assets. If you have thoughts about explaining your ideas to others, keep reinforcing your goals.



LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your projects will take some time to set up. A patient approach will pay off as results begin to materialize. Your ability to multi-task will drive you forward.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Life isn't an individual sport, Scorpio. You don't have to do everything alone. Interact with others as much as you can this week.



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, when a person has found his or her path, naturally the desire is to start walking down it. You are eager to get started on something that has been on your mind.



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, keep an open mind so you can discover new experiences. You don't have to completely reinvent yourself, but make a concerted effort to be open to new ideas.



AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

The horizon is clear and you have all of the information you need to navigate what life is throwing at you right now, Aquarius. Keep the faith that you are on the right path.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, share your experiences and feelings with someone close to you. Let your feelings out and express your gratitude to the person who lends a listening ear.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JULY 5

Edie Falco

Actress (63)



JULY 6

Kevin Hart

Comic (47)



JULY 7

Jack Whitehall

Actor (38)



JULY 8

Maya Hawke

Actress (28)



JULY 9

Tom Hanks

Actor (70)



JULY 10

Sofia Vergara

Actress (54)



JULY 11

Alessia Cara

Singer (30)



*Look to the stars,
find your path.*



Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

	6	5	31
2			22
5		10	26
27	25	27	

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21	8	2
5	6	20

Solution

CANADA

MONTH



HISTORY

1955

The first television broadcast of the opening of Parliament takes place.

Animal FACT:



This animal sleeps through roughly 70 percent of its life.

Answer: Cat

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

YM INNE VLSIE

Answer: My nine lives

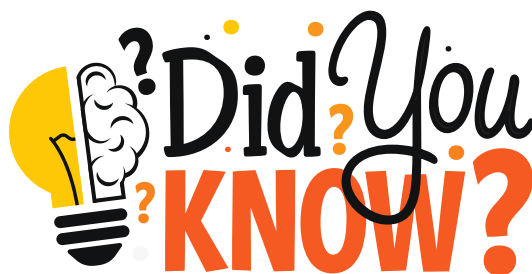
NEW WORD

MEOW

the crying sound of a cat

How they say that in...

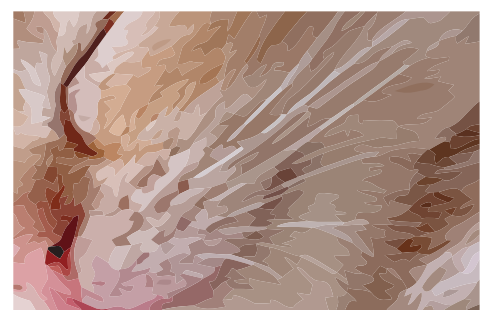
English: Fur
Spanish: Pelo
Italian: Pelliccia
French: Pelage
German: Fell



Most cats are lactose intolerant and should not be given milk to drink. This goes against images that often show cats drinking milk.

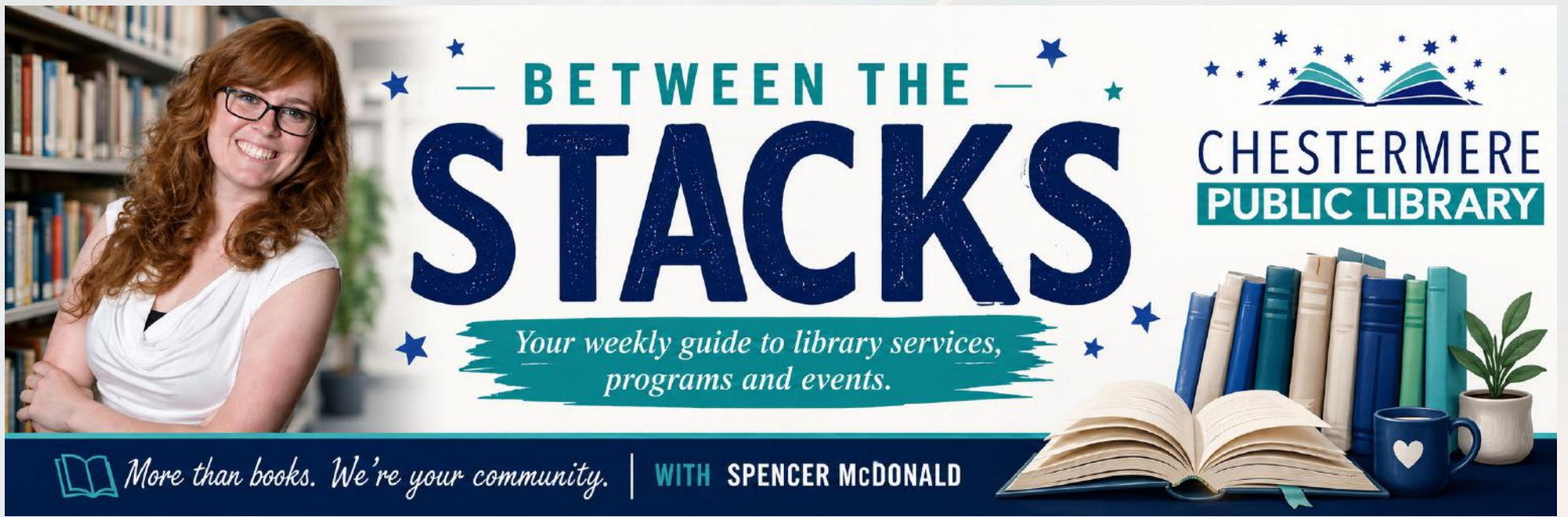


Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: A sleeping cat



Summer Program Session
 Our Summer Program have begun! Find our full program guide on our website at www.chestermerepubliclibrary.com.

Summer Reading Challenge
 Face off against adults, children, teens, and library staff to be the top reading group. Pick up a reading log at the Library and fill it out as you read. Once the log is full, bring it back to the Library in exchange for a ballot to our prize draws. The more you read, the more chances you have to win a prize. No registration required. Reading logs will be accepted until August 15th at 5PM.

Summer Reading Workshops!
 Set sail for adventure all summer at the Library!
 Join us for a variety of programming including themed crafts, activities, games and more throughout the summer for kids ages 3-12. Please note: Children must meet the program's age requirement they are registered for by June 30th.
 This weeks theme is: Legends of the Lake!

Age 3: Thursdays from 12:00PM to 12:30PM
 Age 4-5: Tuesdays from 10:15AM to 11:15AM & Saturdays from 2:15PM to 3:15PM
 Age 6-7: Wednesdays from 11:15AM to 12:45PM & Saturdays from 10:15AM to 11:45AM
 Age 8-9: Thursdays from 10:15AM to 11:45AM & Saturdays from 12:00PM to 1:30PM
 Ages 10-12: Tuesdays from 11:30AM to 1:00PM & Thursdays from 1:30PM to 3:00PM
 Drop-In Craft (All Ages): Fridays from 12:00PM to 1:00PM
 Registration required for workshops except Drop-In Craft.

Playdate
 Get Ready to Build, Create, and Explore! Join us for a unique day of play featuring the Mobile Adventure Playground!
 The Mobile Adventure Playground is a dynamic play space packed with "loose parts" (items that can be moved, carried, combined, and redesigned). Kids are free to build forts, invent games, and explore in a safe, supportive environment.

Important Reminders for Parents:
 Dress for mess: Active, messy play is heavily encouraged.
 Footwear: Strictly closed-toe shoes only for safety.
 Come let your child's imagination run wild!

No registration required. Parents and Caregivers must supervise their children.

Seniors' Tie-Dyed Aprons
 Get ready to add some colour to your kitchen! Join us on Monday, July 6th at 5:30PM for a fun, hands-on tie-dyed apron workshop. Participants will personalize their aprons using colour and design techniques. Registration required.

Adult Creative Club: Teacup Candles
 Give old teacups a second life in this hands-on class on Wednesday, July 15th at 6:30PM. We will repurpose teacups into charming homemade candles. Take home a cozy, one-of-a-kind creation you'll love to display or gift to someone special. Registration required.

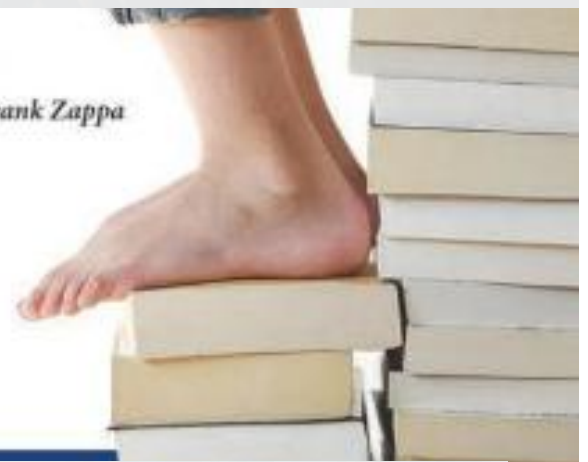
YouTube Storytimes
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Graphic Novel and Manga Clubs
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Tuesday:	10:00AM – 7:00PM
Wednesday:	10:00AM – 8:00PM
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Friday:	10:00AM – 6:00PM
Saturday :	10:00AM – 5:00PM



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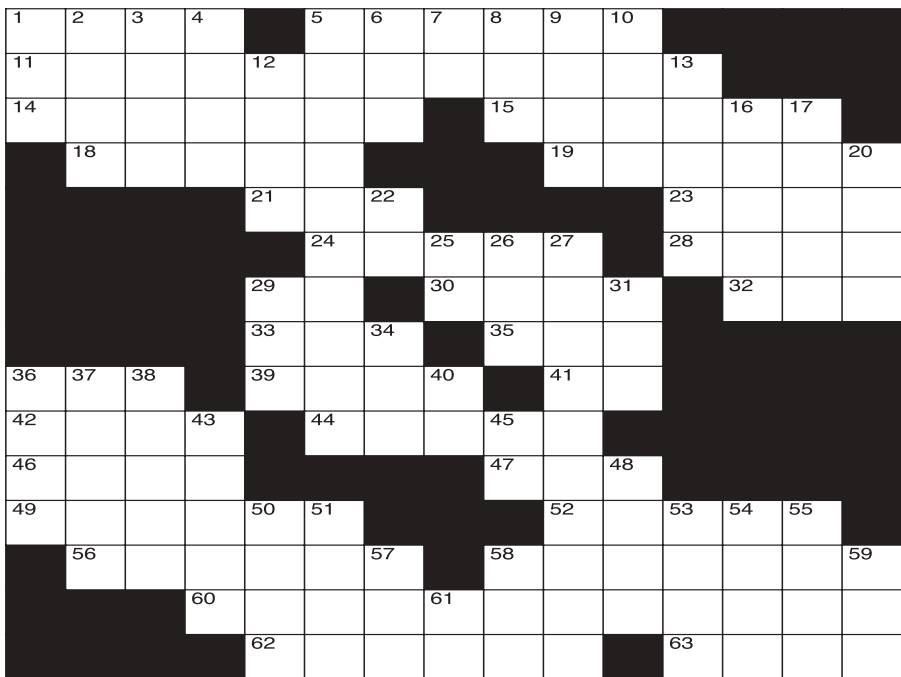
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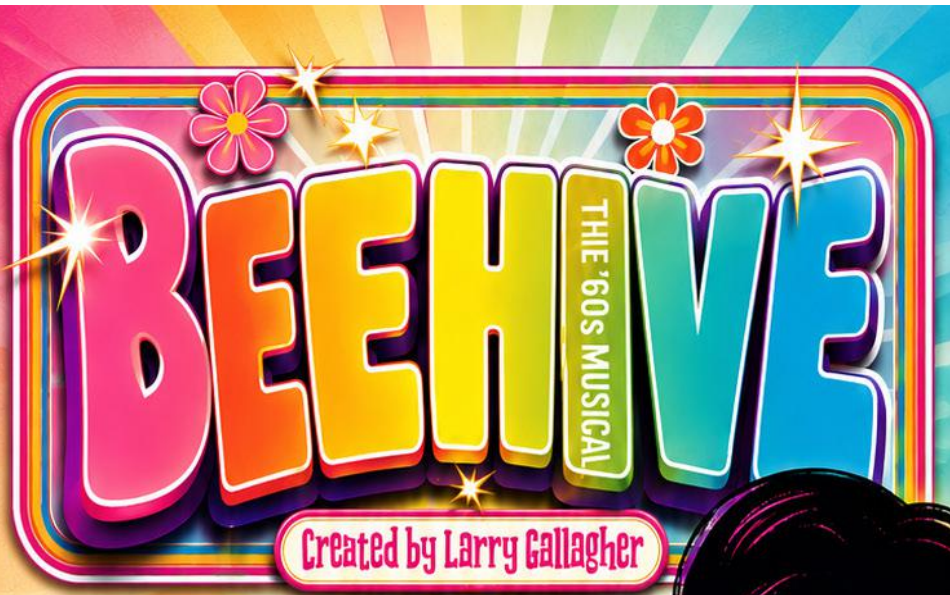
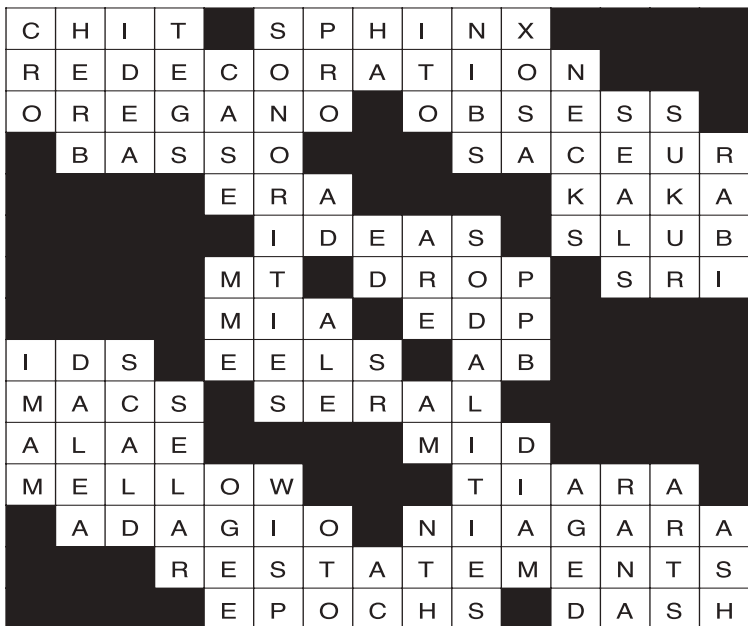
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. ___ chat
- 5. Statue near the Pyramids
- 11. A process to change the look
- 14. Herb
- 15. Think about excessively
- 18. Bass vocal part
- 19. Supreme Allied Cmdr. of NATO
- 21. A major division of geological time
- 23. New Zealand parrot
- 24. Cognitive contents
- 28. Lump of yarn
- 29. Atomic #109
- 30. Let go of
- 32. Indian title of respect
- 33. Whereabouts unknown
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Drivers' licenses count
- 39. Snakelike fishes
- 41. They precede C
- 42. Popular personal computers
- 44. Intermediate community stage in ecological succession
- 46. Wings
- 47. Indicates position
- 49. Pleasantly smooth or soft
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Reassertions
- 62. Eras
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Corporate executive
- 2. A plant used for flavoring food
- 3. Opinion or belief
- 4. Sheep in their second year
- 5. Intensities of sound
- 6. Indicates support for
- 7. Expression of laughter
- 8. OJ trial judge
- 9. Pointed ends of pens
- 10. True bugs genus
- 12. Lawyers argue theirs
- 13. Body parts
- 16. Closes tightly
- 17. World Heritage site in Nigeria
- 20. Islamic calendar month
- 22. Commercial
- 25. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 26. They ___
- 27. Religious guilds
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 34. Brew
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Older citizen
- 43. Scad fish genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double S-shaped curve
- 51. Small, thin person
- 53. Older
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. To the ___ degree
- 59. Residue
- 61. It cools your home

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