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### HANNA COUNCIL

## Tax rate proposal to decrease due to higher assessments

Cheryl Bowman  
Multimedia reporter  
ECA Review

Hanna town administration recommended to council at their regular meeting April 24, 2024 for a decrease in taxes after learning of the higher property assessments.

The 2024 operating and capital budgets that were approved by council at the Dec. 12, 2023

meeting had an anticipated two per cent tax increase to generate \$56,000 higher revenue than in 2023, however it was noted that information since the meeting shows that property assessment levels have increased from the 2023 assessment by \$19,433,450.

Residential property assessment increased by \$11,246,580, non-residential assessment has increased by \$1,796,030 and

exempt assessment has increased by \$6,166,130 with the major increases seen in the hospital, J.C. Charyk Hanna school and Acadia Lodge.

Administration now recommends a budget with a three per cent decrease to the municipal portion of the residential tax rate and one per cent decrease to the municipal portion of the non-residential tax rate.

The revised budget would

reflect a surplus of \$6,862.

The changes to municipal tax revenue would see a total increase in municipal tax revenue of \$80,112.

The school tax rate, municipal tax rate and seniors' foundation tax rate would be reduced from 2023.

Most property owners would still see a slight increase in their taxes from the 2023 amounts with some properties having had a higher than average increase in the assessed value.

CAO Neill noted that there would be "some significant tax increases to some of our businesses" pointing out that it was "because their assessments have gone up significantly."

CAO Neill also pointed out that it is "hoped that the reduction offsets the increase of assessment".

"It's been a hard year for people." Coun. Sandra Murphy agreed.

Council motioned to accept the report for information.

#### Curling rink, an investment

Council received a presentation from Tanner Kautz, Hanna Curling Club president, on the activities of the

Hanna curling club.

Kautz pointed out several successful events that they had hosted as well as a general increase in participation rates.

Some of these were the Farmers Bonspiel which had 22 teams, a four team growth. The ladies bonspiel also had two more teams show over last year.

The club also hosted a mixed bonspiel with two teams from Calgary attended and a corn hole tournament August, 2023 with 32 teams signed up.

The rink raised approximately \$30,000 at a casino event in the third quarter of last year which was noted by Kautz was helping to pay back some of the money owed to the town.

Coun. Sandra Murphy noted the reach of these events.

"The residuals from all these people and from the groups that came out, the teams that were formed. They are not all from here, most of them are from elsewhere. They are not here for two hours and go home. Some are here overnight and weekends and they are spending money in town which is not reflected here."

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Francis Forrest celebrated 100 years on April 24. A birthday party on Sat. April 20 at the Talbot Community Centre saw over 150 family members and friends join in to help her celebrate the milestone. ECA Review/Submitted

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MORRIN COUNCIL

# Council ponders hiring bylaw officer

*Stu Salkeld*  
Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
ECA Review

The Village of Morrin council discussed the pros and cons of hiring a bylaw officer for the municipality. The issue was discussed at the April 17 regular meeting of council.

Village Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Annette Plachner reported to councillors she contacted one bylaw enforcement contractor, Starland Enforcement Services, who quoted \$5,500 per year and was informed the contractor doesn't handle dog complaints, which they advised be forwarded to the RCMP.

Readers should note at a previous council meeting councillors heard a complaint from a Morrin resident who requested something be done about aggressive dogs running at large in the village; councillors passed a resolution that a bylaw officer be hired as soon as possible.

Plachner explained the contractor handles mostly traffic issues and proposed a three year contract. Coun. Lorraine MacArthur suggested Morrin negotiate with the contractor for a one year contract to see if the service is what Morrin needs.

It was noted that bylaw services would need to be included in the 2024 budget but councillors also heard that

the village keeps all revenue from tickets the bylaw officer writes.

Councillors decided to table the issue to their May meeting.

### Dog control

MacArthur gave an update on the village's dog control bylaw, which she noted is now available for the public to read on Morrin's website. MacArthur noted a young boy was recently killed in Edmonton by aggressive dogs.

MacArthur asked how the village handles a complaint about a dangerous dog. The CAO responded, according to the bylaw, the village attempts to confirm the dog is licensed and if there are more incidents the RCMP are called.

Councillors discussed previous complaints about aggressive dogs running at large in the village, with MacArthur noting her dog was attacked by one.

Councillors passed a resolution that the village would send a letter to aggressive dog owners informing them of complaints and that dogs need to be licensed with the municipality.

### Financial statement

Plachner confirmed the audited 2023 financial statement hasn't arrived from the auditor yet, who noted the statement is "really late this year."

She further added it seems many municipalities are getting their financial statements back late from

auditors.

Plachner continued that she is currently working on the 2024 budget but can't finish it until the audited financial statements are received.

### Paving schedule

Councillors discussed 2024 paving work the village wants done by a contractor called Spectra.

Councillors noted this contractor is from Mundare, with Plachner adding it looks like paving work can't be done in Morrin before mid-July.

The CAO stated Spectra was the only contractor that showed interest in the work; she added the other contractor who voiced interest didn't show up for the meeting.

Councillors unanimously passed a resolution to offer the 2024 paving work in Morrin to Spectra.

### Picnic tables

Mayor Chris Hall reported that he'd found a carpenter who makes picnic tables for \$250 each, with Coun. M'Liss Edwards responding she thought kids at Morrin School were going to make picnic tables for the village.

Councillors noted there's probably not enough school year left for students to make picnic tables.

During discussion councillors noted picnic table kits can be purchased in Red Deer for about \$100 but require assembly.

Councillors unanimously passed a resolution to buy two picnic table kits in Red Deer for about \$100 each, plus contact Morrin School to see if the students are interested in making some tables next year.



## Notice of Advance Vote, Notice of Election and Requirements for Voter Identification

Local Authorities Election Act  
(Sections 12, 35, 46, 53, 73)

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OFFICE(S)	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
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DATED at the Village of Donalda, in the Province of Alberta, this 25 day of April, 2024.

  
Kevin Bridges  
Returning Officer

FORESTBURG COUNCIL

# Special Culture and Recreation tax increase

*Cheryl Bowman*  
Multimedia reporter  
ECA Review

Village of Forestburg council moved to increase the Special Culture and Recreational tax amount to \$230 from \$210 at their regular meeting April 25.

The tax is utilized to assist with funding recreation within the Village of Forestburg. The special tax requires a bylaw to be passed each year that it is levied.

As such Bylaw 1:2024 Special Culture and Recreation Tax Bylaw was prepared for council's consideration

The levy would assist in covering costs of general repair, maintenance and operations of the Village of Forestburg cultural and recreational facilities with a flat fee of \$230 to all improved property. This would be a 4.7 per cent increase and generate \$105,340.

CAO Dwight Dibben noted that the village has seen more expenditures "than in the past" with the last 12 to 16 months having the "largest draws on reserves."

Mayor Blaise Young agreed that "facilities have to be maintained."

Coun. Devon McNabb commented that the village has just spent \$150,000 on the community hall roof.

Coun. Robert Frizzel agreed that elevated costs could be mitigated by adjusting a marginal amount each year, which goes back to the community, noting "we should have a little more set aside."

This special tax is in addition to all other rates and taxes.

Council approved with unanimous consent to pass a second and third reading of the bylaw.

### Campground seasonal rates

Coun. McNabb requested an addition to the agenda on the need to establish a seasonal municipal rate for fully service lots in the campgrounds. This was in response to the anticipated stay of workers of the wind farm staying long term in the village campgrounds.

The Forestburg golf course has a full service campground that offers a seasonal rate with a golf membership. The Kinsmen RV park does not have a seasonal rate, but as suggested by the CAO Dibben a swim pass could be offered with a seasonal rate for the campground and would match the golf course based on full service.

The seasonal rate would only apply to fully serviced lots and if the designated lot is not reserved by May 1 it would then be able to be booked by others.

A motion was made that council would table the decision to establish a seasonal rate to a special meeting.



## DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF DECISION

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

DEVELOPMENT AREA	APPLICATION NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PROJECT	DECISION	APPEAL PROCESS
Special Area No.2	SA2-01-24	SE-35-21-09-W4	Remove Existing Kitchen Building & Build 52' x 270' Kitchen Building (AMENDED)	APPROVED	Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (Note 1)

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Further information regarding the above may be obtained from the Special Area No. 2 District Office, Hanna, Alberta.

Brett Richards, Development Officer

## BIG VALLEY COUNCIL

# Meeting County of Stettler over bridge debt

Stu Salkeld

Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
ECA Review

Big Valley village council agreed to meet with their County of Stettler counterparts to discuss an outstanding invoice of over \$30,000.

The decision was made at the April 15 regular meeting of council.

Village Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Colleen Mayne presented councillors with an update on an unpaid invoice sent to the village by the County of Stettler; Mayne's report noted the county billed Big Valley \$32,206.91 as the village's share of bridge repairs carried out during the summer of 2023.

It was heard at previous council meetings the Village of Big Valley council passed a resolution to morally support the bridge projects through a signed letter but no resolution to spend Big Valley tax dollars on the bridges was ever found.

Councillors discussed the issue with Mayne noting no further information could be found.

They decided to attend an April 23 meeting with the County of Stettler to discuss this issue.

## Change of scope

Councillors unanimously approved changing the scope of an infrastructure study awarded to MPE Engineering to include work on the village's lagoon.

The CAO summarized in her report

that the lagoon's condition is serious enough to require an action plan that includes a geotechnical investigation. MPE reported at a previous meeting the lagoon's berm has a crack in it and further investigation was wise.

MPE provided a quote for the change of scope just over \$47,000; Coun. Dan Houle said the fee was tough to take but the study needs to be done so council knows what repairs the lagoon needs.

The CAO pointed out grants are available to help with this project.

## Council pay rates

Councillors unanimously approved by resolution to make several changes to the way they are paid, referred to as 'remuneration'.

They cut their mileage rate for attending out-of-town meetings from 68 cents to 53 cents, on par with what the provincial government pays.

They increased the quarterly stipend from \$312 to \$350.

They also agreed to remove a "social functions" paragraph in the remuneration policy which read, "Members of Council have the authority to take others out to a meal up to a \$100 value without prior approval, where it is believed to be in the Village's best interest. Meals in excess of \$100 require approval from Council as a whole before they occur."

In her report the CAO stated that a former mayor didn't remember this paragraph and thus refused to sign the policy to bring it into effect.

Former Big Valley CAO Elaine MacDonald was present and spoke up, noting that this paragraph was in the draft policy, can be found on the village's website and was included in the 2022 organizational meeting agenda where council had a chance to read it.

MacDonald stated she felt this discussion was an attack on her personally and asked that such attacks be stopped.

## Request granted

Councillors unanimously granted a request from the Big Valley Community Centre to waive a very large utility bill that, according to the CAO, was caused by a faulty water metre.

According to the CAO's report the community centre got a water bill for the month of February that was just over \$700; typically their water bill in the past for that time period ranged between \$20 and \$50.

The CAO acknowledged the village's metre was to blame and recommended a credit be placed on the community centre's utility account for \$800 to cover erroneous February charges plus any that carried over to March.

Mayne added the faulty metre had been replaced.

## Third opinion

Councillors heard an update on the village's John Deere tractor which is in need of repair.

It was stated at the meeting two mechanics have already looked at the

vehicle and listed its problems.

Mayne noted a third mechanic was scheduled to examine the tractor the third week of April. She added, because of the costs involved, a special council meeting may be required to discuss repairs.

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Todd Pawsey  
Director of Emergency Management  
County of Paintearth No. 18



## BASHAW COUNCIL

# Bashaw council approved 3.43 per cent property tax hike

Stu Salkeld

Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
ECA Review

Bashaw town council approved their 2024 operating budget that includes a 3.43 per cent overall tax increase. The resolution was passed at the April 24 regular meeting of council.

Town Chief administrative Officer (CAO) Theresa Fuller presented councillors with the draft operating budget, but noted an important part will be updated when possible.

"The town audit is still in the process of completion, the audited financial statements will be presented to council once available," stated Fuller's report to council. "Once the (delayed) audit is complete, the actuals within the budget will be updated."

The CAO provided councillors with a summary of operating budget details, including changes they requested during budget talks. The first sentence of Fuller's report noted the 2024 operating budget proposed a 3.43 per cent overall tax increase.

The Public Works listing included \$9,400 for grader repairs, \$6,000 for loader repairs, garbage collection/disposal revenue boosted as rates will be increased, \$18,000 for community beautification and increased insurance costs plus many more items.

Under the recreation heading it was noted minor hockey boosted their ice times which boosts town revenue, a conditional grant from Lacombe County is expected to drop, the Fun Hockey organization didn't book any ice time this coming season, the

concession lease will increase by 2025 and a preventative maintenance contract has increased by \$3,400.

The CAO also noted she expects increased revenue from many different water sources such as bulk and septic receiving stations.

Under the fire department heading the CAO notified councillors both urban and rural firefighting revenue was expected to increase based on five-year averages.

"We plan to keep the firefighter honorarium stable; we anticipate additional calls this year," stated Fuller in her report.

Interestingly, under general administration, Fuller noted funds have been set aside for new council chambers windows with the town advertising locally for quotes; however, the town only received one response and no quote was included.

During discussion Fuller notified councillors she'd heard concerns in the community about some property assessments used to calculate property tax bills, climbing by as much as nine per cent; to that end, she provided councillors with a spreadsheet of various Bashaw properties showing their assessed values. Fuller pointed out these anonymous properties were chosen at random.

Property 003904, a high value residence, had a 2023 assessment of \$409,520 followed by a 2024 assessment of \$428,550 which according to the report was a 4.65 per cent increase. The report noted this property's municipal tax bill would increase by \$43.48 this year.

Property 004236, a medium value residence, had an assessment of \$220,630 last year followed by \$236,480 this year, a 7.18 per cent increase in one year. This property owner's municipal bill would go up by \$75.87 this year.

Property 001104, a low value residence, was assessed at \$56,310 last year followed by \$59,060 this year, a 4.88 per cent jump. This property owner's municipal tax bill would increase by \$7.23 this year.

The CAO stated that, while residential assessments generally grew, most non-residential assessments generally dropped.

Mayor Rob McDonald stated that a 3.43 per cent tax increase was palatable, especially compared to places like the City of Edmonton which recently approved an almost nine per cent hike.

Councillors unanimously approved the 2024 operating budget as it was presented.



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## SLAP Shots

Super 70s Sports: "If they made Bull Durham today, Nuke LaLoosh would be on a pitch count and never see the fifth inning."

Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Deion Sanders got defensive recently when USA Today pointed out how Sanders doesn't make recruiting visits to high schools or do in-home visits with recruits and their parents. Maybe Primetime needs to change his name to Downtime!"

Janice Hough of leftcoastsports-babe.com: "Tom Brady says he's 'not opposed' to a late-season NFL return. What about as a captain for the Pro Bowl?"

RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Ex-NASCAR driver Danica Patrick was among the first passengers to ride a new driverless bus in Las Vegas. To make her feel comfortable, they had it follow 33 cars."

One more from Janice Hough: "At least two teams, the Las Vegas Aces and the Washington Mystics, have moved their games against (Caitlin Clark and) the Indiana Fever to larger arenas because of higher than expected crowds. Good for them. Now pay the women more."

Canadian satirical website The Beaver: "'Maybe this is the year the Leafs beat Boston,' says delusional idiot who doesn't know (anything)."

Former U.S. college basketball coach Al McGuire: "Winning is overemphasized. The only time it is really important is in surgery and war."

## FROM THE BLEACHERS

# The NHL's best family affair: the Hughes brothers

by Bruce Penton

There have been some tremendously talented family combinations over the years in the National Hockey League — the Richards, the Sutters, the Tkachuks, the Hulls — but the current trio of Hughes brothers might be the best family act yet.

Only one of the three — likely Norris Trophy winner Quinn Hughes of Vancouver Canucks — will be skating in the playoffs this year, while the younger two, Jack and Luke, both ply their trade with New Jersey Devils, who finished a disappointing seventh in the Metropolitan Division and didn't come close to a post-season berth.

American-born and all products of the U.S. college system, the Hughes' boys come by their hockey talent honestly. Their father, Jim, played college hockey, later becoming an assistant coach for the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League. He went on to play a key role in the Maple Leafs' player development program, retiring 10 years ago, so the boys spent most of their formative youth learning the game in Toronto. Their mother Ellen played for the U.S. national women's team in the world championships of 1992. As player 'developers', Jim and Ellen Hughes just might be the best ever.

"Whenever we got the chance to watch a game with my dad, it was like watching video with an NHL coach,"



Penton

Jack said in an ESPN.com story in 2018. He said the Hughes' boys were getting hockey tutoring at the age of 10-14 that many others didn't get until turning professional at 19 or 20.

All three Hughes' boys were first-round draft picks, which has no NHL precedence. Quinn is 24 and went No. 7 overall to the Canucks in 2018. He runs the Canucks' power play, finished second on the team in scoring with 93 points and will likely wind up winning numerous Norris

trophies. Jack is 22, was the No. 1 overall selection in the 2019 draft and

finished this year, despite missing the last two months of the season due to a shoulder injury and subsequent surgery, racked up 74 points in 62 games after amassing 99 points last season. Luke, at age 20, was the fourth overall selection in the 2021 draft and has established himself as the Devils' No. 1 blueliner. He finished fifth in team scoring this year and is a regular

on the New Jersey power play. He, too, will garner a few Norris trophy votes.

Quinn and Luke both wear No. 43 for their respective teams, while Jack wears 86 for the Devils. Does the numbering mean Jack is twice as good? Hardly. If a poll were taken, Jack and Quinn would be 1 and 1A while Luke would be on the cusp of that talent level. Jack says Quinn is the best of the brothers; Quinn says it's Jack. Regardless, they're both all-stars, soon to be joined by Luke, and likely en route to hoisting more than one Stanley Cup over the next dozen or so years.

Quinn hopes to start that Cup-hoisting this June.

Headline at the onion.com: "Nobody In Entire Dodgers Organization Has Heart To Tell Ohtani What's Going On With Interpreter"

Headline at fark.com: "Bring your family, bring your wives to see the new NHL team in Salt Lake City."

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## Hanna curling rink is a community asset

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CAO Kim Neill agreed, saying the curling rink "is an asset to our community."

Neill noted that it brings people to town who will spend money and it's part of a lifestyle.

"They are an important group and we want to make sure they are successful and continue to be successful. We are in a partnership."

Mayor Povaschuk concurred stating "it's an investment."

### Talks of spec homes

Administration has been approached by a local builder to see if the town would have any interest in building a spec home or partnering to build a spec home.

Several aspects of building spec homes were discussed, such as land that could be used and what type of structures to build. As CAO Neill noted the discussion was to gauge interest in the proposal.

"It is a good initiative" stated Coun. Kyle Olsen, adding that he liked the idea.

Coun. Angie Warwick shared an incident of a nursing family that had accepted a job in Hanna and had to decline it because

they could not find housing. She noted that the town might have "trouble attracting and retaining" specialists.

Coun. Sandra Beaudoin wondered if management of the project would fall under the Harvest Sky Economic Development who is currently supported by the town.

CAO Neill noted that if Harvest Sky thought it would be a good economic development initiative, a proposal could be brought forward to the town and Special Areas, with each contributing \$250,000 as seed capital. The intent was with the sale of the house the money would go back to Harvest Sky to continue building houses.


The homes would not be rental units.

Coun. Fred Crowle suggested a multi-dwelling, duplex or four-plex structure instead of a single family dwelling. CAO did not disagree but pointed out that the "challenge is having service land for multi family."

Coun. Olsen motioned to request that Harvest Sky Economic Development Corporation consider looking at building a spec home or properties.




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CLIVE COUNCIL

# Council likes 'natural play' park idea

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Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
ECA Review

Clive village council tweaked a park development plan to include "natural play" features for youngsters.

The resolution to alter the park plan was made at the April 22 regular meeting of council.

Village Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Carla Kenney presented councillors with a report on Danser Park, noting plans to develop this park were approved about three years ago.

Councillors previously approved, as part of the Danser Park repurpose plan, to remove shrub beds, relocate benches and community garden boxes within the park and add a gazebo.

It was noted at the time this decision was made that the plan was "long term."

The proposed tweaks still included space for a future gazebo, but also included a game table spot, renovations for flower beds and open area intended for kids to play in a natural environment. Kenney noted this new plan was also lower cost.

The CAO suspected that with possible drought this summer, village staff may not have to spend as much time mowing grass as usual; Kenney stated they would have time to work on this park.

Councillors unanimously

approved the Danser Park repurpose plan.

**Peace officer report**  
Councillors heard a report from Lacombe County Community Peace Officer (CPO) Mark Sproule; Clive contracts its CPO work to Lacombe County.

Looking back at 2023 Sproule noted his officers gave 64 warnings, wrote nine tickets and investigated 14 occurrences.

Sproule stated tickets are usually written for things like speeding and unregistered vehicles while warnings are for bylaw issues like snowy sidewalks and tall, uncut grass. Lastly, occurrences sometimes involved abandoned vehicles or bylaw complaints.

He stated CPOs spent considerable time working with students at Clive School: it was noted CPOs gave 26 presentations to students about railway safety, bicycle safety and many more important topics.

So far in 2024 Sproule stated his officers have given four warnings, written 10 tickets and investigated six occurrences.

Councillors agreed they were very happy with the time CPOs spend with Clive youth.

**Drought duties**

During her regular report the CAO noted during a Hwy. #12/21 Water Commission meeting April 19 it was stated water sharing agreements have been announced with large



Clive village council approved a repurpose plan for Danser Park which still includes space for a future gazebo, but now includes a game table spot, renovations for flower beds and an open area intended for kids to play in a natural environment. **ECA Review/Submitted**

water license holders; with drought looming, some Albertans have been talking about how conservation could be expected of all users.

Kenney added that water commissions and municipalities tend to be seen as "low volume users" of water, but they will still be asked to conserve perhaps 10 per cent of their usual consumption.

**Water issues**

Kenney reported a water issue that cropped up this spring may require an engineer's expertise.

She stated that on April 12 she and Public Works staff met with a property owner regarding a water problem in the area of 47 Street and 49 Ave.

The CAO stated that village staff and the property owner couldn't agree on the water source causing damage, overland flooding versus ground water saturation. Hence, the CAO stated she's contacted an engineer to perform a topographical survey and prepare recommendations for council.



Hanna Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and over 200 volunteers spend hours preparing for the annual Spring Rummage Sale. Volunteers show up for days to organize and price out items that fill both the arena and curling rinks including, from the left, Crystal Durand of Hanna, also Michaela Holt of Medicine Hat and Barb Guidolin of Airdrie who have ties to Hanna and look forward to returning each year to help out. According to Gloria Hutton, president of the auxiliary, they have been organizing rummage sales, both spring and fall, for over 80 years. They have 20 members including life time members but are always looking for more to join. **ECA Review/J.Webster**

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## MAIL BAG

## Show me the money!

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the article titled "Kneehill County wants reasons for \$156 million error"; April 11, 2024, pg. 11, *ECA Review*.

The county governments and the municipal governments will have to get in line. Financial businesses such as banks and lending institutions must report quarterly results to their shareholders. Correct?

When was the last time the Alberta Government published quarterly reports on the Heritage Trust Fund?

How does it "stack-up" to Alaska's fund and to the Norwegian fund? Show me the money!

How much did Premier Smith spend "pushing" her Alberta Pension Plan that most municipalities and most citizens were opposed to. Is it because her government may be "running-out" of cash? Show me the money!

How much money did the provincial government spend "pushing" for a provincial police force that most local governments and citizens didn't want? Show me the money!

How much is our government going to spend cleaning up all those "orphan wells", or will it pass "the buck" to local governments? If I rent an apartment, I must put down a "damage deposit". If I wreck the place, the landlord can claim the damage deposit. Why are energy companies allowed to circumvent the rules for abandoning orphan wells?

How much are the orphans wells costing the municipalities and the local tax payers? Show me the money!

When was the last time our provincial government provided a detailed accounting for supporting private businesses like private schools? Show me the money!

The mayor of Sundre, Alta. wonders why his local government cannot access federal money to build infrastructure for his community.

Why must local governments report to a "new bureaucracy" to get provincial support? Must the peasants "beg" for assistance? Where is the money?

How much has Premier Smith spent "pushing" her agenda for political parties to be created for local governments?

Again, local governments and citizens are oppose to that idea. Partisan politics has virtually shut-down local, state and federal governments in America. Does Smith need to "re-invent the wheel" on this matter? Show me the money!

How much has the Smith government spent on "Cutting the Red Tape"? Anytime I hear politicians talking about cutting red tape, I wonder who wins and who loses? The tale of Boeing in America is a classic example where a government under Trump cut back regulations and mandatory inspections for Boeing and for the railroad industry.

Who lost? Well, 343 people died in two Boeing 737s Max planes in 2018 and 2019. Was anyone held accountable for those accidents? For the railroad with a multitude of accidents under his administration, who was held accountable?

Who paid for the damages to rivers, lakes, streams and forests under his "deregulation" policies?

I'm glad that Kneehill County officials are not going to accept the "royal run-around" by the bureaucrats at Municipal Affairs.

*George Thatcher,  
Olds, Alta.*

## MAIL BAG

## Misinformation provided

Dear Editor

Attention: Village of Morrin council and CAO Plachner.

In response to the statement made to the *ECA Review* reporter by CAO Annette Plachner in the article titled 'Village council may fine former mayor over CCAN', pg. 8, April 25 issue, that read:

"The CAO stated that when Helton was on village council he voted in favour of having two other village residents remove CCANs from their residential property; councillors also conducted a survey at that time and the majority of Morrin residents opposed CCANs in residential areas".

I would like to draw your attention to the facts according to the official minutes of the Village of Morrin,

From minutes of the Jan. 20, 2021 regular council meeting of the Village of Morrin with Official Administrator Harold Johnsrude presiding.

6.8) Sea-Cans on Residential Property

- The CAO reported that this has been an ongoing concern ....

- A survey was conducted in the Village ....

- 106 surveys sent – 39 notices received, 44 residents voted, 29 agree, and 15 disagree

- The CAO will forward a letter to the resident for non-compliance requesting removal ....

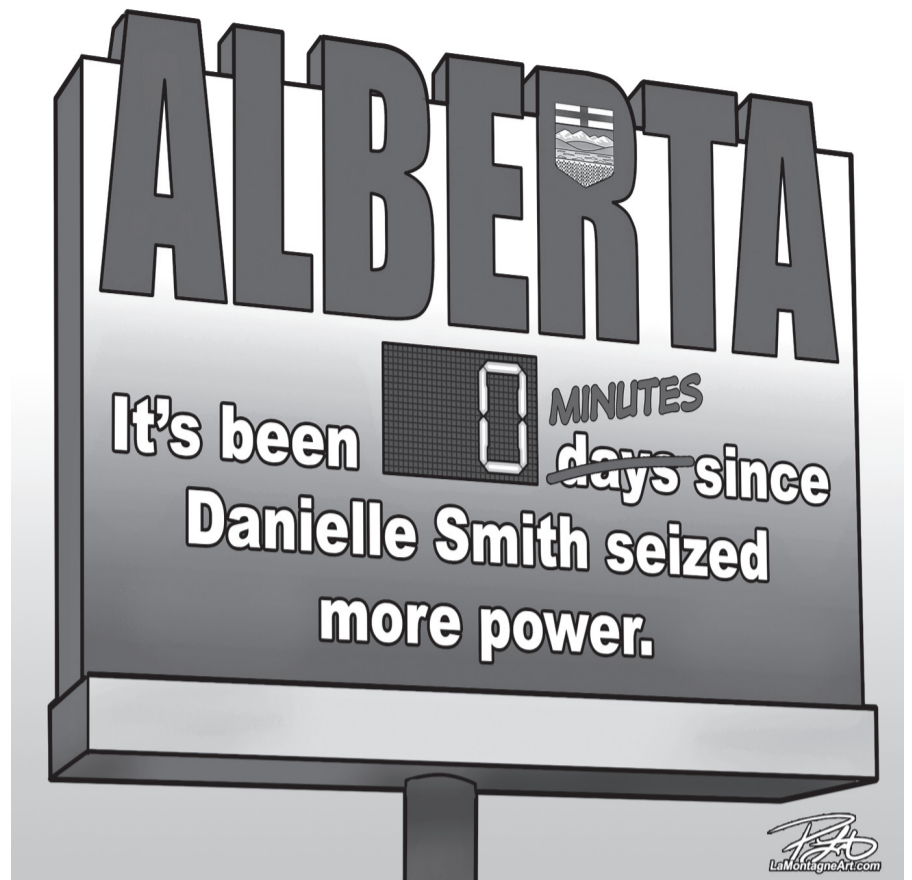
While I was on council there was no vote nor a resolution passed to have two other village residents remove their Sea Cans.

For information regarding Sea Can discussions, while I was on council, I refer you to the minutes of the following meetings:

- October 16, 2019, November 20, 2019, January 15, 2020 and June 17, 2020.

Any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

*Respectfully, Howard Helton,  
Morrin, Alta.*



## MAIL BAG

## TD Bank – swipe and they are gone!

Dear Editor,

After over 100 years of brick and mortar, some great staff and community involvement our local, profitable, TD Bank branch in Coronation is being closed.

In many telephone conversations and again in the March 28 meeting with two TD Bank VPs they have said "we had our retail department do an analysis on the Coronation Branch accounts and the clients use their debit and credit cards everywhere so we don't need a brick and mortar location in Coronation".

This means that the TD Bank doesn't put any value on our small retail businesses in east central Alberta, cash withdrawals, or area seniors.

A small retail business in Coronation that has to make any cash deposits, even if they have dealt with the TD Bank for 30+ years, has to move their banking as it is impossible to make cash deposits by

internet banking.

In the March 28 meeting we asked for a TD Bank ATM and were shot down hard and fast, probably because there will be no staff or vault in Coronation. This means that every time we do want cash in Coronation, if we stay with the TD Bank, there will be an extra fee by other ATMs on our cash withdrawals.

The cost of internet banking is greater than most people can even imagine. The banks are making millions of dollars every day as they fee both the card holders and our local businesses.

I would like everyone to say to themselves, "I just made the TD Bank money" every time you use your TD debit or credit cards. You might consider using cash next time and save the associated fees to both yourself and the local retailer and stop working for the bank.

*Stewart Twa  
Veteran, Alta.*

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VIEWPOINT

# Trudeau gives Quebec special treatment on carbon tax

Current cost of carbon tax, Quebec vs. rest of Canada\*

	Quebec (\$57/tonne)	Rest of Canada (\$80/tonne)
<b>Gasoline</b> (per litre)	\$0.13	\$0.17
<b>Diesel</b> (per litre)	\$0.17	\$0.21
<b>Natural gas</b> (per cubic metre)	\$0.10	\$0.15

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is highlighting a fundamental unfairness about the federal carbon tax: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is requiring taxpayers in other provinces to pay a higher carbon tax than in Quebec.

“Trudeau is giving Quebec a special deal on carbon taxes and giving other Canadians higher gas prices and heating bills,” said Franco Terrazzano, CTF Federal Director.

“The solution is simple: Trudeau should scrap his carbon tax and lower gas prices and home heating bills across Canada.”

The federal government states all provinces are required to impose the carbon tax equally.

“The federal government is committed to ensuring that carbon pricing is in place across Canada at a similar level of stringency,” states the government’s backgrounder.

Taxpayers in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut are all required to pay a carbon tax of \$80 per tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent while Quebec’s cap-and-trade carbon tax is currently \$57 per tonne.

By 2030, the federal carbon tax will cost \$170 per tonne, while Quebec’s will cost an estimated \$97 per tonne, as reported by La Presse.

That means in 2030, Quebec’s carbon tax will cost about 14 cents per litre of gasoline less than

in the rest of Canada.

“Trudeau’s special deal for Quebec shows the carbon tax was always about politics,” said Terrazzano. “Trudeau should make life more affordable for all Canadians and scrap his carbon tax.”

CTF estimates for Quebec based on cap-and-trade auction price.

The rest of Canada is based on the cost of the carbon tax, according to the government of Canada.

When asked by reporters if he would meet with provincial premiers who are concerned about the cost of the carbon tax, Trudeau said rebates negate affordability concerns.

“If you have a giant mansion and an indoor swimming pool and three big personal cars, it might not cover all of that, but for regular families that are hardworking, it puts more money in their pocket,” Trudeau said Friday, Apr. 5.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer reports that average Canadian families will be out up to \$911 this year, even after accounting for rebates.

“Most Canadian families don’t have giant mansions and indoor swimming pools, but they’re still getting hurt by the carbon tax,” said Franco Terrazzano, CTF Federal Director. “It’s time to get rid of the carbon tax completely.”

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# STETTLER COUNTY COUNCIL

## New garage and fence with zero setback approved

Stu Salkeld  
Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
ECA Review

The County of Stettler Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) approved a hamlet garage and fence that directly abuts a property line. The decision was made at the April 24 regular MPC meeting.

The MPC is comprised of members of county council and chaired by Coun. James Nibourg.

Board members heard an application for a 100 per cent setback variance from Hamlet of Botha property owner Kevin Collier, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Collier proposed building a new garage on his property located at Lot 6 Block 5 Plan 782 2097 in Botha, which was also described as #4 Maryville Place, within a cul-de-sac.

Development Officer Rich Fitzgerald presented the application.

"Maryville Place is a cul de sac at the east end of the Hamlet," stated Fitzgerald in his report to the board. "The rear of the property borders on a large Municipal Reserve (MR) lot. The side boundaries of the subject parcel border two developed lots.

"The applicant is proposing to construct a 26 foot by 36 foot ancillary building (garage). There is a right of way (ROW) that runs along the west boundary of the subject property, and the County of Stettler owns the ROW.

"Planning staff have confirmed with environmental services that there are no services in the ROW, nor is there any plan to ever use the ROW. The applicant also confirmed with the utility companies that there are no utilities of theirs in the ROW.

"The applicant has worked with adjacent landowners to confirm the location of the property line, and if the application is approved, a new fence will be constructed on the line separating the properties.

"The location of the garage was chosen by the applicant in an attempt to avoid two large mature fir trees restricting access to the rear of the property, and to keep the structure parallel with the south boundary.

"The application was referred out to administration, and councillors.

Concerns were expressed from the Stettler Fire Department that the zero setback may create access issues in the case of a fire on the property.

A member of council had also expressed concerns about the proposed setback. No other comments or

concerns were received."

During discussion Fitzgerald noted the property currently has a shed "right up against that property line," but added there are a number of structures in the hamlet that also abut property lines.

When preparing his report Fitzgerald stated he couldn't find any complaints about Collier's existing shed, or any complaints about any of the other structures elsewhere in Botha either.

It was noted the new garage would be hidden from neighbours by large, mature trees.

In response to the fire department concern, Fitzgerald stated there's a large open space right next to the ROW that should allow firefighters access in the event of an emergency; Nibourg agreed this addressed the fire department concern.

It was noted that, generally, development is forbidden on ROWs; however, the County of Stettler has the authority to permit it.

As board members discussed the application it was noted all utilities come in from the front of the parcel in question and Collier himself confirmed, if the garage is built, it will open out onto the cul-de-sac, not the back lot.

Reeve Larry Clarke stated he didn't want the garage or fence built over the property line and onto public property, which has happened in other hamlets; the reeve also pointed out the ROW is not an alley and was not designed or built as such.

The accuracy of aerial maps was mentioned several times during this discussion, but county staff pointed out aerial maps can have up to three metres of variance depending on the map's source.

Board members unanimously approved the application, with the presented conditions.



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# Busy meeting for Golden Prairie 4-H

by Simone Eshpeter, Club Reporter

The Golden Prairie 4-H Club had their monthly general meeting at the Forestburg Curling Rink on April 10. The meeting was called to order with the roll call question being, "What did you do for the Easter holidays?"

The March minutes were read by Sasha Weiss, secretary and the treasurer's report was presented by Caroline Boddy because the treasurer, Erika Davis, was not present.

Wendy Weiss read the minutes from the district meeting and reported that it was a fantastic meeting. During 'Caroline Speaking Time', Caroline talked about our next fundraisers which will be tire recycling on April 20, 2024 and highway clean-up on May 4, 2024.

She also talked about the upcoming Forestburg bottle drive community service on April 18, 2024.

Caroline also explained the Sid Walker trip which we are hosting this year. The theme was 'The Amazing Race' and was held on April 13, 2024 in Forestburg, Heisler and Rosalind.

Alisa Glasier discussed our diaries that needed to be completed and Rhonda Fuller talked about the Achievement Day table centerpieces which each project has to make.

New business included our Achievement Day on June 1, 2024 at the

Forestburg community hall and arena.

Old business included needing volunteers to work the concession at the Daysland Palace Theatre for community service.

The project reports were presented as follows: Busking, Foods, Outdoor Living, Horse, Tractor, Woodworking, 1st and 2nd year Photography, and Creative Options.

The next general meeting is on May 8, 2024 at the Forestburg Train Station at 7 p.m. If you would like to see the minutes from our general meetings or learn more about our club, please visit our Facebook page at Golden Prairie 4-H.

### Annual Sid Walker trip

The annual Sid Walker trip on April 13, 2024 hosted by the Golden Prairie and Wavy Lake 4-H clubs was held at the Forestburg Train Station.

Over 50 4-H club members and family members from the Flagstaff District attended. The event theme was 'The Amazing Race'.

The race started in Forestburg where members met up with their teams and boarded the train that would take them to Rosalind, Alta. where their first clue was.

The teams were given clues as to where they would go first. They then had to complete a challenge to earn

their next clue. This continued until every team was back on the train.

The race travelled to Heisler where the teams had lunch at the Heisler Hotel and completed more challenges before continuing onto Forestburg where the last leg was completed and a very deserving supper was eaten.

At the end of the race, a quiz was held about the different things that the teams had learned during the race.

Each team had to complete the quiz to help unlock the chest that the prize was hidden in.

Some highlights of the race were sausage tasting, playing blackjack, ga-ga ball, line dancing and lunch.

The race was jointly organized by the Golden Prairie 4-H and Wavy Lake 4-H clubs. Many

parents and former 4-H member volunteers were needed to make this event a success and all help was greatly appreciated.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS**

**ESTATE OF Gary Allen Jensen who died on March 26, 2024**

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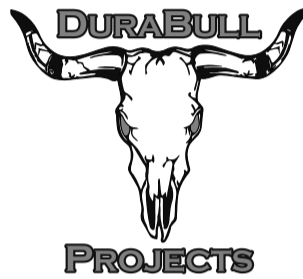
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### Village of Donalda Public Works Foreman

The Village of Donalda is accepting applications for Public Works Foreman.

The part time, working foreman, reports to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), provides leadership to all aspects of the public works department, including supervision of part time departmental staff, and is responsible for the safe and prudent operation, maintenance and replacement of Village assets and infrastructure.

Regular hours of work will be 3 eight hour days per week (Mondays and Tuesdays plus one other week day are preferred). Additional work hours will be required during emergencies, call outs and peak work periods.

Please refer to the Village of Donalda website for additional information.

Please apply, by submitting a cover letter and resume, before 2:00 pm on May 21, 2024 to: Kevin Bridges, Interim CAO

Village of Donalda  
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### Village of Donalda Administrative Assistant

The Village of Donalda is accepting applications for Administrative Assistant. This key position reports to and supports the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and is responsible for a wide range of administrative and accounting tasks, including day-to-day office functions.

This is a part time position of approximately 16 hours per week. Additional hours may be required during peak periods. The workdays are Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Key responsibilities include:**

- Issuing billings, cash receipts, cheques and electronic payments; payroll; data entry; maintaining computerized databases; bank deposits and reconciliations; month end balancing and reporting; reception and ordering office supplies.
- Maintaining the Village's website and social media accounts.
- Assisting the CAO and assuming CAO duties when required.

**Qualifications:**

- Grade 12 education, supplemented by post-secondary education in accounting or a related field is preferred.
- Demonstrated proficiency with computerized systems, including accounting systems. Experience with Muniware, Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Office and website software is preferred.
- Self-motivated, reliable and highly organized with keen attention to detail. Ability to function effectively as an individual and as part of a team.
- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills.
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- Alberta class 5 driver's license.
- Current criminal records report that is acceptable to the Village.

The complete job description can be viewed on the Village of Donalda website or a copy can be obtained at the Village office.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume by not later than May 14, 2024 to: Kevin Bridges, Interim CAO

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OBITUARY

# Spending time with family, the ultimate feel-good hobby

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, and friend. Joanne Margaret Dyck (nee Hartel) in Alix, Alta. on March 16, 2024 at the age of 64 years.

Joanne is survived by: her loving husband Dale of 46 years, daughter Tammy (Curtis) Elliott, and son Terry (Nikki) Dyck.

She is also survived by her grandchildren Courtney, Colby and Ryan Elliott

Also, her mother Dorothy Hartel and siblings August (Sandi) Hartel, Karen (Greg) Scheffmaier, Glen (Kerry) Hartel, Colleen (John) Rush and brother-in-law Kelly Hawthorne, sister-in-law Diane (Norman) Koch, Helen (Blaine) Lee, Rita Ward and Bonnie Sharp.

Joanne is predeceased by her father Harvey Hartel, mother and father-in-law Evelyn and David Dyck, sister Valerie Hawthorne, brother-in-laws Bob Sharp, David Ward and Wayne Dyck.

Joanne Margaret Dyck (Dolly or Jo) was born Sept. 12, 1959 in North Battleford, Sask. to Harvey and Dorothy Hartel.

She and her siblings attended school in Lashburn, Sask. until 1972 when the family moved to Coronation, Alta. where she graduated in 1977.

After graduating she started her career with Alberta Health Services.

She first started in the kitchen then onto housekeeping and laundry, eventually to her role as a Regional Manager for Environmental Services.

Through her 47 years of service, she gained and met a lot of great friends and co-workers. She would often reminisce about all the good times and laughs they all had.



Dyck

In 1976, Joanne met the love of her life Dale. Dale and Joanne were united in marriage on May 6, 1978. To this union, they welcomed two children Tammy and Terry.

In 1999, they welcomed their first grandchild, Courtney followed by Colby in 2001 and Ryan in 2010.

Joanne, aka, Dolly had many great years with the kids. From dance and hockey and a few ball games, she loved watching the kids play and have fun. Dolly also loved her grand-puppies, and they loved her. The licks and kisses were endless.

Joanne and Dale moved to Alix, Alta. in 2005 until present. They took pride in their beautiful home, yard and garden. Their home was always open for a visit and a coffee.

Dolly had many hobbies throughout her time. Crocheting and knitting were some of her earlier projects. Behind her chair was full of wool and knitting needles. Quilting was another hobby she ventured into. Making many quilts

for an undeniable comfort. With love in every stitch, we will always cherish.

She loved scrapbooking and baking all our favourite things.

Bingo was always a favourite. She and her friends would load up the car and head out hoping for a big win. Speaking of gambling, Vegas was always a favourite go-to spot. She loved playing the slot machines and going to shows. Rod Stewart was one of the highlights. They travelled all over including a family trip through Yellowstone Park, both Disney Parks, Sedona, Arizona, and Rouleau, Sask. to visit the set of the TV show Corner Gas. Many good times were had travelling about.

Camping was a huge part of their life. They loved travelling with many good friends, playing cards, campfires, fishing and just being together.

Spending time with her family was the ultimate feel-good hobby, whether it was chasing the grandkids around with dad to their games and festivals to just being around the table enjoying the holidays and the perfect meal.

Joanne was a remarkable woman, wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, auntie, and friend whose soul left a lasting impact on all who knew her.

If you had ever had the privilege of being with or visiting with Dolly, you would have noticed her witty personality. Her impersonations left everyone in stitches.

Dolly was always able to laugh at

herself. She rarely got through a story without laughing so hard she could barely tell it. We always laughed harder at her than the story she was trying to tell.

'Jo, you were a wonderful caring woman, you've taught us a lot and we will never forget it.'

Today I looked into the sky, and it was beautiful. I then realized it's because you are there. You fly with the angels now but part of you will always be with us.

Rest in peace, dear Dolly. You will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

**If Roses Grow in Heaven**

If roses grow in Heaven Lord Please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my mother's arms And tell her they're from me. Tell her that I love and miss her. And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek. And hold her for a little while. Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day. But there is an ache within my heart, That will never go away.

**Card of Thanks**

The Families of Joanne wish to express their gratitude for the many kind words, gestures, meals, cards, flowers, messages and phone calls and memories shared in the hours since Jo's passing and would like to thank you for being a part of her life.

OBITUARY

# Journey through life

**Ruth Irene Aldrich (Froehlick/Lowe)**  
1943 ~ 2024

Ruth Irene Aldrich (Froehlick/Lowe) passed away peacefully on April 19, 2024. She was born June 26, 1943 in Lethbridge, Alta. to Thomas and Edith Lowe. Two years later, her brother John joined the family. The Lowe family later moved to Victoria, B.C., before experiencing a significant loss

with the passing of Thomas when Ruth was just eight years old.

Edith relocated her two young children to Veteran, Alta. where she married Warren Whitnack. Two more siblings, Alfred and Linda, were welcomed into the family.

In 1960, Ruth married John Froehlick and they resided in Coronation, Alta. raising their four children: Danny, Michelle, Cindy, and Kandy. Together, the family operated Little John's Service from 1971 to 1995.

Operating a family business took much of their time, however Ruth and John enjoyed regular weekends to their permanent holiday trailer in Sylvan Lake and later at Buffalo Lake.

After John's passing in 2001, Ruth's journey took her to Rimbey, Alta. Ruth found love once again with Dawayne Aldrich, whom she married in December 2002. Ruth found joy in her work at the Fields store and relished in the adventures she and Dawayne shared during their retirement, travelling across Canada and cheering on their grandchildren at sports events. The loss of Dawayne in 2013 marked another chapter in Ruth's life.

Ruth found solace in simple pleasures in her later years, enjoying

puzzles and treasured conversations with her dear friend Ken.

Ruth is survived by Danny (Anita) Froehlick, Sheldon, Kurtis (Stephanie), Karly (Allan); Michelle Colvin, Shaun (Jackie), Connie, Angie; Cindy (James) Lang, Natasha (Ryan), Brent; Kandy (Margo) Froehlick, Matthew (Niina), Zachary, and numerous

great-grandchildren.

Brothers John (Bev) Lowe and Alfred (Betty) Whitnack, sister Linda (Trevor)Welsh, and sister-in-law Jean Lowe.

The family will celebrate Ruth's life with a memorial on June 8, 2024 in Coronation, Alta.

Condolences may be made by visiting [www.wilsonsfuneralchapel.ca](http://www.wilsonsfuneralchapel.ca).



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# Hundreds indicate opposition to Kneehill County wind energy development

David Nadeau  
ECA Review

It was a town hall question and answer like no other, with Kneehill County resident and moderator Kelly Tainsh asking for a simple show of hands.

First, she said, who's in favour of Capstone Infrastructure's proposed 350 MW wind project in Kneehill County?

No hands were raised.

Next question—who opposes the project?

A forest of hands.

The proposed project: 50-60 wind turbines west of Three Hills, each the size of the Calgary Tower from base to blade tip in Phase 1 and a Phase 2 development in the Torrington/Wimborne area.

"This project," said Tainsh, "will be spread over 100 square kilometres."

The two-hour town hall, held in the Three Hills Community Center on April 29, welcomed nearly 200 participants.

No matter where located, Tainsh, one of the eight-member volunteer coordinating team behind the newly formed Wind Concerns Kneehill County group, said the massive wind-mills are unwelcome because of a rap sheet that includes agricultural land use, soil degradation, protected areas, wildlife, residents' health and well

being, property values, end-of-wind-mill-life disposal problems and viewscapes.

The town hall meeting was called to inform and discuss the project and launch what Tainsh and the group anticipate will be a successful grassroots movement to block the development.

The meeting began with over 600 names on a no-deal petition, collected 100 more names during the meeting, with a goal of 1,000 names. It is hoped that on going activism and support will result in a meeting with Premier Danielle Smith.

In addition to many petition names, the meeting was told project denial has a better chance of success if supported by an effective letter-writing campaign to Kneehill County and the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

When asked how many turbines are anticipated for Phase 2, Tainsh quickly dismissed the thought. "We are hoping Phase 2 will not happen because we are determined to stop Phase 1."

What can be seen as a good start in the support department: an email to the group and read at the meeting from Three Hills-Olds-Didsbury MLA Nathan Cooper that clearly stated "I am opposed to the project."

"We also need to write to Capstone Infrastructure," said Tainsh. "If we don't engage with them, there's a chance they could tell the AUC there

was little to no opposition. Our strength? Showing that many oppose the project."

Tainsh indicated a high percentage of county taxpayers most closely affected by the project do not want it or any other wind project in Kneehill County.

"We wrote to Kneehill County requesting that it be the first Alberta county to declare itself an unwilling host to industrial wind power plants."

During the Q&A, county landowner

John Hamm said those in opposition to the project should be pushing the County and the AUC to index the cost of reclamation and recycling to ensure there is enough money in place at the end of the project's life.

After the open house, in noting the coordinating committee was very pleased with the turnout, Tainsh said, "It is important that we come together with a strong voice that will be heard by Capstone, government officials, and the AUC."



Kneehill County landowner, John Hamm said those in opposition to the project should be pushing the County and the AUC to index the cost of reclamation and recycling to ensure there is enough money in place at the end of the project's life. ECA Review/D.Nadeau

## Administrative Professionals Week April 29 to May 3, 2024

<p><i>Thank you</i></p> <p>to our staff: Shaunna, Sara, Kennedy, Kyla, Damara, Kelli &amp; Miranda.</p>  <p>Dr. V.N. Patel, General Dentist 4906-51 Street Stettler, Ab t:403 742 6741 f:403-742-2391 e:stettlerfamilydental@gmail.com</p>	<p><i>Thank you</i></p> <p>Margaret for all your hard work. You are an important part of the team!</p>   <p>NAPA Auto Parts - Stettler</p>	<p><i>Thank you</i></p> <p>Chris and Emmarae, You are an important part of the team. Thanks for going the extra mile.</p>  <p>Bus. (403) 882-3974 • office@paintgas.ca Box 5 Castor, AB TOC 0X0</p>	<p><i>Thank you</i></p>  <p>Kimberly Versluis, Lorisa Brower Lauren Saruga, Cindy Cassidy, Whitney St Arnaud &amp; Shelbi Salmon.</p> <p><i>For all you do!</i></p> 
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