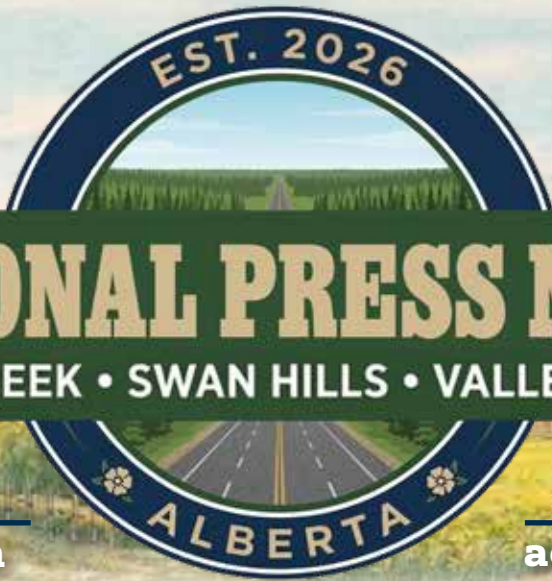




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Cygnets Energy donates \$25,000 to Fox Creek Community Services



By Haylee Dianne

Cygnets Energy has donated \$25,000 to support community services and programming in Fox Creek. Town of Fox Creek Chief Administrative Officer Kristen Milne and

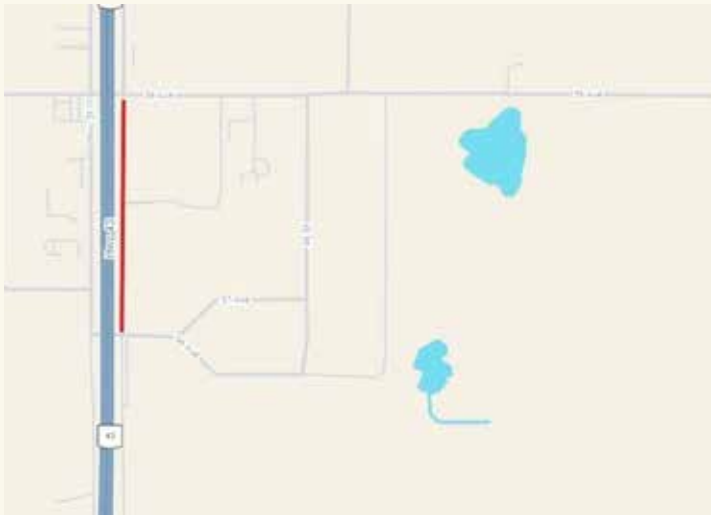
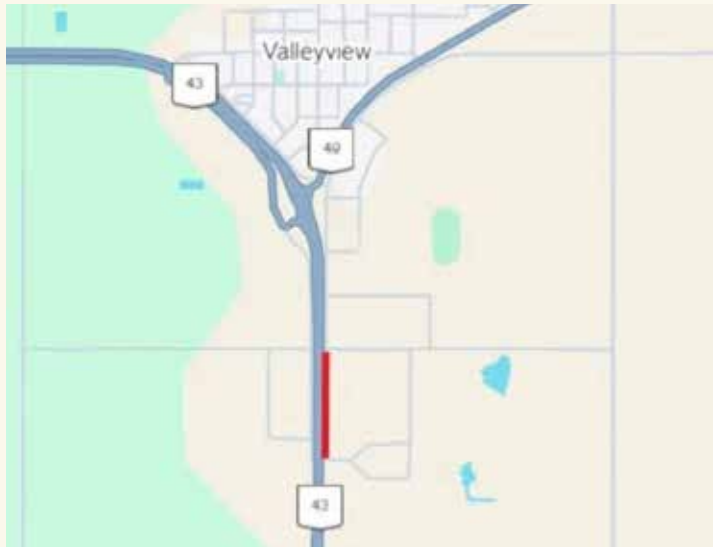
FCSS Facilitator Brianne Hagen accepted the donation from Matthew Bloom, Vice President of Operations at Cygnets Energy. The donation will help cover operating costs for the Fox Trot Express and provide fare subsidies for riders, helping maintain access to the transportation service for residents who rely on it. Any remaining funds will

support FCSS programming priorities, including the Go Girl Conference, Chat & Chill, cultural events, community kitchens and other community-based programs. The funding will support services and initiatives intended to improve accessibility, encourage community participation and bring residents together.



Town of Fox Creek photo

Service road improvements continue in Valleyview



Town of Valleyview photos



By Haylee Dianne

Work continued on Valleyview's service road between 39 Avenue and 36 Avenue as the road improvement project progressed. Milling along the affected section was completed, and crews began road-base repairs on August 14. The

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Valleyview school supply drive helps local students prepare for the new school year



By Haylee Dianne

With the new school year just around the corner, the Town of Valleyview is asking residents to come

together to help local students start the year prepared.

The Town has officially launched its School Supply Drive, with donations of new school supplies being collected until August 20. Residents can drop off donations at the

Town of Valleyview Community Services Office, Town Administration Office, Red Apple, Fields or Pharmasave.

The donated supplies will be distributed on August 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Swanson Room. The distribution

is open to everyone.

The drive gives residents an opportunity to support local students as families prepare for the upcoming school year. School supplies can quickly add up, making community support especially valuable

for families working to manage back-to-school expenses.

The Town is encouraging residents to donate new school supplies before the August 20 deadline.

The school supply distribution will take place August 21

from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Swanson Room, with everyone welcome.

As summer comes to an end, the drive is bringing the community together to help ensure local students have the supplies they need for a successful start to the school year.

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Alberta RCMP provides tips for new drivers

Press Release

This August, the Alberta RCMP is sharing safety tips for new drivers. According to Transport Canada, young and new drivers are more likely to be involved in fatal and injury collisions due to their age and inexperience.

The Alberta RCMP would like to remind

new and experienced drivers of the following tips:

- If you have your learner's license, you must always be accompanied by a valid Class 5 licence holder.
- Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of major collisions. Stay off your

phone and avoid any activity that might impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely.

- Your passengers' safety is also your responsibility. Make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt.
- The posted speed limit is the limit for ideal conditions. You

may need to slow down according to weather, road, and traffic conditions.

- Highways tend to be busier in the summer. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination.
- Be aware of your surroundings and don't tailgate. Only pass when it is safe to do

so.

- Be mindful of other roadway users, such as bicycles and motorcycles. They are not always easily seen.
- Driving for the first time can be nerve-racking. Be patient with new drivers. "Everyone has a duty

to look out for each other on the roads, and this includes looking out for new drivers," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services. "Stay attentive, drive according to conditions, and if you see dangerous driving, report it. This way, we can all do our part and stay safe."



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Watermain replacement underway on 50 Street



By Haylee Dianne

The Town of Valleyview’s watermain replacement project on 50 Street began August 13. The project involves replacing aging watermain infrastructure along 50 Street between 51 Avenue and 52 Avenue. The work is intended to improve the reliability, resilience and long-term serviceability of Valleyview’s water distribution system.

Construction is expected to be substantially completed by August 31, weather and site

conditions permitting. Properties located adjacent to the planned work area may experience temporary disruptions related to construction activities or water service. Additional properties have also been identified as provisional work properties and may be included if construction progress allows for additional watermain replacement.

Traffic control measures are in place throughout the construction area. Temporary lane restrictions and detours may be required, and construction crews and equipment will

be working within the project area.

Temporary water service interruptions may also be necessary during the project. The Town stated that residents will be notified in advance whenever possible.

Motorists, pedestrians and cyclists are asked to follow construction signage and directions from traffic control personnel and flaggers, and to use caution when travelling through the work zone.

The Town is advising residents to monitor its website and official social media channels for updates throughout the project.



The map identifies the planned work area, directly affected properties and provisional work areas for the 50 Street watermain replacement project. *Town of Valleyview photo*

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Fox Creek shooting under investigation after RCMP response



By Haylee Dianne

An incident involving an RCMP officer and an armed male in Fox Creek early Wednesday morning is now being investigated by the Alberta Serious

Incident Response Team (ASIRT).

Fox Creek RCMP was called to a domestic situation involving a weapon at approximately 10:15 p.m. on August 4. The incident occurred on 5A Street between 7th and 8th Avenue.

Police contained the

area and brought in additional resources, including members of the RCMP Critical Incident Program, Emergency Response Team and Crisis Negotiators.

Efforts to have the male surrender continued through the night. At approximately 5:18 a.m. on August 5, police

and the male became involved in a confrontation, during which an RCMP officer discharged their service firearm and struck the male. Officers provided advanced medical care at the scene. The male was later transported to hospital by STARS air ambulance.

No RCMP officers were injured during the incident.

ASIRT was deployed to conduct an independent investigation after the Police Review Commission CEO was notified in accordance with legislative requirements.

The RCMP has also

begun its own internal review of the incident. According to the RCMP, that review will consider its training and policies, the police response and the involved officer’s duty status.

The RCMP stated that it will cooperate fully with the ASIRT investigation.

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MAN VAN brings free men’s health screening to Valleyview during Crocus Hill Stampede



By Haylee Dianne

Men attending the Crocus Hill Stampede in Valleyview had an opportunity to take a proactive approach to their health Saturday as the Prostate Cancer Centre’s MAN VAN made a stop at the Stampede grounds.

The mobile men’s health clinic was at the Crocus Hill Stampede Grounds on Saturday, August 8, from noon until 4 p.m., offering free PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) blood testing for men ages 40 to 70. No appointment was necessary.

The MAN VAN, operated by the Prostate Cancer Centre, is Canada’s first mobile men’s health clinic. The program travels throughout Alberta, bringing men’s health services directly into communities and making screening more accessible.

A PSA test measures the amount of prostate-specific antigen in a man’s blood. PSA testing can help with the early detection of prostate cancer, but an elevated PSA level does not necessarily mean cancer is present. Other conditions can also cause PSA levels to rise, and further medical assessment may be needed.

The MAN VAN also provides mental wellness checks for men 18 and older. The Prostate Cancer Centre says the checks assess symptoms and risks related to depression and suicide, with follow-up available for patients who require additional support.

The Valleyview visit was part of the 2026 Crocus Hill Stampede, which ran August 7, 8 and 9 at the Valleyview Ag Grounds.

The annual event, organized by the Valleyview & Districts Agricultural Society, brought together rodeo action, family activities and community events throughout the

weekend. The Stampede opened with its parade on Friday, August 7.

Rodeo fans could watch Wildrose Rodeo Association action at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with events including barrel racing, team roping, saddle bronc, bull riding and steer wrestling. Saturday also featured rodeo slack beginning at 8 a.m., while the Crocus Hill Ranch Rodeo was scheduled for Sunday.

There was also plenty for younger visitors, with activities including barrel racing, goat tail untying, mutton bustin’ and calf scramble. Mini Truck Pulls were scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, and a farmers’ market was held at the Valleyview Ag Grounds from 1 to 4 p.m. on August 8 and 9.

Bringing the MAN VAN to the Stampede provided local men with an opportunity to access preventive health services while attending one of Valleyview’s major annual community

gatherings.

The Prostate Cancer Centre says the MAN VAN serves approximately 7,000 men each year. Its mobile clinics travel to communities, workplaces and events throughout Alberta, with the goal of helping reduce barriers to men’s health screening.

For men considering PSA testing, the Prostate Cancer Centre recommends checking the guidelines for the individual MAN VAN clinic, as testing requirements can vary.

The Valleyview stop brought together two important aspects of community life — the western tradition and family atmosphere of the Crocus Hill Stampede and an opportunity for local men to take a proactive step toward their health.

For information about upcoming MAN VAN clinics across Alberta, the Prostate Cancer Centre provides a current clinic calendar on its website.



Todd Lowen, MLA for Central Peace. Notely photos



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

For the Regular Meeting held on August 10th, 2026

Council Highlights provide a brief, informal summary of key decisions made at the most recent Council meeting. This summary may not include all motions or resolutions passed.

For complete and official records, please visit our Council Meeting Portal:
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Please note: Minutes remain unofficial until formally approved at the following Council meeting.

LAND USE PLANNING

Land Use Bylaw #2026-09: Council held a Public Hearing on the proposed replacement Land Use Bylaw. Following the hearing, Council deferred Second and Third Readings. The proposed bylaw was not adopted at this meeting, and the existing bylaw remains in effect.

BUDGET AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

2027 Budget Public Participation: Council received the public-participation report summarizing input from the online survey, Budget Open House and idea board, and directed Administration to use the findings during 2027 budget deliberations. No specific project or budget request was approved.

Strategic Plan Implementation: Council received the 2026-2027 Tactical Implementation Plan and quarterly reporting framework, which will track actions supporting Council's strategic priorities and provide regular progress updates.

UTILITY SERVICES

Rural Waterline Rate: Council increased the rate charged to the Municipal District of Greenview under the Valleyview and Area Rural Waterline Agreement from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per cubic meter, effective January 1, 2027. This is an intermunicipal rate and does not change residential utility rates within the Town.

PORTAL TO THE PEACE LANDMARK SIGN

New 'Y' Sign Concept: Council approved the Portal to the Peace landmark sign concept for further investigation, not construction. Administration will first seek provincial highway feedback. If favourable, the Town will gauge interest in six fixed advertising panels at an indicative rate of \$3,500 per year and assess digital advertising. The revised financial model and procurement strategy must return to Council before any procurement or capital commitment.

COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS

East Smoky Gas Co-op Delegation: General Manager Jon Van Haga presented a proposed Master Transfer Agreement and draft Operations and Maintenance Agreement. Council received the presentation for discussion; no motion or final decision was made.

2026 Alberta Municipalities Convention: Council will invite the Municipal District of Greenview Reeve, or an alternate, to attend the convention with Valleyview's delegation. The Town will cover registration and eligible travel costs.

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Junior Forest Rangers visit Fox Creek Fire Department



By Haylee Dianne

The Fox Creek Fire Department hosted the Junior Forest Rangers for an evening of hands-on training and an opportunity to learn more about the work carried out by local firefighters.

The group participated in Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) training, high-performance CPR and other medical and first-aid scenarios they may encounter while working in the field. The training gave the Junior Forest Rangers practical experience in emergency response

situations while allowing Fox Creek firefighters to share their knowledge and skills. The Fox Creek Fire Department works alongside Alberta Wildfire on wildland-interface preparedness and response, including through the Alberta Wildland Interface Agreement.



Town of Fox Creek photos



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RCMP officers in Alberta will soon start wearing a new navy-blue uniform shirt

| RCMP Press Release

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uniform shirts. Members of the public should note that RCMP officers may still wear the previous grey uniform shirts for the foreseeable future, meaning they can be seen wearing either the grey or blue shirts on duty. The RCMP understands that seeing a new uniform colour may cause confusion. The RCMP also understands that

there have been recent incidents of individuals impersonating police. If you have any concerns about the identity of the police officer you are interacting with, you can ask the officer for identification. You can also contact your local detachment's non-emergency line to determine if there is a police officer at your location.





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Valleyview tournaments reach \$300,000 for Make-A-Wish

By Valerie Winger

The Valleyview Cup Hockey Tournament and Valleyview Tin Cup Golf Tournament have reached a big fundraising milestone, with the two events now at \$300,000 in lifetime giving to Make-A-Wish Canada. The tournaments have brought the Valleyview community together over the years to raise money and help make wishes come true for children across Canada.

Curtis Swenson and Travis Seweryn have helped lead the

tournaments and their fundraising efforts.

The community's continued support has made a difference for wish kids and their families.

One of those children is Dwight, a Make-A-Wish Canada wish kid who had his wish granted this past spring. His wish was a trip to his favourite theme park in Florida.

The \$300,000 total comes from years of fundraising through the Valleyview Cup and Tin Cup. It is a milestone for the tournaments and for the people in the

community who have supported them along the way.

For the Valleyview organizers, the tournaments are about getting people together, having some fun and raising money for children and families who are waiting for a wish to come true.

Reaching \$300,000 gives the community another number to be proud of, but the reason for the fundraising remains the same — helping Make-A-Wish Canada grant wishes to children across the country.



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Town of Fox Creek council highlights

Press Release

Ken Drysdale and Brent Hoyseth presented an update on the Maskwa Medical Clinic, an Alberta-based registered charity working to improve access to medical specialists and family physicians while helping recruit, train and retain doctors in the Peace Region. They are currently seeking Community

Champions to aid in fundraising efforts. The Grande Prairie clinic is expected to open in June 2027. Learn more at www.maskwa-medical.ca. Municipal departments continue to advance priorities supporting Fox Creek's growth and sustainability. Highlights included strong participation in summer recreation programs and swimming lessons, improved

resident support following enhanced communications, and completion of the July 15 property tax deadline. The Kaybob Drive culvert replacement is progressing through final design and engineering review. Advantage North Ltd. has been awarded the construction tender, with a commencement date to be announced. The Highway Sign Renewal

Project is underway, and all existing sign holders have been contacted regarding renewal opportunities. Council approved inviting the Reeve of the Municipal District of Greenview, or another designated Council representative, to attend the 2026 Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention & Trade Show as the Town's guest. Council approved

disposing of eligible surplus assets through Michener Allen, provided each item is expected to generate positive net proceeds. The dunk tank will instead be offered for donation to Minor Sports or another local non-profit organization. Council approved selling up to 50% of the Town's asphalt millings for \$25 per tonne on a first-come, first-served

basis. The remaining inventory will be retained for future municipal use. The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held Aug 31, 2026. For full Council Highlights and more detailed information, visit: <https://www.fox-creek.ca/government/mayor-council/community-highlights/post/council-highlights-august-10th>.

Mobile mammography service to visit Valleyview and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation

Press Release

The Screen Test program will be in Valleyview and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation in September to provide screening mammograms to eligible individuals aged 45 to 74. A mobile mammography trailer will be at the Valleyview Health Centre, located at 43 East Highway Street, from September 3-5

and 8, and the Sturgeon Lake Health Centre on September 9. Screening is available at no cost for eligible individuals, but appointments are required. Call 1-800-667-0604 to book an appointment or learn more about the program. A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. Screening mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early when treatment may

work better. Getting screened for breast cancer saves lives. More information about breast cancer screening and who is eligible can be found by visiting https://screeningforlife.ca/breast/get-screened/#who_should_get_screened. Visit <https://screeningforlife.ca/breast/screen-test-mobile-clinics/> for more information and a complete listing of communities

that the Screen Test mobile visits. Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for thousands of individuals in Alberta communities where mammograms are not readily available. In addition to mobile mammography clinics, screening can also be performed at specific radiology clinics and some hospitals. Individuals aged 45 to 74 can discuss their

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Town seeks two new Library Board members

By Valerie Winger

The Town of Valleyview is inviting applications from community members to fill two vacancies on the Library Board. Those passionate about supporting literacy, learning and lifelong discovery have a fine chance to help shape library programs and services and play a part

in building Valleyview's future. Important note on appointments: • Vacancies: There are currently two open positions. • Term: Members will be appointed for up to a three-year term. • Commitment: Meetings are held once a month. • Selection: All

appointments will be made by Town Council at the regular meeting on October 13, 2026. Evaluation criteria: Applications will be provided to the new Council for consideration under the Alberta Libraries Act. All applications will be evaluated based on the following: • Governance and

board experience • Financial, policy and strategic skills • Education and community service experience • Ability to contribute to a diverse and effective board • Availability and commitment to serve a full term How to apply: The application form may

be downloaded and completed here: Board Application Completed applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2026. By email: tstewart@valleyview.ca By mail: Town of Valleyview Attn: Tracy Stewart Box 270 Valleyview, AB T0H 3N0

Questions about the application process may be directed to (780) 524-5158.



Swan Hills residents invited to Energy Corridor Open House

By Valerie Winger

A public open house is coming up in Swan Hills to give residents an opportunity to look over the draft Swan Hills Energy Corridor Area Structure Plan. The open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Keyano

Centre at 5632 Main Street. The session is intended for Big Lakes County residents, landowners, industry representatives and other interested parties. Those attending can review the draft plan, ask questions and provide feedback. Visitors can drop in at any time

during the two-hour open house. The event is hosted by Big Lakes County, with Bearisto & Associates listed on the event notice. **Open house:** Thursday, August 27 **Time:** 4 to 6 p.m. **Location:** Keyano Centre, 5632 Main Street, Swan Hills

Town of Valleyview inviting local groups to Community Information Night

By Valerie Winger

The Town of Valleyview is calling on local organizations, clubs and non-profits to take part in a Community Information Night set for September 3, 2026. The event runs from 5 to 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall and is being billed

as a chance for community groups to connect directly with Valleyview residents. New and established groups alike are welcome, and organizers say it's a good chance for participants to introduce themselves to residents, sign up new members, and spread the word about what's coming up on

their calendars. "We would love to have you join us in celebrating everything our community has to offer," the Town said in announcing the event. Groups interested in booking a table for the evening are asked to contact Kim at (780) 524-5158 or by email at kcarter@valleyview.ca.