

# Ward 4 update

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## From your councillor



Councillor Peter Wlodarczak

Though I remain committed to the residents of Ward 4 and will always be there to serve you, it was made clear at the onset that my role as a Councillor is to serve the greater good of the community. That certainly becomes evident, when one is faced with voting on issues which affect the greater community.

There are times when faced with making such decisions there is the need for flexibility and consensus to arrive at a common decision for the greater good of all.

Since I have been on Council, I have dealt with many citizen requests, covering a broad range of topics and issues. Though many have been successfully resolved, there are times when I am faced with a situation, where there is little I can do owing to statutory or policy reasons. Not being able to find a solution does bother me as I feel it is important that I work as hard as I can to find solutions.

Perhaps the most vital matter coming forward to Council is the Municipal Development Plan. This is going to have a long and far-reaching effect on how our community is framed over the next 10, 15 to 20 years.

We will be receiving the draft of this document towards the end of the year and I know that all Councillors will anguish over what paths we should

Hello all Ward 4 residents. I trust this newsletter finds you all healthy and well. It has now been a year since you placed your trust in me and chose me to represent you. Please be assured that I accept your trust with humility and gratitude.

Though my previous dealings with Strathcona County through the RCMP Detachment had provided me a base of information, it became clear early on that there was much I had to learn.

The learning curve in areas such as planning, engineering and facets of other departments is quite steep. In addition, grasping the meanings and intent of the Municipal Government Act was another challenge.

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## News for Ward 4

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take. Elsewhere in this newsletter are the dates of open houses scheduled in November. There is a great deal of information on this matter on the County Web site. I would encourage all to view this material and provide your views.

I trust you find this newsletter informative and if you have any suggestions as to what types of things you might like to hear about in the future, please drop me a line at [wlodarczak@strathcona.ab.ca](mailto:wlodarczak@strathcona.ab.ca).

Until then, please be assured of my commitment to serve you at all times.

Peter



Distributing lodgepole pine seedlings on Arbor Day. Councillor Włodarczak (right), with Councillor Linda Osinchuk and County staff Sheila Flint and Darren Wood.

### Proposed curfew bylaw

Should Strathcona County adopt a curfew for young people under the age of 18?

Earlier this year a proposed curfew bylaw was presented to Council, and we have now decided to ask residents for their views. It's an issue that is likely to bring out strong opinions and spark debate.

As this newsletter is going to print, we are working out details of how and when input can be provided. This will be well advertised in newspapers and on the County Web site.

I encourage you to watch for these input opportunities and let your voice be heard.

### Ready for winter on our streets

Strathcona County's crews are ready for changing road conditions as the cold weather arrives. Here are some frequent questions about winter maintenance.

#### When will my street be plowed?

Strathcona County plows roads and streets according to the amount of accumulated snow and the amount of traffic using the road. Streets with higher speed limits and heavier traffic have highest priority.

More information is available at [www.strathcona.ab.ca](http://www.strathcona.ab.ca). As well, watch for ads in local newspapers throughout the winter.

#### Who do I call to report a problem?

- 417-7100 is Transportation and Agriculture Services' 24-hour number. Call to let us know about anything that needs attention; for example, icy roads, downed traffic signs or traffic lights that aren't working. If you phone after hours, you will be forwarded to one of our on-call staff. Highways are maintained by contractors working for Alberta Transportation.
- For Highway 15 east from the City of Fort Saskatchewan limits and Secondary Highway 830 from Highway 15 to Highway 38, call Traffic System Management, 1-800-390-2242. For maintenance on other highways in Strathcona County, call Alberta Highway Services, 1-888-255-5554.

**Please drive with care!**

## Week of October 31 is Large Item Pickup Week

If you've been storing that that broken-down armchair or the barbecue that no longer works, help is on the way.

The week of October 31 is Large Item Pickup in Strathcona County. On your regular collection day, you can put large or heavy household items out for collection. Have them at the curbside by 7:30 a.m. with your other garbage. There's a limit of two items per household.

This collection is for large items that are not re-usable; for example, broken furniture or appliances.

Please remove doors and lids of fridges and freezers, and ensure the coolant system does not get damaged.



# Centre in the Park

Strathcona County

## Creating a heart for our community: Centre in the Park

Activity will pick up on the Centre in the Park site over the next few weeks. Here is a summary of anticipated work in the area.

- Safety is a priority, and construction areas are fenced. Pedestrians should use the walkway or sidewalks at all times.
- For the convenience of people attending events at Festival Place, angle parking is now available along Festival Way.
- Construction has started on the first two condominium buildings and parkade. Christenson Developments Ltd. is developing the residential portion of Centre in the Park.
- Underground pipe is being installed for a community energy system that will heat existing and new buildings in the area. The system will consist of a plant connected to the buildings with underground piping.
- Work on sign installation, line painting and landscaping will be completed this fall.

Centre in the Park is the development in the heart of Sherwood Park southwest of the mall and east of Festival Place. Over the next seven years it is being developed as a multi-use area with residential buildings, retail services, walkways, a central plaza and inviting public spaces.

More information on this development is available at [www.strathcona.ab.ca](http://www.strathcona.ab.ca), or by calling 464-8276.

## Open houses for the Municipal Development Plan review

The development of Strathcona's new Municipal Development Plan continues with a series of open houses.

The public is invited to attend and comment on policy statements that have been drafted based on input received earlier this year.

Public participation is key to this process. By contributing your ideas, you can help shape the community not only for today, but for your children and grandchildren.

All open houses will display the same information, so plan to attend the one that is most convenient.

### Open houses— drop in from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 1  
Hastings Lake Community Hall
- Wednesday, November 2  
Strathcona Wilderness Centre
- Thursday, November 3  
Strathcona County Hall,  
Sherwood Park
- Monday, November 7  
Ardrossan Recreation Complex
- Tuesday, November 8 North  
Strathcona Contact Office  
at Heartland Hall



### Municipal Development Plan

The Municipal Development Plan is a policy document that provides direction on matters

concerning growth and development in our community. It guides Council and administration as well as citizens and other stakeholders.

Check the Strathcona County Web site for more information, including the results of previous workshops, or call 464-8222.

## Clarkdale Drive — Northern Clarkdale Meadows

Although there are many pressing traffic issues in Ward 4, the most pressing to me is the need for a northern exit from Clarkdale Meadows. There are approximately 600 homes in this area, and when the people leave home, they have to exit onto Clover Bar Road or Baseline Road.

I feel there is an urgent need to complete Lakeland Drive East from Clover Bar Road. As of now, it has been completed to Davenport Drive to facilitate development in Summerwood.

It is my desire that next year it be completed to Clarkdale Drive to ease the traffic flow into the southern end of Clarkdale Meadows and provide a northern exit from the subdivision. I am working aggressively on this matter and remain hopeful that the building of the road will be approved for the 2006 budget year.

## Sump pump discharge in winter

Winter is on its way and it is time to start winterizing your house. If you have a sump pump, making sure it is draining properly is especially important.

Water draining from sump pumps in the winter can cause ice to build up on sidewalks and streets, causing a hazard.

If your sump pump is causing ice to form on public sidewalks or roadways, we need your cooperation.

### Tips for proper drainage

- Move the sump pump discharge hose so it is directed at least 1.5 metres away from the foundation. The discharge hose or piping must be at least of 7.5 metres back from the curb line.

- If you do this and the icing on the sidewalk continues, please call Strathcona County Utilities. They can help identify solutions.
- Be considerate – make sure the water from your discharge hose does not cause icing on a neighbour's property.
- Check your sump pump discharge hose regularly to ensure it does not freeze. Your hose should be sloped so the water drains out and does not sit and freeze inside the hose. A frozen discharge line could damage your pump. If you are connected to an underground collection system, this does not apply.

Call Utilities at 467-7785 for information.

## Pride of Strathcona nominations invited

Do you know a Strathcona County resident whose achievements or contributions are outstanding? If so, consider nominating that person for a Pride of Strathcona Award.

Awards are presented in the categories of arts and culture, athletics, contributions to community life, and professional achievement. Nominations are accepted until January 31, 2006.

More information is available at [www.strathcona.ab.ca](http://www.strathcona.ab.ca), or by calling 464-8022.



## Ward 4

## Coming events!

- Wellpower Day - October 22, Millennium Place, all day
- Halloween Hoot - October 29, Kinsmen Leisure Centre, 2-7 p.m.
- Celebration of Lights - November 20, County Hall, 3-5 p.m.
- New Year's Eve - December 31, Broadmoor Lake Park, 5-8 p.m.

## National Champion—Communities in Bloom

Thanks to a great community effort, Strathcona County took first place in this year's national Communities in Bloom competition.

We received the award in category of communities with a population of 50,001 to 100,000. The judges rated the community highly in all areas—tidiness, urban forestry, landscaped areas, floral displays, turf, environmental awareness, heritage preservation and community involvement. The County's commitment to the environment through recycling programs and transit service were also noted.

## Traffic Safety Committee starts its work

Traffic safety is a concern for Strathcona County residents. In 2004, our municipality had 10 fatal crashes, 403 injury crashes and 1,644 collisions that caused property damage.

In response to concerns voiced to councillors, Council has formed an ad hoc committee to study issues as road design and traffic flow. The committee will gather information over the next year and report back to Council with recommendations.

Seven residents, one from each ward, were appointed to the committee. Ryan Osterberg is the representative from Ward 4. The other

six residents are Ron Campbell from Ward 1; Hank Penner from Ward 2; Joann Lloyd from Ward 3; Sparky Huculiak from Ward 5; Doug Parsons from Ward 6; and Bonnie Riddell from Ward 7.

Also serving on the committee are Councillors Brent Jewell and Peter Wlodarczak. The County's Community Safety Liaison Officer and a member of the RCMP's Traffic Services Unit round out the group.

If you have any information or concerns regarding traffic safety, contact Dawn Green at 416-6726, [greend@strathcona.ab.ca](mailto:greend@strathcona.ab.ca).