

# County matters

## Digest



## Dates

### Business Plan & Budget 2012

Council invites public input on the 2012-2014 Business Plan and the 2012 Budget.

#### Attend an Open House

**April 6**, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Community Centre, Sherwood Park

**April 13**, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Ardrossan Recreation Complex

**Complete a questionnaire**, April 4 to 26 online at [www.strathcona.ca](http://www.strathcona.ca) or pick one up at: County Hall reception, Strathcona County Library or Heartland Hall. Call 780-464-8230 to receive the questionnaire by mail.

#### Speak to Council at Public Input Session

**April 26**, Council Chambers, Community Centre

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Call to register to speak by April 21 at 12 noon.

• [www.strathcona.ca](http://www.strathcona.ca) 780-464-8230

### Waterline construction in 2011

In 2011 and 2012, Strathcona County will be installing a waterline in the Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC). The waterline will run parallel to Highway 216, east of the highway between 92 Avenue and Petroleum Way. In preparation for summer construction, crews will conduct geotechnical and hydrovac investigations in March and April. More details will be available before construction activities begin.

• [www.strathcona.ca/eep](http://www.strathcona.ca/eep) 780-464-8279

### Count yours in the Horse Count

Beginning in April, you can fill out a questionnaire to determine just how many horses live in Strathcona County. A survey is scheduled for April and May. Help raise awareness of the importance of horses in our community.

• [www.strathcona.ca/tas](http://www.strathcona.ca/tas) 780-499-9219

### Dog off-leash park named for old post office

Deermound was the name given for a post office established in the Hillsdale area in 1911, and also for a stopping place along the old Edmonton Trail. Now, 100 years later, Deermound is the name Council has given for the County's popular dog park. The Deermound Dog Off-Leash Park is located at the southwest corner of Highway 21 and Township Road 522, near the site where the post office once was.

• [www.strathcona.ca/dogs](http://www.strathcona.ca/dogs) 780-416-6729

### Did you give a High Five today?

Kindergarten to Grade 12 students are invited to nominate an adult for a High Five Award. This event gives young people a chance to thank someone who has made a positive difference in their lives. The nomination deadline is May 13.

• [www.strathcona.ca/youth](http://www.strathcona.ca/youth) 780-464-4044

### Tell us your business needs

As part of our 2011 Business Visitation program, Economic Development and Tourism is looking to meet with local businesses to learn about their needs and concerns. We can answer your questions on permits, financing, labour, marketing and other topics. See the Resources section on our webpage.

• [www.strathcona.ca/edt](http://www.strathcona.ca/edt) 780-464-8095

### Transit service for Easter holiday weekend

**Strathcona County Transit**  
Good Friday, April 22 - No service

April 23, 24 - Regular weekend schedule

Easter Monday, April 25 - Saturday schedule

• [www.strathcona.ca/transit](http://www.strathcona.ca/transit)

780-464-RIDE (7433)

**Strathcona County Accessible Transportation (SCAT)**  
Good Friday, April 22 - No service

Easter Monday, April 25 - Regular service

• [www.strathcona.ca/transit](http://www.strathcona.ca/transit)

780-449-9680

### Enter our photo contest by May 31

Showcase what you love about our community. Enter your photo images - taken in Sherwood Park or rural Strathcona - in the Quick Pics Photo Contest for a chance to win an iPod Nano. The top images will be featured in future marketing.

• [www.strathcona.ca/edt](http://www.strathcona.ca/edt) 780-464-8095

### Council Meetings in April

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe. Meetings are subject to change or cancellation.

#### April 12

Council Meeting 3 p.m.

Council Open House 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearings 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

#### April 26

Council Meeting 2 p.m.

Public Input Session - Budget

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Meetings are held in Council Chambers in the Community Centre, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park.

Agendas and reports are available by the Friday before the meeting date on the County website, at the Council meeting and at the Strathcona County Library.

• [www.strathcona.ca/council](http://www.strathcona.ca/council) 780-464-8105 or 780-464-8060

For a weekly list of the meetings of Council committees, call the Meeting Information Line at 780-464-8296.

### Lighten your load to protect our roads

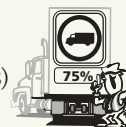
ROAD BANS are in effect from **March 28 to June 1**.

Watch for signs!

Transportation and Agriculture Services

• [www.strathcona.ca/tas](http://www.strathcona.ca/tas) 780-417-7100 (24 hours)

Enforcement Services 780-449-0170



### April in the Agora Lunchtime Thursdays

Paris in the spring time is nice... How about April in the Agora? Every Thursday in April from 12 noon to 1 p.m., a free drop-in, bring-your-lunch event will be hosted in the new Community Centre - Agora. Take in a fun activity such as Zumba, square dancing, and more. A donation to the Food Bank is welcome.

• [www.strathcona.ca](http://www.strathcona.ca)

### Ardrossan Visioning Workshop

As part of the review of the Ardrossan Area Structure Plan, residents are invited to take part in a workshop to create a vision for the future of the hamlet.

**April 6**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Ardrossan Recreation Complex

• [www.strathcona.ca/pds](http://www.strathcona.ca/pds) 780-464-8080

### Recreation galore

**Spring Break Camps - March 28 to April 1**

**Spring Recreation Guide - Registration is now open.**

• [www.strathcona.ca/recreation](http://www.strathcona.ca/recreation) 780-467-2211

**Check out advertising notices for other County programs, services and events on adjacent pages.**

### Green gardening workshops



**Edible landscape plants**

**April 14**, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Green gardening for families**

**April 26**, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Location: Millennium Place**

**\$10 per person, per workshop.**

• [www.strathcona.ca/utilities](http://www.strathcona.ca/utilities) 780-467-7785

### Rain barrel and composter pre-sale

On **April 30**, residents can pre-purchase a composter and/or a couple of rain barrels. Watch for details in the next two weeks.

• [www.strathcona.ca/utilities](http://www.strathcona.ca/utilities)

780-467-7785 or 780-449-5514



### Check out County displays at the Great Canadian Trade Fair and Sale, at Millennium Place on April 8, 9 and 10.

Quad and snowmobile safety - Citizens on Patrol - crime prevention strategies - affordable housing - planning and development services - new retail and visitor attractions - weeds and wildlife - what to do in an emergency - Deermound Dog Off-Leash Park - the future road network.

• [www.strathcona.ca](http://www.strathcona.ca) [www.sherwoodparkchamber.com](http://www.sherwoodparkchamber.com)

Catch a free shuttle to the trade fair April 9 and 10 from Strathcona Station, Bethel Drive

• [www.strathcona.ca/transit](http://www.strathcona.ca/transit)

### Workshop on coyotes and human interactions



**April 20**, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

at Wye Community Hall

• [www.strathcona.ca/tas](http://www.strathcona.ca/tas) 780-417-7100

### Rural information series

Learn more about FireSmart, emergency preparedness and the impacts of potential oil and gas projects.

**April 5** at South Cooking Lake Community Hall

**April 6** at Moyer Recreation Centre, Josephburg

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Free event for rural residents; no need to register.

• [www.strathcona.ca/sces](http://www.strathcona.ca/sces)

### Conference for older adults

Men and women, 55 and better—attend the Active Living conference on **April 16**. With 45 sessions to choose from, it will be a day of education and fun.

Registration deadline: April 8.

• [www.strathcona.ca/seniors](http://www.strathcona.ca/seniors) 780-464-4044

**General information:**

**780-464-8111**

**[www.strathcona.ca](http://www.strathcona.ca)**

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