

# County matters

## Digest



## Dates

### Rise above the average commute!

Strathcona County Transit's double-decker bus pilot project is officially in full swing! The bus is now rotating through all commuter routes from both Strathcona Station and the Sherwood Park Transit Centre. Strathcona Transit is conducting random onboard surveys to collect passengers' opinions.

- [www.strathcona.ca/transit](http://www.strathcona.ca/transit) or 780-464-7433 (press 0)

### Advisory committee to help implement new strategy

This week, Council appointed members to the new Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee. The committee will assist County administration and Council with implementation of the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy, which was approved by Council in 2010. Learn more about the strategic goals and objectives.

- [www.strathcona.ca/edt](http://www.strathcona.ca/edt) or [gabinet@strathcona.ab.ca](mailto:gabinet@strathcona.ab.ca)

### What are your learning and workplace training needs?

Strathcona County is working with NorQuest College to improve access to adult education and workplace training. If you are 18 or older and live, work and/or run a business in the County, you are invited to complete the Community Adult Education Council's Adult Learning Survey. It's a short, confidential questionnaire to help identify regional needs. Complete the survey online before April 30.

- [www.campusalberta.norquest.ca](http://www.campusalberta.norquest.ca) or [andres.jevne@norquest.ca](mailto:andres.jevne@norquest.ca)

### Retail Market Analysis now available

To better understand existing retail market conditions and new business opportunities in Strathcona, Economic Development and Tourism has completed a comprehensive Retail Market Analysis. The report, available online, includes a commercial space supply analysis, a market demand analysis and the results of a resident survey.

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

### Do you have a guzzler?

Consider replacing your toilet (13-litre per flush or higher) or old clothes washer with models that use less water and save! Strathcona County is offering rebates to residents for eligible WaterSense toilets (\$50) and eligible front-load washers (\$75).

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

### Youth Council looking for new logo

Junior and senior high students are invited to show their artistic side by entering a logo design in the Strathcona County Youth Council logo contest. The winner will receive a \$250 gift card to Sherwood Park Mall. The contest deadline is March 7.

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

### Are you prepared for 72 hours?

In an emergency or disaster, are you and your family prepared to be self-sustaining in your home or in an evacuation centre for up to 72 hours? Learn how.

- [www.strathcona.ca/sces](http://www.strathcona.ca/sces) or 780-410-8550

### Friendly visiting can make a big impact

Help isolated seniors stay connected to the community by volunteering as a Friendly Visitor. Sign up to visit someone either in the senior's home or over the phone. The next training session is late March.

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

### Snow Busters still needed

Are you finding it to be a long winter? So are some County seniors. With the volume of snow we've had, volunteer Snow Busters have been working extra hard this winter clearing seniors' sidewalks. Share the load by volunteering to help!

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

### Council Meetings in March

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe:

#### Tuesday, March 8

Council Meeting 3 p.m.



#### Tuesday, March 29

Council Meeting 3 p.m.  
Council Open House 5:30 p.m.  
Public Hearings 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Meetings are held in the new 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. Meetings are subject to change or cancellation.

- [www.strathcona.ca/council](http://www.strathcona.ca/council) or 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.

### International Women's Day Awards

Everyone is invited to attend the International Women's Day Awards on **Sunday, March 6**, at 2 p.m., in the Community Centre, Council Chambers.

In recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8, the awards pay tribute to Strathcona County's outstanding women, past and present, who have become heroes for their contributions to our great community.

- [www.strathcona.ca/council](http://www.strathcona.ca/council)

### Join us for the official opening of



### Gallery@501 Strathcona County's new art gallery

**Thursday, March 10**, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.,  
501 Festival Avenue, Sherwood Park

Opening exhibit: **A Well Spun Prairie Yarn**  
March 10 to April 23

Artists from the Canadian prairie provinces are featured in this exhibition examining contemporary fibre artworks. Check out details for this and other upcoming exhibits online.

Gallery@501 will open for regular hours starting Monday, March 14 at 10 a.m.

- [www.strathcona.ca/artgallery](http://www.strathcona.ca/artgallery) or 780-467-2211

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

### General information:

**780-464-8111**

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

### The Great Pastry Caper

**Sunday, March 13**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Strathcona Wilderness Centre

Come out for an afternoon of skiing, food, fellowship and fun as you search for clues to solve the mystery of the Caper. Arrive dressed for an outdoor adventure. The details of the Caper will be a guarded secret until event day!

- [www.strathcona.ca/wildernesscentre](http://www.strathcona.ca/wildernesscentre) or 780-922-3939

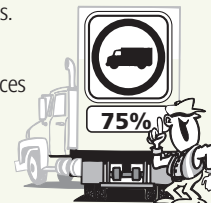
### Road bans in effect from March 14

Lighten your load to protect our roads.  
Watch for signs!

Transportation and Agriculture Services

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

Enforcement Services  
• 780-449-0170



### Seminars to start or grow your business

Don't miss the Business Start-up Seminar Series.



Exploring Ideas and Start-up . . . . . March 17

Marketing and Business Planning . . . March 24

Operating & Managing the Business . . . March 31

Financing & "Summing it all Up" . . . . . April 6

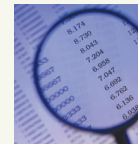
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$80

Sherwood Park and District Chamber of Commerce

Deadline for registration: March 14

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

### Wages at Work workshop



A comprehensive overview of the rights and obligations of employers and employees regarding Alberta's minimum wage standards

**March 25**, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Sherwood Park and District Chamber of Commerce

Cost: \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members

Deadline for registration: March 21

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

### Dog licence renewal due March 31

Love your dog...



License your dog

If you have a dog licensed with Strathcona County, watch for a renewal notice arriving by mail in early March. The renewal deadline is **March 31**. All dogs are required to have a licence, which is valid for one year. If you have a new dog, you are required to obtain a licence within 15 days of acquiring it.

- 780-449-0170 or [www.strathcona.ca/enforcement](http://www.strathcona.ca/enforcement)

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