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Strathcona Celebrates... its history, its people, its military

Strathcona County is 120 years young. To mark that momentous occasion, the County celebrated its rich history, the people who have influenced its direction and those who have defended personal freedom in grand style.

For our residents who couldn't be there, below are some of the highlights from the August 23 and 24 activities held as part of Strathcona Celebrates!

August 23 Regimental dinner

Strathcona County held a Regimental Dinner in honour of its military community. Some 300 attended, including His Honour Colonel (retired) The Honourable Donald S. Ethel OC OMM AOE MSC CD LLD, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, and the Hon. Thomas Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education.



Lt.-Col. Paul Peyton (r), Commanding Officer, Lord Strathcona's Horse, presented Mayor Linda Osinchuk with a painting to mark the occasion. Special guests and dignitaries were piped in for dinner.



August 24 Pancake breakfast

A free pancake breakfast started the day's activities, and members of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) joined the community for a bite to eat prior to the Freedom of the County ceremony and parade.



Marking the community's 120-year milestone, Charlene Wong (r) and Liz Curtis (centre) of the Sherwood Park Quilt Guild present a commemorative quilt to Mayor Linda Osinchuk (l). This creation by 10 individuals connected with the guild will hang at the west end of the Artrium in the Community Centre in Sherwood Park.

Freedom of the County ceremony and parade

Following breakfast, the community gathered to watch a very colourful and; likely, once in a lifetime event — a grand scale Freedom of the County ceremony and parade. The event, featuring Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), honoured the County's military heritage.

The Key to the City ceremony originates in ancient Rome and British military history. It was a capital offence for the military to enter a city in formation or with weapons without permission during this period. Legions and regiments who had performed heroic service, devotion and whose honour was beyond question might be granted the Key to the City. These groups would not have to break ranks or disarm when entering the city. Due to the risk to the city involved, the Key to the City was an extremely rare honour.



The presentation of the Key to the City - pictured are Mayor Linda Osinchuk (l), Lt.-Col. Paul Peyton (centre), and Deputy Mayor, Peter Włodarczak (r). The proclamation can be found on the County website at www.strathcona.ca-search proclamation.



Strathcona County RCMP Officer in Charge, Gary Steinke (l), halts Lt.-Col. Paul Peyton (centre) and Regimental Sgt. Maj. Tony Batty



of Lord Strathcona's Horse at the entrance to the County, prior to introducing them to the Mayor. Tanks and an honour guard



marched by County Hall.

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We hope you enjoy this edition

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Portrait presentation



Local artist Ryan Kurylo presents his painting of Lord Strathcona as part of the Celebrates event. Pictured l-r are: Deputy Mayor Peter Wlodarczak, Ryan Kurylo, Mayor Linda Osinchuk, Lt.-Col. Paul Peyton, Lord Strathcona's Horse; local historian, John Ashton, and Regimental Sgt. Maj. Tony Batty, also of Lord Strathcona's Horse.

Something for everyone!

Crafts for all ages

The community mural is now on display in the Community Centre Artrium.



Mounted Troop Musical Ride

The Mounted Troop is reminiscent of Lord Strathcona's Horse in the 1920s and 1930s. The 20-horse, 25-member Troop performs the Musical Ride. The ride is drawn from the Regiment's traditions. After the ride, there was time to meet the horses.



Aboriginal displays and dancing



and military displays



Miok McCormack Memorial
A public ceremony was held to unveil the Miok McCormack Memorial, located in Broadmoor Lake Park. This memorial is dedicated to the memory of two Sherwood Park soldiers, Sgt. George Miok and Cpl. Zachery McCormack, killed in Afghanistan in 2009.

A special thank you to the volunteers and sponsors, who dedicated time and resources into making Strathcona Celebrates a true community success. Pictured are (l-r): Haley O'Neil and Melody Fuss.



A perspective on Strathcona County's history

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As Strathcona County celebrates its 120th anniversary, it may be interesting for readers to learn about aspects of local history.

In the late 1800s, what is now Strathcona County was filling up with farmers – immigrants from eastern Canada, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe, the U.S. and other parts of the world.

They arrived at the railway town of South Edmonton, itself later known as Strathcona. This centre gave its name to the various forms of rural government that oversaw development in the surrounding countryside, just as, for example, Lamont was the commercial hub and namesake of the County of Lamont.

The larger centre of Edmonton on the northside of the North Saskatchewan River was less convenient than southside Strathcona to residents of what would be Strathcona County.

The earliest community was the settlement of Clover Bar that grew up in the 1870s on the west edge of the present County, centred on the pioneer home of gold-panner Thomas Clover.

Clover was also the source of the name of the Edmonton riverflats community of Cloverdale, through which people travelled to get to Clover Bar from the "Twin Cities" of Edmonton and Strathcona.

Clover Bar was officially recognized 120 years ago, in 1893, by the Territorial Legislature (it was then part of the North West Territories) as Statute Labor and Fire District #2, considered the first step to becoming the self-governing body it is today.

In a Statute Labor District, work on local roads was paid for by land taxes or as was usually the case, local farmers worked to pay off the land taxes they would otherwise have to pay. In 1913 this Statute Labor District was renamed Local Improvement District #517.

Meanwhile, a farming area east and south of the old City of Strathcona and outside the legal boundaries of the City of Edmonton was organized as a local improvement district in 1917. It was reorganized as the Municipal District of Strathcona (#518). Areas as close in to Edmonton as the site of Southgate Mall were outside the city and in this new municipal district.

The Municipal District had offices in the Sheppard Block in urban Strathcona. This building, at 10318 Whyte Avenue, is still standing today, although it was basically re-built after a fire in 1990.

The municipal districts of Clover Bar and Strathcona merged in 1943 and took the name Municipal District #83 (Strathcona). Twenty years later it became the County of Strathcona #20, then in 1996 it officially changed its name to Strathcona County.

Until 1976 the County offices were also located in Old Strathcona, in the Rural Administration Building at 10426 - 81 Avenue, which also held

the Leduc-Strathcona Health Unit and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts, It then moved into new offices in the Hamlet of Sherwood Park.

Through the years, there was great overlap among the inhabitants of the City of Strathcona and what were the predecessors of Strathcona County.

For instance, Thomas Daly resigned his place on the Strathcona city council to return to farming on his Clover Bar farm. His life unfortunately ended tragically a short time later. Orlando Bush who also served on the Strathcona city council balanced his city involvement with his activities on his farm at Clover Bar.

One of the longest-serving aldermen in Edmonton's history, Rice Sheppard, had a farm just outside Strathcona. The farm was located in what is now Avonmore, but at the time from 1897 into the second decade of the 20th century, this was a rural area served by the East Edmonton School District.

Sheppard and fellow political reformer William Ball were both fundamental to the early development of the United Farmers movement in Alberta, and their activities helped the Strathcona branch become one of the movement's most active groupings.

Ball was a prominent farmer, with a property just east of present-day Sherwood Park. That is, he was a farmer there until he over-stretched his finances during the heyday of World War I and was caught short in the post-war recession.

Even after the creation of Sherwood Park in the 1950s, businesses and cultural sports facilities in what had been the downtown of the old city of Strathcona and areas surrounding it were depended on by Sherwood Park residents.

Among those well used by County residents were the swimming pools at Bonnie Doon and Strathcona high schools, as the County, in an effort to keep taxes low for residents, did not build its own pool for many years.

The long-standing interconnection between Strathcona County and the one-time City of Strathcona is still shown by the name the County carries to this day.

Tom Monto is a long-time resident of southside Edmonton and graduate of the University of Alberta (BA in History). He has authored several books, including Alberta Place Names and two self-published books on the history of the Edmonton area. You can check out his historical meanderings on his blogsite, oldalberta.blogspot.com.



This historical timeline sets snippets and snapshots of Strathcona County's history within the context of regional, territorial, provincial, national and even world events. The timeline is available on the County website, and a large display is available for loan for events - call or email Lori Clapp (l) to obtain a copy: 780-464-8022 Lori.Clapp@strathcona.ca

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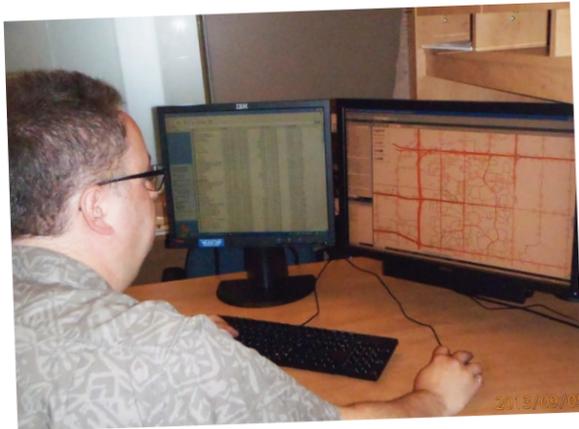
Department profile

Capital Planning and Construction

New roads take team work, input and coordination

On a daily basis a team of 23 Capital Construction and Planning (CPC) staff are planning, designing and building brand new roads in the County. In 2013, \$30.5 million were allocated to capital road projects.

A project such as the Clover Bar Road and Lakeland Drive intersection upgrade took three years from start to finish at a cost of \$3.5 million. Today's typical projects include time for public engagement, surveying, design and construction.



Richard Dekker, Manager Transportation Planning, working with traffic impact assessment modelling software.

“Public Engagement is a critical step in ensuring the success of our projects,” says Dan Schilbe, Acting Director, CPC. “We work with residents and businesses to decide the best way to implement change on the roads in the County. This often takes compromise and flexibility from all parties involved.”

Residents and businesses become informed about projects through advertisements, open house events, mail outs, on the website ‘CountyWorks’ and at individual meetings. Social media can also play a role in the changes directly affecting them.

CPC also works with the provincial government, the City of Edmonton and other neighbouring municipalities on projects where our boundaries

touch. This year's Sherwood Drive project between Lakeland Drive and Highway 16 will meet up with the new interchange constructed by Alberta Transportation. This takes ongoing coordination with all involved to ensure success of the project. Functional planning studies in conjunction with the City of Edmonton are also currently underway for the 17 and 34 Street boundary roads.

Traffic impact assessment modelling software is a newer tool being used by transportation planners in the CPC area. This software was used in planning roads at the new Bethel Transit terminal. By inputting data about cars and buses coming and leaving the area at peak user times, it provides a picture of where and when extra lanes, turning lanes and signal lights are required.

During construction the CPC department works closely with Transportation and Agriculture Services (TAS), Planning and Development Services and Utilities to ensure all aspects of a project are considered. On larger projects, contractors are often hired to ensure timelines can be met. Once roads are built, the TAS team takes over the maintenance and operation of them.

“If residents have questions or concerns during the construction phase of a project we want to hear from them,” says Schilbe. “We take pride in quality work that results in safer roads that meet the level of service that Strathcona residents expect. And to ensure construction zones are safe we ask residents to always be patient and drive with care.”

Further information

780-464-8180 or CPC@strathcona.ca

www.strathcona.ca/CountyWorks

Mission statement

To work cooperatively with community stakeholders to effectively plan, design and manage the construction of safe sustainable infrastructure that complies with engineering and construction best practices.

County initiatives

Celebrate National Family Week

Celebrate **National Family Week** in Strathcona County October 6 – 13 with Family and Community Services! Canadians in communities across the country have been celebrating National Family Week since 1993. The event provides an opportunity to celebrate families and reflect on their importance in our lives. This year's theme is strong families, strong communities.

Kick off National Family Week on October 6 with a free pancake breakfast and harvest fair at the Ardrossan Recreation Complex from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy games, entertainment, and food. There will be fun for all ages.

Throughout the week, Family and Community Services will be hosting several other family-centered events. Check out www.strathcona.ca/fcs for details on all events.

We know that strong families are the building blocks of strong communities. Having strong families and strong communities can lead to safer neighbourhoods, increased well being and overall health.

We are also encouraging you to think of ways you can take action to strengthen your family and your community.

Here are a few ideas:

- Have three family dinners during the week
- Schedule a family outing to a concert or a play
- Have a family games night
- Share produce from your garden
- Get to know your teenager's friends or a teen who lives down the street
- Call a family member you have not talked to in a while
- Ask your grandparents or elderly neighbour what things were like when they were younger
- Visit with a neighbour
- Donate to a local charity - Thanksgiving is always a busy time

What did you do to strengthen your family and community? Tell us what you did by emailing familyandcommunity@strathcona.ca and we will share your story – maybe even add some new suggestions to our activity list!

For more information, call Family and Community Services at 780-464-4044.



Patrick Golightly is an eight year-old local student who won the Tour of Alberta starter contest. Patrick blew the fire truck's horn to mark the start of Canada's first ever professional bike tour race.

Credit: Michael DiMassa/Sherwood Park News/QMI Agency.

Strathcona County hosts Tour of Alberta

Strathcona County was featured as the primary location of Stage 1 (Heartland Highways) of Tour of Alberta, September 4, 2013. Canada's first major international professional bicycle race, the Tour of Alberta involved 15 teams

(approximately 140 elite international competitors) competing in a bicycle road race across communities in Alberta.



The starting line up, featuring the winner of the opening stage, Peter Sagan (yellow), right next to fan favourite Canadian Ryder Hesjedal.



The Tour of Alberta race started at Festival Place, Sherwood Park, continued along a 158 km route through Alberta's Industrial Heartland, and down rural roads through central Alberta. Cyclists finished the day in Camrose.



Identification is required to vote.

To receive a ballot, voters are now required to present one piece of identification that confirms your name and address.

Types of identification accepted:

- Government issued identification which contains your photograph, name and current address. This includes an Operator's (Driver's) Licence or an Alberta Identification Card. or
- Identification as listed that confirms your name and address:
 - Utility bill, for example:
 - Telephone
 - Public Utilities Commission
 - Television
 - Hydro, gas or water
 - Bank/credit card statement or personal cheque
 - Income/property tax assessment notice
 - Insurance policy or coverage card
 - Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate
 - Government cheque or cheque stub
 - Residential lease or mortgage statement
 - Statement of government benefits, for example:
 - Employment insurance
 - Old-age security
 - Social assistance
 - Disability support
 - Child tax benefit
 - Pension Plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation
 - Correspondence issued by a school, college or university
 - Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee
 - One of the following issued by the responsible authority of a shelter or soup kitchen:
 - Attestation of residence
 - Letter of stay
 - Admission form
 - Statement of benefits

The Strathcona County municipal election will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013.

Voting hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nomination Day is Monday, September 23, 2013.

Strathcona County voters will elect:

- Mayor
- Councillor (8)
- Elk Island Catholic School Trustees
- Elk Island Public School Trustees

The term of office will be four years, a change from the current three-year term.

Voter Eligibility

A person is eligible to vote in the Strathcona County election if they:

- are at least 18 years old
- are a Canadian citizen
- have resided in Alberta for the six consecutive months immediately preceding election day (April 21, 2013) and are a resident of Strathcona County on election day. You must vote at the voting station for the electoral ward in which you reside, unless voting in an Advance Vote or by Special Ballot.

Where to Vote card—Coming to your mailbox

Watch for your **Where to Vote card** that will be mailed to your household the first week of October. It will provide the Voting Station location for all eligible voters in your household and other Election 2013 details. You can also easily find the location of your voting station by using the online **Where to Vote search** at www.strathcona.ca/election. Just enter your address.

Election 2013 Results Line - 780-464-8096
(recorded message after voting stations report on election night)

Visit www.strathcona.ca/election for all Election 2013 voter information.

Advance Vote

All eligible voters have the option to vote in the Advance Vote on these dates:

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Community Centre, Agora
2001 Sherwood Drive

Saturday, October 12, 2013

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Community Centre, Agora
2001 Sherwood Drive

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Ardrossan Recreation Complex
Aspen Room, 80 1st Avenue

Saturday, October 19, 2013

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Community Centre, Agora
2001 Sherwood Drive

Election Office

County Hall, Lower Concourse
2001 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3W7
780-400-2013
election@strathcona.ca

Youth Council seeking members

Want to be a leader? Want to have a voice?

Want to make a difference?

Strathcona County Youth Council is currently looking for youth to join our fun youth-led, youth-driven leadership group. Youth in grades 7 to 12 come together to plan projects and activities, volunteer at community events, build leadership skills, and to give a voice to youth-related issues, while making friendships throughout the year.

Meetings are every second Monday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. throughout the school year at the Community Centre, 401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park.

We aim to have representation from every Junior and Senior High School in Strathcona County on this council. Currently we are looking for youth from the following schools; however, any youth who live in Strathcona County can join!

- Fultonvale
- Lakeland Ridge
- Strathcona Christian Academy
- St. Theresa
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- St. Luke
- Ardrossan Junior/Senior High School
- New Horizons
- Next Step Jr. High

For more information, call Melanie with Family and Community Services at 780-464-4044 or check out www.strathcona.ca/youth

County crews are ready for the snow

We may not be ready to hear the 'S' word yet, but it's coming whether we like it or not. County crews are ready to tackle the snow and keep residents moving safely this winter. Residents can expect to see some changes this year that will help improve winter maintenance on roads and sidewalks.

In 2013, permanent snow route signs will be installed on all collector and bus routes (priority 3 roads). This small change means we'll clear the snow off these roads faster, which is a good thing for everyone.

After the declaration of a parking ban on snow routes, residents will have 24 hours to remove their vehicles from the street. Residents affected by this change, will receive a letter in October outlining the different ways they can find out when a parking ban has been declared.

- Sign up for the Snow Route e-newsletter at www.strathcona.ca/winterroads
- Call a new Snow Line for up to date information on winter maintenance (coming soon)
- Follow Strathcona County on twitter @StrathcoCounty or Facebook
- Visit the website at www.strathcona.ca/winterroads

One of the other changes coming this winter is the implementation of the Sidewalk Snow Clearing Bylaw that was approved by Council on June 25, 2013. This bylaw will only apply in Sherwood Park and requires



property owners to clear their sidewalks within eight days of a snowfall.

Not sure if you live on a collector or bus route? Want to find out more about the sidewalk-clearing bylaw? Visit www.strathcona.ca/winterroads to find out more.

Did you know?

The County follows a priority system to plow winter roads. In general, roads with higher speed limits are cleared first, followed by collector roads and bus routes and finally residential roads.

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