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MOOSE HIDE EVENT



POND DAYS



VALENTINE'S DAY PIONEER HOUSE EVENT



TRI REGION INFORMATION NIGHT



RED DRESS DAY



Parkland County Mayor and Council (L – R): Mayor – Rod Shaigec, Division 1 Councillor – Sally Kucher Johnson, Division 2 Councillor – Jason Doucette, Division 3 Councillor – Ben Jespersen, Division 4 Councillor – Corey Kyle, Division 5 Councillor – Kristine Olson, Division 6 Councillor – John McNab.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

On behalf of your newly elected Council, we wish to express our sincere excitement and optimism about the initiatives and opportunities that await us all in the year ahead.

In the pages that follow, we are pleased to share with you some of the notable successes and highlights of the past year, along with insights into County projects and processes. Read on to learn about important upcoming events and opportunities for you to get involved, and how you can help shape County decision-making over the weeks and months to come.

Finally, at this special time of year, we'd like to wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. May your festivities be filled with joyful twinkling lights and fun-filled gatherings with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Parkland County Mayor and Council

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Stay up to date with Council meeting agendas, recaps and more by visiting
www.parklandcounty.com/meetings

DECEMBER

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We acknowledge that we are located on the lands of Treaty 6 which is the traditional home of the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux nations, members of the Métis nations of Alberta, Inuit and all First Nations sharing this land for generations. We recognize the long history and contributions of Indigenous peoples who've cared for this land from time immemorial to the present. We acknowledge that we are all treaty people bound to one another by the spirit and intent of treaty as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the river flows.

MEET YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR 2025 – 2029

Parkland County is pleased to present your newly elected Mayor and Council!

Mayor Rod Shaigec makes his return to the office of Parkland County Mayor, following three previous terms from 2010 to 2021. Also making a return to Parkland County Council is Division 1 incumbent, Councillor Sally Kucher Johnson, and Division 6 Councillor John McNab, who previously served for two terms from 2013 – 2021. Councillors Jason Doucette, Ben Jespersen, Corey Kyle and Kristine Olson join Council for their first terms, representing Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

"I am honoured to return to public service and grateful for the trust placed in me by the residents of Parkland County," says Mayor Shaigec. "My priorities moving

forward include responsible financial stewardship, accountable and transparent governance, strategic infrastructure investments, protecting our environment and building a stronger and more resilient local economy. I am looking forward to working with the newly elected Councillors to deliver real solutions that benefit every corner of our County and build a stronger community."

Following their successful election on October 20, the Mayor and Councillors were sworn at an official ceremony on Monday, October 27.

We extend our gratitude for all candidates, election workers, and residents who participated in our successful democratic process.



Division 1 Councillor – Sally Kucher Johnson



I grew up on a farm north of Edmonton, but Parkland County, Division 1, has been my home for the past 26 years. My involvement in the community began at Graminia School, where I volunteered while my children attended. That led to serving on the school council and eventually working at the school itself. With strong community support, I was elected as a Parkland School Division Trustee and proudly served two terms. I'm now in my second term as a County Councillor.

Before stepping into public service, I earned a Criminology degree from the University of Alberta and worked with some of the most vulnerable members of our society. That experience taught me the

importance of compassion, advocacy, and human connection — values I carry into my role today.

Throughout my years of service, I've remained focused on representing the voices and values of our community. I believe in listening, learning, and working together to make decisions that reflect the needs of our residents.

I love rural living and everything it offers — nature, hiking, farming and the deep sense of community that comes with it. I'm passionate about building a strong, connected future for Parkland County and the people who call it home.



Mayor Rod Shaigec

My family's roots in Parkland County run deep, stretching back to the early 1900s. For four generations, we've proudly called this community home. I was born and raised on a family farm, where I learned the values of hard work, honesty, and helping your neighbours — principles that have guided me through more than 30 years of volunteerism and public service.

From 2010 to 2021, I had the honour of serving as Mayor, collaborating with a dedicated team of Councillors to strengthen and grow our community. I have learned that a cohesive Council, built on respect, collaboration, and open communication, is key to achieving success for all residents. I believe in leading with integrity, transparency, and

accountability, and in making thoughtful, common-sense decisions that reflect the voices of our citizens.

Outside of public service, I cherish time with family and friends and enjoy being outdoors, appreciating the unique landscapes and rural character that make Parkland County such a special place to live.

As Mayor, my priorities focus on good governance, affordability, strong infrastructure, environmental responsibility, and a vibrant local economy — ensuring Parkland County remains a place where families thrive and future generations are proud to call home.

“ I am honoured to return to public service and grateful for the trust placed in me by the residents of Parkland County.”

— Mayor Rod Shaigec



Division 2 Councillor – Jason Doucette

I moved to Parkland County with my family in 2014, and since then, I've been a strong advocate for our community, speaking out against issues that impact our quality of life.

I served as the Manager of Solid Waste Services at Parkland County from 2009 to 2022. Today, I provide consulting services to municipalities and businesses, offering expertise in solid waste, recycling, and environmental issues. I'm also the founder of Alberta Competitive Fly Fishing, where I coach anglers looking to enhance their fly-fishing skills.

In my spare time, I enjoy a variety of outdoor pursuits and advocate for the conversation of natural landscapes. I also take pride in providing skills coaching for youth softball.

My priorities as Councillor focus on resident-centered representation, emphasizing fiscally responsible decision-making, and being a voice for balance and accountability in Council's processes and spending. Other priorities include:

- Supporting collaboration with other municipalities to identify cost savings and opportunities.
- Promoting the continual improvement of County-provided services.
- Advocating for protections that help Parkland County property owners maintain the quality of life they've invested in.
- Supporting sustainable growth within the Acheson Business District to ensure its long-term viability.
- Promoting the implementation and conservation of natural features and buffers in future developments.



Division 3 Councillor – Ben Jespersen

I'm a lifelong resident of Parkland County's Division 3, deeply rooted in our agricultural and business communities. As an active farmer and a licensed REALTOR®, I bring firsthand experience of the challenges and opportunities facing rural families. I own a local business and actively farm hay, horses, and chickens, reflecting my commitment to preserving our rural way of life.

I'm a husband, father of four, and a dedicated community coach. My volunteer work includes coaching baseball and basketball, as well as leading junior high Bible studies, showcasing my passion for building strong, connected communities.



Kristine Olson – Division 5 Councillor

I have lived in Parkland County for more than 30 years on our family farm in Carvel, where my husband and I raised our two children.

My professional background includes nursing, being a rural business owner and partner, and working in leadership consulting.

I hold certificates in Business Fundamentals, Advanced Leadership, and Incident Command from NAIT, along with governance and related board training.

I currently serve as Vice Chair for West Parkland Gas Co-op, a member of the Resolutions Committee for Fed Gas, and sit on the Economic Diversification Committee with Parkland County.

I'm passionate about mentorship and community service, including coaching women's hockey. I also enjoy gardening, cross-country skiing, curling, and family gatherings.

As Division 5 Councillor, I am dedicated to preserving our agricultural assets, while exploring agri-diverse business opportunities. I'm an advocate for rural business development and am invested in ensuring our hamlets and small pocket communities feel connected and supported. I'm committed to the sustainability of our environmentally sensitive areas and watersheds through collaborative and educational efforts. It is a privilege and honour to represent Division 5 and the County.



Corey Kyle – Division 4 Councillor

I am truly honoured to be serving the members of Division 4 Parkland County this upcoming term.

I was born and raised in Parkland County, attending Keephills, Duffield, and Memorial Composite High School. After graduation, I worked for several years on farms throughout Division 4 while continuing my post-secondary education at MacEwan University. My passion was policing, and I was accepted into the RCMP in 2004, spending 6 months training in Regina. Throughout my RCMP career, I was posted in Fort McMurray, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Breton, Thorsby, Wetaskiwin, and Federal Policing (Covert Ops) in Edmonton.

I held numerous roles but found my most rewarding position to be Detachment Commander. I had the opportunity to work with all levels of government in my career.

I enjoy farming, camping and snowmobiling in my off time. I try to fit some fishing in there, too!

As a member of Parkland County Council, my priorities include improving public safety by utilizing the resources we have but also looking to augment those. Also, I heard you loud and clear—we need to spend time to see where we can improve our roads and infrastructure.



John McNab – Division 6 Councillor

As a lifelong resident of Parkland County, I have a deep connection to this area; my family has been farming in the community since 1958.

With more than 37 years of experience in entrepreneurship, trades, and land development, I bring practical business knowledge and insights to my role on Council. I'm the founder and owner of Rainbow Beach Developments Inc. and Entwistle RV Campground, both based right here in Parkland County.

Over the years, I've also had the privilege of serving on local, provincial,

and national industry associations, including the Entwistle/Evansburg Chamber, Duffield Rural Electrification Association, the Parks and Campground Owners' Association of Alberta, and the Canadian Camping and Recreational Vehicle Association.

Having previously served on Parkland County Council from 2013 to 2021, I bring valuable perspective to addressing local priorities and guiding future growth in our community.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF MILESTONES WE'RE PROUD TO SHARE, FROM SUSTAINABLE GROWTH TO REMARKABLE COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS.

4,637
ACRES
ENROLLED IN



ADOPTION OF A
NEW
MUNICIPAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN,
AND A REDESIGNED
LAND USE BYLAW



APPROXIMATELY
500
PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED IN
LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE
BLOCK PARTY EVENTS

ONE OF THE
LOWEST
ANNUAL PROPERTY
TAX
INCREASES IN THE
EDMONTON
REGION



COMPLETED
**NATURE
POLICY
FRAMEWORK**
(SEE P. 20 FOR DETAILS)



PLANTED OVER
6,294
TREES
FOR REFORESTING AND
BIOENGINEERING PROJECTS
AT MULTIPLE SITES



FILLED
9,500
POTHoles



ACHIEVED
A TAX &
ASSESSMENT
AUDIT SCORE OF
99.7%



LAUNCHED A NEW MONTHLY YOUR
**PARKLAND EMAIL
NEWSLETTER**
WHICH HAS REACHED
1,500 SUBSCRIBERS



CELEBRATED THE WABAMUN
**WATERFRONT PARK
GRAND OPENING!**
NEWLY REVITALIZED
WATERFRONT PARK
\$4.6 MILLION INVESTED



CLEAN GLASS
COLLECTION PROGRAM AT
THE PARKLAND COUNTY
TRANSFER STATION
COLLECTED
**9 TONNES
OF GLASS**
MATERIAL (EQUAL TO
18,000 COKE BOTTLES)



CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED ON THE
**NEW WATER
RESERVOIR
AND PUMPHOUSE**
IN THE HAMLET
OF ENTWISTLE



INSTALLATION OF
**FIBRE
NETWORKS**
TO IMPROVE INTERNET
ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS

NOT-FOR-PROFIT
GRANT PROVIDED
\$113,456
TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS



\$37 MILLION
ALLOCATED FOR **31 CAPITAL**
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



DEVELOPMENT OF A
NEW TRAILS
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

CHRISTMAS SUPPORTS IN THE COUNTY

www.parklandcounty.com/christmas

Christmas Hampers

If you're a resident of Parkland County and could use some support this Christmas, local organizations are working together to make the season a little brighter. Hampers may include festive food items and presents for children aged 17 and under.

Please visit our website for more information regarding application deadlines and hamper pickup dates: www.parklandcounty.com/christmashampers

DRAYTON VALLEY CHRISTMAS HAMPER

For residents in the Drayton Valley Area. To register, call 780-234-6065.

KINETTE CLUB OF SPRUCE GROVE

Christmas hampers are provided to Spruce Grove and Parkland County residents east of Boundary Road. Applications can be made by phone to the Parkland Food Bank: 780-963-4565 ext. 1

LAC STE. ANNE FOOD BANK

Christmas hampers are available. Apply by phone: 780-271-3131

PARKLAND FOOD BANK

All hamper applications can be made by phone: 780-962-4565 ext. 1. For more information, visit their website at: www.parklandfoodbank.org

STONY PLAIN KINSMEN

Christmas hampers provided to Stony Plain and Parkland County residents from Boundary Road west to Range Road 34. Applications can be made by phone to the Parkland Food Bank: 780-962-4565 ext. 1

WEE FOOD BANK

Supplying food to those in need in Evansburg, Entwistle and Wildwood. Apply by phone: 780-727-4043.

WABAMUN CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Supplying hampers to Parkland County residents. Register by phone: 780-237-6135 or email: wabamunchristmashamper@gmail.com

YELLOWHEAD CENTRAL SANTA'S ANONYMOUS

Christmas dinner menu items are included for Parkland County residents. Please call 780-640-1242.

Winter Clothing

COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Stony Plain's Family Connection Centre has winter clothing available for children, families and adults: coats, mitts, toques, scarves, snow pants and winter boots, including adult insulated work boots.

Location:

Family Connection Centre,
5600 50 Street, Stony Plain.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm

Call 780-963-0549 for more information.

2-1-1 Support

2-1-1 is here to help you find the right community and social services. It is confidential, multilingual, and available 24 hours a day across many parts of Alberta, including Parkland County. Don't feel stuck during this holiday season. Call, text or live chat 2-1-1 to get connected with the resources you need to get ahead.



PARKLAND COUNTY OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Parkland County offices will be closed
December 24 at noon until January 2, 2026.
Offices re-open January 2, 2026, at 8:30 am.

Essential services will be maintained.

Transfer Station holiday hours:

December 23: Regular hours
December 24: Closed
December 25: Closed
December 26: Closed
December 27: Regular hours
December 28: Regular hours
December 29: Closed
December 30 – 31: Regular hours
January 1: Closed

View individual transfer station locations and hours at www.parklandcounty.com/transferstations

Animal Shelter holiday hours:

Closed for walk ins December 24, 2025 to January 2, 2026. Available by appointment at 780-968-8400.



PARKLAND COUNTY HONOURS THE LONG SERVICE OF COUNCILLOR PHYLLIS KOBASIUK



Councillor Phyllis Kobasiuk, 1989.

Parkland County recently recognized the outstanding contributions of former Division 3 Councillor Phyllis Kobasiuk, as she officially partook in her final Council meeting on September 16, 2025, after 1,400 meetings and 33 years of service to her community.

Phyllis’ journey in Parkland County began when she moved to the area from Edmonton in 1975 to raise her three children here. She was first elected to Parkland County Council in 1989, and in 2004 she made history as the first Mayor of Parkland County to be publicly elected by its residents. This was made possible when she proposed the change to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for the Council to move from appointing its Reeve at their annual organizational meetings to having taxpayers vote on a plebiscite for the public to elect the position of Mayor.

Phyllis’ legacy of service includes an early career with Alberta Agriculture, the Alberta Legislative Assembly, and writing for the Community Voice newspaper. She was elected Chair of the Parkland School Division Board of Education and served

as Vice-Chair of the Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta.

Phyllis has served as Director with Rural Municipalities of Alberta, was appointed a Peer Mentor under the Alberta Municipal Affairs’ Dispute Resolution Services and, most recently, earned the Institute of Corporate Directors designation — yet another testament to her lifelong commitment to learning and leadership.

Phyllis’ contributions are woven into the fabric of our County. She was instrumental in launching the Municipal Art program, enriching our community with creativity and culture. “Just as Parkland County is a beautiful place,” she said, “art offers a beautiful view and reflection of the County’s inherent beauty and there are so many talented people living here.”

Phyllis also played a pivotal role in the development of the Acheson Industrial

Area, which today employs over 10,000 people and sets the gold standard for economic development in Western Canada. “What started as a vast land full of weeds turned into an opportunity to infuse revenue into our economy with carefully managed steps and important negotiations to enable its growth,” she said. “It’s amazing to see the ongoing success of so many businesses here such as Champion Petfoods, Amazon, and Supreme Steel, to name a few.”

Throughout her political career, she has been a thoughtful and respected voice in community conversations and a tireless advocate for sustainable progress. Her passion for advocacy has included agriculture and sustainability, consistently championing initiatives that support our local producers and protect our environment.

Parkland County thanks Phyllis for her 33 years of dedicated service to her community. As a resident and a leader, she proudly reflects that “Parkland County is really a magnificent place, and I’m humbled to have served our community and to be a resident here and enjoy an exceptional quality of life.”

Her legacy will continue to inspire us, and her contributions will be felt for generations to come.

Phyllis at Bunchberry Meadows conservation in Division 1 with rescue Golden Eagle, Sarah (“I have a fear of birds after watching the Hitchcock movie *The Birds* and challenged myself to take up the offer to hold Sarah”).



SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY ROUND DANCE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Parkland County’s second annual Community Round Dance, held at Jubilee Hall, Wabamun, on October 18th was a resounding success. Drawing participants from across the region to celebrate culture, connection, and community. This vibrant event honours Indigenous traditions, bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds to share in ceremony, food, and dance.

Round Dances hold deep cultural significance for Indigenous communities. Rooted in tradition, they are a powerful expression of unity, healing, and respect. During the dance, elders, youth, families, and visitors join hands in a circle, moving together to the beat of the drum. This circular formation symbolizes equality and the idea that we are all connected.

We were honoured to have several respected Elders join us for the Wabamun Round Dance. Their presence brought warmth, wisdom, and a deep sense of tradition to the gathering. It was a privilege to learn from them and to share the evening together.

We extend our sincere thanks to:

- Elder Howard Mustus Sr. – Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
- Elder Phyllis Mustus – Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
- Elders’ Helper Howard (Howie) Mustus Jr. – Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
- Elder Ray Daniels – Lac Ste. Anne Métis Community Association
- Elder Kokum Violet Poitras – Paul First Nation

We are grateful for their generosity in sharing their time, stories, and spirit with our community.

Thank you to all who attended, volunteered, and helped make the Round Dance a meaningful and memorable event. We look forward to continuing this tradition and deepening our relationships in years to come.

For information about Parkland County’s Indigenous Connections — resources and support — please visit our website at www.parklandcounty.com/indigenousconnections



COUNTY ROAD CLEARING AFTER A SNOWFALL

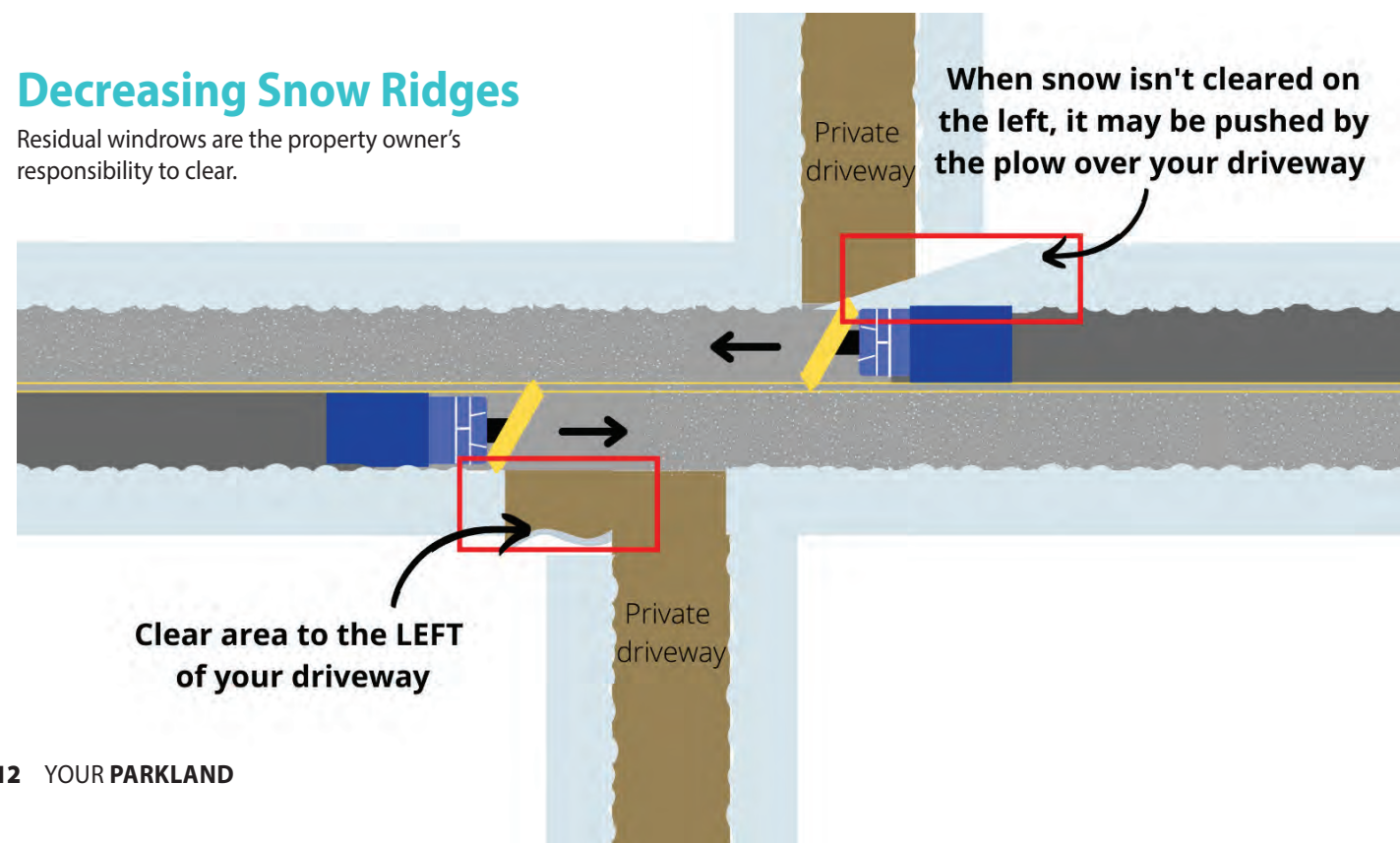
Parkland County is responsible for care and maintenance of over 2,000 km of roads. We strive to have the main road system plowed within three days after a snowfall stops. The type, depth, duration and intensity of the snowfall may impact the overall timelines as the County addresses roads in priority sequence. Drivers should always allow extra time as conditions may vary.

Snow Ridges/Windrows

During a heavy snowfall, snowplow operators may leave a "ridge" in front of some approaches. This is avoided whenever possible, but ridges are occasionally a part of winter life. If a ridge limits access to your driveway, you may clear it at your convenience. See below for how to decrease snow ridges at your private driveway.

Decreasing Snow Ridges

Residual windrows are the property owner's responsibility to clear.



SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITY:

1. Arterial Roadways (highly used roads)
2. Collector roads (roadways connecting arterial and subdivision roads)
3. Local and Subdivision roads (including Hamlets)
4. Parking lots (Parkland County facilities and Community Halls)

We cannot accommodate snow removal requests during the first three days following a snowfall. The priority is to clear the County's road network as efficiently and quickly as possible. If you have a snow removal concern after this timeframe, you can submit it through www.parklandcounty.com/countyconcerns or call Customer Service at 780-968-8888.

Sandboxes

There are several Community Halls throughout the County where residents can get sand:

- The Woodbend Community Society
- Carvel Hall
- Blueberry Community Hall
- Muir Lake Community Hall
- Brightbank Community Centre
- Manly Goodwill Community Hall
- Garden Valley Community Centre
- Duffield Community Hall
- Holborn Hall
- Westland Park Community League

Need Help Clearing Snow This Winter?

Parkland County offers funding support for seniors and residents with disabilities to subsidize the cost of snow removal from private driveways. If you or your household face physical challenges, you may qualify for assistance.

Limited spots available — apply early!

Visit parklandcounty.com/snowremoval for full details and how to apply.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parkland County is responsible for 1,250 km of graveled roads and 800 km of asphalt surface roads.



ICE SAFETY TIPS

Some of our favourite outdoor activities take place near or on the ice. As ice starts to appear on our lakes in the late fall, there are some guidelines to keep in mind to ensure you and your loved ones stay safe.



BEFORE YOU GO ICE FISHING:

- Always check the ice thickness
- Tell someone your plans to ensure someone knows where you're going and when you'll be back
- Bring safety equipment such as ice picks in case self-rescue is required, along with a flotation device or suit



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Pavement rehabilitation of Range Road 32 (Duffield Road) South of Highway 16 to Fairchild Ave. completed October 2025.

ENGINEERING SUCCESS IN 2025 AND BEYOND

The achievements of our Engineering Services team are defined by quality infrastructure completed on time and within approved budget. Key responsibilities include:

- Planning and implementing capital infrastructure projects and major rehabilitation initiatives
- Roads, bridges, water systems, wastewater systems, and constructed storm systems
- Maintaining and operating transit services
- Coordinating delivery of third-party utilities
- Supporting land development activities through the planning, design, and construction phases
- Providing support services for engineering related projects including economic development, regional initiatives, CN Rail, and major pipelines

1. RANGE ROAD 32 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, DUFFIELD ROAD

The 2025 Asphalt Surfacing Program included pavement rehabilitation of Range Road 32 from Hwy 16 to Fairchild Avenue in Duffield (approx. 4.8 km). The existing pavement was milled 50 mm, with subgrade and minor crack repairs completed where identified, 50 mm of new pavement placed followed by line painting and new signage where required. The project is now complete.

2. BRIDGE FILE 70230, TOWNSHIP ROAD 510 EAST RANGE ROAD 50

A full bridge culvert replacement was required due to low condition ratings. The design was completed in spring 2024, and construction began in late spring 2025. The existing 3670 mm Structural Plate Corrugated Steel Pipe (SPCSP) was replaced with new 5230 mm SPCSP. Construction was completed in October 2025. Traffic was safely managed by implementing a staged construction plan throughout the duration of the works. The project is now under warranty, with final inspection scheduled for fall 2027.

3. PROSECTOR'S POINT ROAD REHABILITATION, RANGE ROAD 263 TO PROSECTOR'S POINT PARK

As part of Parkland County's 2025 Road Rehabilitation Program, Prospector's Point Road is undergoing major improvements with completion expected in spring/summer 2026. The project includes tree and brush clearing for improved visibility and safety, slope and erosion repairs under the Devon Bridge, new culverts and drainage improvements, and road reclamation with paving, paint markings, new guardrail, and signage.

4. ENTWISTLE WATER RESERVOIR AND PUMPHOUSE REPLACEMENT

The new Entwistle Water Reservoir and Pumphouse project was successfully completed in October 2025, on time, within budget, and with zero lost time incidents. Designed for long-term sustainability, the new facility replaces aging infrastructure and enhances water storage, distribution, and operational efficiency. By proactively addressing the infrastructure renewal, Parkland County is better positioned to serve residents, businesses and future development in the region. The project's success reflects strong collaboration between Parkland County, ISL Engineering, and Alberco Construction.



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Installing a catch basin, Prospector's Point Road Rehabilitation.



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Culvert replacement completed on Bridge File 70230 as of October 2025.



3

Slope repair on Prospector's Point Park; construction to resume spring/summer 2026.



4

Mid-construction photo; spring 2025.

5. PARKLAND COUNTY WATER & WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN — COUNTY WIDE

The County wide water and wastewater master plan will outline current service areas, future servicing vision, and strategic actions to support long-term water and wastewater infrastructure.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Community input is key to shaping Parkland County's Water and Wastewater Master Plan. Your feedback will help identify priorities for residents, developers, and businesses. Watch our project page for updates, and subscribe at: www.yourparkland.ca/waterandwastewater



4

Entwistle Reservoir Pumphouse.



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Entwistle Pumphouse Process Piping and Pumps.



4

Entwistle Pumphouse Electrical Cabinets.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Parkland County provides resources, funding, and preventive social programs to help residents of all ages build resilience and improve their quality of life. These services aim to enhance social well-being through initiatives like information and referral, programs that support healthy lifestyles, and community connection.

Seniors Services

Through partnerships with neighbouring municipalities, Parkland County offers a variety of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) programs for seniors. Contact your nearest FCSS office or call 2-1-1 for more information. Also visit www.parklandcounty.com/seniorsservices for details.



Red Cross Youth Programs

We are proud to offer Canadian Red Cross programs to help educate youth on important safety situations; from learning how to Stay Safe when home alone to caring for younger children in the babysitting course. Programs and courses will be available at various county community league halls throughout the year.

A full list of available locations, dates and times can be found at www.parklandcounty.com/redcrossprograms

PARENT AND TOT GROUPS

A space to socialize with other parents while your children play in a cheerful, relaxed environment.

PARKLAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

ENTWISTLE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

View the full calendar at www.albertaparenting.ca



YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Parkland County's 2026 Budget will shape how we deliver services, infrastructure, and our community's priorities in the year ahead.

WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

Visit www.parklandcounty.com/budget for details on budget 2026.



Youth Nights

Parkland County is proud to present a series of youth nights, after school programs, and fun youth activities designed to engage teens and boost social interaction. Stay tuned for upcoming events at www.parklandcounty.com/youthnights



BRIDGING CONNECTIONS

This program operates in person Wednesdays from 9 am – 12 pm at the Wabamun Community Centre, and every second Wednesday at the Entwistle Community Recreation Centre. Meet with a community Social Worker who will offer compassionate and confidential support. Assistance will be provided in identifying solutions, connecting residents to resources and navigating many of life's challenges.

Call 780-962-7618 to book an appointment or drop in.



Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

ASIST is a two-day training course designed to help family, friends, and community members identify someone at risk of suicide and provide them with the skills needed to make a life-saving intervention. The ASIST workshop is highly interactive, practical, and practice oriented. It focuses on teaching suicide first-aid to help a person at risk stay safe and seek further help. This training is not recommended for anyone who has had a recent suicide loss.

When: Friday, January 23 & Saturday, January 24, 2026

Age: 18+

Contact: 780-962-7618 or csd@sprucegrove.org

Offered in partnership with Westview PCN, Town of Stony Plain, Parkland County, and the Government of Alberta.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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If you're looking to connect with your community or want to advertise an event, be sure to check out our Community Events Calendar at events.parklandcounty.com

HOLBORN HALL

DECEMBER 2025

December 7

Breakfast with Santa —
8:30 – 11 am

Crafts and games

Wagon Rides — 10 am – 12 noon

\$5.00 (3 yrs & up);
3 yrs & under free

Collecting for the Food Bank this year

December 13

BINGO — 7 pm

JANUARY 2026

January 1

Paint Afternoon — 1 – 4 pm

\$50 (non-members)
\$45 (members)

For more info:
events@holbornhall.com

January 17

BINGO — 7 pm

January 25

AGM — 2 – 4 pm

FEBRUARY 2026

February 8

Super Bowl Event — 12 – 2 pm

Soup and biscuits
\$5.00 per person

Contact: events@holbornhall.com

February 17

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper** — 5 – 7 pm

\$5.00 per person

February 21

BINGO — 7 pm

MUIR LAKE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

December 31

New Year's Eve Family Dance —
6 pm

January 21

AGM — 7 pm

January 30

BINGO — 7 pm

TOMAHAWK AGRA MONTHLY JAMBOREES

December 19, January 16, February 20
1 – 5 pm

Light lunch at 3 pm

\$15 per person
\$5 per entertainer

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE & JAMBOREE

December 31

6 pm — Doors open
7 pm — Dinner
\$25/person (advance tickets)
\$30/person (at the door)
\$15/entertainer

For tickets or more information:
Jean — 780-339-2177

Lois — 780-514-0076



GET BACK TO YOUR ROOTS — JOIN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE!

Our rural communities thrive when we work together.

Community Leagues across the region are seeking volunteers to join their Executive Teams. This is your chance to select local activities, support events, advocate for community needs, and carry forward the legacy of rural connection and care.

No experience needed — just a passion for community and a willingness to contribute.

Interested? Contact your local league or attend an upcoming meeting to learn more. Let's build strong, welcoming communities — together.

Learn More About Local Events

Visit your community hall's social media or website for more details on events. www.parklandcounty.com/communityleagues



FROM ARIZONA TO ALBERTA — TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION

Parkland County Fire Services represents Canada on the international stage for wildfire preparedness.

When it comes to protecting our homes, farms, and forests from wildfire, Parkland County is leading the way — and now, the world is taking notice.

This October, Parkland County Fire Services became the only Canadian department selected to participate in the Fire Department Exchange (FDX) program, hosted in Flagstaff, Arizona, by the Flagstaff Fire Department, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC).

Only one other Canadian fire department, North Vancouver, has had this honour since the program began in 2016, making Parkland County's inclusion a major milestone for both the region and the country.

The week-long exchange brought together seven fire departments, each recognized for excellence in wildfire management.

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— Deputy Fire Chief
Sean Cunningham

Together, they shared experiences, swapped ideas, and explored new ways to keep communities safer from wildfire threats.

The program focused on wildfire prevention, emergency response, community outreach, and mitigation — all with a goal of helping fire departments better protect their communities.

Parkland County was invited to present on Canada's FireSmart™ Program, sharing how education and hands-on outreach can make a lasting difference in wildfire resilience.

“Our team was proud to represent both Parkland County and Canada,” said Deputy Fire Chief Sean Cunningham. “This was an incredible knowledge-sharing opportunity. We've come home with innovative ideas that will help us continue to grow and strengthen our community's wildfire resilience.”

Alongside the learning sessions, the Fire Departments built partnerships that stretched across borders — trading strategies on evacuation planning, inter-agency cooperation, and public engagement.

A COUNTY THAT'S READY

Parkland County Fire Services protects a large and diverse region — more than 2,300 square kilometres of farmland, forests, lakes, and rural neighbourhoods.

The department operates four fire stations, working in close partnership with neighbouring municipalities to ensure quick and coordinated emergency response.

The group travelled to Grand Canyon National Park and met with the Grand Canyon Heli-Tack crew to discuss challenges faced on the Dragon Bravo Fire which burned in the park as one of the largest wildfires in 2025.



With over 32,000 residents and a busy daytime commuter population in the Acheson Industrial Area, the department uses a combination staffing model of full-time, casual, and paid-on-call firefighters. This model ensures that help is always ready — whether it's a structure fire, vehicle collision, or wildland blaze.

Behind the scenes, fire prevention and emergency management specialists work year-round to keep residents informed and prepared through programs like FireSmart™ and community safety events.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The insights gained at the Fire Department Exchange will help Parkland County enhance its prevention and education programs, improve training, and strengthen local partnerships.

“Our participation in the Fire Department Exchange wasn't just about Parkland County,” said Cunningham. “It was about building stronger, safer communities everywhere — and ensuring the people we serve are as prepared as possible for whatever comes our way.”

Through collaboration, education, and forward thinking, Parkland County Fire Services continues to prove that when it comes to wildfire resilience, local leadership can have a global impact.

PARKLAND COUNTY UNVEILS A NATURE POLICY FRAMEWORK TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS

Parkland County is proud to announce the launch of its Nature Policy Framework, a forward-thinking initiative designed to protect the County’s rich natural heritage while supporting sustainable growth and development. This comprehensive policy framework marks a significant step toward ensuring that the County’s natural features — such as forests, wetlands, and lakes — continue to thrive for generations to come.

Why a Nature Policy Framework?

The Framework was developed in response to the County’s 2022 – 2025 Strategic Plan and the updated Municipal Development Plan (MDP), both of which emphasized the need to protect Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs). These areas play a vital role in maintaining biodiversity, supporting ecological functions, and providing essential services like clean water, flood mitigation, and recreational opportunities.

With over **61 ESAs identified** and an estimated **\$4 billion in ecosystem service value**, the County recognizes the importance of safeguarding these assets.

What Residents Told Us

Extensive public engagement during the 2025 MDP update revealed strong community support for environmental protection. Key priorities included:

- **Preserving natural areas** for ecological health and connection to nature.
- **Protecting water quality** and wetlands from degradation.
- **Maintaining the County’s rural character** and supporting a rural lifestyle.
- **Preventing landscape fragmentation** by clustering development.

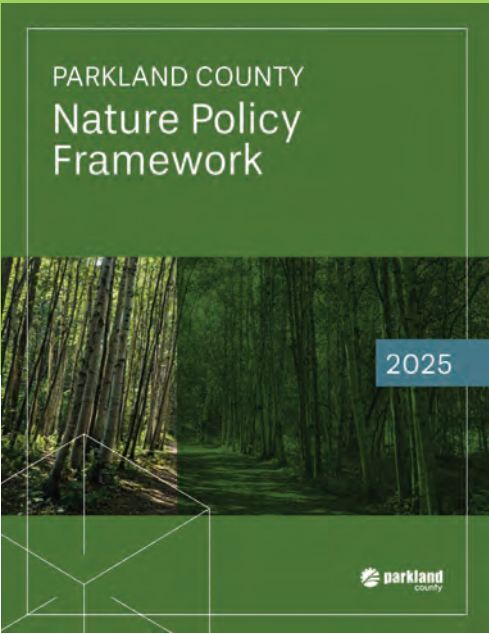
- **Balancing clarity and flexibility** in development rules to support both conservation and responsible growth.

These priorities directly informed the development of the Nature Policy Framework.

Newly Approved Policies

The Framework introduces five overarching policies that guide nature-positive development and conservation:

1. **Environmentally Significant Areas Policy:** Ensures that ESAs continue to provide vital ecosystem services and are integrated into planning and development processes.
2. **Protected Natural Areas Policy:** Establishes a unified designation for lands protected by municipal, provincial, federal, or private conservation efforts.
3. **Innovative Conservation Approaches Policy:** Enables flexible, voluntary tools — such as conservation offsets and development credits — that reconcile growth with environmental stewardship.
4. **Local Conservation Fund Policy:** Creates a dedicated fund to support proactive conservation, restoration, education, and outreach initiatives.
5. **Biophysical Assessment Policy:** Requires environmental assessments for qualifying developments to ensure informed decision-making and balanced land use.



A Collaborative and Flexible Approach

The Framework encourages **nature-positive development**, where projects enhance rather than degrade natural functions. It outlines clear guidelines for developers, landowners, and County staff, ensuring transparency and consistency in decision-making.

Looking Ahead

Implementation will be supported by business planning, investment strategies, and ongoing community engagement. Through education, outreach, and partnerships, Parkland County aims to foster a culture of stewardship and shared responsibility.

This initiative reflects Parkland County’s commitment to protecting environmentally significant areas and rural quality of life. By conserving natural systems today, the County is investing in a healthier, more vibrant future for all residents.

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BEHIND THE SCENES OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH RETURNING OFFICER EVA BEYER



In a formal process, contracted to Parkland County and the Parkland School Division and appointed by Council, our Returning Officer this election (and last election) was Eva Beyer. We sat down with Eva for a chat to learn all about what goes into the planning and execution of a successful election.

WHAT DRIVES AN INDIVIDUAL TO WANT TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF AN ELECTION?

“The people are what makes it all come together, as a team,” says Eva. “We hired 135 election workers, and hired another 30 spare workers, and along with all the incredible support, from beginning to end demonstrates that what we do, together, matters most.”

Eva’s background includes 14 years with the Town of Stony Plain, first as their Legislative Coordinator and then as their manager, and those roles helped her to build important relationships within the Tri-Region. When Eva began her own contracting company, she was notified initially by Parkland County that there was an opportunity to prepare a response to a Request For Quote process to provide Returning Officer services for the 2021 municipal elections. Her response was successful, and that’s when she first began working with the County.

WHY DID SHE CHOOSE TO WORK WITH OUR COUNTY?

“Knowing the complexity and challenges that an election would encompass for the County,” says Eva. “Parkland County is one of the biggest municipalities in the province and I really enjoy the election process. By

providing a service to the residents, I feel it’s such a democratic right; the right to vote helps residents to engage and collaborate.”

WHAT IS THE PROCESS LIKE TO GET READY FOR AN ELECTION?

The timeline to prepare starts a year and a half before the date of election to plan, review legislation, update bylaws, meet staff and encourage ideas, identify all the changes through legislation to be implemented, review previous elections (lessons learned documentation), and prepare joint agreements with school boards.

Next to tackle in the election process is the preparation of planning documents (critical dates, communications and promotion, IT details, technology implementation, elections planning, and setting up lots of meetings to get our ducks in a row (including working with regional partners).

Alongside all that planning is training and testing. Eva herself works approximately 1,600 hours (from July 2024 through December 31, 2025) solely on the election.

After the election is complete, the process of reporting, clean-up, records management,

reporting to Council and creating follow-up feedback surveys begins — all with a view to making improvements the next time around. “There are challenges along the way, and scenarios that alter how things may be done — like this year’s Canada Post strike — but I was proud of our communications team for sending election information out early to residents,” says Eva.

While we were implementing the special ballot process, we had residents pick up and deliver their packages to the County Centre office, and Eva even personally delivered a

couple to elderly seniors herself to ensure they didn’t miss the opportunity to vote.

On election day, Eva began her day at 7:30 and set off to visit each of the 16 Parkland County voting stations to ensure everything was set up and running smoothly. Her day ended at 11:45 pm following the vote tallying process and announcement of unofficial results (which are pending official verification later in the week). She was back in the office at 8 am the next day to start the reporting and verification process.

WHAT DID EVA THINK ABOUT THIS ELECTION DAY?

“The day went well from a process standpoint,” says Eva. “We anticipated that the vote count would take until 9:30 pm and Fallis was the first in with their count (and they’re the farthest away). I was happy all day seeing how well all the teams were working together — and they were having fun too. Lots of smiles as we started and ended the day together and managed to be one of the first municipalities to report unofficial results that night! Such fantastic teamwork!” She acknowledged that the technology in place really helped the process along — from social media to the County’s website, including the Where to Vote app and Live Election Results — these information sources were important for both residents and candidates.

HER FINAL THOUGHTS?

“I want to send a huge thank you to everyone who has worked and been part of the election process,” says Eva.

On behalf of Parkland County, we want to extend our warm thanks and gratitude to Eva Beyer who made our election process a smooth and positive experience for both candidates and residents.

LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT: A QUICK GUIDE

Ever wondered which level of government does what? The chart below offers additional information about the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels and the services they provide.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA



Airports



Borders and passports



Broadcasting and telecommunications



Canada Child Benefit



Charter of Human Rights



Employment insurance



Fisheries, oceans and national parks



Income tax



International travel and support for Canadians abroad



Mortgages
(ie. Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation)



National RCMP



Postal service



Student loans



National defence and veteran's affairs

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA



Employer and employee supports



Family and Community Support Services
(80% Provincial government / 20% Municipal government)



Highways



Hospitals



Housing



Justice



Landlord and tenant supports



Post-secondary education



Property tax
(Education/Seniors)



Safety enforcement
(Provincial)



Schools



Social Services
(treatment and specialized services, domestic violence shelters)



Student loans

MUNICIPAL PARKLAND COUNTY



County Governance



Development and building permits and fees



Family and Community Support Services
(20% Municipal government / 80% Provincial government)



Bylaw Enforcement
(RCMP responsible for criminal matters)



Local road maintenance and improvement



Parks, trails and playgrounds



Property tax
(Municipal portion)



Fire Services and Emergency Dispatch (911)



Recreation Facilities and Community League Supports



Senior's supportive housing
(ie. Meridian Foundation)



Community Services and Social Development



Transit



Utilities
(Water, sewer, wastewater)



Waste Management



WALKIN' IN A WINTER PARKLAND COUNTY

Make the most of the long winter season in Alberta! There's so much to enjoy and do in Parkland County in the winter months. Strap on a set of Nordic skis and feel the burn in muscles you never knew you had or try out a pair of snowshoes! Your favourite hiking trails take on an epic new life under fresh snow, and our abundance of lakes mean ice fishing around every corner!

Visit www.exploreparkland.com/winter to find your inspiration!



Points of Interest

CLIFFORD E. LEE NATURAL AREA

The hiking trails of Clifford E. Lee Natural Area transform once the snow flies, becoming an incredible winter destination. Explore the park's 28 acres of forest and wetlands, and keep your eyes peeled for snowshoe hares, deer, coyotes, beavers and more. While the boardwalk reconstruction project is ongoing, the non-boardwalk areas of the park, including trails accessed from the south entrance, have reopened to visitors. Visit www.cliffordelee.com to learn more!

CHICKAKOO LAKE RECREATION AREA

Chickakoo Lake isn't just a great summer destination. Once winter hits, you'll find 14 kms of cross-country ski trails to meander your way through the woods. There's even a warming hut to help you stay out even longer.

WABAMUN LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

Just because it's winter doesn't mean the fish quit biting! Head out to Wabamun Lake with your ice fishing gear and get after some monster pike, whitefish, walleye and yellow perch. Never ice fished before? Check out the lake on Alberta's Family Fishing Weekend (Family Day) for a chance to try the sport before you commit to buying gear.

FIREWORKS!

Wabamun WINTERFEST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th • 5 PM – 8 PM

Help
STUFF THE BUS!



Christmas Market with concession • Santa selfies
• Cookie decorating • Food drive
• Bowling • Crafts • Wagon rides and more!



Take our Public Engagement Survey by December 12!

We're reviewing how we engage with the Parkland County community to support consistent, strategic and meaningful public engagement.

To do this we need your feedback — take a short survey to tell us what's working and where we can find better opportunities to connect with you!



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