

VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
AGENDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2025
Council Chambers
110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADOPT AGENDA
3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT N/A
4. DELEGATIONS
5. ADOPT MINUTES A. Minutes from May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting
 B. Minutes from June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting
 C. Minutes from June 18, 2025 Special Meeting
 D. Minutes from July 2, 2025 Special Meeting
6. FINANCIAL REPORTS A. Bank Reconciliation May – Chequing account
 B. Bank Reconciliation May – T Bill account
 C. Bank Reconciliation June – T Bill account
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
 A. Solar Update
8. NEW BUSINESS A. Subdivision Discussion
 B. Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA)
 C. Request to Change Dates
 D. Auction Date
9. CORRESPONDENCE A. Card from former MP Martin Shields
 B. Community Futures Wild Rose June Update
 C. Key Municipal Dates July 1 – September 30, 2025
 D. Wheatland County – Strathmore Detachment Crime Statistics Jan – May 2022-2025
 E. Proclamation of the Access to Information Act and Regulations
 F. Proclamation of the Protection of Privacy Act and Regulations
10. OTHER BUSINESS
11. ACTION ITEM REVIEW LIST A. Water loss update
 B. Update re PRP lots for sale
12. CLOSED SESSION
13. OUT OF CLOSED SESSION MOTION/MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION
14. REPORTS
15. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2025
7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Darcy Burke
Councillors Leah Smith
Tyler Henke
William Goodfellow
April Geeraert

Administration Lori Miller

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA

RES 135-2025 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to approve the agenda as amended.
Carried

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

RES 136-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to accept the report as presented.
Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

A. Jack Bomford – Welcome Wagon
RES 137-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that Council supports the implementation
of Welcome Wagon in the village.
Carried

B. Sid Keskic of Raptor Wireless presented a GPS tracking system that could be used in
Village owned vehicles.

5. ADOPT MINUTES

A. Minutes from April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting
RES 138-2025 Moved by Councillor Henke to approve the minutes as presented.
Carried

B. Minutes from April 15, 2025 Special Meeting
RES 139-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to approve the minutes as presented.
Carried

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Bank Reconciliation April – Chequing account
RES 140-2025 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to approve as presented.
Carried

B. Bank Reconciliation March – T Bill account
RES 141-2025 Moved by Councillor Henke to approve as presented.
Carried

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Joint Use Planning Agreement – due June 2026

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Signing Authority – Bonnie Hamilton
RES 142-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to appoint Bonnie Hamilton as a signatory
for the Village of Rockyford.
Carried

Mayor
Administrator

B. Cuborama Participant Gifts

- RES 143-2025** Moved by Mayor Burke that Administration order sport bottles to hand out to the Cuborama participants and order extra for other promotions.
Carried

C. Memorandum of Understanding – Wheatland Housing Management Body

- RES 144-2025** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to table this item until the June meeting.
Carried

D. Course Reimbursement

- RES 145-2025** Moved by Mayor Burke to reimburse Administrator Miller for the recently completed course.
Carried

E. Request for Funding to Purchase New Swing

- RES 146-2025** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that the village purchases the new swing frame for Prairie Ridge Park using capital funding and the capital budget be amended to include this purchase.
Carried

F. Bylaw 2025-006 Tax Rate Bylaw

- RES 147-2025** Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to give first reading to Bylaw 2025-006.
Carried

- RES 148-2025** Moved by Councillor Geeraert to give second reading to Bylaw 2025-006.
Carried

- RES 149-2025** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to give permission to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 2025-006.
Carried unanimously

- RES 150-2025** Moved by Councillor Henke to give third and final reading to Bylaw 2025-006.
Carried

Councillor Geeraert left the meeting @ 7:52pm.
Councillor Geeraert returned to the meeting @ 7:55pm.

G. Dust Abatement – Amend Capital Budget

- RES 151-2025** Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to amend the capital budget to include dust abatement for 2025.
Carried

H. Bylaw 2025-007 Land Use Bylaw

- RES 152-2025** Moved by Councillor Henke to give first reading to Bylaw 2025-007.
Carried

- RES 153-2025** Moved by Councillor Geeraert to host a public hearing on June 11, 2025 at the village office, 110 Main Street, at 6:30 pm.
Carried

I. GPS Tracking System

- RES 154-2025** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to try the GPS Tracking System for the one-month free trial on a village vehicle and to check with the Fire Chief regarding putting a GPS Tracking System on one of the fire vehicles.
Carried

9. A. Community Futures Wild Rose April update

- RES 155-2025** Moved by Councillor Geeraert to accept as information.
Carried

B. Amendments: Alberta Emergency Management Act and Regulations
RES 156-2025 Moved by Mayor Burke to accept as information.
Carried

C. Marigold Library System Board Updates
RES 157-2025 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to accept as information.
Carried

D. Seniors' Week Declaration
RES 158-2025 Mayor Burke declared the week of June 2-8, 2025 to be Seniors' Week in the Village of Rockyford.
Carried

E. Alberta Emergency Social Services
RES 159-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to accept as information.
Carried

F. Palliser Regional Municipal Services Meeting Minutes & Financial Statements
RES 160-2025 Moved by Councillor Henke to accept as information.
Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ACTION ITEM REVIEW LIST

A. Water loss update
RES 161-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to accept as information.
Carried

B. Update re PRP subdivision
No update available

12. CLOSED SESSION

A. Exception to disclosure, Division 2 of part 1 of FOIPP Act, 27. Privileged Information
RES 162-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to enter into closed session @ 8:17 pm.
Carried

13. OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RES 163-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to move out of closed session @ 8:23 pm.
Carried

RES 164-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to accept as information.
Carried

14. REPORTS

RES 165-2025 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to accept reports as presented.
Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

RES 166-2025 Mayor Burke declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor

Administrator

Mayor
Administrator

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2025
7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Darcy Burke
Councillors Leah Smith
Tyler Henke
William Goodfellow
April Geeraert

Administration Lori Miller

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burke called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. AGENDA

RES 167-2025 Moved by Councillor Henke to approve the agenda as amended.
No minutes available from May meeting.
May bank reconciliations not available.
Additions to new business:
J. Letter of support for Rockyford Minor Hockey & Ringette Association.
K. Approval of Terms & Conditions for Public Auction
L. Public Auction Date & Time
M. Market Value for Properties to be Auctioned
N. Tax Recovery Costs
O. Capital Budget Revision
Addition to Correspondence:
D. Village of Hussar invitation
Carried

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

RES 168-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to accept the report as presented.
Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

5. ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes not available.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bank reconciliations not available.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Joint Use Planning Agreement – due June 2026

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bylaw 2025-003 ATCO Gas and Pipelines agreement

RES 169-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to give second reading to Bylaw 2025-003.
Carried

RES 170-2025 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to give unanimous consent to move to third reading of Bylaw 2025-003.
Carried Unanimously

RES 171-2025 Moved by Councillor Henke to give third reading to Bylaw 2025-003.
Carried

B. Draft Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework – Strathmore, Rockyford, Standard, Hussar

RES 172-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that we move forward with the ICF.

Mayor
Administrator

Carried

- C. Letter of Support – Rockyford Agricultural Society ACI grant application
RES 173-2025 Moved by Mayor Burke to provide a letter of support to the Rockyford Agricultural Society for inclusion with their ACI grant application.

Carried

- D. Update Lease Agreement – Rockyford Agricultural Society
RES 174-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to update the lease agreement with changes as discussed.

Carried

- E. Bylaw 2025-007 Land Use Bylaw
RES 175-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to give second reading to Bylaw 2025-007.

Carried

- RES 176-2025** Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to give unanimous consent to move to third reading.

Carried Unanimously

- RES 177-2025** Moved by Councillor Henke to give third reading to Bylaw 2025-007.

Carried

- F. Bylaw 2025-008 Public Utility Bylaw
RES 178-2025 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to accept as information.

Carried

- G. Wheatland Regional Corporation Bylaw 1 and Unanimous Shareholder Agreement
RES 179-2025 Moved by Mayor Burke that Administration write a letter to Wheatland Regional Corporation letting them know that the Village of Rockyford, as a shareholder of WRC, accepts two representatives from Wheatland County, but as an equal shareholder, the County should only have one vote.

Carried

- H. Community Futures Wild Rose – Investment Readiness Kit
RES 180-2025 Moved by Councillor Henke to table this until September.

Carried

- I. Letter or Card for Martin Shields Retirement
RES 181-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that we invite Mr. Shields to the rodeo and present him with a plaque (maximum value \$50) with a picture of him participating in previous events in Rockyford.

Carried

7:35pm Councillor Geeraert left the meeting
7:38pm Councillor Geeraert returned to the meeting

- J. Letter of Support for Rockyford Minor Hockey and Ringette Association
RES 182-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to provide a letter of support.

Carried

- K. Approval of Terms and Conditions for Public Auction
RES 183-2025 Moved by Councillor Henke to accept as presented.

Carried

- L. Public Auction Date and Time
RES 184-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to hold the auction on September 15, 2025 at 2:00pm.

Carried

M. Market Value for Properties to be Auctioned

- RES 185-2025** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith that the assessed value be used as the market value of the properties to be auctioned.
Carried

N. Tax Recovery Costs

- RES 186-2025** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to approve the addition of all tax recovery costs to the relevant tax roll per Section 533(1)(f) of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, RSA 2000.
Carried

O. Capital Budget Revision – Automatic Transfer Switch Replacement

- RES 187-2025** Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to amend the capital budget to include the replacement of the automatic transfer switch.
Carried

9. A. Wheatland Housing Management Body 2024 Annual Report

- RES 188-2025** Moved by Councillor Henke to accept as information.
Carried

B. Minister McIver re LGFF funding 2025

- RES 189-2025** Moved by Councillor Geeraert to accept as information.
Carried

C. Wheatland Housing Management Body – New Deputy CAO

- RES 190-2025** Moved by Councillor Henke to accept as information.
Carried

D. Village of Hussar Invitation

- RES 191-2025** Moved by Councillor Geeraert for Administration to inform the CAO of the Village of Hussar that she will be attending but unsure of arrival time.
Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ACTION ITEM REVIEW LIST

A. Water loss update

- RES 192-2025** Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to accept as information.
Carried

B. Update re PRP subdivision

Verbal update given by CAO Miller.

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

14. REPORTS

- RES 193-2025** Moved by Councillor Geeraert to accept reports as presented.
Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

- RES 194-2025** Mayor Burke declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor

Administrator

Mayor
Administrator

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
SPECIAL MEETING
June 18, 2025
12:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Darcy Burke
Councillors Leah Smith
William Goodfellow
April Geeraert

Via Teams Tyler Henke

Administration Lori Miller

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burke called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

2. AGENDA
RES 195-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Expression of Interest – Aerial Imagery Update
RES 196-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to accept as information.
Carried

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. Exception to Disclosure, Division 2 of part 1 of FOIPP Act, 27. Privileged Information
RES 197-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to move into closed session at 12:38pm.
Carried
RES 198-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to move out of closed session at 12:48pm.
Carried
RES 199-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to direct Administration to reach out to E2Rsolutions to have legal counsel defend our actions.
Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Burke declared the meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.

Mayor

Administrator

Mayor
Administrator

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
SPECIAL MEETING
July 2, 2025
12:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Darcy Burke
Councillors Leah Smith
William Goodfellow
April Geeraert

Via Teams Tyler Henke

Administration Lori Miller

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Burke called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. AGENDA

RES 200-2025 Moved by Councillor Geeraert to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. Exception to Disclosure, Division 2 of part 1 of FOIPP Act, 27. Privileged Information
RES 201-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to move into closed session at 12:32pm.
Carried

RES 202-2025 Moved by Councillor Goodfellow to move out of closed session at 12:47pm.
Carried

RES 203-2025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith to have legal counsel send the letter with two typos corrected.
Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Burke declared the meeting adjourned at 12:48pm.

Mayor

Administrator

Mayor
Administrator

Month Ending May 31, 2025

	Current Year	Previous Year
Net Balance as at Apr 30/25	\$ 38,848.99	\$ 99,291.70
Receipts for Month	\$ 89,238.71 +	\$ 66,713.93
Interest Earned	\$ 154.16 +	\$ 514.18
Transferred From T-Bill	\$ 75,000.00 +	
Prev Month Deposit Posted	\$ 190.00 +	
Bank Error	\$ (1,890.00)	
Duplicate Entry	\$ (95.00) +	
	\$ 201,446.86	\$ 166,519.81
Less:		
Disbursements	\$ (159,850.34) -	\$ (119,088.03)
Bank Charges	\$ (93.83) -	\$ (89.84)
Auto Debit Alarm Fee		\$ (59.27)
LoC Interest	-	\$ (23.56)
G/L Balance May 31/25	\$ 41,502.69	\$ 47,259.11
Bank Reconciliation		
Bank Balance at May 31/25	\$ 43,479.43	\$ 82,471.27
O/S Cheques	\$ (2,938.09) -	\$ (30,322.08)
Deposit not posted	\$ (990.00) -	\$ (4,890.08)
O/S Deposit	\$ 1,951.35 +	
Adjusted Bank Balance May 31/25	\$ 41,502.69	\$ 47,259.11

\$ 0.00

Mayor

Administrator

VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
T Bill Account
Month Ending May 31/25

	Current Year	Previous Year
Net Balance as at April 30/2025	\$ 367,208.70	\$ 495,532.57
Receipts for Month		
Interest Earned	\$ 844.68	\$ 2,230.58
Transferred From Chequing		
Deposit Not posted		
	<u>\$ 368,053.38</u>	<u>\$ 497,763.15</u>
Less:		
Transferred to Chequing	-\$ 75,000.00	
G/L Balance May 31/25	<u>\$ 293,053.38</u>	<u>\$ 497,763.15</u>
Bank Reconciliation		
Bank Balance at May 31/25	\$ 293,053.38	\$ 497,763.15
Adjusted Bank Balance May 31/25	<u>\$ 293,053.38</u>	<u>\$ 497,763.15</u>

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Mayor

Administrator

VILLAGE OF ROCKYFORD
T Bill Account
Month Ending June 30/25

	Current Year	Previous Year
Net Balance as at May 31/2025	\$ 293,053.38	\$ 497,763.15
Receipts for Month		
Interest Earned	\$ 651.08	\$ 1,889.41
Transferred From Chequing		\$ 300,000.00
Deposit Not posted		
	<u>\$ 293,704.46</u>	<u>\$ 799,652.56</u>
Less:		
Transferred to Chequing	-\$ 50,000.00	\$ (300,000.00)
G/L Balance June 30/25	<u>\$ 243,704.46</u>	<u>\$ 499,652.56</u>
Bank Reconciliation		
Bank Balance at June 30/25	\$ 243,704.46	\$ 499,652.56
Adjusted Bank Balance June 30/25	<u>\$ 243,704.46</u>	<u>\$ 499,652.56</u>

\$ 0.00

Mayor

Administrator

REQUEST FOR DECISION



Subject: Subdivision Discussion

Prepared By: Lori Miller

Council Meeting Date: July 9, 2025

Agenda Item: 8A.

Background: Mayor Burke had a discussion with the UCP Constituency President who is a realtor about the residential lots that we currently have for sale. This has sparked the request for a discussion regarding lowering prices of the lots in order to have them sell and construction start.

Options: 1. That Council discusses the pricing of the residential lots and lowers the price to encourage sales.
2. That Council discusses the pricing of the residential lots and chooses to leave the prices as is.

Financial Implications: If lots sell, we start collecting taxes for the property.

Communication: N/A

Recommendation: That Council lowers the price of the lots to encourage sales.

Residential Lots

From Mayor of Rockyford <mayor@rockyford.ca>

Date Thu 7/3/2025 7:27 AM

To Lori Miller <cao@rockyford.ca>; Tyler Henke <tyler.rockyford@gmail.com>; April Geeraert <geeraert.april@hotmail.com>; William Goodfellow <wmgoodfellow1234@gmail.com>; Leah Smith <lmsmith666@hotmail.com> <lmsmith666@hotmail.com>

Good Morning,

I spent some time last week speaking with our UCP Constituency President whom during normal life hours is a realtor and has been for many years. I spoke with him regarding our lots, pricing and tax incentives that are in place. Tom told me about the latest subdivision in Three Hills and what has transpired. The subdivision was build years ago and the lot pricing was \$55,000. Little to no action happened and council reviewed their actions and plan. That council decided it was more important to encourage growth than to sit on property for years losing tax revenue and missing the opportunity to provide more support of community and business. The price was lowered to \$38,000 and in the past few months almost all of the lots have sold and new home construction is under way.

As councillors and stewards of this community, we need to give this some thought and review our actions to grow our community

Darcy

Darcy J. Burke
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REQUEST FOR DECISION



Subject: Joint Use and Planning Agreement

Prepared By: Lori Miller

Council Meeting Date: July 9, 2025

Agenda Item: 8B.

Background: Bill 50 included amendments to the Joint Use and Planning Agreements (JUPA). These amendments make JUPAs voluntary for municipalities without a school. As we do not have a school, we could enter into an agreement with Golden Hills School Division as Wheatland Crossing School is where our children go to school.

Options: 1. That Council discuss JUPA and choose not to move ahead with the agreement.
2. That Council discuss JUPA and choose to voluntarily enter into an agreement with Golden Hills School Division.

Financial Implications: N/A

Communication: N/A

Recommendation: That Council chose not to move ahead with the agreement.

Bill 50 Resources and Amendments to the Joint Use and Planning Agreements

From municipalservicesdivision@gov.ab.ca <municipalservicesdivision@gov.ab.ca>

Date Mon 6/16/2025 3:43 PM

To Lori Miller <cao@rockyford.ca>

I am writing to share information and resources with you regarding Bill 50, *the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and to notify you about recent changes to the Joint Use and Planning Agreements Regulations.

As you may know, Bill 50 received Royal Assent on May 15, 2025, and includes amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Local Authorities Election Act*. A collection of fact sheets and detailed information about these legislative changes and how they may impact your municipality are available on Open Alberta:

- [Changes to the *Municipal Government Act*](#)
- [Changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act*](#)

Additionally, amendments to the Joint Use and Planning Agreements (JUPAs) Regulation have also been made, and came into force on May 31, 2025. **These amendments make JUPAs voluntary for municipalities and school boards that do not own or occupy a school building or have an approved new school project within their boundaries.** JUPAs will continue to be mandatory for municipalities and school boards with a school or approved school project within their boundaries.

Should you have any questions about the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, or JUPAs, please contact ma.advisory@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Jonah Mozeson

Deputy Minister

REQUEST FOR DECISION



Subject: Request to Change Dates

Prepared By: Lori Miller

Council Meeting Date: July 9, 2025

Agenda Item: 8C.

Background: I currently have been approved to take off August 5th and 6th as part of my holidays. My plans have changed so I would like to request to change these dates to August 8th and 11th instead.

Options: 1. That Council discuss allow the change of vacation dates.
2. That Council discuss and deny the change of vacation dates.

Financial Implications: N/A

Communication: N/A

Recommendation: That Council allow the change of vacation dates.

REQUEST FOR DECISION



Subject: Auction Date

Prepared By: Lori Miller

Council Meeting Date: July 9, 2025

Agenda Item: 8D.

Background: At the June 11, 2025 council meeting the auction date was set as September 15th at 2 p.m. Unfortunately, the auctioneer is not available for this date. He is available the following day, September 16th at 2 p.m. I am requesting Council make the change to the date so that we can book it as soon as possible.

Options: 1. That Council change the auction date to September 16th at 2 p.m.
2. That Council choose another date and I will then check if the auctioneer is available.

Financial Implications: N/A

Communication: N/A

Recommendation: That Council change the auction date to September 16th at 2 p.m.

RE: Village of Rockyford 2024 Land - Preauction Letter Deadline Date passed

From Angela M. <AngelaM@taxervice.com>

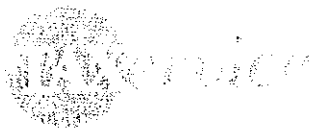
Date Fri 6/27/2025 4:01 PM

To Lori Miller <cao@rockyford.ca>

Hi Lori,

Are you sold on the September 15th date? I have another auction that date and they are using the auctioneer. Could we possible move it to the 16th @ 2pm?

Angela M. C.M.M.A
SENIOR ACCOUNT MANAGER



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From: Lori Miller <cao@rockyford.ca>

Sent: June 27, 2025 3:43 PM

To: Angela M. <AngelaM@taxervice.com>

Subject: Re: Village of Rockyford 2024 Land - Preauction Letter Deadline Date passed

Hi Angela,

I'm sorry I haven't gotten this to you sooner! It has been crazy and I've had a few days off as well. I don't have the minutes completed yet so sending the resolution is not possible yet. I can give you the information though.

The terms and conditions for the public auction were accepted as presented.

The public auction date was set as September 15th at 2pm.

Assessed value will be used for the minimum auction amount.

All tax recovery costs will be added to the tax roll.

Mayor Burke
&
Council

It has been a
privilege to spend
time in Rockyford
the past decade.

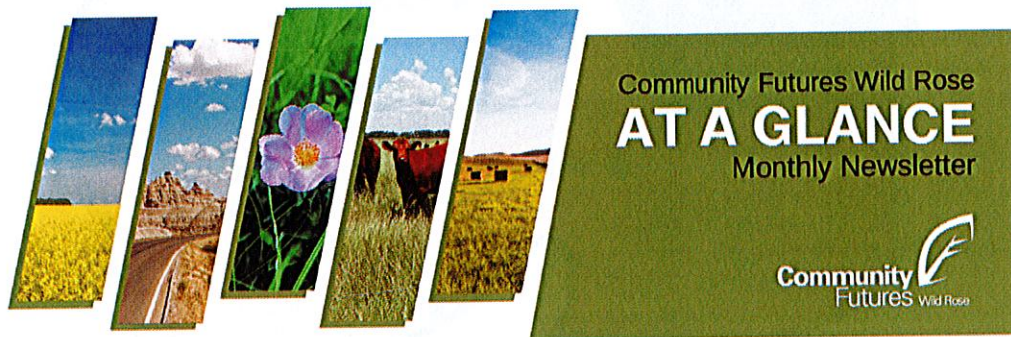
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CFWR At A Glance

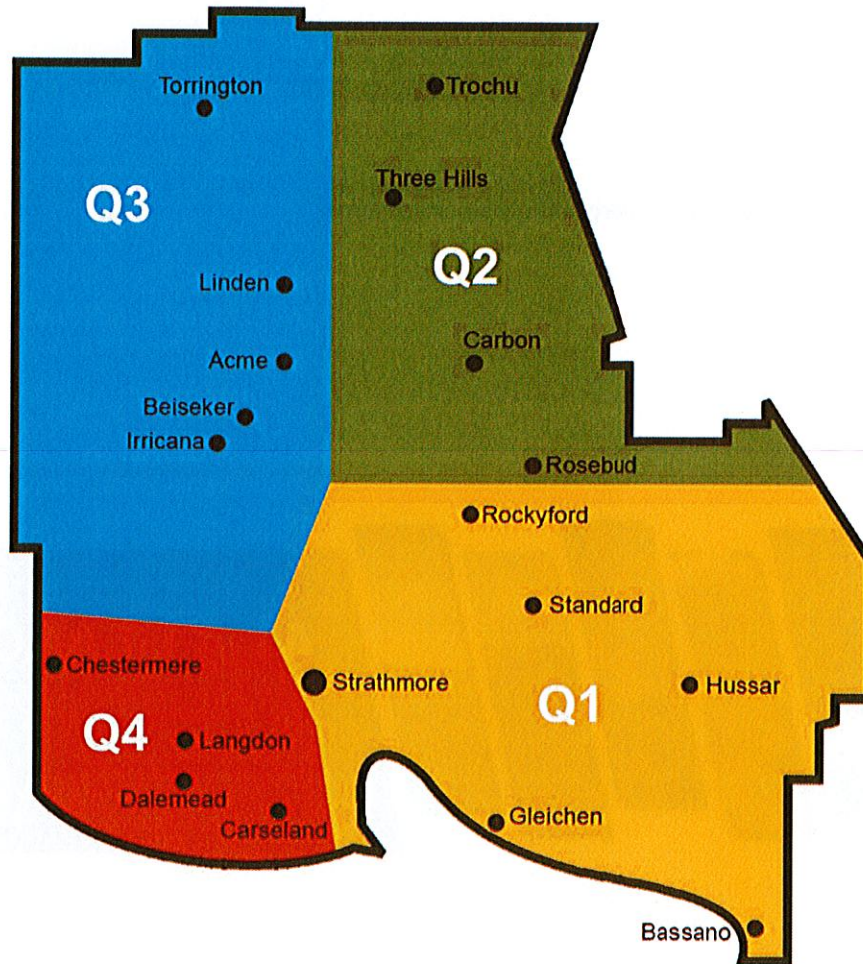
From Community Futures Wild Rose <wildroseinfo@albertacf.com>

Date Mon 6/9/2025 3:56 PM

To Lori Miller <cao@rockyford.ca>



CF Wild Rose June Update



Q3 Nominations Now Open

The Third Quadrant of "Heart of Our Community" Campaign

Torrington, Linden, Acme, Beiseker, Irricana, and surrounding area residents are invited to nominate businesses in their community for our **Heart of Our Community** business award! **Nominations close August 31st.**

Our local small businesses are crucial to our community. They sponsor local sports teams and support numerous events. Unlike major online retailers, these businesses actively invest in our community. Let's unite to celebrate and support those who enhance our community life. The Heart of Our Community campaign provides a platform to acknowledge these essential contributors to our local economy and community spirit.

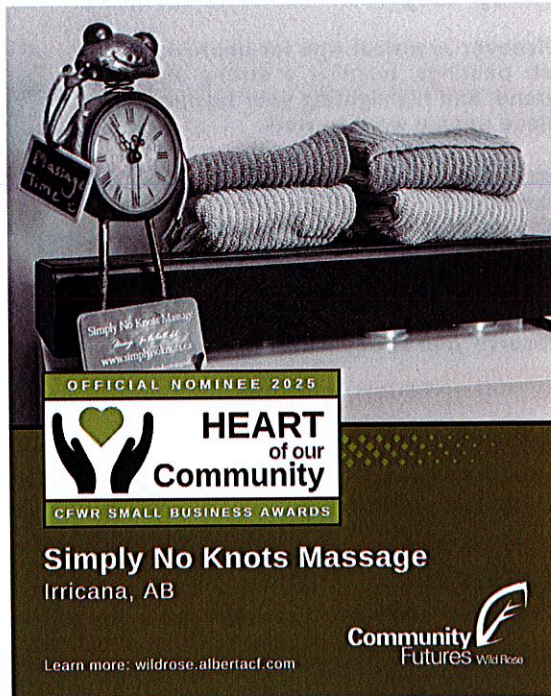
We are accepting nominations from June 1st to August 31st. Nominations are open to all residents and businesses in the Q3 area.

Currently accepting Nominations of businesses in Torrington, Linden, Acme, Beiseker, Irricana, and surrounding areas.

Nominated businesses will receive a spotlight on our social channels and website. At the quarter's end, the CFWR Board will select one outstanding business to

receive a \$1,000 award to further celebrate and support their meaningful contributions.

Nominate a Q3 Business




NOMINEE SPOTLIGHT:

Simply No Knots Massage, owned by Julie Sim, supports local fundraisers for the Irricana Playschool, Kindergarten programs, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Beiseker Blazers.

Julie volunteers at events like IrricanaRama and Pioneer Acres Days and is a founding member of the Irricana Chamber. Julie also mentors local entrepreneurs, offering free ads, business advice, and even reduced rent. Her dedication to client care and community well-being goes far beyond the massage table, making Simply No Knots Massage a deserving nominee for the Heart of Our Community Business Award.



Training and Supports



LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION

HR ESSENTIALS



Employee Attraction

Discover practical tips for improving your job postings, building a strong employer brand, and highlighting your business as a place people want to work.

-  **CFWR Office**
-  **June 12, 2025**
-  **NOON - 1:00 PM**

Reserve your spot via EventBrite today!

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Discover practical tips for improving your job postings, building a strong employer brand, and highlighting your business as a place people want to work. Whether you're a small business owner or part of a growing HR team, this session will provide actionable strategies to help you stand out and recruit the right candidates.

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DATE: June 12th, 2025

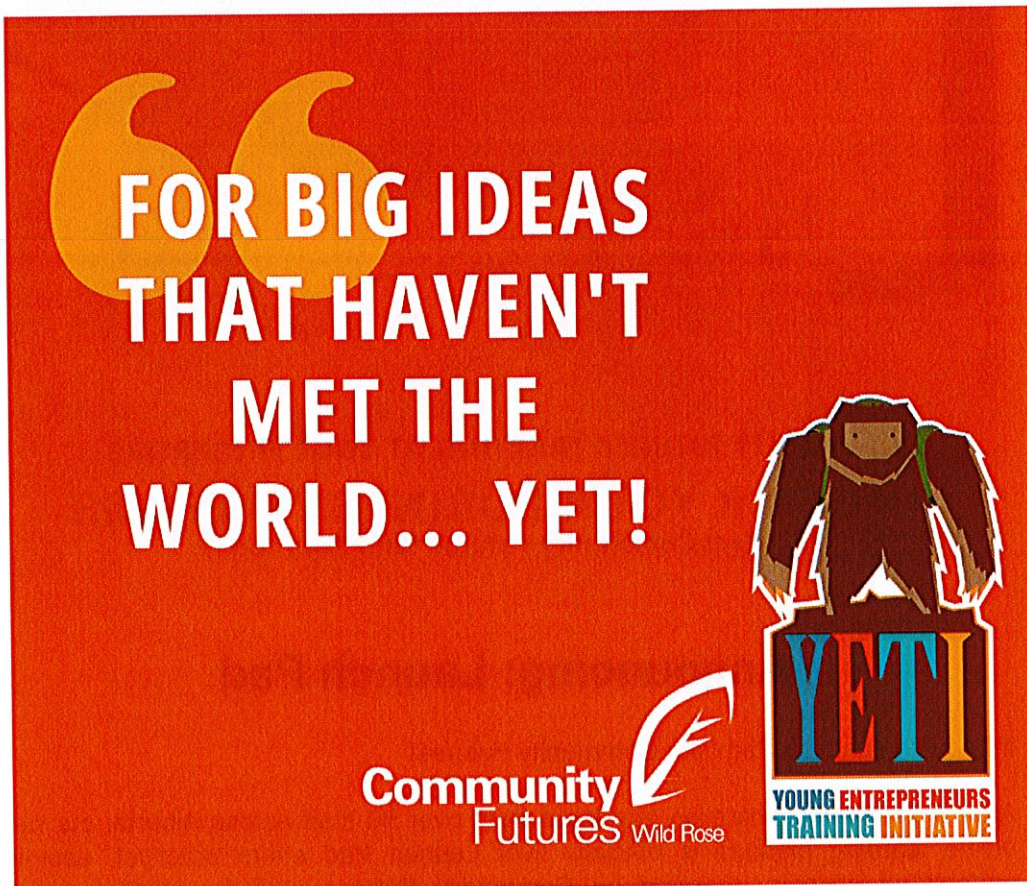
LOCATION: Community Futures Wild Rose Office, Strathmore

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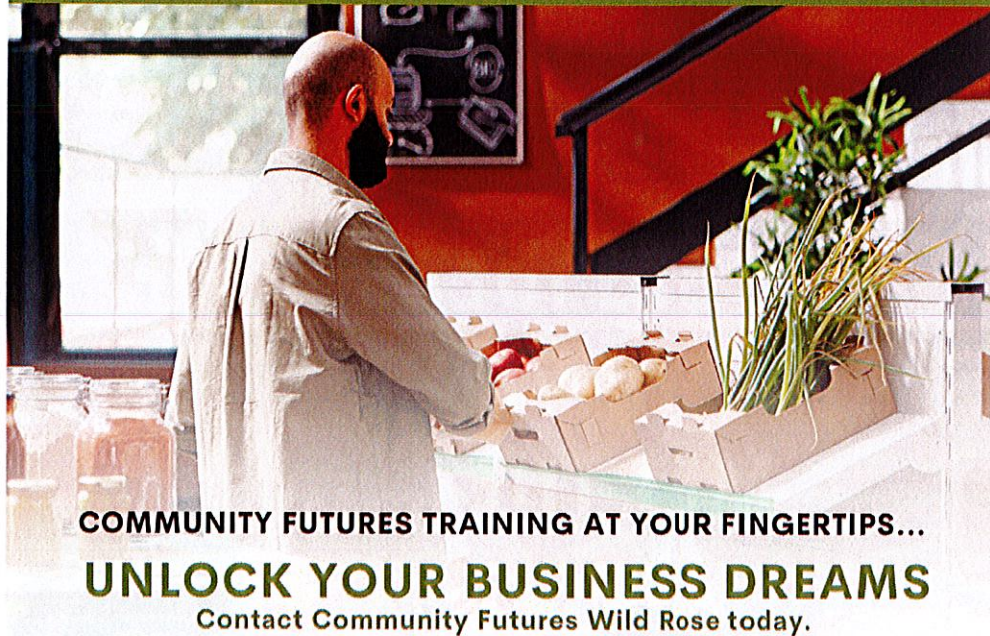
Head to our website to apply now. **Applications close on June 15, 2024.**

YETI. For big ideas that haven't met the world... *yet!*

Apply to YETI

LAUNCH PAD

MOVING BUSINESS FORWARD



Announcing: Launch Pad

Introducing Launch Pad from Community Futures!

After a year of collaboration and input from over 50 staff across Alberta, our new online learning platform is officially live! Launch Pad offers practical, easy-to-understand courses designed by Community Futures staff for small business owners. Whether you're writing your business plan, building your team, or refining your idea, Launch Pad helps you grow with confidence.

Courses include:

- Your Business Plan
- Talent & Teams
- Ignite Your Business

Start Learning!



ExitNavigator
Selling and Buying a business can be complex.
We make it simpler.

ExitNavigator is a dedicated service created specifically for rural and small-town Alberta entrepreneurs navigating the complexities of business transitions.

Request a free Consultation today!

- Business Valuations
- Online Business Listings
- Seller Assist
- Sale Mediation
- Business Factsheet
- Business Loans

Exit Navigator

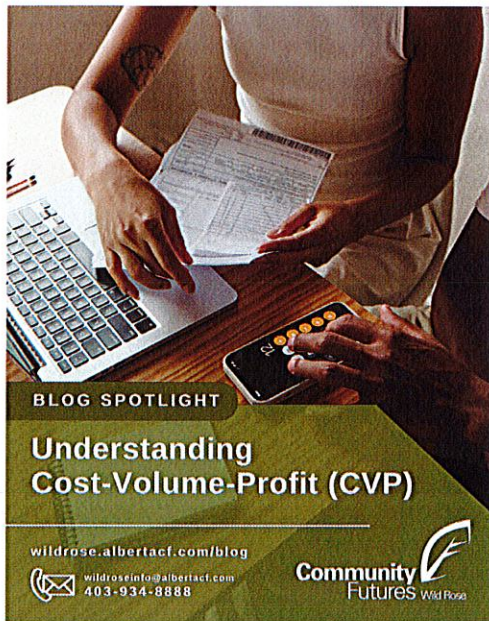
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Community Futures Wild Rose is excited to announce ExitNavigator, a new program offering personalized support for rural and small-town Alberta entrepreneurs navigating business transitions. With free initial consultations and affordable services, ExitNavigator helps local business owners, whether building, scaling, or exiting, create tailored strategies to ensure long-term success and continuity.

[Learn More](#)

Blog Spotlight



Not sure how many sales it takes to break even? Wondering if your pricing is really working for you?

Our blog on Cost-Volume-Profit (CVP) analysis breaks down the numbers in a way that makes sense, so you can make confident decisions about pricing, production, and profit. Simple. Practical. Powerful.

Check it out and learn how to turn insight into impact:

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Small Business Loans

Community Futures Wild Rose provides flexible loan options designed to support small businesses. We're currently offering a competitive lending rate of prime + 2%. Compare that to the rates of traditional lenders and see the difference!

What sets us apart is our approach. We are character lenders. We look beyond the numbers and focus on you as an individual. We believe in your vision and are committed to helping turn that vision into reality.

Our goal is your success!

We know that your success will positively impact the entire community. Explore our diverse loan products and enjoy affordable, flexible terms for small business loans up to \$300,000. Plus, enjoy expert business guidance at no cost to you!

Reach out today for a free consultation by emailing wildroseinfo@albertacf.com or calling 403.934.8888. Let's work together to build something great!

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Information Bulletin 03/2025

Key Municipal Dates

July 1 – September 30, 2025

July 1	Last day for municipalities to send assessment notices. (s. 310 <i>Municipal Government Act (MGA)</i>).
July 1	Last day to submit the Municipal Tax Rate Information Return per Ministerial Order No. MSD:079/22.
August 1	Last day for the Registrar to send a notice to an owner of a parcel of land shown on the tax arrears list. (s. 417 <i>MGA</i>).
August 1	Last day for a municipality to send notice to the owner of a designated manufactured home, the manufactured home community, and all lien holders for each designated manufactured home shown on the tax arrears list (s. 436.08 <i>MGA</i>).
August 20	No later than two months prior to election, Council may pass a bylaw to authorize the printing of ballots in lots (s. 43 <i>Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)</i>).
August 31	<p>Last day for a council of a summer village to hold an organizational meeting (s. 192(2) <i>MGA</i>) and to hold councillor orientation training on the first set of topics (s.201.1 <i>MGA</i>).</p> <p>NOTE: Councillor orientation training on the second set of topics must be held prior to or on the same day as the first regularly scheduled council meeting or council may pass a resolution to extend the time up to 90 days.</p>
September 8	Notice of nomination day advertisement (first week) if using a newspaper (s. 26 <i>LAEA</i>).
September 15	<p>Notice of nomination day advertisement (second week) (s. 26 <i>LAEA</i>).</p> <p>Municipalities not using a newspaper may mail or deliver a notice to every residence in the local jurisdiction at least one week before nomination day or use the method(s) provided for in advertising bylaw passed under s. 606.1 of the <i>MGA</i> (if applicable).</p>

September 21	A person who is an employee of a municipality and who wishes to be nominated as a candidate in an election to be held for that municipality may notify that person's employer on or after January 1 in the year of a general election but before the person's last working day prior to nomination day that the person is taking a leave of absence without pay under s. 22 of the <i>LAEA</i> .
September 21	Council may pass a bylaw prior to nomination day to discontinue an election for an office for which a candidate has died (s. 33 <i>LAEA</i>).
September 21	Last day to pass resolution to provide for special ballots and methods by which application may be made (s.77.1 <i>LAEA</i>).
September 22	Nomination day for the 2025 general election closes at 12 noon. (s. 25 <i>LAEA</i>).
September 23	Candidates may withdraw their nomination in writing, in person, until 12 p.m.
September 23	If, 24 hours after the close of nominations, the number of candidates for an office is equal to the number of offices for which the election is held, the returning officer shall declare each of the candidates to be elected to the office for which they were nominated.
September 23	If the number of persons nominated for any office is less than the number required to be elected, the time for receipt of nominations shall stand adjourned to the next day at the same place at the hour of 10 a.m. and shall remain open until 12 noon for the purpose of receiving further nominations for the office, and continue to adjourn in the same manner from day to day until a period of six days, including nomination day but not including Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, as defined in the <i>Interpretation Act</i> , has elapsed. Notify the Minister of Municipal Affairs if nominations are still insufficient once this time period has elapsed (s. 31 <i>LAEA</i>).
September 23	24 hours after the close of nominations, the returning officer shall forward a signed statement showing the name of each nominated candidate to the Minister using the Elections Database (EDB) or by emailing a signed statement to ma.updates@gov.ab.ca .
September 24	Within 48 hours of the close of nominations on nomination day, the returning officer shall post or cause to be posted at the local jurisdiction office, the names of all candidates that have been nominated and the offices for which they were nominated (s. 28(10) <i>LAEA</i>).

September 30	Municipalities must submit the 3rd quarterly installment to a board or the Alberta School Foundation Fund (s. 167 <i>Education Act</i>).
September 30	Last day for candidates who accepted contributions to submit campaign disclosure statement (Form 26) for contributions accepted between January 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025 (including self-contributions).
September 30	Last day for third party advertisers registered under s. 163 to file a third-party election advertising return (Form 28) in respect of the period beginning on May 1 and ending on July 31 of 2025.
Election Resources	Please visit our website at: Municipal elections – Overview Alberta.ca .

Wheatland County - Strathmore Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
January to May: 2022 - 2025

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

June 3, 2025

CATEGORY	Trend	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2022 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		2	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.7
Other Sexual Offences		3	2	1	0	-100%	-100%	-1.0
Assault		7	11	12	13	86%	8%	1.9
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Extortion		0	2	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.3
Criminal Harassment		6	2	3	3	-50%	0%	-0.8
Uttering Threats		3	4	3	13	333%	333%	2.9
TOTAL PERSONS		21	23	21	30	43%	43%	2.5
Break & Enter		2	11	10	11	450%	10%	2.6
Theft of Motor Vehicle		7	11	7	9	29%	29%	0.2
Theft Over \$5,000		1	1	4	6	500%	50%	1.8
Theft Under \$5,000		12	9	15	6	-50%	-60%	-1.2
Possn Stn Goods		4	9	6	4	0%	-33%	-0.3
Fraud		11	11	11	3	-73%	-73%	-2.4
Arson		1	1	3	1	0%	-67%	0.2
Mischief - Damage To Property		8	11	11	6	-25%	-45%	-0.6
Mischief - Other		4	3	6	11	175%	83%	2.4
TOTAL PROPERTY		50	67	73	57	14%	-22%	2.7
Offensive Weapons		1	5	3	1	0%	-67%	-0.2
Disturbing the peace		2	3	2	2	0%	0%	-0.1
Fail to Comply & Breaches		10	5	5	3	-70%	-40%	-2.1
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		6	5	4	4	-33%	0%	-0.7
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		19	18	14	10	-47%	-29%	-3.1
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		90	108	108	97	8%	-10%	2.1

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CATEGORY	Trend	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2022 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		2	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.8
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	5	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.5
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		2	7	0	0	-100%	N/A	-1.3
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		1	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
TOTAL FEDERAL		3	7	1	0	-100%	-100%	-1.5
Liquor Act		N/A	N/A	2	2	N/A	0%	0.0
Cannabis Act		N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	-100%	-1.0
Mental Health Act		N/A	N/A	6	11	N/A	83%	-1.2
Other Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	32	23	N/A	-28%	1.9
Total Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	41	36	N/A	-12%	-0.3
Municipal By-laws Traffic		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Municipal By-laws		N/A	N/A	3	3	N/A	0%	0.8
Total Municipal		N/A	N/A	3	3	N/A	0%	0.8
Fatals		1	0	0	2	100%	N/A	0.3
Injury MVC		14	16	15	13	-7%	-13%	-0.4
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		39	50	27	23	-41%	-15%	-7.1
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		11	18	15	17	55%	13%	1.5
TOTAL MVC		N/A	N/A	57	55	N/A	-4%	-5.7
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		N/A	N/A	14	8	N/A	-43%	-2.6
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.4
Total Provincial Traffic		N/A	N/A	418	398	N/A	-5%	-132.2
Other Traffic		N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	-100%	-0.5
Criminal Code Traffic		21	22	19	11	-48%	-42%	-3.3
Common Police Activities								
False Alarms		N/A	N/A	10	8	N/A	-20%	0.5
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		N/A	N/A	13	18	N/A	38%	1.9
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		N/A	N/A	40	43	N/A	8%	4.6
Persons Reported Missing		N/A	N/A	2	0	N/A	-100%	-1.5
Search Warrants		N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		N/A	N/A	20	17	N/A	-15%	1.5
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		N/A	N/A	1	1	N/A	0%	-1.0

Memorandum

From: Dale Nally
Minister of Service Alberta and Red
Tape Reduction
103 Legislature Building

Our File Reference: 50402

Your File Reference:

Date: June 12, 2025

To: Public Bodies

Telephone: 780-422-6880

Subject: Proclamation of the Access to Information Act and Regulations

The *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) was proclaimed on June 11, 2025, along with its regulations. With the proclamation of the ATIA and its regulations, the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy* (FOIP) Act has officially been repealed.

There are two regulations that establish the administrative and procedural requirements of the ATIA:

- Access to Information Regulation, authorized by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, which integrates access to information related provisions from the FOIP Regulation and incorporates new and revised provisions to provide clarity and outline additional information to support the updated legislative requirements under the ATIA.
- Designation of Public Bodies Regulation, under the authority of the Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, is a list of entities that may not definitively meet the requirements established in the ATIA definition of a “public body” and need to be explicitly designated (i.e., by name) as a public body in this regulation.

The ATIA and its regulations incorporate both existing provisions that were in the FOIP Act, as well as new or revised provisions that focus on increased clarity, regulatory accountability, and administrative updates.

To support public bodies and Albertans with the implementation of the new ATIA and regulations, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction has created an ATIA website at <https://alberta.ca/access-to-information-act>, which contains resources such as fact sheets, an ATIA Guide, and eCourses, as well as other resource materials regarding transitioning from the FOIP Act to the ATIA.

The Government of Alberta will also be hosting townhalls later this summer regarding this new act and regulations. A schedule for these townhalls will be provided at a later date.

Sincerely



Honourable Dale Nally
Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Memorandum

From: Honourable Nate Glubish
Minister of Technology and Innovation
229 Legislature Building

Our File Reference: AR13046

Your File Reference:

To: All Public Bodies

Date: June 12, 2025

Telephone: 780-644-8830

Subject: Proclamation of the Protection of Privacy Act and Regulations

On June 11, 2025, the *Protection of Privacy Act* (POPA) and its regulations were proclaimed, and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* was repealed.

POPA modernizes Alberta's public sector privacy law with the strongest privacy protections and strictest penalties. POPA also introduces requirements for privacy management programs, privacy incident reporting, and privacy impact assessments in prescribed circumstances, as well as new rules for data matching and the creation and sharing of non-personal data.

There are two Protection of Privacy Regulations that establish administrative and procedural requirements:

- The Protection of Privacy Regulation, authorized by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, includes provisions pertaining to defining terms not already defined in POPA and respecting any other matter the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary.
- The Protection of Privacy (Ministerial) Regulation, under the authority of the Minister of Technology and Innovation, includes provisions pertaining, but not limited, to requirements for Privacy Incident Reporting, Privacy Impact Assessments, and Privacy Management Programs.

The POPA and its regulations work together to provide detailed, practical guidance to help public bodies implement the new rules.

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To support a smooth transition for your organizations and Albertans with the implementation of the act and regulations, Technology and Innovation has created a new Protection of Privacy Act website at alberta.ca/protection-of-privacy-act. It contains resources such as a POPA Guide, fact sheets, and eCourses for both public bodies and Albertans.

The Government of Alberta will also be hosting townhalls later this summer regarding the new act and regulations. A schedule for these townhalls will be provided at a later date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Glubish". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Honourable Nate Glubish
Minister of Technology and Innovation

Monthly Volume By Station

Date Range: 01.Jun.2025 - 30.Jun.2025

Unit: 1 m3

Station: (All Stations)

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Station: Rockyford Bulk Water

Date	Quantity
Jun.2025	1470.46
Total:	1470.46

Report Total: 1470.46

Bulk Water Usage 2025

Month	Meter Start	Meter Finish	Total Usage	M3
January	10998669	11003568	4899	18.54
February	11003568	11010684	7116	26.94
March	11010684	11015521	4837	18.31
April	11015521	11207481	191960	726.65
May	11207481	11400002	192521	728.77
May new system				536.39
June				1470.46
July				0
August				0
September				0
October				0
November				0
December				0
Total			401333	3526.06

Bulk Water Usage 2024

Month	Meter Start	Meter Finish	Total Usage	M3
January	9472587	9478303	5716	
February	9478305	9480730	2425	
March	9480734	9482852	2118	
April	9482862	9575403	92541	
May	9575403	9895781	320378	
June	9895781	10359087	463306	
July	10359087	10677033	317946	
August	10677033	10780800	103767	
September	10780800	10911450	130650	
October	10911450	10979655	68205	
November	10979655	10988574	8869	
December	10988574	10998669	10145	
Total			1526066	5776.79

Bulk Water Usage 2023

Month	Meter Start	Meter Finish	Total Usage	M3
January	8354895	8356864	1969	
February	8356864	8360658	3794	
March	8360660	8361478	818	
April	8361485	8435868	74383	
May	8435868	8605237	169369	
May new meter	8668839	8843892	175053	
June	8843892	9152409	308517	
July	9152409	9250700	98291	
August	9250700	9341631	90931	
September	9341631	9438435	96804	
October	9438435	9461036	22601	
November	9461036	9469482	8446	
December	9469487	9472546	3059	
Total			1054035	3989.96

Water Overages in m3				US gal		m3		US gal		m3	
2025 Billed				2025 Clear Well		Difference		bulk sheets		2024 Billed	
2025 Billed				2025 Clear Well		Difference		bulk sheets		2024 Clear Well	
January	1956	2395	-439	4899	18.54			1819	2950.9	-1131.9	5716
February	1751	2477	-726	7116	26.94			1735	3000.7	-1265.7	2425
March	2032	3015	-983	4837	18.31			1581	3536.7	-1955.7	2118
April	2100	3060	-960	191960	726.65			1944	4017.4	-2073.4	92541
May	4126	4387	-261	192521	1265.13	sheets & report		3523	5713	-2190	320378
June	4080	5111	-1031	N/A	1470.46			2710	5729	-3019	463306
July			0	N/A				4912	5159	-247	317946
August			0	N/A				2846	3638	-792	1203.56
September			0	N/A				2309	2941	-632	130650
October			0	N/A				2077	2595	-518	494.56
November			0	N/A				1361	2170	-809	258.18
December			0	N/A				1899	2559	-660	8869
Totals	16,045.00	20,445.00	-4400		3526.03			28,716.00	44,009.70	-15293.7	10145

Council Committee Report
June 2025
Darcy J. Burke

Wheatland Regional Corporation

- Locating non-working valves in Rockyford and repairs being done
- Ongoing issues with standby Gen in Rockyford
- Damaged overhead fill pipe repaired at WRC bulk loadout
- Damages have been done to valve locations in rural county by graders
- USA was discussed, Rockyford discussed voting structure, county wants to wait until after next election. Discussion
- Solar Presentation Village of Standard

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- Year end audit presented and will be sent to partners
- Dispatch service agreement ongoing
- Shaw Rogers 911 Fees paid to town discussed
- Ambulance calls
 - Jan-May 1261 1% increase from 2024
 - Answered calls Jan-May 7015 1% increase from 2024
 - Dispatched calls Jan-May 800 2% increase from 2024
- Next Gen 911 Updates
- Capital Assets Policy

COUNCIL REPORT - JULY 2025

By BILL GOODFELLOW

June. 7 - Martin shields farewell - brooks

June -11- LUB Public hearing

June. 11- Council mtg

June.19 - DDSWMA general

June 17- Hallboard mtg

June 18- Special mtg - 1/2 hr

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended March 31, 2025

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COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Community Futures Wild Rose

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community Futures Wild Rose, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2025, and the statement of operations, changes in fund balances and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Lethbridge, Alberta
June 19, 2025

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COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31, 2025

	Loan investment funds						2025	2024
	PrairiesCan General Fund	PrairiesCan Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable EDP Fund	CBIP Investment Fund	Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	Capital Growth Initiative Fund	
ASSETS								
Current assets								
Cash	\$ 385,696	\$ 1,534,891	\$ 119,018	\$ 16,616	\$ 104,252	\$ 58,761	\$ 39,292	\$ 2,258,526
Accounts receivable	2,220	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,220
Interest receivable	-	18,215	1,927	475	-	2,367	276	23,260
GST receivable	3,692	62	-	-	-	-	-	3,754
Short-term investments (note 3)	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Prepaid expenses	3,638	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,638
Current portion of loans receivable	-	602,248	77,369	11,366	2,667	318,059	21,240	1,032,949
Advances to other funds	-	8,919	-	-	-	-	-	8,919
	475,246	2,164,335	198,314	28,457	106,919	379,187	60,808	3,413,266
Loans receivable (note 4)	-	2,187,597	367,001	8,605	3,333	52,499	58,753	2,677,788
Investments (note 5)	246,091	2,431,594	452,112	258,350	-	-	-	3,388,147
Capital assets (note 6)	311,633	-	-	-	-	-	-	311,633
	\$ 1,032,970	\$ 6,783,526	\$ 1,017,427	\$ 295,412	\$ 110,252	\$ 431,686	\$ 119,561	\$ 9,790,834
								\$11,695,784

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** **As at March 31, 2025**

	Loan investment funds									
	PrairiesCan General Fund	PrairiesCan Non- Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable EDP Fund	CBIP Investment Fund	Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	Capital Growth Initiative Fund			
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES										
Current liabilities										
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 49,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,757	\$ 35,267	
Deferred contributions (note 7)	138,726	-	-	-	-	-	-	138,726	129,993	
Advances from other funds	-	-	2,281	427	-	4,548	1,663	8,919	-	
	188,483	-	2,281	427	-	4,548	1,663	197,402	165,260	
Syndicated loan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96,358	
Administrative funds loans (note 8)	-	-	-	-	-	45,050	2,511	47,561	89,311	
Investment funds payable (note 9)	-	-	350,000	200,000	-	359,916	101,013	1,010,929	3,302,763	
	188,483	-	352,281	200,427	-	409,514	105,187	1,255,892	3,653,692	
Fund balances										
Share capital (note 10)	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	
Contributed surplus (note 11)	-	1,182,202	-	-	-	-	-	1,182,202	1,182,202	
Invested in capital assets	311,634	-	-	-	-	-	-	311,634	182,199	
Externally restricted	-	5,601,324	665,146	94,985	110,252	22,172	14,374	6,508,253	6,123,489	
Unrestricted	532,838	-	-	-	-	-	-	532,838	554,187	
	844,487	6,783,526	665,146	94,985	110,252	22,172	14,374	8,534,942	8,042,092	
	\$ 1,032,970	\$ 6,783,526	\$ 1,017,427	\$ 295,412	\$ 110,252	\$ 431,686	\$ 119,561	\$ 9,790,834	\$ 11,695,784	

Approved on behalf of the board

Director _____

Director _____

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the year ended March 31, 2025

	Loan investment funds							2025	2024
	PrairiesCan General Fund	PrairiesCan Non- Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable EDP Fund	CBIP Investment Fund	Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	Capital Growth Initiative Fund		
Revenue									
Prairies Economic Development Canada (schedule 1)	\$ 294,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 294,963	\$ 294,963
Interest on loans	-	227,572	32,348	5,215	1,152	13,958	6,422	286,667	217,385
Interest from investment	18,052	69,544	14,469	8,268	-	-	-	110,333	166,486
Interest on bank deposit	8,809	65,667	-	-	-	12	-	74,488	69,967
Unrealized gain on investment	-	45,159	9,396	5,369	-	-	-	59,924	59,332
Other government grants	-	-	-	-	-	33,750	8,000	41,750	19,149
Realized gain on investment	-	32,873	-	-	-	-	-	32,873	-
Loan fees	27,515	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,515	20,685
Corporate services revenue	17,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,875	16,500
Recovery of doubtful loans	-	15,688	-	-	-	-	-	15,688	-
Fees received on loans	-	439	-	-	-	-	-	439	1,650
	367,214	456,942	56,213	18,852	1,152	47,720	14,422	962,515	866,117
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	308,328	-	-	-	-	-	-	308,328	286,092
Provision for doubtful loans	-	37,606	-	22,935	-	1,387	-	61,928	44,900
Office	41,973	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,973	33,603
RRRF operating expenses	-	-	-	-	-	33,750	-	33,750	13,000
Travel, meetings and conferences	19,566	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,566	16,228
Professional fees	16,579	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,579	20,735
Utilities, phone and internet	11,206	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,206	11,156
Condo fees	10,972	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,972	11,013
CGI operating expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	8,000	2,489
Advertising and promotion	7,262	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,262	8,251
Syndicate loan interest	-	5,673	-	-	-	-	-	5,673	5,824
Insurance	5,173	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,173	7,018
Community development project	3,953	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,953	14,486
Training	3,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,299	6,336
Repairs and maintenance	1,926	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,926	8,071
Interest and bank charges	91	861	-	-	-	324	-	1,276	3,301
Amortization	7,538	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,538	7,910
	437,866	44,140	-	22,935	-	35,461	8,000	548,402	500,413
	(70,652)	412,802	56,213	(4,083)	1,152	12,259	6,422	414,113	365,704
Project revenue and expenses									
Project revenue	165,238	-	-	-	-	-	-	165,238	255,844
Project costs	(86,501)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(86,501)	(255,844)
	78,737	-	-	-	-	-	-	78,737	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 8,085	\$ 412,802	\$ 56,213	\$ (4,083)	\$ 1,152	\$ 12,259	\$ 6,422	\$ 492,850	\$ 365,704

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the year ended March 31, 2025

	Loan investment funds										2024
	PrairiesCan General Fund	PrairiesCan Non- Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable EDP Fund	CBJP Investment Fund	Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	Capital Growth Initiative Fund			2025	
Invested in capital assets											
Beginning of year	\$ 182,199	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182,199	\$ 190,109		
Amortization	(7,538)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,538)	(7,910)		
Purchase of capital assets	136,973	-	-	-	-	-	-	136,973	-		
End of year	311,634	-	-	-	-	-	-	311,634	182,199		
Externally restricted											
Beginning of year	-	5,288,522	608,933	99,068	109,100	9,913	7,952	6,123,488	5,795,799		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	412,802	56,213	(4,083)	1,152	12,259	6,422	484,765	427,690		
Interfund transfer	-	(100,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)		
End of year	-	5,601,324	665,146	94,985	110,252	22,172	14,374	6,508,253	6,123,489		
Unrestricted											
Beginning of year	554,188	-	-	-	-	-	-	554,188	508,263		
Interfund transfer	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000		
Excess of revenue over expenses	8,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,085	(61,986)		
Amortization	7,538	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,538	7,911		
Capital additions	(136,973)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(136,973)	-		
End of year	532,838	-	-	-	-	-	-	532,838	554,188		
Total	\$ 844,472	\$ 5,601,324	\$ 665,146	\$ 94,985	\$ 110,252	\$ 22,172	\$ 14,374	\$ 7,352,725	\$ 6,859,876		

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended March 31, 2025

	Loan investment funds										2025	2024
	PrairiesCan General Fund	PrairiesCan Non- Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable Investment Fund	PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable EDP Fund	CBIP Investment Fund	Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	Capital Growth Initiative Fund					
Cash flows from operating activities												
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 8,085	\$ 412,802	\$ 56,213	\$ (4,083)	\$ 1,152	\$ 12,259	\$ 6,422	\$ 492,850	\$ 365,703			
Items not involving cash												
Amortization	7,538	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,538	7,910			
Provision for doubtful loans	-	37,606	-	22,935	-	1,387	-	61,928	44,901			
Unrealized gain on investment	-	(45,159)	(9,396)	(5,369)	-	-	-	(59,924)	(59,332)			
Realized gain on investment	-	(32,873)	-	-	-	-	-	(32,873)	-			
Net change in non-cash working capital items	15,623	372,376	46,817	13,483	1,152	13,646	6,422	469,519	359,182			
Accounts receivable	(1,765)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,765)	47,045			
Interest receivable	-	(4,913)	(696)	(196)	-	2,383	37	(3,385)	(10,387)			
GST receivable	314	-	-	-	-	-	-	314	3,844			
Prepaid expenses	395	-	-	-	-	-	-	395	489			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,491	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,491	24,936			
Deferred contributions	8,733	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,733	(26,227)			
Advances to/from other funds	-	(8,919)	2,281	427	-	4,548	1,663	-	-			
Interfund transfer	100,000	(100,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	137,791	258,544	48,402	13,714	1,152	20,577	8,122	488,302	398,882			
Cash flows from lending activities												
Loan payments	-	1,175,992	190,822	32,223	7,778	133,252	11,026	1,551,093	1,613,394			
Loan advances	-	(1,143,744)	(201,264)	(25,000)	(10,000)	-	(17,639)	(1,397,647)	(1,566,089)			
	-	32,248	(10,442)	7,223	(2,222)	133,252	(6,613)	153,446	47,305			
Cash flows from investing activities												
Purchase of investments	(80,000)	(69,544)	(14,469)	(8,268)	-	-	-	(172,281)	(166,486)			
Proceeds on disposal of investments	176,306	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,176,306	-			
Purchase of capital assets	(136,973)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(136,973)	-			
Cash flows from financing activities												
Proceeds from investment funds	(40,667)	930,456	(14,469)	(8,268)	-	-	-	867,052	(166,486)			
Proceeds from administrative funds loan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,104			
Repayment of administrative fund loan	-	-	-	-	-	(33,750)	(8,000)	(41,750)	3,000			
Repayment of syndicated loan	-	(96,358)	-	-	-	-	-	(96,358)	(5,232)			
Repayment of investment funds	-	-	-	-	-	(1,438,153)	-	(1,438,153)	-			
	-	(96,358)	-	-	-	(1,471,903)	(8,000)	(1,576,261)	14,383			
Increase (decrease) in cash	97,124	1,124,890	23,491	12,669	(1,070)	(1,318,074)	(6,491)	(67,461)	294,084			
Cash, beginning of year	288,572	410,001	95,527	3,947	105,322	1,376,835	45,783	2,325,987	2,031,903			
Cash, end of year	\$ 385,696	\$ 1,534,891	\$ 119,018	\$ 16,616	\$ 104,252	\$ 58,761	\$ 39,292	\$ 2,258,526	\$ 2,325,987			

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31, 2025

1. Nature of operations

Community Futures Wild Rose (the "organization") is a not-for-profit organization that was incorporated provincially under the Business Corporations Act of Alberta.

The organization operates to provide loans and financial services to small businesses that are otherwise unable to obtain financing. The organization also works to support the community's plans for the generation of additional private sector support in addition to community capacity building initiatives.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant policies are detailed as follows:

(a) Revenue recognition

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the general fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the general fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Investment income includes interest income as well as realized investment gains and losses.

(b) Impaired loans and allowances for loan impairment

Loans receivable are classified as impaired when, in the opinion of management, there is reasonable doubt as to the timely collection of principal and interest. The carrying amount of a loan receivable classified as impaired is reduced to its estimated fair value.

The allowance for loan impairment is maintained at a level considered adequate to absorb the credit losses existing in the organization's portfolio. It reflects management's best estimate of losses existing in the loan portfolio at the statement of financial position date. The allowance is increased by an annual provision for credit losses, which is charged against income and reduced by write-offs, net of recoveries.

(c) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. The organization provides for amortization using the declining balance method at rates designed to amortize the cost of the capital assets over their estimated useful lives. The annual amortization rates are as follows:

Buildings	4%
Building improvements	4%
Furniture and fixtures	20%
Computer equipment	55%
Computer software	100%

One-half the normal rate of amortization is recorded in the year of acquisition.

2. Significant accounting policies, continued

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

The organization includes cash on hand and amounts held by financial institutions in operating accounts in the determination of cash and cash equivalents.

(e) Investments

Investments are recorded at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

(f) Fund accounting

The organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions and uses the following funds:

The General Fund is used to account for all revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The PrairiesCan Non-repayable Investment Fund is used to account for non-repayable investment funds the organization received from Prairies Economic Development Canada to be used for loans, loan guarantees, and equity investments in new businesses or expansion of an existing business.

The PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable Investment Fund is used to account for repayable investment funds the organization received from Prairies Economic Development Canada to be used for loans, loan guarantees, and equity investments in new businesses or expansion of an existing business.

The PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable EDP Investment Fund is used to account for repayable investment funds the organization received from Prairies Economic Development Canada to be used for loans, loan guarantees, and equity investments in businesses owned by persons with disabilities.

The CBIP Investment Fund is used to account for a collaborative initiative between the municipality, the organization, and its businesses to provide access to capital and interest incentives to support entrepreneurs in enhancing their business.

The Regional Relief and Recovery Fund is used to account for repayable investment funds the organization received from the Government of Canada to provide loans for small and medium-sized enterprises to enable their recovery from economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Capital Growth Initiative Loan Fund is used to account for repayable investment funds the organization received from the Community Futures Network of Alberta to provide loans for small and medium-sized enterprises owned by women entrepreneurs to increase access to capital.

(g) Equity in capital assets

The organization has chosen to continue to treat equity in capital assets as a separate component of fund balances.

2. Significant accounting policies, continued

(h) Financial instruments

The organization initially measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

(i) Income taxes

The organization is operated exclusively for not-for-profit purposes and accordingly will be exempted from income taxes as long as it complies with the requirements of section 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act.

(j) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Loans receivable and foreclosed assets are reported after management's evaluation as to their collectibility and estimated net realizable value.

Other significant areas with measurement uncertainty are accounts receivable and allowance for doubtful accounts, amortization of capital assets, and deferred revenue. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the impact on the financial statements of future periods could be material.

3. Short-term investments

Short-term investments consist of Guaranteed Investment Certificates that bear interest at 4.33% to 5.11% and have maturity dates between June 17, 2025 to November 18, 2025.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
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4. Loans receivable

Outstanding loans to entrepreneurs are interest bearing at fixed rates between 0% - 10% with monthly blended principal and interest repayments amortized for terms of between 3 and 120 months. Regional Relief and Recovery Fund loans bear interest at a fix rate of 4% with monthly blended principal and interest repayments amortized for a 3 year term and is due no later than December 31, 2026. Capital Growth Initiative loans are interest free for 6 months and then bears interest at a rate of prime plus 2% with monthly blended principal and interest repayments amortized for a term of 5 years. Security is taken on these loans as appropriate and includes personal guarantees, general security agreements covering personal and business assets, assignment of insurance, and mortgages on land and buildings.

	Recorded loan	Allowance	Carrying value	Current portion	Long-term portion
PrairiesCan Non- Repayable Investment Fund	\$ 2,829,845	\$ (40,000)	\$ 2,789,845	\$ 602,248	\$ 2,187,597
PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable Investment Fund	444,369	-	444,369	77,369	367,000
PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable EDP Fund	49,971	(30,000)	19,971	11,366	8,605
CBIP Investment Fund	6,000	-	6,000	2,667	3,333
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	1,122,905	(752,348)	370,557	318,059	52,498
Capital Growth Initiative Fund	79,992	-	79,992	21,240	58,752
	<u>\$ 4,533,082</u>	<u>\$ (822,348)</u>	<u>\$ 3,710,734</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,949</u>	<u>\$ 2,677,785</u>

Included in the above are eighteen loans (2024 - eighteen) issued for \$150,000 or more, with initial loan advances totaling \$2,455,000 (2024 - \$3,066,000). As at year end, these loans combined for a total balance outstanding of \$1,644,838 (2024 - \$1,530,269).

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31, 2025

4. Loans receivable, continued

During the year, there were the following changes in the allowance for doubtful accounts:

	Beginning balance	Provisions	Write-offs	Reversals	Ending balance
PrairiesCan Non- Repayable Investment Fund	\$ 97,897	\$ 57,605	\$ (95,502)	\$ (20,000)	\$ 40,000
PrairiesCan Conditionally Repayable EDP Fund	25,000	30,000	(17,935)	(7,065)	30,000
Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	-	810,068	(57,720)	-	752,348
Capital Growth Initiative Fund	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
	<u>\$ 122,897</u>	<u>\$ 922,673</u>	<u>\$ (196,157)</u>	<u>\$ (27,065)</u>	<u>\$ 822,348</u>

Included in the loan impairment provision are provisions, write-offs, and reversals of \$52,897.

The Regional Relief and Recovery Fund and Capital Growth Initiative Fund loan impairment provisions and write-offs reduce the investment funds payable owing to the Government of Canada and Community Futures Network of Alberta (note 9).

5. Investments

	2025	2024
PrairiesCan CFLIP Investment Fund (cost: \$2,936,596; 2024: \$3,811,441)	\$ 3,139,881	\$ 3,954,803
Chinook Credit Union equity shares	3,547	3,547
CIBC Guaranteed Investment Certificates	160,629	176,528
CIBC Principal Protected Notes (cost \$82,000, 2024: \$65,000)	84,090	69,512
	<u>\$ 3,388,147</u>	<u>\$ 4,204,390</u>

The organization has invested excess cash in the Community Futures Lending & Investment Pool (CFLIP). CFLIP funds are managed in investments which are considered by management to be highly liquid and low risk.

Guaranteed Investment Certificates bear interest at 4.51% to 5.12% with maturity dates between June 21, 2026 and June 21, 2027.

CIBC Principal Protected notes mature between July 9, 2027 to March 22, 2032.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
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6. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2025 Net	2024 Net
Buildings	\$ 276,450	\$ 151,713	\$ 124,737	\$ 129,935
Building improvements	245,432	59,330	186,102	51,176
Furniture and fixtures	119,938	119,144	794	993
Computer equipment	12,335	12,335	-	95
Computer software	19,121	19,121	-	-
	\$ 673,276	\$ 361,643	\$ 311,633	\$ 182,199

The organization is in the process of a building improvement renovation. As of year end, construction costs total \$136,973 and total costs are projected at \$200,000. These costs will not be amortized until completed which is expected to occur in 2026.

7. Deferred contributions

	Opening	Received	Spent	Closing
Advancing Workforce Project	\$ -	\$ 132,200	\$ -	\$ 132,200
Digital Economy Program	8,169	30,371	34,217	4,323
Building Capacity for Entrepreneurs	37,982	-	36,779	1,203
Yeti Sponsorship	-	1,000	-	1,000
Workforce Strategy Project Plan	43,842	-	43,842	-
Prepaid rental revenue	15,000	-	15,000	-
Skills in Action Project	25,000	-	25,000	-
Hire for Talent Project	-	22,400	22,400	-
	\$ 129,993	\$ 185,971	\$ 177,238	\$ 138,726

8. Administrative funds loan

The Government of Canada (via Community Futures Network of Alberta) provided a loan totaling \$91,800 to be used for administrative costs relating to the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund loan aftercare and assisting small and medium-sized enterprises in their communities in response to COVID-19. The loan is interest-free and is repayable on December 31, 2026 net of any portion spent on eligible costs. In the current year, \$33,750 (2024 - \$13,000) was spent on eligible costs and recognized directly into revenue.

Community Futures Network of Alberta provided a loan totaling \$13,000 to be used for administrative costs relating to the Capital Growth Initiative Fund loan aftercare and assisting for small and medium-sized enterprises owned by women entrepreneurs to increase access to capital. The loan is interest-free and is repayable net of any portion spent on eligible costs. In the current year, \$8,000 (2024 - \$2,489) was spent on eligible costs and recognized directly into revenue.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31, 2025

9. Investment funds payable

Prairies Economic Development Canada contributions are required to be maintained in particular funds. These contributions are available solely for the mandate of each fund.

In prior years, Prairies Economic Development Canada provided contributions totaling \$550,000 to improve access to capital for qualifying business.

A revised agreement was entered into, commencing April 1, 2006, with regards to these funds, which no longer required repayment of the funds, unless conditions relating to the agreement are violated. As of March 31, 2025, this agreement is still in place and has been extended indefinitely.

In prior years, the Government of Canada (via Community Futures Network of Alberta) provided contributions for the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund. The contributions are repayable net of any loan forgiveness, losses and loan collection fees. During the year repayments of \$1,438,153 (2024 - \$0) were made, \$20,000 (2024 - \$559,250) was forgiven based on repayments made, and \$810,068 (2024 - \$1,000) in losses were incurred.

In the prior year, the Community Futures Network of Alberta (CFNA) provided contributions for the Capital Growth Initiative (CGI) Fund. Effective March 2024, the organization can lend and collect CGI funds, net of any loan forgiveness and losses, without remitting loan repayments to CFNA for the remaining life of the CGI program. During the year \$25,000 in losses were incurred.

10. Share capital

Issued

	2025	2024
15 Class A common voting	\$ 15	\$ 15

11. Contributed surplus

Since the commencement of operations, government assistance in the amount of \$1,182,202 has been received to finance loans. The funding agreement in effect through the 2026 fiscal year requires the corporation to maintain its not-for-profit status and meet the goals set out in note 1. The corporation is in compliance with the agreement requirements as at March 31, 2025. Contributed surplus represents the government contribution that is not repayable.

12. Bank indebtedness

The organization has a \$50,000 operating credit facility available with Chinook Credit Union Ltd. at a rate of prime plus 1% of which \$0 was outstanding at year end. The bank overdraft is secured by the loans receivable.

13. Financial instruments

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that the entities to which the organization provides financing may experience difficulties and be unable to fulfil their obligations. The organization is exposed to financial risk that arises from the credit quality of the entities to which it provides services and loans.

Interest rate risk

The organization is exposed to interest rate price risk on its fixed rate borrowing, as the value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market rates.

14. Economic dependence

The organization is economically dependent on Prairies Economic Development Canada for its operating funding.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE
SCHEDULE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31, 2025

Schedule of PrairiesCan revenue and expenses

Schedule 1

	2025	2024
Prairies Economic Development Canada - contributions	\$ 294,963	\$ 294,963
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	308,328	286,092
Office	41,973	33,541
Professional fees	16,579	20,735
Travel, meetings and conferences	15,101	12,308
Utilities, phone and internet	11,206	11,156
Condo fees	10,972	11,013
Advertising and promotion	7,262	8,251
Insurance	5,173	7,018
Community development project	3,953	14,486
Training	3,299	6,336
Repairs and maintenance	1,926	8,071
Interest and bank charges	92	140
	425,864	419,147
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (130,901)	\$ (124,184)

June 19, 2025

Board of Directors
Community Futures Wild Rose
PO Box 2159
Strathmore, AB T1P 1K2

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of Community Futures Wild Rose for the year ended March 31, 2025. Our audit included consideration of internal control relevant to the preparation of the financial statements to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Accordingly, our review of any given control was limited and would not disclose all weaknesses in the system or all matters which an in-depth study might indicate. As you know, the maintenance of an adequate system of internal controls is the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

During the course of our audit for the year ended March 31, 2025, we identified no significant matters which may be of interest to the Board.

This communication is prepared solely for the information of the Board members and management of Community Futures Wild Rose and is not intended for any other purpose. We accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this communication.

We would like to thank Chantale and Pat for their assistance during our audit. Thank you for the continuing opportunity to be of service to your organization and we look forward to serving you in the future. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our audit or any other issues with which you may require our assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

AVAIL LLP



Michelle Lutz, CPA, CA

June 19, 2025

Board of Directors
Community Futures Wild Rose
PO Box 2159
Strathmore, AB T1P 1K2

Ladies and Gentlemen:

RE: 2025 ANNUAL AUDIT OF COMMUNITY FUTURES WILD ROSE

We are pleased to provide the following report relating to our audit of the financial statements of Community Futures Wild Rose for the year ending March 31, 2025.

During the course of our audit we identified matters which may be of interest to the Board. The objective of an audit is to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and it is not designed to identify matters that may be of interest to the Board in discharging its responsibilities. Accordingly an audit would not usually identify all such matters.

The matters identified are included in this report which has been prepared solely for the information of the Board and is not intended for any other purpose. As such, we accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this report. Should any member of the audit committee or equivalent wish to discuss or review any matter addressed in this letter or any other matters related to financial reporting, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Our report is intended to assist the Board in fulfilling its obligation with respect to the 2025 financial statements. We have also attached a separate communication regarding the role of the Board and our recommendations for the Board of the organization.

We would be pleased to further discuss any of the issues addressed in the report or any other issue which may be of interest or concern to the Board.

Yours truly,

AVAIL LLP



Michelle Lutz, CPA, CA
Enclosure

I. Purpose and Scope of Examination

We refer you to our communication dated May 12, 2025, which outlines the purpose and scope of our examination.

II. Results of Examination

As a result of our examination, we report that, in our opinion, the financial statements as at March 31, 2025 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Throughout the course of our examination, we received full co-operation from organization officials and employees. No restrictions were imposed on the method or extent of our examination. We were given access to all records, documents and other supporting data and were furnished all information and explanations we required. In addition, we had the opportunity to discuss accounting matters with organization officials.

III. Communication with Board

In accordance with the auditing standard "communications with those having oversight responsibility for the financial reporting process", the following matters are recommended to be communicated to the Board.

Matters to be Communicated	Reference/Comment
1. Significant Deficiencies in Internal Controls	During our audit, we did not encounter any significant deficiencies in internal controls.
2. Illegal Acts and Fraud	<p>An audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards does not provide assurance about an entity's compliance with the laws and regulations that may affect it. These standards include, however, a requirement that the nature, extent and timing of the auditors' procedures should be designed so that, in the auditors' professional judgment, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement in the financial statements is reduced to an appropriately low level.</p> <p>However, due to the nature of illegal acts, an auditor conducting an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards may not detect an illegal act, or recognize an act as being illegal, even if the effect of its consequences on the financial statements is material.</p> <p>Based on the results of our testing, we did not identify any illegal, improper or questionable payments or acts nor any acts committed with the intent to deceive, involving either misappropriation of assets or misrepresentation of financial information.</p>

3. Significant Accounting Principles and Policies	We refer you to note 2 to the financial statements for a summary of significant accounting policies adopted by the organization.
4. Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates	<p>There were no disagreements between management and ourselves regarding management's judgments and accounting estimates.</p> <p>Going Concern Assumption - It is now a requirement that management make an assessment each year regarding the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. This assessment requires management to make certain judgments about the organization's ability to meet its obligations in the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Management has advised that they are aware of no events or conditions that cast doubt upon the organization's ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future, and there is no intention to liquidate the organization's assets or otherwise cease operations.</p>
5. Written Representation from Management	As requested, management has provided us written representations that it has fulfilled its responsibility for the preparation of the financial statements and that it has provided us with the required information for us to complete our audit.
6. Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements	Should the organization issue any report during the year that includes the audited financial statements, we will be required to read the unaudited information in the report prior to its release to ensure consistency with the information presented in the financial statements.
7. Disagreements with Management	There were no disagreements between management and ourselves with respect to the organization's accounting policies or presentation and disclosure in the financial statements.
8. Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit	The full co-operation of management and other personnel was received during our examination.
9. Financial Statement Disclosure	There were no contentious financial statement disclosure issues.
10. Other Matters	No other matters were noted.
11. Emerging Issues	None noted

Community Futures Wild Rose
 Unadjusted Financial Statement Misstatements
 For the year ended March 31, 2025

Unadjusted Financial Statement Misstatements	Proposed Adjustments Dr (Cr)				
			Balance Sheet		
	Opening Equity	Income Statement	Assets	Liabilities	Closing Equity
Carryforwards					
2023/2024 Deferred revenue - Skills in Action	\$ (25,000)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2022/2023 Deferred revenue - Workforce Project	-	-	-	33,337	(33,337)
Subtotal	(25,000)	25,000	-	33,337	(33,337)
Income taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ (25,000)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 33,337	\$ (33,337)





2024 - 2025

Annual Report

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Message from Leadership

Reflecting on the past year, we find ourselves in a landscape marked by resilience, innovation, and community spirit. The 2024/2025 fiscal year has been a testament to the strength and adaptability of the communities we support as we continue to navigate economic challenges and seize new opportunities.

This year, Community Futures Wild Rose demonstrated strong performance on key KPIs by distributing \$1.5 million in loans supporting 43 jobs, and serving 560 clients. The organization delivered 597 business training sessions, provided 288 business advisory services, and engaged 762 volunteer hours from board and committee members.

Our Community Economic Development initiatives have remained robust and impactful. We successfully concluded the Regional Workforce Study and Digital Economy Programs while maintaining our other vital projects. These efforts continue to align our work with market demands and empower entrepreneurs for competitive success in an ever-evolving economic landscape.

As we wrapped up our 35th-anniversary celebration road trip at the end of 2024, we were deeply moved by the success stories and lasting impact our organization has had across the region. This journey not only highlighted the businesses we've supported over the years but also reinforced the strong partnerships that form the foundation of our work.

In January 2025, we launched an exciting new campaign called "Heart of Our Community." This initiative shines a spotlight on the invaluable contributions our local business owners make beyond their products and services. From volunteering at community events to sponsoring children's sports teams and donating to fundraisers, these entrepreneurs are the true pillars of our communities. Through this campaign, we're celebrating their dedication and thanking them for their integral role in shaping vibrant, supportive neighbourhoods.

Looking ahead, we're embracing both challenges and opportunities. In response to static core funding, we've begun renovations to our office's lower level, with plans to rent office space to four independent organizations. This strategic move will generate additional funds, allowing us to continue providing high-quality services to our community.

As we move forward, we remain committed to crafting a thriving, inclusive future for all. Our dedicated staff, board members, and committee members-at-large continue to be the driving force behind our success, and we're grateful for their unwavering commitment to our mission.

To our community members, partners, and the businesses we serve: thank you for your trust, resilience, and collaborative spirit. Together, we're not just weathering challenges – we're building a stronger, more vibrant future for our region.

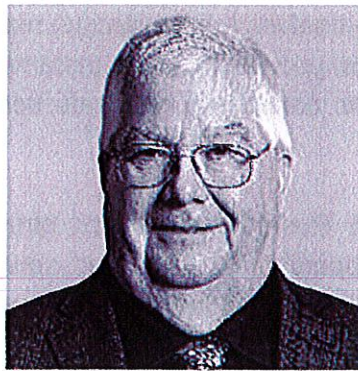
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CFWR Board Chair

Chantale Sangster
CFWR Executive Director

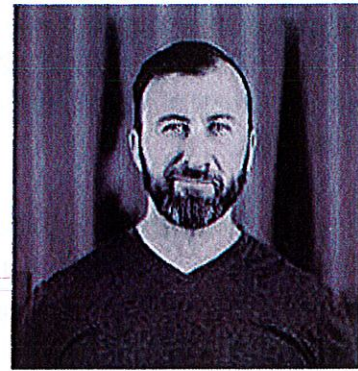
Meet the Board of Directors



Amber Link, Chair
Wheatland County Reeve



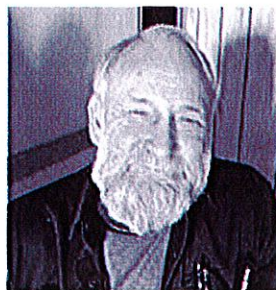
Wade Christie, Vice Chair
Kneehill County Councillor



Jason Montgomery, Treasurer
Strathmore Councillor



Rhonda Laking
Acme Councillor



Les Spurgeon
Beiseker Councillor



Rose Jimmo
Carbon Councillor



Mike Wetzstein
Bassano Councillor



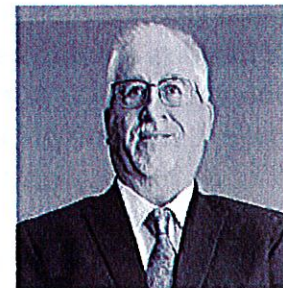
Richard Bryan
Standard Councillor



Dennis Hazelton
Three Hills Councillor



Julie Sim
Irricana Councillor



Les Schultz
Hussar Mayor



Flo Robinson
Linden Mayor



Leah Smith
Rockyford Deputy Mayor



Chris Armstrong
Trochu Councillor



Janelle Sandboe
Chestermere Councillor

COMMITTEES

Investment Review Committee		
Trochu	Chris Armstrong	Chair
Three Hills	Dennis Hazelton	Director
Strathmore	Tari Cockx	Member-at-Large
Chestermere	Pat Wise	Member-at-Large
Bassano	Sabine Nasse	Member-at-Large

Management/Personnel Comm.		
Wheatland County	Amber Link	Chair
Hussar	Les Schultz	Director
Rockyford	Leah Smith	Director
Acme	Rhonda Laking	Director

Governance Committee		
Linden	Flo Robinson	Director
Hussar	Les Schultz	Director
Acme	Rhonda Laking	Director

Audit/Finance Comm.		
Strathmore	Jason Montgomery	Chair
Three Hills	Dennis Hazelton	Director
Standard	Richard Bryan	Director

Sustainability/Succession Comm.		
Kneehill County	Wade Christie	Director
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CFWR Staff 2024 - 2025



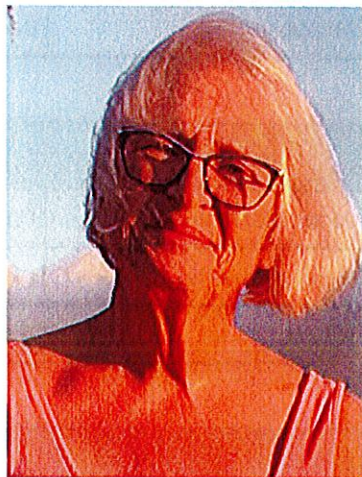
Chantale Sangster
Executive Director



Lindsay Desrosiers
Business Development Officer



Trisha Breault
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Jo Huzan
Office Administrator

CFWR 35 Celebratory Road Trip

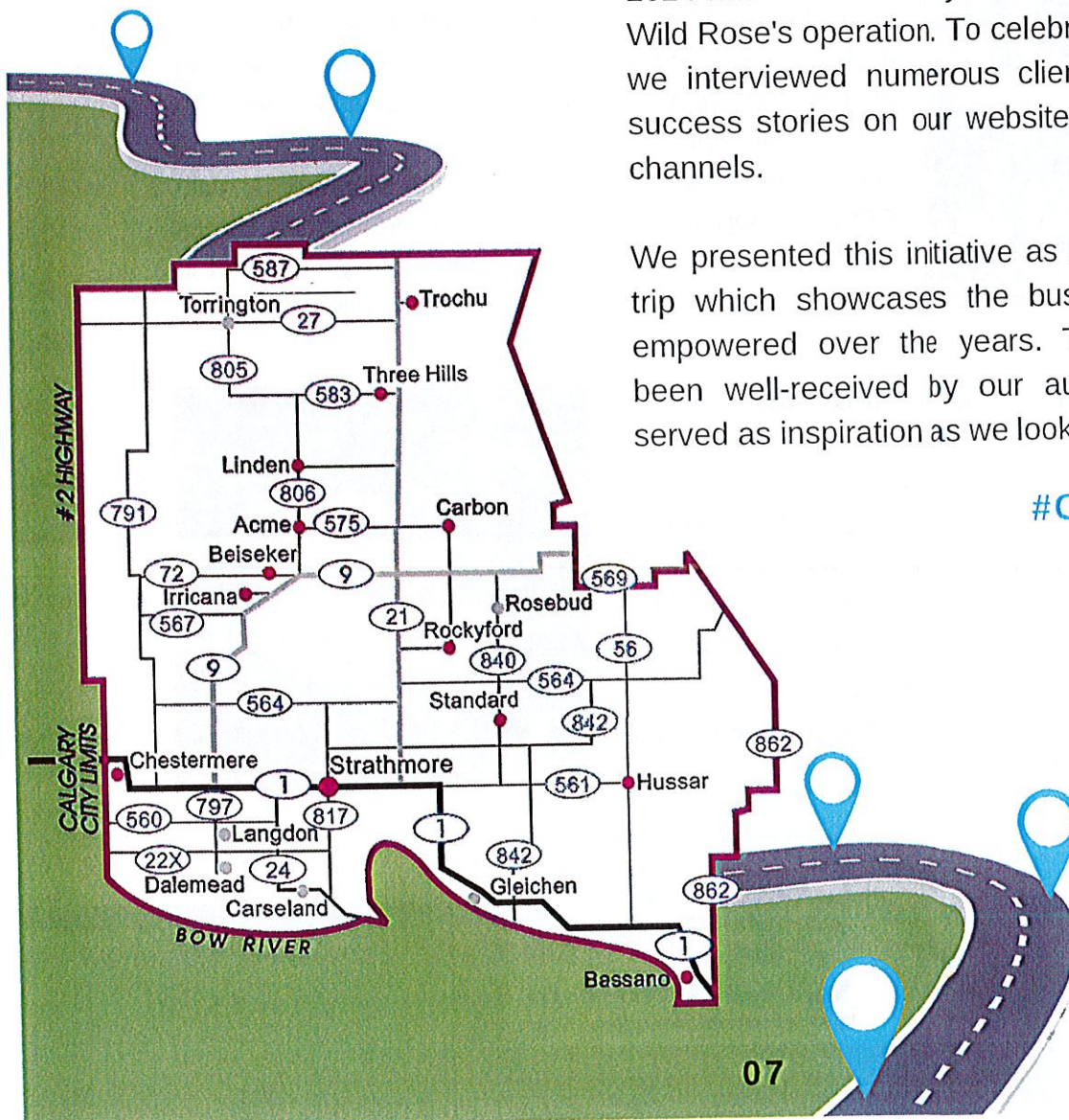
Celebrating 35 years of serving the Wild Rose region!

Since 1989, CFWR has invested **\$38,848,708.83** in loans benefiting businesses in our region and contributing to the creation and maintenance of **35,134 jobs**. In addition to these direct investments, CFWR has leveraged an additional **\$53,463,945** in funding for our region!

2024 marked the 35th year of Community Futures Wild Rose's operation. To celebrate this milestone, we interviewed numerous clients to share their success stories on our website and social media channels.

We presented this initiative as a celebratory road trip which showcases the businesses we have empowered over the years. These posts have been well-received by our audience and have served as inspiration as we look to CFWR's future.

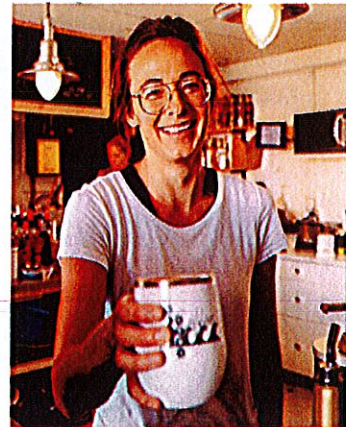
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CFWR 35 Story Highlights

High Seas Coffee

High Seas Coffee in Linden is a cozy café owned by Krista Boese, offering big-city quality with small-town charm. From classic London Fogs to adventurous Honey Badger Lattes, there's something for every coffee lover. Krista's journey began in 2016 with the support of Community Futures Wild Rose, transforming a Pinterest dream into reality. Today, she leads a dedicated team, creates a welcoming hub for locals, and inspires other women to pursue their entrepreneurial goals. Stop by and experience the heart behind every cup.

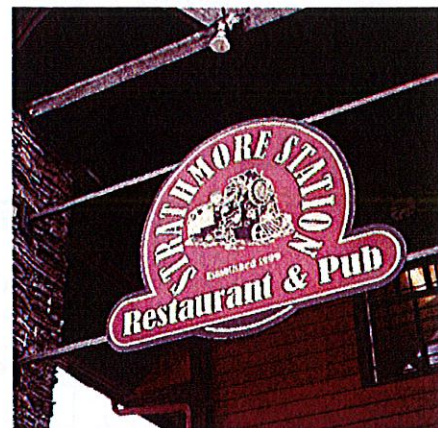


TrailblazHer Co.

Founded by mother-daughter duo Jan and Erin Johnson in Rocky View County, Trailblazher Co. celebrates the creativity and resilience of rural women. What began as a business journal in 2011 has grown into an international print magazine, podcast, and soon, an online marketplace. Their mission is to amplify rural voices and foster community through storytelling. With CFWR's support, they continue to inspire women across North America to pursue bold, gutsy lifestyles rooted in authenticity, entrepreneurship, and connection.

Strathmore Station Restaurant & Pub

Owned by Peter Klironomos and Loizos Zakos, it is a beloved local landmark blending exceptional food with Strathmore's rich rail history. Since 1999, the duo has created more a restaurant that serves as a community hub. With a diverse menu, cozy fireside seating, and a vibrant patio, The Station offers a welcoming space for all. Their legacy celebrates heritage, fosters connection, and supports local prosperity through meaningful employment and hospitality.





In 2025, Community Futures Wild Rose launched the Heart of Our Community campaign to celebrate the vital role small businesses play in our region. These businesses do more than provide goods and services, they sponsor local events, support youth programs, donate to community causes, and help foster vibrant, resilient communities.

The campaign functions as both a Small Business Award and a regional spotlight, with the Wild Rose service area divided into four geographic quadrants receiving individual focus each quarter. Weekly social media features highlight nominated businesses, and at the end of each quarter, one exceptional business is selected by the CFWR Board to receive a \$1,000 award. The campaign began with Quadrant 1 (January–March 2025), recognizing Joker Bicycle Co. as the inaugural winner. Community engagement has been strong, with nominations actively promoted via CFWR's social channels and local Facebook groups. **CFWR has received 119 nominations so far.** Currently, nominations are open for Quadrant 3, which includes Torrington, Linden, Acme, Beiseker, Irricana, and the surrounding area.

Campaign Timeline and Focus by Quadrant:

Quadrant 1 Spotlight: January – March 2025

Strathmore, Rockyford, Standard, Hussar, Gleichen, Bassano, and Wheatland County.

Taking Nominations: Dec 1st, 2024 - Feb 28th, 2025

Quadrant 2 Spotlight: April – June 2025

Trochu, Three Hills, Carbon, Rosebud, and Kneehill County.

Taking Nominations: March 1st - May 30th, 2025

Quadrant 3 Spotlight: July – September 2025

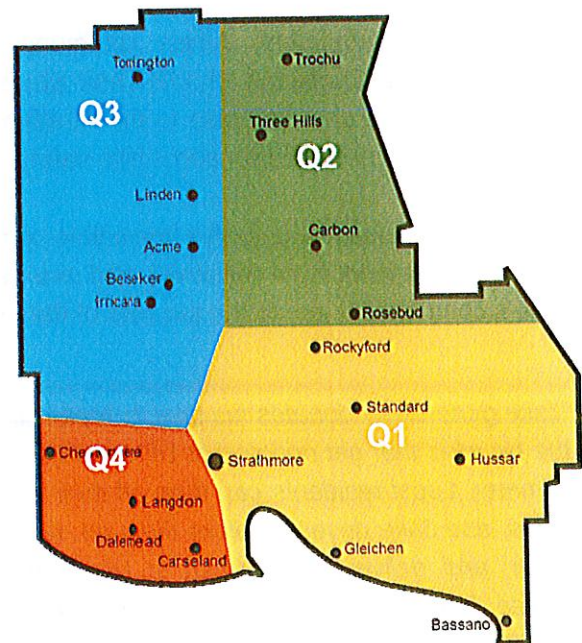
Torrington, Linden, Acme, Beiseker, Irricana, and the surrounding area.

Taking Nominations: June 1st - Aug 31st, 2025

Quadrant 4 Spotlight: October – December 2025

Chestermere, Langdon, Dalemead, Carseland, and the surrounding area.

Taking Nominations: Sept 1st - Nov 30th, 2025



"Heart of our Community" aims to remind everyone of the critical role local businesses play in making small towns thrive and encourage the community to support them.

THINK BIG, Shop Small

Heart of Our Community Business Award - Q1 Winner



Joker Bicycle Co.

Owner: Jake Gelderblom

Joker Bicycle Co., a local bicycle repair business based in Carseland, was named the Quarter 1 recipient of our new **Heart of Our Community Business Award**. This award celebrates small businesses that go above and beyond in their dedication to community well-being, and Joker Bicycle Co. exemplifies that spirit.

Founded and operated by Jake Gelderblom, Joker Bicycle Co. is a customer-first bicycle repair shop offering pick-up and drop-off services, new and refurbished bikes, and accessible, reliable repairs. But it's not the business model that sets this shop apart, it's Jake's unwavering commitment to giving back.

Jake has partnered closely with Denise at Lil' Hoots on a unique and deeply impactful community initiative. Together, they collect used bikes, many of which are no longer functional, and through Jake's time, skill, and generosity, restore them to working condition. These bikes are then made available (entirely free of charge) to community members in need. Jake donates approximately 80% of his earnings back into this initiative, ensuring as many people as possible have access to affordable, safe transportation.

Beyond this partnership, Jake's community involvement includes supporting Carseland School fundraisers, the Carseland Church Thrift Store, and local events such as martial arts raffles. He also donates his time and expertise to the Strathmore Kiwanis Bicycle Rodeo, where he provides on-site repairs and teaches children about bike safety.

Nominators praised Jake for his "incredible community spirit" and his consistent effort to "go above and beyond to support local initiatives and pro-healthy activities." One nominator highlighted how vital Jake's contributions are to the success of the Lil' Hoots bike program:

"Jake generously donates his time to repair all the bicycles that get donated at Lil'Hoots each summer. Local residents can drop off their old bikes, and Jake drives in, picks them up, fixes them, and delivers them back to Lil' Hoots. These bikes are then available for free to community residents who need a bicycle but can't afford to purchase a new one."



Jake's commitment to accessibility, community care, and healthy living is truly admirable. Joker Bicycle Co. embodies what it means to be the Heart of Our Community.

OUR IMPACT

Community Futures (CF) is a program that supports community economic development and builds the capacity of communities to realize their full sustainable potential.

Our Impact since 1989:

35,134

Jobs Created
or Maintained

\$38,848,708

in Loans

50,883

Business Coaching
Sessions

102,344

Client Services
Delivered

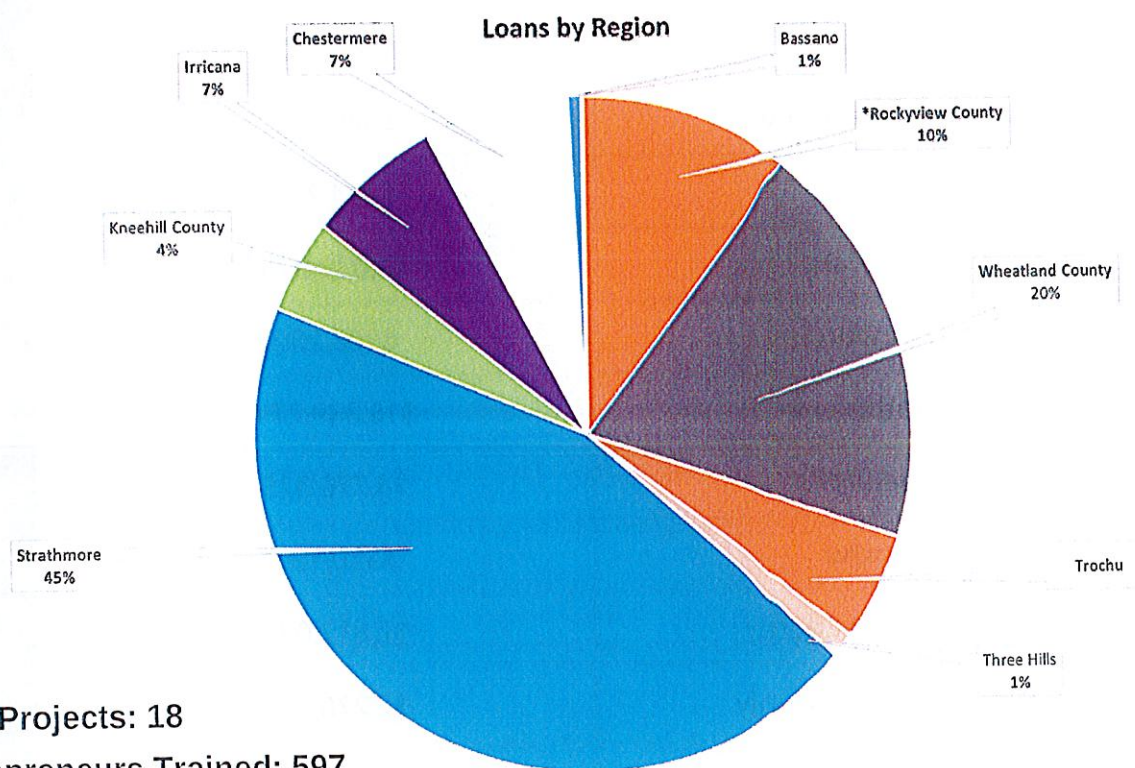
\$53,463,945

Leveraged Funds
into our Communities

28,283

Business Training
Sessions

From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025:



CED Projects: 18

Entrepreneurs Trained: 597

Approved Loans: \$1,446,775

Leveraged Funds: \$518,718

**Rocky View County, non-shareholder community within service region*

Total Loans for 1989 - 2024

\$38,469,044.39

COMMUNITY	LOAN
Acme	\$264,100.00
Bassano	\$892,177.38
Beiseker	\$501,829.28
Carbon	\$487,890.86
Chestermere	\$1,658,232.45
Hussar	\$621,000.00
Irricana	\$847,572.71
Kneehill County	\$685,599.31
Linden	\$454,274.04
Rockyford	\$1,031,878.88
Standard	\$308,200.00
Strathmore	\$15,339,271.59
Three Hills	\$4,770,325.47
Trochu	\$550,137.24
Wheatland County	\$6,617,071.27
*Rocky View County	\$2,276,650.58
**Partnership Loans	\$1,162,833.33

**Rocky View County, non-shareholder community within service region*

*** Loans in partnership with other CF offices or Financial Institutions*

CFWR Economic Development Projects

In the past year, Community Futures Wild Rose has successfully implemented a variety of community economic development projects aimed at fostering local entrepreneurship, creating sustainable job opportunities, and enhancing the overall economic vitality of our region.

Regional Workforce Development Project

This project began in March 2023 and concluded in June 2024. Collaborating with strategic partners, including the Government of Alberta, Wheatland County, the Town of Strathmore, Prospect Human Services, Kneehill County, and Rocky View County, we addressed workforce challenges in the CF Wild Rose Region. The Ballard Group delivered a comprehensive regional labour market report, providing insights into economic labour dynamics and challenges. Moving forward, we are implementing the consultant's recommendations to create a robust framework that meets current and future labour market demands. This framework aims to close labour gaps, improve training access, enhance workforce resilience, and foster sustainable economic growth. Continued collaboration ensures ongoing support for businesses and communities in the region.

Digital Economy Program #2

The Digital Economy Program (DEP) #2, running from April 2023 to September 2024, significantly expanded its impact in our region. Through our partnership with Business Link, Community Futures Wild Rose (CFWR) operated the Digital Service Squad (DSS) as part of this province-wide initiative. Our team provided in-person and virtual services, serving 301 businesses with free digital marketing assessments and tailored support. The DSS offered one-on-one advisory sessions and digital training courses, enhancing businesses' online presence and digital capabilities. This initiative has been crucial in helping local enterprises adapt to the evolving digital landscape and expand their customer reach in an increasingly online-oriented market.

**Digital
Economy
Program**



Capacity Building for Entrepreneurs

This initiative, funded by the Northern Regional Economic Development Fund (NRED), aims to provide business training and mentorship in response to the RRRF Needs Assessment. The project has created six training modules focusing on Financial Literacy, Human Resources Management, Marketing, Work/Life Balance, Growth in Business, and Operations. Additionally, a mentorship program has been established to support businesses in their development by offering coaching and guidance to overcome key challenges. A Business Development Officer has been hired to assist in the development of training curriculum and to manage the Business Mentorship program.

Online Learning Management System

The dual-phase initiative led by CF Central Alberta focuses on implementing an intuitive online learning platform to support entrepreneurs and CF office staff. This collaborative effort involves CF Wild Rose's participation on the steering committee for the three-year project. The goal is to modernize existing resources and tools into a unified online platform that caters to a younger demographic, offering robust training and business plan development support. Tailored to the RRRF Small Business Needs Assessment, the platform aims to provide self-directed, 24/7 access to Business Training and Guidance for entrepreneurs at all business stages. The ultimate aim is to establish a comprehensive online learning solution that meets entrepreneurs' needs and enhances CF office support.

CFWR Economic Development Projects (Cont.)

YETI - Youth Entrepreneurs Training Initiative

Community Futures Wild Rose's YETI program, in partnership with CF Capital Region, is a dynamic initiative targeting the entrepreneurial spirit in young individuals. This program offers aspiring entrepreneurs the tools, resources, and mentorship needed to actualize their business ideas. Through workshops, training sessions, and networking events, participants gain insights into key entrepreneurial aspects such as business planning, marketing, finance, and customer service. The goal is to inspire and support the next wave of business leaders, fostering innovation and growth in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.



Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity Project

In partnership with CF West Yellowhead, this project aims to enhance disaster preparedness in Alberta's Community Futures (CF) offices. With a focus on wildfires, floods, and pandemics, the project seeks to better equip CF offices to support businesses and non-profits during emergencies. Objectives include educating CF staff and municipalities on disaster preparedness, developing internal tools and policies for disaster management, and creating resources for non-profits and businesses. Training sessions, round table discussions, and workshops will promote collaboration and knowledge sharing. The project aims to provide templates, policies, and toolkits for disaster readiness, tailored resources for non-profits and businesses, and emphasize a collective approach among participating CF offices and is expected to wrap up in March 2026.

The Capital Growth Initiative

The Capital Growth Initiative (CGI), funded by the Alberta Government, supports rural women entrepreneurs through low-interest loans and business advisory services. In partnership with Alberta Women Entrepreneurs, the initiative aids women entrepreneurs in elevating their business. This \$6 million project allocated \$3 million each to Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) and the Community Futures Network of Alberta (CFNA). The CGI enhances Community Futures services by providing partially forgivable repayable loans at preferential rates and wrap-around support, including mentoring and networking.

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Business Mentorship Program

The Business Mentorship Program pairs participants with experienced mentors in their specific business development interests, fostering unique relationships that inspire thought, reflection, and skill development. Mentors provide support, guidance, and a positive influence, benefiting both parties. Meetings are scheduled bi-weekly to accommodate mentor and mentee availability, with the first meeting initiated by the mentee within a specified deadline. Virtual support sessions are available throughout the program. The structured program spans Spring 2024, Fall 2024, and Fall 2025, offering leadership growth and networking opportunities through connections with seasoned professionals who align with the mentees' requested skillset development needs.



Conclusion



In conclusion, the 2024/2025 year was marked by significant achievements and contributions by Community Futures Wild Rose. Overall, the Annual Report highlights CF Wild Rose's commitment to driving economic development, addressing workforce challenges, empowering youth entrepreneurs, and enhancing marketing initiatives. We remain dedicated to supporting entrepreneurship, fostering economic growth, and creating sustainable communities in the regions we serve.

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Ag Society

- The board voted in favour of paying for a grant writer to help increase funds for curling rink repairs.
- After securing a liquor license for the arena area, a new contract was drawn up with the Bench Stop to maintain AGLC compliance

CAO report – June 2025

- bank rec
- agenda package
- Gather info for possible interested purchaser of residential lot
- printing for 4-H show and sale
- OHS meeting with Curtis – 3 compliance orders received
 1. OHS Act has to be available to all staff (paper copy or downloaded to computer)
 2. Hazard Assessments to be completed daily
 3. One member of staff must have First Aid training
- WREMP meeting
- council meeting
- AARCS feral cat round up
- special meeting
- minutes
- used 5 vacation days