

**STARLAND
COUNTY**
HISTORICAL ARCHIVES



Read about the Starland County Archives, and more inside!

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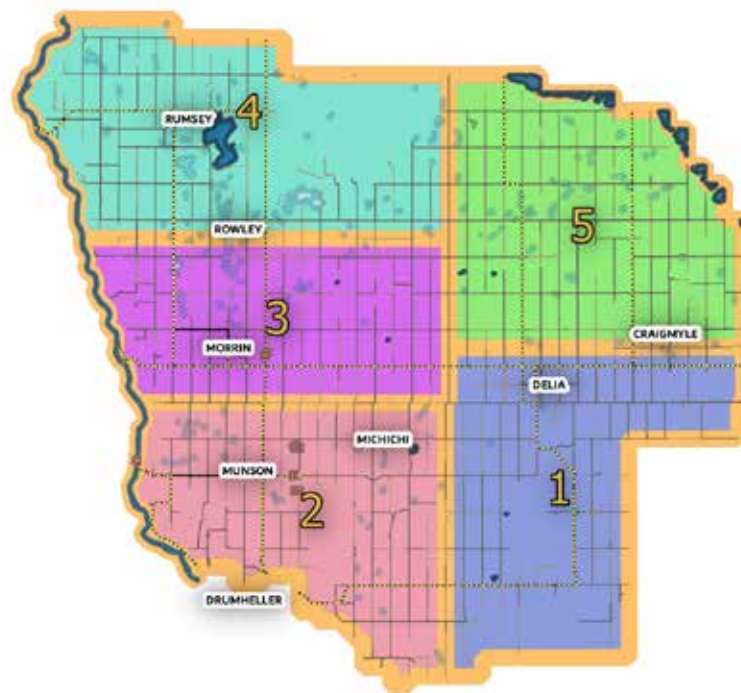
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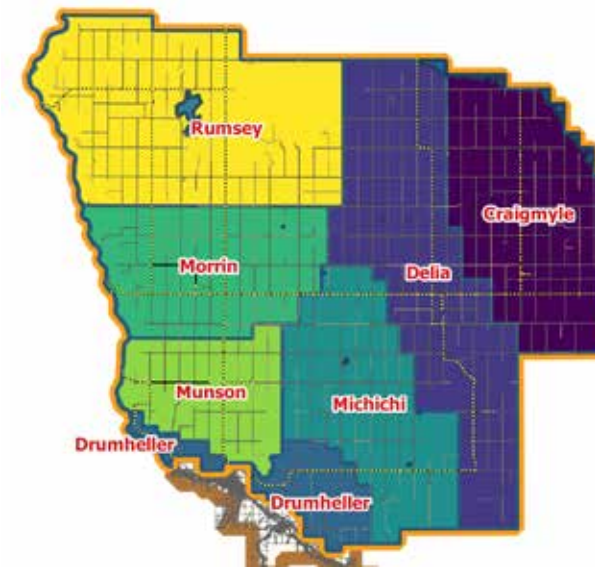
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FIRE SERVICE REGION MAP



Delia 403-820-4074	Morrin 403-820-0204	Munson 403-820-2355
Rumsey 403-334-4640	Craigmyle 403-854-6508	Michichi 403-820-4174

Emergency Contacts

In the case of a major emergency or disaster event this page will contain important contact information. For Starland County's 24/7 Emergency line please call 1-403-772-3793. If calling outside business hours please wait for the answering service.

Fire & Emergency Services

Starland Regional Fire Services includes 6 departments manned by 106 volunteer firefighters serving our communities.

Electronic Burn Permit Application

Fire permits can be obtained free of charge by applying online or at the County office. Electronic Burn Permits are now live at <https://starlandcounty.ca/status/burn>. Under the old system a user needed to physically come to our office, wait for an available staff person, and then fill out a permit application. This was a time-consuming process. Under the new system, a user logs into our system and points out on a map where they want to burn. They then enter a brief description of what they are burning and agree to any conditions regarding the burn. Once submitted, staff will be alerted of the pending application and the user is notified immediately upon any status changes of the permit. The location of all approved burn permits will be publicly available on the County website. This will assist fire chiefs and neighbours and hopefully reduce the number of false alarms. If a fire ban or another restriction is added,

all active burn permit holders will immediately be emailed to let them know of the change of status reducing considerable administrative overhead. A fire permit is valid only for the period for which it is issued. Fire permits are issued for a maximum of ten days. You can re-apply if required. By obtaining a fire permit you have simply indicated that you wish to burn. You must follow the conditions set out on the fire permit. Fires must be lit when weather conditions are favourable. Do not start to burn under windy and gusty conditions. Fires must be monitored and kept from spreading to adjacent properties. Adequate fire guards shall be in place prior to any burn. Burns shall be done in compliance with the guidelines set forth under Bylaw #1173 and the guidelines set by the Forest & Prairie Protection Act.



STARLAND COUNTY Reeve's Message

Greetings! After coming through another election, I would like to congratulate all my fellow Councillors and welcome back Councillors Mark Landry, Jackie Watts, and John Rew. I have been appointed Reeve once again and Jackie Watts is the newly appointed Deputy Reeve. Congratulations Jackie! As we have a new Councillor in Division 3, Sylvia Neill, I would like to welcome her and look forward to working together to better Starland County.

On behalf of Council, I would like to say thank you to Bob Sargent for his time on Council as he decided to retire from his roll as Deputy Reeve and Councillor for Division 3. Thanks Bob!

Council has been busy participating in some required council orientation and emergency management orientation. We also attended our Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) conference which also had training sessions. There were many new councillors to meet at the conference as RMA estimated a 36% turnover in councils. All Starland County councillors have been appointed to various committees to represent the concerns and interests of the county.

Council is currently working on approving an interim budget along with information from administration.

I hope you enjoy another edition of Starland County Line.

Thank you for your support and patience this past year and we look forward to a great 2026 in Starland County.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy Prosperous New Year.

Steven Wannstrom

Starland County Annual Fishing Derby



L to R: Frank Barron, Robert Burrell, Reeve Steve Wannstrom
Starland County recently hosted its annual Fishing Derby at the Michichi Campground. As always, the event was well received and thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. Registration fees and additional contributions were collected and generously donated to the Drumheller Salvation Army Food Bank. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and supported this wonderful event and worthy cause.



On Nov 29 the Delia Elks held a community Christmas party with caroling, hot chocolate and hot dogs, cookie decorating and a visit from Santa.

Community Appreciation Initiative Donations

Division 1 Councillor Mark Landry presented \$500 Starland County Community Appreciation Initiative to the Delia Elks Club.

Division 2 Councillor Steve Wannstrom presented \$500 Starland County Community Appreciation Initiative to the Verdant Valley and Dorcas Women's Institute.

Division 3 Councillor Bob Sargent presented \$500 Starland County Community Appreciation Initiative to the Morrin School Hot Lunch Program.

Division 4 Councillor Jackie Watts presented \$500 Starland County Community Appreciation Initiative to the Rumsey and District Ag Society.

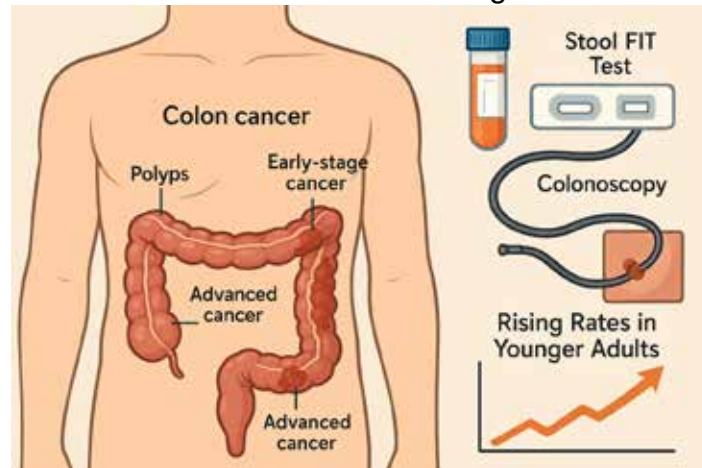
Division 5 Councillor John Rew presented \$500 Starland County Community Appreciation Initiative to the Craigmyle Volunteer Fire Department.

Colon Cancer a Real Challenge Yet Preventable

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Canada, claiming the lives of thousands each year. Around 26,500 Canadians were diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2019. One in 14 men and one in 18 women developed colorectal cancer, while one in 32 men and one in 37 women died from it. This disease, which affects the large intestine or rectum, has a significant impact on public health, as it remains one of the most prevalent forms of cancer in the country. Despite its severity, colon cancer is often preventable, and early detection plays a crucial role in reducing its impact. Screening methods, such as stool FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Testing),

One of the most promising aspects of colon cancer prevention is the use of stool FIT testing. This simple, non-invasive test helps detect abnormal blood in the stool, which can be an early indicator of colon cancer or precancerous polyps. By identifying potential issues early, stool FIT testing allows for timely intervention, such as the removal of polyps or further diagnostic procedures like colonoscopies. When done regularly, this test can significantly reduce the incidence of colon cancer and, in turn, lower mortality rates associated with the disease. For this reason, widespread adoption of stool FIT testing could be a game-changer in the fight against colon cancer in Canada.

The lack of screening for those under 50 remains a significant barrier to addressing this growing issue. Without the option of early testing, many younger Canadians face the challenge of being diagnosed too late for effective intervention. To address this, experts are calling for updated screening guidelines that extend testing to individuals at higher risk, regardless of age. Additionally, public health initiatives aimed at raising awareness of



the symptoms and risks of colon cancer could help reduce the number of late-stage diagnoses. By increasing early detection and advocating for more comprehensive screening, Canada can work toward reducing both the incidence and mortality of colon cancer across all age groups.

Colonoscopy is an essential tool in the prevention of colon cancer, as it allows doctors to detect and remove precancerous polyps before they have a

chance to develop into full-blown cancer. These polyps can form years before cancer actually develops, so identifying and removing them early significantly reduces the risk of colon cancer. While colonoscopy is an invasive procedure, it is generally considered safe, with a low risk of complications. The test involves the insertion of a flexible tube with a camera into the colon to examine its lining and remove any abnormal growths. The overall benefits of colonoscopy far outweigh the risks, especially when it comes to preventing the development of cancer.

-Dr. Rehan

Carrot, Ginger & Turmeric Soup

Carrot, Ginger & Turmeric Soup
Source: Calming Blends [calmingblends.com]

Ingredients
1 lb carrots, peeled and chopped
1 tbsp fresh ginger, grated
1 tsp ground turmeric (or 1 tbsp fresh turmeric, grated)
1 small onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 cups vegetable broth
1 tbsp olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
Optional: coconut milk or Greek yogurt for creaminess

Instructions
Sauté Aromatics: In a large pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, sauté until

translucent.
Add Carrots & Spices: Stir in carrots, ginger, and turmeric. Cook for 5 minutes.
Simmer: Pour in vegetable broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 20-25 minutes until carrots are tender.
Blend: Use an immersion blender (or regular blender in batches) to puree until smooth.
Finish: Season with salt and pepper. Add coconut milk or Greek yogurt if desired for extra creaminess.
Serve Warm: Garnish with fresh herbs like parsley or cilantro.

Why It's Good for Colon Health
Carrots: High in soluble fiber, which supports regular bowel movements.
Ginger & Turmeric: Anti-inflammatory and soothing for the digestive tract.
Vegetable Broth: Hydrating and gentle on the gut.

Early Detection Saves Lives

- Colon cancer is often preventable.
- Stool FIT testing is a simple, non-invasive way to detect early signs.
- Colonoscopy can remove precancerous polyps before they turn into cancer
- Rates are rising in Canadians under 50 – don't wait for symptoms.

Talk to your doctor about screening today!

can identify signs of colon cancer long before symptoms appear, giving individuals a better chance of successful treatment and survival.

While colon cancer rates have been decreasing among older adults, a troubling trend is emerging among younger populations. In recent years, the incidence of colon cancer in individuals under 50 has been steadily increasing. This rise is largely due to delayed diagnoses, as routine screening typically begins at age 50 in Canada. Many younger individuals, especially those without a family history of colon cancer or other risk factors, may not seek medical advice until symptoms become more severe. Unfortunately, by this time, the cancer is often more advanced, making treatment more difficult and outcomes less favorable.

Announcing the Grow Your Own Program & Simulation Lab

We're pleased to share information about the launching of the Grow Your Own Program, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Program at the Drumheller Health Centre in Fall 2026.

Residents of rural communities can earn a baccalaureate degree to become a registered nurse without leaving their home community. Residents within 130 km of Drumheller may apply.

Applications accepted as of October 1, 2025

Admission requirements & application materials : The University of Calgary Website- Search word- Rural Route

We are currently fundraising for the creation of a E-SIM lab for this program to become a reality. This lab can also be utilized by community first responders, staff, and hospitals within the rural selection zone when not being used for the program. The high-fidelity lab boasts computerized mannequins & equipment to most accurately replicate a real patient care environment.

If you would like more information or are interested in donating, please contact our office:

403.820.7860

info@drumhellerhealthfoundation.com

www.drumhellerhealthfoundation.com – Latest Project- Read More- Donate online



Stars Vigilant



As all Albertans know, ensuring the safety of those working in the agriculture industry isn't just a priority—it's a necessity. With the increasing demands placed on local growers, it's more important than ever to invest in the health and safety of your employees. STARS' Site Registration program offers immediate access to a dynamic emergency response, including physician-led medical consultation and coordination, giving your people the medical support they need, wherever they are. When you register your sites with STARS Vigilant, you gain access to a specialized network of medical professionals and facilities, giving you peace

of mind that your team is always protected.

More info: <https://stars.ca/services-for-industry/stars-vigilant/stars-vigilant-site-registration/> Email: sales@stars.ca

Starland County has been an active partner with STARS Air Ambulance since 2023, proudly supporting life-saving emergency medical services across the region.



Drumheller Community Seniors Coalition Karen, Amanda, Kim, Liza

All programs welcome participants from Drumheller and the surrounding areas.

Current Programs:

~ Weekly Circle of Connection Program (Contact Kim)

~ Monthly Caregiver Support Group

~ In Home Support Programs:

All programs below are subsidized based on income.

- Contact Karen
- Frozen Meals
- Hot Meals
- Snow Removal
- Light Housekeeping
- Grocery Delivery
- Laundry Assistance

Karen: Town of Drumheller
Senior Services
Coordinator/FCSS- 403-823-1317

Amanda: Big Country Primary
Care Network Nurse- 403-823-
3345 Ext. 408

Kim: Big Country Primary Care
Network Community Liaison
Coordinator- 403-321-4727

Liza: Recovery Alberta Seniors
Outreach Nurse- Contact Via PCN

Volunteers welcome and needed for programs.
Please contact Kim to find out more.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Requirements

To operate an OHV on public land, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 14 years old, or be supervised by someone who is at least 18 years old.
- Wear a helmet, unless exempt under the Traffic
- Safety Act or Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- Your OHV must have:
 1. Valid registration
 2. Valid insurance
 3. A licence plate that is affixed and clearly visible
 4. Headlamps, tail lamps, an exhaust muffler, and any other required equipment

OHV users can be charged with impaired driving under the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

Using an OHV in Starland County

- You may operate an OHV on your own private property (excluding hamlets), or on other private property with the owner's permission.
- OHVs are not permitted within the hamlets of Craigmyle, Rumsey, Rowley, and Michichi, except when entering or exiting via the most direct route to and from your residence.
- You may operate an OHV in the ditch adjacent to a roadway if traveling single-file and in the same direction as traffic.
- If there is no ditch, or if you need to bypass a hazard, you may use the parking lane or the furthest right lane of the roadway (where no parking lane exists).
- Starland County has introduced a new bylaw requiring community groups hosting events involving OHVs to obtain a free permit from the County. Examples of such events include snowmobile rallies, ATV rallies, and poker rallies.
- Your speed must not exceed 40 km/h, or the posted speed limit if it is lower.
- You must stop your OHV before crossing any highway and yield to all vehicles and pedestrians.

Be Safe!

Applying for an Authorized Special Events Permit

If you are hosting a community event that includes OHVs, you must apply for an Off-Highway Vehicle Special Event Permit. Your application should include:

A description and purpose of the event

- The name of the sponsoring person or organization
- Event date and times
- Type and approximate number of OHVs participating
- A detailed map and description of the proposed route

Failure to obtain a permit may result in a fine of up to \$1,000.00.



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Starland County Truckfill Station Access System Upgrade

Starland County has begun upgrading its truck fill station access system to improve convenience and security. Four locations have finished the upgrades, and three more are expected to be finished early in the new year. This new system requires users to obtain a *FOB*, which are available at the Starland County Office.

FOB Pricing:

- First FOB: Free
- Additional FOBs: \$20 each

Installation Progress

- Michichi – Installed
- McLaren – Installed
- CLV – Installed
- Craigmyle – Installed
- Munson – Installation in progress
- Rumsey – Waiting on parts. Expected install in the new year.
- Rowley – Repairs are underway

Credit Card Tap-to-Pay

For those who prefer not to use a FOB, credit card payment will be available at: Craigmyle, CLV, and Munson

Please note that the higher commercial rate will be charged for all credit card and debit card transactions.

Residents are encouraged to visit the County Office as soon as possible to get their fobs to prepare for the transition.

Still have questions? Please contact us by:

Email utilities@starlandcounty.com or phone 403-772-3793



Water Truck by Andi Yuliansyah CC 3.0, Colour added

WFS+ Bulk Water-Fill Processes

User-Created New Account

New User clicks "NEW ACCOUNT" on Municipal Website

New User fills-in 3 fields of an on-line form & submits for approval

Municipal office receives & approves New User Account request

New User gets email approval & makes on-line account payment by credit card

New User contacts municipal office to receive keychain FOB

User Bulk Water-Fill Access Steps

User connects / inserts outlet hose into vehicle water tank

User places key-chain fob to access unit to start flow

Alternatively: User controls start flow using mobile phone & can set desired flow volume

User places keyfob to access unit or pushes "stop" on their mobile phone to end flow

User is immediately emailed a transaction receipt with volume, \$ amount & account balance

User Self-Top-Up Account Payment

A "Low Account Balance" email is sent to the User if funds below default level

User may click "Make Top-Up Payment" link

User completes credit card details & top-up \$ amount & clicks "Submit"

User credit card is debited for the amount entered + transaction fee (admin option)

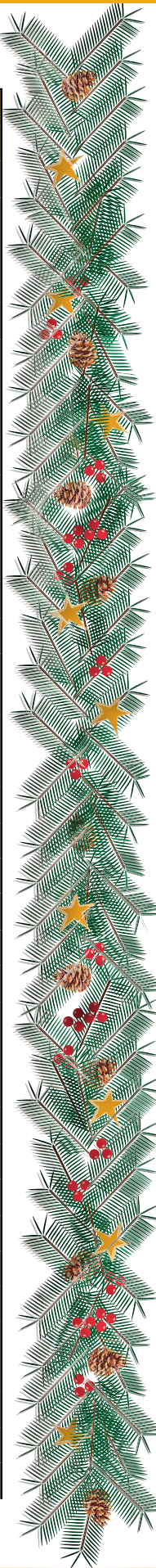
A payment receipt is emailed to the User confirming the top-up payment

Questions? Contact us at 403-772-3793 or utilities@starlandcounty.com

Municipal Services Fees

** Most Goods and Services Listed are Subject to GST**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	
Description	Fee
Aerial Photos	
Landowners	No Fee
Others: 11" x 17" (per property)	\$1.00 each
Others: 22" x 34" on plotter (per property)	\$10.00 each
Assessment Appeal Fees	
Assessment Appeal Fee for Farmland and Residential (Refundable if Successful or Withdrawn Prior to Hearing)	\$50.00 per tax roll *GST Exempt
Assessment Appeal Fee for Non-Residential (Refundable if Successful or Withdrawn Prior to Hearing)	\$650.00 per tax roll *GST Exempt
Assessment Roll Report	
Assessment Roll Report of Individual's Assessment	No fee to Landowner
Complete Assessment Roll Report	\$100.00
Assessment Sheets	
Assessment Summary or Detail Sheets	No fee to Landowner
Assessment Summary of Detail Sheets for Others i.e. ADC, Farm Credit, Banks, Mortgage Companies, Real Estate Firms	\$15.00 per parcel
Caveat & Caveat Discharge Fees	
Caveat & Caveat Discharge Fees	As per Land Titles Fee
Fax Charges	
Local	No fee
Long Distance	\$3.00 each page
NSF Returned Cheque Fee	
NSF Returned Cheque	\$35.00 per cheque
Photocopies	
Letter or legal sized (per copy)	\$0.25 each page
Oversized (per copy)	\$0.30 each page
Community Group within Starland County	No fee
Plotter (Scanned or Printed Copies)	
36" wide X per inch in length	\$0.50 per inch
Starland County Maps	
Large wall map	\$20.00 each
Map book	\$16.00 each
Digital landownership map	No fee
Mailing fee (envelope mailed)	\$10.00
Mailing fee (rolled and mailed)	\$30.00
Starland County Mementos & Swag	
Hats, shirts, blankets, water/coffee cups, etc.	Cost + 20%
Tax Certificates	



Tax Certificate	\$20.00 per roll *GST Exempt
Tax Levy History	
Tax Levy History Report	No fee to Landowner
Tax Levy History Report for others (Lawyers, etc.)	\$25.00 per parcel
Tax Notification Fees	
Tax Notification Registration	\$100.00 per parcel +Land Title fees *GST Exempt
Tax Recovery Initiation Process (including notifications, required letters to be sent, etc.)	\$100.00 per parcel
Tax Recovery Additional fees (appraisals on property, etc.)	As per cost incurred

CEMETERIES	
Description	Fee
Purchase of Cemetery Plots in All County Cemeteries	
Purchase of a Plot	\$100.00 +GST
Purchase of Columbarium Niche (where available)	
Purchase of Niche and Plaque	\$1,300.00+GST
Purchase of Memorial Wall Plaque (placed on Columbarium side wall)	
Purchase of Plaque for Memorial Wall	\$300.00 +GST
Site Preparation	
Winter Full Service (Grave site prep and backfilling) Regular weekdays and work hours + Frozen ground conditions	\$900.00+GST
Winter Full Service – After-hours (Grave site prep and backfilling) During any portion of weekends, holidays, or after regular weekday hours + Frozen ground conditions	1,150.00+GST
Winter Cremation Service (Preparation for cremation burial) During regular weekdays and work hours + Frozen ground conditions	\$275.00+GST
Winter Cremation Service – After-hours (Preparation for cremation burial) During any portion of weekends, holidays, or after regular weekday hours + Frozen ground conditions	\$325.00+GST
Columbarium Service For the opening and closing of Columbarium Niche	\$100.00+GST
Additional Fees e.g. Tree removal, cement cover removal, snow removal to facilitate burial	Additional fees added per work completed

OPERATIONS	
Description	Fee

FEE SCHEDULE

Residential	
Approaches (Policy 320-12-1)	
Residential/Farm	No Fee for first field access, additional approaches priced on a cost-recovery basis
Private Snow Removal (Policy 320-13-1)	
Private Laneways (with signed agreement from landowner)	\$75.00 minimum per clearing
Private Laneways - Occupant is not Owner (For authorized renters with signed agreement from landowner)	\$75.00 per clearing \$150.00 deposit required payment must be received in advance
Snow removal, other than laneways (with signed agreement from landowner)	\$170.00 minimum per clearing
Snow removal, other than laneways - Occupant is not Owner (For authorized renters with signed agreement from landowner)	\$170.00 per clearing \$170 deposit required payment must be received in advance
Industrial / Commercial	
Approaches [Policy 320-12-1 (i)]	
Industrial/Commercial	\$200.00
Pipeline Crossing Application	
Industrial/Commercial	\$200.00

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	
Description	Fee
Development Permit Applications	
Home Occupation Permit	\$75.00
Single family residence	\$100.00
Duplex/Semi-detached dwelling	\$150.00
Additions to dwellings	\$75.00
Ancillary Buildings	\$100.00
All other developments	\$50 for the first \$1,000 of cost + \$10 for each additional \$1,000 up to a max of \$2,500
Commercial or Industrial application <\$500,000	\$500.00
Commercial or Industrial application \$500,000 to \$2M	\$1,000.00
Commercial or Industrial application \$2M to \$5M	\$2,000.00
Commercial or Industrial application >\$5M	\$4,000.00
Redesignation/Rezoning - Land Use Bylaw Application	
Application	\$500.00
Development Agreement	

FEE SCHEDULE

Single parcel	\$200.00
Multiple parcel	\$5,000 minimum or the amount equal to actual legal fees paid by the County
Application Penalty	
If the applicant commences construction of a development prior to obtaining the necessary permit(s)	100% penalty will be applied to the above-noted fees
Certificate of Compliance	
Compliance certificate	\$200.00/each
Rush service (within 2 days)	\$400.00/each
Copy of Land Use Bylaw	
Printed version	\$25.00
Digital version	No fee
Copy of Municipal Development Plan	
Printed version	\$15.00
Digital version	No fee
Meeting room - Council Chambers	No fee
Meeting room - Community Hall	Amount as set by community group
Rural Address Sign	
Initial Sign for Residence	No fee
Sign for other yard, or replacement sign	TBD
Road Closure Request	
Application	\$1,000.00/each

PROTECTIVE SERVICES	
Description	Fee
Animal Control (within Hamlets)	
*See Animal Control Bylaw for violation fine amounts	
Dog License for each neutered dog	\$20.00/each
Dog License for each unaltered dog	\$30.00/each
Replacement license tag fee	\$10.00/each
Fire Services	
Fire call for County & village (within Starland's boundar- ies) residents	\$250.00 for 1 st hour per responding unit \$150.00 per each additional hour
Fire call for out of area residents	\$350.00 for 1 st hour per responding unit \$150.00 per each additional hour
Motor vehicle collision rate	Current AB Transportation Rates

Preserving Our Past:

The Importance of the Starland County Historical Archives

In the heart of Alberta, Starland County holds a rich tapestry of history woven through generations of families, communities, and landscapes. From the early days of settlement to the evolution of agriculture and rural life, the county's story is one worth preserving—not just in memory, but in tangible form. That's the mission behind the Starland County Historical Archives, a digital initiative dedicated to collecting and safeguarding photographs from across the region.



Why a Digital Archive Matters

Photographs are more than images; they are visual records of our shared heritage. They capture moments that define who we are—community gatherings, school events, harvests, celebrations, and everyday life. In a world where physical records are vulnerable to time and tragedy, digitizing these memories ensures they are preserved for future generations.

This mission became even more urgent following the devastating fire on May 25, 2018, which destroyed the Starland County office and with it, countless historical photos and maps. The loss was a stark reminder of how fragile our physical archives can be. In response, the county has committed to rebuilding its historical record through a secure, accessible, and community-driven digital archive.

Building the Archive Together

The Starland County Historical Archives (available at <https://starlandcounty.com/archives>) is a living project. It invites residents, past and present, to contribute their photographs and stories. Whether it's a snapshot of a family farm, a school class photo, or a picture of a long-gone landmark, every image adds depth to the county's collective memory.

By compiling these photos digitally, we not only protect them from physical damage but also make them accessible to researchers, educators, and anyone interested in the history of Starland County. The archive serves as a bridge between generations, allowing younger residents to connect with the past and older generations to share their legacy.



How You Can Help

We encourage everyone with ties to Starland County to explore their photo albums and consider contributing to the archive. Submissions can be made directly through our website, where you'll also find guidelines for uploading and sharing your images.

Your photos could help fill in the gaps left by the 2018 fire and ensure that the stories of our communities—Delia, Morrin, Munson, and beyond—are never lost again.



Looking Ahead

The Starland County Historical Archives is more than a collection; it's a testament to resilience, community, and the enduring value of our shared history. With your help, we can continue to build a resource that honors the past while inspiring the future.

Visit <https://starlandcounty.com/archives> to learn more and become part of this important initiative.



Front Cover photo: Delia's first restaurant, run by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Watt

Page 16: Morrin United Church Sunday School - 1951

Morrin Ferry, Red Deer River, Alberta - 1922 Before the Morrin bridge the river was crossed by ferry

Page 17: Threshing E.L. Long near Delia - 1928 In 1928, threshing on North American prairies, including Alberta, was a mix of mechanical and labor-intensive manual work

Firefighters battling the blaze at the Starland County office on May 25, 2018

Canadian Girls in Training - 1950, Morrin, Alberta. The group was founded in 1915, as an alternative to the burgeoning Girl Guides movement, which the founders felt was too British or American and too authoritarian.

Meet Brandon!



Brandon joins us in the role of Temporary Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, bringing a strong background in agriculture and a passion for serving the community. He is from the Hand Hills area, just outside of Starland County, where he grew up on the family farm and developed deep roots in agriculture from an early age. Brandon studied Agricultural Management and Economics at Montana State University, equipping him with a solid foundation and practical skills that he now brings to the field. He is no stranger to Starland County; Brandon previously worked in seasonal positions under the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) for three years, gaining valuable experience and a great understanding of how things run here. Now, he is excited to be back and looks forward to continuing to support local producers and contribute to the community in meaningful ways.

Grain Bag Recycling – Proper Preparation Required

With the increased use of grain bags during harvest in 2025 Starland County Agricultural Services would like to remind producers of the importance of properly preparing grain bags before delivering them to recycling collection sites. Loosely rolled or contaminated grain bags are difficult to handle and cannot be accepted for recycling.

To ensure your grain bags are eligible for collection, please follow these guidelines:

1. Remove Debris

Grain bags must be free of foreign materials such as spoilage, dirt, rocks, and other contaminants.

2. Roll Tightly

Grain bags must be rolled tightly using a mechanical grain bag roller or an old hay baler. Most grain bag extractors do not roll bags tightly enough. Once rolled, secure the bag firmly with twine. *Starland County has a grain bag roller available for rent. Please contact Agricultural Services for rental inquiries.*

3. Return Correctly

Collection sites **will not accept:**
Unrolled grain bags
Hand-rolled or extractor-rolled grain bags



Silage tarps, bale/silage films, or other non-grain bag plastics

Your cooperation helps ensure the success of our recycling efforts and supports a cleaner, more sustainable agricultural community. For more information, please contact Starland County Agricultural Services.

Starland County ASB Tour and Long Table Dinner Recap



On Saturday, August 16th, the Starland County Agricultural Service Board, alongside valued partners and sponsors, hosted an educational Farm Bus Tour across Starland County. Led by the Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, the tour welcomed just over 50 attendees—ranging in age from 3 to 73—aboard a motorcoach for a full day of exploration.

There were five tour stops in total, including:

Pioneer Canola Plots

Southwest of Morrin, AB, local Pioneer Seed representatives (RGR Seeds and Adams Agrow) introduced attendees to the Pioneer canola research plots. Participants learned about the significance of canola in the agricultural market, the role of trial plots, and the importance of ongoing research.

Crooked Lakes Livestock & Grain

Established in 1911, this family-run grain and cattle operation offered insights into direct-to-consumer marketing and cattle processing. The Nelson family shared their expertise, joined by Gary and Lynn Poole of Forestburg Meats, who discussed butchering techniques and beef marketability.

Cloverleaf Hutterite Colony Gardens

Founded in 2008, the Cloverleaf Colony displayed their large vegetable gardens and shared the history and practices behind their successful horticultural operations.

Starland County Seed Cleaning Plant

In operation since 1961 and recently relocated to a new facility in 2023, the plant manager guided attendees through the seed cleaning process

and provided a tour of the upgraded facility.

Bio-Agtive Emissions Farming

This innovative technology repurposes internal combustion emissions into plant nutrition. Attendees visited a local family farm utilizing this method and heard firsthand from both the producer and the Bio-Agtive founder about its



impact on soil health and crop production.

The day wrapped up at Barney's Adventure Park, where bus tour attendees and additional guests enjoyed a Long Table Dinner featuring locally sourced ingredients—including beef from Crooked Lakes Livestock, vegetables from Cloverleaf Colony, chickens from Bluesky Colony, and much more. The menu for the 100 seated guests included pulled chicken sliders with coleslaw, stuffed Yorkshire puddings, brisket with roasted vegetables, and saskatoon parfaits and crumble, catered by Mike Benci with Pizza 249 in Drumheller. Guests were served by hardworking 4-H volunteers from the Rumsey Rowley Beef Club, Delia Beef Club, and Morrin Multi-Club. Evening festivities included live music by Don Howard, Chris Foser, and Jim Deering, a photobooth sponsored by Brandt, photography by Miss Friend Photography, lawn games, and family-friendly activities at the park—including a crowd-favorite pig race.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from Travel Drumheller, Brandt Agriculture, Alberta Open Farm days and the Morrin Agricultural Society, Agriculture

Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), Farm Credit Canada (FCC), Community Futures Big Country, Pioneer Seeds, Barney's Adventure Park, Fermented Fire Hot Sauce, and Bio-Agtive Emissions Farming, this year's event was a huge success.

Clubroot Surveys

Clubroot is a soil-borne disease that affects canola and similar crops including mustard, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and other cruciferous crops. Infected plants have characteristic galls, or nodules, on the roots which can cause symptoms in the plant like wilting, stunting, yellowing, and premature ripening. Once introduced into the soil, clubroot cannot be removed. This makes monitoring and prevention key to limiting the spread.

Every August and into the fall, Starland County pest inspectors complete annual clubroot surveys across the municipality. These inspections include Canola Health Surveys completed in partnership with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, which monitors various canola diseases including Clubroot, Blackleg, Sclerotinia, and Verticillium.

As part of a county-wide monitoring program, Starland County additionally aims to randomly survey approximately 70 canola fields and inspect the roots of the canola plants for clubroot galls. Under Section 17 of Alberta's Agricultural Pests Act, pest inspectors appointed by a municipality have the legal authority to:

- Enter onto land (excluding buildings) at a reasonable time to inspect for pests or nuisances without the need for permission from the landowner.
- Take specimens of pests or nuisances, or any material suspected of containing them.
- Enforce compliance with the Act, which includes monitoring and issuing notices if pests like clubroot are found.

The Act also states that no person shall obstruct an inspector in the discharge of the inspector's duties.

What happens if there is a confirmed clubroot?

The Starland County Agricultural Service Board Clubroot Policy outlines the process for what happens if clubroot is confirmed on your land. If clubroot is suspected in the plants, root samples are sent to a laboratory to be confirmed either positive or negative. When a portion of land is confirmed to be positive for Clubroot, the landowner and occupant will be notified in writing with a pest notice. This is in accordance with the Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.

The pest notice outlines certain restrictions for the land, including prohibiting the growth of any clubroot susceptible crop on the affected land parcel for:

- 3 Years if a Clubroot resistant variety (proof of purchase verified by the fieldman) is grown; or
- 4 Years if a non-resistant variety is planted; and

In either case, the producer must work with the Agricultural Fieldman to submit a signed Clubroot Management Plan.

If a crop does come back positive for clubroot, it can be harvested, and the pest notice takes effect after harvest.

Clubroot Best Management Practices

According to the Government of Alberta, recommended best management practices to prevent the spread of clubroot include:

- Crop rotation: Avoid planting canola more than once every four years on the same parcel of land
- Use clubroot resistant varieties
- Sanitation: Clean soil and crop debris from equipment before entering and leaving fields
- Scouting: Regularly inspect canola crops for symptoms to catch infestations early

If you have questions or need support, please contact Starland County Agricultural Services.

For more information, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-clubroot-management-plan>



Clubroot on Canola

Upcoming events

Farmer Pesticide Certification Course - Register Now!

Farmer Pesticide Certificate Course
Join us January 12-13, 2026, at Rumsey Hall for essential training in Exterior Rodent Control and Stored Grain Endorsements. This course is ideal for farmers needing certification to use restricted pesticides and fumigants. Earn up to 6 recertification credits and stay compliant. Do not miss out!

Starland County Shelterbelt Tree Program

Starland County is pleased to announce the return of the Shelterbelt Tree Program for Spring 2026, in partnership with Tree Time. This initiative provides residents with access to affordable seedlings through a coordinated bulk order, helping reduce individual shipping costs and offering competitive rates on a wide selection of trees and shrubs. Shelterbelts are a valuable tool for improving agricultural and residential landscapes. They help mitigate soil erosion, reduce wind impact, enhance biodiversity, and attract native wildlife species.

Program Highlights:

Seedlings Available: Tree Time offers 1-2-year-old seedlings of various species. Heights typically range from 6" to 24".

Ordering Period: Product browsing for spring 2026 is open at [treetime.ca](https://www.treetime.ca).

Delivery: Orders will be shipped to the Starland County Office in Spring 2026.

Equipment Rental: Starland County Agricultural Services has a shelterbelt fabric roller and tree planter available for rent. Assistance with planting is also available upon request.

For those seeking larger tree stock, several nurseries in the region offer a wide selection of mature trees and shrubs, including:

Eagle Lake Nurseries - Strathmore

Parkland Nurseries - Red Deer

Mattson Tree Farm - Olds

Linden Tree Farm - Linden

West Haven Nursery & Tree Farm - Red Deer

A comprehensive list of Alberta tree suppliers is available on the Starland County website.

Please stay informed by visiting the Starland County Website and following the Agricultural Service Board Facebook Page for updates and ordering instructions.

For further inquiries, please contact Agricultural Services.

Starland County Campgrounds Tree Plantings Aerial photos of campgrounds

Starland County is undertaking a tree planting initiative in Fall of 2025 and Spring of 2026. Approximately 200 trees of distinct species and sizes will be planted between three county campgrounds, including Starland Recreation Area, Michichi Campground, and McLaren Dam. In recent years, prolonged drought conditions have taken a significant toll on the health of trees across Starland County. As a result, many trees have died off, leaving these spaces more exposed to the elements and less inviting to visitors.

To address this issue, the Agricultural Service Board has initiated a tree planting program aimed at restoring and enhancing these green spaces. These plantings will not only help replenish the tree canopy but also offer a wide range of environmental and community benefits.

Starland County is reaching out to the community for involvement in this project through a Jr. Advisory Board with Morrin and Delia School students and a seasonal camper survey at applicable campgrounds.

If you have feedback

for Agricultural Services regarding tree planting efforts, please reach out to ASB@starlandcounty.com or 403-772-3793.

Soil Conservation Act

What is the Soil Conservation Act?

In 1935, The Control of Soil Drifting Act was passed to help combat widespread soil erosion in the dirty thirties. This put the responsibility of controlling soil erosion onto the landowner. In 1962, this act was replaced with the Soil Conservation Act (SCA) but had many of the same goals. Through the Act, the Agricultural Fieldman is appointed by the municipality to act as a soil inspector under the SCA to investigate occurrences of water and soil erosion. As an inspector, they have the power to:

Invoke action to prevent or stop the loss or erosion of soil in the municipality.

Enter onto land (excluding buildings and structures on the land) without permission of the landowner to inspect land for violations under the SCA.

Issue notices where contraventions have been found.

Issue permits for topsoil removal or burning of stubble on land.

Under the SCA municipalities have the power to write bylaws based on stubble burning and topsoil removal. You can find the Topsoil Removal Bylaw and Stubble Burning Bylaw on the Starland County Website, www.starlandcounty.com

Wind and water erosion has reduced in the prairie provinces due to uptake of multiple beneficial management practices (BMPs), including:

- No-till or reduce tillage farming
- Cover crops
- Contour farming



Soil erosion by wind.



Soil erosion with water.

Road Maintenance & Winter Prep Update

Gravel Program Complete

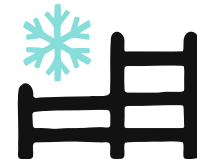
The 2025 gravel program has officially wrapped up for the season. Thanks to the moisture we received this year, we were able to add a substantial amount of gravel—totaling 35 miles so far.

Snow Fencing Finished

Snow fencing installation is complete for the year. These fences are placed in areas prone to heavy drifting to help keep roads clear and safe during winter conditions.

Road Improvements

We also completed work on Range Road 19-3 at the intersection just off Highway 576. This included building up the road and replacing the culvert to help prevent future spring flooding.



BF 70206

A culvert replacement for BF70206 on RR 16-0 South of TWP RD 32-4 was completed in August.

Numerous culvert repairs have been completed around the county increasing safety and improving drainage.



Pad Work for the Rumsey Firehall

The pad work is complete. We are now awaiting the building. Landscaping will be done after the building is erected.

Thank You!
We appreciate your support and patience as we work to keep our roads safe and ready for all seasons.



Colby Black
Public Works Director
403-772-3793



VOYENT ALERT!
CRITICAL INCIDENT
NOTIFICATIONS





STARLAND COUNTY HOLIDAY

Closure/Hours

DEC 19	CLOSED FROM 12:00 - 4:00 PM
DEC 22-23	NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS
DEC 24	CLOSED
DEC 25	CLOSED
DEC 26	CLOSED
DEC 29-31	NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS
JAN 1	CLOSED
JAN 2	CLOSED



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

FROM STARLAND COUNTY

