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Town unveils ambitious Strategic Plan

Council recently approved the Town of Calmar 2026–2030 Strategic Plan.

"This plan reflects our shared vision for Calmar's future," said Mayor Krista Gardner. "A future built on opportunity, strong community connections, responsible growth, and a commitment to preserving the qualities that make our town such a special place to call home."

The plan contains five strategic priorities, each with identified focus areas, to help guide Council's decisions and investments over the next four years:

1. **Community Well-Being & Recreation:** Investing in inclusive recreation programs that promote wellness, belonging, and community pride; supporting local sports and cultural groups, and developing the Calmar Athletic Park in a phased approach that balances current demand with future growth and opportunities.

2. **Growing Calmar; Preserving Our Way of Life:** Promoting diverse housing options while protecting Calmar's small-town character, designing walkable neighborhoods, and planning for responsible growth while ensuring municipal infrastructure and services keep pace.

3. **Economic Prosperity and Opportunity:** Supporting local businesses so that they can thrive, attracting new businesses, promoting our industrial lands, and building strong partnerships to create jobs and foster innovation.

4. **Communication:** Enhancing public engagement through timely and transparent information sharing, using more modern communication tools, strengthening marketing and outreach to attract investment and raise Calmar's profile, and improving collaboration and information sharing between staff and Council to improve coordination and service delivery.

5. **Infrastructure:** Prioritizing the maintenance and renewal of civic infrastructure and facilities, ensuring new development aligns with infrastructure capacity and long-term community growth goals, and building capital reserves to fund future needs and reduce the burden on future generations.

"The Town recognizes that progress on the focus areas requires close collaboration with our public and private sector partners," said CAO Sylvain Losier. "Success will be measured by the continued involvement of residents and volunteers, businesses, community organizations, and needed funding commitments from other orders of government."

View the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan on www.calmar.ca. Paper copies are also available at the Town Office.

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NOVEMBER 2026
EVENTS CALENDAR

TOWN OF CALMAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Town Office Closed	12 Christmas Elves Application s Open	13	14
15 Christmas Elves Food Drive	16 Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Committee of the Whole @ 1:30pm	25	26	27 Christmas In The Park 6-8 PM Woodland Park	28
29	30					

FREE Adult Drop-in Volleyball
Mondays, 7pm-9pm
@Calmar Secondary School Gym

FREE 16+ Pickleball
Tuesdays & Thursdays
7pm-9pm @Calmar Secondary School Gym

FREE Seniors Fitness
Tuesdays, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
@Calmar Program Centre

FREE Public Skating
Mondays & Thursdays, 3:30pm -4:45pm
Mike Karbonik Arena

FREE Shinny/Stick & Puck
Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 4:45pm
Mike Karbonik Arena

FREE Shinny/Stick & Puck
Saturdays, 9:15pm - 10:30pm
Mike Karbonik Arena

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Safer Together.

Make a difference where you live. Learn more about firefighting in your area: leduc-county.com/recruitment or scan the QR code.







LEDUC COUNTY FIRE

TOWN OF CALMAR

Want to be a paid on-call firefighter in Calmar?

Paid on-call firefighters respond to a variety of emergencies – including but not limited to residential, rural and industrial fire calls and vehicle collisions – to help keep our residents and communities safe.

As a firefighter, you'll receive professional-level National Fire Protection Association training at no personal financial cost, and you will gain valuable hands-on experience through training scenarios and emergency calls.

Leduc County provides all gear, equipment and uniforms at no charge to paid on-call firefighters.

Once the recruitment course and testing is completed and offers of probationary employment accepted, paid on-call fire-fighters are compensated on an hourly basis for attending weekly training, maintenance nights, and responding to emergency calls.

Our 2026 recruitment runs until Monday, November 30. Leduc County Fire Services is offering open house appointments at its fire stations throughout the County.

To learn more about becoming a paid on-call firefighter, scan the QR Code or go to www.leduc-county.com/recruitment.

Mayor's Column



Actively planning for economic prosperity

I'm very pleased to share that Council formally adopted our new 2026-2030 Strategic Plan on October 19, 2026.

In previous editions of this newsletter, I have discussed two of the five strategic priorities contained in the plan - *Growing Calmar, Preserving Our Way of Life,* and *Community Well-being and Recreation.*

The next one on the list is *Economic Prosperity and Opportunity.*

For Council, this strategic priority is about creating favourable conditions for local businesses to thrive, showcasing our community's strengths to attract new investment, and ensuring responsible growth to ensure Calmar continues to be a place where families, entrepreneurs, and employers can grow together.

What excites me most about this priority is that it provides clear direction and accountability. It moves us from talking about economic growth to actively planning for it.

Over the coming months, Council and Administration will begin advancing initiatives that support business retention and attraction, promote commercial and industrial growth opportunities, and showcase the many advantages of choosing Calmar as a place to do business.

This formal work began during the previous Council term, and we are already seeing positive momentum. If you've driven through downtown recently, you've likely noticed the new building taking shape on Main Street. This investment is an exciting sign of confidence in our community, and I look forward to welcoming new businesses to the downtown core in the months ahead.

This article is being written in the middle of Small Business Week, and it is a great reminder for us that every dollar spent locally helps strengthen our community.

Our local businesses are the backbone of our local economy, creating jobs, supporting community organizations through donations and volunteers, sponsoring events, and contributing to the small-town character we value so deeply.

"Please take the opportunity to support our local businesses whenever you are able."

Economic prosperity does not happen by accident. It happens when a community works together to support local success and create opportunities for the future.

I am excited about the road ahead and the all the possibilities it will bring for Calmar and the families who call our beautiful community home.

- Mayor Krista Gardner

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY & OPPORTUNITY

Focus Areas

1. **Helping Local Businesses Thrive: Support Calmar's existing businesses with practical tools, strong relationships, and a welcoming environment that helps them succeed and grow right here at home.**
2. **Creating Local Jobs: Encourage new and expanding businesses that provide good local employment and help residents work close to home.**
3. **Supporting Business Growth: Understanding what services and shops our community needs most, and actively attracting them to Calmar.**
4. **Expanding Our Industrial Area: Prepare and promote our industrial lands to welcome new employers and investment.**
5. **Building Partnerships: Work with nearby communities, educational institutions, and private partners to create opportunities for training and innovation.**
6. **Showcasing Our Strengths: Promote what makes Calmar stand out: Our proximity to the Edmonton International Airport, skilled labour force, and access to post-secondary education and training.**
7. **Growing Responsibly: Plan for growth that supports our infrastructure, protects our environment, and keeps the small town character we value.**

CAO's Column



Getting ready for budget season

With fall comes budget season for the Town of Calmar. Although the budget numbers analyzed and discussed are much larger than those for a household, the exercise does contain many similarities. Just like you, the Town must:

- Consider the anticipated revenues for the upcoming year.
- Identify the potential expenses associated with delivering programs and services along with desired activities, and completing needed work such as municipal infrastructure upgrades and building renovations.
- Define our priorities, as there are not enough revenues to address all needs at once, and
- Prepare an interim budget that contains a contingency component, in case something does not go as planned.

Where the municipal budget exercise differs from a household budget is two-fold. First, the Town's budget is legislated by the Municipal Government Act, which requires the Town to perform required actions within prescribed timelines. For example, Council cannot adopt a budget that contains a deficit - all budgets must be balanced or generate a surplus.

The second main difference is that the Town's budget is divided into two parts. The first is the interim budget, which is prepared between September and December.

The purpose of the interim budget is to identify priorities, potential projects, and create a financial framework that will allow the municipality to function between January 1 and the adoption of the final budget. It also sets the foundation for the analysis required to create the final budget.

The second part of the budget process is the final budget. This part typically takes place within the first two quarters of the year. Property assessment information is compiled between January and March, with the final analysis conducted by Administration to outline the expected costs of delivering programs and services in the upcoming year.

Between April and May, Council will have to make the final decisions on:

- What gets funded, and what does not.
- What will be the tax rate for the year, and
- What funds will be invested in capital projects and in the reserves for future projects.

As we are now in the interim budget process, the Town will soon engage with the community through in-person and virtual open houses to get your feedback on the interim budget, your budget priorities, and how you would like to allocate the Town's budget dollars.

Information about the interim budget will be available shortly on the Town website, along with details on the upcoming feedback opportunities.

Council will take public input into consideration before making decisions on funding priorities, infrastructure investments, and on municipal service levels for the upcoming year.

- CAO Sylvain Losier



2026 Capital Works Program Warp Up

Council recently inspected the roadworks completed in the area of 52 Ave and 52 St as part of the 2026 Capital Works Program.

"This project represents a $1.6M investment into our community," said Mayor Gardner. "We want to thank our residents for their patience and understanding through the weather delays as crews worked to complete this much-needed upgrade."

The upgraded infrastructure will provide a 25-50 year lifespan for area residents.

Council Highlights



October 5, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

Delegations
Council received information from two delegations, who discussed sidewalk concerns and accessibility to members of Council and Town administration.

Development Permit for 4702 - 49 Avenue
Council approved Development Permit #2026-053D with the conditions as presented.

2026 Heels and Holly Market and Luncheon - Leduc and District Chamber of Commerce
Council directed Administration to put out a call out to local women entrepreneurs who would like to attend the event with members of Council, and ask them to send an email to Council expressing their interest. Council will review the responses and make a decision on attendees prior to October 20.

Chris Brown - Cross Border Podcasts
Council accepted the Cross Border Network's presentation as information. Mayor Gardner is participating as a panelist in the Everything's Local - Edmonton Live Show on October 18 at the Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre in Edmonton.

Stale-dated Cheques
Council directed Administration to re-issue the cheques in the name of Jaime McKeag Reber, operating as Wild Summit Collective.

Trial Balance as of September 30, 2026
Council accepted the report from Administration as information. To view the Trial Balance Report, go to: 09-30 Trial Balance.pdf

Correspondence
Council accepted the Leduc, Beaumont, Devon Primary Care Network Annual Report and the Yellowhead Regional Library 2027 Draft Budget as information.

October 19, 2026, Organizational Meeting

At their October 19, 2026, Organizational Meeting, Council voted on the following items:

Establish Regular Meeting Committee of the Whole Meeting Dates
Council adopted the following dates to hold its Regular Council meetings at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers:

- November 2 and 16, 2026
- December 7 and 21, 2026
- January 18, 2027
- February 1 and 16, 2027
- March 1 and 15, 2027
- April 5 and 19, 2027
- May 3 and 17, 2027
- June 7 and 21, 2027
- July 19, 2027
- August 16, 2027
- September 7 and 20, 2027
- October 4 and 18, 2027

Council adopted the following dates to hold its Committee of Whole meetings at 1:30 pm in Council Chambers:

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- October 27, 2026
- November 24, 2026
- January 26, 2027
- February 23, 2027
- March 23, 2027
- April 27, 2027
- May 25, 2027
- June 29, 2027
- August 24, 2027
- September 28, 2027

Virtual Meeting Services
Council directed Administration to start the transition from GoToMeeting to Teams for virtual Council meetings.

Appointment of Deputy Mayors
Councillor Carnahan was appointed from November 1, 2026, to January 31, 2027; Councillor Faulkner from February 1 to April 30; Councillor Reber May 1 to July 31; and Councillor Bourdin from August 1 to October 31 as deputy mayors for the term.

Council Procedural Bylaw Council
Council directed Administration bring back an amended Procedural Bylaw to be reviewed by the Policy and Bylaw Committee prior to being presented at a Regular Council Meeting.

Establish Banking Institutions
Council authorized Administration to continue the Town's banking with ATB, and to explore Point of Sale opportunities with the bank.

Appointment to Committees & Boards
- Council appointed the member(s) to each committee and board as per the amended table.
- Council appointed Krista Gardner from October 20, 2026, to October 19, 2027, to the Calmar Public Library Board.
- Council appointed Danielle Bourdin from October 20, 2026, to October 19, 2027, to the Calmar Public Library Board.

Establish Council Remuneration Policy
Council adopted Policy #2027-027 Council Remuneration, as amended.

October 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

At their October 19, 2026, Regular Meeting, Council voted on the following agenda items:

Delegations

Paper Billing Fee
Council defeated a motion that Administration forgive $55.83, which represents the balance on the tax account resulting from a balance transfer from the corresponding utility account.

What We Heard - Mike Karbonik Survey Results
Council received a presentation from Benjamin Proulx, president of Catalyst Communications, on the findings from the first arena survey.

See below for the links to the presentation slides and the report:
- Arena Survey: What We Heard Slide Deck
- Mike Karbonik Arena: What We Heard Report

Interest Penalty on Unpaid General Accounts Receivable
Council gave first reading to Bylaw #2026-10 - Interest on Unpaid General Accounts Receivable Bylaw.

Refund of Property Taxes
Council directed Administration to refund the owner of the designated manufactured home on lot #49 in the Calmar Trailer Park $305.13, representing the portion of property taxes from October 16, 2026 - December 31, 2026.

Edmonton Region Women Elected Leaders
Council moved to endorse the Town of Calmar hosting the Edmonton Region Women Elected Leaders fall gathering, with a budget of up to $1,000 to come from the Legislative Special Events Hosting budget.

2026-2030 Strategic Plan
Council adopted the Town of Calmar 2026-2030 Strategic Plan as presented. The strategic plan reflects Council's shared vision for Calmar's future: a future built on opportunity, strong community connections, responsible growth, and a commitment to preserving the qualities that make our town such a special place to call home.

Flags at Half-Staff
Council directed Administration to put the flags at half-staff due to the incident at CFB Wainwright.

Heels & Holly Market and Luncheon
Council directed Administration to do one final call out to local female business leaders and purchase up to two full tables for the Heels and Holly event.

For more information, including the meeting agenda and minutes, please visit the Council Meetings web page at www.calmar.ca.

Town News

First Poppy presentation



Calmar Legion Branch #266 President Bob McKerracher presented Mayor Krista Gardner with the First Poppy to kick off their annual fundraising campaign.

"Calmar has a long and proud tradition of military service, as evidenced by our fantastic Legion, this beautiful cenotaph, and the community pride in renaming 47 Street as Veteran's Way," said Mayor Gardner. "Join us at the Legion Hall on November 11 for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony, and in the meantime, please buy a poppy and show your support."

Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police also attended the ceremony. "It's an honour to be here today, and we thank Town Council for showing their appreciation and respect for our Veterans, and the men and women in uniform who have served, and those who are currently serving our great country," said Inspector Kiel Samotej.



New community mural celebrates local heritage

Members of Council and staff recently joined the Calmar Communities in Bloom (CIB) Society committee members and artist Andrew McDonnell to celebrate the completion of a mural on the east-facing exterior wall of the Water Fill Station in Woodland Park.

"Council is so excited to have this beautiful new mural in our community," said Mayor Krista Gardner. "We are thankful to Calmar Communities in Bloom, their amazing volunteers, and the artist for making this public artwork a reality."

"As a year-round community hub, Woodland Park provided an ideal canvas: the plain exterior of the water fill station offered a perfect opportunity to complement the park's existing heritage monuments with an agricultural-themed artwork," said CIB Committee president Stephanie Trubetskoff.

Andrew said he was very pleased with how the artwork turned out. "The project went well, without a hitch really," he said. "We had great weather for the most part, great company in the form of locals stopping by to chat, and everything went better than expected. I'm happy, and everyone else seems to be happy too."

Calmar CIB Society selected the mural project to strengthen their scoring in the Communities in Bloom Alberta program's Heritage Conservation category by highlighting local cultural heritage. Communities that participate were awarded between one and five blooms based on the score they achieved.

"Calmar achieved 82 per cent this year, which means we received five blooms in the provincial edition, acknowledging our excellence with Community Engagement and Cooperation," said Trubetskoff.

"A hearty congratulations to the Calmar Communities in Bloom Society for achieving this remarkable distinction, and we all look forward to another summer full of beautiful blooms," said Mayor Gardner.

Town News



Arena survey show strong support for ice in Calmar

The first phase of engagement on community recreational priorities and the future of the aging Mike Karbonik Arena site ran from August 14 to September 11, 2026. We received over 500 responses – 44% from local residents and 56% from surrounding areas, which is fantastic!

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey – we sincerely appreciate your valuable feedback.

Catalyst Communications supported this engagement process and they presented the survey findings to Council on October 19, 2026.

Key survey findings include:

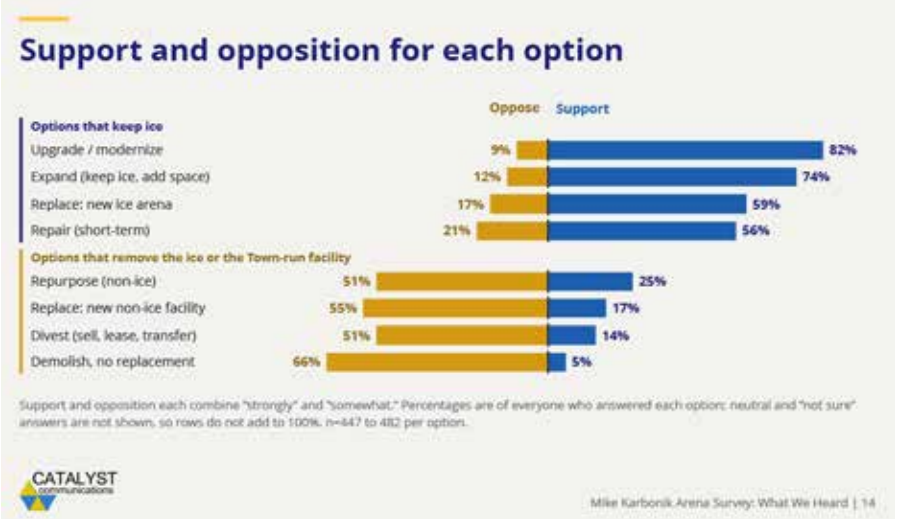
- Strong support for keeping ice in Calmar - 95% of the respondents said local access to ice is important; 92% say it should weigh in Council's decision; and 90% agree it is important to Calmar's identity and community spirit.
- Most respondents favour facility upgrades and modernization over facility removal or sale.
- Those who filled out the survey want more than the ice, not instead of the ice – 93% want year-round space for multi-use groups.
- 93% of respondents rate operating costs as important; however, the two lowest-cost options (demolish or divest) were the least supported.

Moving forward, respondents want Council to strongly consider:

- Treating local ice as a baseline when comparing options.
- The capital, operating and per household tax impact per short-listed option.
- Adding community space - dry-floor, walking or event spaces to fit an ice option.

Visit the Mike Karbonik Arena Engagement web page on www.calmar.ca to the view presentation slides and read the What We Heard report. Paper copies are also available for pickup at the Town Office.

Community feedback will be critical as Council moves through the next steps of this process over the coming months. Please stay tuned for more opportunities to have your say.



Calmar FCSS

Together We Thrive - Your FCSS Update

FCSS works to enhance the quality of life for residents by offering preventative programs, fostering community connections, and providing access to local resources and services they need. FCSS is committed to supporting individuals and families;helping them thrive at every stage of life.

Calmar FCSS Coordinator Mikayla Leibel
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00am – 4:30pm
Call 780.985.3604 – Ext 233 or
Email mleibel@calmar.ca

Try the "Gift of Love" this holiday season so you can ditch the January Financial Hangover!

November is *National Financial Literacy Month,* and with winter bills rolling in and the holidays just around the corner, it's the perfect time to talk about protecting our wallets and our peace of mind. The holidays can easily bring unwelcome financial stress, anxiety and tension to the table.

By changing gift-giving to being with one another, we are ditching the shopping for creating personal gifts that come from the heart and are made with love. This way you can protect your budget while creating memories and new traditions with those you love the most!

Here are few fun and completely free ways to shake up your gift-giving this year:

- **Personal Coupons:** Create home-made coupons, eg. one-on-one baking day, your choice for movie night or the crowd favourite "one less thing on your to-do list - I'll tackle a chore you hate!"
- **Favourite recipe cards:** Share your favourite recipes handwritten or printed out into a personalized cookbook.
- **Twelve months of memories calendar:** Create a personalized calendar filled with one free activity to enjoy together in each month for the coming year, eg. January, build a fort and movie night; March, nature walks; June, backyard picnic and games; December, make Christmas decorations - paper snowflakes or garland paper chains.
- **Create a mini joke booklet or comic strip:** Share your funniest shared moments or your best knock-knock jokes - the more personal or ridiculous the better!
- **Experiences:** Plan a free family outing like a local winter festival, a public skating session, or a snowy hike!

Let's trade the stress of the checkout aisle for the joy of quality time; your family and your wallet will thank you!

Volunteering for the Town

We're always looking for amazing people who want to make a positive impact in our community.

Yes, we know when people hear "come volunteer" it can sound like a major time investment, but the truth is, even giving just a little bit of your time can go a long way. Big or small, every minute you give truly makes a difference!

Upcoming volunteer opportunities include:

- Snow Angels
- Christmas In the Park
- Christmas Elves
- First Night

2026 Calmar Christmas Elves



Christmas Elves is a program designed to support community members who may be experiencing financial strains during the Holiday Season.

By providing a Christmas food hamper and gifts for children, the program fills local families with joy, warmth, and Christmas Spirit! Here's how you can help:

- **Red Donation Bags:** Christmas Elves donations bags will be distributed to each local postal box. Bags can be filled and left on your front step the morning of the Food Drive, or can be dropped off at donation bins around Calmar.
- **Donations and applications** will be accepted starting Thursday, November 12.
- **Annual Calmar Christmas Elves Food Drive:** Sunday November 15, from 10am – 4pm
- **Donation bins** can be found around Calmar after Nov. 12: The Town Office, Calmar Public Library, Calmar Food Town, Arena, and the Calmar Legion Hall. Donations can also be made at our *Christmas in the Park* event on Friday, Nov. 27.
- **Donations and Applications closing date:** Monday, December 7, 2026

Please contact Mikayla Leibel at 780.985.3604 ext 233 or email mleibel@calmar.ca for more info.

Community Spotlight



Long-running Calmar Art Group provides community to local and area artists

We are continuing to highlight the incredible groups and organizations that help make our community a great place to live, connect, and get involved in!

This time we're turning the spotlight on the Calmar Art Group - local and regional artists, hobbyists and crafters, who meet in the Tom Thomas Room at the Calmar Legion Hall on Wednesdays from 10am - 3pm to work on their various projects.



"For many years the Calmar Legion has graciously permitted us to utilize this great space for our activities," said Bruce Whaley, a life-long artist and proud Legion member.

"Karen had taken over the group from Phyllis McGann, who had taken over the group from Betty Engberg," said Bruce. "The group already existed from a previous leader, so we are at least 35 years old."

At one point the Calmar Art Group charged a small fee to cover meeting costs at various locations, but when the Legion kindly stepped up by offering a space they could use, it was decided not to organize as an association or charge fees.

Kristine Anderson joined the group in 2016, and she loves it. "We have a great bunch of people, it's fun and safe and we just do our own thing." she said. "Everyone shares their insights; we socialize and solve all the world's problems in an afternoon!"

She paints with acrylics and oils, and currently is experimenting with paper collage using different techniques to colour or create designs on recycled paper sourced from old books, maps, dictionaries, etc.

Kristine also works with reclaimed fabrics and adds hand-stitched designs to the cloth. "Basically, I'm now a recycler," she said, with a warm laugh.



"But seriously, as we age it becomes all too easy to sit in front of the television all day," she added. "We need to stay engaged in our communities, and this group lets me do exactly that."

"We encourage creative adults interested in participating in the Calmar Art Group to bring whatever they are working on, get some inspiration, and create alongside us," said Bruce. "Our focus is learning, improving, and creating together."

For more information about the Calmar Art Group or to join, please call Bruce Whaley at 780-288-4714 or email b.whaley55@gmail.com.

Leduc County FCSS

Sign up to receive our monthly update directly to your email inbox. Send an email to fcssinfo@leduc-county.com and ask to subscribe to our email distribution list.

Upcoming Registered Sessions

Registration is required for all upcoming sessions and space is limited. Call us at **780-979-2385** or **1-888-301-FCSS** to learn more.

Creating change: Bystander intervention to build safer communities

In recognition of Family Violence Prevention Month, join us for the third annual Creating Change event. This free event is open to all including community members and professionals. The event will include the following workshop:
I've got your back: Bystander intervention to build safer communities with Julie Lalonde
Learn about common obstacles to intervention and the importance of challenging our own biases.
Registration deadline: Nov 6, 2026

Date: Friday, Nov. 13, 2026
Time: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (lunch will be provided)
Location: Rig Hand Distillery, 50158 Range Road 244 A, Leduc County, AB

Simple connections, Stronger seniors: Simple ways to strengthen resilience

Join us for a series of skill-building workshops that offer older adults simple strategies to help strengthen resilience. Resilience is linked to better health, improved mood, heathy aging, and a longer life.

Together, we will explore four key topics that can help to support your well-being:

- Personal Wellness – Mon. Nov. 16
- Independence – Wed. Nov. 18
- Sense of Purpose – Mon. Nov. 23
- Social Connections – Wed. Nov. 25

Time: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Location: Online

Taking control of your debt

In recognition of Financial Literacy Month, join us for this practical session as we help participants understand their debt situation and identify actionable strategies to regain control of their finances. This session will be facilitated by Credit Canada.

By the end of this webinar participants will be able to:

- Understand the difference between good and bad debt
- Evaluate their debt load and types of creditors
- Explore repayment strategies
- Prioritize debt during financial hardship
- Avoid worsening debt with high-cost borrowing
- Understand options for negotiating or reducing debt

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Online

Scam Smart Series

These sessions will be facilitated by Consumer Protection Expert, Julie Matthews. Julie has dedicated her career to stopping scam artists and protecting Canadians. She spent 19 years as an investigative TV reporter—10 of which were spent as Global TV Edmonton's "Troubleshooter" and another 10 years as senior investigator with the Government of Alberta's Consumer Investigations Unit. Julie now delivers engaging and informative fraud prevention presentations and shares tips through her weekly "Scam Alert" segment on CFCW radio.

Session 1: The latest scams & how to protect yourself
Scammers are getting smarter, and their tactics are getting harder to spot. From convincing phone calls and fake messages to social media schemes, impersonation scams and AI, today's fraud can fool anyone. Get an inside look at the latest scams, how they manipulate us into acting, and the red flags that can help you recognize a scam before it's too late. You'll leave with practical tips you can start using right away.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Online

Session 2: When someone you love is being scammed
What do you do when you can see the scam, but someone you love can't? Trying to convince a friend or family member they're being scammed can quickly lead to frustration, arguments and even isolation. It seems impossible to get through to them. Learn why telling someone "it's a scam" often doesn't work, how to have conversations that are more likely to get through, and what practical steps you can take to help protect and support someone you care about.

Date: Monday, Nov. 23, 2026
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Online

Christmas Mourning

However you celebrate the holidays, this season can be a difficult time. Christmas Mourning is a gathering to provide support and comfort to those who are grieving during the holidays. This event offers a space for individuals to come together and remember their loved ones who have passed away and will include readings, reflection and an optional time of sharing.

Join us for this opportunity to honour and pay tribute to the memories of the loved ones you have lost.

Session is open to adults 18 years and older and will be facilitated by Registered Psychologist Amy Walton from Karunia Counselling in partnership with Leduc County Family and Community Support Services.

Date: Wednesday, December 2
Time: 10 to 11 a.m.
Location: Calmar & District Seniors Centre

Calmar Connects

A page dedicated to the wellness of our community.

Why Emotional Fatigue Peaks This Time of Year

November often brings a noticeable dip in energy. The days get shorter, the cold settles in, and many people feel more tired, emotional, or overwhelmed than usual. this isn't a personal failing. It's a very normal response to the season.

Emotional fatigue is what happens when your mind and body have been carrying stress for a long stretch without enough time to recover. By November, most people have been "pushing through" since September. Add early darkness. holiday planning, and colder weather, and it makes sense that everything feels heavier.

Here are a few reasons emtoional fatigue often shows up now:

Less Light - Shorter days affect mood, motivation, and sleep. Your body relies on daylight to regulate itself, so the drop is noticeable.

Busy routines - school schedules, work pressure, and colder mornings make everything feel a bit harder.

Accumulated Stress - by November, the small stresses you've been holding since early fall start adding up.

Thinking Ahead to the Holidays - even positive events bring planning, emotional load, and expectations.

Here are some gentle ways to support yourself this month:

1. Keep things simple

Choose fewer tasks and focus on what matters most. Simplicity lowers stress.

2. Get outside when you can

Even five minutes of fresh air or daylight can help your system reset.

3. Protect small breaks

A slower breath, a pause in the car, or a quiet moment in the morning can makea big difference.

4. Lower your internal pressure

If you feel less patient or more tired, there is nothing wrong with you. Your body is responding to the season.

5. Pay attention to the small things

Warm air, laughter from the yard, the sound of birds, fresh produce, the feeling of sunlight.
These simple sensory moments support the nervous system and help you feel grounded.

Feeling stretched thin in November is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign that you've been carrying a lot. If you're wanting support with stress, overwhelm, or emotional wellbeing, Nurtured Minds Wellness offers therapy and nature-based services for our community.

This article is for general information only and is not a replacement for therapy, counselling, or medical care. If you are in crisis, call 911 or go to your nearest Emergency Room. You can also reach the Alberta Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642 or the Mental Health Crisis Text Line by texting CONNECT to 741741.

Articles written by Charlie Webb, RP, CT. Founder of Nurtured Minds Wellness Therapy and Retreat Group.

www.nurturedmindswellness.com



Progressive Pathways
Behaviour and Disability Services

Progressive Pathways is a nonprofit organization that provides diverse individual counseling and support to children, adolescents; and adults with cognitive disabilities and their families.

SUPPORT SERVICES

- 24 Hour support
- Emergency support (24 hr respite, hourly)
- Respite care (hourly, work related, Community)
- Day Camps for Children, adolescents and Adults
- Riding lessons





Equine Therapy

Evidence-based approaches:

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Prolonged Exposure Therapy



825-758-1656

info@progressivepathwaybds.ca



Calmar Public Library: November 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

NEW

Hours of Operation
Additional Evening Hours on Thursdays!

In case you missed it: we have introduced additional evening hours. We are now **open from 11:00AM - 8:00PM on Thursdays**! This change allows the library to offer more programs and more time for those that work during the day to stop in and browse our collection!



Baby Rhyme Time
Wednesdays @ 2:00-2:45PM

WE HAVE NEW PROGRAMS!

Children between the ages of 3-23 months are invited with their parents or caregivers to join our programmer, Miss Nancy, for an afternoon of stories and songs! No registration is required!



Movers and Shakers Storytime
Thursdays @ 2:00-2:45PM

Kids between the ages of 2-5 years: drop by the library with your parent or caregiver every week to explore new themes through stories, songs, and activities with Miss Nancy! Registration is not required!



Stuffie Storytime
Monthly, First Wednesday @ 6:30PM

Are you between the ages of 2-6? Bring your favourite stuffed animal and drop-in at the library with a parent or caregiver. You'll cozy up with songs and bedtime-themed stories! No registration required!



Silver Fox Audiobook Club
Monthly, First Thursday @ 6:00PM

Audiobooks are gaining popularity for their flexibility and accessibility! Adults aged 50 and older are invited to join! Each month you'll listen to an audiobook while commuting, cleaning, or walking, and then meet at the library to discuss the story and the narrator's performance! Stop by our **first meeting** to meet others interested in participating, help pick our first title, and enjoy a sweet treat!

MONTHLY TAKE & MAKE KITS

Kids (3-7 years)	Autumn Spice Playdough
Tweens (8+ years)	Mini Paper Lantern

Have a question? Want to register for a program?
Website: www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca
Contact: 780-985-3472 **or** circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday	11AM - 5PM
Wednesday, Thursday	11AM - 8PM

CLOSURES: weekends and statutory holidays

Monthly Programs



Knit n' Stitch
Tuesdays @ 1:30PM
All skill levels welcome!



Baby Rhyme Time
Wednesdays @ 2 - 2:45PM
3-23 months with caregiver



Movers & Shakers Storytime
Thursdays @ 2 - 2:45PM
Ages 2-5 with caregiver



Chess Club
November 4 @ 5:00PM
All ages and skill levels



Stuffie Storytime
November 4 @ 6:30PM
Ages 2-6 with caregiver



Silver Fox Audiobook Club
November 5 @ 6:00PM
Adults 50+ welcome!



Cookbook Club
No November Meeting!



LEGO Club
November 18 @ 4:00PM
Ages 6 and up



Children's Maker Market
Monday, November 16 @ 1:00-5:00PM

Come out and support the young entrepreneurs in our community who have been hard at work the past few months preparing their products—just in time for the holiday season! Browse a selection of homemade goods and products. All payments must be made in cash.



Show and Share
Thursday, November 19 @ 6:30-7:30PM

Registration is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome! For children between the ages of 6 - 16, this program invites you to share a special item or talent with others. Are you skilled with a hula hoop? Do you have an extensive collection of rocks or snow globes? If it's meaningful to you, we want to hear your story!



Mocktail Mixer
Thursday, November 26 @ 7:00-8:00PM

Registration Deadline: November 19, 2026. Limited space. What's more refreshing than the chance to take a break from your usual evening routine and mix it up—literally! Join us for an evening of casual conversation, where a selection of mocktails will be offered for all participants in attendance.

Book Bingo
2026 Reading Challenge

Readers young and old: we challenge you to read throughout the year and see if you can complete your bingo card! For every bingo achieved (horizontal, vertical, and diagonal) you will earn an entry into the draw for a bookish gift card! The first people from each age category to complete every challenge on their bingo card will also win a bookish prize pack!

Bingo cards can be picked up from the library or found on our website!

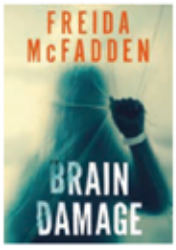
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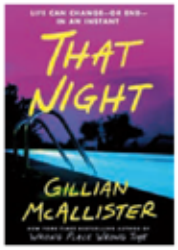
Contact the library to learn how you can register for your **FREE** library card today and gain access to thousands of books, movies, and more!

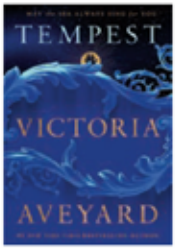
What's New on Our Shelves!

The Calmar Public Library is always expanding our collection! Here are some of the newest titles.

Adult Fiction



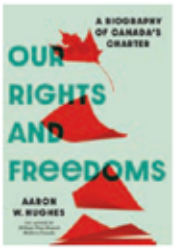






Non-Fiction







DVDs / TV Series





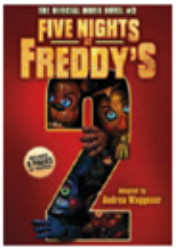






Young Adult





Juvenile

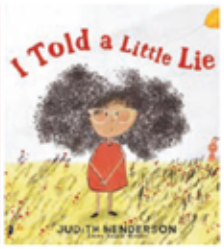








Early Readers







Calmar Public Library

Check us out online!
Facebook: www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary
YouTube: www.youtube.com/@calmarpubliclibrary

CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMUNITY PANTRY

"Take what you need, leave what you can."

The Community Pantry is open during regular library operating hours, and is available to all—no questions asked!

Bag are provided if you need them.

For more information:
780-985-3472
circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

What You Can Donate:

- Canned Food
- Dry Foods (cereal, pasta, etc.)
- "Instant" and Microwavable Soups
- Individually Packaged Snack Foods
- Spices, Sauces, and Spreads
- Toiletries and Cleaning Supplies





The pantry is run solely on donations, and it would not be possible without the help of our community. Thank you to everyone for your support!

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Friday, Nov. 27

6pm - 8pm

Woodland Park





More info at www.calmar.ca

TOWN OF CALMAR

5 years NHCSA

Celebrating

5 years of learning

NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2026

GROWTH TAKES TIME

We've learned that building something meaningful doesn't happen overnight. It takes patience, perseverance, and a willingness to keep growing.

COMMUNITY MAKES IT POSSIBLE

A school is more than a building. It's students, families, staff, volunteers, and community members working together.

INNOVATION STARTS WITH CURIOUSITY

Asking questions, challenging assumptions, and wondering "What if?" can open the door to something new.

SMALL MOMENTS MATTER

The muddy boots. The barn chores. The discoveries. The laughter. The moments that may seem small often become the memories students carry with them.

STUDENTS ARE CAPABLE OF AMAZING THINGS WHEN INSPIRED

Give them responsibility, agency, opportunities to lead, and room to explore and watch what they can do.

WE'RE STILL LEARNING TOO

Five years in, we don't have everything figured out. And maybe that's the point. We continue to learn, adapt, and grow alongside our students.

NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL EST 2021 HUMBLE HERD

BLOG

WWW.NEWHUMBLESCHOOL.CA
48469 HWY 795, CALMAR, AB
TOCOVO

VILLAGE OF WARBURG

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

POSITION SUMMARY: - Responsible for efficient implementation of the overall upkeep, repair and replacement programs of all existing municipal property and facilities in the Village of Warburg.

The Village of Warburg is looking for a highly motivated and well-organized individual to fill a public works position in a team environment, to work with other Public Work Employees. The full-time position is based on 40 hours per week. Reporting to the Municipal Administrator, the individual will work in all aspects of daily operation of the Public Works Department in Warburg, including water, sewer, roads, parks, general, facilities and equipment maintenance. The candidate must possess a high school (grade 12) diploma or equivalency and a Class 5 Operator's License, have a good mechanical aptitude, be able to perform physical labor, and provide a Criminal Record Check. Applicant must be willing to get water and waste water certificates.

MINIMUM REQUIRMENTS:

- Maintenance of green spaces
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Valid Driver's License
- Basic knowledge of operating equipment
- Basic knowledge of preventative maintenance
- Ability to work effectively without supervision and good public relations skills
- Physical strength and agility necessary to perform the work

PREFERRED BUT NOT MANDATORY:

- Basic knowledge of mechanical, plumbing, heating and electrical systems
- Alberta Water & Wastewater Operations Certification

Applications will be accepted until December 15th, 2026 or at such time that a suitable candidate is hired.

Applications can be sent to: Attn: Chris Pankewitz Municipal Administrator, Box 29, Warburg, AB T0C 2T0 or dropped off at 5212-50 Avenue, Warburg, AB T0C 2T0 or emailed to cao@warburg.ca or faxed to 780-848-2296.



KidSport
LEDUC AND COUNTY

KIDSPORT
LEDUC & COUNTY

We provide financial support to help cover the costs of registration fees so that all kids aged 18 and under in Leduc & Leduc County can play a season of sport.

Our recently expanded chapter, administers grants of up to $350 per child/year, ($750 if they qualify for the Hockey Assist Program), for athletes living in Beaumont, Calmar, Devon, Leduc, Leduc County, Millet, New Sarepta, Thorsby, Warburg, or Wetaskiwin.

So ALL Kids Can Play!



Calmar & District Senior Citizens Club

September to December 2026 Activities

4916 50 AVE CALMAR, AB
587-988-3636 (TERRY) || SENIORSCALMAR63@GMAIL.COM

2026 MEETINGS @ 1:00PM
Wednesday, November 10

COFFEE TIME @ 1:00PM
Monthly, every Thursday (except December 24 & December 31)

Last Coffee Time each month will be member **birthday celebrations**!

MUSIC JAM @ 1:00PM
Tuesday, October 27
Tuesday, November 24
December (NO JAM)

CARD & GAME NIGHT @ 7:00PM
Thursday, October 8 & 22
Thursday, November 12 & 26
Thursday, December 10

POTLUCK DINNERS
Wednesday, October 7 @ 12:30PM (members only)
Wednesday, December 9 @ 12:30PM (members only)
Wednesday, November 18 @ 6:30PM (everyone welcome)

TOWN OF CALMAR

Utility Bill Due Dates

JANUARY - FEBRUARY = APRIL 6

MARCH - APRIL = JUNE 6

MAY - JUNE = AUGUST 6

JULY - AUGUST = OCTOBER 6

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER = DECEMBER 6

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER = FEBRUARY 6

Reminder to set up your E-Billing. Go to our website ***www.calmar.ca*** for more details. Or contact Darlene Parchoma at the Town Office @ 780-985-3604 ext 222

Introducing the Circular Materials Recycling App

Now available in the Town of Calmar.

- Find your recycling schedule.
- Get collection notifications.
- Search what materials go into your recycling.

Download the Circular Materials recycling app.

circularmaterials.ca/app





Remembrance Day Service

Join us as we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who have served, and continue to serve, our country.

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Calmar Legion, 4815 47 Street

Doors Open: 9 a.m.
Please be Seated by: 10:30 a.m.
Ceremony Begins: 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Flags will be lowered to half-mast in remembrance.

Lest We Forget

RECYCLING

These items must placed in your blue bag and be clean and free of foods, liquids and dirt.



Hard Plastic Containers, Tubs and Bottles. No Lids or Caps.
(e.g. detergent, condiment or shampoo bottles margarine and large yogurt containers, ice cream pails)



Aluminum and Tin Cans and Containers



Cardboard - Flattened



Mixed Paper/Paperboard
(e.g. Magazines, flyers, newspaper, Catalogues, Office Paper, Envelopes, Craft Paper, Books with front and back cover removed)



Wrapping Paper
Greeting Cards
No Foil, decorations removed



Deposit Items Including:
Milk Containers, Pop & Beer, Cans and Bottles, Tetra Paks



No Styrofoam / Plastic Clamshells



No Shredded Paper



No Coffee Cups/ Plastic Cups



No Straws/ Plastic Utensils



No Plastic Bags



No Hazardous Waste

ORGANICS



Food Waste



Food Soiled Paper



Plants/Grass Clippings



Small Quantities of Pet Waste



Shredded Paper



Certified Compostable Bags

COMPOSTABLE



No Plastic Bags



No Produce Stickers



No Glass or Metal



No Diapers



No Rubber Bands or Twist Ties

LANDFILL



Styrofoam & Rubber



Coffee Cups



No Recyclables



Plastic Clamshells



Non Refundable Glass



No Organics



Film Plastic



Fabric



*No Hazardous Waste
Must be taken to Enviroservice Station



Single Use Packaging

BE CART SMART

STOP. THINK. SORT.

GFL ENVIRONMENTAL

Items may be sorted differently depending on your community

csredmonton@gflenv.com

2026 WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Waste collection is every Thursday.
Please use bin provided and set at front curb.

All bins are property of GFL. If you require a bin to be replaced, the cost is the sole responsibility of the property owner. Requests for replacement or additional bins can be made by contacting the Town Office. 780-985-3604.



UPCOMING:
Organics collection will be weekly May thru October.
NEW:
Monthly collection starts November 2026

Roll Bins will be provided in the Spring of 2026. Watch for updates.

Recycling is through Circular Materials and GFL, download their app, or contact **780-444-8805**

NEW:
Blue bag collection will be every second THURSDAY.

Call 780-985-3604 ext. 222 for more info.
See reverse for landfill details

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July 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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Have bins at front curb by 7:00 AM on pick up day.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

- Public Works On Call: 780.446.7319
- Community Peace Officer: 780.985.0405
- Emergency: 911

SUBMISSIONS:

The deadline for content submissions for the Chronicle is the 15th of each month for the next edition. Please email Deven at dkumar@calmar.ca for assistance.

ADVERTISE WITH US

For more info about rates and to book ad space, please email Deven at dkumar@calmar.ca.

Note - Non-profit groups can advertise for free!

Property taxes made easier

Town of Calmar offers residents a Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPS), allowing homeowners to pay their yearly property taxes in 12 equal installments via monthly automatic withdrawals.

No more missed due dates or penalties, and there's no need to renew every year. The monthly payment is calculated based on your most current levy.

You can sign up anytime throughout the year. All you need is a signed pre-authorized debit form and a void cheque/direct deposit form from your bank.

If you join part way through the year, you must make up payments from prior months to stay current. For example, if you decide to join in April, you need to make up the payments for January, February, March and April.

Interested in joining TIPS program? Please visit the Town Office or contact Heather Bryans at 780.985.3604 ext. 232.

TOWN OF CALMAR

How to stay in the know!



Regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, except on a public holiday, in which case the meeting is held the following day.

Regular Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 4901 50 Ave. Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers (unless otherwise stated)..

Can't attend in-person? You can join the regular meetings from your computer, tablet or smartphone. You can also dial in using your phone:

- Canada: +1 (647) 497-9391
- One-touch: tel: +16474979391,211016493#
- Access Code: 211-016-493

Current meeting agendas are available for review on www.calmar.ca.