

January 2026 Noble News



CAO's Message:

Hello, Nobleford!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and was able to spend the holidays in a way that suited them best; whether that meant lively gatherings with family and friends or some well-deserved quiet time at home.

A full calendar year has now passed since I began my role as CAO in October 2024. It has been an exciting and rewarding time, learning the day-to-day workings of the Town and getting to know Council, our administrative staff and public works staff, and many residents of Nobleford.

Overall, 2025 was a successful year, and I look forward to building on that momentum in 2026. I am confident the year ahead will be just as productive, if not more so, and I look forward to connecting with more members of our community throughout the year.

The Town has several projects and upgrades planned, some concerning our Water Treatment Plant and Community Complex, but also some road improvements. In addition to these larger initiatives, we will also be tackling many smaller projects that contribute to the continued growth and well-being of our community.

From my family to you and yours, I wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year, cheers to a successful 2026!

Steven Leusink, CAO Town of Nobleford



January is named for Janus, the two-faced Roman god of beginnings, looking to the past and future, fitting for the New Year. Ancient Anglo-Saxons called it Wulfmonath (Wolf Month) because hungry wolves came scavenging, making it a cold, stark time, contrasting our modern cozy resolutions.



IMPORTANT DATES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

TUE, JANUARY 13, 2026
TUE, JANUARY 27, 2026

GARBAGE PICK-UP DATES:

MON, JANUARY 05, 2026
MON, JANUARY 12, 2026
MON, JANUARY 19, 2026
MON, JANUARY 26, 2026

UTILITY BILLS DUE:

NOVEMBER + DECEMBER
UTILITY BILLS ARE DUE
JANUARY 30, 2026

JANUARY + FEBRUARY
UTILITY BILLS ARE DUE
MARCH 30, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED:

THU, JANUARY 01, 2026
FRI, JANUARY 02, 2026

Public Notices:

- ***Any questions or contributions? Please contact the Town office: Mondays-Fridays 9 am to 4:30 pm (closed for lunch 12 pm - 1 pm), call 403-824-3555, or email clerk@nobleford.ca***



Pre-Auth



The Town Of Nobleford has pre-authorized debit available to make paying your bills easy! You can get payments for your utility bills or taxes (TIPP program) set up for pre-authorized debit. Please contact the office for more information.



Councillor's Corner:

Hello Nobleford!

My wife Irene and I moved to Nobleford three years ago. We have a son, a daughter, and three granddaughters.

This is my first time as a Councillor, but I have been involved in many Board positions in communities we previously lived in. I am impressed by my fellow Councillors and the Mayor for their dedication and professionalism.

I have owned my own business for many years, so I am excited to add my knowledge and experience to hopefully move our town forward.

I want to encourage more business and development in our town and strive to keep our taxes low.

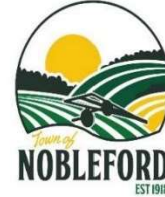
My wife and I are involved in the Nobleford Seniors Association, Nobleford Curling Club (new members welcome!) the Picture Butte Lions Club, the Barons Legion, and "Community Futures", a non-profit organization that gives local small and rural businesses the helping hand they need to thrive.

We wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year in 2026!

Bob Morrow, Councillor Town of Nobleford & Irene

Civilizations around the world have been celebrating the start of each new year for at least four millennia. Today, most New Year's festivities begin on December 31 (New Year's Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1 (New Year's Day). Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year's foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.





Help Us Stay Connected!

We would love to make sure we can reach you quickly and easily if we ever need to - whether regarding any questions about your account, or even to reunite you with a lost pet!

If your email address or phone number has changed, please share your updated contact information with the Town Office.

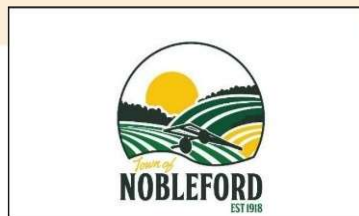
Having another way to reach you can be helpful, especially during unexpected situations like the recent Canada Post strike.

To keep your information correct, please email your updated contact details to clerk@nobleford.ca rather than providing them over the phone.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch!

IT'S TIME FOR 2026 PET LICENSING!

Please register any new pets and
make sure your existing pet details
and contact information are current



Updates & Bits and Pieces of Information:

Pet Licenses: All dog and cat licenses are due in January. Licensing your pet helps us identify your pet and contact you quickly should your furry friend wander off; making sure they get home safe and sound. Please also make sure the information we have is updated, be it description of your pets or your contact information. Please provide a note from your veterinarian to confirm that your pet has been altered to be eligible for the reduced license fee!

Business Licenses: Business licenses are due in January. The yearly fee is \$50 for businesses within the Town of Nobleford and \$100 for businesses outside of town that operate within Nobleford. A printed license will be issued upon payment, and the business directory on our website will be updated accordingly.

Transfer Station: Winter hours for “the dump” are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. If you have any questions regarding the Transfer Station, please call them at 403-824-3158. If you are unable to contact anyone under that number, please try 403-329-7367, Lethbridge County, by which the Transfer Station is operated by.

Ice Rink: Our Public Works staff are dedicated to flooding and freezing the rink so kids and adults alike can enjoy it. Changing temperatures makes this a bit of a challenge - we appreciate your patience. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on when the rink is closed while freezing is in progress, and when it is open and safe to skate.

Pizza & Pop with a Cop: This event is planned for the New Year, details to follow

Winter Carnival: We are planning a **new** event in Nobleford during Reading Week this February! If turnout is strong, it could become an annual event to help break up the long winter months. More details will be in the February newsletter, on the Town’s website, and on the Town’s Facebook page!

Facebook: The Town of Nobleford is not engaging on Facebook but instead we are encouraging everyone with questions or concerns to reach out directly to the staff via phone, email, or by stopping by, we are happy to help!

We are open Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12 pm – 1 pm).
Phone 403-824-3555, email: clerk@nobleford.ca, finance@nobleford.ca, or cao@nobleford.ca





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January

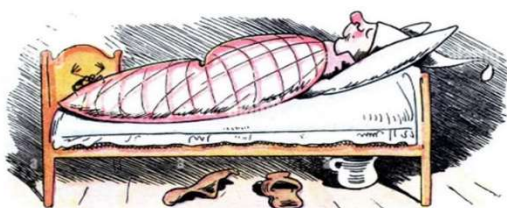
2026

Nobleford Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Utility Bills for November and December are due by January 30				1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3
4	5 Garbage pick-up	6	7 Drop-In coffee at Senior's Centre 9-11 am	8	9 Drop-In Men's Pool Games 1-4pm	10
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Monthly Health Tips - January:

Prioritize Sleep. Aim for 7 to 9 hours of quality sleep per night to support your immune system and mental health.



Want to Share Your Events?

If your group or organization would like to feature upcoming events or meetings in our community calendar, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to the Town Office to get started.

Newsletter Deadlines

To be included in the monthly newsletter, submissions must be received by the 25th of each month.

The newsletter is published on or before the 1st of each month, at least most of the time!

Email: clerk@nobleford.ca, Phone: 403-824-3555

A drop box is available 24/7

The Grinch Stole Christmas?!

Nooo, he only took the pre-Christmas garbage!

To the delight of many Noblefordians big and small, our very own Public Work Staff made his rounds as Grinch on Monday, December 22, 2025.

Thank you for bringing some Christmas Cheer, Cody! 😊





Photo, left to right: Councillor Don McDowell, Councillor Bob Morrow, Deputy Mayor Bill Oudshoorn, Park & Recreation Society's Vice President Kirk Hofman, Mayor Joan Boeder, Councillor Melissa Jensen

Congratulations!

Nobleford Parks and Recreation Society, in Partnership with the Town of Nobleford, has been successful in being awarded a \$7500 grant from the **Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta*** for the History Signs Project to replace worn out, vandalized, and missing signs, and to add some new signs through out Nobleford.

Sign designs and build will be done in early 2026 with installation in spring of 2026.

There will be about 50 hour of volunteer office work needed before signs are complete and 200 hours of volunteer labor needed for installation.

If you can offer some help please leave your contact with the Town office or Parks & Recreation society.

<https://www.facebook.com/NoblefordParksRecreationSociety/>

Merry Christmas, Peace and Good Will to all of you,
Nobleford Parks and Recreation Society, Vice President
Kirk Hofman





The Nobleford Seniors (officially The Nobleford Oldtimers Association) sincerely wants to thank the **Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southern Alberta*** for awarding us a generous \$15,000 grant. This support will enable us to upgrade our washrooms, also making one of them wheelchair-accessible, ensuring all who use our facility have equal access. Pictured here is our group at a recent Wednesday morning coffee gathering, receiving the grant from Community Foundation staff.

All persons 45+ years old in Nobleford and surrounding area are welcome to drop in on a Wednesday morning from 9-11 AM to meet our members. You'll find us a friendly bunch. Also our facility is available for rent at a reasonable rate for family or organizational functions so feel free to come and check it out.



*Introduction:



Who We Are

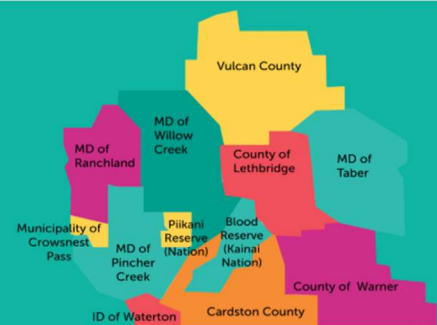
It's right there in our name: community. Thanks to a group of community-minded individuals, the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta has been supporting the community for over five decades. Since 1966, we have built our endowment funds to more than \$44 million, with the intent to support our community forever. Our grants come from these funds and support the charities that are working hard to make our community a great place to live. How do we do this? We help donors connect with causes that are close to their heart. Thanks to their generosity, we have funded over \$20 million in grants throughout our region.

The Community Foundation is a registered Canadian charity and the ninth-oldest of Canada's 202 [community foundations](#). We manage charitable gifts from donors, whose generosity allows us to create permanent, income-earning endowment funds. The income generated by these funds is distributed to the charities our donors wish to support. In doing so, the Community Foundation helps charitable organizations succeed in building the community of Southwestern Alberta.

The Community Foundation serves Southern Alberta from Vulcan County south to the Canada-U.S. border, and from the M.D. of Taber west to the Alberta-B.C. border. To find the community foundation closest to you, [click here](#).

Our Vision: Helping Southwestern Alberta communities thrive through generosity.

Our Mission: To inspire charitable giving and steward funds to help build a vibrant Southwestern Alberta.



Grants:

The Community Foundation offers two open calls for funding annually, one in the spring and one in the fall:

- Community Priorities Fund
- Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life
- Youth In Action Grants Program
- Community Services Recovery Fund
- Emerald Anniversary Grants Program



NOBLEFORD OLDTIMERS ASSOCIATION

We would like to invite you to join us! Our invitation is open to anyone 45 years and older.

We meet every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for coffee, snacks, great conversation, puzzles, games, and a game or 2 of pool.

The men play pool from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. every Friday afternoon.

We have a breakfast once a month and, in the summertime, have Barbeques.

We also take part in the services FCSS provides. Courses such as Fraud Prevention for Seniors, Computer Training, Healthy Living Program, Drumming, just to mention a few.

We have offered exercise programs for seniors, as well as this year we are working with the local school in providing a mentorship program. Our seniors are very connected with the Nobleford community and enjoy volunteering whenever possible.

The Nobleford Senior Center is "Where New and Old Friendships Grow". Consider this your invitation, "Come Check Us Out"!

A YEAR IN REVIEW:

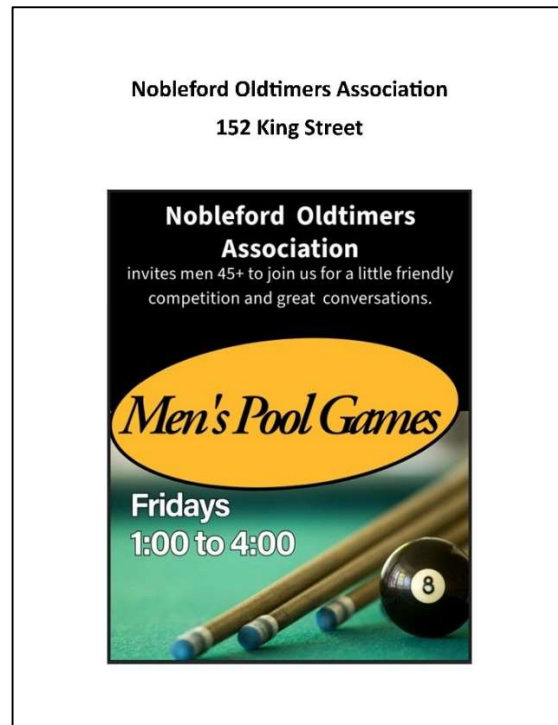
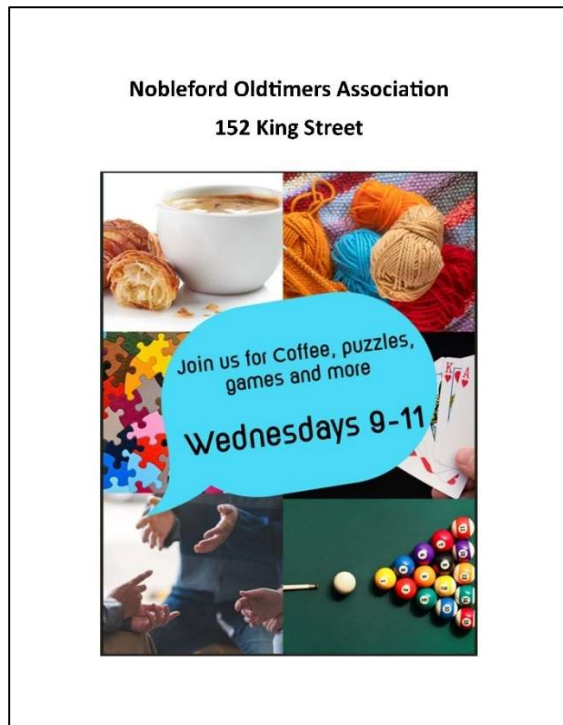
We have had a very busy year with renovating our building.

In April of 2025, we received a grant from the New Horizons Senior Program. With this grant we were able to replace some windows and renovate certain areas of the inside of the building.

Most recently the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta awarded us with the Communities Priorities Grant, for our Accessible Washroom Project.

We are very grateful to have been awarded both grants.

Without these grants, it would be impossible for us to follow thru with these much-needed upgrades to our aging building.



For more information and contact, please visit their website at

<https://noblefordseniors.org/>


A concerned resident reported seeing a group of people, believed to be adults, driving off-road vehicles onto the pond-like bodies of water at the north end of the industrial area.

This is extremely dangerous. These bodies of water are deeper than they appear, and the ice is not safe to support people or vehicles.

For your safety and the safety of others, please use caution at all times when operating off-road vehicles and STAY OFF THE ICE.



Thank you




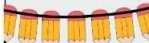

Noble Central BLADES BULLETIN

January 2026 2025-2026



January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Happy New Year! 		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	First Day back after Break 					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	EXAM!		English 30-1,30-2 ELA 7 Math 8 Social 9	Social 10 Math 7 Science 8 ELA 9	Science 7 Social 8 Math 9 Maths 20	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Chem 20 Social 7 ELA 8 Science 9 English 10	No Classes for Jr/Sr High ONLY	Start of second semester 			

Reminders

- Jan 5 - First Day of School back
- Jan 28 - Start of Second Semester

Read More on: [Noble Central Website](#)

Monthly Meal Suggestion:

JANUARY

LETHBRIDGE FARM-TO-TABLE

FLAVOURS FROM SOUTHERN ALBERTA

CHEF DEREK FLOHR'S SMOKY CAMPFIRE STYLE BAKED BEANS

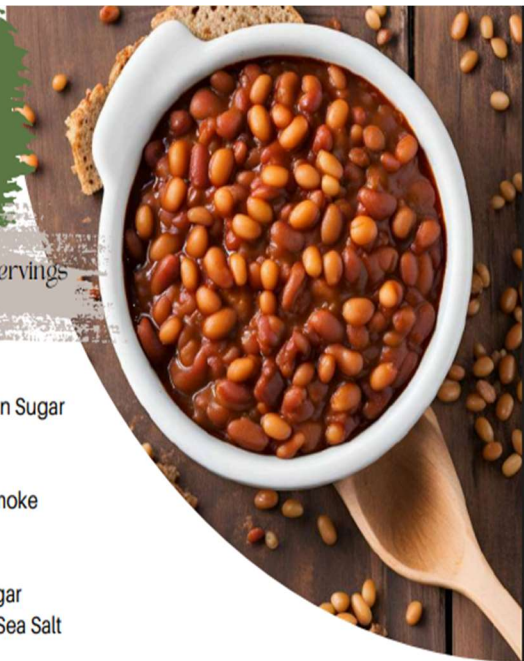
🕒 30 minutes (Prep)
2.5 hours (Cook) 👤 10-12 servings

Ingredients

6 rashers Thick Cut Bacon	50mL Muscovado Brown Sugar
190g Yellow Onion, diced	80mL Fancy Molasses
100g Red Pepper, diced	15mL Garlic, minced
2x540mL cans 6 Bean Medley	15mL Hickory Liquid Smoke
540mL can Pinto Beans	156mL Tomato Paste
540mL can Navy Beans	500mL Chicken Stock
60mL Luco Farms Prairie Sweet n' Hot Mustard	10mL Apple Cider Vinegar
	Coarse Black Pepper & Sea Salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 150°C (300°F).
2. Bacon: Cut the bacon crosswise into 2 cm strips. In a large, preheated sauté pan, crisp the bacon pieces on medium high heat. When crisp, drain the fat from the pan reserving 45 mL of the bacon fat. Remove the bacon pieces from pan and set aside on a plate lined with paper towel. Do not scrape out the sauté pan.
3. Return the sauté pan to the stovetop. Reduce the heat to medium temperature. Return the bacon fat to the pan. Add the onions and red peppers and cook until the onions are soft and translucent
4. While the onions and peppers are cooking, drain and rinse the beans. Set aside for now.
5. When onions and red peppers are ready, add the beans and return the bacon pieces to the pan over medium heat. Mix well.
6. To the bean mixture, add the mustard, brown sugar, molasses, garlic, liquid smoke, tomato paste, chicken stock, apple cider vinegar, black pepper and salt (to taste). Mix until well incorporated. Bring to a boil and then turn off the heat. Transfer to a large casserole dish that has a lid.
7. Making sure the beans are stirred a couple times during the baking, cover the beans with a lid and bake in the 150°C (300°F) oven for 2 hours.



Monthly Activity Suggestion:



Located in Cypress Hills Provincial Park, **Hidden Valley Ski Resort** is a down-hill ski resort operated by Alberta's Ministry of Forestry and Parks.

Their unique topographical environment provides stunning vistas overlooking the prairies toward Medicine Hat.

The nearby Elkwater townsite is home to year-round amenities including a visitor centre, café, hotel and nordic trails.

Hidden Valley Ski Resort is located 20 km southeast of Medicine Hat on Hwy. 1 & 30 km south on Hwy. 41.

They are fortunate to receive significant snowfalls annually; however, they also have an extensive snow making system to ensure visitors are able to hit the slopes.

Hidden Valley Ski Resort is open Wednesday to Sunday with extended hours during vacation times and holidays. Their lifts run from 9am to 4pm.

Safety is their top priority. They reserve the right to close lifts due to extreme weather and temperatures. Should this occur during an operational day, refunds will be issued to day pass holders.

- Season Passes and Lift Tickets: Hidden Valley Ski Resort offers Season Passes and Daily Lift Tickets. Season Passes benefit visitors who plan to visit Hidden Valley at least 11 times this season. Season Passes can be purchased online only. With the Season Pass, there is no additional \$10 daily admission fee; go straight to the lift when you visit. Daily Lift Tickets can be purchased up to two weeks in advance and are available online or day of at the Ticket Window.
- Rental: The Hidden Valley rental shop is there to get you ready for the slopes with premium equipment from Head. They have over 500 skis and snowboards for all sized riders, along with boots, helmets and poles. Their qualified techs can get you properly fitted out for maximum fun and safety.
Looking for some aggressive carving skis or powder skis? They have a small selection available, so come early! Lil' Gliders under the age of 5 ski for free; however, a lift ticket is still required.
- Lessons: Discover the joy of winter sports with lessons from their certified Canadian Association of Snowboard Instructors (CASI) and Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance (CSIA) professionals.

For updates on conditions and closures, follow them on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/@HiddenValleySki/>

Contact: Email: hiddenvalley@gov.ab.ca, Phone: 403-893-3961



Professional Bull Riders - Red Deer Classic:

For the fifth consecutive year, PBR Canada's elite Cup Series will buck into Red Deer, Alberta, launching the 2026 season for the nation's premier series with the PBR Red Deer Classic, at the Marchant Crane Centrium at Westerner Park on January 31st, 2026.

PBR Canada's Cup Series regularly features Canada's best riders alongside some of the organization's top international athletes, squaring off against the ranked bucking bulls from across the nation.

For one night only, fans will witness exhilarating 8-second rides and wrecks throughout the action-packed event as the PBR's courageous bull-riding athletes face off against their 2,000-pound opponents born to buck.

Time - Doors open at 6:00 pm. Event starts at 7:00 pm

Monthly Maintenance Suggestion:



House Maintenance Tips for the year - research-based, not from a professional!

January - Start the year off safe and cozy!

Interior Maintenance

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries as needed
- Inspect windows and doors for drafts; seal with weatherstripping or caulk
- Replace furnace filters every 1–3 months; consider a professional inspection
- Reverse ceiling fans to clockwise to push warm air down
- Use a humidifier to maintain comfort and prevent dry air
- Deep clean carpets, upholstery, and rotate mattresses
- Organize storage and update home inventory

Exterior Maintenance

- Shovel snow and clear ice from walkways and driveways; apply sand or eco-friendly ice melt
- Inspect gutters for ice buildup; ensure proper drainage
- Insulate exposed pipes in unheated areas
- Inspect roof and chimney from the ground for loose shingles or obstructions
- Keep an emergency kit ready for winter outages





Office phone: 403-345-6009
Phone/text/WhatsApp : 403-915-3145
Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com
Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (located in the library)



We can assist **adults** with resumes, job searches and online job applications.



Contact us to book your appointment.

Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have 1-2 hours per week to make a difference in someone's life?

We are looking for **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING TUTORS**

We offer free tutor training and on-going support. No experience necessary, just a willingness to make a difference in the life of someone in your community.



Are you having technical difficulties?

Do you have questions about email, social media, navigating websites or would you like to start with "what's a mouse used for?"

We are here to walk you through your basic tech questions.

Contact us today to book your tech tutor session.

Serving :

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|--------------|---------------|
| Barons | Coaldale |
| Coalhurst | Diamond City |
| Iron Springs | Monarch |
| Nobleford | Picture Butte |
| Shaughnessy | Turin |

FCSS

FCSS is undergoing staffing change. We will add their available programs for Nobleford as soon as they are confirmed - stay tuned!



the Prentice Institute
for Global Population and Economy

2024-2026

Community Member Survey

If you are a resident of one of the 16 municipalities in the study region and 18 years of age or older, you are invited to participate in a research study.

Research Study Title:
Prevention priorities and municipal action in southern Alberta
Principal Investigator: Lars Hallström

In the survey, we ask about community assets, satisfaction with local services, and if there are any service gaps in need of attention.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete.
You can find more information about this study & the survey below:

bit.ly/surveyfcss

WHAT IS THE STUDY'S PURPOSE?

The purpose of this project is to support the 16 municipalities and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in this region to make informed decisions about how they invest in their communities and address challenges related to:

- homelessness and housing insecurity;
- mental health and addictions;
- employment;
- family and sexual violence across the lifespan;
- aging well in the community.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

This is a project for the people who live in the region: **Barnwell, Barons, Coaldale, Coalhurst, County of Warner, Coutts, Lethbridge County, Milk River, M.D. of Taber, Nobleford, Picture Butte, Raymond, Stirling, Taber, Vauxhall, and Warner.**

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Until March 2026, researchers from the Prentice Institute are conducting a community needs assessment study in your region.

Starting in the summer of 2025, we are reaching out to community members (18 years and older) to ask for their perspectives. At the end of the project, we will put together a report that will be shared with each of the local councils in the region and the FCSS team.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Lars Hallström (Director, Prentice Institute) at prentice@uleth.ca or (403) 380-1814 and/or Zakk Morrison (Executive Director, FCSS) at zakk.morrison@fcss.ca or (403) 715-2260.

UofA Ethics ID (Pro00141131), Version Date: Aug 15, 2025

Available lots in 5th Avenue Subdivision – only 2 lots left!



The Town of Nobleford has only 2 fully serviced lots left available in the new 5th Avenue Subdivision!

Lots may be purchased in full or may be reserved with a 30% deposit.

If the 30% deposit option is selected, the balance must be paid within five weeks of the purchase date.

Architectural controls can be found at www.nobleford.ca

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Town of Nobleford's CAO Steven Leusink at 403-824-3555



Lot 26:

Lot Size: 7,549 ft² (20 m x 35 m)

Purchase Price: \$91,000 (30% Deposit: \$27,300)

Lot 4:

Lot Size: 8,077 ft² (20 m x 38.2 m)

Purchase Price: \$97,000 (30% Deposit: \$29,100)

