

City Council Update

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

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Lethbridge

EVENTS

New West Theatre Production

I attended a recent production of *The Birds and the Bees* presented by New West Theatre. The performance underscored the vital role that arts and cultural organizations play within our community. Continued support for local artists and cultural initiatives strengthens community connectedness, enhances social well-being that contributes positively to overall quality of life.

City Council and Leadership Meet and Greet – University of Lethbridge

Attended the Council and Leadership Meet and Greet at the University of Lethbridge. The leadership team, led by President Jagvir Jayas, provided a tour of the UHall building, identifying current infrastructure challenges and outlining priorities for renewal and modernization projects. Discussions centered on the anticipated impact of the proposed projects on the City of Lethbridge. Enhanced campus amenities and facilities are expected to strengthen competitiveness, support increased student enrollment, and contribute to broader economic and community growth.

Fund Raising Concert

I had the opportunity to attend *If Music Be the Food of Love*, a fundraising concert organized to support local food banks. The event showcased the talents of students and community members, in support of an important cause, to address food insecurity. Though this initiative, \$10,000 was raised, a remarkable achievement that reflects the generosity and engagement of the community.

Family Day

I had the opportunity to attend the Family Day Celebration hosted by the University of Lethbridge. The "Play Day" event offered a wide range of recreational and educational activities designed to engage children and families in a welcoming and inclusive environment. The event was well attended and the atmosphere throughout the day was energetic and positive, with children enthusiastically exploring new activities. Families were able to spend meaningful time together, build new relationships, and enhancing quality of life in Lethbridge.

Destination Professional Day

I visited the Visitor Information Centre during Destination Professional Day, where Erin provided an overview of Lethbridge's tourism opportunities. She highlighted that the city's location near several UNESCO World Heritage sites. By strategically promoting Lethbridge as a gateway to

these UNESCO recognized sites, the community can strengthen its profile as a destination, contributing to economic growth through tourism-related initiatives.

Celebration of Lunar New Year -Vietnamese Community

I was truly honored to be invited as a special guest by the Vietnamese community to celebrate the Lunar New Year. The event brought together families and community members in a vibrant display of cultural pride and unity. Continued collaboration with diverse ethnic groups promotes mutual understanding, inclusivity, and cross-cultural appreciation.

Imagine Lethbridge -meeting with Kathy Lewis, Geri Hecker and Berdie-Lee Cochran

I attended an introductory meeting with members of Imagine Lethbridge, a grassroots initiative founded in 2020 and inspired by the principles of Doughnut Economics. During the meeting, Kathy Lewis outlined the organization's vision of making Lethbridge the healthiest place to live in Canada. The conversation provided valuable context for identifying opportunities to strengthen the city's performance across key livability indicators, including quality of life and economic vitality.

Ag Expo

It was a great experience to be given a tour to the Ag Expo at Excite Lethbridge. The event showcased state-of-the-art farming technologies presented by exhibitors from across Canada and various international vendors. Exhibitors demonstrated cutting-edge machinery, digital solutions, and agri-tech systems designed to improve efficiency, productivity, and environmental stewardship. Events of this scale play a critical role in reinforcing the region's strong agricultural identity and contributes significantly to the local economy.

Board Meeting Green Acres Foundation

Public Professor Talk

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 1. AB Municipalities Presentation on AB Budget | February 27, 2026 |
| 2. Black History Month Showcase 2026 | February 28, 2026 |
| 3. Post Budget Consultation with the finance minister | March 2, 2026 |
| 4. Open House for Neighbourhood Chef | March 4, 2026 |
| 5. Provincial Budget debrief with MLA Neudorf | March 5,2026 |
| 6. International Women's Day Celebration | |
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| b. Int'l Women's Day Breakfast | March 9, 2026 |
| c. Int'l Women's Day Conference UofL | Marh 11, 2026 |
| 7. Meetings with community groups (FCALA, SAEA, etc) | |