



**DECEMBER**  
**2025**

 *Happy  
Holidays*  


**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the  
Staff of the Village of Kitscoty. We hope you all  
have a wonderful Christmas break.**

# VILLAGE COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

- December 1, 2025
- December 15, 2025

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE VILLAGE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5015 - 50 STREET  
STARTING AT 7:00PM.  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO  
ATTEND.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's been a busy few weeks for Council since the election. We've been taking part in post-election training, which is always a good refresher on Council's responsibilities and the important role of our CAO.

At our November 3 Organizational Meeting, I was once again voted in as Mayor. I'm grateful for the confidence of my fellow councillors. Kevin Miciak was selected as Deputy Mayor, and I know he'll serve the community well.

We also met Cpl. Schmidt, the acting commander of our local RCMP detachment. He's been making an effort to visit local coffee spots and meet residents. If he hasn't been to your group yet, consider calling the detachment to extend an invitation. If he's able to get away, I'm sure he'd be happy to join you.

I was honored to attend both the High School and Legion Remembrance Day services. The school highlighted Canada's military history and introduced many of us to the Canadian Rangers, a unit that patrols our northern coasts. The Legion's service recognized the service and in some cases the ultimate sacrifice, made by so many. We heard from two excellent speakers: one shared a personal account of resistance fighters in England during WWII, and the other described her visit to Canadian battle sites overseas. Their stories added a moving layer of reflection to an already meaningful day. Both services were thought-provoking and left one truly grateful for the peace that we as Canadians enjoy today.

If you should have a concern or wish to discuss an issue please don't hesitate to reach out.

Until next month,

Joy Bell

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Denis Roth – 25 Years (and happy retirement to Denis)

## Congratulations on our elected council

**Daryl Frank**

**Geoffrey Barr**

**Heather Perryman**

**Joyce Bell**

**Kevin Miciak**



Daryl Frank 25 years



Joyce Bell – 10 years

**Thank you to all for your service  
to the community of Kitscoty!**

# Kitscoty Public Library

## Snowmany Things to do at the Library in December!

**Story Time** - Tuesday December 2nd at 6:30pm

**Story Explorers**- Thursday December 4th and 19th at 10am

**Festive Wood Sign Class** - Tuesday December 9th at 6pm

**Paint Night** - Wednesday December 17th at 7pm

**Book Club** - We are currently reading: ***The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*** by Victoria Schwab and will be holding our discussion evening on January 28th at 6:30pm

**Ongoing Programs** - Books for Newborns, Take & Make Kits and more. Check out our website for details about these programs and watch for other events including paint night and sign making!

**Christmas Holidays** - Please note that the Library will be closed for the Christmas Break from December 20-January 4th.

### Library Hours

Monday & Friday 1pm –4pm

Tues, Wed & Thurs 1pm-7pm

Website: [www.kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca](http://www.kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca)

Facebook: Kitscoty Public Library

Email: [librarian@kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca](mailto:librarian@kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca)



# PANCAKES & CHEER

AT THE KITSCOTY FIRE HALL!



WHEN:  
DECEMBER 6  
9 AM – 11 AM

WHERE:  
KITSCOTY FIRE HALL

SPECIAL GUEST: SANTA CLAUS! 🌲

BRING A DONATION: HELP US SUPPORT OUR  
LOCAL FOOD DRIVE



## 2025 December

### FREE Indoor Playground

Tuesdays: 9:30 to 11:30 am  
1:00 to 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays: 1:00 to 3:00 pm  
5:00 to 7:00 pm  
Thursdays: 1:00 to 3:00 pm  
Fridays: 9:30 to 11:30 am

Saturdays: December 6, 13 & 20  
9:30 am to 1:30 pm

December 24: 9:30 to 11:30 am

We are sponsoring the **FUN ZONE**  
@ Servus Sports Centre on  
Dec. 29 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm!



**CLOSED**  
Dec. 25 until  
re-opening  
Jan. 2

The Indoor Playground is an **INCLUSIVE PLAY SPACE**. Children & parents with disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, are welcome. Call or visit to discuss accommodations that may be needed.

**INDIGENOUS**  
**Literacy & Parenting Skills**

Join us to connect with Indigenous culture, ways to support children's literacy, and parenting strategies. Past attendees enjoyed the Cree word of the day, the legends and the opportunity to connect with other parents & caregivers. Come to any or all of the sessions!

Wednesdays  
9:45 to 11:45 am  
September 17 & 24  
October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
November 5, 19 & 26  
December 3 & 10

ALL parents welcome. Registration required.

Indigenous & Metis Facilitators

Transportation available. Limited child minding spots. Snacks provided.



### Mothers First

Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 am  
December 4, 11 & 18

A weekly group for mothers of infants to connect with one another while learning about and practicing self-care.

Location: Midwest Family Connections  
Childcare and transportation is available.  
Registration is required.



Suite 103, 4910 - 50th Street  
Lloydminster SK S9V 0Y5  
306-825-5911 or toll-free: 1-866-651-5911  
info@midwestfamilyconnections.ca





# KHS BAND WINTER CONCERT

DEC 9TH | AT 7PM

Admission by Donation

RAFFLE DRAW & BAKE SALE



**Farmstead**  
MARKET & MORE

## Christmas Hours

Monday 10-6  
Tuesday 10-6  
Wednesday 10-6  
Thursday 10-6  
Friday 10-6  
Saturday 11-5  
Sunday 12-4

FUNDED BY COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER FCCS

**BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS**  
EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM 2025-2026

**FREE DROP IN**

**Kitscoty**  
COMMUNITY HALL

**10AM-NOON**

**AGES 0-5 YEARS**

SEPT. 8 + 22	FEB 9 + 23
OCT. 6 + 20	MAR. 9 + 23
NOV. 3 + 24	APR. 3 + 27
DEC. 8	MAY 11 + 25
JAN. 12 + 26	JUNE 8 + 22

JOIN US FOR GAMES, MUSIC, CRAFTS & MORE! SNACK PROVIDED. COFFEE, SOCIALIZING & GUEST SPEAKERS FOR PARENTS.

OUTREACHBRIGHTERBEGINNINGS@GMAIL.COM  
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:  
BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS, VERMILION AND AREA



## **Kitscoty Community Track Rehabilitation & Enhancement Project**

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### **Diamond Partners (\$5000+)**

Buffalo Trail Public Schools  
County of Vermilion River  
Top Grade Construction  
Mitchco Environmental Corporation  
Kitscoty Educational Enrichment Society  
Elk Valley Ranches  
Farmstead Market & More – McLean &  
McLean Ranching Ltd.  
Village of Kitscoty

### **Platinum Partners (\$2500-4999)**

Park Plains East Teachers  
Les & Marilyn Mitchell  
Mitchell Farms  
Richardson Denture Clinic

### **Gold Partners (\$1000-2499)**

Versorium Energy Ltd.  
Akerman Family  
J&A Petruk Family Farm Ltd  
Lloydminster Animal Hospital  
Ram River Environmental Consultants  
Wade & Elesha Pinder  
KHS Class of 2025  
Deb & Daryl Venance

### **Silver Partners (\$500-999)**


Brant & Janet Paul  
Kent & Leah Paul  
Mr. Chill Ice – Lavigne family

### **Bronze Partners (\$250-499)**

Larry & Kathy Paul  
Wayne & Carolyn Lewin


### **Friends of the Track (< \$250)**

Koehl Family  
Murray & Ramona Evans  
Troy & Krista Willcock  
Larry & Marj Lee



**DIAMOND  
PARTNER**

**Village of Kitscoty**



**\$5000 +**

***Kitscoty Community Track***  
Rehabilitation & Enhancement  
Project 2025

# Kitscoty Legion



Thank you to everyone  
who came out for the  
Remembrance Day Service.

## Kitscoty & District Community Centre

Your Community Centre will be holding a New Years Eve celebration  
get-together on December 31st, specially for those **seniors** who  
prefer not to wait up until the stroke of twelve midnight.

We will have a POT LUCK meal at 5:30, to be followed until 9:00 p.m.  
with a social time and card or board games. Please bring your  
favorite dish, dessert or snacks and game for us to share.

For any further information please contact John Scott at 780-846-2832





Kitscoty Community Meals  
Connecting People with Food & Community



### Help refresh Food Exchange options for Christmas

Items requested include:

Peanut Butter  
Canned or Dried Fruit (no added sugar)  
Canned Meat (e.g., chicken, fish or ham)  
Canned Corn (or another canned veg your family enjoys)  
Cooking Oil  
Instant Potatoes  
Multigrain Cereal  
Granola Bars  
Pasta Sauce  
Crackers  
Cake or cookie mixes  
Baby Food  
Seasoning Mixes (i.e., Italian seasoning, chili seasoning)

### Drop off at the Kitscoty Post Office by December 18.

To donate perishable items (e.g., hamburger and fresh or frozen fruit and vegetables), please contact Julie @ 780-808-1217



Kitscoty Community Meals

Connecting People with Food & Community



### December Meal

(December 19, 4:30 – 6:30)

*Get your picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus  
Lasagna with a baguette, oranges, and a Christmas treat*

*Goody bags for children*

*Pay what you can*

*Food Exchange available*

To contact Julie December 8-13 at 780-808-1217

### Christmas Breakfast Kit

*Struggling with groceries this Christmas? Let us help with ingredients for a special Christmas breakfast.*

Preorder by December 8-13 (780-808-1217)

Pick up at Kitscoty Community Hall December 19, 4:30 – 6:30 pm



### Sponsor a Christmas Breakfast Kit

To purchase breakfast for a family of 4, contact Julie or e-transfer \$45.00 to [KitscotyCommunityMeals@gmail.com](mailto:KitscotyCommunityMeals@gmail.com) & type "Christmas Breakfast" in notes. Receipts issued on request.

### Food Donations

Drop off for Food Exchange is at the Kitscoty post office now until December 18<sup>th</sup>



- This service is for families who live or work in the Kitscoty area.
- Delivery is available if needed.
- To volunteer, make a suggestion, receive updates, donate, or place an order contact Julie (780-808-1217)

# Collaborative Economic Development Project Launching in January



The County of Vermilion River and our partner Villages will begin a regional collaborative economic development project this January. Local businesses will have opportunities to participate in upcoming engagement sessions and provide input that will help shape future economic growth across our communities. Watch for more details in the new year.



For more information or questions about the project, please contact:  
Wendy Wagner, Economic Development Officer, County of Vermilion River  
[economicdevelopment@county24.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@county24.com) | 780-846-0158

# Community United Church

At this time, remember that the story of Jesus' birth is not completely a beautiful one. The birth of Jesus was not easy. The Wise men followed the sacred prophecies across the seasons shifting night skies, trusting their ancestors' dreams for a new era. Was it imagination or hope that led them to the belief that the fulfillment of the stars would be a child's birth to a peasant family in an enemy culture? But in the midst of all the difficulties, the beautiful, amazing and immense love of God was made tangible in a tiny little baby. Remind yourself, and the world, of the message the angels proclaimed: Do not be afraid! Good news! Great joy! The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas.

We would love you to join our Sunday services at 9:30 am live in our church and available on zoom for those who can't make it to church. There is a special activity we are doing again this year during Advent called the "Jesse Tree". During our regular morning worship, Dec 7, 14 and 21, we will be noting with specially made symbols, some of the long history of Jesus' family down through the centuries, from the creation story at the beginning of the Bible, through to the birth of Jesus. Along the way we will remember faithful people who showed the way. Then on December 24th at 7:00 pm we will finish that journey of remembering with the celebration of Jesus' coming in Bethlehem. We'll be singing Christmas carols together and holding our lit candles as we sing "Silent Night." Everyone is welcome on that special day and every Sunday.

We are now selling Safeway/Sobeys, and Co-op grocery cards to be delivered before Christmas, as our next fundraiser. They make excellent gifts! Orders must be in by December 7. Contact any church member or Lynda at 780-846-2243 to purchase cards.

There will be no service on Dec. 28.

## Our Prayer for You

Bless us Lord this Christmas with  
Peace that passes all understanding,  
Joy that is beyond material possessions,  
Love that knows no boundaries, and  
Strength that emanates from faith in you

Email: [kitscotychurch@gmail.com](mailto:kitscotychurch@gmail.com)

Phone: 780-846-2538

## IDEAS TO SUPPORT GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

For many grieving, the holiday season can add to the already difficult journey. The article seeks to provide a few practical ideas to support you in your journey.

1. Take time to reflect on the traditions you created with your loved one. Ponder which traditions you would like to continue and what traditions you may want to put a pause on for this year.
2. Think about the location of your holiday events. If you have historically hosted gatherings for family and friends, consider if this is something you have the capacity to do this year. Know that it is okay to reduce your workload and ask others to take over hosting.
3. Hold onto memories of your loved one by creating a way to remember them throughout the season. You could find a special candle to light for them or purchase a special stocking that can be hung in their memory.
4. If music is an important part of your holiday season, think about the type of music that you may want to fill your home with during this time. If your loved one enjoyed certain songs, you may find it comforting to spend time listening to these.
5. Skip or minimize gifts. Material things may seem less important to you as you grieve the loss of your loved one. Connect with your family and friends about what your preference is for gift giving this year.
6. Make a donation in your loved one's memory. This action might be a new tradition you can begin to keep your loved one in mind each holiday season.
7. Ponder how much energy you have to put towards holiday activities such as decorating. If you do not feel up to decorating the way you have in the past, do not feel guilty about skipping this activity.
8. Allow space for your emotions. If you have a tendency of hiding your emotions, make sure you allow yourself time to process whatever is coming up for you throughout the holidays. This might be through confiding in a close friend or perhaps spending some time journaling.
9. If you typically find the holidays to be joyful, do not feel guilty if these feelings continue for you. Grief comes with mixed emotions, so you may experience both sadness and joy.
10. Accept help from others. If you have family and friends who are offering to help you out throughout this season, accept the help to lessen the load you may be navigating alone.
11. Attend a grief group. Spending time with others navigating their own losses can remind you that you are not alone in your journey.
12. Consider seeking out the support of a counsellor. Having a space to speak one on one with someone could be beneficial to your grieving process during the holiday season.

No matter how you choose to spend your holiday season, know that you will be doing your best and that this will be enough.

Submitted by: Walking Through Grief Society

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# Public Works

## SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING FOR ROADWAYS

As we prepare for the upcoming winter weather please be reminded that the Village of Kitscoty provides snow removal and ice control on municipal streets according to determined priorities. These priorities are set out in Policy PW 001 and are illustrated below.

**Priority #1**— village entrances and exits, Emergency routes, main School bus routes, Water Reservoir and Lift Station access;

**Priority #2**— Any streets not identified as Priority #1;

**Priority #3**— Lane ways and back alleys

**REMINDER TO OUR RESIDENTS:** In accordance with Community Standards Bylaw No. 10-2017 a person shall remove snow and ice from any sidewalk adjacent to Property they Own or Occupy within 48 hours after the snow or ice has been deposited. **A Person shall not deposit snow or ice upon any Road, Public Place or Property that is not their own.**

### **ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:**

- Please refrain from crossing extension cords across sidewalks
- All curb ramps must be removed
- Please do not shovel onto village owned properties ( ie: alleys and roads). The only exception of this is the Commercial areas.
- Please be mindful of Public Works when they are removing snow. Stay back 15 ft from the equipment and do not pass while equipment is in operation.

# Public Works

## VILLAGE CONTACTS

WATER & SEWER EMERGENCIES: 780-808-0517 OR 780-205-3745  
 Phone: 780-846-2221 Box 128, 5011 - 50 St Email: info@vokitscoty.ca

Jason Olson, Chief Administrative Officer cao@vokitscoty.ca

Simon Bergquist, Public Works Operator pwsuper@vokitscoty.ca

Joyce Bell, Mayor joyce@vokitscoty.ca

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Lunch Hours 12:00pm –1:00pm

**The Village Office will be closed**

**December 24 at noon,**

**and will reopen on January 5 at 8:30 am**

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

<b>WASTE TRANSFER STATION</b>	<b>WINTER HOURS: November 1– April 30</b> Wednesday 2-5 Saturday 10-4
<b>RECYCLING</b>	Co- mingle recycling bins are located at the WTS for all your recycling activities (except plastic)
<b>INCLEMENT WEATHER</b>	<b>In the event of inclement weather</b> call the Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Office at 780-853-1070 to get updates on transfer station sites. Automated recording will inform you of any changes

Holiday Curbside pickup days;

December 26<sup>th</sup> & January 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Kitscoty Transfer Station hours; December 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 10-2

December 27<sup>th</sup> 10-4