



• Hello •
January

“This is your year. Your time. Your season. Embrace it.”

-Anna Davies

VILLAGE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- January 19, 2026

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

If January had a motto, it might be “back to reality.” The festive decorations are packed away, the treats are mostly gone, and winter has settled in for the long haul.

Council is officially back at it. In 2026, Council will continue meeting with local non-profit and volunteer organizations that provide valuable services to our community. If you lead a volunteer-based organization operating within Kitscoty, we would really like the opportunity to visit with you. Please contact the Village Office and ask CAO Jason to help arrange a time for you to join a Council meeting, electronic meetings are also an option.

Unfortunately, we can't control the weather, as much as we'd love to, and this year certainly delivered a very white holiday season. A big thank you to our Public Works crew who brave the cold, snow, and early mornings to keep our streets passable. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated.

On behalf of Council, I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Stay warm, drive safely, and as always, feel free to reach out if you have questions, ideas, or even a good suggestion for surviving winter.

Until next month,

Joy Bell

PET LICENSES

It's that time of the year to renew your pet license.

Dog: \$15.00 Cat: \$10.00

After February 28, 2025 you will pay Full Rate

For more information, please drop by or call the
Village office.

“Celebrating our Staff Members

Congratulations to our Public Works staff member Simon Bergquist on completing the Alberta Environment Water Operator Level 1 Course in December 2025 with a successful exam challenge. Simon is now recognized as a Level 1 Water Operator for the Village of Kitscoty in addition to his Public Works duties. Simon was also promoted to the position of Lead Hand for the Public Works Department as of January 2, 2026. The Village of Kitscoty appreciates his dedication to the Public Works Department and commitment to lifelong learning in completing his Level 1 Water Operator certification.

On behalf of the Village of Kitscoty Council and Administration, Congratulations Simon!"

Kitscoty Public Library

New Year, New Reads at the Library!

Story Explorers- Friday January 9 & 23 at 10am

Book Club - We are meeting January 28th at 6:30pm to discuss: *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by Victoria Schwab. Our next read will be *The Let Them Theory* by Mel Robbins

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!

Upcoming Programs - Join us in February for a variety of Speaking and Communications sessions covering topics such as: interview preparation and effective communications with your team.

Library Hours

Monday & Friday 1pm –4pm

Tues, Wed & Thurs 1pm-7pm

Website: www.kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca

Facebook: Kitscoty Public Library

Email: librarian@kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca



KITSCOTY DAYS

The Ag Society and Kitscoty Days is gauging interest and looking for feedback on the future of Kitscoty Days Events. If you want to give your input and want to see the weekend (or however you see it) continue on, please reach out to Candice McLean 780-872-0868

FREE indoor playground JANUARY

Tuesdays: 9 am to 7 pm

Wednesdays: 1 to 3 pm
5 to 7 pm

Thursdays: 1 to 3 pm

Fridays: 9:30 to 11:30 am

Saturdays
January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
9:30 am to 1:30 pm

SUPER SATURDAY
Meet our Home Visitation Team January 17!
Fun activities in the Education Room & take home Connecting Play activities.

Extended Play Day

The playground is an inclusive play space. We welcome children and parents with disabilities including those with intellectual disabilities.



103, 4910-50th Street, Lloydminster, SK
P: 306-825-5911 or 1-866-651-5911
E: info@midwestfamilyconnections.ca



WELCOME TO KITSCOTY'S CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRACK!!!

Enjoy multiple trail systems totalling over 2.5km of dual groomed track!!

Open for public use, operated and maintained by volunteers and donated equipment!!

Staging and starting points are marked and cleared for your convenience.

Trail fees are a "by donation" basis, and all proceeds will be utilized to further enhance the system and provide other future winter activities for our community!!

Should you choose to donate, please e-transfer to: ski-kitscoty@outlook.com

**Enjoy!!
Kitscoty Golf Club**



We would like to let the community know about our Free-To-Use Cross country ski track that will be implemented once the snow accumulation has allowed the groomer to get out and build trails. We have a sign being made up to describe the track, its purpose and what people can do should they choose to support the future of the Cross-Country Ski program in Kitscoty .



SaskAlta Waterfowl Outfitters has been in our area, partnering with local landowners throughout the Highway 16 corridor.

They are now giving back to our Community Kitscoty Arena. Just a small thank you of support for sharing your land with us.

Kitscoty Legion

As the year 2025 comes to a close, Kitscoty Legion would like to sincerely express a big thank you for all your support in the past. An announcement from Command :

Free Membership: New members in 2026 join at no cost.

You do not need a veteran relative to join. Everyone is welcome. You can join online at Legion.ca.

Please call any members or reach out on Facebook for any new announcements or questions.

Thank you.

Collaborative Economic Development Project Launching in January

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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 | 780-846-0158

FIGHTING OFF WINTER BLUES AMIDST GRIEF

The winter season can be difficult for many people navigating cold weather, poor travel conditions, and feelings of cabin fever. This is why the concept of “winter blues” is often discussed and understood by anyone getting through the season. Winter blues is associated with a mild form of seasonal affective disorder (SAD). It can also be described as a general feeling of low energy and mood experienced during the winter months. Decreased sunlight and changes in routine often fuel the winter blues, which can often feel even more challenging during times of grief and loss. Finding ways to fight off the winter blues can help with the journey of grief throughout the winter season.

Sometimes the cold weather combined with poor travel can lead to cancelled plans. Disappointment, frustration, relief – all these feelings may be common reactions to cancelled plans. Allowing yourself to brainstorm alternatives to fill the time can help you to make the most of cancelled plans. If you were visiting family or friends, perhaps you can schedule a video call with them instead. Or, if you were supposed to attend a special event, find ways to bring your special event into your home. Embracing alternatives can help reduce feelings of isolation, which may already be present if you are navigating loss.

To break up the remaining winter months, it can also be helpful to find something new to do. If you feel comfortable leaving the house, you might consider looking into an exercise class or perhaps an arts and crafts activity. If you prefer to stay at home, you can look into new hobbies that allow you to rest on your couch – for example, crocheting or colouring. Adding hobbies into your winter routine can pull you away from difficult grief moments and allow you to find ways to rest and relax.

You can also take on the winter blues head on by challenging yourself to do small tasks around your home. Think about what you feel up for and create a list (small or big) of tasks you’d like to complete throughout the winter months. This might include organizing a drawer, going through a closet, or rearranging a room in your home. These tasks can help to busy your mind while also helping yourself to get a few things done that maybe you have been putting off for a while.

When faced with long cold stretches outside, try to take advantage of any amount of sunlight that may be outside by opening your blinds to let the light in. The grieving journey can lead to significant feelings of darkness – letting physical light in can lessen the weight that comes from this darkness.

If your experiences with the winter blues seem extra challenging this year, consider reaching out to a trusted professional for support through therapy or join a grief support group. You are not alone on this journey, and surrounding yourself with a listening ear might be a key tool to helping you fight off the winter blues.

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: 780-205-3745

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 Lead pwsuper@vokitscoty.ca

Kelley Wright, Public Works Operator

Joyce Bell, Mayor joyce@vokitscoty.ca

Office Hours

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

Lunch Hours 12:00pm –1:00pm

WASTE MANAGEMENT

WASTE TRANSFER STATION	WINTER HOURS: November 1– April 30 Wednesday 2-5 Saturday 10-4
RECYCLING	Co- mingle recycling bins are located at the WTS for all your recycling activities (except plastic)
INCLEMENT WEATHER	In the event of inclement weather 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