

APRIL 2026



The Village of Kitscoty staff want to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Our office will be closed April 3 & 6, and will reopen at 8:30am April 7.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- April 7, 2026
- April 20, 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.

DEPUTY MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Village Council and Administration have worked hard over the past several years to avoid increases to municipal property taxes. However, rising costs for essential services, equipment maintenance, wages, and consumables have now reached a point where a tax increase is required.

In 2026, residents will see an increase in the education portion of their property taxes, as determined by the provincial government. In addition, the municipal portion of property taxes will increase by 5% this year. This adjustment is primarily driven by:

- Increased provincial requisition for police services
- Higher operating costs for village services and daily operations
- Village portion of capital projects

The Village has developed a multi-year capital plan that includes several critical projects scheduled for 2026. These projects are funded 20% by the Village and 80% by the Province of Alberta, including:

- Critical infrastructure work on the water treatment plant
- Annual sidewalk replacement program
- Pavement overlay on 52 Avenue

Council and Administration understand the financial pressures many residents are facing in today's economic environment. We remain committed to using tax dollars as efficiently as possible while continuing to provide the essential services our community relies on.

Council also continues to meet with non-profit groups within the Village. These meetings provide an opportunity to hear about the challenges they are facing and to explore ways that Administration and Council may be able to offer support. Most recently, we met with the Cabin 4 for Kids organization, as their services play an important role for parents and children in the region.

Sincerely,
Deputy Mayor
Kevin Miciak

Try our new online order form to book your tickets

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12Frva3dRCkuv9igNZNDYXCJABKB4dsOgDzCz8A7rAJ4/edit>

**TAMING THE
WILD WILD
WEST
IN A DRESS**
BY BILLY ST JOHN - PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE

*Kitscoty Theatre
20th Anniversary*

APRIL 17, 18 & 19

Friday- Doors Open at 5:00-Dinner 6:30-Show to Follow
Saturday -Doors Open at 5:00-Dinner 6:30-Show to Follow
Sunday- Doors Open at 12:00-Dinner at 1:00-Show to Follow

\$60 Includes Full Meal at all Performances
Ticket Sales Begin March 19- Corporate Tables Available Now

Contact Julie 780-808-1217 or kitscotyhall@gmail.com

DRESS IN WILD WEST SALOON STYLE
Join us for a Holdown!!!

Kitscoty
GOLF CLUB

AGM

APRIL 15, 2026

**7:00 PM @ KITSCOTY
COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTRE**

All in attendance
can enter to win a
free membership

Kitscotygoldclub@live.com

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

Kitsecoty Legion

Kitsecoty Legion offers a \$500 scholarship to a Kitsecoty graduating student. This is for anyone going for trades - hairdressing, welding, electrician etc.

Please contact Therese at 780-846-2854 or any Legion member

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Bingo.

Our functions are posted on our Facebook.

KITSCOTY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Your Community Centre is up and running for this winter-spring season and we would love to have you join us, to enjoy one of our activities, while having fun and social interaction. The **morning** activities are Cribbage on Thursdays at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, and Pool for beginners, the same times on Wednesdays. Licensed Foot Care is available on Tuesdays and Chair Yoga on Friday mornings. In the **afternoons** we have Pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and Floor Curling from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. on Mondays & Thursdays. The Centre is always available for family gatherings, with outdoor space for those warm days, complete with seating for 40, a full kitchen, washrooms, BBQ and coming soon. outdoor games. Indoors there is seating for 50-60, a full kitchen, with a dishwasher. There is a baby change station in the washroom. The **evenings** are wide open for other group activities, should there be interest. Just let me know what activity you would enjoy at the Centre and we will do our best to set it up. For further information you can contact me at **780-846-2832** or to johnandshirleyscott@xplornet.ca Love to hear from you.

John Scott

SCREEN TEST

Mobile Mammography Screening is coming to:

Kitscoty

May 8 & 9, 2026
Kitscoty Community Hall



Photo courtesy of Katelyn Bellecose

Call toll free to book an appointment:
1-800-667-0604

To learn more visit: screeningforlife.ca/breast

If you're 45 to 74 years of age, have a mammogram every 2 years or as decided by you and your healthcare provider. No referral needed.

 Primary Care Alberta 

Post until: May 2, 2026

CAMP WHITNEY COMES TO TOWN

A TWO-DAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 7 TO 10

**CHILDREN WILL ENJOY GAMES, SONGS, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
SIMILAR TO CAMP WHITNEY'S SUMMER PROGRAM**

TEN SPOTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

WHEN: APRIL 8 FOR AGES 9 & 10

APRIL 9 FOR AGES 7 & 8

WHERE: KITSCOTY COMMUNITY CHURCH BASEMENT

TIME: 9AM TO 4PM

TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL 780 870-6795 BY APRIL 6



**CAMP DAY AT KITSCOTY COMMUNITY CHURCH
APRIL 26, FEATURING A PRESENTATION ON CAMP
WHITNEY**

TIME 10:30 AM WITH LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Kitscoty Community Track Area Rehabilitation & Enhancement Project

The Kitscoty Community Track changes are continuing! The updates completed to this point have included the long / triple jump pit and a paved runway as well as a new shot-put throwing circle and sector. The past summer, the track was re-shaped and graded with drainage issues addressed and 100 m running lanes have been established.

Community donations continue to be received in support of this project – THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED!! In January we received notice of our successful grant application through the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) Small. Our project received approximately \$30 000 from the provincial government. This grant has allowed the project to reach its FULL FUNDING GOAL!! Huge thanks to the Government of Alberta, specifically the Department of Arts, Culture and Status of Women and the Honourable Tanya Fir who supported our application as well as Buffalo Trail School Division who put forth the application.



After a meeting with the project committee and school staff, next on the agenda for the project will be grass in the infield and surrounding areas of the track. A garage for track and field equipment will be built plus additional equipment (starting blocks, hurdles, timing system, etc.) will be purchased. The establishment of a discus throwing area including throwing circle and surrounding safety fence will follow. This work will be completed in the spring / summer of 2026.

As the next steps of the project come to fruition, once again we wanted to express our appreciation.

**THANK
YOU**

to ALL project partners.

You have made a huge difference in our community!!

Kitscoty Community Track Rehabilitation & Enhancement Project

Diamond Partners (\$5000+)

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

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
Bar Engineering
Hiltz Land & Livestock Ltd

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
Nancy Fleming
Tim & Kathryn Cole
Stillness & Strides Vacation Retreat & Event Venue



**DIAMOND
PARTNER**

**Government
of Alberta**



\$5000 +
Kitscoty Community Track
Rehabilitation & Enhancement
Project 2025

SPRING R.A.I.N. AND GRIEF

April often brings the fresh scent of spring rain mixed in with glimmers of sunshine. Sometimes, this mixed weather aligns with mixed feelings we have while on our grief journey. We may experience deep sadness in our processing while also allowing ourselves to embrace feelings of hope that may coincide with the spring season. Engaging with lessons of springtime, such as reflecting on cycles of life and opportunities for growth, can provide important ways for us to continue to live with grief while also embracing the changing season.

If the idea of embracing the new season and accepting the storm of grief feels overwhelming, spending time developing a mindfulness practice may act as one hopeful way to tackle the overwhelm. In the spirit of spring rain, American psychologist and writer, Tara Brach, has a resource on the website mindful.org, that may be fitting. She has written about an acronym R.A.I.N., which stands for Recognize what is going on; Allow the experience to be there, just as it is, Investigate with kindness; and Nurture. Below are ways to think about this tool in relation to grief.

R = Recognize what is going on: This step of R.A.I.N. encourages us to be consciously aware of the feelings that are impacting us. Try asking yourself the question “what am I feeling in this very moment?” For some people, labelling feelings can come easily while others find this more difficult. To help with this step, you may find it beneficial to use a feelings word list to help you zone in on specific feelings.

A = Allow the experience to be there, just as it is: Now that you have identified specific feelings, the next step allows us to ride out the feeling just as it is. Rather than trying to distract ourselves or ignore the feelings, we let the feelings happen. In grief, we often experience moments of sadness, guilt, joy, etc. Some feelings may be easier to sit with than others. By allowing ourselves to ride out whatever feeling we have in the moment, we are giving ourselves the true space we need to grieve.

I = Investigate with kindness: As we sit with feelings, this step asks us to investigate where we notice the physical sensations in our body. Do we experience lightness or heaviness? Do we feel tension or release? Do we have a lump in our throat or do we feel calm? When we investigate with kindness, we try to be gentle with ourselves with whatever we find.

N = Nurture: This last step asks us to nurture ourselves with compassion. It acts us to think about what we might need in that moment. It honors the fact that we have slowed down our overwhelm to acknowledge what is really going on for us. We might take this opportunity to reflect on whether we need to take additional time for ourselves, connect with a friend, or spend some time in nature.

It is hoped that going through the R.A.I.N. acronym might help us to take pause and notice aspects of the grief journey that we may not otherwise.

Submitted by: Walking Through Grief Society

Funded by FCSS; City of Lloydminster, Towns of Vermilion and Wainwright, Village of Kitscoty. and County of Vermilion River.



**KITSCOTY COMMUNITY
CABIN 4 KIDS
SOCIETY**

WE HAVE SPACE NOW AVAILABLE

Book your spot today!

Address
5016 51st Street Kitscoty

Registration Link
www.cabin4Kids.org

Contact Us
780-846-2228
director@cabin4Kids.org

Activities
Child Lead Play
Outdoor Adventures
STEM Activities

 We have full time spaces available
for ages 19 mo to age 3.5
starting March 2026
**Fully Licensed, not for profit daycare
participating in the Affordability Grant
program.**



As the Kitscoty Community Cabin 4 Kids Board of Directors begins planning for summer programming and out of school care for Fall 2026, we invite any families/parents within our community to complete the following survey if you may be interested in either program. These programs are for children in Grades 1 - 6. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will provide valuable information for our program planning.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1rmE6JlwJ145cdPIQ5MlgpL0fOol9lo2CJglZVKX9t-zCxg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Lea Park Rodeo

Where the North Saskatchewan River & The "Old Vermilion" Meet!

June 5, 6 & 7, 2026

**14TH ANNUAL SCORPION OILFIELD
MARWAYNE PBR**

PRESENTED BY: **TAR-ROW CONSTRUCTION**

**FRIDAY
APRIL 10**

Marwayne Arena
6:30 Wild Pony Races
7:00 PBR

**TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR
\$30 (12 and under FREE)**

DOORS OPENS 5PM

Live band
**THE PRAIRIE
DOGS**
Dance only tickets \$20

PROCEEDS TO
MARWAYNE ARENA

**REAL
95.9**

**SIX STRONG AGRONOMY~ MARWAYNE AG SERVICES
V OVER VENTURES ~ANDERSON INSURANCE GROUP
LUNKERS PLUMBING~VALLEYFIELD ELECTRIC
WISE GUYS OILFIELD ~HQ MANURE MAINTENANCE
LEA PARK FARMS~SORE OILFIELD
BRISTOW RANCHES ~OBVIOUS ENTERPRISES
4 OVER 5 AG SERVICES~ BEAUTY FROM BEES**

Statistics Canada is hiring for the 2026 Census!

APPLY NOW:

census.gc.ca/jobs

CENSUS JOBS

Statistics Canada is hiring
in your community for the
2026 Census!

Census information is used to plan
programs and services that support
employment, education, public
transportation and healthcare.

Join the 2026 Census team for
meaningful work and community
impact.

Important to know:

- There are approximately 32,000 census jobs available across Canada.
- Pay is **\$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **\$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is between **January and July 2026**, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours including days, evenings, and weekends.



Apply now and tell a friend
census.gc.ca/jobs

For assistance, please call **1-833-830-3106**
Teletypewriter (TTY): **1-833-830-3109**



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