

AUGUST 2026



We would like to welcome Boston Crate to the Village of Kitscoty staff. Boston joined our Public Works department in April of this year and has been learning much about the Village in that time.



Our summer students are finishing up the season at the end of August. We wish both Hayden and Khye a bright and wonderful future as they continue their post secondary studies. It has been a pleasure to have them working in the Village this summer.

Thank you for the hard work and dedication.

The Village Office will be closed on Monday August 3rd.

Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday August 4th.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- September 8, 2026
- September 21, 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

Summer has certainly arrived! The gardens are growing, the BBQs are busy, and campers are hitting the road. Now, if Mother Nature could just arrange for all this beautiful weather to happen on the weekends, I think we'd all appreciate it!

Earlier this month, Councillor Frank, our CAO, and I had the opportunity to meet with the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs Dan Williams. We joined representatives from the Villages of Marwayne and Paradise Valley, along with the County of Vermilion River. It's always valuable when municipalities can sit around the same table to discuss the challenges we're all facing. One of the main topics was Bill 28 and the changes it brings for municipalities. We also discussed municipal funding. While the Province made it clear, there won't be additional funding this year (we asked anyway!). The minister did mention there are ongoing conversations about giving municipalities more tools to help generate revenue for the infrastructure our communities need. Those discussions are encouraging, and we'll continue to keep a close eye on them.

Back here in Kitscoty, our Public Works crew has been hard at work, alongside a specialized leak detection company, tracking down leaks in our water distribution system. It wasn't exactly a glamorous job, but it was an important one. Every leak located and repaired means less treated water going to waste, lower operating costs, and a more efficient water system for our community. The project required extra time and effort from our Public Works staff, and Council would like to extend a sincere thank you for their dedication and hard work.

Speaking of going the extra mile, our staff also rolled up their sleeves (and maybe found a little glitter that will never come off) to build and participate in the Kitscoty float for the Lloydminster parade. The float looked fantastic, and it was wonderful to see Kitscoty represented with so much pride. Council truly appreciates everyone's creativity and hard work.

As we head into the busiest part of summer, I hope you all find time to relax, spend time with family and friends, support our local businesses, and enjoy everything our community has to offer. Whether you're camping, gardening, golfing, or simply trying to keep ahead of the lawn mower, have a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer.

Until next month,

Joy Bell

The 2026 Lloydminster parade was a huge success!

Thank you to JTB Trucking for letting us use their shop to decorate the truck.



Starting on **October 1**, recycling will be even more convenient with new **curbside recycling pickup** in your community.



Please



**CLEAN UP
AFTER
YOUR DOG**

2026

August

» **FREE indoor playground**

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
 August 8, 15, 22 & 29
 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Focus on families of children 0 to 6 yrs

An inclusive play space!

Closed Saturday August 1st

CONNECTING PLAY: Friends & Feelings

Wednesdays
 5:00 to 7:00 pm
 Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Explore playful ways to help your child understand feelings & build friendships.

Enjoy hands-on activities and take home a fun surprise to keep the connection (& learning!) going.

Mothers First
 Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 am
 August 6, 13, 20 & 27

For mothers of infants to connect with one another while learning about and practicing self-care.

Childcare & transportation are available. Registration required.

» **August 13 session will be outside at the Barrier Free Park behind Lakeland College.**

Find us @ Aurora Park!

Drop In Play

Wednesdays
 10 to 11:30 am
 Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Sessions cancelled if it is raining.

4114 - 31 Street Lloydminster, SK

Family Resource Centre **Alberta** **Provincial Family Resource Networks** **Saskatchewan**

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

**VIBE's FREE Drop-In Summer
Programming in Kitscoty
August 2026**

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9:30-12:00 pm

Location: Kitscoty 5015 50st.

(Next door to the village office)

August 4th: Build and Paint a Castle

August 11th: Build and Paint a Wooden
Car/Boat

August 18th: Tie Dyeing

In partnership with FCSS: County of Vermilion
River and Village of Kitscoty

Haven't filled out your census?

**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE.**

Follow-up activities have begun across the country
to make sure every household can be counted!

You may hear from Statistics Canada
in one of the following ways:



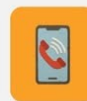
reminder letter



in-person



text message



phone call

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Farmstead
MARKET & MORE

AUGUST 26TH

TIME APPROXIMATE
6:00-7:00PM

"JUST KRUIZIN"
Specialty Vehicle Club

STREET WILL BE BLOCKED FOR THE
CARS TO PARK,
PLEASE PARK IN THE GRAVEL AREA BY
THE TRACKS OR SIDE STREETS.

**BBQ WILL BE BACK WITH PROCEEDS TOWARDS
A NEW FREE LIBRARY 5:30-7:30PM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 5:30-7:30PM**



Summer Activities:

 **Crafternoons:** Wednesdays starting @ 1PM
(drop-in)

Kids Book Club: Thursdays @ 1PM (registration required
by July 9th)

Meta Quest

VR Headsets: July 15th & 16th (drop-in)

Day Camp: August 5th (registration required)



Stay Safe

Course: August 6th (registration required,
fee to attend)

**Alberta Science
Network**

August 12th @ 10AM
open to all ages

**First Aid
Course:**

August 16th (registration required,
fee to attend)



Day Camp: August 19th (registration required)

Babysitter

Course: August 20th (registration required,
fee to attend)

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

**KITSCOTYPUBLICLIBRARY.AB.CA FOR EVENTS
HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY. ONLINE REGISTRATIONS
WILL BE OPENING UP SOON FOR ABOVE EVENTS.**



**Carried
Away** 
READ, EXPLORE, SOAR!

**Enter our
summer
reading contest
to win cool
prizes!**



Summer Hours:

Wednesdays 10AM - 5PM Thursdays 12PM - 7PM

go east of Edmonton

ROADTRIP ADVENTURE GAME!

\$10,000 in Prizes to be won!

Starts May 30th

GoRoadtripGame.ca

Volunteering is a work of heart



As the final touches of the Kitscoty Community Hall renovations are being completed and our hugely successful Dinner Theatre wraps up, we want to thank and reflect on the amazing people in our community who made it all possible. It takes many hands and countless hours to accomplish these tasks and events—and the beautification and incredible sound in our hall are a testament to that.

The hall upgrades were made feasible through tremendous support not only from our community but also from the Alberta Community Facility Enhancement Grant. This grant initiative helps many communities reach their ambitious goals to make our spaces better places for everyone.

We also want to highlight the incredible volunteer effort. The Dinner Theatre was a massive success, powered by about 112 volunteers per night—a total of 336 people—who made this event happen.

Thank you to everyone involved!

Kitscoty United Church

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our new minister Rev .Lloyd Nyarota to our Pastoral Charge. He conducts our weekly service at 9:30 am and also serves First United in Vermilion and McQueen United in Mannville. He is able to conduct weddings , funerals, baptisms and confirmations.

We also have decided to proceed with our Annual Fall Supper on November 1. We are looking for volunteers who can help us with this huge event. If you can help in any way- peeling potatoes, making salads, setting up tables and chairs, baking desserts, keeping the food table refilled, washing dishes, clean up etc, please call 780-846-2906. Jeane Hunter

Kitscoty Community United Church

Phone Number 780-846-2538

Rev. Lloyd Nyarota 403-632-6473



Please join
**The Vermilion River
Pastoral Charge**
(United Churches)
in welcoming our

**NEW MINISTER
REVEREND LLOYD
NYAROTA**

SUNDAY SERVICES

Kitscoty 9:30 am
Vermilion 11:00 am
Mannville 1:30 pm

Kitscoty Rug Rats Playschool

2026 - 2027 School Year

3 Year Program:

Tuesday AM or PM

9:00 - 11:30 or 12:30 - 3:00

\$120/month (\$100 Governemnt Funded)

4 Year Program:

Monday & Wednesday AM or PM

9:00 - 11:45 or 12:15 - 3:00

\$150/month (\$100 Governemnt Funded)

*Students who attend the Kitscoty Cabin
4 Kids can get walked to and from
Daycare for KRRP afternoon classes.



Find us on Facebook to
register online or email us
at krrp@hotmail.ca

REGISTRATION OPEN!



SUMMER STORE & BISTRO HOURS

MONDAY	8:30AM-6PM
TUESDAY	8:30AM-6PM
WEDNESDAY	8:30AM-6PM
THURSDAY	8:30AM-9PM
FRIDAY	8:30AM-9PM
SATURDAY	11AM-8PM
SUNDAY	2PM-8PM

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WWW.FARMSTEADMARKET.CA

OFFICE@FARMSTEADMARKET.CA



Kitscoty Legion

The latest updates from Legion #158 for August.- First, congratulations to Lana Graham, the winner of the Poppy Quilt! A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the Legion.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce the return of our Steak Fry in September 2026. While renovations at the Legion are still underway, we appreciate your patience and ongoing support.

Additionally, applications for the Trade Scholarship are open until August 15, 2026. This opportunity is available to graduating Kitscoty students his/her pursuing further education in a trade field. For more details, please reach out to Ida Earl-Grocock. ph. 403-515-8011



The Vermilion/Kitscoty Masonic Lodge chapter #24 members Henry Keichinger and Bob Neilson presented a check for \$20,000 to the Kitscoty Community Hall.

This donation was graciously accepted by Rick Evans and Rebecca King on behalf of the dedicated Kitscoty Community Hall board members. This donation will be used for upgraded renovations to the hall. The Kitscoty Hall board and community is extremely appreciative of this donation and extend their utmost gratitude to the Masonic Lodge and members.

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



Kitseoty GOLF CLUB

MEN'S NIGHT LEAGUE

★★★★★
PLAY. COMPETE. CONNECT.

COME OUT AND ENJOY COMPETING FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS, AS WELL AS ENJOY GOOD COMPANY DURING OUR MONTHLY MEN'S NIGHT LEAGUE.

BRAGGING RIGHTS ON THE LINE!

LEAGUE DATES

STARTING DATE:
MAY 21, 2026

FOLLOWING DATES:
JUNE 18 • JULY 16
AUG 20 • SEPT 10

\$40
GETS YOU SET UP FOR 9 HOLES, CART RENTAL AND A MEAL PREPARED FOR YOU WHILE YOU GOLF!!

PICK YOUR HAND AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ROUND FOR \$5. BUY AN EXTRA CARD AT HOLE 7. BEST HAND TAKES 50%!

ENJOY PROXY GAMES SUCH AS LONG DRIVE, WATER BALL, AND CLOSEST IN TWO.

TAKE A QUICK BREAK AT OUR WATERING HOLE ON HOLE 7, REFRESH YOUR BEVERAGE AND ENCOURAGE FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION!!

NEW FOR THIS YEAR IS SCORECARD ACCUMULATION FOR SEASON ENDING OVERALL WINNER FOR THE LEAGUE!

NEW FOR THIS YEAR!
SCORECARD ACCUMULATION FOR SEASON ENDING OVERALL WINNER FOR THE LEAGUE!

SIGN UP AT THE CLUBHOUSE OR CALL
(780) 522-2950

GOOD GOLF. GOOD FOOD. GREAT FRIENDS. PURE COMPETITION.
See you on the first tee! ★ ★ ★




Kitseoty GOLF CLUB

Ladies Night ♡

♡ STARTING AT 6:00PM ♡

GOLF 9 HOLES, FINISH YOUR ROUND
and enjoy a meal prepared while you golf!

2026 DATES

MAY 28	JUNE 25	JULY 24	AUG 27	SEASON ENDER SEPT 12
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LADIES NIGHT START AT 6:00PM
Golf 9 holes, finish your round and enjoy a meal prepared while you golf!

PRIZES AND SOCIALIZATION
to follow after the meal. Enter your name in for year end prizes as well as the ladies who come to every Ladies night get entered in for the grand prize!!!

\$40
GETS YOU IN ON THE ACTION every league night

Great Golf. GREAT FOOD. Great Company.
★ LET'S TEE OFF A GREAT SEASON TOGETHER! ★

WHEN A LOVED ONE IS MISSING

Ambiguous loss refers to the experience of losing a loved one without closure. In the case of missing persons, ambiguous loss means that a loved one is physically absent but psychologically present.

Most people have had the experience of an amber alert flash across their phone. In these experiences, it is always hoped that the alert will be cancelled and the missing child be located. We may also watch news reports of people going missing with the same hope of them returning. There have also been countless historic cases that have gone without any amber alerts or media attention, which are of equal significance.

With there being such a range in the realities of having a loved one going missing, it is imperative to note that everyone's experiences of ambiguous loss are unique and equally important. The timeframes related to the person missing can also play a role in how ambiguous loss is felt. Some people may relate to the feeling that life becomes frozen in time. This can also mean that grief and loss journeys feel frozen or stuck. Feelings of hope may wax and wane as time passes, which may be difficult to communicate to others who are not navigating the same experience. When a loved one is missing, the grief and loss experienced can also be described as disenfranchised grief, which is when grief is not recognized by others the same way as traditional grief. Disenfranchised grief can increase feelings of loneliness and isolation.

If you or someone you know is navigating life while a loved one is missing, it can be beneficial to reach out for the professional support of someone who has experience in complex grief. Through research completed at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Pauline Boss highlighted that there are several areas that professionals can help target in supporting families of the missing:

1. Finding Meaning: This process includes getting to a place where you understand the experience of loss. Learning about ambiguous loss can be a first step.
2. Adjusting Mastery: Mastery includes finding ways to have control over aspects of a person's life. When a loved one is missing, loss of control is common. It can be helpful to look at aspects of a person's life where they can take control back.
3. Reconstructing Identity: Working through questions such as "who am I now?" highlight the fact that a part of you changes when a loved one goes missing.
4. Normalizing Ambivalence: Conflicting emotions can be part of ambiguous loss, and a professional can help normalize this experience.
5. Revising Attachment: This area can help encourage people to continue having an internal relationship with their loved one who is missing.
6. Discovering New Hope: It is important to discover new hope that may be in addition to the hope they have of finding their loved one.

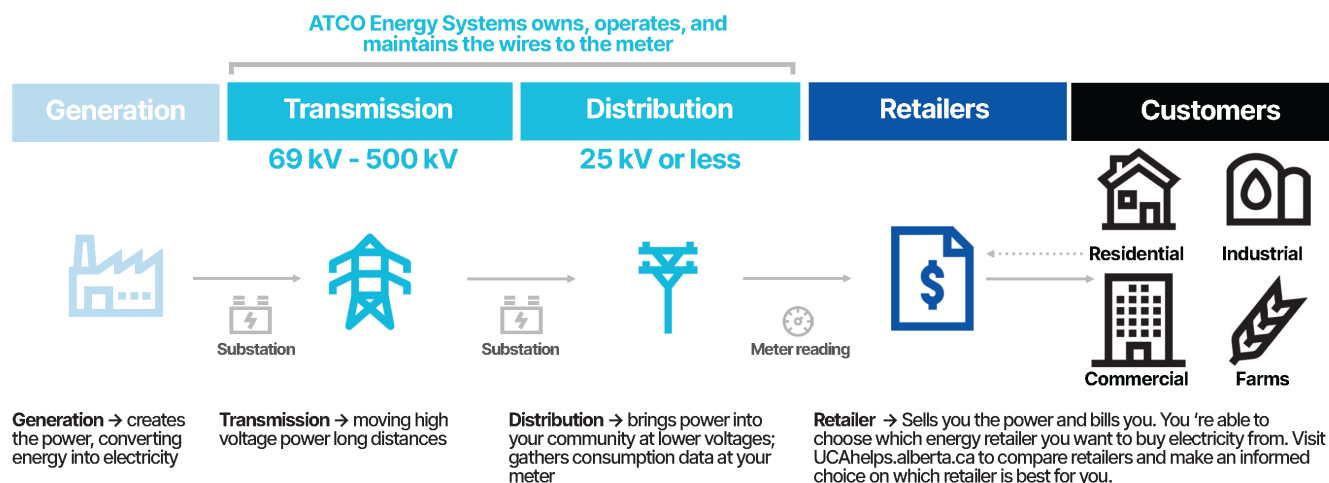
Building awareness of how people experience ambiguous loss when a loved one is missing, can be a powerful way to increase understanding in our society.

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.

Understanding Your Electric Charges and Bill

Electricity in Alberta



How are Electric Rates Set?

In Alberta, electric distribution and transmission rates are regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), an independent regulator that protects customers' interests. They have oversight and final determination of all costs that make up the distribution and transmission fee section of customers' electricity bills.

ATCO cannot raise rates on its own. We evaluate essential capital investments that will provide safety, reliability and resiliency to the electric system, determining the most benefit for our customers. The AUC then carefully reviews ATCO's costs and only approves rates that are reasonable, necessary, and in the public interest.

Working Efficiently for Our Customers

Electric distribution utilities in Alberta operate under a Performance Based Regulation (PBR) framework. PBR sets revenue caps and includes productivity expectations. This structure incentivizes ATCO to manage costs carefully and find innovative ways to deliver safe and reliable service. Electricity is a 24/7 service—your bill reflects the cost of delivering reliable power wherever you are, whenever you need it.

When ATCO operates prudently through efficiencies and outperforming benchmarks, customers benefit through lower rates, and ATCO earns a rate of return approved by the AUC.

Key Drivers of Distribution & Transmission Rates



Serving a large area with fewer customers: In rural communities, we maintain many kilometers of power lines to serve fewer people, so the cost of poles and wires is shared across a smaller customer base.



Building and maintaining a resilient system: Harsh weather, wildfires, and extreme temperatures mean we invest more in strengthening the grid, replacing aging equipment, and improving reliability.



Modernizing & future-proofing the grid: Upgrades like smarter equipment, new substations, and system automation help reduce outages and prepare for growing demand, electrification, and new technologies.



Keeping the system running safely 24/7: Ongoing work like vegetation management, inspections, maintenance, and rapid storm response is essential to keep power flowing safely and reliably.

Alberta Service Area Comparison

	Customers	km of line	Customers per km of line
ATCO Energy Systems	231,690	60,000	3.9
FORTIS ALBERTA	619,991	124,000	5.0
ENMAX	573,565	8,600	66.7
EPCOR	433,329	6,300	70.4

As of January 2026

ATCO's service territory includes much of Northern Alberta with fewer populated areas. As result of lower population density, rural Albertans pay a higher share of distribution systems costs than their urban counterparts that are supported by other Electric utilities.

Fair & Affordable Electricity

ATCO has long advocated for fair electricity distribution rates for all Albertans - including rural and remote customers - and we support advocacy efforts (like those of the Fair Electricity Distribution Alliance) focusing on fairness and affordability.

What are we doing?

We understand energy affordability is a concern for our customers, especially combined with inflationary pressures. It's our priority to deliver value and we are committed to the following to help drive down costs:

- Manage costs by improving operational and capital efficiency while continuing to deliver safe, reliable service.
- Engage constructively with the regulator to improve rate design over time and will continue advocating for fair cost allocation and solutions that balance affordability with reliability and resilience.

Understanding Your Bill

Your power bill includes several components, which can seem complicated. Here's a breakdown of what you're paying for and why costs can vary by location and consumption.

- 1. Energy Charges:** Paid to the retailer for electricity use (kWh consumption x retailer rate). Charges vary based on your consumption.
- 2. Distribution & Transmission:** These cover the cost of delivering electricity through the wires to your home or business and to have electricity available 24/7. Transmission costs are shared across Alberta, while distribution costs depend on where you live. Charges vary based on your consumption.
- 3. Local Access Fee:** Set by your municipality, this includes things like linear property tax and a franchise fee.
- 4. Rate Riders:** Temporary adjustments or true-ups to reflect changes in costs or regulatory requirements.

Electricity Bill		Customer Energy Charges		
Site ID 0020008675309				
Retailer Charges				
From	To	Energy Used (kWh)	Energy Rate (\$/kWh)	Energy Charges (\$)
03/01/2026	03/30/2026	800	0.0888	71.04
Current Retailer Energy Charges				
1	Administration Charge (30 days @0.36/day)			10.80
	Total Energy Charges: Electricity			71.04
Total Electricity Charges				81.84
Distributor and Government Charges			Meter Number T00123-45678900	
Metered Consumption (kWh)	Meter Reading Date	Last Actual Meter Reading	Last Actual Reading Date	
800	03/30/2026	81,276	03/30/2026	
Current Distributor and Government Charges				
2	Distribution Charge			122.71
	Transmission Charge			38.32
3	Local Access Fee <i>*varies by municipality</i>			17.21
4	Rate Riders			0.26
Distributor and Government Charges				178.50
GST				13.02
				\$273.36

What's Included in Your Delivery Rate?

- **Reliable, Around-the-Clock Service:** 24/7 emergency response, system monitoring, and grid operations to ensure electricity is delivered safely and without interruption.
- **Accurate Metering & Customer Support:** Monthly meter reading and data submission for billing, supported by a call centre to assist customers and retailers.
- **Infrastructure Investment & Growth:** Designing and building new infrastructure, along with modernizing the grid, to support Alberta's growing energy needs.
- **Maintenance, Safety & Risk Prevention:** Ongoing inspection, maintenance, and upgrades to poles, lines, substations, and meters—enhancing reliability and resilience in all conditions, including targeted wildfire prevention efforts to protect communities and the system.

ATCO Energy Systems™

To learn more about rates and your electricity bill, visit Electric.ATCO.com

Public Works

VILLAGE CONTACTS

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 Phone: 780-846-2221 Box 128, 5011 - 50 St Email: info@vokitscoty.ca

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 Simon Bergquist, Public Works Lead pwsuper@vokitscoty.ca
 Boston Crate, Public Works pwop@vokitscoty.ca
 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	SUMMER HOURS: May 1st to October 31st Wednesday 2-7 Thursday 1-5 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