

**April 2025**



**The management and staff of the Village of Kitscoty want to wish everyone a Happy Easter.**

**Our Office will be closed April 18 & 21 2025 and will reopen 8:30am April 22, 2025**

# VILLAGE COUNCIL

April 2025

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

- April 7, 2025
- April 22, 2025

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5015 - 50 STREET STARTING AT 6:30PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

In March council had the opportunity to receive a presentation from the Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society (EARVSS). Melody Littell, Director of Regional Operations, and Doris Pindroch, Assistant Director of Operations for the South Subregion, joined us to provide valuable insight into the services offered by their organization.

Through their work, they offer emotional support to victims of crime and provide services like Navigating Resources, Referrals, and connecting individuals with necessary services in times of need. In addition, the RVSS offers vital court support services to assist victims as they navigate the often-complex criminal justice system. Their services include court updates, preparation, navigation, and connections with the Crown to ensure that victims receive the guidance and support they deserve.

As with many volunteer-driven organizations, our RVSS is currently experiencing challenges due to a severe shortage of staff. In the northern region, they currently have just one community volunteer and another in training. The southern region is better staffed, with 20 volunteers registered, though only 10 are active at this time. In the last recorded quarter, Kitscoty's own RVSS representative has received six calls requesting assistance for local residents.

The dedication of these volunteers, who assist us during what is often a very dark time in our lives, deserves recognition. If you would like to learn more about these services or discover how you can make a positive impact on someone's life, please reach out to Melody Littell at 780-210-1141 or [melody.littell@earvss.ca](mailto:melody.littell@earvss.ca).

Until next month,

*Joyce Bell,*

Mayor Village of Kitscoty

E: [joyce@vokitcoty.ca](mailto:joyce@vokitcoty.ca) T: 780.846.2221 F: 780.846.2213 [www.vokitcoty.ca](http://www.vokitcoty.ca)

# Municipal Elections October 2025

**Confirm you are on the voter list or Register to vote [www.voterlink.ab.ca](http://www.voterlink.ab.ca)**

**Important information you need to know about voting:**

- You will need an Alberta's Driver's License or an Alberta Identification Card for each individual you wish to register or update.
- Your registration or update should take less than five minutes to complete.

**Prior to October 1st make sure you are a registered voter.**

**[www.voterlink.ab.ca](http://www.voterlink.ab.ca)**



## Municipal Election Webinars

**Register for upcoming events if you are interested in running for Council.**

In this engaging session, you'll learn about the roles and responsibilities of local office, how it compares to federal and provincial governments, and the incredible rewards that come with serving your community. You'll also get an inside look at how councils are structured, what's expected of council members, and the unique impact you can have in a small to mid-size municipality.

<https://www.abmunis.ca/events/municipal-election-webinar-small-mid-size-municipalities>

# Spring Finance Webinars

Attend one, two, or all!

**Monday March 17 @ 7:30pm**

## ***Budgeting 101***

*Participants will learn the 7 steps to budgeting which will help them take control of their finances and give them peace of mind.*

**Monday April 14 @ 7:30pm**

## ***The Truth About Credit***

*Participants will learn the 7 steps to budgeting which will help them take control of their finances and give them peace of mind.*

**Wed May 7 @ 7:30pm**

## ***The Psychology of Spending***

*Participants will learn about various marketing techniques and strategies to resist temptation.*

**Please register via Eventbrite or call/email FCSS at (403)510-4521 or [fcss@cremona.ca](mailto:fcss@cremona.ca)**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/finance-webinars-3975653>**



**Free!**



# What's Happening in Kitscoty



**When:** April 3, 2025

**Where:** Kitscoty Community Church basement. Entrance on the north side of building.

**Time:** 10:00 AM

Come join us for coffee, snacks and discussion about any topics of interest for those in attendance.

## Kitscoty Legion

Easter Ham Bingo April 5, 2025. Doors open at 6:30PM Bingo at 7:00PM

Perogy supper on May 3, 2025. \$15 per plate. Perogy's, cabbage rolls, sausage, deserts, coffee & tea. Doors open at 5:00PM





# Vermilion CLASS



**Coffee Time  
Tech Tips**

Wednesdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

February 26 - April 16

Vermilion Public Library

**\*\* Please note: Limited Spots Available \*\***

To Register:  
780-853-2000  
coordinator@classab.ca  
classab.ca

or scan here:



VERMILION  
Public Library

Yermilion River  
CLASS

## Midwest Family Connections



# Kitscoty and District E.C.S.

## Kindergarten Registration Night

PLEASE NOTE:  
We have changed the date.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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We have changed the date.

### LOCATION:

- Kitscoty Elementary School Library – Learning Commons

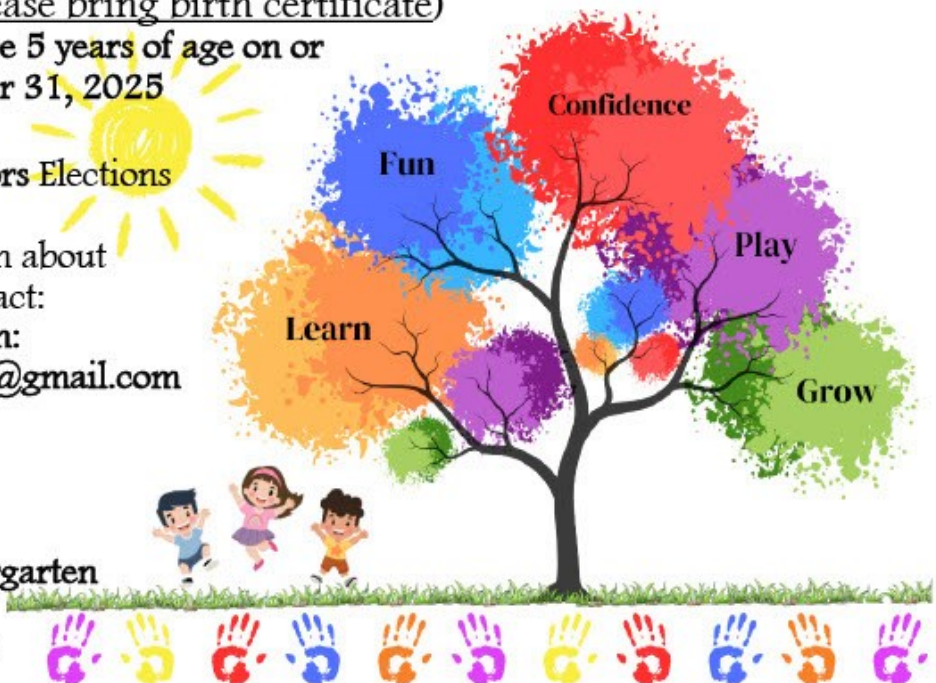
### AGENDA:

- Registration (Please bring birth certificate)  
Children must be 5 years of age on or  
before December 31, 2025
- Board of Directors Elections

For more information about  
board positions contact:  
President, Shay Trach:  
[kitscotyecspresident@gmail.com](mailto:kitscotyecspresident@gmail.com)

### EXTRAS:

Parent(s) and Kindergarten  
Student both attend  
(please no siblings)



## Kitscoty & District ECS

# Kitscoty Public Library

**Stop by the Library this month for some weekly activities!**

**Lego Hour** Wednesdays 4pm-5pm

**Story Time** Thursdays 4:30pm-5pm

Interested in getting involved with the Library? Our next board meeting is April 10th at 7pm

Book Club - Our next book is Finding Me by Viola Davis. Book Club will meet May 28th at 7pm to discuss.

**Save the Date: May Digital Literacy Series**

Everyone is welcome to join us in May as we host a series of Free Presentations covering a variety of topics around Digital Safety.

May 1 - Internet Basics and your Digital Footprint

May 8 - Identifying Scams and Critical Thinking

May 22 - Understanding Social Media & Safe Usage Guidelines for Parents

May 29 - Protecting your Accounts, Understanding Digital Hygiene & Multifactor Authentication

For more details or to pre-register to attend visit our website.

## **Library Hours**

Monday & Friday 1pm-4pm

Tuesday, Wed & Thurs 1pm-7:30pm

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

Facebook: Kitscoty Public Library

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

Kitscoty Public Library - The Living Room of our Community





# Kitscoty United Community Church

A blessed Eastertide to all!

The imprint of God's promises is set in all creation, so that we see before us that death is not the end of the story. New life is continually working around and within us even when we cannot yet see it.

Though there are challenges we face every day, personally, within our communities, provincially, nationally, and across the world, hope will not be extinguished. People continue to remember to care for one another, reaching out helping hands even to those we don't know well but whose story touches our hearts.

The core of our faith is a universal message: "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) In general terms, we say it in this way, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Matthew 7:12) Jesus showed us that his love for the world had no limit. He went to the cross to show us that God's love is the true currency of all that is meaningful in the world, not judgement, or paybacks. We honour those who live this truth, remembering that "greater love has no one than to lay down their life for their friends." (John 15:13)

May we be ones who plant the seeds of love by acts of caring and compassion, so we all can reap a harvest of goodwill and broad horizons.

Cordially, Carolyn

Rev. Carolyn Woodall 780-385-5124

Kitscoty Wesley United Church

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

The Kitscoty Community Track is being renewed after forty years of usage! Over the past two years, the long / triple jump pit has been excavated, lined with landscape ties and refilled with sand as well as paving the runway. In addition, a new shot-put throwing circle has been poured and a throwing sector edged. The updates completed to this point have resulted in an exciting increase in the youth using the facility. With the new facilities many personal and team best performances have been witnessed at the Highway 16 and Buffalo Trail competitions at the junior high age level. Kitscoty High School has won the Highway 16 banner two out the last three years and we have had the gold medal aggregate winner for five out of six age categories in the past two years. Similarly at the senior high level, more athletes from Kitscoty are now qualifying for events in Zone and Provincial competitions.



A topographic survey of the track has been completed. The survey will be used to complete the next phase of the project which includes addressing the track drainage issues, shaping, grading and re-graveling the track as well as establishing proper 100 m running lanes. Lastly, a discus throwing circle will be poured and surrounding safety fence will be erected. This phase will be completed in the summer of 2025 and spring of 2026.

The cost of the entire project is estimated at approximately \$131 000. To date the support received is approximately \$45 000. We are looking for your generous support to complete the project!!



Charitable Donation Receipts can be issued for each level of sponsorship upon request – minimum \$100 donation.

Partnership Level		Donation Product, services or cash
<b>Diamond</b>	Print, school slideshow, social media recognition PLUS individual, large size logo on site signage and in slideshow	\$5000 +
<b>Platinum</b>	Print, school slideshow, social media recognition PLUS medium size logo on site signage and in slideshow	\$2500 - \$4999
<b>Gold</b>	Print, school slideshow, social media recognition PLUS partner name list on site signage	\$1000 - \$2499
<b>Silver</b>	Print and school slideshow recognition PLUS partner name list within social media recognition	\$500 - \$999
<b>Bronze</b>	Print recognition PLUS partner name list within school recognition slideshow	\$250 - \$499
<b>Friends of the Track</b>	Print recognition	Less than \$250

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be a      ☐ Diamond      ☐ Platinum      partner with a donation of  
                                  ☐ Gold      ☐ Silver      \$\_\_\_\_\_  
                                  ☐ Bronze      ☐ Friends of the Track

Receipt?      Yes, please.      No, thank you.      (circle one please)

Please make cheques payable to Buffalo Trail Public Schools or e-transfer to [khstrack@btps.ca](mailto:khstrack@btps.ca)  
 Please include "Community Track" as part of your e-transfer comments.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact Deb Venance at 780 871 4950.

**Thanking you in advance for your support!!**

# Community Association

On May 14th we are hosting the Popovich's for a Country Music Comedy Show starting at 7:30 p.m. Come early for the best seats at the centre on 50th Ave. The cost is only \$10.00 and light refreshments will be available. The event is open to the public.

The annual seniors' week celebration lunch is to be held on June 4th at the Kitscoty Hall.

On June 15th, from 1.00 pm to 3:00 p.m. your centre will hold the Official Opening and dedication of the patio addition to the centre, constructed in 2024. Hot dogs and a dessert will be provided free. Everyone is welcome. Join us as we celebrate this achievement. This project was made possible through the generosity of the late Alan Beaton, and Ethel Beaton Estates.

The recently constructed covered outside addition to the Community Centre will be available for rental this year. There will be seating for up to 50 people. and gas-fired BBQ is available. The rental rate has been established at \$25.00 per hour to a maximum of \$100.00 per day for the space and if the BBQ is required there is an additional fee of \$100.00. The new addition official opening will occur this spring.

For any rentals, please contact Dennis Roth at 780-205-8877. For memberships, at \$10.00 per year, please contact Ellen Frank at 780-846-2974.

Watch the next village newsletter for further details, and for further information, contact John Scott at 780-846-2832 [johnandshirleyscott@xplornet.ca](mailto:johnandshirleyscott@xplornet.ca)



**2025 Annual General Meeting**

**April 16, 2025, 6:30pm**

**UPSTAIRS AT THE CURLING RINK**

**BIG PLANS FOR 2025! WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED!  
COME BE PART OF THE SUCCESS!  
MEMBERS WHO ATTEND AND PAY FOR  
MEMBERSHIPS GET 15% OFF 2025 RATES!**

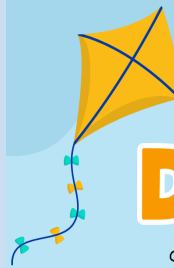
**Lots to discuss!!**

**Updates to the fairways, updates to equipment,  
future Fundraising options, Regional park  
Improvements, Tournament Dates, etc!**

**AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL 2024  
MEMBERS**

**Please attend!!**

**We need your  
input!**



# CABIN 4 KIDS DROP IN

ages 12months to 3 years old

Address

5016 51st Street Kitseoty

Contact Us

780-846-2228  
director@cabin4kids.org

Registration Link

www.cabin4kids.org

Activities

Child Lead Play  
Outdoor Adventures  
STEM Activities



Are you looking for just a few  
days a month childcare?

We can help.

We have spaces available  
starting April 1, 2025



## 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARWAYNE PBR

PRESENTED BY: TERRY HINES LIVESTOCK

**FRIDAY  
APRIL 11**

**Marwayne Arena**

**6:30 Wild Pony Races**

**7:00 PBR**

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

Live band

**THE PRAIRIE  
DOGS**

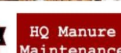
Dance only tickets \$20



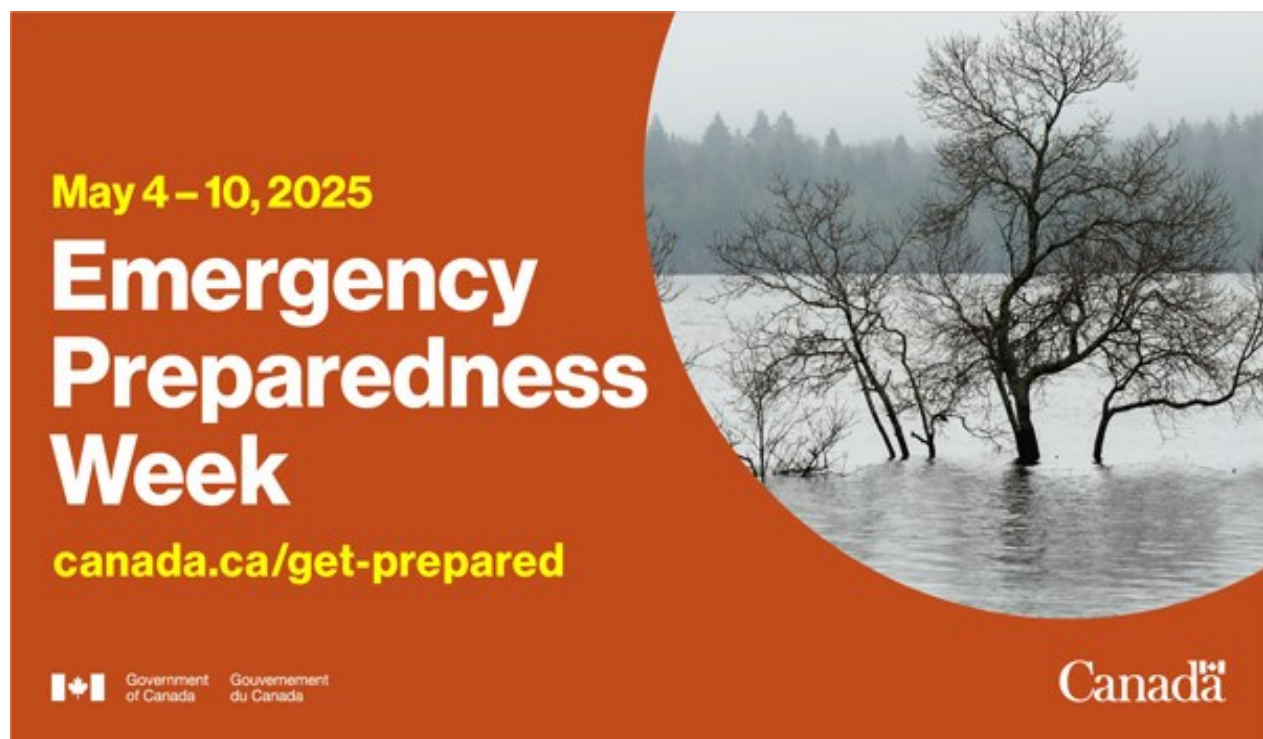
**co-operators**

DOORS OPENS 5PM

PROCEEDS TO  
MARWAYNE ARENA







Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is a national awareness initiative and an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you're prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. This year, the theme is **Be Prepared. Know Your Risks.** We encourage you to understand the risks in your area and learn what actions you can take to protect yourself and your household.

By taking a few simple steps, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies anytime, anywhere. It is important to:

**Know the risks** – Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to our community and our region can help you better prepare

**Make a plan** – It will help you and your family know what to do

**Get an emergency kit** – During an emergency, we will all need some basic supplies. We may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency

## BUILDING A SUPPORT SYSTEM

Creating a support system to help with grief can be a meaningful part of the grieving process. Grief can be incredibly isolating, so having a system that provides comfort, understanding, and resources can be truly beneficial.

Consider what type of grief support you are looking for. Would you like the support to be emotional, practical, or a bit of both? Emotional support can provide space to explore the emotional changes that come with grief. Practical support can help you to continue to navigate the roles and responsibilities of life despite what point of grieving you are at. Many people benefit from both types of support at one point or another.

Think about how it feels to connect with family and friends about your grieving process. For some people, they find it easy to connect with their family members or friends because they may have also known the loved one who has died. For other people, they find that their grief is too intertwined with family members or friends. It can be helpful to be honest and to check in on your ability to support one another in your seasons of grief.

Reflect on whether you prefer support to be in person, over text/phone, or in an online connection. One of the benefits of technology can be the ability to connect with larger communities of people who may have similar shared experiences. Support groups may occur in person or virtually, so it can be helpful to explore what your community is able to offer and how you can connect with outside communities to bridge any gaps in services.

Explore social media connections and online communities to expand your support system. Many grief-focused pages on Instagram and Facebook offer daily support, quotes, and community spaces for individuals who are grieving. These can be especially helpful for people who feel isolated and need a sense of connection with others experiencing grief.

Seek out professional counselling as an additional part of your support system. Grief is a deeply personal experience. Professional counselling can provide a space for healing, help individuals understand and manage their emotions, and offer support during a difficult time.

Expand your support system into religious, spiritual, and/or cultural aspects of your life. For those with religious or spiritual beliefs, engaging in spiritual practices (prayer, meditation, rituals) can be an important part of the healing process. Many faith communities provide support groups or individual counseling to help process grief within a spiritual context. Many cultures have specific grief rituals, such as memorial services, ceremonies, or communal mourning periods, which can provide comfort and a sense of belonging. Engaging in these practices can help individuals feel supported by their community.

The best support system for grief will vary depending on the individual's needs and preferences. It is often a combination of different resources that work best.

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.



Local athlete Adyson Krauss and her U15 Momentum Black Volleyball team competed at the Festival Fiesta in Phoenix Arizona. Where they placed 1st out of 88 teams. They were the only Canadian team left in the Gold division. Adyson is pictured, centre front, with her teammates.

Photo credit goes to Refereephoto.com

## Camp Whitney Comes to Town

Two day program for children ages 6 to 10. Children will enjoy games, songs, crafts and other activities similar to what is offered at Camp Whitney during the summer.

This is a free program. Snacks and lunch provided.

\*\*\*All Children registered will be entered in the draws to have their Camp Whitney summer registration fees paid\*\*\*

WHEN: April 23 & 24

WHERE: Kitscoty Community Church basement

TIME: 9AM to 4PM

To register your child please call 780-870-6795



# Kitscoty 4H Beef Club

This year our club had our first organizational meeting on October 16th, 2024. We hold our meetings. 3rd week of each month, alternating between Mondays and Thursdays to help accommodate everyone's busy schedules.

Since the Organizational Meeting, our club attended the 2024 Agribition in Regina on the weekend of November 28-30, 2024. We attended the cattle shows, walked thru the trade shows and had lots of fun bonding in the hotel and swimming pool in the evenings.

On Feb 20, 2025 we held our Public Speaking Competition. In our Junior category 1<sup>st</sup> Davin Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avery Garnier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brock Barr. In Intermediate Category 1<sup>st</sup> Soffeah Headon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Wennekamp, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mia Garnier. Senior Category 1<sup>st</sup> Locklin Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Wennekamp, 3<sup>rd</sup> Austin Porter. Congratulations to all our Members.

This past weekend on March 22, 2025 in Vermilion at the Curling Club the Clandonald 4H Multi-Club hosted district curling. We had 6 members attend this event. Austin Porter, Soffeah Headon, Nadine Paul, Harrison Mitchell, Davin Paul & Brock Barr.

We have our community volunteer days coming up washing dishes for the Community Hall Dinner Theatre the weekend of April 11-13<sup>th</sup> & we will also be planting the flowers for the Village of Kitscoty when we get warmer weather.

Please mark your calendars for our Club Achievement Day Saturday May 24, 2025 and our Interclub Show & Sale with PV Club Thursday May 29, 2025 both being held in Kitscoty, AB indoor at the arena.







## Water Meter Upgrade Program 2025-27

The Village of Kitscoty is starting a 3-year water meter replacement program as approved by Council. Over the course of 2025-2027, all water meters within the Village will be replaced. This initiative aims to replace the aging water meters in the Village as they approach their end of lifecycle.

The Village of Kitscoty is committed to ensuring continued accuracy in water billing and enhancing the monitoring systems. With the ability to detect low-flow leaks, low battery alerts, and temperature monitoring, the Village will be able to monitor potential problems earlier.

The Village office will be reaching out to residents to book a day and time for the changing of the meters. As part of our strategic approach, we will be targeting specific areas of the Village each year. The replacements will begin in the North end of the Village and will work our way south each year (2026 central, 2027 south end). The Village administration will be reaching out to you to book a day and time for your meter change. As per the Utility Bylaw 2024-02,

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37.3. In the event the Village initiates a water meter change-out project, the property owner must ensure that an appointment is made to change out the old metering equipment with the new metering equipment. Failure to comply with booking such an appointment could result in utility service cancellation, reconnection charges and the full cost of the meter replacement labor charges.

If you do not hear from us, please do not worry, you may be scheduled for another year. We appreciate your patience and cooperation with this process.

Resident reminders:

- Meter changes will occur between April 1 – October 1 each year at a schedule determined by the Village administration.
- Please clear the area around the meter to ensure our Public Works has enough room to work. Your water meter should be located where your water comes into the building.
- The replacement program is mandatory.
- **There is no cost** for this program to the residents.
- A responsible adult, over the age of 18, must be present for the installation.
- Your water will be shut off briefly during and will be turned on once completed.
- The first billing after the change will appear different as it will be a mixed reading from both water meters. After that first bill, your utility bill will have no difference in appearance.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 780-846-2221.

Thank you

Village of Kitscoty Administration

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*P.O Box 128 Kitscoty, Alberta T0B 2P0*  
*(780) 846-2221(p) (780)846-2213(f) info@vokitscoty.ca*

# 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](mailto:info@vokitscoty.ca)

Jason Olson, Chief Administrative Officer [cao@vokitscoty.ca](mailto:cao@vokitscoty.ca)  
Ryker Morton, Public Works [pwsuper@vokitscoty.ca](mailto:pwsuper@vokitscoty.ca)  
Joyce Bell, Mayor [joyce@vokitscoty.ca](mailto:joyce@vokitscoty.ca)

### Office Hours

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

**CLOSED APRIL 18 & 21 2025**

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### WASTE TRANSFER STATION

**WINTER HOURS : NOVEMBER 1 - APRIL 30**

Wednesday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### RECYCLING

Co-mingle recycling bins are located at the WTS for all of 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.