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## Proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw 7-08 (TA25-0001)

Leduc County has received an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw 7-08. The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to **amend Section 9.16.3 of the Genesee Power Project Overlay District** to add the **Information Service** land use to the list of **Permitted Uses** to accommodate additional business development opportunities. Information Service means a facility engaged in producing and distributing information in a digital or printed format and includes data processing, library services and archives, publishing and printing services.

Details of the proposed amendment application **TA25-0001** can be viewed online at [yoursayleducounty.com](https://yoursayleducounty.com). Information can also be requested by contacting Karen Mercer, Senior Planner – Development Services, at **780-979-6177** or [karen@leduc-county.com](mailto:karen@leduc-county.com).

### **PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, March 25 at 1:45 p.m.**

A public hearing will be held in the Council Chamber of County Centre, (101-1101 5 St, Nisku AB T9E 2X3) on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 1:45 p.m.** during the regular Council meeting. Written or oral submissions can be made by any person who claims to be affected, or from any other person Council agrees to hear from.

- ▶ **In-person presentations:** if you want to speak at the public hearing, you must pre-register by **March 20, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.** You can pre-register at [yoursayleducounty.com](https://yoursayleducounty.com) or by contacting the legislative coordinator at **780-770-9259** or [legservices@leduc-county.com](mailto:legservices@leduc-county.com).
- ▶ **Written submissions:** comments related to this amendment must be provided by **March 11, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.** Submit your comments online at [yoursayleducounty.com](https://yoursayleducounty.com), via email to [development@leduc-county.com](mailto:development@leduc-county.com), by mail to 101-1101 5 Street, Nisku, AB T9E 2X3, or by fax to **780-955-8866**. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The public hearing can be viewed online at [leduc-county.com/council-meetings](https://leduc-county.com/council-meetings). Select the 'March 25' Council meeting in the calendar.

## Greater Nisku and Area Off-Site Levy Bylaw

### **2025 annual review takes place on March 25, 2025, at the regular Council meeting**

Developers in the Nisku Business Park and parts of the East Vistas and Saunders Lake areas pay fees called off-site levies to help cover the infrastructure costs associated with new developments and subdivisions. These costs contribute to essential infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer.

Each year, as per policy FM-03 Greater Nisku and Area Off-Site Bylaw – Cyclical Reviews, Leduc County reviews and updates its off-site levy bylaw.

### **2025 annual review**

A proposed update to the bylaw will be reviewed by Council on **March 25, 2025**, at the regular Council meeting.

Proposed changes to the bylaw include applying an updated inflationary factor to the off-site levy fees using Statistic Canada's Building Construction Index.

Learn more about proposed changes to the bylaw at [leduc-county.com/off-site-levies](https://leduc-county.com/off-site-levies).

### **Appeal of an off-site levy**

As per Section 648.1(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), any person may, subject to and in accordance with the regulations, appeal any of the provisions of an off-site levy bylaw relating to an off-site levy. Learn more at [leduc-county.com/off-site-levies](https://leduc-county.com/off-site-levies).

## County's response to City of Leduc's intent to annex lands

On Feb. 4, 2025, Leduc County was advised of the City's notice of intent to annex 8,122 acres along its southeast and south boundary.

With any annexation request, a municipality must follow the defined process as outlined by the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT):

- ▶ They are required to demonstrate a need for the land they want to annex.

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- ▶ They are obligated to engage with affected landowners and the public.
- ▶ Good faith negotiations must take place between local governments.

This must take place ahead of an official annexation application, which goes for formal review by the LPRT.

County Council is focused on the best interests of the Leduc region; this includes residents, landowners, businesses and developers. Council's goal is to help prevent land stagnation and advocate for those who are in the proposed annexation area.

Visit [leduc-county.com](http://leduc-county.com) under 'News' for more information.



## Working Well workshop

A poorly maintained water well can put your water supply at risk. Maintaining a safe water supply means knowing how groundwater works and learning about your well. The Working Well workshop is designed to address these topics.

- ▶ Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Register online at [leduc-county.com/working-well](http://leduc-county.com/working-well)

## Look to the heart of FRN

As parents and caregivers, we could all use a bit of support sometimes. Leduc County's Family Resource Network (FRN) is your resource for early childhood development, family support for children with disabilities, children's autism services, mental health resources and more. Our webpage is designed so caregivers can easily find the support they're looking for. We also have heart-shaped keychains available with a QR code to make the information easily accessible. Pick up your keychain during our weekly drop-in sessions at our facilities in Devon and Thorsby.

Learn more:

- ▶ Web: [leduc-county.com/frn](http://leduc-county.com/frn)
- ▶ Email: [frn@leduc-county.com](mailto:frn@leduc-county.com)



## What's happening in March

Community events that cover recreation, family and senior programming can be found on our website's community calendar at [leduc-county.com/calendar](http://leduc-county.com/calendar). Visit today and visit often as new events, workshops and drop-in opportunities are posted regularly. In March, you'll find:

- ▶ How to reduce overthinking and worry (March 4)
- ▶ Grazers information session (March 7)
- ▶ What's new in the garden this spring (March 8)
- ▶ PD day at the New Sarepta Agriplex (March 10)
- ▶ Addictions Learning Series: Strategies for Effective Support (March 11)
- ▶ Working Well online workshop (March 18)
- ▶ Understanding Bias and Micro-Inequities (March 19)
- ▶ Family Fun Sport Zone — New Sarepta Agriplex (March 22)
- ▶ Family Resource Network drop-in programming (Mondays in Devon and Tuesdays and Thursdays in Thorsby)

More information at [leduc-county.com/calendar](http://leduc-county.com/calendar)

## Dogs — lost and found

Here's what you need to know if you have lost or found a dog in Leduc County.

### FOUND a dog:

- ▶ Contact **Leduc County Enforcement Services** at **780-955-5005**.
- ▶ If it's safe to do so, check for a collar with contact information.

### LOST a dog:

- ▶ Look around your property/subdivision or ask neighbours if they've seen your dog.
- ▶ Call **780-955-5005** to see if your dog has been dropped off or found by County Enforcement.



Call **780-955-5005** to inquire about lost, found and unclaimed dogs.

Learn more and view dogs found in the County at [leduc-county.com/found-dogs](http://leduc-county.com/found-dogs).

## Calling County farmers and ranchers

ALUS is actively recruiting for its farmer-driven, voluntary, nature-based projects hosted on a participant's land. ALUS provides annual payments for the ongoing stewardship of environmental projects that produce ecosystem services. Additionally, ALUS provides financial support to farmers and

ranchers to establish additional environmental projects on their land.

More information can be found on our website at [leduc-county.com/ALUS-new-participants](http://leduc-county.com/ALUS-new-participants) or by contacting Kim Barkwell, Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator, at [kimb@leduc-county.com](mailto:kimb@leduc-county.com) or **780-387-6182**.



## Counselling subsidy

Are you looking for short-term support with common everyday issues with things such as relationships, communication, parenting or mental health? A counselling subsidy is available to help low-income residents access counselling services. To qualify, applicants must:

- ▶ Not have access to an employee or health benefit plan that covers the cost of counselling.
- ▶ Have a family income of less than \$75,000 per year.

Learn more and apply at [leduc-county.com/counselling](http://leduc-county.com/counselling).

- ▶ Be a resident of Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg.



## Beginning March 1, apply for your free burn permit online

Leduc County issues free fire permits to rural residents conducting open burns between March 1 and Oct. 31. Beginning March 1, 2025, residents will be able to apply for these **free** permits online at [lcs.burnpermits.com](http://lcs.burnpermits.com).

The online system allows users to select the type of burn permit they are applying for, including:

- ▶ fires smaller than 100 square feet (automatic approval)
- ▶ fires larger than 100 square feet (not automatically approved; site visit may be required)

Prior to applying for a burn permit online, rural residents will have to create a user account. Instructions on how to create your account and apply for a permit are available at [leduc-county.com/burn-permits](http://leduc-county.com/burn-permits).