



WELCOME TO WETASKIWIN!

NEW RESIDENT GUIDE



Wetaskiwin

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Dear New Residents of Wetaskiwin,

As the Mayor of the City of Wetaskiwin, and on behalf of City Council and the entire community, we want to welcome you to Wetaskiwin.

Wetaskiwin is a growing city that values diversity, inclusion and a strong sense of community. Whether you've moved here for work, family, or a fresh start, we're glad to have you.

As you get settled into your new home, I encourage you to explore what Wetaskiwin has to offer, from our local businesses, community events, parks, and recreational facilities. There are many ways to get involved, meet neighbours, and create connections that build lasting friendships and make our city an even better place to live.

If you have questions, concerns or ideas, don't hesitate to reach out. Our city staff and council are here to support you. We look forward to seeing you around town, enjoying our local attractions, and contributing to our city's life.

Welcome home to Wetaskiwin, We're glad you're here.

Warm regards,

Mayor Joe Branco



MEET YOUR COUNCIL



Pictured left to right: Councillor Mark Elder, Councillor Laura White, Councillor Dean Billingsley, Councillor Karen Aberle, Councillor Wendy Hoyle, Mayor Joe Branco, Councillor Wayne Neilson

ABOUT WETASKIWIN

Wetaskiwin has a rich and storied history. For centuries before settlers arrived, Wetaskiwin's land was inhabited by the Plains Cree people. The city's name, "Wetaskiwin," comes from Cree law meaning "coming or being on the land together in peace and harmony." A historic story from around 1867 tells of two revered Chiefs, Buffalo Child of the Blackfoot and Little Bear of the Cree, who were on the brink of a battle.

Both Chiefs independently scouted the same hill for an advantage point and unexpectedly came face to face. After a tense standoff, they dropped their weapons and engaged in hand-to-hand combat. After a fierce battle, they mutually decided to rest. While smoking their pipes, Little Bear, the Cree Chief, accidentally took a puff from Buffalo Child's pipe, which symbolized the sharing of the peace pipe.

Realizing the significance of this unintentional act, they understood that it was an irrevocable pledge of friendship and peace. They pledged to be friends and, as tribal leaders, ensured their people would also be friends, putting an end to thoughts of war.

This act of unity and peace marked a pivotal moment in Wetaskiwin's history, emphasizing the power of understanding and co-operation between different cultures.

Established in 1892, Wetaskiwin stands as one of Alberta's oldest cities. The inaugural school construction occurred in 1894, followed by the establishment of the first newspaper in 1897. The community experienced rapid growth, achieving town status in 1902 and city status in 1906. Wetaskiwin has actively preserved its historical legacy by restoring landmarks and creating museums. A noteworthy example is the provincial courthouse, erected in 1907, which has endured the test of time and was refurbished in 2005 to serve as Wetaskiwin's modern City Hall. This commitment to heritage reflects the city's ongoing connection to its past.

Today, Wetaskiwin thrives with a population exceeding 13,000 residents, offering a wealth of services and opportunities throughout the community. As you settle in, we encourage you to connect with friends, colleagues, and fellow community members to discover their favourite aspects of our city. We believe you will come to see Wetaskiwin as a friendly and inviting place to call home, work, and raise a family.



WETASKIWIN TODAY



LIVING IN WETASKIWIN

Wetaskiwin is renowned for its warm small-town community atmosphere and friendly nature. Here is some valuable information to assist you in seamlessly transitioning to life in Wetaskiwin.



How to Contact the City

For general assistance with City programs, services, or departments, contact our main switchboard or check out our online [Contact Directory](#).

Phone: 780.361.4400

Address: Wetaskiwin City Hall, 4705 50 Avenue

Main Website: wetaskiwin.ca

Contact Directory: wetaskiwin.ca/Contact



Learn About Your City Council

City Council is dedicated to enhancing Wetaskiwin for residents and businesses. Discover their vision, priorities, and participate in live Council meetings to stay informed about upcoming topics.

Connect with Council: Wetaskiwin.ca/council

Council Meeting Schedule: wetaskiwin.ca/councilschedule

Watch Live Meetings: wetaskiwin.ca/livewebcast



Health and Medical

Securing appropriate healthcare is a vital consideration. Here are some contact numbers you should keep handy.

[Wetaskiwin Hospital and Care Centre](#).....780.361.7100

Address: 6910 47 Street

[Wetaskiwin Primary Care Network](#).....780.312.2500

[Wetaskiwin Community Health Centre](#).....780.361.4333

[Health Link Alberta](#).....8 1 1



Emergency Services

The City's Emergency Services encompass fire and emergency medical services, the [Royal Canadian Mounted Police \(RCMP\)](#), and [Municipal Enforcement](#). The Emergency Services team is dedicated to upholding Wetaskiwin's reputation as a safe and secure city.

Wetaskiwin RCMP Address: 5005 48 Avenue

Emergency Services.....9 1 1

RCMP Phone (Non-Emergency).....780.312.7267

RCMP Phone (Administration).....780.312.7200

Enforcement Phone 24-hour dispatch/complaint line.....780.361.4401 ext. 1

Bylaws and Animal Control.....780.361.4400

Fire Services Phone (Non-Emergency).....780.361.4429



Education

Wetaskiwin places a high priority on providing the best education opportunities for residents of all age groups.

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools.....780.352.6018

Sacred Heart Catholic School.....780.352.5533

Adult Learning Programs:

Wetaskiwin Community Learning Program.....780.352.7257

Wetaskiwin Norquest College.....780.361.5800



Childcare

Wetaskiwin boasts a variety of both for-profit and not-for-profit day care centers, afterschool care facilities, and family day homes. It's important to note that all childcare facilities in Alberta are required to be licensed and staffed by trained professionals.

BGC Wetaskiwin

Website: wetaskiwinyouth.ca

Downtown Office: 780.352.4643

Early Learning & Child Care Centre (Robert B. Colbourne Centre): 780.352.4632

Family Support Program (Robert B. Colbourne Centre): 780.361.1950

Evolution Family Day Homes

102 Willow Drive

Phone: 780.352.5615

Website: wetaskiwindayhomes.ca

Sunrise Wetaskiwin Daycare Inc.

5604 48 Avenue

Phone: 780.200.9289

Website: [Facebook Page](#)



WETASKIWIN UTILITIES



Waste & Recycling

Learn more about the City of Wetaskiwin's waste and diversion programs, including curbside collection and recycling facilities.

Recycling Centre: wetaskiwin.ca/recyclingcentre

Wetaskiwin Recycling Centre Address: 5520 50 Street

Wetaskiwin Landfill: wetaskiwin.ca/Landfill

Address: 464047 [Range Road 243](#)

Residential Waste Services Subscription.....780.361.4436

Residential Collection Schedule:
wetaskiwin.ca/garbagechedule



Water & Wastewater Services

Peace Hills Utilities Inc. is a municipally-controlled corporation (MCC) providing Wetaskiwinites with water and wastewater services.

Residential Water Services Subscription....[Online](#) or call 780.361.4453

SERVICES AND UTILITIES

Electricity & Natural Gas Providers:

[ATCO Energy](#)... 1.844.687.2826

[Direct Energy](#).....1.855.452.8869

[ENMAX](#).....310.2010

[EPCOR](#)1.800.667.2345

[Fortis Alberta](#)780.310.9473

Internet, Phone & Cable Providers

[Eastlink](#)1.888.345.1111

[Telus](#).....780.310.2255

[Xplornet \(Ralcomm\)](#).....780.352.4077

[Starlink](#)

Pet Licences

Dogs that have reached the age of six months or older and have been living in Wetaskiwin for a period exceeding 30 days are required to obtain a licence. Fees and further information can be found online:

Website: wetaskiwin.ca/petlicence

Starting a New Business?

The well-being of our city relies on a robust business community, and we're thrilled about your interest in becoming a part of it. Reach out to the Economic Development Department for assistance in initiating or expanding your business in Wetaskiwin.

Phone: 780.361.4450

Email: ecdev@wetaskiwin.ca

Business Licensing:

Phone: 780.361.4400

Email: permits@wetaskiwin.ca

Website: wetaskiwin.ca/businesslicence

FINDING SUPPORT

Whether you're relocating from another community or a different country, there are situations when you might need assistance beyond just the moving process. The good news is that you have access to a variety of agencies and organizations that can offer support in a wide range of areas.



Connect Wetaskiwin

Connect Wetaskiwin is a community-driven organization dedicated to promoting community engagement, connection, and development. They forge connections and foster local pride in the City of Wetaskiwin. Website: connectwetaskiwin.com



Family & Community Support Services

FCSS offers a wide range of free and low-cost programs and services focused on prevention, connection, and building resilience. Whether you're looking for parenting resources, youth programs, senior support, or help navigating local services, FCSS can help you find the support you need.

4802B 40 Avenue Phone: 780.312.7533 Website: wetaskiwinfcss.com



The Wetaskiwin Public Library

The library is more than just books, it's a welcoming space where new residents can connect, learn, and feel part of the community. Offering complimentary internet services and access to a variety of valuable programs and services for both you and your family.

5002 51 Avenue Phone: 780.361.4446 Website: wetaskiwinpubliclibrary.ab.ca

Other Supports:



Horizons Centre

This organization assists adults with developmental disabilities by facilitating community involvement and offering resources based in a facility setting. 5431 36 Avenue
Phone: 780.352.6096 Website: horizonscentre.com



Giving Hope Today

Salvation Army Food Bank

An international Christian charitable organization known for its humanitarian and social services, including food bank services. 5102-50 Avenue, Phone: 780.352.2416
Thrift Store: 4805 49 Street, Phone: 780.352.4708

The Wetaskiwin and District Association for Community Service



WDACS provides a variety of programs and services to enhance the quality of life for children and adults who have disabilities. 5211 54 Street Phone: 780.352.2241
Website: wdacs.ca

GETTING INVOLVED

In Wetaskiwin, our community embraces a diverse array of places of worship, each extending a warm welcome to residents and newcomers alike. We encourage you to explore, inquire, and consider joining any of the following spiritual spaces:

- Calvary Baptist Church: 4910 Northmount Drive, Website: www.cbcw.ca
- Church of Christ : 4708 50 Avenue, Website: churchofchristwetaskiwin.com
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 5410 – 36 Avenue. Website: churchofjesuschrist.org
- Ebenezer Baptist Church: 4730 – 51 Avenue, Website: www.ebcwetaskiwin.ca
- First United Church: 5115 – 51 Avenue, Website: www.firstunitedwetaskiwin.ca
- German Church of God: 4114 - 52 Street, Website: www.thechurchofgod.cc/wetaskiwin-alberta
- Grace Lutheran Church: 4218 – 56 Avenue, Website: glcw.ca
- Immanuel Anglican Church: 5103 – 46 Avenue, Website: www.facebook.com/immanuelwetaskiwin
- Jesus Cares Christian Fellowship: 222 Northmount Drive, Website: jesuscareschristianfellowship.com
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses: 4802 57 Avenue, Website: www.jw.org/en
- Lifegate Community Church: 4708 50 Avenue, Website: www.facebook.com/lifegate.ca
- LightHouse Fellowship Church: 5801 52 Street, Website: www.lighthousefellowship.ca
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church: 5113 49 Avenue, Website: sacredheartwetaskiwin.caedm.ca
- Seventh-Day Adventist Church: Hwy 814 #4700-14A, Website: www.wetaskiwinadventist.ca
- St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church: 55014 – 55 Street, Website: www.facebook.com/stjohnswetaskiwin
- Wetaskiwin Church of God: 4407 56 Avenue, Website: www.wetaskiwinchurchofgod.ca
- Wetaskiwin Full Gospel Fellowship: 3916 64 Street, Website: wfgf.org/explore
- Wetaskiwin Hospital Chaplain: 6910 – 47 Street, Phone: 780.361.4138
- Wetaskiwin Mission Church: 3610 – 56 Avenue, Website: wetaskiwinmissionchurch.org
- Zion Lutheran Church: 5417 – 40 Avenue, Phone: Website: www.zionwetaskiwin.ca

SERVICE CLUBS

In Wetaskiwin, we believe in the incredible power of service, community, and shared purpose. If you're ready to make a lasting impact, consider joining one of our Service Clubs.

- Connect Wetaskiwin: Website: www.facebook.com/groups/connectwetaskiwin
- Kinette Club of Wetaskiwin: Website: facebook.com/p/Kinette-Club-of-Wetaskiwin-100072311673002/
- Lions Club: Website: e-clubhouse.org/sites/wetaskiwinab
- Wetaskiwin Elks #91: Phone: 780.608.9553
- Wetaskiwin Loyal Order of Moose No 1559: 4915 49 Street, Phone: 780.352.2580
- Wetaskiwin & District 4-H Council: Website: www.facebook.com/WetaskiwinDistrict4HBeef
- Wetaskiwin Royal Canadian Legion Br. 86: Website: facebook.com/wetaskiwinroyalcanadianlegionbr.86

Getting Around:

Wetaskiwin Registries

Vehicle registration services.

208, 3725 56 Street, Wetaskiwin Mall

780.352.7450

Taxi Services

Kely's Taxi: Phone: 780.335.5551

Eagle Taxi: 780.352.7699

AK 47 Cab: 780.360.4747

Transit

For accessible transportation, the Wetaskiwin Transportation Coalition offers handi-van services.

These services offer on-demand, door-to-door transportation for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges.

Contact: 780.312.7392

DISCOVER WETASKIWIN

Wetaskiwin provides opportunities for outdoor recreation, arts and culture experiences, visits to attractions, exploration of historic buildings, museums, and much more. Embark on an adventure right in your own city.



City of Wetaskiwin Visitor Guide

For those who appreciate music, theatre, nature, outdoor activities, and family fun, Wetaskiwin has something for everyone. If you're seeking ways to relish your new city, explore a variety of fun and educational activities available year-round!

Website: wetaskiwin.ca/DiscoverWetaskiwin

Visitor Information Centre: Wetaskiwin Heritage Museum (5007 50 Ave)



Shop Wetaskiwin

Immerse yourself in local history as you embark on a shopping excursion in our charming historic downtown. You can also wander through the various retailers along the renowned Automile, which includes the Wetaskiwin Mall.

Wetaskiwin Business Directory: wetaskiwin.ca/businessdirectory



Dine Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin's dining scene is as diverse as it is delicious, offering something for every palate. Whether you're craving comfort food, international cuisine, or local flavors, we have it all.

Wetaskiwin Business Directory: wetaskiwin.ca/businessdirectory



Arts & Culture

Unleash your creativity within Wetaskiwin's lively arts and culture scene.

Manluk Theatre: manluktheatre.ca

Reynolds-Alberta Museum: reynoldsmuseum.ca

Wetaskiwin Art & Craft Centre: waacc.ca

Wetaskiwin District Heritage Museum: wetaskiwinmuseum.com

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Programs & Activities

Wetaskiwin is home to a wide range of recreational amenities, including an indoor aquatic centre, fitness facilities, ball diamonds, two indoor arenas for skating and hockey, tennis courts, a skate park, seasonal outdoor rinks, a year-round disc golf course, and a curling rink.

There are also many community-led programs available for all ages, including gymnastics, soccer, baseball, minor football, and hockey.

To learn more, visit manlukcentre.ca, talk to a neighbour, or contact the Manluk Regional Aquatics and Fitness Centre at 4514 50 Avenue or by calling 780.361.4444.



Parks & Leisure

In Wetaskiwin, you'll find the allure of our local parks, fishing spots, hiking trails, golf courses, and so much more. Take a leisurely stroll in one of our numerous community parks, or tee off at one of our four surrounding golf courses, including the championship, 18-hole Montgomery Glen Golf and Country Club. Let the beauty of our surroundings welcome you.

City Parks Website: wetaskiwin.ca/Parksandrec



Wetaskiwin Events

We're fortunate to be a part of a community teeming with caring organizations. We take great joy in collaborating with them to bring exciting events and activities to our city. In Wetaskiwin, there's always something enjoyable taking place.

Events Calendar: <https://events.wetaskiwin.ca/>



New Home, New Beginnings: Your Moving Checklist

Moving into a new home is an exciting adventure, but it can also be a bit overwhelming. Fear not! We've got your back with this checklist to ensure a smooth transition into your new home.

- ☐ Change of Address: Update your address with the post office, banks, utilities and other institutions.
- ☐ Utilities: Set-up water, gas, electricity, internet and cable services in your name.
- ☐ Home Insurance: Arrange for homeowner's or rental insurance coverage.
- ☐ Safety Inspection: Check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ☐ Meet the Neighbours: Take a moment to introduce yourself to your new neighbours.
- ☐ Local Services: Familiarize yourself with local services and facilities.
- ☐ Celebrate your New Home

Moving into a new home is a significant chapter in your life. With this checklist, you're well on your way to turning your new house into a cozy and welcoming home.

Welcome to your new home in Wetaskiwin!