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# Wetaskiwin

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### **City temporarily closes Wetaskiwin's Archives for up to one year**

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) –Wetaskiwin City Council voted to temporarily close the City of Wetaskiwin Archives to the public—effective immediately for up to one year—to examine the Archives' current portfolio and assets.

This decision to temporarily close the Archives—made after receiving the City Archivist's resignation notice—allows the City to review the collection and consult with stakeholders to determine how the Archives can best serve the needs of the community while positioning it for long-term success. Administration will report back to City Council in the first quarter of 2021.

"The closure will give the City an opportunity to see how we can best serve the community as well as preserve our history," said Wetaskiwin Mayor Tyler Gandam. "Once we receive the report from Administration, Council will be able to set a long-term vision for Wetaskiwin's Archives."

The City Archivist will continue to respond to existing research requests until the end of November. The Archivist position will remain vacant until a long-term plan for the Archives is in place to ensure fiscal responsibility to the community is maintained. The [archives@wetaskiwin.ca](mailto:archives@wetaskiwin.ca) email will continue to be monitored by City staff in the interim. Please keep checking [www.wetaskiwin.ca](http://www.wetaskiwin.ca) for updates.

#### **About the City of Wetaskiwin**

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of 12,655 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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