

Hamlet of Mirror

COMMUNITY PROFILE



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Community Development Association

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Reeve's Greeting

On behalf of the Lacombe County Council I would like to welcome not only our residents, but also those that are browsing this website from afar. It is our sincere hope that you will learn more about Lacombe County and all of its positive attributes.

Lacombe County is a very diverse municipality with the inclusion of many types of agricultural operations as well as vibrant petrochemical and oil and gas industries. Although these sectors are the backbone of the economy of this municipality, it must be recognized that Lacombe County is very progressive and actively seeks new ventures to be located within the County.



The Hamlet of Mirror is one of five hamlets located within Lacombe County. Mirror offers small town friendliness in tandem with good infrastructure and an inviting business climate.

If your family is ready for the charm of a country lifestyle, Mirror has what you are looking for. It boasts a large selection of desirable lots and houses at a fraction of big city prices – not to mention an enviably low property tax. Its proximity to major service centres further enhances the Hamlet's unique appeal.

Why not see yourself in Mirror?

Sincerely,

Terry Engen
Reeve
Lacombe County



Message from the Mirror and District Community Development Association

The Mirror and District Community Development Association is a non-profit society working to enhance Mirror. Some of our accomplishments are listed below.

- Encouraging new development in our hamlet as evidenced with the new subdivision underway
- Nurturing a good working relationship with Lacombe County including negotiating a lease with Lacombe County for the Mirror Business Centre, which houses the Treasury Branch Agency, the Post Office and Apache Oilfield. We have been leasing and maintaining this facility for the past two years.
- Encouraging Lacombe County to develop a policy for Pitch-In Week, thereby providing us with the materials necessary to hold a spring clean up every year
- Publishing a brochure for Mirror and distributing it to various locations within central Alberta
- Holding an Asset Mapping Session for our community to identify our strengths and opportunities
- Working with the local school to ensure it remains viable

The members of our association are dedicated to ensuring that Mirror's residents continue to enjoy the benefits of Alberta's comfortable rural lifestyle and thriving economy.

We're looking forward to meeting you in Mirror!



Maryanna Klassen, Association President

Area Overview

The Hamlet of Mirror is located in the County of Lacombe, east of the Town of Lacombe at the junction of Highways 50 and 21, and close to Highway 12.

Mirror is administered by the county and faces many of the challenges common to Alberta's rural communities however, it has the unique and important assets to meet these challenges, setting it apart from other small rural centres.

At 2.59 square kilometres (1.6 square miles), Mirror's physical size is large for its population of only 490 people; this allows ample room for growth and the opportunity to effectively encourage additional commercial, residential and industrial development in the hamlet.

Mirror has a plentiful supply of high quality water for the use of its residents and businesses. Abundant bodies of water in the surrounding natural areas provide excellent opportunities for agriculture, manufacturing and food processing, recreation, tourism and residential development.

Mirror's proximity to fast-growing towns of Lacombe and Stettler is also an asset. Lacombe and Stettler have grown quickly over the past ten years, capitalizing on oil and gas projects in the area, such as the Joffre plant. As the towns have grown, housing prices have increased as well. For those wanting a safe, friendly, quiet community with reasonable housing costs, Mirror is a great alternative and an easy commute of 25 minutes from both centres.

Mirror's school makes it possible for families to place their children in a smaller school with a personal, family-like atmosphere. The community hall, municipal campground, baseball diamonds, public park, and library also support family and group activities and interests.

Mirror's most important asset is its people. Residents possess a strong sense of pride of ownership in their community. Community events encourage socializing and newcomers are always welcome.

Community History

Mirror's name was derived from an English publication known the world over as *The London Daily Mirror*.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway constructed a branch line between Edmonton and Calgary via Mirror. Situated half-way between the two centres, Mirror became a divisional point. The railway constructed a roundhouse, living quarters for train crews and repair crews, and built a eight billion gallon water reservoir, known today as the Mirror Fish Pond.

The company surveyed the town site and began advertising the potential of the district in the United States, United Kingdom, and Northern European newspapers. There was great interest in this new town site and a special train transported prospective buyers to the area. Lots sold for \$300.00 to \$2,075.00. The railway had high hopes that Mirror would become one of Alberta's largest centres.

Mirror continued to grow and was incorporated as a village on July 27, 1912. The Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian National Railway amalgamated and became the Canadian National Railway in 1922, but when the railway converted to diesel units, it was no longer necessary to use Mirror as divisional point. Railway activities decreased in the area and many of the railway buildings were left empty and available for other uses.

In 2003, the citizens of the Village of Mirror elected to revert to hamlet status within Lacombe County. This choice was ratified by Lacombe County Council and made effective January 1, 2004.

Population and Demographics

Population and Dwelling Counts	Mirror			Alberta		
	Total			Total		
Population in 2001	492			2,974,807 [†]		
Population in 1996	487			2,696,826 [†]		
1996 to 2001 population change (%)	1.0			10.3		
Total private dwellings	226			1,171,841		
Population density per square kilometre	209.9			4.6		
Land area (square km)	2.34			639,987.1		

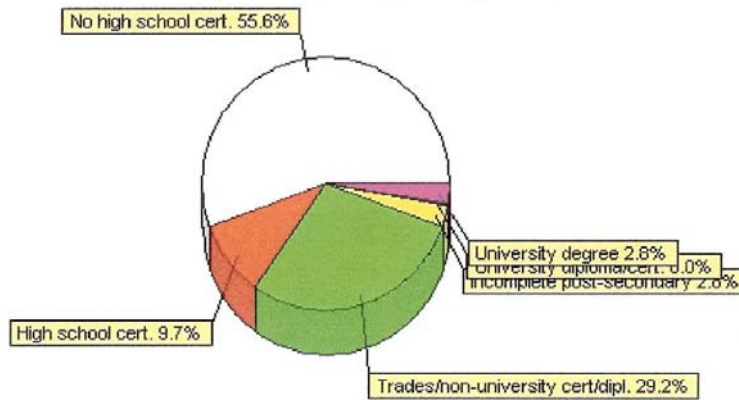
Age Characteristics of the Population	Mirror			Alberta		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total - All persons	495	245	250	2,974,805	1,486,590	1,488,220
Age 0-4	20	10	15	186,430	95,270	91,165
Age 5-14	65	35	30	431,160	220,975	210,185
Age 15-19	25	10	15	222,960	114,040	108,925
Age 20-24	15	5	10	215,125	109,735	105,395
Age 25-44	115	55	55	948,740	475,920	472,825
Age 45-54	100	45	55	420,890	213,290	207,600
Age 55-64	55	35	25	241,090	120,805	120,285
Age 65-74	55	25	30	173,190	83,865	89,325
Age 75-84	35	15	15	102,350	42,285	60,060
Age 85 and over	5	0	5	32,860	10,410	22,455
Median age of the population	45.2	45.8	44.8	35.0	34.4	35.6
% of the population ages 15 and over	82.7	83.3	82.0	79.2	78.7	79.8

Education

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	200	55.56%
People with high school certificates	35	9.72%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	105	29.17%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	10	2.78%
People with university diploma/certificate	0	0.00%
People with university degree	10	2.78%
Total Population 20 years and older	360	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Mirror Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Commerce, management and business administration	10	9.09%	0	0.00%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	15	13.64%	10	9.09%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	30	27.27%	55	50.00%
Engineering and applied sciences	10	9.09%	0	0.00%
Fine and applied arts	10	9.09%	15	13.64%
Health professionals, science and technologies	15	13.64%	0	0.00%
Humanities and related fields	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Mathematics and physical sciences	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Social sciences and related fields	0	0.00%	25	22.73%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	110	100.00%	110	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	50	45.45%	45	40.91%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	60	54.55%	65	59.09%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

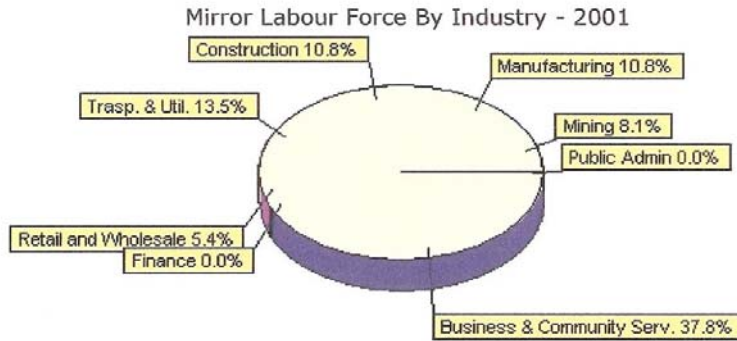
Labour Force

Labour force by activity	1996	2001
In the labour force, both sexes	235	185
Not in the labour force, both sexes	160	220
Total population 15 and over	390	405
Employed, both sexes	230	150
Unemployed, both sexes	0	35
Participation rate, both sexes	60.00%	64.00%
Unemployment rate, both sexes	0.00%	0.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Labour Force by Industry Division	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Agriculture	30	13.04%	0	0.00%
Mining	20	8.70%	15	8.11%
Manufacturing	35	15.22%	20	10.81%
Construction	0	0.00%	20	10.81%
Transportation, & Utilities	20	8.70%	25	13.51%
Retail and Wholesale	40	17.39%	10	5.41%
Finance	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Business & Community Services	80	34.78%	70	37.84%
Public Administration	10	4.35%	0	0.00%
Total All Industries	230	100.00%	185	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	0	0.00%	10	5.41%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	20	8.51%	20	10.81%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	0	0.00%	10	5.41%
Health occupations	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	20	8.51%	0	0.00%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Sales and service occupations	80	34.04%	70	37.84%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	30	12.77%	50	27.03%
Occupations unique to primary industry	45	19.15%	15	8.11%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	25	10.64%	15	8.11%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	235	100.00%	185	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	110	46.81%	85	45.95%
Males - All Occupations	125	53.19%	95	51.35%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Income

Family Income (Number of Families)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	10	8.33%	25	26.32%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	30	25.00%	75	78.95%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	70	58.33%	10	10.53%
\$60,000 and over	10	8.33%	10	10.53%
Total number of families	120	100.00%	120	126.32%
Average family income	\$42,392		\$36,252	
Median family income	\$46,045		\$29,393	

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Household Income (Number of Households)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	70	35.00%	40	19.51%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	45	22.50%	100	48.78%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	70	35.00%	25	12.20%
\$60,000 and over	10	5.00%	40	19.51%
Total number of households	200	100.00%	205	100.00%
Average household income	\$34,603		\$37,315	
Median household income	\$25,044		\$32,005	

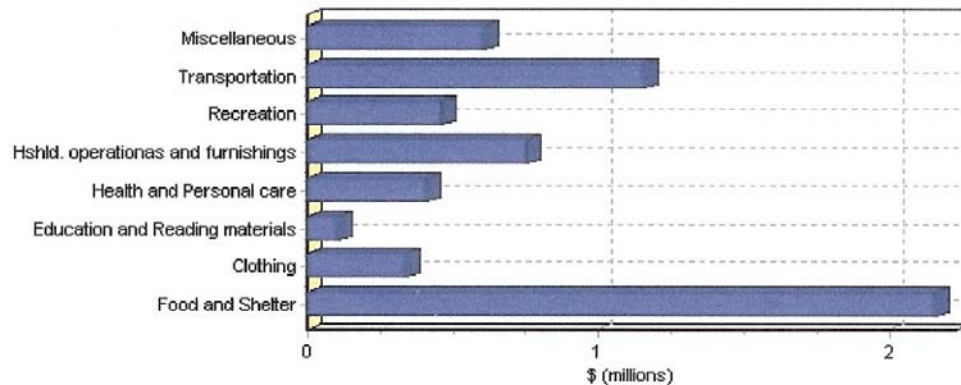
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Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$1,818,415	39.07%	\$2,160,499	36.06%
Clothing	\$282,220	6.06%	\$340,057	5.68%
Education and Reading materials	\$69,470	1.49%	\$107,014	1.79%
Health and Personal care	\$301,645	6.48%	\$407,363	6.80%
Hshld. operationas and furnishings	\$500,460	10.75%	\$753,847	12.58%
Recreation	\$303,260	6.52%	\$461,376	7.70%
Transportation	\$969,000	20.82%	\$1,154,842	19.27%
Miscellaneous	\$406,370	8.73%	\$606,608	10.12%
Total Current Consumption	\$4,654,210	100.00%	\$5,991,606	100.00%
Total # of Households	190		201	
Average Consumption per Household	\$24,496		\$29,809	

Source: Statistics Canada Family Expenditure Survey 1992 & 1996 (numbers may not add up due to rounding).

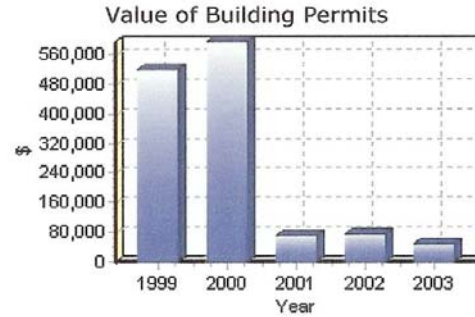
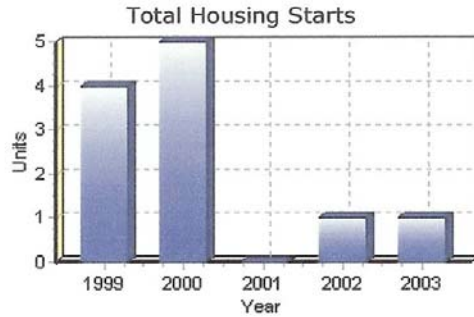
Mirror Family Expenditures (1996)



Building Permits

Total Building Permit Values	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$102,000	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$387,000	\$583,000	\$61,000	\$77,000	\$50,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$520,000	\$596,000	\$71,000	\$77,000	\$50,000
Total Housing Starts	4	5	0	1	1

Source: Statistics Canada 1998-2002 Building Permits (numbers may not add up due to rounding)



Dwellings

Occupied Private Dwellings by Type	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Apartments	10	5.00%	5	2.44%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Movable Dwellings	15	7.50%	0	0.00%
Other single attached house	10	5.00%	5	2.44%
Row and semi-detached house	0	0.00%	5	2.44%
Single-detached house	175	87.50%	185	90.24%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	200	100.00%	205	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	175	87.50%	150	73.17%
Private Dwellings, rented	20	10.00%	55	26.83%

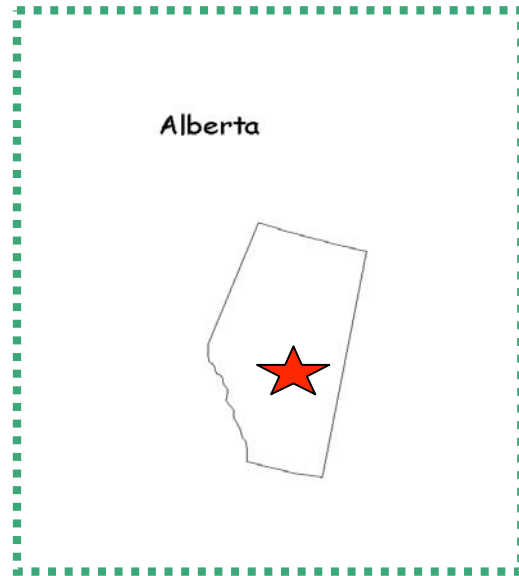
Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Private Dwellings by Period of Construction	# of Dwellings	% of total
Period of construction, before 1946	95	45.24%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	30	14.29%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	10	4.76%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	30	14.29%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	25	11.90%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	20	9.52%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	210	100.00%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Location and Other Details

The Hamlet of Mirror is northeast of Red Deer, in Section 28-40-22 W4 of Census Division No. 8. This location is 45 kilometres (28 miles) east of Lacombe and 48 kilometres (30 miles) west of Stettler on Highways 50 and 21.



ALTITUDE

794 metres (2,605 feet) Latitude 52/28 Longitude 113/07

TEMPERATURE

Average Summer 15 degrees Celsius (59 degrees Fahrenheit)
Average Annual 2.4 degrees Celsius (36.3 degrees Fahrenheit)
Annual Winter - 11.9 degrees Celsius (10.5 degrees Fahrenheit)

PRECIPITATION

Average annual rainfall 35.737 centimetres (14.07 inches)
Average annual snowfall 101.854 centimetres (40.1 inches)
Average annual precipitation 46.151 centimetres (18.17 inches)

GEOLOGY

The underlying rock formations in the Mirror district are composed of shale and sandstone. Deposited by streams and rivers, they are fresh water in origin and are several hundred feet thick. These formations are grouped together by geologists who call them the Paskapoo formation. They date back to the early Tertiary Age, which began some fifty million years ago. Since these rocks were deposited, the North American continent has been uplifted; consequently the rocks have eroded and only a fraction of their original thickness remains.

SOIL PROFILE

Mirror lies in the province's black sandy soil zone. The normal soil profile has a black to very dark brown surface horizon that averages 12 to 14 inches (30.5 to 35.5 centimetres) below the surface.

FERTILITY

Soils in this zone are the most fertile in the province. In the surface foot these soils contain three to four times as much nitrogen and organic matter as in the average brown or grey wooded soil.

VEGETATION

The Mirror area is grassland that has been partially invaded by woodlands (mainly deciduous trees), often referred to as parkland.

LAND USE

A high percentage of the zone is arable. Good quality wheat, oats, barley and oilseed crops can be grown. Mixed farming, including the use of crop rotation and fertilizers, is desirable from the standpoint of both profit and performance. No till practices are common throughout the district.

Transportation

AIR SERVICE

Distance to airports from Mirror:

Edmonton International – 112 kilometres (70 miles)
Calgary International – 210 kilometres (130 miles)
Red Deer Regional - 92 kilometres (57 miles)

BUS LINE

Greyhound Bus Lines – Available at Home Hardware in Alix

HIGHWAYS

Highway 50 and 12 to Lacombe – 45 kilometres (28 miles)
Highway 21 and 12 to Stettler – 48 kilometres (30 miles)
Highway 21 to Bashaw – 21 kilometres (13 miles)
Highway 21 to Camrose – 72 kilometres (45 miles)

RAILWAY

Mirror is serviced by a branch line of the Canadian National Railway's Edmonton-Calgary main line.

COURIERS

Priority Post
DHL
Purolator
Greyhound (Available in Alix - 12.5 kilometres (8 miles))

Services and Amenities

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Treasury Branch Agency

Community Savings

- in Alix 12.5 kilometres (8 miles)

- in Bashaw 21 kilometres (13 miles)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Whistle Stop Inn 403-788-3803

Mirror Hotel 403-788-3999

RESTAURANTS

Whistle Stop Café 403-788-3803

Mirror Hotel 403-788-3999

Culture and Recreation



Mirror and District Museum

In 1979 the Village of Mirror donated eight lots as a site for the local museum. The Museum Society was successful in having the Mirror Anglican Church declared a Provincial Historic Site.

This dynamic organization raises funds for its projects through various means and is an important part of Mirror's community identity.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May Long Weekend Ball Tournament, Cabaret, Parade, and Pancake Breakfast

Monthly Old Time Dance at the Community Hall

RECREATION FACILITIES

Seniors floor curling at the Community Hall

Two-sheet curling rink

Outdoor skating rink

Two ball diamonds located by municipal campground

One ball diamond at Mirror School

Park and playground equipment

Mirror Fish Pond

Close Proximity to four Golf Courses and Buffalo Lake for fishing, camping, abundant wildlife and great beaches

Community Organizations

The Jolly Seniors Centre

Box 41
Mirror, Alberta TOB 3C0
Responsible for the Friendly Inn

Royal Canadian Legion #189

President, Eugene Hunt
Box 308
Mirror, Alberta TOB 3C0

Ladies Auxiliary (Royal Canadian Legion)

President, Laural Smith
Box 343
Mirror, Alberta TOB 3C0

Friends of Mirror School Parents Council

President: Cathy Grypluk Ph:788-3233
Box 190
Mirror, Alberta TOB 3C0

Skating Rink Committee

President: George Albers Ph: 788-2344
Box 359
Mirror, Alberta TOB 3C0
Responsible for Camp Ground and skating rink

Mirror & District Community Development Association

President: Maryanna Klassen
Box 265
Mirror, Alberta TOB 3C0
Responsible for the Mirror Business Centre.

Mirror Recreation Society

President: Diane Fankhanel Ph: 788-3779
Box 39
Mirror, Alberta TOB 3C0
Responsible for ball diamonds and community hall.

Mirror Fire Department

Fire Chief, Kerry Andrew
Box 127
Mirror, Alberta TOB 3C0

Mirror Curling Club

Box 184

Mirror, Alberta T0B 3C0

Friends of Mirror Library

President, Gale Richardson

Box 254

Mirror, Alberta T0B 3C0

Mirror & District Museum Society

President, Don Wilson

Box 246

Mirror, Alberta T0B 3C0

Bashaw Victim Services

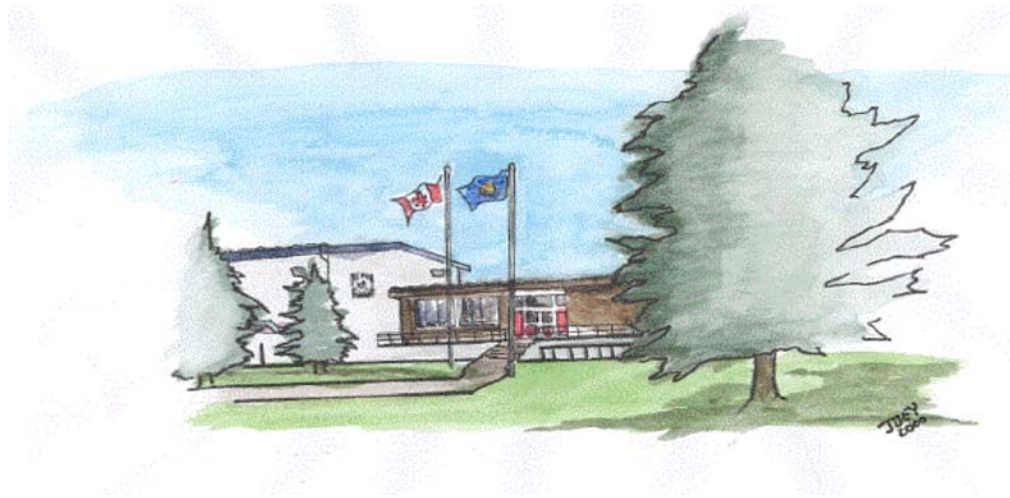
Coordinator Joy Lonsdale

Ph: 780-372-3993

Box 115

Mirror, Alberta T0B 3C0

Education



Mirror School

Mirror School is truly "The Little School With a Big Heart". This small school fosters a safe, caring, supportive and friendly environment.

With an enrollment of approximately 65 students ranging from kindergarten (Early Childhood Services) to grade eight, and a staff of four full-time equivalent teachers, Mirror School offers a wide range of programs, both academic and extra curricular. The students' Provincial Achievement Test scores indicate sound academic achievement and school teams are competitive with other schools.

Mirror School Features

- Experienced and dedicated staff that supports academic and community development in children
- Small pupil-teacher ratio of approximately eight to one
- Small class sizes averaging fourteen students
- Early school intervention model
- Full Alberta Learning Curriculum offered
- Options offered include: Industrial Art, Food Prep, Sewing, Leatherwork, and Drama
- Staff is trained in speech pathology
- Full access to support programs offered through SHOS, DTHR, Edmonton Regional Consulting, and Wolf Creek Student Services.
- Average to above-average Provincial Achievement Scores
- Clean, well maintained school
- Strong community connections
- STOP Bullying Program

- Monthly themes to support Effective Behaviour Programs
- Peer Support Program
- Computer lab renewed every four years
- School computers on high speed SuperNet
- Daily physical education
- School sport teams, intramurals and special event days held
- Supervised lunch rooms
- Hot lunch program offered every Tuesday
- Conversational French will be offered in grade four soon
- Sports offered after school and during school include: swimming, skiing/snowboarding, basketball, curling, broomball, soccer, track, badminton, and volleyball
- Grade six camp is held annually
- Science programs average marks are consistently higher than the Provincial Average
- School offers a complete package of programs from: Fun For Fours, Preschool, Kindergarten, grades one through eight
- Support Staff are trained to work with special needs students
- School instructional hours are higher than required
- Monthly award assemblies are held focussing on Respect
- Active and responsive School Council supports the arts by sponsoring annual plays from Alberta Opera, CUC Band and the Music Festival held in Lacombe
- The school focuses on core subjects of reading, language arts and math
- Active Students Union, Leadership Club, SMILE Committee (AADAC) and Family Liaison Program
- Family Liaison Programs include: Buddy Club, Fun For Fours, Moms and Tots, Winners Circle and Individual Counselling
- Mirror School is linked via computer video conferencing to all Wolf Creek Schools
- Small school atmosphere promotes community values and safety for students
- Cross walk guards are on duty daily
- A well established library complements the local community library and the Parkland Library System
- School support for annual track meets at the local and county levels
- School staff are trained in first aid
- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their work, their behaviour and are involved in running the school, through doing announcements, hosting the award ceremonies and buddy reading.

Contact Information

Mirror School
P.O. Box 190
Mirror, Alberta T0B 3C0
Phone: 403-788-3913
Principal: Stew Botsford
E-mail: mirror@wolfcreek.ab.ca
Website: www2.wolfcreek.ab.ca/mr/

Religious Services



St. Monica's Anglican Church 1895 – 1995 Now an historic site maintained by the Mirror & District Museum Society

Religious services are offered by a number of organizations in and around the community.

Mirror Alliance Church Phone: 403-788-2204
Sunday school 10 – 11 a.m. Morning worship 11 – Noon
Mini Youth Group meets Friday nights at the Alliance Church at 7:00 p.m.
Ages 4 to Grade 6 welcome.

Mirror United Church Phone: 403-788-3835
Sunday services at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school classes during the regular service. Children of all ages welcome.

Mirror Seventh Day Adventist Church
Phone: Cliff Buelow 403-788-2296, Pastor Morris 403-747-3971
Saturday Sabbath time: Sabbath School 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Church 11:15 to 12:15

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish – Bashaw
Phone Arlene Oberg 780-372-3645
Services: Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Health Care

The David Thompson Health Authority serves the Hamlet of Mirror. Medical care can be accessed in the towns of Lacombe, 45 kilometres (28 miles) west of Mirror (www.town.lacombe.ab.ca) and the Town of Stettler, 48 kilometres (30 miles) east of Mirror (www.stettler.net). The services of physicians, dentists, optometrists, opticians, chiropractors, denturists and audiologists are provided in both towns.

Hospital services are available in both Stettler and Lacombe, and there is a health clinic in Bashaw.

Mirror's home care program is provided by the Stettler Health Clinic.

MEDICAL SERVICES

	<u>LACOMBE</u>	<u>STETTLER</u>
Medical Doctors	14	6
Medical Clinics	2	2
Walk in Clinic	2	
Chiropractors	5	4
Dentists	4	3
Optometrists	4	2

Emergency Services

POLICE

Mirror is served by the Bashaw Detachment of the RCMP 780-372-3593

AMBULANCE

Mirror is served by the Bashaw Ambulance Service - Phone: 911

FIRE PROTECTION

Mirror has a volunteer fire department with fifteen active members. The department operates from a two-bay fire hall with one pumper truck, one equipment van and one water tanker.

For service dial 911.

ENFORCEMENT

Dale Guest

Chief County Constable

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Mike Woods

County Constable

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Julian Veuger

County Constable/Director of Disaster Services

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The Lacombe County Enforcement department protects county infrastructure, monitors traffic for the safety of motorists, provides information regarding legislation and by-laws to industry and the general public, and provides service to local communities (Clive, Eckville, Alix, the summer villages of Gull Lake, Sunbreaker Cove, and Birchcliff) through contracts. The department's legislative authority includes sections of the Traffic Safety Act & Regulations, sections of the Gaming & Liquor Act, County by-laws, and issuance of fire permits. The department does not deal with criminal code offences such as: impaired driving, theft, and break and enter. Animal control is presently handled by contractors who work under the direction of the department.

Municipal Services

LACOMBE COUNTY 2005 PROPERTY TAXES

Municipal Tax Rates

- Residential - 3.140
- Farmland and Non-residential - 4.450
- Machinery and Equipment - 4.450

Education Tax Rates

- Residential - 4.481
- Farmland - 4.481
- Non-residential - 5.533
- Machinery & Equipment - 0.000

Total Tax Rates

- Residential - 7.621
- Farmland - 8.931
- Non-residential - 9.983
- Machinery & Equipment - 4.450

UTILITIES

Power

EPCOR 310-4300

Gas

Direct Energy Phone: 1-866-4203174

Emergency Services (gas leaks/gas odour)

ATCO Gas Ltd 1-800-511-3447

Water and Sewer

Water Flat Rate \$42.36 per month

Water Consumption rate \$1.02 per cubic metre

Sewer Flat Rate \$11.42 per month plus percentage of water consumption

Water Supply and Capacity

Capacity of water storage cell – effective volume = 128,000 cubic meters

Capacity of Water Treatment Plant = 708 cubic meters per day

Type of treatment – chlorination

Treated Water Storage

Average daily flow = 273 cubic meters

Peak daily flow = 792 cubic meters

Fire flow = 50 liters per second for 2 hours

Waste Water

Two anaerobic cells, One facultative cell.

Facility is located in SW 33-40-20 W4M

Garbage Collection

Residential only: Flat rate \$8.95 per month

Businesses and commercial services are required to make their own arrangements with Canadian Waste or another service provider.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Edmonton Journal, The Edmonton Sun, The Calgary Sun, and The Red Deer Advocate are available in Mirror on a daily basis. The Bashaw Star is a weekly publication.

Most Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Stettler and Camrose AM and FM radio stations are received clearly in Mirror.

Satellite television is provided by Express Vu www.bell.ca and Star Choice Satellite Television www.starchoice.com Ph. 1-888-554-STAR

Cable television is provided by Persona Cable System 1-866-737-7662 www.personainc.ca

High speed cable and wireless Internet services are offered by Telus and Xplornet.

The community has been wired for the SuperNet (high speed broadband).

Government Services

MUNICIPAL - LACOMBE COUNTY

General Information

Emergency Contacts	Police	911
	Fire	911
	Ambulance	911
	Environmental Response	1-800-222-6514
	Disaster Services	(403) 872-3339
After Hours Emergency	Answering Service	(403) 357-1210
Lacombe County	Switchboard	(403) 782-6601
	Office Fax	(403) 782-3820
	Red Deer Direct (Toll Free from Eckville)	(403) 357-1770
	Public Works Shop	(403) 782-3567
	Public Works Fax	(403) 782-5356

Councillors

Division 1	Rod McDermid	(403) 747-2131
Division 2	William Knight	(403) 784-3633
Division 3	Cliff Soper	(403) 885-4378
Division 4 (Dep. Reeve)	Linda Landmark	(403) 784-3709
Division 5	Ken Wigmore	(403) 782-2593
Division 6	Robert Szasz	(403) 748-3942
Division 7 (Reeve)	Terry Engen	(403) 746-5466

Administration

County Commissioner	Terry Hager, CLGM	Ext 204
Manager of Corporate Services	Tim Timmons	Ext 203
Executive Assistant	Laverne Turnbull	Ext 223
Administrative Assistant	Donna Mae Grant	Ext 205

Agriculture

Manager of Agric. Services	Keith Boras	Ext 208
Asst. Manager Agric. Services	Dion Burlock	Ext 230

Enforcement

Chief Constable	Dale Guest	Ext 213
County Constable (Disaster Services)	Julian Veuger	Ext 215
County Constable (Road Use Permits)	Mike Woods	Ext 231

Finance

Accountant	Heather Fischer	Ext 222
Chief Assessor	Larry Riep	Ext 206
Asst. Assessor	Wade Bogusky	Ext 214
Tax/Assessment Clerk	Brenda Stewart	Ext 219

Planning & Development

Manager of Planning Services	Allan Williams	Ext 217
Planner/Development Officer	Dale Freitag	Ext 218
Asst. Planner/Dev. Officer	Jolene Kerr	Ext 262

Public Works

Public Works Supervisor	Phil Lodermeier	Ext 210
Maintenance Foreman	Lyle Moger	Ext 240
Construction Foreman	Cliff Miller	Ext 228
Shop Foreman	George Seibel	Ext 301
Project Coordinator	Dale Kary	Ext 304
Public Works Secretary	Shelley Black	Ext 209

Technology & Mapping

GIS/GPS Analyst	Michael Kartusch	Ext 259
Information Technology Analyst	Greg Gibeault	

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Key Contacts for Business Development

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Web Site: www.lookintomirror.ca

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Red Deer, AB. T4N 6K8
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Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP)
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Web Site: www.centralalberta.ab.ca

Battle River Alliance for Economic Development (BRAED)
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Camrose, AB. T4N 1N5
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East Parkland Community & Business Development Corporation
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