

# HIGHWOOD CENTRE

## Happenings

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### Fundraising Update



We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the incredible generosity of the Highwood Lions Club and members of our community, we successfully raised \$90,717 toward the purchase of a new professional audio system for the Highwood Centre.

This upgrade will improve every event at our facility with reliable, high-quality sound coverage throughout the venue. Featuring two banks of line-array speakers and dedicated powered speakers in both the Veterans Room and Heritage Room, the new system delivers clear, consistent audio for large-scale events, performances, conferences, and community gatherings.

Beyond improving client events, this investment will expand entertainment and cultural programming for our community. Designed to support a wide range of live productions, including full bands, theatrical performances, concerts, presentations, and much more.

With Phase One now complete, we are actively fundraising for Phase Two of this exciting project: a modern performance lighting package that will further transform the Highwood Centre into a premier event and performance venue.

**Our fundraising goal for this next phase is \$145,000**

Donations are gratefully accepted by cheque, cash, or e-transfer to [donations@highwoodcentre.com](mailto:donations@highwoodcentre.com).

Tax receipts will be issued for all eligible donations.

**Thank you for helping us build a stronger, more vibrant community gathering place for generations to come.**

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## Wedding Season

Wedding season is just around the corner, and the Highwood Centre is ready to help bring your vision to life. From intimate gatherings filled with meaningful moments to grand celebrations shared with family and friends, our versatile venue provides the perfect setting for every love story.

With thoughtfully curated all-inclusive wedding packages, we take care of the details, from catering and décor to setup and coordination, allowing you to focus on the moments that matter most. Our experienced team ensures everything comes together seamlessly behind the scenes.

Whether your style is timeless and elegant, modern and sophisticated, or uniquely your own, the Highwood Centre offers the flexibility, service, and expertise to create a truly unforgettable wedding day.



## Community Spotlight

### High River & District Seniors Friendship Centre

A registered non-profit, the High River & District Seniors Friendship Centre is a facility dedicated to providing opportunities for senior citizens to participate in recreational activities in a safe and friendly environment. They provide daily activities as and offer special events throughout the year. They offer a low yearly membership fee and anyone over 55+ can join.

Visit their website for more information at [hrsfcentre.ca](http://hrsfcentre.ca).

High River & District  
Seniors Friendship  
Centre



HIGHWOOD CENTRE  
PRESENTS



EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR YOUR  
**MAN CAVE & Zen Den**

Sunday September 27th 10AM - 3PM



**FREE TO ENTER**  
**DOWNTOWN HIGH RIVER**

**IN THE HEART OF THE ACTION**

**SITTING AREA, MARKET & LICENCED BAR**

Running at the same time as the 5th Annual Brian Chipchase Sr Memorial Show and Shine in downtown High River, we're transforming the Highwood Centre into the ultimate event pitstop!

**Featuring**

- **Free entry!**
- A cool-down area with plenty of seating to enjoy your food truck eats.
- A licensed bar serving up ice-cold drinks
- An awesome market experience featuring incredible vendors with automotive gear, Man Cave & Zen Den must-haves, and more!

**Make us part of your Show & Shine tradition this year!**

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## Join The Highwood Memorial Centre Society Board of Directors!

The Highwood Memorial Centre Society is looking for community-minded individuals who would like to donate their time and expertise to continue the legacy of the Highwood Centre.

The minimum time commitment would be 2 hours per month for a board meeting that occurs on the third Monday of each month, with the opportunity to join various committees. Interested individuals must live in the Town of High River or the Foothills County area.

Please contact [info@highwoodcentre.com](mailto:info@highwoodcentre.com) for more information on how to apply.

### Board of Directors

Chair: Tim Whitford

Vice-Chair: Karen Goble

Treasurer: Michael Prendergast

Secretary: Linda Wellwood

Director: Dan Campbell

Director: Cory Hanna

Director: Councillor Jamie Barton



### Our Mission

Connecting Communities, Celebrating Milestones: Empowering Together, One Event at a Time.

### Our Vision

We will continuously adapt our services and improve our facility to meet the evolving needs of our diverse community.

### Our Values

**Community:** We recognize that our community is the foundation of our existence. We support and invest in events and programs that engage our community and bring people together.

**Connection:** We support, promote and enhance opportunities to connect with our community and local neighbours.

**Service Excellence:** We create memorable experiences for our guests by tailoring our services and always looking for ways to surpass their expectations.

**Innovation:** We nurture an environment that welcomes new ideas to improve and grow for the benefit of our facility, guests and community.

**Collaboration:** We embrace the power of collaboration and seek out partnerships with like-minded organizations and individuals. Together, we can leverage our strengths for the benefit of our community.

**Legacy:** Continuing to honour the vision and efforts of those who came before us, ensuring that the Highwood Centre remains a vibrant part of the community for generations to come.

## Meet our Board of Directors

### New Introductions

#### **Linda Wellwood, Secretary**

Linda brings more than 30 years of experience in the Oil and Gas industry, having held diverse roles in bookkeeping, inside sales, project coordination, and document control in both Winnipeg, MB and Calgary, AB. Recently retired, she has settled in High River, AB, where she continues to stay actively engaged in her community.

In addition to her professional career, Linda proudly served for 25 years as a Naval Reserve Officer with the Canadian Cadet Organization, dedicating her time to developing and mentoring youth across the country. Her commitment to service extends to her volunteer work, having contributed to several condominium boards, the Calgary Branch of the Navy League of Canada, and various military mess committees.

Driven by a strong belief in community involvement and support, Linda continues to lend her skills, leadership, and experience wherever they can make a meaningful impact.

#### **Cory Hanna, Director**

Cory relocated to High River in 2022 after spending much of his life in Calgary. He graduated from the University of Calgary in 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Military History and built a diverse career spanning more than 12 years in food and beverage management before leaving the industry to pursue other opportunities. His experience includes leadership roles in private clubs, fine dining restaurants, neighborhood pubs, event venues, and corporate hospitality operations.

Since 2023, Cory has worked with Golden West Broadcasting, the company behind local radio stations 99.7 Sun Country, AM1140, and The Eagle 100.9, where he has developed strong connections within the Foothills community and gained valuable experience in local marketing and communications.

Outside of work, Cory enjoys golfing, collecting vintage items, reading, playing board games, and spending time with friends and family. He is passionate about local and military history and is pleased to contribute to the governance of the Highwood Centre, bringing both a food and beverage perspective and a commitment to supporting an important community asset.

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## Hall of Honour



Did you know that the Highwood Memorial Centre was established as a lasting tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our freedom during the Second World War?

As part of our commitment to preserving and sharing this legacy, we recently dedicated the Hall of Honour, a permanent installation dedicated to remembering and celebrating their service. The Hall of Honour features the historic scroll inscription preserved from the original First World War cenotaph, along with stories and photographs that highlight the courage and contributions of local heroes from High River and the surrounding communities.

This meaningful space serves as both a memorial and a place of reflection, ensuring that the sacrifices and stories of those who served will continue to be remembered for generations to come.

## Meet our Event Partners

### Canadiana Music

Canadiana Music provides technical support and event production for all Highwood Centre performance events. Whether you are planning a small acoustic concert or a full band performance, Canadiana Music will ensure your event is a success! [www.canadianamusic.com](http://www.canadianamusic.com)



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## Fundraising Events



Are you a non-profit organization looking to host a fundraising event but unsure where to begin? Let our experienced team help bring your vision to life. From event planning and décor coordination to entertainment and venue setup, we provide the support and space you need to create a successful and memorable fundraiser. Whether you're planning a gala, silent auction, charity dinner, or community event, we can help every step of the way, including providing ample space for auction tables, displays, and guest activities.

**Contact us today to learn how we can help make your next fundraising event a success.**



## Community Discount



Did you know that we extend a **10% discount** on room rental rates to our local community and non-profit organizations?

Contact today to learn more!  
[info@highwoodcentre.com](mailto:info@highwoodcentre.com)

# Friends of The Highwood Centre

Thank you to the following groups and individuals who supported the Centre in 2025 by hosting events at the Centre or by donating to our fundraising efforts.

Alex Hartman	High River Legion	Mary Balmedilla
Alice Groeneveld	Highwood Lions Club	Maureen Dawson
Anna Pigeon Season One	Hygiene Reviliza	Megan Lyle
Anthony Kearl	Inclusion Foothills	Michael Prendergast
Austen Family	Intricate Group Inc	Michelle Minke
Bake Like a Betty	Jakob Dijkstra	Notre Dame Collegiate
Berleth Apale	JB Paramount Productions	Okotoks Market Square
Beta Fernandez	Jocelyn Ruiz	One West Event
Big Stream Cuisine	Jody Seeley	Pinsan Management
Blackie Lions Club	Joe Heinz	Richard Newman
Blain Murakami	John Mahon	Rick Green
Blair Gordon	Josephine Gastaldo	Robert Collins
Bow Bioregion Regeneration	JR Bruins	Rock of Ages Church
Brant Christian School	JRRR BBQ	Rose Richardson
Brett Rowland	Karen Goble	Rosemary Crawford
Brigeet Dube	Katerine Ireland	Rotary Club High River
Carlos Lopez	Kayla Minor	Senya Rennie
Century 21 Foothills Real Estate	Keith Bailey	Shannon Erwin
Chantel Weibe	Kinsmen Club of High River	Shawna DeRuiten
Chloe Tocher	Kristian Shoenfeldt	Snodgrass Funeral Home
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools	Laurie Bilozyr	Susan Maxwell
Colin Ryan	Leah Gella	Ted Dawson
Curt Serginson	Leny Andal	Ten Four Technologies
Dan Crawford	Linda Reed	Tim Whitford
Dan Giles	Lloyd Groeneveld	Town of High River
Debra Birce	Louise Hughes	Ty Kielstra
Dr. Linda Ormson	Josephine Gastaldo	United Food & Commercial Workers
Elaine Twiss	JR Bruins	Local 401
Elliott Cockram	JRRR BBQ	Wanda Goyette
Erica Sotero	Karen Goble	Westwinds Communities
Erika Kowalyk	Katerine Ireland	William Wilson
Foothills County ( FCSS)	Kayla Minor	Windmill Theatre Players
Foothills Energy	Keith Bailey	Xolani Ubuntu
Foothills Forage	Kinsmen Club of High River	Ynone Doa
Foothills Ringette Association	Kristian Shoenfeldt	Zachary Tannas
Frontera Productions - My Life with the Walter Boys	Laurie Bilozyr	
Future Cowboys and Cowgirls Rodeo Association	Leah Gella	
Hazel Newman	Leny Andal	
Heartland Productions	Linda Reed	
Hebron Batti	Lloyd Groeneveld	
High River Chamber of Commerce	Louise Hughes	
High River District Healthcare Foundation	Luana Azevedo	
High River Highland Dance	Lyle Reeves Funeral Home	
	Maddison Tanner	
	Madilynn Sciarra	
	Margie Johnston	

Thank you for  
your generous  
support!

# HIGHWOOD CENTRE

Presents

A NEW TRADITION  
IS ABOUT TO  
**BEGIN**



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER

**31**



DETAILS REVEALED SOON  
**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT**



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## Upcoming Events



### Canadian Grand National Fiddle Championships

August 28th & 29th

[www.canadiangrandmasters.ca](http://www.canadiangrandmasters.ca)



### The Pitstop Expo @ The Show & Shine

September 27th

[www.highwoodcentre.com](http://www.highwoodcentre.com)

### Around Town

**Saturday, July 25, 2026**

High River Stampede Breakfast

[www.hrbreakfast.ca](http://www.hrbreakfast.ca)



**July 23-26, 2026**

Battle of the Foothills Chuckwagon Races

[www.highriverag.com/battle-of-the-foothills](http://www.highriverag.com/battle-of-the-foothills)



**Sunday, September 27**

Brian Chipchase Sr. Show & Shine

[www.rivercityclassics.ca](http://www.rivercityclassics.ca)



**October 31, 2026**

### Highwood Centre Special Event

### Stay in Touch



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