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STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 UPDATES 2030 from the CAO



CONGRATULATIONS to the Community in winning Kraft Hockeyville for Saskatchewan. The community has proven how important the skating rink is to the people as well as proving the spirit of Blaine Lake. This tremendous win will provide long term outstanding benefits to the community including:

- \$ 50,000 for rink renovations
- \$ 10,000 for hockey equipment
- \$ 10,000 food value for the Blaine Lake Community Cupboard



We can't thank Kraft Hockeyville and the NHL Players Association enough for these donations.

There was a wonderful watch party at the Skating Rink on Saturday, March 21, 2026 to watch the announcement of the final two. While we didn't advance to the next stage, it was a great opportunity to reacquaint the community with the skating rink as over 400 people attended the party for supper.



Many thanks are extended to the following who made the event possible:

Melvy Sanchez, Karleigh Warkentin, Betty's Diner Crew, Melissa Johnson, Louanne Roschuk, Shaina Boe, Monique Puffalt, Bev Breland, Nathan Puffalt and Jim Puffalt - Supper/Merchandise/film and live streaming crew.

Captain Adam Horner and the Blaine Lake Raiders Senior Hockey team.

Jenna Englot, Krissy Friessen and the Blaine Lake Community Association.

Town representatives, Mayor Tom Mayer, Councilors, Melissa Johnson, Melvy Sanchez, Karleigh Warkentin, Barry Glencross, Toyona Koal, and Jack Androsoff.



Photos Courtesy of Reiland Pool

A meeting between Town and Blaine Lake Community Association is being organized to determine next steps forward.

Council at the March 17, 2026 Council Meeting approved projects that were a result of the Strategic Plan initiative to grow the community including the:

- **RFP for CN Station accepted & Development/Sales Agreement to redevelop property and create a tourist attraction accepted.**
- **Rezoning request to create a new BBQ Restaurant/lounge Main St. North**
- **Council agreed to establish the *Lakes Business Association* to market and promote Blaine Lake, Muskeg Lake, and Region using signing corridor rents as revenue to market the area.**
- **The Town Agreed to take over the Blaine Lake Chamber of Commerce work of managing the sign corridor and thanked them for their work to establish and manage the sign corridor up to 2026.**
- **First Meeting of area businesses to occur before June 30, 2026**



**BLAINE LAKE
SENIORS**
Annual General Meeting
Wed. April 16, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Fitness Classes

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-11:30 am
CARDIO/STRENGTH/STRETCH + YOGA

50+ Fun & Fitness

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

Bingo

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
EVERYONE WELCOME!



TUES. APRIL 21, 2026
Town Council Meeting



Upcoming BLCA EVENTS

SPRING 2026

Wed. April 8, 2026, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Annual General Meeting

BL Community Center

Sat. April 18, 2026, 1:00 - 4:00

Nature Journaling Workshop

BL Community Center

BLCA@SASKTEL.NET

(306) 497-2222

Open Cupboard Days

Wednesday April 1st from 10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday April 16th from 3:00-5:00pm

Thursday April 30th from 12:00-2:00pm

Thursday May 14th from 12:00-2:00pm



April

10 am - 5 pm

4TH

Easter

market

BLAINE LAKE FARMERS MARKET

Come to the Blaine Lake Farmer's Market for your Easter Weekend Goodies and specialty local foods
SUPPORT LOCAL VENDORS



Fri. April 3 - 10, 2026
SCHOOL'S OUT!



Classes Resume

Mon. April 13, 2026

Wishing you a

HAPPY EASTER

FROM THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE



Blaine Lake Takes HOCKEYVILLE

Rink Wins 2026 Provincial \$50K Prize



On February 11, the town nominated the Blaine Lake Skating rink for the 2026 Kraft Hockeyville bid. Upon nomination, residents, hockey players, fans, volunteers, parents, teachers, rivals, and rink alumni all began to pour their stories into the Hockeyville site, which operated similarly to a social media page. This was the first phase, called the rallying phase, of the competition. Nominee rinks received points for submissions: 10 points for stories; 3 points per photo; and 1 point for rally notes and reactions. We were hopeful, one week in, with the BL Skating Rink page collecting dozens of heartwarming submissions. Word spread about the nomination, and folks leaned in hard as more stories came in from young and old. The rally ended on March 1, leaving everyone eagerly waiting for the provincial winner's announcement on March 14.



Shinny with the Raiders photo copied from BLCA Facebook page

The competition evolved over the years from its reality tv debut in 2006, with every year refining the process of selecting finalists, and the grand prize increasing from \$50K to \$250K. Saskatchewan rinks have been finalists

several times – Ituna (2017), Lafleche (2018), Wilkie (2019), Pense (2020), Lumsden (2021), and Wosely (2024) – but the prairie province has yet to win the title.

The good news came for us on a sunny Saturday afternoon, naming Blaine Lake became the first provincial winner of Kraft Hockeyville. Selecting provincial winners this year made 2026 a special opportunity to win big across the country. Although the BLCA, Raiders Senior hockey team, the town and hundreds of supporters continued to rally for the grand prize, Saskatchewan will have to continue to work for their win.

Still, we had an outstanding turnout at our celebration supper & shinny on March 21. Plus, \$50K toward rink improvements, \$10K toward equipment, and 10,000 lbs of Kraft non-perishables to stock our Community Cupboard is not too shabby for a rink that ultimately showed up late to the rally. Way to unite for the cause, Blaine Lake! We can all be proud of this achievement together.