

Here are the local news stories making headlines from March 20 – April 2, 2025:

Infrastructure & Growth

[Olds building permit figures rise - The Albertan News](#)

Doug Collie March 23, 2025

The time it's taking to process building permits in Olds is "quite quick," infrastructure director Adrian Pedro told the town's council

[Proactive repair program for Olds streets, sidewalks planned - The Albertan News](#)

Doug Collie March 24, 2025

That proactive program extends to street sweeping as well, tentatively planned to begin in early April, infrastructure director Adrian Pedro says

[It may be "tricky" for central Alberta town to buy Canadian - The Albertan News](#)

Doug Collie March 24, 2025

Infrastructure director Adrian Pedro says it depends on what products the Town of Olds needs and where they can be sourced

[Changes considered for pop-up services in Olds - The Albertan News](#)

Doug Collie March 20, 2025

Changes will likely be made to both services in an effort to make them more efficient, infrastructure director Adrian Pedro says

Olds College & Chinooks Edge:

[Canada needs U.S. ag markets but diversifying could help in trade war - The Albertan News](#)

Doug Collie March 22, 2025

Olds College vice-president of development weighs in on agriculture industry amid tariff threats.

Community News:

[Olds Chamber President encourages local businesses to remain resilient amid U.S.-Canada trade war - My Mountain View Now](#)



NEWS RELEASE

After the Chamber's annual general meeting last Thursday, Doug Rieberger stated right now it is tough for us to even look at how it is going to affect local businesses because we don't know what is going to come down for tariffs.

[Junior NBA camp launched in Olds - The Albertan News](#)

Doug Collie March 22, 2025

Olds Hoops Lab in the Holy Trinity Catholic School gym aimed at kids in grades 3-4 and 5-6.

Regional, Provincial & Federal:

[Central Alberta municipal councillor has message for retired MP - The Albertan News](#)

Doug Collie March 27, 2025

Coun. Darren Wilson told now-former Red Deer-Mountain View MP Earl Dreesen that cash-strapped municipalities desperately need a new federal and provincial funding framework.

[Mountain View County split between Ponoka-Didsbury, Yellowhead ridings for 2025 federal election - My Mountain View Now](#)

The redistribution of electoral districts means that places including Sylvan Lake, Eckville, Innisfail, Bowden, Olds, and Didsbury are part of the Ponoka-Didsbury riding. The 2023 redistribution process moves Alberta up to 37 seats from 34 in 2013 and the national total increases to 343 from 338.

[Province's education tax increase a concern for Mountain View County - The Albertan News](#)

Dan Singleton March 21, 2025

Reeve Aalbers said the county is pleased with other aspects of the budget including the 13 per cent increase in LGFF funding

[Mountain View County's protection of farmland working - The Albertan News](#)

Dan Singleton March 23, 2025

The total acres redesignated in Mountain View County declined in 2024, from 519 in 2023 to 449 last year