# Lakeland Power Co-op Member News

## July 2025

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#### **Board of Director Nomination Notification**

At the 2025 Lakeland Power Co-op Annual General Meeting, there will be four Board of Director positions up for election. The Board positions are:



Barich (Zone 1) for a 1-Year Term Derwent (Zone 2) for a 3-Year Term Martins (Zone 5) for 3-Year Term Director at Large #2 for a 3-Year Term



#### **Board of Director Nomination Notification**

As described in the by-law, nominations for the office of Director must be submitted to the Secretary of the Association in the 45-day period between July 15th and September 1st of the year in question.

#### Nominations will not be accepted after September 1st.

A nomination for Director must have the signature of the candidate certifying that he/she is a "member in good standing" and eligible for election. The member making the nomination must be from the same zone as the nominee and must also sign the nomination form indicating that he/she is also a "member in good standing".

Nomination forms will be available at the Lakeland Power Co-op office on July 1st of each year and will also include a package of information regarding the duties and obligations of a Director. This package of information will include the LREA Mission and Vision Statements, Business Plan, Strategic Plan, Rural Utilities Act and Regulation, appropriate Common Law, a copy of the latest independent audit, a copy of the Board Self-Governance Policy for Code of Conduct & Confidentiality Agreement and associated attachments.

Members interested in being a nominee or wishing to nominate and support a member for the position of Director, should contact the Lakeland Power Co-op office. If necessary, further questions can be directed to our CEO, Darryl Werstiuk, at (780) 632-6112 or <u>darryl.werstiuk@lakelandrea.ca</u>.

### **Scholarship Reminder**

A reminder that Lakeland Power Co-op will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to two qualifying students! Should you require further information, head to our website www.lakelandrea.ca and select "Scholarships" under the "Member Services" tab or feel free to contact the office!

#### Deadline for applicants is August 1, 2025

## Summer Storm Safety

Summer storm season is upon us and with it comes heavy rain, wind and lightning that can cause unexpected power outages. The Lakeland Power Co-op linemen continually work on preventative maintenance to reduce outages, but we cannot prevent outages caused by the wild Alberta weather we occasionally experience.

We would like to remind members to please stay clear of downed lines, trees, or other objects that may be touching wires. Always assume downed lines are live. Call us at 1-866-635-6112 or call 911 in the event of an emergency.

### The Lakeland Power Co-op Office will be closed on Monday, August 4, 2025 for Heritage Day.

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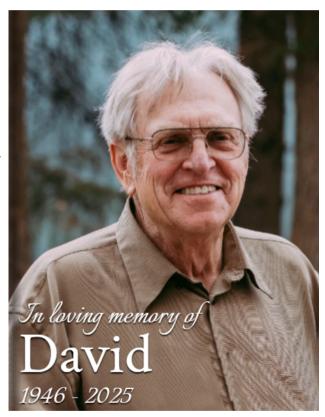
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#### A Tribute to David Korpan

It is with sadness that Lakeland Power Co-op announces the passing of David Alexander Korpan (October 24, 1946-May 18, 2025). David first became a Director of the Lavoy REA on March 30,1982 to help serve the 300 farms around Lavoy. On March 12, 1985, David transitioned into the Vice President role and on April 10, 1989, David was elected the President of the Lavoy REA and he remained President for 11 years.

It was an exciting time in the Alberta Utility market and change was occurring throughout the industry. David was instrumental in the amalgamation of Barich, Derwent, Hilliard, Lavoy, and Martins REA's. The newly formed Lakeland REA held its first meeting on June 29, 2000, and David continued as a Director representing the Lavoy area. Lakeland REA became self-operating on January 7, 2003, assuming all duties in Operations and Maintenance, Billing and Energy. His vision for Lakeland REA and the value it brought to the community was shared by others and Lakeland REA continued to grow through amalgamations with Peno REA and Veg West REA in 2010 and currently serves 1522 members. David continued to serve as a Director of Lakeland REA serving on various Committees and at the Executive level until October 30, 2013.



David worked diligently for over 31 years to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and expand service to his fellow members. We are honored to have worked with him and salute his dedication and support of REA's across Alberta. We would like to acknowledge his efforts, guidance, and desire to always improve service to his neighbors, friends, family, and community. He embraced the cooperative spirit, and he was a vital part of Lakeland REA as it evolved into the organization it is today. His legacy will live on through the work we continue to do. The Lakeland Power Co-op Board of Directors and staff extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.