

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AND BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM
MARCH 17, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
3. AGENDA ADDITIONS
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION
6. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - a. Regular Council Meeting of February 17, 2026
7. DELEGATIONS
 - a. Germaine Franche – Presentation of Artwork & Request to Hang Art in Municipal Office
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
9. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
10. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
 - a. CAO Report/Action List
 - b. 2026 Tax Recovery Public Auction – Minutes of Public Auction held on February 25, 2026
 - c. Municipal Responsibilities/Rights Following the Public Auction
11. FINANCIAL REPORTS
12. BYLAWS & POLICIES
13. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
14. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Association of Police Governance – Operational Updates, PRC Report, Communications Registry
 - b. Alberta Association of Police Governance – Member Update, PRC Update, Communications Registry
 - c. Alberta Beach & District Lions Club – Response to Letter Regarding Lions Club Moving out of Agliplex
 - d. Alberta Beach Municipal Library – Annual Invoice Funding Letter & Annual Report for 2025
 - e. Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters (ACWS) – Lift Her Up Edmonton Round tables 2026
 - f. Alberta Environment – Water Act & Water (Ministerial) Regulation Amendments
 - g. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Response to Request for Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs
 - h. Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2025/26 ACP Intermunicipal Collaboration Project Approval
 - i. Alberta Municipalities – ABmunis Report on Alberta’s 2026 Budget
 - j. AltaLink – Staying Safe in Wildfire Season – AltaLink Update
 - k. Craig Baird, Canadian History Ehx – Telling Your Story: A Community History Video Partnership
 - l. Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce – State of the Region 2026
 - m. Lac Ste. Anne County – Alberta Beach & Lac Ste. Anne County ICF
 - n. National Police Federation – Contract Policing Commitment
 - o. Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association – Notice of Annual General Meeting
 - p. Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association – Municipal Survey Input Requested
 - q. Sturgeon County – Response to Request for Mutual Aid Agreement
 - r. Yellowhead Regional Library – YRL Board Meeting News
15. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Beach Ag Society – What Women Want Fundraiser
 - b. Alberta Beach & District Seniors Citizens Club – Invitation to 50th Anniversary Celebration
16. NEW BUSINESS
17. QUESTION PERIOD
18. ADJOURNMENT

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PRESENT:

Mayor.....Tara Elwood
Deputy MayorDebbie Durocher (via Zoom)
CouncillorDecolynneJo Burns
CouncillorKelly Muir
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAOCathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Elwood called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Mayor Elwood read a Land Acknowledgement Statement as follows:
Alberta Beach respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the First People's traditional lands. We recognize this traditional Treaty Six Territory to show respect and understanding to the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who walked this land for centuries. We express gratitude and respect for the land we use and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION:

Mayor Elwood read a special acknowledgement for National Day of Action as follows:
Alberta Beach respectfully acknowledges February 14 as National Day of Action to remember and honour the missing & murdered Indigenous women, girls & two spirit people and their families and to continue to shed light on the missing & murdered Indigenous women that continue to face the Indigenous communities.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

14.1 Parkland County – Response to Request for Mutual Aid Agreement

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION #019-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION: None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026:

MOTION #020-26

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 20, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

MOTION #021-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT OF DECEMBER 31, 2025:

MOTION #022-26

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the Pre-Audit Financial Report of December 31, 2025 be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES:

BYLAW #302-26 ENCROACHMENTS ONTO ROAD ALLOWANCE BYLAW:

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MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF BYLAW #302-26:

MOTION #023-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #302-26, being a bylaw to confirm the municipality's authority to issue a license, or permit of occupation, or use of a road allowance or highway or part thereof, when not required for public use be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF BYLAW #302-26:

MOTION #024-26

MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Bylaw #302-26 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR MUIR:

Councillor Muir reviewed and submitted a report on the following meeting:
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting held on January 21, 2026.

COUNCILLOR BURNS:

Councillor Burns reviewed and submitted a report on the following meetings:
Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting held on February 10, 2026.
Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership Meet & Greet held on January 21, 2026
Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership meeting held on February 3, 2026.
Lac Ste. Anne County Regional Municipalities meeting held on January 30, 2026.
NW of 16 Tourism Connect Workshop held on January 28, 2026.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

No meetings to report.

DEPUTY MAYOR DUROCHER:

Deputy Mayor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on February 11, 2026.
Beachwave Park meeting held on February 12, 2026.
Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting held on January 21, 2026.
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society meeting held on February 24, 2026.
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society Water Quality meetings held on February 3 & 18, 2026.
Beachwave Park Coordinators Report of February 17, 2026.

MAYOR ELWOOD:

Mayor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Lac Ste. Anne County Regional Municipalities meeting held on January 30, 2026.
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on February 9, 2026.
Yellowhead Regional Library Board Executive meeting held on February 9, 2026.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

MOTION #025-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council, committee and staff reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2026 MINISTER'S AWARDS:

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Williams inviting submissions for the 2026 Minister's Awards for Municipal & Public Library Excellence Program.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ALBERTA 2026 BUDGET WEBINAR:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities advising on their webinar being held virtually on February 27, 2026 from 3:00-4:15 p.m. to review Alberta's 2026 Budget.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ABMUNIS PROPERTY TAXES RE-IMAGINED:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding ABmunis Property Taxes Re-Imagined - Resources for Municipalities document which they suggest to promote through the municipality's website and social media.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ALBERTA SAFER BARS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities advising that Mayor Elwood has been nominated as ABmunis representative on the Alberta Safer Bars Council.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – NORTHERN ALBERTA ELECTED LEADERS REPRESENTATIVE:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities advising that Mayor Elwood has been nominated as ABmunis representative on the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders.

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ALBERTA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – AAR DRAFT CONCERNS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Emergency Management Agency regarding their MNP 2023 Wildfire After Action Report (AAR) and further requesting to follow up on any municipal experiences and concerns working with Field Officers during emergency incidents.

ALBERTA POLICE FUNDING MODEL – PRELIMINARY 5-YEAR ESTIMATE:

The Alberta Police Funding Model Preliminary 5-Year Estimate was received which shows Alberta Beach provincial policing costs in 2026-27 at \$75,763.70 to \$183,948.17 in year 2030-31.

ALBERTA RECREATION & PARKS – COMMUNITIES CHOOSE WELL WORKSHOPS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Recreation & Parks regarding upcoming ARPA events and Communities Choose Well workshops.

CANADA FOREST SERVICE – NATIONAL SURVEY ON FIRE MONITORING IN CANADA:

Correspondence was received from the Canadian Forest Service – National Resources Canada requesting participation in their national survey on fire monitoring in Canada.

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – JANUARY RIMAS NEWSLETTER:

Community Futures Yellowhead East forwarded their January RIMAS Newsletter and updated employer resources list.

COURAGEOUS COMPANIONS CANADA – APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE:

An Appreciation Certificate was received from Courageous Companions Canada to thank Council for support in their Courageous K9 magazine.

DOYLE & COMPANY – 2025 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER:

The terms of engagement letter was received from Doyle & Company which outlines the responsibilities of management as well as the Auditor for the audit of the financial statements at December 31, 2025.

NORTHERN GATEWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 2026 ALBERTA RURAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM:

An invitation was received from Northern Gateway Public Schools Board of Trustees to attend the 2026 Alberta Rural Education Symposium being held at the River Cree Resort and Casino on March 1-3, 2026.

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION – PRC STATUS UPDATE JANUARY 29, 2026:

The Police Review Commission forwarded a PRC status update of January 29, 2026.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – PROPOSED LAND USE BYLAW:

Correspondence was received from the Summer Village of Val Quentin requesting input on their updated and modernized Proposed Land Use Bylaw #300-34.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Correspondence was received from the Summer Village of Val Quentin giving Notice of Public Hearing regarding their Proposed Land Use Bylaw #300-34 being held on February 18, 2026.

TVRSSC – 2026 APPROVED BUDGET & REQUISITIONS:

The Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission forwarded their 2026 Approved Budget & Requisitions.

WENDY CAMPBELL – BILL 12:

Correspondence was received from Wendy Campbell requesting support to reject Bill 12, the Financial Statuses Amendment Act, 2025 as she believes Bill 12 violates the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms (Section 15) and the Canadian Human Rights Act as it undermines access to essential services, promotes discrimination, and strips away full inclusion in society.

WESTVIEW HEALTH FOUNDATION – THANK YOU FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Correspondence was received from the Westview Health Foundation to thank the Mayor and Council for the letter of support for the CT Scanner Initiative.

PARKLAND COUNTY – RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:

A letter was received from Parkland County in response to our request for a Mutual Aid Agreement to support emergency fire and rescue response across several neighbouring communities to advise that their present resource demands limit their ability to extend emergency response commitments beyond Parkland County's borders.

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION #026-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

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ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR AGLIPLIX UTILITIES:

MOTION #027-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves the request from the Alberta Beach & District Ag Society to temporarily provide additional funding for the Agliplex power & gas utility costs due to the Alberta Beach Lion's Club moving out of the Agliplex; and further that the approval is to increase the current funding of 1/3 reimbursement to 1/2 reimbursement on the power & gas utility costs for a period of up to six months, however if a suitable renter is found within the six months term, then the reimbursement will revert back to the 1/3 cost share.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTER TO ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LION'S CLUB REGARDING LION'S CLUB MOVING OUT OF AGLIPLIX:

MOTION #028-26

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that a letter be presented to the Alberta Beach & District Lion's Club to express Council's disappointment in learning that the Lion's Club have moved out of the Agliplex; and further that the letter acknowledge that the Lion's Club has been a long-standing tenant and a party to the original Agliplex lease agreement established in the early 1970s between the Village, the Ag Society, and the Lion's Club; and further that the letter reference the Lion's Club's long-standing participation on the Agliplex Operations Committee(s) and its 2016 commitment to a one-third cost share of Agliplex power and gas utility costs with the Ag Society and the Village; and further that Council request clarification regarding the reasons for the Lion's Club's decision to vacate the Agliplex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR MUIR TO ATTEND ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LION'S CLUB MEETING TO PRESENT VILLAGE LETTER:

MOTION #029-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Councillor Muir be approved to attend the next Alberta Beach & District Lion's Club meeting on February 27, 2026 to present the village's letter regarding the Lion's Club moving out of the Agliplex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES SOCIETY – LETTER OF SUPPORT – AMA GRANT APPLICATION:

MOTION #030-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves to provide a letter of support to the Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives Society for their application to the Alberta Museum Association's Institutional Grant program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALBERTA BEACH 50+ CLUB & ALBERTA BEACH HERITAGE MUSEUM – LETTER OF SUPPORT – SENIORS WEEK CO-HOST APPLICATION:

MOTION #031-26

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approves to provide a letter of support to the Alberta Beach 50+ Club and the Alberta Beach Heritage Museum for their joint application to the Provincial Launch of Seniors Week 2026 to co-host the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF ARB OFFICIALS FOR 2026:

MOTION #032-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the appointment of the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission ARB members for 2026 be approved as follows; ARB Chairperson Raymond Ralph; ARB Clerk Geryl Amarin and ARB Panelists Darlene Chartrand, Sheryl Exley, Tina Groszko, Richard Knowles, Marcel LeBlanc, Roland Merkosky and Raymond Ralph.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RMA INSURANCE – ASSUMPTION OF RISK – WAIVER FORMS:

MOTION #033-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the assumption of risk waiver forms for Beachwave Park as recommended by RMA Insurance be tabled for further review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

DRAFT ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT – LOT 10, BLOCK 1, PLAN 3529BZ

MOTION #034-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the Draft Encroachment Agreement with Sandra Anne Haskell and John David Wood on Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 3529BZ as prepared by Patriot Law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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WESTLOCK COUNTY – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:

MOTION #035-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves the Mutual Aid Agreement with Westlock County as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Mayor – Tara Elwood

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST**FEBRUARY 2026****COUNCIL:**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS – TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING FOR ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES.

COUNCILLOR MUIR TO ATTEND ALBERTA BEACH LION'S CLUB MEETING TO PRESENT VILLAGE LETTER:
Feb.17/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Councillor Muir be approved to attend the next Alberta Beach & District Lion's Club meeting on February 27, 2026 to present the village's letter regarding the Lion's Club moving out of the Agliplex.

ADMINISTRATION:**2025 TAX RECOVERY:**

Jan.21/25 The following tax recovery properties will be offered for sale at public auction:

Roll #	Lot	Block	Plan	Municipal Address	C. of Title	2024 Assessment
#380	3A,	11,	7720268	5012 – 56 Street	892237665	\$159,670.00
#617	3A,	15,	6476MC	4828 – 53 Street	972134540	\$61,390.00

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that Lot 3A, Block 11, Plan 7720268 and Lot 3A, Block 15, Plan 6476MC be offered for tax sale by public auction on March 28, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. in the Alberta Beach Municipal Office at 4935 – 50 Avenue (Ste. Anne Trail), Alberta Beach and further that the parcels be offered for sale subject to the following conditions;

The parcels will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid, and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title; The Lands are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and Alberta Beach makes no representation and gives no warranties whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the development ability of the subject land for any intended use by the purchaser; No bids will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of the parcels; No terms and conditions will be considered other than those specified by Alberta Beach; Alberta Beach may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction; Terms: Cash, Certified Cheque or Bank Draft. 10% non-refundable deposit on the day of the sale and balance due within 14 days of the Public Auction, GST will apply if applicable; and Reserve bids will be set at the 2024 assessed values.

Feb.18/25 Advertisements have been submitted to the Alberta Gazette, Community Voice & LSA Bulletin.

Apr.15/25 The CAO reported that the Tax Recovery Public Auction was held on March 28, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. and further reported that no bids were received on the parcels. The minutes of the tax recovery public auction as well as the municipal responsibilities following the auction was distributed to Council for information. The CAO advised that in discussions with the Lawyer it is recommended to hold off on a motion to register tax forfeiture titles until the next Council meeting.

Oct.21/25 CAO contacted Lawyer regarding proceeding with registration of tax forfeiture titles, Lawyer is reviewing file.

Nov.18/25 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Alberta Beach request the Registrar of Land Titles to cancel the existing certificate of title and issue a certificate of title in the name of Alberta Beach registered as a tax forfeiture title on Lot 3A, Block 11, Plan 7720268 and Lot 3A, Block 15, Plan 6476MC.

Jan.20/26 Administration has completed & submitted the forms to Land Titles.

TVRSSC – ACP GRANT APPLICATION – SEWER MASTER PLAN PROJECT:

Aug.19/25 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the request from TVRSSC to apply for a Alberta Community Partnership Grant to complete a Sewer Master Plan Project to address long term growth including infrastructure & asset management plans as well as financial plan; to provide onsite treatment options and /or expansion options & costs; and to provide opportunities to reduce environmental impact; further Alberta Beach agrees to be managing partner for the project.

Sept.16/25 Letter was sent to TVRSSC to confirm Council approval. TVRSSC forwarded copies of their letters requesting support from SV Sunset Point, Val Quentin & LSAC.

Dec.16/25 ACP Grant application was submitted.

2025/26 ACP GRANT APPLICATION – REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT STUDY:

Nov.18/25 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Alberta Beach approves to participate in a 2025/26 Alberta Community Partnership grant application to complete a Regional Infrastructure Management Study Project and further supports the Summer Village of Val Quentin as the managing partner for the grant application.

Dec.16/25 SV of Val Quentin has submitted the ACP Grant application.

ADDITIONAL MUTUAL AID PARTNERS:

Dec.16/25 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves to forward a second request for fire mutual aid agreements to Parkland County; Sturgeon County; Barrhead County; Westlock County; Yellowhead County; and Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation and further that the letters be more specific in identifying the municipalities we are requesting are covered in each of the agreements.

CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST**FEBRUARY 2026**

Feb.17/26 Letters were sent to request mutual aid agreements. Response was rec'd from Parkland County to deny request. Westlock County approved a mutual aid agreement.

2026 TAX RECOVERY PUBLIC AUCTION:

The following tax recovery properties will be offered for sale at public auction:

Tax Roll #	Lot	Block	Plan	Municipal Address	Certificate of Title	2025 Assessment
#127	6,	11,	3321BQ	4808 – 51 Street	162242396	\$81,050.00
#829	2,	7,	7821242	4811 – 59 Street	112316338	\$70,000.00

Dec.16/25 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Lot 6, Block 11, Plan 3321BQ; and Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7821242 be offered for tax sale by public auction on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Alberta Beach Municipal Office at 4935 – 50 Avenue (Ste. Anne Trail), Alberta Beach and further that the parcels be offered for sale subject to the following conditions;

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No bids will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of the parcels;

No terms and conditions will be considered other than those specified by Alberta Beach;

Alberta Beach may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction;

Terms: Cash, Certified Cheque or Bank Draft. 10% non-refundable deposit on the day of the sale and balance due within 14 days of the Public Auction, GST will apply if applicable; and

Reserve bids will be set at the 2025 assessed values as presented.

Jan.20/26 Public Auction to be held on Feb.25th, 2026, advertising has been completed.

LETTER TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING EMERGENCY DISPATCH PRACTICES ON A PROVINCIAL SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR:

Jan.20/26 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approve Mayor Elwood's letter to Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors regarding emergency dispatch practices on a provincially significant transportation corridors.

Feb.17/26 Letter was sent to the Minister & copies were sent to MLA, LSAC & summer villages. MLA sent thank you for keeping him informed on letter to Minister.

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MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Bylaw #302-26 be read a third & final time.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MEETING REQUEST WITH MINISTER:

Jan.20/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve to request a meeting with Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Williams at the ABmunis Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus and further the topics include emergency response along provincial highways, provincial grants for municipal water distribution systems, and the Police Funding Model and further that the Minister of Transportation be invited to attend the meeting.

Feb.17/26 Request for meeting with the Minister was sent to Municipal Affairs.

ATCO GAS & PIPELINES LTD. – SURFACE LEASE – RENTAL REVIEW NOTICE:

Jan.20/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves to request a review of the rate of annual compensation payable under the ATCO Gas & Pipelines Ltd. Surface Leases at the October 19, 2026 anniversary date.

Feb.17/26 Notice was sent to Atco Gas to request a review of the rate of annual compensation.

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR AGLIPLEX UTILITIES:

Feb.17/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves the request from the Alberta Beach & District Ag Society to temporarily provide additional funding for the Agliplex power & gas utility costs due to the Alberta Beach Lion's Club moving out of the Agliplex; and further that the approval is to increase the current funding of 1/3 reimbursement to 1/2

reimbursement on the power & gas utility costs for a period of up to six months, however if a suitable renter is found within the six months term, then the reimbursement will revert back to the 1/3 cost share.

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ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES SOCIETY – LETTER OF SUPPORT – AMA GRANT APPLICATION:

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Feb.17/26 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approves to provide a letter of support to the Alberta Beach 50+ Club and the Alberta Beach Heritage Museum for their joint application to the Provincial Launch of Seniors Week 2026 to co-host the event.

CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF ARB OFFICIALS FOR 2026:

Feb.17/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the appointment of the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission ARB members for 2026 be approved as follows; ARB Chairperson Raymond Ralph; ARB Clerk Gerryl Amorin and ARB Panelists Darlene Chartrand, Sheryl Exley, Tina Groszko, Richard Knowles, Marcel LeBlanc, Roland Merkosky and Raymond Ralph.

RMA INSURANCE – ASSUMPTION OF RISK – WAIVER FORMS:

Feb.17/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the assumption of risk waiver forms for Beachwave Park as recommended by RMA Insurance be tabled for further review.

WESTLOCK COUNTY – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:

Feb.17/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves the Mutual Aid Agreement with Westlock County as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MICHAEL WELLER – 47A AVENUE DRAINAGE:

Oct.15/24 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the correspondence from Michael Weller regarding the 47A Avenue drainage be accepted for information and further he be advised the matter will be referred to the engineer and our public works department to review and provide an update on the drainage project.

Nov.19/24 Public Works Manager has contacted the engineer, Bolson Eng will review the project with the contractor, they will be resurveying the culverts. Admin has updated Mr. Weller.

Aug.19/25 Public Works met with Mr. Weller, he is requesting that public works install a trench along the area of the alley behind the daycare where he said it was years ago. On Aug.18 after the rain, public works checked the ditch and found no standing water.

Dec.16/25 Public Works has advised the project will be completed in the spring.

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM – SIGNAGE FOR ALBERTA BEACH HERITAGE VILLAGE & MUSEUM:

May20/25 MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the Alberta Beach & District Museum be advised that Council does not object to the installation of signage for the Heritage Village & Museum subject to further clarification on the sign locations and referral to the Development Officer; as well Council approves that the public works department assist with the installation of the signs subject to any additional material costs be the expense of the Alberta Beach Museum.

June 17/25 The Museum members were advised on Council's motion and they are contacting the Development Officer. Councillor Durocher confirmed the sign locations: one sign is on the main beach and the other sign is located on the Beachwave Park fence behind the Lift Station.

Sept.16/25 Signs are not ready.

JOLENA HOVE, LAKESIDE CHILDCARE LTD. – SAFETY NEAR LAKESIDE CHILDCARE:

Aug.19/25 MOVED BY Mayor Muir that the correspondence from Jolena Hove of Lakeside Childcare Ltd. be accepted for information and further she be advised that as requested a crosswalk was approved and was painted across 47A Avenue between the day care and the post office; that Council will request our public works department repair the crushed culvert; and that her request that 47A Avenue be changed to one way traffic with angled parking at the post office and daycare be denied.

Sept.16/25 Email was sent to Lakeside Childcare to confirm Council motion, and email sent to public works to request repair of crushed culvert.

Oct.21/25 First Call was submitted and work has been scheduled to replace culvert.

Dec.16/25 Public Works has advised the project will be completed in the spring.

DEVELOPMENT:

REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT (4704 – 47TH STREET):

Sept.16/25 MOVED BY Mayor Muir that Council authorizes administration to have Village legal counsel prepare an Encroachment Agreement as per the Development Officer's Request for Decision Report on Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 3529BZ (4704 47th Street); and further that Council authorizes the CAO to execute the Encroachment Agreement, once prepared, on behalf of the Village of Alberta Beach; and further that all associated costs be the responsibility of the property owner.

Oct.21/25 Development Officer is contacting Patriot Law to draft agreement.

Feb.17/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the Draft Encroachment Agreement with Sandra Anne Haskell and John David Wood on Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 3529BZ as prepared by Patriot Law.

**MINUTES OF THE ALBERTA BEACH TAX RECOVERY PUBLIC AUCTION
HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Kathy Skwarchuk, Chief Administrative Officer
Cathy McCartney, Assistant C.A.O.

CALL TO ORDER:

The C.A.O. declared the Tax Recovery Public Auction open at 10:00 A.M.

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC AUCTION:

The C.A.O. announced the Tax Recovery Public Auction is being held to offer for sale the following parcels:
Tax Roll #127, Lot 6, Block 11, Plan 3321BQ (4808 – 51 Street) Certificate of Title 162242396; and
Tax Roll #829, Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7821242 (4811 – 59 Street) Certificate of Title 112316338.

PROCEDURES OF THE PUBLIC AUCTION:

The CAO read the procedures of the Public Auction as follows:
I will read the advertisement for the Public Sale of Land once, which will state the terms and conditions of sale; and the description of the parcels being sold;
I will announce the reserve bids on the parcels;
Any questions should be asked now or any specific questions of the parcels at the time the parcel is being offered;
If there is a question on a parcel and I do not know the answer, I will adjourn the auction for that parcel until I am able to obtain and give an answer;
A public auction may be adjourned to any date within 2 months of the public auction;
Once the parcel has been offered for sale, and I have called for last and final call for bids on the parcel and I announce the bidding is closed on that parcel, there will be no opportunity to bid after that time;
I will move on to the next parcel being offered for sale;
The auction will be concluded after I announce the bidding is closed on the final parcel being offered for sale;
For any successful bidders, payment for the 10% non-refundable deposit on the parcels will be received after the bidding has been concluded for all parcels being offered for sale; and
Payment on the balance on the parcels will be due within 14 days of the Public Auction.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC AUCTION:

The advertisement for the Public Sale of Land in the Alberta Gazette was read out loud and is attached to these minutes. The notice of Public Sale of Land was also advertised in the local paper, the Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin on February 9, 2026.

RESERVE BIDS:

The C.A.O. announced the reserve bids as follows:
The 1st Parcel being Tax Roll #127, Lot 6, Block 11, Plan 3321BQ (4818 – 51 Street) Certificate of Title 162242396
The reserve bid is set at \$81,050.00; and
The 2nd Parcel being Tax Roll #829, Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7821242 (4811 – 59 Street) Certificate of Title 112316338
The reserve bid is set at \$70,000.00.
The C.A.O. asked if there are any questions.
No questions were asked.

1ST PARCEL BEING OFFERED FOR SALE:

The C.A.O. declared the 1st property being offered for sale is as follows:
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The C.A.O. asked if there are any questions.

No questions were asked.

The C.A.O. asked if there are any bids.

The C.A.O. called a 2nd time for any bids.

The C.A.O. called for the last and final call for bids.

The C.A.O. announced the bidding is now closed on Tax Roll #380, Lot 3A, Block 11, Plan 7720268.

No bids were received.

The C.A.O. declared the parcel unsold.

2ND PARCEL BEING OFFERED FOR SALE:

The C.A.O. declared the 2nd property being offered for sale is as follows:

Tax Roll #829, Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7821242 (4811 – 59 Street) Certificate of Title 112316338

The reserve bid is set at \$70,000.00

The C.A.O. asked if there are any questions.

No questions were asked.

The C.A.O. asked if there are any bids.

The C.A.O. called a 2nd time for any bids.

The C.A.O. called for the last and final call for bids.

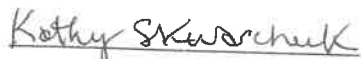
The C.A.O. announced the bidding is now closed on Tax Roll #380, Lot 3A, Block 11, Plan 7720268.

No bids were received.

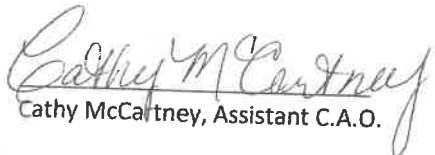
The C.A.O. declared the parcel unsold.

ADJOURNMENT:

The C.A.O. declared the Public Auction is adjourned at 10:20 A.M.



Kathy Skwarchuk, C.A.O.



Cathy McCartney, Assistant C.A.O.

Municipal Responsibilities/Rights Following the Auction

The municipality has three options when a property is not sold at public auction.

1) 'Tax Forfeiture' Title

The municipality does not purchase the property, but registers its name on title if the property goes unsold at public auction by registering a Tax Forfeiture Instrument (a "Notification of Municipal Acquisition" form). This allows the municipality to rent, license, lease, or dispose of the property at a price as close as reasonably possible to market value in an effort to recoup the arrears and taxes. If the property is not disposed of under section 425(1), the municipality may, 15 years following the date of the public auction, request that the Registrar cancel the existing certificate of title marked 'Tax Forfeiture' and issue a certificate of title in the name of the municipality.

425(1) A municipality that becomes the owner of a parcel of land pursuant to section 424 may dispose of the parcel

(a) by selling it at a price that is as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the parcel, or

(b) by depositing in the account referred to in section 427(1)(a) an amount of money equal to the price at which the municipality would be willing to sell the parcel under clause

(a).

(2) The municipality may grant a lease, licence or permit in respect of the parcel.

(3) Repealed 1995 c24 s65.

2) Clear Title

After the municipality has acquired Tax Forfeiture Title, the municipality can acquire the property by depositing an amount equal to the reserve bid (market value) into a separate account. The amount paid goes to the tax arrears and all costs and expenses as required under section 427(2). The municipality must notify the previous owner if there is money remaining. The property is then the municipality's to do with as it wishes.

3) Do nothing

Taxes continue to accrue and remain on the municipality's books as a growing liability. The municipality cannot dispose of the property or rent, licence or lease it. This option does not allow the property to revert to the municipality after the 15 year time period.

Municipalities' Right to Possession Following the Public Auction

Section 420

When a property is not sold, a municipality is entitled to possess the property from the date on which a parcel of land is offered for sale at public auction. If a property is occupied and the municipality encounters resistance, it will have to apply to the Court of Queen's Bench for an order for possession (section 420(2)).

420(2) For the purposes of obtaining possession of a parcel of land, a designated officer may enter the parcel and take possession of it for and in the name of the municipality and, if in so doing resistance is encountered, the municipality may apply to the Court of King's Bench for an order for the possession of the parcel.

In the case of properties being rented out as a residence by the previous owner, the municipality must follow the processes to obtain vacant possession outlined in the Residential Tenancies Act.

Transfer of Parcel to Municipality

Section 424 ('Tax Forfeiture' Title)

A municipality **may** become the owner of a parcel immediately after the public auction if the parcel is not sold. If it chooses to take title, the municipality must request that the Land Titles Office cancel the existing Certificate of Title and issue a new one in the municipality's name (section 424(2)). This request is made by submitting the "Notification of Municipal Acquisition" form to the Land Titles Office.

If the municipality takes title, the property is exempt from future taxation under MGA section 362(1)(b), and the municipality can dispose of the property in accordance with section 425 of the MGA. If the municipality chooses not to take title, the property remains taxable; however, the municipality cannot dispose of the property.

Where a municipality acquires title under this section, the title, while placed in the municipality's name, retains a tax forfeiture notification against it.

Municipal Responsibilities for Properties Sold at the Public Auction

Anyone purchasing a property at a public auction acquires the property free of all encumbrances aside from the exceptions listed in section 423(1).

After the successful sale of a property at a public auction, the municipality must complete a "Notification of Sale by Public Auction" form and submit it to a Land Titles Office. The form should be accompanied by an "Affidavit re Value" form, and (if applicable) a "Foreign Ownership of Land Declaration" form, available from a Land Titles Office.

Municipal Process for Disposing of Unsold Properties

The municipality must acquire title to the land, pursuant to section 424, before disposing of the property in accordance with section 425(1).

After title is obtained under section 424, the municipality may sell the property at a price as close as reasonably possible to the market value, per section 425(1)(a).

After receiving the title to a property under section 424, a municipality may also grant a lease, licence, or permit in respect of the parcel. The municipality can establish the conditions for these types of dispositions.

If the municipality should rent or lease a property before selling or acquiring it under section 425(1), and in the process generates revenue equal to or exceeding the arrears, the municipality must return the title and any surplus revenues to the previous owner (section 426).

Some possible options to assist in selling the property include direct sale, by tender, or through a real estate agreement. On selling the property, the municipality must transfer the title to the purchaser by submitting a "Transfer of Land" form to a Land Titles Office. Also contained on the "Transfer of Land" document is an "Affidavit re Value of Land," which must be completed. The only liens and encumbrances remaining will be those in favour of the Crown in right of Canada and the other exceptions noted in section 424(3).

Following the sale of a property, the municipality must request the discharge of the tax recovery notification for the Registrar of Land Titles to remove the words "Tax Forfeiture" from the new title.

Should the municipality wish to acquire clear title to a property, the property can be purchased by the municipality by paying the market value of the property in accordance with section 425(1)(b).

There is a substantial difference between the titles the municipality receives to properties not sold at public auction (and subsequently transferred to the municipality), and the title that the municipality receives should it purchase the property under section 425(1)(b). In the first situation (Tax Forfeiture Title), the Certificate of Title retains the Tax Forfeiture clause and in the second (Clear Title) it does not. In the latter situation, the municipality can use or dispose of the property, the same as any other clear title landowner and in accordance with section 70 of the MGA.

Revival of Title

Section 426

If the tax arrears in respect of a property are paid after the municipality acquires the title to the property (Tax Forfeiture Title) under section 424 but before selling the property under section 425, it must notify the Registrar to revive the title of the original owner. As noted previously, payment of tax arrears can be handled in a number of ways, including by lease or rent or by payment by the previous owner(s) or by any other party. Under section 426(3)(a), the property would then be subject to the same notifications, charges and encumbrances before the municipality became the owner. A "Notification of Revival of Title" form must be completed and sent to the Registrar of Land Titles.

426(1) If the tax arrears in respect of a parcel of land are paid after the municipality becomes the owner of the parcel under section 424 but before the municipality disposes of the parcel under section 425(1), the municipality must notify the Registrar.

(2) The Registrar must cancel the certificate of title issued under section 424(2) and revive the certificate of title that was cancelled under section 424(2).

(3) A certificate of title revived by the Registrar is subject
(a) to the same notifications, charges and encumbrances to which it would have been subject if it had not been cancelled under section 424(2), and

(b) to any estate, interest or encumbrance created while the parcel was registered in the name of the municipality.

Proceeds from the Sale or Rental of Tax Recovery Property

Sections 427 and 428

All sale, lease, licence, or permit revenues must be paid into a separate account maintained by the municipality for proceeds from Division 8 tax recovery properties. It is important to recognize that any remedial costs owed to the province have first priority in terms of the sale proceeds. The issue of remedial costs is described in greater detail under "*Contaminated Land*" below.

The municipality must pay itself the tax arrears and other legal costs provided for under section 427(2). Any money remaining after the payment of the tax arrears and costs set out in subsection (2) must be paid to the Minister of Treasury Board and Finance if the municipality is notified that the property is vested in the Crown. A property may be vested in the Crown by virtue of being owned by a dissolved business corporation. (See section 15(a) of the *Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act*.)

The municipality may, if it is satisfied that there are no debts secured by an encumbrance against the certificate of title of the property, pay the remaining funds to the previous landowner. If the municipality is not satisfied that there are no debts secured by an encumbrance against the certificate of title of the property, it must notify the previous owner of the surplus funds and that he or she must make application under section 428 to recover all or part of the proceeds.

Under section 428, the former owner or other interested party will have up to 10 years after either the date of the public auction or the date of a sale under section 425, depending on how the property was sold, to make an application to the courts to be paid the surplus sale proceeds. If no application is made within the 10 year period, the municipality may use the money for its own purposes (section 428.1). This does not apply if the municipality is notified that the property is vested in the Crown.

Transfer to Municipality after 15 Years

Section 428.2

When a tax forfeiture parcel of land has been offered for sale but not sold at a public auction and has been designated as a 'tax forfeiture' on its certificate of title (section 424), the municipality may, 15 years after the date of the public auction, request the Registrar to cancel the existing certificate of title and issue a new one in the name of the municipality.

Once this new title is issued, all responsibilities of the municipality to the previous owner of the parcel under Part 10, Division 8 of the MGA cease.

A municipality that becomes the owner of a parcel of land under this section acquires it free of all encumbrances, except those listed in section 428.2(4).

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From: Leah Iszakovits <executivedirector@aapg.ca>
Sent: February 23, 2026 4:05 PM
To: Leah Iszakovits
Subject: AAPG Operational Updates, PRC Report & Communications Registration
Attachments: PRC Update Jan. 29, 2026.pdf

Dear AAPG Members and Stakeholders,

Over the past several months, AAPG has been focused on strengthening its operational foundation. While communications have been quieter than usual, important work has been taking place behind the scenes, including enhancements to our communications systems, improvements to administrative processes, and updates to our website. Additional website enhancements will continue to roll out as part of our commitment to improving accessibility and member engagement.

As part of this operational strengthening, electronic membership renewal invoices will now be distributed through our updated system to support greater efficiency and consistency. We are also launching a centralized communications registry to ensure members and stakeholders receive timely governance updates, legislative notices, professional development information, and official Association communications through a structured system.

Register to Continue Receiving AAPG Communications

All individuals who wish to continue receiving AAPG communications must register through the new registry. By registering, you will receive AAPG’s regular newsletter, as well as governance updates, professional development opportunities, and other official communications. Please complete the registration form below:

Complete Communications Registration

Each individual must register separately. While member organizations may list contacts through the annual renewal form (to be distributed shortly with invoice), individuals are encouraged to complete the communications registration directly to ensure accurate consent and reliable delivery.

After March 31, 2026, AAPG communications will be distributed exclusively through the new system.

PRC Report

Please also find attached the most recent PRC report. We appreciate your patience, as its distribution was slightly delayed while final updates were being completed.

These updates reflect AAPG’s continued focus on strengthening governance practices and enhancing engagement across Alberta.

We appreciate your cooperation and continued support.

Best regards,

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Leah Iszakovits, MA, PMP, RCIC

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PRC Update

January 29, 2026

A note from our CEO

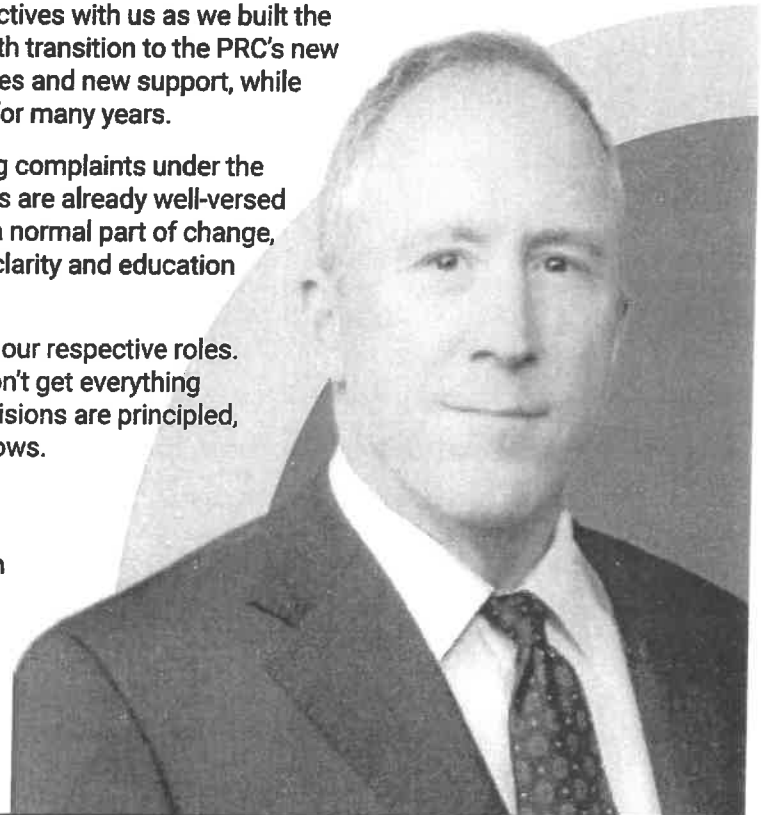
We are pleased to celebrate the official launch of the Police Review Commission (PRC) on December 1. This milestone reflects years of work and collaboration from hundreds of people. Thank you to our implementation team and to the law enforcement partners, communities and organizations that shared their perspectives with us as we built the PRC. Their outreach and planning helped ensure a smooth transition to the PRC's new role. Our ASIRT teams are getting to know many new faces and new support, while continuing the work they've been doing—and doing well—for many years.

Since launch, the PRC has begun receiving and assessing complaints under the new process. Early experience shows that some agencies are already well-versed in the new system, while others are still learning. This is a normal part of change, and the PRC is actively working with partners to provide clarity and education where needed.

Every day, we are all making a series of judgment calls in our respective roles. We hope those decisions are correct, but we know we won't get everything right the first time. So more importantly, we hope our decisions are principled, and that we learn from experience as the organization grows.

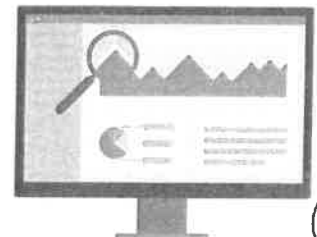
While it is still early days, the PRC is officially live and operating. Over the coming months, we will continue to assess workload, adjust resources as needed, and remain flexible as we build a strong, effective oversight body.

Michael Ewenson, KC
Police Review Commission CEO



The numbers

We received **404** submissions between Dec. 1, 2025 - Jan. 15, 2026. This includes submissions that were withdrawn, redirected, dismissed, and those awaiting classification. As we evolve, we will have the data to support additional reporting and context around the numbers.



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Initial Assessment Committee (IAC)

What is it and what does it do?

The IAC includes PRC case managers, legal experts, and leadership. They review complaint summaries, confirm complaint level, category, allegations, and provide direction on next steps. The IAC ensures consistent decision making and investigative direction.



CEO Rules

Our work is governed by a hierarchy of processes and procedures, as set out in the *Police Act* and the *Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation*.

CEO rules offer more specific instructions on how we implement requirements set out in legislation. We've published the two CEO rules outlined below, with more coming to the website soon.

Public reporting when investigations exceed 180 days

The CEO will publicly report when complaint investigations exceed 180 days. The reports will ensure transparency about the efficiency of PRC investigations and may help identify resourcing challenges and external barriers to the timely conclusion of investigations.



Information sharing

This rule governs the process we may use to access and handle information/evidence from police services, commissions, or the oversight board for conducting investigations.

For more details on CEO Rules, visit the Rules and Regulations section of [this page](#) on our website.

PRC In the Community

Michael Ewenson presents to John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights

JOHN HUMPHREY CENTRE for PEACE and HUMAN RIGHTS

On Dec.12, our CEO Michael delivered a virtual session titled *Strengthening Oversight in Alberta*, taking an in-depth look at the PRC and the broader provincial system for handling police complaints. The session offered an important opportunity for community members, legal professionals, advocates, and anyone committed to justice and human rights to engage with our leadership as an emerging organization.



The Real Time Operations Centre (RTOC) at RCMP K-Division headquarters in Edmonton.
Photo Credit: Edmonton Journal.

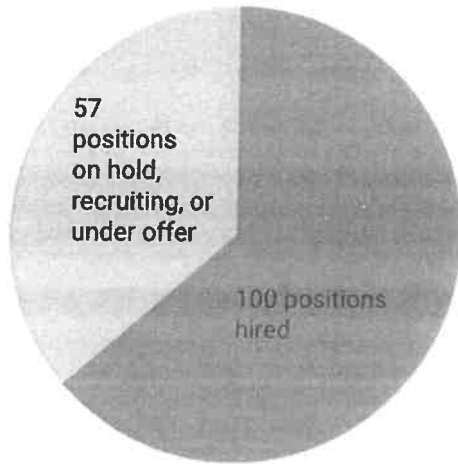
PRC visits RCMP Real Time Operations Centre in Edmonton (RTOC)

On Jan. 7, PRC representatives visited RTOC at RCMP K-Division headquarters in Edmonton. The RTOC is a 24/7 tech hub that provides real-time support, live video from drones and helicopters, and intelligence to officers during critical incidents. The centre offers instant situational awareness and is the first of its kind for the RCMP in Canada. "We attended to build a better understanding of RTOC since there's a number of us that will work with that team to assess whether a notification meets the threshold for being assigned to ASIRT. It was a relationship/awareness building exercise and we all left blown away by what they have (which is the only one in Canada)," reported PRC Executive Director Jessica Thomson.

PRC meets with Edmonton Police Association and Alberta Federation of Police Associations

CEO Mike Ewenson, along with representatives from ASIRT, Case Management and Resolution, and the Community Connections team met with the Edmonton Police Association (EPA) as part of an orientation session for new EPA board members, as well as members of the Alberta Federation of Police Associations also in attendance. The CEO provided an update on the PRC's operations, thanked the associations for their dialogue with the PRC, and fielded questions from the audience along with members of the PRC team.





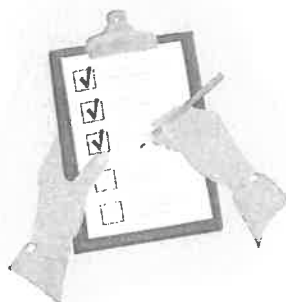
Hiring on track

Prior to launch, we anticipated having 157 full-time staff when fully operational. As of January 15, we have 100 full-time staff in place, and 57 positions are on hold, in process of requisition, or under offer. We have deliberately held back certain positions so we can adjust staffing levels in response to any emerging trends or patterns. You can find PRC job listings through the Government of Alberta job board [here](#).

Have you visited our website?

www.albertaprc.ca offers extensive information about the legislation governing our organization, the complaint process, an FAQ section, printable resources, news releases, and more.

If you notice missing or incorrect information on our website, please contact us at prcmedia@gov.ab.ca.



What do you think?

What do you think about the content and format of this update? What do you want to see more or less of in future editions? Share your views through this quick [2-question survey](#).



Alberta Association of Police Governance

AAPG Communication Registration

AAPG is modernizing its communications system to ensure members and stakeholders receive timely governance updates, legislative notices, professional development information, and official Association communications.

Please complete the form below to confirm your contact details.

Email Address

First Name

Last Name

Position

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Organization Name

Organization Type

Geographic Region

- Calgary Region
- Edmonton Region
- Central Alberta
- Northern Alberta
- Southern Alberta
- Indigenous Community
- Other

Which communications are relevant to you?

- Governance & Legislative Updates
- Professional Development
- Events & Networking
- Board Resources
- Police Review Commission Updates
- Newsletter
- All of the above

I consent to receive AAPG communications.

- Yes

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From: Leah Iszakovits <executivedirector@aapg.ca>
Sent: March 9, 2026 9:36 AM
To: Leah Iszakovits
Subject: AAPG Member Update: PRC Update, Communications Registry & Membership Invoices
Attachments: PRC Update - March 2026.pdf

Dear AAPG Members and Stakeholders,

We are sharing three brief updates.

1. Police Review Commission (PRC) - March Update

Please find attached the March edition of the PRC Update. This document replaces the previous bi-weekly updates that were distributed during the Commission’s start-up phase and now focuses on information about the PRC’s ongoing work as the organization transitions into operational mode.

2. Communications Registration - Action Required

AAPG has recently implemented updates to our communications system to support more consistent and efficient distribution of governance updates, professional development opportunities, and other official Association communications.

To continue receiving AAPG communications, all individuals must register through the new communications registry.

Complete Communications Registration - CLICK HERE

Each individual must register separately to ensure accurate consent and reliable delivery. After March 31, 2026, AAPG communications will be distributed exclusively through the new system. Thank you to those who have already registered.

3. Membership Invoices

AAPG membership renewal invoices were distributed a few weeks ago, electronically, and are due later this month. If you have not yet had a chance to review the invoice, please check with your organization or respond to this message if you require another copy or have any questions.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support of AAPG.

Best regards,

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PRC Update

March 2026

Seeing the full picture: oversight in an era of complexity

A note from our CEO



Policing and oversight are community enterprises. They reflect the pressures, priorities and trust of the people they serve.

Lately, I've been thinking about how much more complex policing has become and what

that means for the cases we handle at the Police Review Commission. Understanding the environment in which police are making decisions helps us assess them fully and objectively.

In Alberta, that environment is increasingly complicated. Many serious matters we review involve some combination of mental health crisis, addiction and suicide risk. Often it isn't one issue. It's several — intersecting in ways that are urgent, unpredictable and deeply human.

These situations don't unfold in controlled settings. They unfold in homes, on streets, and in moments of acute vulnerability. They are not simple files, and they are not "just" policing matters. They are also health matters and social matters, and they reflect the realities facing families, service providers, and front-line responders across Alberta.

Oversight has to meet that reality with balance and clarity. Recognizing baseline complexity is the starting point. It shapes how we review evidence, assess decisions, and communicate outcomes.

Complexity demands rigour and consistency. That's why the professionals at the PRC approach each file with discipline: we examine the facts, test conclusions against policy and law, and document our reasoning clearly. As we gain experience, we will keep strengthening the structures that support this work.

Michael Ewenson, KC
Police Review Commission CEO

The numbers

We received **228** total submissions between Feb. 1, 2026 - Feb. 28, 2026. This includes submissions that were withdrawn, redirected, dismissed, and those awaiting classification. As we evolve, we will have the data to support additional reporting and context around the numbers.



Three new CEO rules released

Our work is governed by a hierarchy of processes and procedures, as set out in the *Police Act* and the *Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation*.

CEO rules offer more specific instructions on how we implement requirements set out in legislation. We've recently added three additional CEO rules to the website:

Releasing Information

This rule governs the process by which we may release information to the public about the findings of Level 1-3 complaints.

Traffic Related Complaints and Traffic Collisions

This rule allows the CEO to clearly define the scope and priorities of the PRC when handling traffic-related complaints and traffic collisions involving police officers.

Systemic Reviews

This rule governs how we conduct reviews into trends that emerge from police services, complaint data regarding the interactions between police officers and people in Alberta, as well as trends in complaint processing data and investigative findings that may indicate process challenges or inefficiencies.



For more details on CEO rules, visit the Rules and Regulations section of [this page](#) on our website.

PRC in the community

PRC staff attend the First Nations Police Governance Council conference



The FNPGC conference lineup of speakers included Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services (L), Teddy Manywounds, chair of the FNPGC (above), and Chief Keith Blake of the Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service (R).



Several PRC staff members attended the First Nations Police Governance Council conference on Feb. 18 & 19 at Grey Eagle Resort & Casino in Calgary. The event was an engaging forum for FNPGC council members and community leaders to come together and discuss transformative approaches to First Nations police governance. There were sessions on sustainable funding models, culturally-grounded policing practices, and the integration of Treaty rights in public safety. Attendees had the opportunity to share insights, ask questions, and help shape the future of governance that truly reflects community values and aspirations. "As an Indigenous liaison, this conference provided a valuable opportunity to understand community perspectives, gather firsthand insights on emerging priorities, and integrate this knowledge into our ongoing work in the PRC," said Dana Middleton, the PRC's Indigenous liaison.

PRC presents to Alberta Advisory Council on the Francophonie

March is Francophonie month in Alberta, and Jason van Rassel, PRC's senior manager, community connections recently presented to the Alberta Advisory Council on the Francophonie (AACF) about engagement efforts with French-speaking Albertans by the PRC implementation team and dating back to the *Police Act* review of 2018-2021. The AACF is a 10-member body that advises the minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women on implementing the province's French Policy. It ensures the francophone community has a voice in government, advocates for improving services in French, and fosters vitality for Alberta's French-speaking population.



PRC featured in UK publication *Policing Insight*



The PRC has made news across the pond with a feature in the UK trade publication *Policing Insight*. Contributing editor Sarah Gibbons interviewed PRC CEO Mike Ewenson about the "groundbreaking" launch of the PRC, and why it's a good news story for communities and officers.

Read more [here](#). (full article is paywalled)

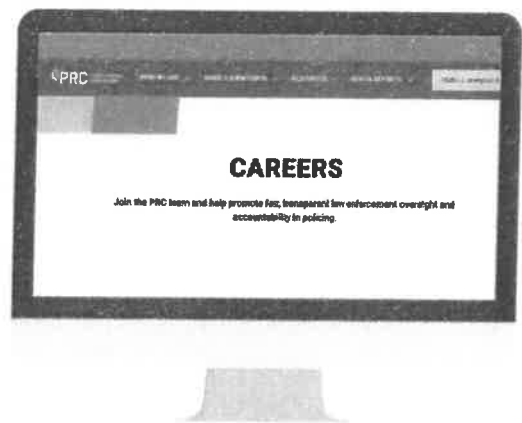
Careers page now live on alberataprc.ca

We've recently launched a careers page on our website with information on working for the PRC, and a link to open positions. As an arm's-length agency of the Government of Alberta (GOA), PRC employees are considered members of the Alberta Public Service, and enjoy all associated benefits.

The careers page also has information on becoming a presiding officer for disciplinary hearings. We're building a pool of qualified presiding officers to ensure police officers accused of misconduct have their case heard by a neutral third party.

Visit our careers page [here](#).

If you notice missing or incorrect information on our website, please contact us at prcmedia@gov.ab.ca.



Did you know?

We've added more paths on our website for users to submit compliments about a police officer or police service. Users can click **Send a compliment** from the **Make a Submission** drop down on the header menu, or click the **Send a compliment** button on the home page.



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From: lions AB <lionsab74@gmail.com>
Sent: March 6, 2026 11:49 AM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Lion's response
Attachments: March 6, 2026 L to V of AB.pdf

Please find attached our letter to Mayor and council
thank you Kimberly



Alberta Beach & District
LIONS CLUB
Box 126, Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0



Hello Mayor Elwood and councillor's

The following is a response to your letter of February 24, 2026

We were quite disappointed in the actions of Councillor Muir, who was advised that if we did not receive the letter in advance of the meeting we would add him to our next months meeting.

To clarify yes we have been involved in helping financially with the Agliplex to keep it running for many years. But the club did not agree to 1/3 of utilities in 2016, but the then President made a motion at an Ag society meeting which they agreed to, and we just paid as they were sent to us.

I checked our records and it says we paid \$3,844.41 in utilities for 2025, we paid \$830.00 in rental for 2025.

In the current financial situation in the country, we find our club receiving less donations both for food and monetary funds each year, while the food requirements in the community remain the same. So what happens is we must pay more from our funds to cover these expenses.

We had to make a choice to either not continue to supply all the hampers, cut our other donations or stop our support to the Agliplex. Since the Ag society had a plus \$200,000 in the bank at recent Agm and many regular rentals to sustain the building maintenance, they should be able to continue with out our further assistance. I hope this answers your concern.

Thank you

Kimberly Scheiris

President/Alberta Beach & District Lions Club

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aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Alberta Beach Library <ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca>
Sent: February 21, 2026 3:53 PM
To: Tara; aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: 2026 Funding Letter and Annual Invoice from Alberta Beach Library
Attachments: AB library invoice to AB municipality 2026.docx; invoice funding letter Alberta Beach 2026.doc; 2025Infographic.pdf

Hello,

Please find the attached documents.
Do let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Jakob Kubke
Manager, Alberta Beach Municipal Library
Email: ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca
Phone: 780-924-3491
www.albertabeachlibrary.ca





ANNUAL INVOICE

February 21, 2026

ATTENTION: SUMMER VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH

Dear Mayor Elwood and Council,

The Alberta Beach Library is thankful for the continued financial support. Our library continues to offer diverse programming and excellent customer service, and serves as a community hub where everyone is welcome and has access to books, movies, ebooks, audiobooks, computers, printing, scanning, faxing, and more.

In 2025, Alberta Beach Municipal Library had close to 5,000 patron visits. Our library community is a mix of permanent residents and seasonal residents, plus visitors that come from other areas including the residents of Alberta Beach. We are happy to service our community and our patrons who visit us and use the Alberta Beach Library resources. Please find attached a report of more stats for our library in 2025.

The annual invoice amount for 2026 is \$13,452.48 for library services.

Please see attached an invoice with more information.

If you require more information, please feel free to reach me directly at ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca or 780-924-3491.

Sincerely,

Jakob Kubke
Alberta Beach Library Manager
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AB, T0E 0A0
780-924-3491
ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca
www.albertabeachlibrary.ca



**Alberta Beach
Municipal Library**

Invoice#10258

**Alberta Beach Municipal Library
Box 186
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0
Phone: 780-924-3491**

February 21, 2026

Bill to: Village of Alberta Beach

Re: Library Services

Total: \$13,452.48 (\$15.57x864)

Make cheques payable to Alberta Beach Municipal Library. If automatic payments can be arranged or if you have any questions, please contact the library manager at ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca or 780-924-3491.

Thank you for your support continuous support of the Alberta Beach Municipal Library!

**Jakob Kubke
Manager
Alberta Beach Library
www.albertabeachlibrary.ca
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Alberta Beach Municipal Library

Annual Report 2025



The library had **1,132** open hours in 2025!



297 people have a card at our library



4,709 people walked through our doors last year



In addition to **5,739** website visits



The library added **444** new items last year



Bringing the total collection to **9,227**



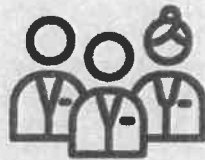
There were **1,891** downloads of e-Content



Contributing to a total of **14,885** checkouts!



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **4,363** times



Our service is delivered by **3** dedicated staff



And **20** amazing volunteers



The library has **4** public computers



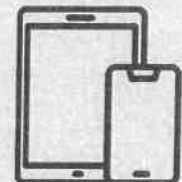
And brought in **2,663** items upon patron request



We answered **100** reference questions



And our meeting spaces were booked **6** times



4 mobile devices available



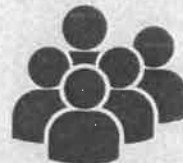
We offered **69** in-person programs



virtual programs



And digital literacy programs



807 people attended in total!



And our Wi-Fi had **2,768** connections!

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From: taraelwood@albertabeach.com
Sent: February 22, 2026 5:08 PM
To: Alberta Beach Village of
Subject: Fw: Lift Her Up - Edmonton Roundtables 2026
Attachments: Lift Her Up Roundtable Overview _Short 2026.pdf



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From: ACWS #LiftHerUp <liftherup@acws.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 8:15 AM
Subject: Lift Her Up - Edmonton Roundtables 2026

Good Morning,

On behalf of the Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters (ACWS), I am pleased to formally invite you to participate in one of our upcoming Lift Her Up Roundtable Sessions in Edmonton this March.

Lift Her Up is an ACWS initiative dedicated to advancing women’s full and meaningful participation in political life. In 2026, we are launching an enhanced Lift Her Up curriculum designed to support elected officials in fostering safe, collaborative, and respectful workplace cultures. You can learn more about the initiative here: <https://acws.ca/liftherup/>

As part of this launch, ACWS is convening two facilitated roundtable discussions to gather direct feedback from women elected officials on the curriculum and its implementation. These sessions will provide space to:

- Share lived experiences within political environments
- Identify potential gaps or opportunities within the training content
- Strengthen the practical relevance of the curriculum
- Build a network of champions committed to advancing this work

As a respected female elected leader, your voice and experience would add tremendous value to these discussions. Your participation would help ensure that Lift Her Up reflects the realities of political leadership and contributes meaningfully to safer, more inclusive workplaces across Alberta.



Lift Her Up

Lift Her Up

#LiftHerUp is an ongoing ACWWS campaign to support women leaders.

The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters has created a campaign-- Lift Her Up--to counter the misogynist rallying cry that has been heard abroad and even on the steps of Alberta's Legislature Building.

Contrary to the misogynist cries to "Lock Her Up," we know, based survey answers, that most men in Alberta agree that sexist, violent language and the sexualization of women in media and popular culture helps to legitimize violence against women.

We ask you to follow us and join us in calling down this language. We're lifting up our sisters in the legislature, the boardroom, the classrooms, the livingrooms and in women's shelters throughout our province -- and holding them up, buffering them against the bullying rhetoric that we are seeing for political gain.

Coming in 2026 – Lift Her Up Training for Municipal Councils and Elected Officials

ACWS is excited to announce the pilot of the new Lift Her Up curriculum. A two-hour, in-person training designed specifically for elected officials and their staff. Together, we'll talk about what respectful leadership looks like in practice, how to recognize and respond to harassment, and how to build an inclusive culture in your office and in your community. It equips you to:

- Strengthen your ability to lead with confidence and respect.
- Ensure your office staff are supported in creating safe and inclusive work environments.
- Model to your constituents that public service can — and should — be safe, collaborative, and respectful for everyone.

If you are interested in learning more about the training, please email liftherup@acws.ca.

2021 Municipal Election Commitment

Candidates running for municipal office in the 2021 elections across Alberta were invited to sign the following Lift Her Up Commitment:

As a candidate in the upcoming municipal election:

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From: EPA Water <EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: March 12, 2026 8:38 AM
To: EPA Water
Cc: Kate Rich; Gary Sandberg; Amy Mannix; Robyn Saude; Erika Rebus
Subject: Water Act and Water (Ministerial) Regulation Amendments

CAOs,

I am writing to inform you that the *Water Amendment Act, 2025*, was proclaimed March 11, 2026, and is now in effect. In addition, amendments to the Water (Ministerial) Regulation have been made to reflect changes to the act, including boundaries of major river basins, eligible sources of water for reuse, and allowing use of rooftop-collected rainwater without requiring a licence.

These changes follow from the water availability engagement and modernize Alberta's water management system while maintaining its foundations. There are no changes to Alberta's priority system for water allocations, and strong environmental protections remain in place.

Information on the changes is available online, including:

- News release at: [Smarter water management for Alberta's future | alberta.ca](#)
- *Water Amendment Act, 2025*, at: [Alberta King's Printer](#). The updated act will be released in the coming day or two.
- Ministerial Order (effective March 11, 2026) at: [M.O. 06/2026 - Environment and Protected Areas](#). The updated regulation will be released in the coming day or two.
- The water availability engagement information at: www.alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement

Thank you again to those who submitted feedback on the changes during the water availability engagement.

Additional engagement is planned to inform policy development in support of the act changes, including standards for water use measurement and reporting and policy on keeping licences in good standing, disclosure of prices paid (if any) for water transfers and other water access, and alternative water sources.

If you have questions on the changes, please let me know or contact epa.water@gov.ab.ca.

Kate

Kathleen Rich

Assistant Deputy Minister, Water and Circular Economy Division, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
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From: EPA Water <EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: January-20-26 10:16 AM
To: EPA Water <EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Kate Rich <Kate.Rich@gov.ab.ca>; Gary Sandberg <gary.sandberg@gov.ab.ca>; Amy Mannix <Amy.Mannix@gov.ab.ca>; Robyn Saude <Robyn.Saude@gov.ab.ca>; Erika Rebus <Erika.Rebus@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Water (Ministerial) Regulation Change - Exemptions to support water availability

Sent to: all municipal CAOs contacts in the Municipal Officials Directory

Hello,

I am writing to inform you of amendments to the Water (Ministerial) Regulation regarding exemptions from requiring a *Water Act* licence or approval that are effective from January 13, 2026. The changes follow from the water availability engagement.

The Government of Alberta has expanded some existing exemptions and added new exemptions for low risk activities, namely:

- Expansions / changes to existing exemptions:
 - Increased quantity and/or size limits for existing exemptions for dugouts, stormwater ponds, wetland construction, and temporary camps.
 - A definition of dugout has been added to the regulation, specifying the intended agricultural purpose of dugouts. This clarifies and reinforces that to qualify for the exemption, the purpose of the storage and use of the water must be for agricultural purposes. This means the exemption is for agricultural purposes only, and that a licence is required (and in some areas a water transfer) to use dugouts for purposes other than agriculture.
- New exemptions:
 - Exemptions established for emergency preparedness, bridge and sign washing, dust control, and Green Area borrow pits on public lands.

Information on the changes are available online, including:

- News release at: [New rules boost water storage and conservation | alberta.ca](#)
- Ministerial Order (Effective January 13, 2026) at: [M.O. 26/2025 - Environment and Protected Areas](#)
- Water (Ministerial) Regulation at: [Alberta King's Printer](#)
- These are additional to regulation amendments to exempt riparian restoration watering announced in July - [Freedom to water | alberta.ca](#)

Thank you to those who provided feedback on the exemptions during the water availability engagement.

If you have questions on the changes, please let me know or contact epa.water@gov.ab.ca.

Kate

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From: EPA Water <EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: October-30-25 4:44 PM

To: EPA Water <EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Kate Rich <Kate.Rich@gov.ab.ca>; Gary Sandberg <gary.sandberg@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: Government of Alberta Bill 7 Water Amendment Act

Sent to: all municipal CAOs contacts in the Municipal Officials Directory

I am writing to inform you that a bill to amend the *Water Act* was tabled today in the Alberta Legislature.

Bill 7, the *Water Amendment Act*, follows from the water availability engagement held earlier this year. If passed, the proposed act amendments will:

- streamline regulatory requirements;
- improve water monitoring and transparency;
- allow lower risk inter-basin transfers to be approved by the Minister; and,
- support the use of alternative water sources, including rainwater and wastewater.

Information on the Bill 7 is online, including:

- News release at: [Meeting Alberta's rising demand for water | alberta.ca](#)
- Legislation at: <https://www.assembly.ab.ca/assembly-business/bills/bills-by-legislature>
- The water availability engagement information at: www.alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement

The proposed act changes enable future regulations and policy to be developed to enhance water availability. Continued engagement is planned to inform policy development, such as related to measurement and reporting.

Thank you to those who submitted feedback on the proposed act changes earlier this year, and thank you in advance for your continued involvement in engagement to enhance water availability.

If you have questions on the tabled bill, please let me know or contact epa.water@gov.ab.ca.

Kate

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From: EPA Water <EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: April-29-25 10:21 AM

To: EPA Water <EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Kate Rich <Kate.Rich@gov.ab.ca>; Gary Sandberg <gary.sandberg@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: Water Availability Engagement - Phase 2

Sent to: all municipal CAOs contacts in the Municipal Officials Directory

I am writing to inform you that the next phase of water availability engagement launched today. It focusses on proposed changes to the *Water Act* and complementary policy to increase the availability of water licences to Alberta municipalities, businesses, agricultural producers and others, while continuing to protect the aquatic ecosystem.

Please see the attached letter with details. Also, here are the links to the news release and to the engagement website:

- News release: [Making every drop of water count | alberta.ca](#)
- Engagement site: [Water availability engagement | Alberta.ca](#)

Thank you for your feedback during the first phase to identify opportunities and barriers to enhance water availability, and we appreciate your feedback on these proposals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or EPA Water with any questions.

Thanks.

Kate

Kathleen Rich

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From: MA Engagement Team <ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: March 6, 2026 3:31 PM
To: MA Engagement Team
Subject: Meeting Request Update: ABMunis 2026 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus.

Thank you for your request to meet with the Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during the ABMunis 2026 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus. Due to the volume of meeting requests received, the Minister is unfortunately unable to accommodate a meeting with your council during the convention.

If you believe a formal meeting with the Minister is still necessary, please contact the Minister's Office directly at minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca to request an opportunity to meet at a later date.

Best regards,
Engagement Team
Municipal Services Division
Municipal Affairs

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From: MA Alberta Community Partnership <acp.grants@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: March 6, 2026 1:50 PM
To: Tara Elwood
Cc: LacSteAnne.Parkland@assembly.ab.ca; lee.landsperg@sunsetpoint.ca;
k.dion@valquentin.ca; ! ABOffice; ! OFFICE
Subject: 2025/26 Alberta Community Partnership - Intermunicipal Collaboration Project
Attachments: Minister Approval Letter - Alberta Beach.pdf

Hello,

On behalf of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, please find attached a letter regarding your 2025/26 Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration project.

Please note that a hard copy will not be provided through the mail.

Thank you for your continued dedication and work to support communities in your region.

Provincial Regional and Operating Programs
Municipal Affairs, Government of Alberta
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Office of the Minister

MLA, Peace River

AR121606

February 20, 2026

Her Worship Taralyn Elwood
Mayor
Alberta Beach
PO Box 278
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Dear Mayor Elwood:

Through the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program, the Government of Alberta encourages strengthened relationships between municipalities and cooperative approaches to service delivery. By working in partnership with our neighbours, we create opportunities that build capacity and enhance shared services. Together, we help build vibrant, resilient communities for the benefit of all Albertans.

I am pleased to inform you that Alberta Beach has been approved for a grant of \$200,000 under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component of the 2025/26 ACP in support of your Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC) Master Plan project. This approval does not signify broader provincial support for any recommendation or outcome that might result from your project.

The conditional grant agreement will be sent shortly to your chief administrative officer to obtain the appropriate signatures.

The Government of Alberta looks forward to celebrating your ACP-funded project with you and your municipal partnership. I encourage you to send invitations for any milestone events to my office. We ask that you advise Municipal Affairs a minimum of 15 working days prior to the proposed event. If you would like to discuss possible activities or events to recognize your ACP achievements, please contact a grant advisor, toll-free by dialing 310-0000, then 780-422-7125, or at acp.grants@gov.ab.ca.

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I congratulate the partnership on initiating this project, and I wish you every success in your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Williams', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Shane Getson, MLA, Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland
Lee Landsperg, Mayor, Summer Village of Sunset Point
Kathy Dion, Mayor, Summer Village of Val Quentin
Kathy Skwarchuk, Chief Administrative Officer, Alberta Beach
Mike Primeau, Chief Administrative Officer, Summer Village of Sunset Point
Marlene Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer, Summer Village of Val Quentin

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From: Executive Assistant on Behalf of Dana Mackie <ea_dmackie@abmunis.ca>
Sent: February 27, 2026 4:40 PM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: ABmunis' Report on Alberta's 2026 Budget

Hello Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs,

We are pleased to share Alberta Municipalities' Report on the Government of Alberta's 2026-27 Budget.

While this budget includes some targeted investments, overall, it is not a good-news budget for municipalities. The fiscal plan continues to shift costs onto local governments and property taxpayers, while falling short of the long-term investments needed to support growing communities and maintain essential infrastructure.

Key takeaways from this year's budget include:

- While the province hasn't increased personal, corporate, or sales taxes, they have increased provincial property taxes by \$1 billion over three years.
- Lack of investment in municipalities now puts the squeeze on property taxpayers for years to come. We are disappointed to see no increase in social infrastructure funding, such as preventative FCSS services, and continued inadequate funding to physical infrastructure, such as roads, pipes, and other key assets.
- Without this funding, Albertans will continue to feel the financial pressures well into the future.
- As part of Alberta Municipalities Property Taxes Reimagined, and as acknowledged in the government's fiscal plan, we need to have a conversation about sustainable fiscal planning in Alberta, and municipal leaders need to be part of finding the solution.

Municipal leaders are not asking for short-term fixes. We need a long-term, sustainable solution, and municipalities want to be active partners in shaping how local public services are funded into the future.

Webinar Recording

If you missed our webinar today, note that a recording will be available early next week at the link above.

In the meantime, we encourage you to read our report and hope you plan to attend our Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus on March 26 & 27, where we will have the opportunity to discuss Budget 2026 issues directly with the provincial officials. We will continue to advocate strongly on your behalf and look forward to working with you as we engage the province on these issues in the weeks and months ahead.

Thanks,

Dana Mackie MBA | Chief Executive Officer

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NEWS RELEASE

Albertans' property taxes will go up because of Budget 2026

February 26, 2026

EDMONTON – Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) has decided to say the quiet part out loud: Albertans will pay more property tax this year because of the Government of Alberta's decisions, as presented in this budget.

The provincial government is telling Albertans that it won't increase taxes to pay for all the things it's funding in Budget 2026. That's misleading.

Budget 2026 shifts the tax burden to property taxes. It shifts responsibility from the provincial government to municipalities and removes tax room for municipal priorities. We're concerned that hiding provincial tax increases in the property tax bills that municipal governments must collect will make life less affordable for those Albertans with lower or fixed incomes.

We're disappointed to see no funding increases for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in Budget 2026. By not investing in local prevention programs, the provincial government has missed a critical opportunity to change the trajectory of growing costs in systems that have been stretched to the breaking point – systems like healthcare, emergency services, and policing.

The provincial government's decision to not enlarge the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) capital funding pot and other municipal infrastructure programs means urgently needed municipal infrastructure projects across Alberta will be postponed, delayed, deferred or cancelled. Unless additional funding is provided, Albertans can expect more failures to infrastructure in the coming years – costly events like broken water and sewer pipes and crumbling roads and bridges. Furthermore, investments in municipal infrastructure are critical to enable further economic growth.

Alberta's systemic provincial funding deficit has been an unresolved issue for more than 20 years. Alberta has a \$16.9 billion tax advantage over other provinces. Despite this, costs continue to be downloaded onto municipal governments and property taxes are funding provincial services.

Alberta Municipalities urges the provincial government to begin a conversation with municipalities, other stakeholders, and Albertans to reimagine how to fund and pay for everything Albertans deserve and to ensure our province continues to grow and succeed for generations to come.

Those are our initial thoughts, based on our first reading of the budget document. We'll have more to say tomorrow, once our policy experts have reviewed Budget 2026 line by line and determined what it means for Albertans and ABmunis' 264 member-communities.

Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2026 Budget



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February 27, 2026

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Budget 2026: Holding the Line but Falling Behind

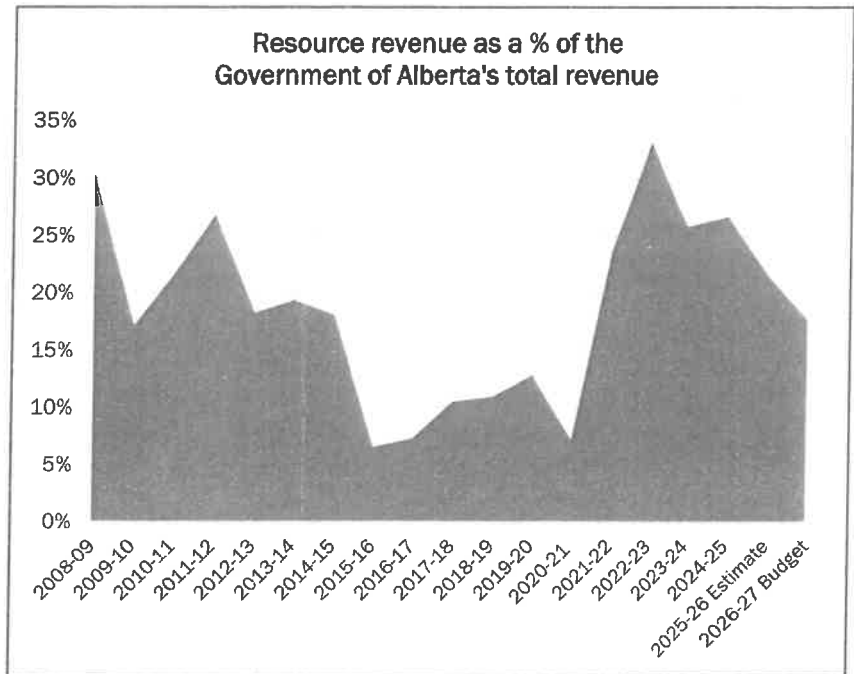
Key Messages

- While the province hasn't increased personal, corporate, or sales taxes, they have increased provincial property taxes by \$1 billion over three years.
- Lack of investment in municipalities puts the squeeze on property taxpayers now and for years to come.
- We are disappointed to see no increase to social infrastructure funding such as preventative Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and continued inadequate funding to physical infrastructure such as roads, pipes, and other keys assets.
- Without this funding, Albertans will continue to feel the financial pressures well into the future.
- As part of Alberta Municipalities Property Taxes Reimagined, and as acknowledged in the government's fiscal plan, we need to have a conversation about sustainable fiscal planning in Alberta and municipal leaders need to be part of finding the solution.

Budget 2026 puts the squeeze on property taxpayers

After five years of historically high revenue from oil and gas resources, the Alberta government is forecasting a \$9.3 billion deficit in 2026-27 and the need for restraint in spending. This is not new. In fact, Albertans have seen this scenario play out many times when royalty revenues from oil and gas are lower than what is needed to balance Alberta's budget. The province has no plans to increase income taxes so the question that Albertans should be asking is how will Budget 2026 impact their property taxes or rent this year and beyond?

Collectively, Albertans and Alberta businesses pay at least \$16.9 billion less in taxes than if Alberta had the same tax system as any other province.¹ For example, Alberta has lower income taxes on people and businesses, low fuel tax, and no sales tax.



Source: Alberta's 2026-29 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 25, Historical Fiscal Summary, page 163.

¹ Government of Alberta 2026-27 Fiscal Plan, page 121.

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Our low tax system has been made possible by Alberta's unique access to royalty revenue from its oil and gas resources. But Alberta doesn't control the world price of oil so that means our resource revenue is just as volatile. In the last 15 years, the revenue collected from oil and gas royalties has ranged from as low as \$2.8 billion (2015) to as high as \$25.2 billion (2022). Budget 2026 estimates that Alberta will collect \$13.2 billion in resource revenues this year, representing 18 per cent of Alberta's total budgeted revenue.

For decades, every Alberta government has made the same choice:

1. keep taxes low,
2. cut spending when oil and gas revenues are down, and
3. wait for a time when oil prices rise again to try to balance the budget.

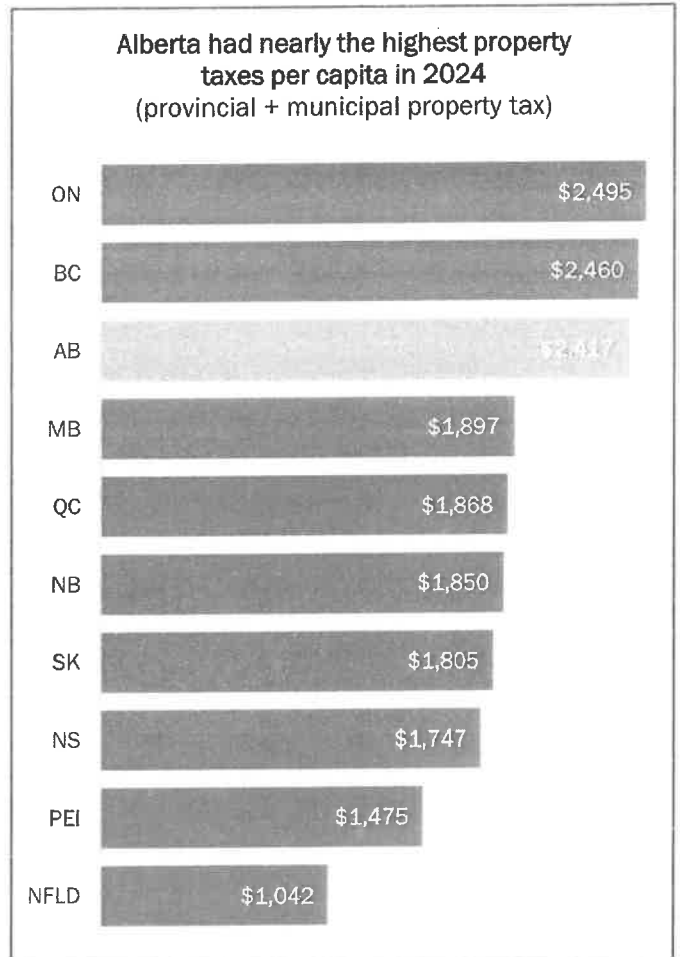
While Alberta has low income taxes and no sales tax, Alberta doesn't have low property taxes compared to other provinces.

One of the reasons is successive Alberta governments have lowered the province's costs by shifting the tax burden onto Alberta's municipal governments and property taxes.

In 2009, municipalities received about \$623 per person in funding from the Alberta government to pay for infrastructure and local services. By 2024, that dropped to \$318 per person, after inflation. Examples include:

- Lower infrastructure funding per capita,
- Funding for preventative social services has only increased once since 2015 despite Alberta adding nearing a million more people
- Grants for policing have not been adjusted for inflation so municipal governments have to cover the extra costs.

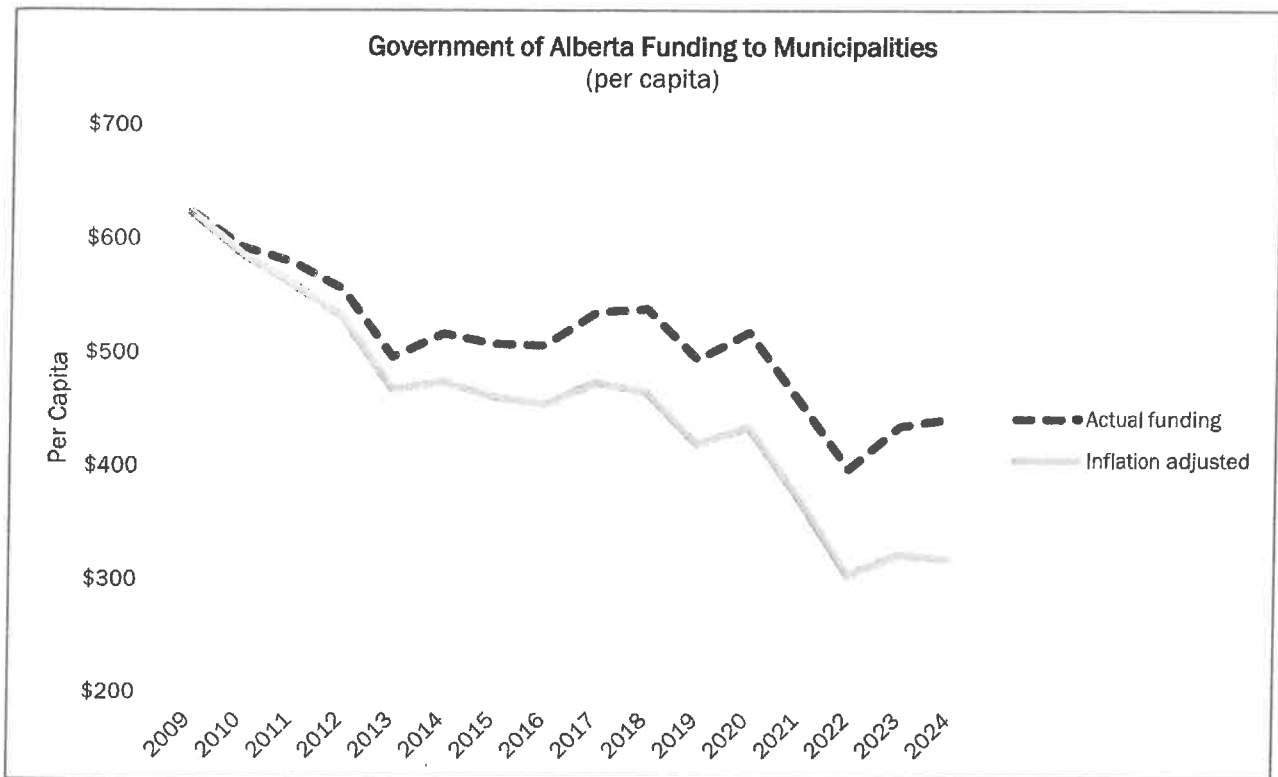
This means municipal governments now get about half as much money from the province to help run services in Alberta's communities.



Source: ABmunis' calculations using Statistics Canada Table 10-10-0147-01, Canadian government finance statistics, statement of operations and balance sheet for consolidated governments (2024) and Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01, population estimates on July 1 (2024).

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Unfortunately, Budget 2026 is not changing that trend. While it's common for the Government of Alberta to adopt a deficit budget, municipal governments are required to balance their budget. This means that municipal governments must match any increases in their expenses or loss of funding from the province by a corresponding increase in revenues. This usually means a cut in local services or an increase in water fees, sewer fees, or increasing a municipality's primary revenue source: property taxes.



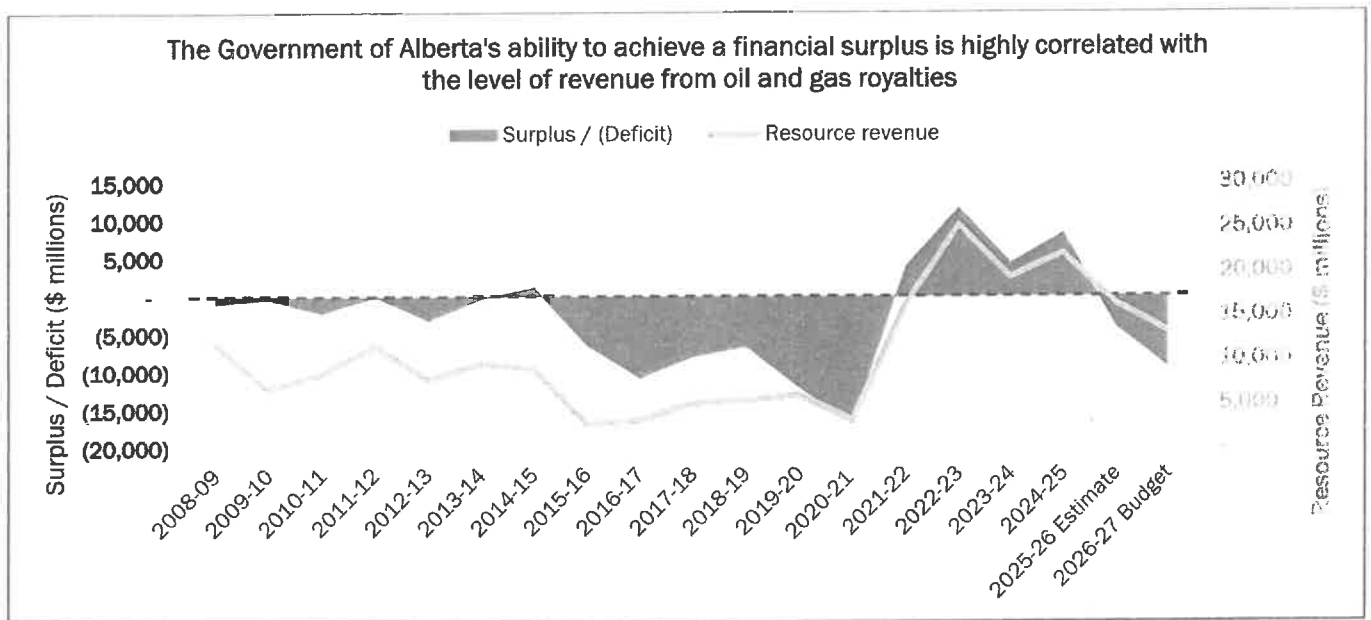
Source: Includes capital and operating funding. Calculated using Alberta Municipal Affairs, Financial Information Returns, Schedule D, provincial transfers reported in columns 01910, 01920, 01912, 01922. Inflation adjusted figures are based on 2009 constant dollars using Alberta's Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada Table 18-10-0005-01 and Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01, Population Estimates on July 1.

Alberta's financial stability still hinges on oil and gas royalties

The graph below shows the trend of non-renewable resource revenues in comparison to the Government of Alberta's year-end surplus or deficit over the last 20 years. It shows the direct correlation between the provincial government's financial position and the amount of non-renewable resource revenue collected each year. This is the system that has led successive Alberta governments to run deficits in 10 of the last 15 years.

The Alberta government was successful in posting surpluses from 2021-22 to 2024-25 but that also came at a time when oil and gas royalties were at an all-time high for Alberta. For context, if this year's non-renewable resource revenue was the same as 2022-23, Alberta would have \$2.7 billion surplus in 2026, instead of the proposed \$9.4 billion deficit.

Resource revenues are expected to decline to \$13.2 billion in 2026-27, which highlights a need for a meaningful conversation in Alberta for how to fund the public services that Albertans expect from the province and municipal governments.



Source: Government of Alberta's 2026-29 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 25: Historical Fiscal Summary, page 163.

Alberta has options

While Budget 2026 may appear to be doom and gloom, the fact is Alberta has significant financial flexibility to make decisions in how to deliver the services Albertans expect.

- Alberta could raise taxes by billions and still be the lowest taxed province in Canada.
- Alberta could increase borrowing and still have the lowest debt-to-GDP of all provinces.²
- Alberta is leading the nation in new housing starts and ATB Financial forecasts that Alberta's economy will grow by 2.1 per cent this year compared to the national economy at 1.6 per cent.³

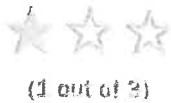
Therefore, it is positive that Budget 2026 announces that the Alberta government will undertake a review of its fiscal framework to assess what measures are appropriate to support sustainable fiscal planning in Alberta. This isn't about a single budget cycle. **We need a long-term solution and municipal leaders want to be part of the conversation in determining how local public services should be funded into the future.**

² Canada: Gearing Up for Provincial Budget Season, TD Economics, February 17, 2026

³ 2026 Economic Outlook: From Tariff Turmoil to Execution, ATB Financial, December 8, 2025

How Budget 2026 Meets Our Top Priorities

Leading up to the Government of Alberta's 2026-27 budget year, Alberta Municipalities communicated the top three priorities that municipal governments expect of provincial leaders.



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Increase Investment In municipal Infrastructure

The Alberta government is promoting that it will invest \$7 billion in municipal infrastructure over the next three years. In reality, Budget 2026 delivers a small increase of about \$150 million in provincial funding to help municipal governments invest in construction and replacement of local infrastructure like roads, sidewalks, transit, and water systems. One-third of the province's investment in municipal infrastructure in 2026 is funding from the Government of Canada. Overall, provincial funding is still hundreds of millions of dollars lower than historical levels, particularly at a time when Alberta has grown by a million people over the last decade and inflation is increasing costs of workers, asphalt, and pipes.

The increase in funding in 2026 primarily consists of:

- The ongoing cost-share with the Government of Canada to invest in expanding the light rail transit systems in Calgary and Edmonton.
- A combined \$66 million increase in the Water for Life and Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership programs. This is positive for 2026, but this funding is forecasted to be cut by 81 per cent by 2028.

We continue to be concerned that we are seeing one-off commitments without longer-term strategies. Alberta's municipal water and wastewater infrastructure is far more fragile than most of us realize. For over 15 years, the Government of Alberta's annual investment in municipal infrastructure has trended downwards. This is creating a shift in how Albertans are taxed. Instead of income taxes being used to pay for community infrastructure, the Alberta government is pushing that cost onto municipal property taxes. This will have real impacts on Albertans whose income has not increased but will now face a bigger tax bill. Albertans should not be surprised to see more critical failures in water and sewer systems in their community. Learn more on page 13.



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Increase Investment In local preventative social services

ABmunis is very disappointed to not see an increase to Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding in the 2026 Provincial Budget. Since 2015, Alberta's population has grown by nearly 1 million (21 per cent) and inflation has averaged 2.25 per cent annually, but FCSS funding has only increased by 5 per cent in the last eleven years. By not investing in locally driven prevention programming, the province is missing a critical opportunity to reduce costs on already stretched systems such as healthcare, emergency services, and policing. This downloads costs onto municipalities, leaving them to respond to residents' needs without adequate support from the provincial government at a time when many Albertans are struggling. Senior provincial officials have indicated a willingness to consider incremental increases to FCSS funding going forward and pursuing this investment will remain a top priority for ABmunis in the coming year.



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Cumulative Impact of Increases In provincial property taxes

In the last decade, provincial leaders have been critical of municipal councils for increasing municipal property taxes to fund local services. Recently, the Premier gave a mandate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to explore "ways to limit excessive municipal property tax increases for businesses and residents". At the same time, the Alberta government has increased its own property tax on Albertans by \$1 billion over the last three years. In 2026, the province will increase its revenue from provincial property taxes by 15 per cent, or \$468 million. Unfortunately, it will be municipal councils and employees who will face extreme scrutiny for this tax increase because they are the people required to collect the tax through the municipal government's property tax bill. Learn more on the next page.

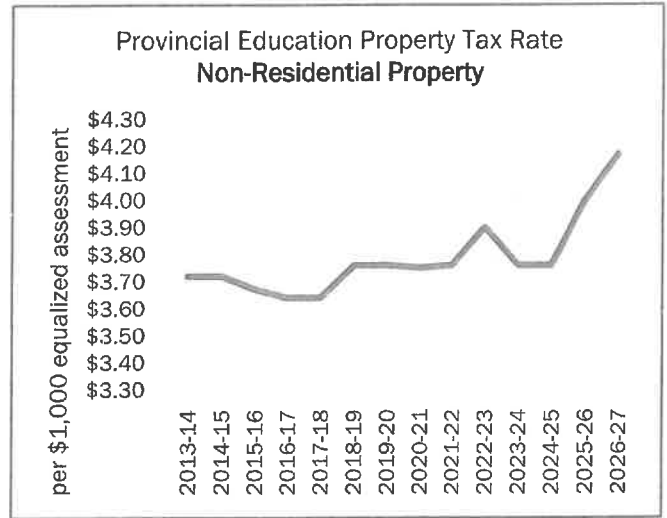
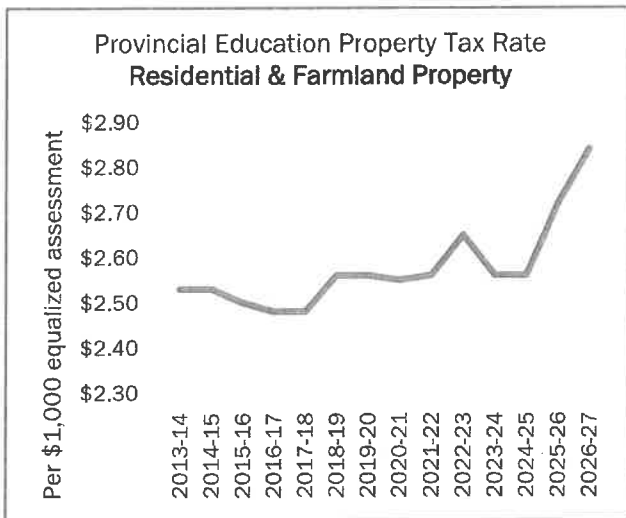
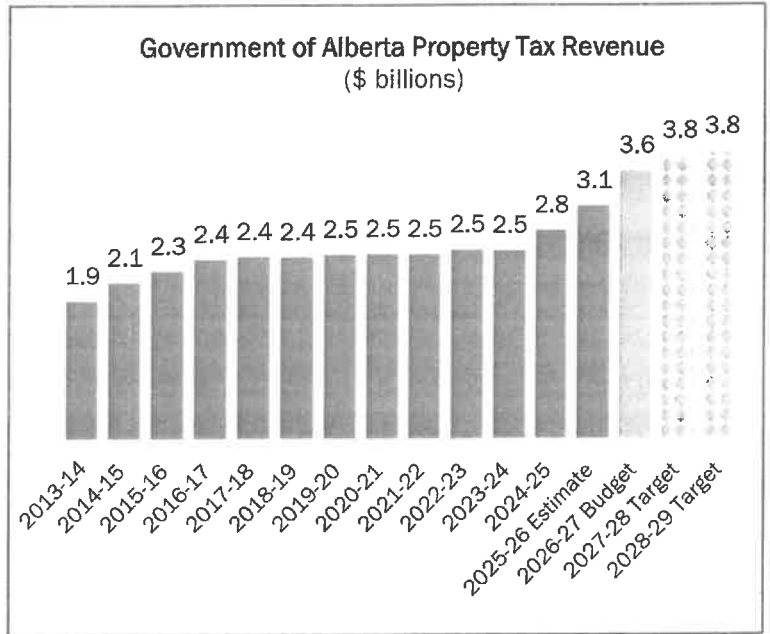
Other Priorities for Municipal Governments

The Province is raising its property tax by 15% this year

In 2025, the Alberta government budgeted to increase its tax on property by 14.3 per cent. The province is taking that another step further and will increase its property tax by another 15 per cent in 2026. This translates to a \$468 million increase in provincial tax on homeowners and business property owners compared to 2025-26.

The tax increase is part of the province's new strategy to have one-third of K-12 school operating costs funded by education property taxes. This strategy has resulted in provincial property taxes increasing by \$1 billion or 42 per cent since 2023.

To meet its goal of raising almost half a billion dollars more in revenue in 2026, the Government of Alberta will increase the provincial tax rate on residential and farmland properties by 4.4 per cent and increase the rate on non-residential property by 4.3 per cent.⁴



	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Forecast	2028-29 Forecast
Provincial property tax (\$ millions)	2,526	2,797	3,124	3,592	3,792	3,848
Year-over-year change (%)		10.7%	11.7%	15.0%	5.6%	1.5%

⁴ Note that these tax rates are not applied to each property for the purposes of the current year property tax bill. The Alberta government uses these rates to determine how much provincial property tax to requisition from each municipal government in Alberta. Each municipal government is then required to collect the province's tax from each local property based on the current year assessed value of each property.

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Provincial Property Tax: The Misunderstood Tax

Problem with the province's property tax include:

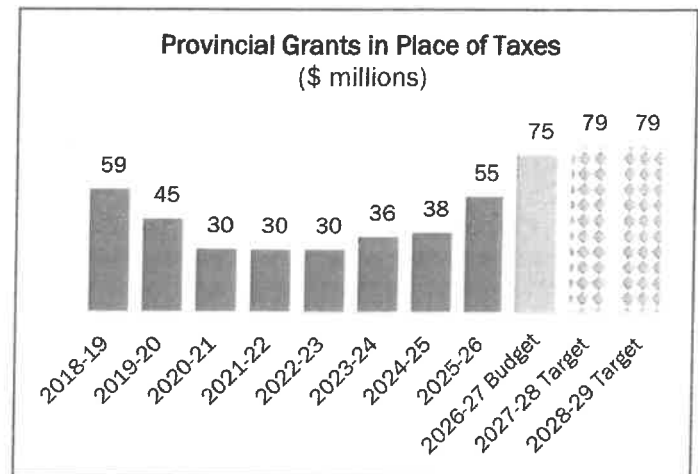
1. Municipal governments collect this tax for the province, meaning municipal councils and employees will be mistakenly blamed for the tax increase.
2. When councils see an increase in the provincial tax, they may decide that they need to lower any planned increase to municipal property tax to help with affordability for residents. This creates long-term risks for the community such as failures in roads and water pipes if the municipality is not adequately investing in maintenance of infrastructure.
3. Shifting more of the tax burden on property taxes instead of income taxes or consumption taxes will have real impacts on society. Seniors and other individuals with fixed incomes and workers who don't get a pay increase will have less money available to cover their property tax bill.

The Government of Alberta has other revenue tools available that are more transparent and beneficial to the economy. Moreover, the Premier's [2025 mandate letter](#) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs directed him to explore ways to "limit excessive municipal property tax increases" but since then, has increased provincial property taxes on Albertans by 28 per cent.

As such, we continue to call on the province to work with municipal leaders to [reimagine](#) how schools, local infrastructure, and local services are funded as the combined increases on property taxes by the province and municipal governments is not sustainable and will have significant effects on regional economies and society.

Grants In Place of Taxes (GIPOT)

We applaud the Government of Alberta for following through on its commitment to fully fund GIPOT in 2026-27 to 100 per cent of the eligible tax amount on eligible land and buildings owned by the province. This follows six years of advocacy by ABmunis and municipalities calling for the province to reverse its decision in 2019 to cut this program. The fully funded GIPOT helps lessen the property tax burden on property owners in municipalities where provincial buildings are located. ABmunis recently created this [information sheet](#) to help explain what tax amounts are covered by GIPOT. The next task for ABmunis is to examine if GIPOT adequately covers the right properties.



No Relief for Rising Municipal Policing Costs

Policing is often the single largest expenditure for municipalities. Budget 2026 does not offer any relief to cash-strapped local governments when it comes to public safety. Per capita and per officer funding amounts distributed through the Policing Support Grant (available to municipalities with populations over 5,000 that are responsible for providing or contracting their own police service) remain fixed at 2008-2009 levels. For municipalities with populations under 5,000, a new police funding model introduced late last year will further download provincial policing costs: municipalities have received estimated costs under the new model that represent anywhere from 120 to 320 per cent increases over five years.

Notably, the province is allocating an additional \$22 million to the new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service, bringing the total operating budget for this agency to \$200.9 million. The Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services recently tabled legislation to facilitate plans to train about 600 Alberta sheriffs as police officers. However, it is not yet known where these sheriffs will be deployed, how they will work with existing police services and local authorities, or how their performance will be evaluated.

A Small Nod to Emergency Management

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) receives a modest budget increase in 2026-27 (5.8 per cent) compared to 2025-26. Budget 2026 also allocates \$103 million for flood mitigation projects and \$38 million for wildfire management projects. While the province has procured five waterbomber aircraft, the aircraft will not be delivered until early 2031 so the associated funding is not reflected in the current budget.

Drought & Flood Response

Flood and drought mitigation funding declines significantly in this Budget 2026 and in coming years. While the 2025-26 spending stays elevated due to project-specific investments, funding drops to \$53 million in 2026-27 due to the anticipated completion of the Bearspaw Reservoir project. Overall, this represents a 45 per cent reduction in funding. Budget 2026 shows no new flood mitigation projects beyond 2026-27, with \$25 million allocated annually for flood response through 2027-28 and 2028-29.

Lack of predictable long-term funding puts water infrastructure at risk

Overall grant programs for water and wastewater infrastructure increases sharply in 2026-27, rising to \$198 million from \$121 million last year and \$443 million allocated over three years. However, this funding is front-loaded and followed by steep reductions by 2028-29, creating significant planning uncertainty for municipalities.

Because funding is delivered through competitive, application-based grants, short-term spikes and year-to-year volatility do not provide the predictability municipalities need to plan, design, and deliver long-term water and wastewater infrastructure.

Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership (MWWP) funding rises by 42 per cent to \$64 million in 2026-27, with a further increase projected in 2027-28, before dropping sharply to \$16 million in 2028-29. Water for Life Program funding follows a similar pattern, nearly doubling to \$98 million in 2026-27 from \$51 million, but declining in subsequent years to just \$15 million by 2028-29. This funding profile reinforces that short-term increases, particularly when delivered through competitive grants, do not support effective infrastructure planning. Municipalities require stable, reliable, multi-year funding to manage growth, meet regulatory requirements, and deliver essential water and wastewater projects efficiently.

Water for Life funding is limited to new or expanded regional water and wastewater infrastructure for communities with populations under 45,000 and does not support rehabilitation or maintenance of existing local systems. As a result, many municipalities facing aging infrastructure and increasing regulatory pressures remain ineligible, underscoring the need for flexible, multi-year funding that supports both growth and asset renewal.

School Sites

In the education sector, Budget 2026 allocates \$3.3 billion towards building and modernizing 161 schools, including 40 new school projects. Of this, \$1.4 billion is earmarked for construction in 2026-27, with \$200 million dedicated to the Schools Now initiative (formerly known as the School Construction Accelerator Program).

Municipalities recognize that schools are essential components of thriving communities. However, greater coordination is needed between the province, school boards, and municipalities when planning and developing school sites. There is also a need for increased funding to ensure schools are built when and where they are needed most, an issue reflected in ABmunis' adopted resolution on infrastructure servicing and construction costs for school sites, which calls for provincial funding to better account for the full costs associated with school development.

ABmunis is currently working with Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Education to develop resources for municipalities on changes to the Real Property Governance Act and will continue collaborating with these ministries throughout the year to support members.

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Broadband

Technology and Innovation has allocated \$183 million to continue the implementation of Alberta's broadband strategy, developed, in part, as a response to ABmunis advocacy efforts regarding our [2021 resolution](#).

Community Facility Enhancement Program

Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) funding has been reduced by 50 per cent, declining from \$50 million to \$25 million, and remaining flat over the next three years. The absence of new investment limits the program's ability to support community facility upgrades. CFEP provides funding to Alberta non-profit organizations to upgrade, expand, or build public-use community facilities, including parks and playgrounds, and supports renovations, repairs, and equipment purchases that enhance community life.

Combined with flat funding for Family and Community Support Services, this lack of investment in community facilities puts further strain on social infrastructure needed to reduce longer term costs associated healthcare, justice, and policing.

Bridging the Electricity Affordable Gap

The commitment to "address regional disparities in utility rates by conducting a comprehensive review of distribution rates to ensure more equitable electricity distribution costs across the province" is a step in the right direction and reflects growing recognition of the challenges faced by rural and smaller communities. However, a review alone does not resolve the persistent disparities that many Albertans continue to experience in their electricity bills.

Without clear timelines, defined outcomes, and implementation measures, this approach risks delaying meaningful relief for residents and businesses already facing disproportionately high electricity costs. Albertans need actions that deliver measurable progress toward rate fairness, ensuring that affordability and investment are supported through tangible policy changes rather than continued study. ABmunis will monitor the review and next steps and determine future advocacy in line with our 2025 active resolution on [Electricity Distribution Costs](#).

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PLANNING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

MUNICIPAL FUNDING IN DETAIL

Municipal Funding in Detail

Core Capital Funding for Municipal Governments

\$ millions	2025-26 Budget	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Forecast	2028-29 Forecast	Budget '26 v '25
Provincial Capital Funding						
Programs Available to Most Municipalities						
Local Government Fiscal Framework - Capital	820	820	800	895	895	(20)
Water for Life	51	55	98	83	15	47
Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership	45	53	64	69	16	19
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	33	35	29	50	25	(4)
Traffic Safety Fund	1	1	2	10	-	1
Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP)	3	3	-	-	-	(3)
First Nations Water Tie-In Program	8	9	15	27	-	7
	961	976	1,008	1,134	951	47
Project Specific Funding Provided Separate from a Formal Funding Program ⁵						
Edmonton and Calgary LRT (provincial portion)	372	298	499	360 ⁶	271 ⁶	127
Edmonton major roads ⁷	130	75	89	87	23	(41)
Edmonton Downtown & Coliseum Site Improv.	6	6	30	70	53	24
Calgary Rivers District, Events Centre, Rink	97	40	79	94	29	(18)
YYC Rail Connection	6	1	1	1	1	(5)
Red Deer Regional Airport Expansion	4	8	3	-	-	(1)
O'Chiese Road Improvements	5	-	3	5	-	(2)
Beaumont Innovation Park	-	-	16	21	1	16
Cooking Lake Airport	-	-	4	-	-	4
County of Warner Border Road	-	8	-	-	-	-
McKinley Bridge Replacement	-	1	5	-	-	5
Smith Bridge Replacement	-	-	-	30	36	-
Sundre Wastewater Treatment Plant	8	-	8	-	-	-
Airdrie Wastewater Treatment Plant	-	1	14	15	20	14
Capital Region Wastewater Treatment	10	-	-	-	-	(10)
Designated Industrial Zone Pilot Project	18	18	10	10	10	(8)
	656	456	761	693	444	105
Total Provincial Funding	1,617	1,432	1,769	1,827	1,395	152
Year-over-year change in budget			9%	3%	(24%)	
Federal Capital Funding						
This funding is distributed by the province on behalf of the Government of Canada						
Edmonton and Calgary LRT (federal portion)	400	409	537	390 ⁶	293 ⁶	137
Canada Community-Building Fund	276	281	276	287	287	-
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	48	56	27	3	-	(21)
Small Communities Fund	-	-	-	1	-	-
	724	746	840	681	580	116
Total Provincial + Federal Capital Funding	2,341	2,178	2,609	2,508	1,975	268

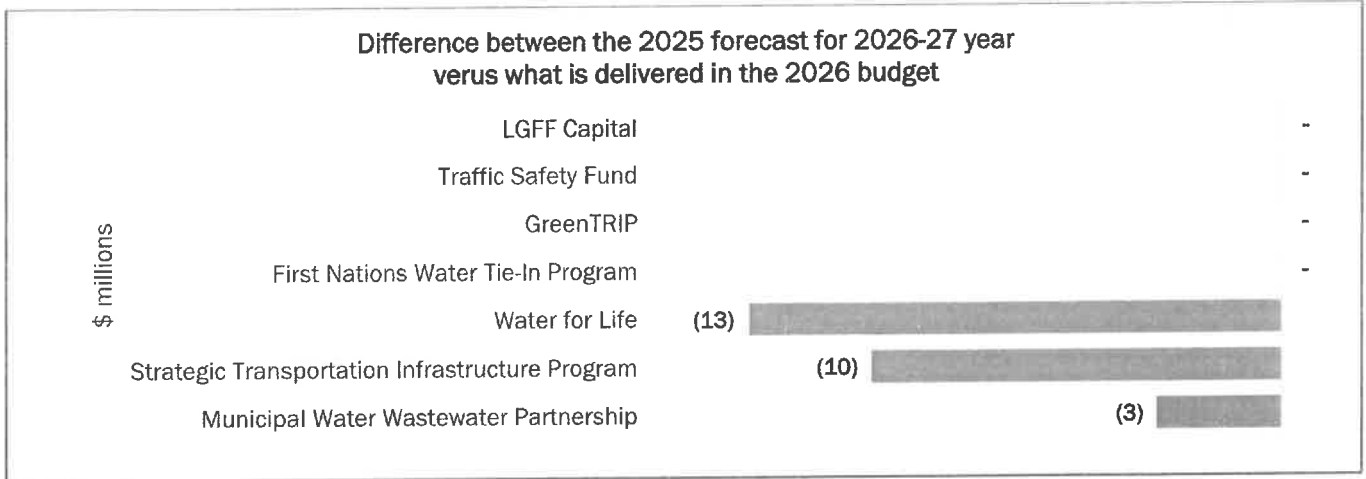
⁵ This category summarizes funding distributed directly to a municipality outside of formal funding programs that municipalities can apply for.

⁶ ABmunis has made an assumption that the province is responsible for 48% of funding the Government of Canada is responsible for 52%.

⁷ 'Edmonton major roads' includes projects for Yellowhead Trail, Ray Gibbon Drive, and Terwilligar Drive.

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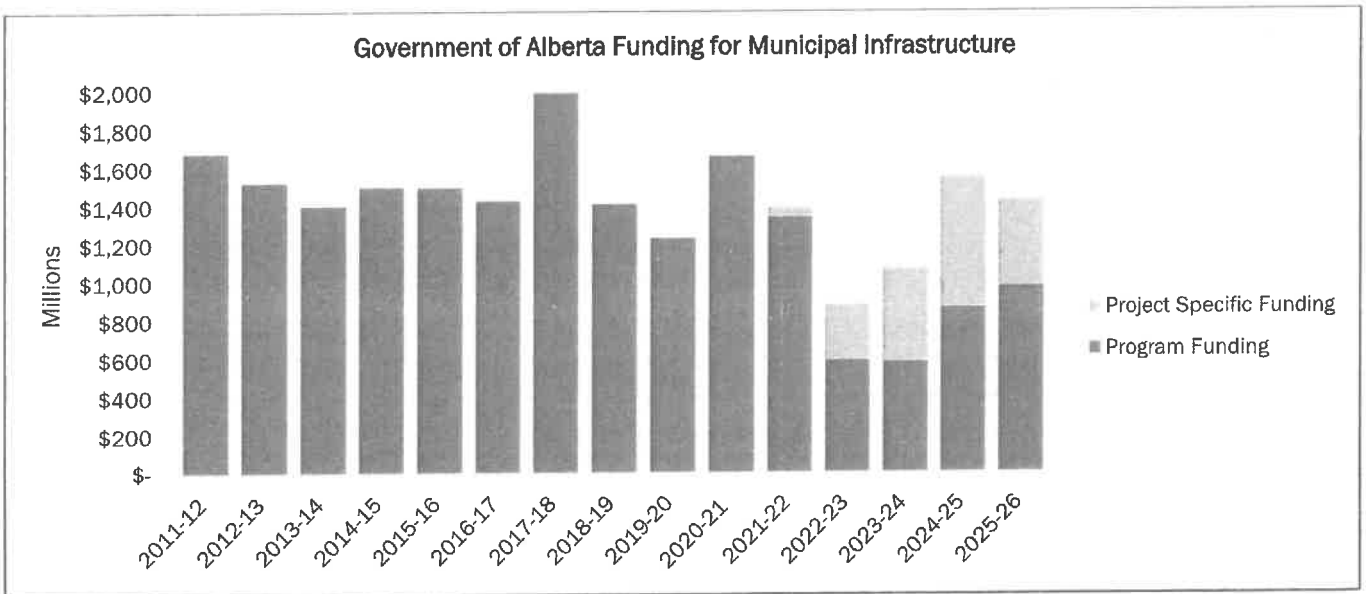
Program funding increased, but was \$26 million short of what was forecasted for 2026
 Infrastructure funding programs that are available to most municipalities increased to \$1.008 billion, but the 2025 budget forecasted that this funding would be \$1.034 billion in 2026-27, meaning a \$26 million shortfall from what was expected. Funding for water and wastewater infrastructure projects are a combined \$16 million (-9 per cent) lower than what was projected for this year.



Source: Government of Alberta 2026-29 Fiscal Plan, Capital Plan, page 115.

The Alberta government is increasingly delivering infrastructure funding to municipalities outside of formal funding programs

Historically, provincial infrastructure funding has been delivered to municipalities through programs where municipalities could compete for funding through an application process or receive funding through a formula. In recent years, the Alberta government has opted to deliver more of its infrastructure funding through targeted investments outside of formal funding programs. In 2025, about one-third of funding was delivered through one-time targeted investments in specific communities.



Source: Actuals and year-end estimates as reported in the Government of Alberta's Government Estimates reports. Excludes federal funding that flows through the province.

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Breakdown of Provincial Capital Funding Programs

Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital (\$ millions)

This program is allocated to every municipal government and Metis settlement in Alberta through a formula that enables local governments to plan for their financial future. It helps pay for most local infrastructure, like roads, sidewalks, water pipes, recreation facilities, or other local needs.

2025 Budget	Budget 2025 Forecast for 2026	2026 Budget	Difference from the Forecast for 2026
\$820	\$800	\$800	-

- Per the *Local Government Fiscal Framework Act*, the funding amount for LGFF Capital will increase or decrease annually based on changes in the Government of Alberta's actual revenues from three years prior. Therefore, the \$20 million decrease in the budget for 2026-27 was expected as it reflects the decrease in the province's revenue from 2022-23 to the 2023-24 fiscal year.
- In 2027, the funding will increase to \$895 million because the province's revenue increased between the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years.
- The 2028 funding won't be confirmed until the province finalizes its books for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) (\$ millions)

This competitive application program is available to municipalities up to 45,000 population.

2025 Budget	Budget 2025 Forecast for 2026	2026 Budget	Difference from the Forecast for 2026
\$45	\$67	\$64	(\$3)

- The 2026 budget of \$64 million is \$19 million higher than last year but \$3 million lower than the 2025 budget forecasted for this year.
- The funding increase will help fix and replace water and wastewater systems in the short-term.
- We are highly concerned AMWWP funding is forecasted to be cut to only \$16 million in 2028-29.

Water for Life (WFL) (\$ millions)

This competitive application program is available for new regional water systems or extensions to existing systems for municipalities up to 45,000 population.

2025 Budget	Budget 2025 Forecast for 2026	2026 Budget	Difference from the Forecast for 2026
\$51	\$111	\$98	(\$13)

- The 2026 budget of \$98 million represents a \$47 million increase over the 2025 budget, but it's \$13 million lower than last year's forecast for 2026.
- The increase in 2026 is positive news for regions that are looking to add or expand a water system.
- We are highly concerned that WFL funding is forecasted to drop to only \$15 million in 2028-29.

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) (\$ millions)

This competitive application program provides funding streams for local airports, bridges, resources roads, and other initiatives. The eligibility for funding depends on the funding stream.

2025 Budget	Budget 2025 Forecast for 2026	2026 Budget	Difference from the Forecast for 2026
\$33	\$39	\$29	(\$10)

- The 2026 budget amount is \$29 million, which is \$10 million lower than what was forecasted in the 2025 budget for this year.
- STIP funding is primarily allocated to municipal districts, counties, and Metis Settlements. Between 2021 to 2023, an average of 16 per cent of the funding was provided to cities, towns, villages, and summer villages.

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Explanation of Federal Capital Funding that is Distributed by the Government of Alberta

- Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)**
 - CCBF is distributed on a per-capita basis based on census data.
 - In 2026, \$276 million is available under the CCBF, no change from 2025.
 - CCBF is indexed at two per cent annually, however increases are only delivered in \$100 million increments, meaning the funding typically increases every two years and was last increased in 2025.
- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund (ICIP)**
 - All ICIP funds have been allocated to projects. Any reference to ICIP funds are for re-profiled amounts or carry-overs from prior years projects as they are allocated for construction.
 - In total, Alberta received \$3.66 billion through ICIP.
- Edmonton and Calgary Light Rail Transit (LRT)**
 - \$2.35 billion in funding has been allocated over three years (2026-2028) for LRT expansion in Edmonton and Calgary.
 - ABmunis estimates that about \$537 million is being provided by the federal government for these projects in 2026-27.⁸

While Budget 2026 is silent on the federal government's shift to the Building Communities Strong Fund (BCSF), ABmunis remains concerned with the BCSF model linking access to funding with reductions in development charges. While this approach may align with systems in other provinces, it does not translate well to Alberta, where off-site levies are already low and essential to infrastructure delivery. Reducing off-site levies does not eliminate infrastructure costs - it simply shifts them onto existing residents through higher property taxes, reduced service levels, or deferred infrastructure.

It is also important to note that BCSF introduces zero net new funding. Existing federal dollars have been reallocated and must now be shared among municipalities, hospitals, and post-secondary institutions nationwide. For fast-growing Alberta communities facing significant water, wastewater, and other enabling infrastructure deficits, this does not address the scale of need.

Advocacy for improvements to the BCSF will remain a priority for ABmunis in the coming year.

Core Operating Funding for Municipal Governments

\$ millions	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	% Change	Note
Alberta Community Partnership	15.4	13.4	10.6	(21%)	1
Family and Community Support Services	105.0	105.0	105.0	-	2
Fire Services Training Program	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	
Grants in Place of Taxes	38.1	55.3	75.3	36%	3
Local Government Fiscal Framework Operating	60.0	60.0	60.0	-	4
Policing Support Grant (formerly MPAG and POG)	108.8	119.0	115.9	(3%)	5
	327.8	353.2	367.3	4%	

Notes

1. The 2026 budget for the Alberta Community Partnership was reduced by \$2.8 million. ABmunis understands the reduction is due to the reduction of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Component from \$5.6 million to \$2.8 million for 2026-27.

⁸ The Government of Alberta's 2026 Fiscal Plan reports the total expense on Edmonton and Calgary LRT as a combined total of federal and provincial portions. ABmunis relied on details in the Government of Alberta's 2025 Government Estimates report to estimate that \$537 million of the total \$1.036 billion expense is federal funding.

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2. Since 2023, the province has included funding for Food Banks in the budget line item of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). The figures reported by ABmunis exclude that amount for transparency to show what portion municipalities receive for FCSS.
3. Based on advocacy by ABmunis and our members, in Budget 2025, the province announced a plan to fully fund Grants in Place of Taxes through a two-year phase in. In 2025-26, GIPOT was funded at 75 per cent of the eligible tax amount and is now funded at 100 per cent for the 2026-27 year.
4. The funding allocations under the Local Government Fiscal Framework Operating program have been fixed since 2023. Alberta Municipal Affairs has announced that it plans to implement a new allocation formula for 2027.
5. The Policing Support Grant is for any municipality with a population over 5,000 that provides their own police service and was eligible for the former Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and Police Officer Grant. ABmunis understands that the per capita and per officer rates are unchanged for 2026 so municipalities will receive similar funding. The 3 per cent reduction in budget will impact other program spending.

Notable Funding for Community Entities

\$ millions	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Budget	% Change	Note
Active Communities Initiative	10.0	10.0	9.0	(10%)	6
Agricultural Service Boards	11.9	11.9	12.0	1%	
Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Grants	11.5	11.5	11.5	-	
Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	7
Community Facility Enhancement Program	50.0	50.0	25.0	(50%)	6
Community Initiatives Program	16.0	14.0	13.6	(3%)	6
Library Services – Operating	39.9	39.9	40.1	1%	
Legal Aid	110.0	88.1	104.5	19%	
Regional Economic Development Alliances	1.1	1.1	1.1	-	
	252.9	229.0	219.3	(4%)	

6. ABmunis is concerned that the 10 per cent reduction in Active Communities Initiative, 50 per cent reduction in the Community Facility Enhancement Program, and 3 per cent reduction in the Community Initiatives Program will result in further pressures on municipal property taxes as non-profit organizations will turn to their local council for more funding in the absence of provincial support.
7. The 2026-27 budget of \$2.5 million is an assumption based on Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation's 2026 Business Plan that states that \$14 million is budgeted in operating (\$11.5 million in Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Grants) and capital funding.

GOOD TO KNOW

AN OVERVIEW OF ALBERTA'S 2026 FISCAL PLAN

An Overview of the 2026 Fiscal Plan

The Government of Alberta is projecting a \$9.4 billion deficit in 2026-27, along with deficits of \$7.6 billion in 2027-28 and \$6.9 billion in 2028-29. The primary drivers for the projected deficit in 2026-27 are significantly lower bitumen royalties (-24%), higher debt servicing costs (+17%), and increased operating expenses (+5%).

"This reliance on oil and gas revenues to fund spending puts public programs and services and the province's fiscal structure at risk."

Putting Alberta's Financial Future in Focus: A Commentary by the Auditor General, 2018

This budget signals 'difficult times ahead' as growth in expenses has and will continue to outpace revenues for the foreseeable future. Since the 2024-25 budget surplus, the Government of Alberta has been on a very costly financial trajectory whereby expenses have increased by 13 per cent and revenues have declined by 10 per cent. To put this another way, the projected 2026-27 deficit is an inverse of the 2024-25 surplus.

Albertans should expect they will be 'carrying the financial load' over the next three years. Not only is personal income tax projected to continue being the largest source of provincial revenue, but they will also likely bear increases to their property taxes to maintain requisite infrastructure and services. While the Government of Alberta continues to market the Heritage Fund and promote Alberta as a 'business friendly' environment, continued deficit positions mean there is less money to go around, no contributions to the Heritage Fund nor principal payments on maturing debt (as stated in last year's *Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act*), and more financial slack that Albertans will have to pick up.

Investment in Alberta is expected to Rebound

The current US tariffs, along with ongoing uncertainty and threats, should drive recovery pertinent to investments. Outside of the oil and gas sector, investment is forecasted to grow by 6 per cent to over \$44 billion in 2026. Engineering construction investment will be supported by major projects already underway (Valhalla North, Berland River NGTL expansion) along with new projects expected to break ground (e.g., Enbridge's \$2.0 billion Phase 1 Mainline Expansion and ATCO's \$2.8 billion Yellowhead Mainline natural gas pipeline).

Taxpayer supported debt will continue to significantly increase into 2028-29

Each successive deficit position requires the Government of Alberta to incur more debt which is passed onto Albertans. By 2028-29, total taxpayer supported debt is projected to increase by \$45 billion to a total of \$138 billion. The debt servicing costs on taxpayer supported debt are projected to increase year-over-year by 21% in 2026-27, 26 per cent in 2027-28, and 16 per cent in 2028-29.

Municipal Governments Need Predictable & Sustainable Streams of Provincial Revenue

Funding provided to municipalities via the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) is directly tied to the provincial government's revenues. With 2026-27 projected revenues being less than what was forecasted in 2025-26, municipalities stand to receive less financial support while needing to provide more to their communities.

ABmunis advocates for the Government of Alberta to engage municipalities in frank discussions about how it allocates funds, including future cash surpluses, to ensure the sustainability of municipal tax rates, infrastructure, and service delivery.

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Statement of Operations

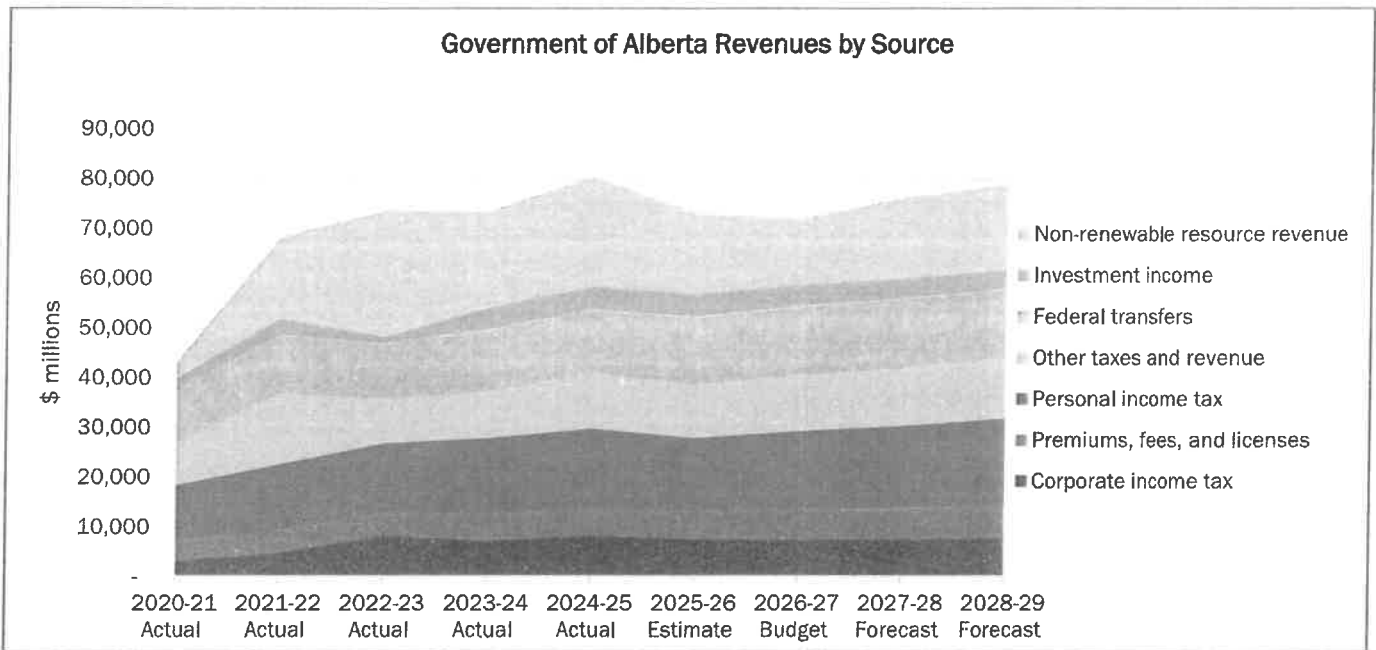
\$ millions	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Forecast	2028-29 Forecast
Revenue					
Personal income tax	16,120	14,771	15,933	16,612	17,741
Corporate income tax	8,125	7,420	7,300	7,472	7,615
Other tax revenue	6,111	6,603	7,237	7,562	7,821
Resource revenue	21,986	16,285	13,213	16,234	16,892
Investment income	4,803	4,568	4,358	4,071	4,052
Premiums, fees, and licenses	5,504	5,640	6,000	6,170	6,424
Other own-source revenues	7,202	6,439	6,794	6,967	7,135
Federal transfers	12,618	13,566	13,715	13,826	13,839
Total revenue	<u>82,469</u>	<u>75,292</u>	<u>74,550</u>	<u>78,914</u>	<u>81,518</u>
Health	29,560	32,794	34,699	36,534	38,104
Basic/Advanced education	17,197	18,478	19,388	20,188	20,513
Social services	8,462	8,999	9,418	8,701	8,522
Other program expenses	16,118	16,429	17,418	17,264	16,842
Total program expense	<u>71,337</u>	<u>76,700</u>	<u>80,923</u>	<u>82,688</u>	<u>83,982</u>
Debt servicing costs	3,215	2,922	3,407	4,222	4,863
Pension provisions	(403)	(196)	(408)	(415)	(423)
Total expense	<u>74,149</u>	<u>79,426</u>	<u>83,922</u>	<u>86,495</u>	<u>88,422</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>8,320</u>	<u>(4,134)</u>	<u>(9,373)</u>	<u>(7,581)</u>	<u>(6,904)</u>

Source: Alberta's 2026-29 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 25: Historical Fiscal Summary, page 163.

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Revenues

Total revenues are forecasted to be \$74.6 billion in 2026-27, a decrease of 1 per cent from the 2025-26 budget. In 2026-27, 18 per cent of total government revenue is estimated to come from non-renewable resource revenues, with another 41 per cent coming from personal income tax. After 2026-27, revenue sources are predicted to remain stable or increase nominally, apart from personal income tax revenue, which will increase by 4 to 5 per cent year over year.



Expenditures

Total expenditures for 2026-27 are projected to increase by \$4.5 billion compared to the 2025-26 budget, which is a 5 per cent increase. Specifically, the Government of Alberta is projecting to spend more on:

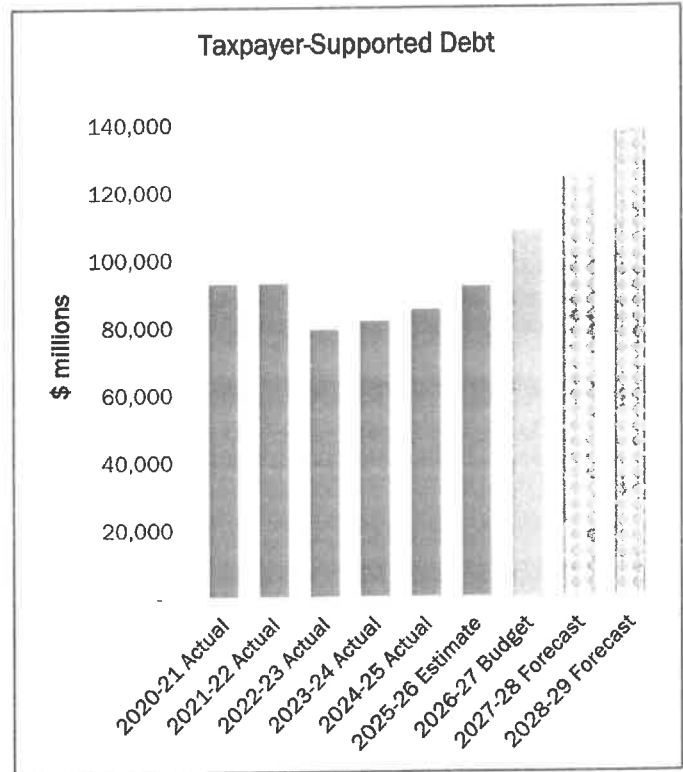
- Hospital and Surgical Health Services (14 per cent),
- Assisted Living and Social Services (8 per cent),
- Justice (9 per cent),
- Education and Childcare (9 per cent),
- Mental Health and Addiction (14 per cent),
- Primary and Preventative Health Services (13 per cent), and
- Debt servicing costs (15 per cent).

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Taxpayer-Supported Debt and Debt Servicing Costs

Debt servicing costs are forecasted to increase by \$500 million in 2026-27 to \$3.4 billion. The Government of Alberta attributes this to higher than projected borrowing levels and rising interest rates.

Taxpayer-supported debt is estimated to be \$92.1 billion at the end of 2025-26 and \$108.9 billion at the end of 2026-27. Due to projected deficit positions over the next three years, the total taxpayer supported debt is forecasted to reach \$138 billion by 2028-29.



Contingency for Disasters

A total expense contingency provision of \$2 billion has been included for 2026-27, which is a reduction from the \$4 billion budgeted for 2025-26. The primary reasons for this change are better awareness and understanding of the impacts of US tariffs and the settlement of major compensation and collective bargaining agreements (e.g., Health Sciences Association of Alberta, the union of health-care professionals). Future contingency levels are set at \$2 billion.

Key Energy and Economic Assumptions

\$ millions	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast	2028-29 Forecast
Crude Oil Prices				
WTI (US\$/bbl)	61.50	60.50	67.00	67.50
Light-Heavy Differential (US\$/bbl)	11.20	13.00	14.10	14.30
WCS @ Hardisty (Cdn\$/bbl)	69.80	65.30	71.60	70.60
Natural Gas Price				
Alberta Reference Price (Cdn\$/GJ)	1.70	3.00	3.10	3.20
Production				
Conventional Crude Oil (000s barrels/day)	549	544	541	538
Raw Bitumen (000s barrels/day)	3,569	3,691	3,798	3,844
Interest Rates				
10-year Canada Bonds (%)	3.30	3.20	3.30	3.40
Exchange Rate (US\$/Cdn\$)	72.0	73.0	74.2	75.4

Source: Alberta's 2026-29 Fiscal Plan, Energy and Economic Assumptions, page 21.

Ministry Highlights

All expense figures presented in the following tables are sourced from the Government of Alberta's 2026-27 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 3: Statement of Operations, page 150.

Advanced Education

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	7,204	7,411	7,674	7,738	7,928	8,088

- Total expense in 2026-27 is \$7.7 billion, an increase of \$63 million or 0.8 per cent from the 2025-26 third quarter forecast.
- The budget contains \$83 million over three years to support doubling of enrolment at the University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine program, continuing to fulfill the intent of ABmunis' 2022 resolution.

Affordability and Utilities

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	133	168	148	153	153	153

- Affordability and Utilities aims to address utility rate disparities by conducting a comprehensive review of the distribution rate.

Agriculture and Irrigation

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,988	984	1,704	963	906	916

- The decline in expense in 2026 is primarily driven by the absence of \$705 million in one-time disaster and emergency expenses from 2025-26, including \$619 million in crop insurance indemnities related to 2024 drought conditions.
- While disaster spending is inherently variable, agriculture disaster and emergency assistance has averaged \$978 million annually over the past decade, underscoring ongoing climate-related risk exposure for rural and agricultural communities.
- Funding remains flat for agricultural societies with \$14 million being provided to support operations, maintenance, capital investment.

Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	238	226	223	199	218	237

- Budget 2026 shows an 11.9 per cent reduction, decreasing from \$226 million in 2025-26 to \$199 million in 2026-27.
- Non-profit organizations will have access to \$61.4 million through community grants programs, an overall decrease of 27.4 per cent from 2025-26. The decrease is primarily due to the 50 per cent reduction of funding for the Community Facility Enhancement Program.
- The Ministry will allocate \$15.7 million to the Alberta College of Social Workers and partner ministries to implement Alberta's 10-year Strategy to End Gender-based Violence.

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Assisted Living and Social Services

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	10,282	11,298	11,540	12,233	12,685	12,787

- The Assisted Living and Social Services budget increases by \$1.63 billion in 2026–27, a 15 per cent increase over the 2025-26 estimate. This includes the health initiative costs that have been transferred to the Ministry.
- The largest increase is to Assisted Living Alberta, whose budget rises by \$1.369 billion, or 36 per cent, compared to 2025-26.
- Smaller increases are provided to Continuing Care (\$15 million; 6 per cent), the Alberta Social Housing Corporation (\$16 million; 5 per cent), the Public Guardian and Trustee (\$4 million; 14 per cent), and Housing (\$2 million; 15 per cent).
- While the overall ministry budget has increased, funding for Family and Community Support Services remains flat at \$105 million. By not increasing funding for this community-based prevention program, the province is further shifting costs to municipalities and missing an opportunity to reduce pressure on the health care, policing, and emergency response systems.
- Several income support programs see reductions. Employment Income Support funding is \$43 million lower than in 2025-26, a 3 per cent decrease. This reduction appears linked to the introduction of a legislated six-month maximum benefit duration for “Income Support Expected to Work” clients, although the government notes this represents a 3 per cent increase over the third-quarter forecast.
- Disability Income Assistance increases by only 3 per cent, while the Seniors Benefit grows by just 2 per cent. These programs play a critical role in preventing Albertans from falling into crisis.

Children and Family Services

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,515	1,595	1,621	1,685	1,695	1,695

- \$2.1 billion for continued support for affordable child care; this aligns with our 2021 resolution ([link](#)).
- The Ministry’s total expenses will increase by \$90 million in 2026-27, a 6 per cent increase over the 2025-26 estimate.
- Approximately one quarter of Children and Family Services is allocated to Alberta Child and Family Benefits, totaling \$405 million.
- The largest increase is to child intervention services which grows by \$47 million in 2026-27, a 5 per cent increase over the 2025-26 estimate.
- Funding for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence program increases by 6 per cent, or \$5 million, in 2026–27. Most of this increase appears to be directed to community-based organizations, with funding rising to \$29 million from \$25 million in 2025-26.
- Indigenous partnerships funding increases by 9 per cent, or \$1 million, in 2026-27 compared to 2025-26.
- However, funding for Family Resource Networks stays flat at \$67 million. These programs help families to prevent problems from escalating. By not increasing this funding to reflect rising costs and population growth, the province is likely pushing more families into the more expensive child intervention system.

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Education and Childcare

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	11,417	12,357	12,471	13,436	13,369	13,543

- Budget 2026 includes \$3.3 billion in infrastructure funding for building and modernizing 161 schools, including 40 new school projects.
- In alignment with the ABmunis' [2021 resolution](#), there is \$2.1 billion for continued support for affordable child care.

Energy and Minerals

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,400	1,122	1,028	894	968	1,031

- The Ministry faces a \$228 million reduction, representing a 20 per cent decrease from the 2025-26 budget and a total decline of \$506 million in spending compared to 2024-25.
- Despite the overall reduction, targeted funding remains for legacy liability management.
- \$155 million is allocated to the Orphan Well Association to support the continued remediation of orphaned and inactive oil and gas sites, a \$10 million increase from last year. This investment continues progress on reducing environmental liabilities and mitigating long term risks to communities and municipal infrastructure.

Environment and Protected Areas

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	440	565	545	484	481	493

- Funding declines by 14 per cent to \$484 million, which is \$81 million below 2025-26 levels, driven largely by reduced TIER revenue and lower operating spending.
- \$27 million is allocated to Caribou Recovery and Habitat Restoration, a 48 per cent reduction from last year's \$40 million. ABmunis continues to support region-specific recovery planning that considers municipal land use and infrastructure impacts.
- Funding for Aquatic Invasive Species Management remains steady at \$5.8 million.
- Land Stewardship Fund and Conservation Grants: \$10 million is maintained for ecosystem services and private land conservation. These funds help municipalities protect sensitive areas and support agriculture, tourism, and watershed health.
- \$17.9 million is allocated for emergency response, with \$54.4 million in industry-funded monitoring. As ministry capacity declines, municipalities may face greater responsibility during local environmental incidents.
- \$30.3 million is allocated to improve water measurement, policy, data management, and storage under the Water Storage Assessment Program, supporting municipal drought and flood resilience.

Executive Council

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	84	96	100	104	106	106

- This Ministry's budget will increase 8 per cent in 2026-27 as it continues to lead the coordination and advancement of Alberta's priorities relating to other governments across Canada and internationally.

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- Communications and Public Engagement moved under Executive Council in 2025 and remains there for Budget 2026.
- Notable initiatives include:
 - Building and maintaining strong relationships with priority international partners, particularly with national- and state-level officials in the United States, and key markets in Latin America, the Indo-Pacific region, the Middle East, and Europe.

Forestry and Parks

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,089	409	1,182	421	416	411

- Overall spending in Budget 2026-27 appears to decline significantly compared to the past two years. The change reflects the wind-down of one-time emergency and disaster expenses that significantly inflated spending in 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- Outside of these temporary costs, base program funding remains relatively flat, with a marginal 2 per cent increase to \$421 million from 2025-26 budgeted spending.
- Spending falls by roughly 64 per cent, as major one-time disaster and emergency costs in 2024-25 and 2025-26 do not carry forward into 2026-27. This includes drought, wildfire, and flood-related response funding.
- \$35.8 million strengthens wildfire mitigation, response capacity, and technology upgrades.
- \$87.1 million in capital and \$102.9 million for operations to support Alberta Parks, support the expansion and maintenance of trails, facilities, and recreation assets that drive tourism, increase visitation, and could place servicing and maintenance burdens on nearby municipalities.

Hospital and Surgical Health Services

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	11,491	12,157	13,002	13,832	14,601	15,098

- With the updated 2025–26 estimate following the ministry's creation in May 2025, the Hospital and Surgical Health Services budget increases by \$1.7 billion, or 14 per cent, in 2026–27.
- The largest increase is to Acute Care Alberta, which grows by \$1.4 billion, a 31 per cent increase over 2025–26. Additional increases include Diagnostic, Therapeutic and Other Patient Services (\$209 million; 12 per cent), Emergency Health Services (\$41 million; 5 per cent), and Population and Public Health (\$20 million; 27 per cent).
- Ministry Support Services increase by \$12 million, a 63 per cent increase, while Home Care funding rises by \$4 million, a 200 per cent increase.
- Physician Compensation and Development decreases by \$6 million to \$1 billion within this ministry; however, when combined with Primary and Preventative Health Services, total physician compensation funding reaches \$7.9 billion in 2026–27.
- The budget includes several capital investments, including \$7.2 million to plan for 700 new acute care beds in Edmonton, \$76 million for eight new urgent care centres (locations yet to be announced), and planning for a standalone Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.
- An additional \$152 million is allocated for site specific hospital triage and patient flow initiatives, with the Royal Alexandra Hospital the only site identified to date.
- As outlined in the Acute Care Action Plan, \$525 million remains planned to deliver 50,000 additional surgical procedures between 2025 and 2028.
- One performance indicator of interest to municipalities is ground ambulance response times. The response time target for communities with populations under 3,000 appears to increase to 40 minutes, compared to current average response times of approximately 33 minutes.

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Indigenous Relations

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	235	238	256	268	268	273

- The budget increases 12 percent to \$268 million. Funding then remains flat through 2027-28.
- Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation funding is unchanged at \$22 million.
- \$7 million is allocated to support Indigenous participation in land and natural resource consultations and encourage regional planning and development through the Indigenous Consultation Capacity Program.
- \$2 million is allocated to support policing services on Métis Settlements.

Infrastructure

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	690	921	907	961	932	918

- \$1.4 billion will be allocated in 2026-27 for the construction of school facilities, including \$200 million for Schools Now (formerly the School Construction Accelerator Program).
- Infrastructure is also contributing to revitalizations of major urban centres including \$15 million for Edmonton Downtown and Coliseum site improvements.

Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	364	416	460	422	412	399

- The budget for 2026-27 is an 8 percent decrease from 2025-26, this is primarily due to a \$35 million reduction to the Film and Television Tax Credit.
- \$94 million to Skills and Training Support to help individuals get back to work and build a skilled workforce, including initiatives under the *Alberta Jobs Strategy*.
- \$16 million for economic immigration programs and services to support the province's labour market needs and economic growth.
- \$15 million for grants to support workforce integration initiatives to assist newcomers with integrating into the province's workforce.
- \$2.5 million for grants to ethnocultural communities and organizations to provide supports and services to help address racism and build inclusive multicultural communities
- \$149 million to support investment attraction, foster regional economic development and enhance internal and international trade.
- \$81 million to ensure safe, fair and healthy workplaces through supporting labour relations, occupational health and safety and employment standards.

Justice

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	690	707	751	773	758	758

- Justice's operating expense has increased by \$22 million from 2025-26 estimates, primarily due to increases in public sector compensation.
- The Ministry's 2026-27 budget includes:
 - A \$105 million grant to Legal Aid Alberta.

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- \$288 million in operating expenses for Court and Justice Services in 2026-27 (an increase of \$2 million from the 2025-26 forecast).
- \$163 million in operating expenses for the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service (an increase of \$9 million from the 2025-26 forecast).
- The 2026 Capital Plan includes:
 - \$124 million for developing a new facility for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Edmonton.
 - \$67 million for the Court of Appeal facility in Calgary.

Mental Health and Addiction

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,706	1,794	1,876	2,043	2,089	2,096

- The overall budget for Mental Health and Addiction increases by \$251 million or 14 per cent over 2025-26.
- The largest increases are in Hospital and Continuing Care (\$113 million, a 26 per cent increase), Community Care and Treatment Services (\$134 million, a 19 per cent increase), and Continuum of Care (\$70 million, a 35 per cent increase) in 2026-27 compared to the 2025-26 estimate.
- \$42.5 million have been allocated to the implementation of the Compassionate Intervention Act which can lead to involuntary treatment for substance use disorder.
- \$1.7 billion has been allocated to Recovery Alberta, but there is a reduction to services being provided in correctional facilities reducing this investment from \$61.9 million to \$60.2 million.
- \$93.5 million will be invested in community-based mental health services for children and youth.
- \$42 million is allocated to provide accessible, low-barrier, person-centred treatment options for Albertans seeking recovery from opioid use issues.
- Although significant new funding is directed to hospital, treatment, and continuum services, the budget does not clearly show whether prevention and other upstream community-based supports are being expanded proportionally.

Municipal Affairs

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,287	1,388	1,404	1,386	1,506	1,497

- The 2026 budget for the Alberta Community Partnership was reduced by \$2.8 million. ABmunis understands the reduction is due to the reduction of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Component from \$5.6 million to \$2.8 million for 2026-27. Eligible projects include new and updated Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs), as well as updated Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs), regional development and planning, shared service delivery, economic development and growth, emergency preparedness and planning, emergency response, and disaster mitigation.
- Budget 2026 does not include funding for the creation of a Municipal Ethics Commissioner. ABmunis has continually called for the creation of an independent office to advise and investigate council code of conduct complaints. ABmunis continues to advocate for an independent office to support future frameworks related to universal codes of conduct.
- The Fire Services Training Program Grant remains at \$500,000 for 2026-27; however, we note this funding amount has not increased in over a decade.

Primary and Preventative Health Services

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	11,649	11,182	12,244	12,653	13,313	14,067

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- With the updated 2025–26 estimate following the ministry's creation in May 2025, the Primary and Preventative Health Services budget increases by \$1.5 billion, or 13 per cent, in 2026-27.
- The largest investments are in Physician Compensation and Development, which increases by \$1.1 billion (19 per cent), followed by Primary Care Alberta, which grows by \$272 million (15 per cent), and Drugs and Supplemental Health Benefits, which increase by \$228 million (11 per cent) compared to 2025–26.
- Funding for Other Health System Services and Supports decreases by \$9 million, or 1 per cent. This reduction warrants closer examination to determine whether it reflects efficiencies, service consolidation, or reduced support capacity.
- Planned investments continue in midwifery services, with \$5 million allocated in 2026–27 as outlined in the Alberta Midwifery Strategy, along with \$26 million to expand the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Compensation Model.
- While overall operating health spending grows by 9.8 per cent, Primary and Preventative Health Services grows faster at 13 per cent, indicating a relative prioritization of primary care delivery and provider compensation within the health system.
- Although the ministry's mandate emphasizes prevention, the budget largely concentrates new funding in physician compensation, primary care delivery, and drug benefits, leaving less clarity on the scale of investment in upstream prevention and long-term system transformation.

Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,446	1,350	1,449	1,509	1,531	1,517

- Public Safety and Emergency Services' operating expense has increased by \$60 million from 2025-26 estimates, primarily due to increases in public sector compensation and policing costs.
- The Ministry's 2026-27 budget includes:
 - \$5.5 million for combatting human trafficking.
 - \$36.9 million for the continued implementation of the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service.
 - An additional \$5 million to the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) for efforts to reduce disaster risk, increase public education, and support grants for specialty teams.
 - \$26 million for the newly formed Police Review Commission, an independent, civilian-led commission that replaces the previous system of police investigating police.
 - \$10.5 million for the Victims of Crime Assistance Program to facilitate direct supports and services to victims, including emergency expenses and recovery (this represents a 12.5 per cent decrease compared to 2025-26).
 - \$23.1 million for external partner organizations to deliver supports and services to victims of crime (this represents a 13.8 per cent decrease compared to 2025-26).
- The 2026 Capital Plan includes:
 - \$5 million for the Provincial Forensic DNA Laboratory.
 - \$9 million to establish permanent offices for the Police Review Commission in Edmonton and Calgary.

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	181	186	196	206	203	204

- The Budget 2026 includes an overall increase of \$2.2 million to reduce the Land Titles backlog but will be phased out by 2028-29. The turnaround time for land titles and surveys was 28 business days. Investments to Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction aim to reduce that to 10 business days in 2027-28 and 5 days in 2028-29 that reflect the investments made in Budget 2026.

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Technology and Innovation

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	890	1,010	1,005	1,103	908	904

- \$183 million is allocated to continue implementing Alberta's Broadband Strategy. The overall department budget will decrease in outlying years as the Broadband Strategy winds down. The Strategy was initially developed as part of a response to ABmunis' 2021 resolution.

Tourism and Sport

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	134	133	135	127	136	112

- \$9 million is allocated to the Active Communities Initiative to support the development of small to mid-sized sport and recreation facilities throughout the province. Although municipalities are not eligible for this funding, ABmunis will advocate for a change to the eligibility criteria consistent with our 2025 resolution.
- \$75.2 million, or nearly 56 per cent of the total ministry budget, is allocated to Travel Alberta to foster tourism growth and diversification.
- The tourism levy rate increase from four per cent to six per cent effective April 1, 2026, which is expected to result in \$66 million in additional revenue.

Transportation and Economic Corridors

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	2,516	2,681	2,532	2,998	2,801	2,366

- Budget 2026 identifies \$2.7 billion over three years to support Alberta's network of provincially owned roads and bridges. This includes \$180 million in funding for highway twinning, widening, and expansion projects. Projects include:
 - Deerfoot Trail upgrades
 - Edmonton / Calgary Ring roads
 - Highway 11 Twinning (Red Deer to Rocky Mountain House)
 - Highway 16A and Range Road 20 Intersection
 - Highway 1A Upgrade (Stoney First Nation)
 - Highway 2 Balzac Interchange Replacement
 - Highway 3 Twinning (Taber to Burdett)
 - NEW: Highway 3 Twinning (Seven Persons to Medicine Hat)
 - NEW: Highway 33 Bridge over Athabasca River
 - Highway 40 Grade Widening between Grande Cache and Hinton
 - Highway 60 Capital Improvements
 - Highway 63 Twinning North of Fort MacMurray
 - Highway 881 Safety and Roadway Improvements
 - Highway Twinning, Widening, and Expansion
 - La Crete Bridge
 - QEII and 40th Avenue Interim Ramp (Near Airdrie)
 - Vinca Bridge Replacement
- TEC continues to support municipal transit solutions through investments in Calgary and Edmonton's LRT systems. Combined municipal and federal investments of \$1.04 billion in funding in 2026-27.

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- \$12 million has been allocated to the Traffic Safety Fund in both 2026-27 and 2027-28, a slight reduction on \$1 million from 2025-26

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	2,123	2,199	2,073	2,115	2,090	2,124

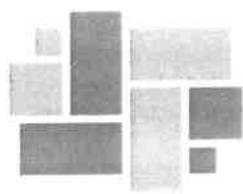
- The Ministry is committed to adhering to the government's fiscal framework by maintaining year-over-year operating expense growth at or below population growth plus inflation.
- Over the five-year period ending in 2024-25, the Heritage Fund earned an annualized return of 9.6 per cent, surpassing the target return of 7.4 per cent.

Legislative Assembly

Expense \$ millions	2024-25	2025-26		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	144	164	172	216	218	189

- Budget 2026 includes an increase of 32 per cent to the Legislative Assembly primarily driven by the additional funding required for holding a referendum on various questions on October 19, 2026.

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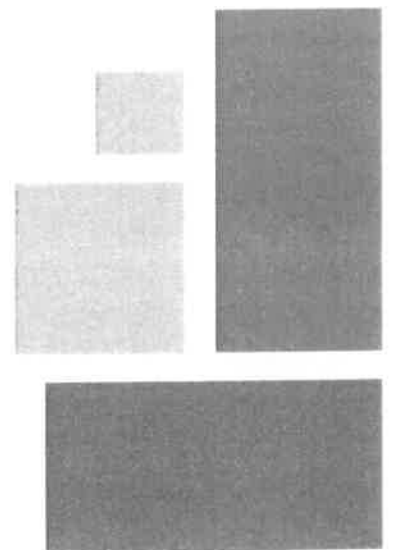


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How Budget 2026 Meets Our Top Priorities



Leading up to the Government of Alberta's 2026-27 budget year, Alberta Municipalities communicated the top three priorities that municipal governments expect of provincial leaders.

Increase investment in municipal infrastructure



The Alberta government is promoting that it will invest \$7 billion in municipal infrastructure over the next three years. In reality, Budget 2026 delivers a small increase of about \$150 million in provincial funding to help municipal governments invest in construction and replacement of local infrastructure like roads, sidewalks, transit, and water systems. One-third of the province's investment in municipal infrastructure in 2026 is funding from the Government of Canada. Overall, provincial funding is still hundreds of millions of dollars lower than historical levels, particularly at a time when Alberta has grown by a million people over the last decade and inflation is increasing costs of workers, asphalt, and pipes.

The increase in funding in 2026 primarily consists of:

- The ongoing cost-share with the Government of Canada to invest in expanding the light rail transit systems in Calgary and Edmonton.
- A combined \$66 million increase in the Water for Life and Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership programs. This is positive for 2026, but this funding is forecasted to be cut by 81 per cent by 2028.

We continue to be concerned that we are seeing one-off commitments without longer-term strategies. Alberta's municipal water and wastewater infrastructure is far more fragile than most of us realize. For over 15 years, the Government of Alberta's annual investment in municipal infrastructure has trended downwards. This is creating a shift in how Albertans are taxed. Instead of income taxes being used to pay for community infrastructure, the Alberta government is pushing that cost onto municipal property taxes. This will have real impacts on Albertans whose income has not increased but will now face a bigger tax bill. Albertans should not be surprised to see more critical failures in water and sewer systems in their community.

Increase investment in local preventative social services



ABmunis is very disappointed to not see an increase to Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding in the 2026

Provincial Budget. Since 2015, Alberta's population has grown by nearly 1 million (21 per cent) and inflation has averaged 2.25 per cent annually, but FCSS funding has only increased by 5 per cent in the last eleven years. By not investing in locally driven prevention programming, the province is missing a critical opportunity to bend the cost curve on already stretched systems such as healthcare, emergency services, and policing. This downloads costs onto municipalities, leaving them to respond to residents' needs without adequate support from the provincial government at a time when many Albertans are struggling. Senior provincial officials have indicated a willingness to consider incremental increases to FCSS funding going forward and pursuing this investment will remain a top priority for ABmunis in the coming year.

Cumulative impact of increases in provincial property taxes



In the last decade, provincial leaders have been critical of municipal councils for increasing municipal property taxes to fund

local services. Recently, the Premier gave a mandate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to explore "ways to limit excessive municipal property tax increases for businesses and residents". At the same time, the Alberta government has increased its own property tax on Albertans by \$1 billion over the last three years. In 2026, the province will increase its revenue from provincial property taxes by 15 per cent, or \$468 million. Unfortunately, it will be municipal councils and employees who will face extreme scrutiny for this tax increase because they are the people required to collect the tax through the municipal government's property tax bill.

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From: Harvey, Colin (AltaLink) <Colin.Harvey@AltaLink.ca>
Sent: March 3, 2026 12:57 PM
Subject: Staying safe in wildfire season – AltaLink update

Dear Municipal Stakeholder,

As we begin wildfire season, I am contacting you today to make you aware of AltaLink’s wildfire mitigation plan and upcoming media advertising campaign.

We continue to see wildfires grow in frequency and intensity. Despite electricity infrastructure accounting for less than 10 per cent of the total wildfires started, AltaLink is committed to reducing the likelihood that our infrastructure may contribute to the ignition of a catastrophic wildfire.

As a leader in wildfire mitigation in Canada, we continue to enhance and expand our mitigation efforts, while collaborating with other utilities and industry partners to strengthen our plans and build awareness around emergency preparedness. Driving our actions is our wildfire mitigation plan, in place since 2019. As we enter Alberta’s 2026 wildfire season, we want to share some information about what AltaLink is doing this wildfire season.

Increasing awareness about Public Safety Power Shutoffs

During extreme and dangerous weather conditions when a catastrophic fire could easily ignite and quickly spread, or a fire is in the vicinity of one of our transmission lines, AltaLink may proactively shut off the power to our impacted transmission lines until conditions are safe to turn it back on.

A Public Safety Power Shutoff is considered a last resort measure to keep people and communities safe. Each situation is unique and we monitor a range of factors before executing a Public Safety Power Shutoff. Through our various awareness efforts, we aim to:

- increase public awareness of the potential for a Public Safety Power Shutoff as a last-resort safety measure
- encourage emergency preparedness, including having supplies to last for at least 72 hours without power
- direct people to AltaLink’s website and social media platforms for more information and real-time information updates

REQUEST – To better keep our municipal stakeholders up to date during wildfire season, AltaLink will be sending a weekly PSPS Situational Awareness email. This email is to inform stakeholders of the current weather situation from a PSPS standpoint and if AltaLink is tracking (or not tracking) towards a PSPS. Please let me know if your municipality would like to be included on the distribution list. If so, please include the emails for the individuals who should be on the distribution list. If you have already subscribed to the email, you will continue to receive the weekly updates.

We will be launching advertising throughout wildfire season to help get the message out to communities. If you have ideas about how to increase awareness in your area, please let us know.

Emergency Response Coordination – information and request to coordinate

As part of our wildfire mitigation plan, we’re committed to working with the local communities and emergency responders to enhance our emergency preparedness and response efforts.

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REQUEST – To ensure our records are still accurate, please confirm how best to contact and coordinate with your organization. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide more information about what we're doing. If you wish to arrange a follow up discussion about the Public Safety Power Shutoff protocol or emergency coordination efforts, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Promoting ongoing awareness

As mentioned above, we will soon be launching a wildfire awareness advertising campaign to highlight the steps AltaLink is taking to mitigate wildfire risk and to share the importance of emergency preparedness.

Please find the attached handout that includes the information that will be shared in the campaign. We will reach out again when the campaign begins.

Content will also be shared on our social media channels throughout wildfire season. We encourage you to follow us on social media and share our posts with your network. Our social media handles are:

- LinkedIn: [AltaLink](#)
- Facebook: [AltaLink](#)
- Instagram: [AltaLink](#)
- X: [AltaLink](#)

Further information is also available on AltaLink's website at www.altalink.ca/wildfire.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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From: Craig Baird <craig@canadaehx.com>
Sent: February 24, 2026 4:34 PM
To: Craig Baird
Subject: For council consideration
Attachments: Telling Your Story A Community History Video Partnership.pdf

Hello,

Can I have this added to the next council agenda (not as a delegation)?

Thank you,

Craig Baird

Telling Your Story: A Community History Video Partnership

Dear Council Members,

My name is Craig Baird, and I am the creator and host of *Canadian History Ehx*, one of Canada's leading history podcasts and radio programs.

I launched *Canadian History Ehx* in 2019 with the goal of exploring and sharing Canada's rich past. What began as a small podcast has grown into one of the most-listened-to history shows in the country, now reaching over one million downloads per year and airing nationally on the Corus Radio Network. Alongside the show, I manage social media channels with a combined audience of more than 300,000 followers, and I am the author of the best-selling book *Canada's Main Street: The Epic Story of the Trans-Canada Highway*.

This year, I am embarking on an ambitious coast-to-coast-to-coast journey across Canada to document our country's past and present. The stories, interviews, and experiences from this trip will become a series of videos and a future book focused on the people, places, and communities that shape Canada.

With my background in journalism and video production, my goal is to visit communities like yours to tell your story—highlighting your history, heritage, and the ways you preserve it for future generations. These videos are designed not only to celebrate local history, but also to serve as lasting, shareable promotional pieces for your community.

To help fund this journey, I am offering communities the opportunity to partner with me for the creation of a dedicated feature video about their history and heritage.

What I'm offering:

- A 10–20 minute professionally produced video focused on your community's history, heritage, and preservation efforts
- Distribution across my social media platforms, YouTube channel, and TikTok, reaching hundreds of thousands of history-interested viewers. My follower count is as follows:
 - Twitter (65,000): <https://x.com/CraigBaird>
 - Instagram (48,000): @cdnhistoryehx
 - Threads (40,000): <https://www.threads.com/@cdnhistoryehx>
 - Bluesky (25,000): <https://bsky.app/profile/cdnhistoryehx.bsky.social>
 - TikTok (35,000): @cdnhistoryehx
 - YouTube (6,800): <https://www.youtube.com/@CanadianHistoryEhx>
 - Facebook (106,000): <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianHistoryEhx>
- A collaborative process: no video will be published without your approval after review
- A two-week turnaround: all videos will be delivered for review within two weeks of filming

- Filming will take place during my journey between June and September (although some can be done earlier than June due to proximity to my location of Stony Plain, Alberta).

Cost:

- \$500 total
- \$250 upon acceptance
- \$250 once the video has been delivered for your review

My aim is to create something that your community can be proud of—an engaging, accurate, and accessible story that showcases what makes your town unique, while also introducing it to a large, Canada-wide audience interested in history, travel, and heritage.

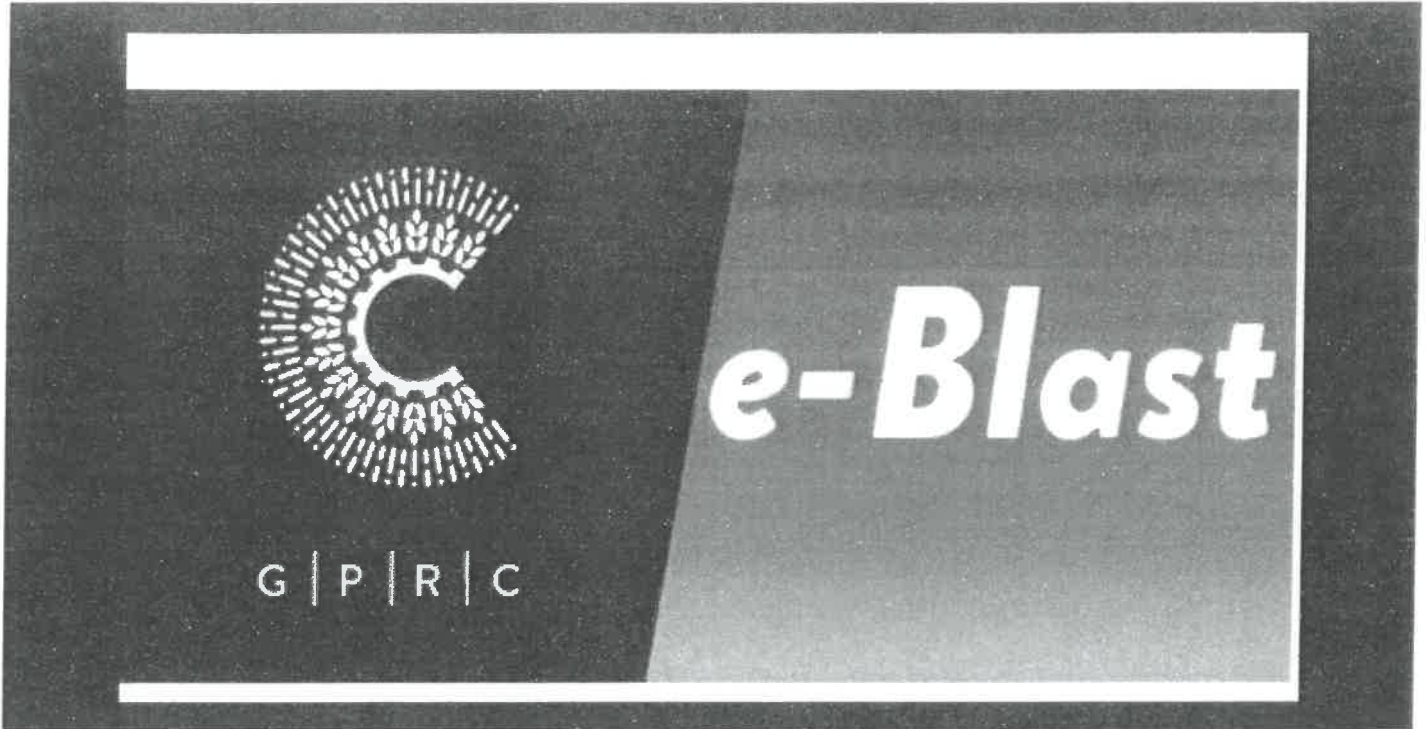
Thank you very much for considering this proposal. I would be happy to answer any questions or discuss how we can tailor this project to best serve your community.

Sincerely,
Craig Baird
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Sent: February 27, 2026 2:22 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Village of Alberta Beach





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STATE of the REGION 2026

Insights from our Tri-Regional Mayors

- March 19th, 2026
- 6 PM - 10:30 PM
- Stony Plain Heritage Park Hall



Join the **Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce & Tri-Regional Mayors**, for an unforgettable evening at the annual "State of the Region" event, on March 19, 6:00-10:30pm, at the Stony Plain Heritage Park Hall.

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Sent: February 24, 2026 6:55 AM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: Re: ICF
Attachments: Alberta Beach & Lac Ste. Anne County ICF - AB Beach Bylaw 2021.pdf

Good morning,

I have attached our joint ICF for your perusal. I am bringing forward an ICF framework to council in March to get clear direction and set timeframes. I will keep you apprised.

Ann Mitchell

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**ALBERTA BEACH
BYLAW # 282-21**

BEING A BYLAW OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK BETWEEN ALBERTA BEACH AND LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto authorizes a municipality to enter into agreement with another municipality and Section 708, Part 28, Division 1 states that municipalities that have common boundaries must create a Intermunicipal Framework with each other;

AND WHEREAS, the purpose of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework is to provide for the integrated and strategic planning, delivery and funding of intermunicipal services; to steward resources efficiently in providing local services; and to ensure municipalities contribute funding to services that benefit their residents;

AND WHEREAS, Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County have worked collaboratively on the preparation of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between both municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, Council of Alberta Beach deems it desirable and appropriate to adopt the Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Alberta Beach, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That this Bylaw may be cited as the "Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County ICF Bylaw";
2. That the "Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County" attached and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted; and
3. That this Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the third and final reading, and signing of this Bylaw.


READ a first time this 16th day of March, 2021.

READ a second time this 16th day of March, 2021.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT given to proceed to third reading this 16th day of March, 2021.

READ a third and final time this 16th day of March, 2021.

SIGNED by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer this 17th day of March, 2021.


Mayor, Jim Benedict


Chief Administrative Officer, Kathy Skwarchuk

**Intermunicipal
Collaboration
Framework**

Alberta Beach & Lac Ste. Anne County

CORE SERVICES

- TRANSPORTATION
- WATER
- WASTE WATER
- SOLID WASTE
- STORM WATER
- EMERGENCY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES
 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 - FIRE SERVICES
 - COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES
- RECREATION
 - AGLIPLEX
 - BEACHWAVE PARK
 - BOAT LAUNCHES
 - MUNICIPAL PARKS
- SOCIAL SERVICES
 - LIBRARY
 - FCSS
 - EAST END BUS
 - SENIORS HOUSING
 - SENIORS CENTRE
 - MUSEUM

OTHER SERVICES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

- LAND USE PLANNING
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- OTHER SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION

Description:

Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County retains' responsibility for all roads within their respective municipal boundaries. Each municipality is responsible for the maintenance and snow clearing of the roads within their municipal boundaries.

Any major roadwork or asphalt paving on Boundary Road, 45 Avenue, 46 Street, 47 Street, Museum Road, 60 Street, Range Road 32 and Range Road 33 may be negotiated jointly between the municipalities.

Funding:

The respective municipalities will fund all transportation requirements in their municipal boundaries. Any major roadwork required for Boundary Road, 45 Avenue, 46 Street, 47 Street, Museum Road, 60 Street, Range Road 32 and Range Road 33 may be completed on a cost share basis, where support is requested from the other municipality, the municipalities will agree on the scope of work and the costs involved for each participating municipality.

Transition Plan:

Changes to how the respective municipalities deal with transportation issues are not anticipated. The municipalities will continue to support regional transportation initiatives where possible and within their respective budgets. The municipalities will work collaboratively to support transportation in the region.

WATER

Description:

Residents within the municipalities have independent wells or cisterns to meet water requirements. Both municipalities are partners in the West Interlake Regional Water Services Commission (WILD) and contribute to the capital and operational costs. WILD has a water fill station located on Range Road 32 just outside the municipal boundaries of Alberta Beach. The municipalities will work together to investigate a water distribution system, however it is recognized that each municipality is responsible for water distribution within their respective municipal boundaries.

Lead Municipality:

WILD is the lead for the regional water line and water fill stations.

Funding:

Funding for WILD is detailed within the capital and operating agreements and the WILD Business Plan.

WASTE WATER

Description:

Waste Water within Alberta Beach is provided by the Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC). TVRSSC members are Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin. TVRSSC is responsible for providing wastewater services to the three municipalities.

Lac Ste. Anne County manages the commissions for lagoon and waste water systems in Lac Ste. Anne County.

Lead Municipality:

TVRSSC is the lead for the wastewater and lagoon in Alberta Beach. Lac Ste. Anne County is responsible for their wastewater and lagoon systems through regional commissions.

Funding:

Existing agreements are in place. Any changes to wastewater services will be done through the respective commissions.

SOLID WASTE

Description:

The municipalities are responsible for the collection of solid waste, compost and recycling within their respective municipality. The Highway 43 East Waste Commission (Commission) owns and operates the regional landfill site and both municipalities are members of this commission.

Lead Municipality:

Each municipality will be responsible for the collection of solid waste, compost and recycling in their respective municipal boundaries. The Commission is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the landfill site.

Funding:

The municipalities are each responsible for the costs of solid waste, compost and recycling pick up and disposal in their respective municipal boundaries as well as the fees payable to the Commission.

STORM WATER

Description:

Each municipality retains responsibility for the storm water management in their respective municipal boundaries.

The municipalities will work together to manage the storm water system from Lac Ste. Anne County which runs through Alberta Beach.

EMERGENCY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Description:

Each municipality operates its own Emergency Management Agency and Advisory Committee responsible for the planning and operations of emergency management within their municipal boundaries. The agencies will work cooperatively and ensure mutual aid agreements are in place.

Funding:

The municipalities are each responsible for the costs of emergency management in their respective municipal boundaries.

FIRE SERVICES

Description:

Alberta Beach contracts from the Town of Onoway to provide fire suppression services within their municipal boundaries through the services of Onoway Regional Fire Services.

Lac Ste. Anne County is responsible for their fire services within Lac Ste. Anne County.

The municipalities will work cooperatively and ensure mutual aid agreements are in place as well that dual call out on highway calls are in place as agreed.

Funding:

Each municipality is responsible for funding fire services in their respective municipality.

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES

Description:

Each municipality employs Community Peace Officers and each is responsible for enforcement of provincial statutes, bylaw enforcement and animal control in their respective municipality. The agencies will work cooperatively and ensure mutual aid agreements are in place.

Funding:

Each municipality is responsible for funding Community Peace Officer services in their respective municipality.

RECREATION

Description:

Each municipality provides funding to recreation facilities within their municipal boundaries and/or within the region.

Recreation Agreements will be negotiated under separate agreement.

AGLIPLEX

Description:

The Alberta Beach Agliplex is operated by the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society (Land & building is leased from Alberta Beach). The Ag Society provides social and recreational activities to the entire region.

Funding:

Currently Alberta Beach provides funding for insurance, utilities as well provides various in-kind public works services at the Agliplex. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to the Alberta Beach Agricultural Society towards operation of the Alberta Beach Agliplex.

Recreation Agreements will be negotiated under separate agreement.

BEACHWAVE PARK

Description:

Beachwave Park provides recreational activities to the surrounding communities including ball diamonds, skating rink, basketball court, skate board park etc. The park is owned by Alberta Beach and managed by a local community group.

Funding:

Beachwave Park relies on support through municipal partners and various groups. Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County support a fair funding formula to continue operations of the park.

Both Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County provide direct municipal funding annually.

Recreation Agreements will be negotiated under separate agreement.

BOAT LAUNCHES

Description:

The Alberta Beach Boat Launch is owned by the Province. Alberta Beach holds an LOC on the Boat Launch and through the LOC is responsible the maintenance & operations. Lac Ste. Anne County manages boat launches within Lac Ste. Anne County.

Funding:

Currently each municipality is responsible for boat launches in their respective municipality. Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County support a fair funding formula to continue operations of the Alberta Beach boat launch and park.

Recreation Agreements will be negotiated under separate agreement.

Transition Plan:

The municipalities will work together to lobby the Government of Alberta for the ability to charge a user fee on the Alberta Beach boat launch and to provide funding for maintenance. The municipalities will work together to re-establish the SARLUC (Ste. Anne Regional Lake Use Committee).

MUNICIPAL PARKS

Description:

Each municipality is responsible for the municipal parks and recreational lands within their municipal boundaries unless otherwise identified.

SOCIAL SERVICES

LIBRARY

Description:

Alberta Beach has established the Alberta Beach Municipal Library Board through Bylaw, who is responsible for the operations of the Alberta Beach Public Library. Lac Ste Anne County has established the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board through Bylaw, who is responsible for the operations of three library service points located in Lac Ste. Anne County (Darwell Public Library, Sangudo Public Library & Rich Valley Public Library). The Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board also provides support to the three libraries located with the urban neighbours within the county boundary, inclusive of the Alberta Beach Library.

Funding:

Alberta Beach provides direct funding and in-kind support to the Alberta Beach Municipal Library Board. Lac Ste. Anne County provides direct funding to the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board which allocates funding to all six libraries in the region, inclusive of the Alberta Beach Municipal Library Board.

Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County support a fair funding formula to support the operations of Alberta Beach Public Library.

FCSS

Description:

Each respective municipality is responsible for FCSS programming and/or external grant funding in the region. The municipalities agree to work together on FCSS programs in the region.

Funding:

Both Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County receive annual provincial FCSS funding, by agreement, through Alberta Children's Services. The provincial funding represents 80%, with the municipality contributing a minimum required 20% contribution.

EAST END BUS

Description:

East End Bus Society is a legal entity formed to meet transportation and socialization needs, primarily for senior's and person with disabilities, on the eastern end of the Lac Ste. Anne County region. Both Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County are voting members of the Society.

Funding:

Both Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County provide financial contribution to both operating and capital budget of the Society, as per an agreed upon funding formula, and also provide in-kind support. A formal agreement is anticipated for 2021.

SENIORS HOUSING

Description:

The municipalities provide funding for seniors housing throughout the region through an annual requisition from the Lac Ste Anne Foundation.

SENIORS CENTRE

Description:

The Alberta Beach Senior's Centre is owned and operated by the Alberta Beach & District Senior Citizens Club (land is leased from Alberta Beach). The Club provides various recreational and social activities to the seniors in the surrounding communities. Alberta Beach provides various in-kind services at the Alberta Beach Seniors Centre. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to senior centres in the region.

Funding:

Alberta beach provides various in-kind services to the Alberta Beach Seniors Centre. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to the Alberta Beach Seniors Centre.

MUSEUM & HERTIAGE VILLAGE

Description:

The Alberta Beach Museum & Heritage Village is owned and operated by the Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives Society (the land is leased from Alberta Beach). Alberta Beach provides in-kind services at the Alberta Beach Museum & Heritage Village. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to museums in the region.

Funding:

Alberta Beach provides in-kind services to the Alberta Beach Museum & Heritage Village. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to the Alberta Beach Museum & Heritage Village.

OTHER SERVICES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT:

LAND USE PLANNING

Description:

Alberta Beach contracts to a third party for development officer and planning services. Lac Ste Anne County employs staff for development and planning in Lac Ste. Anne.

The municipalities have a Regional Intermunicipal Development Plan which expires in 2021.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County are members of the Lac Ste. Anne Partnership (LSAP) that is focused on working together to discover and promote economic opportunities in the region.

OTHER SERVICES

Either municipality may provide other services to the other upon request, with the terms of service provision being negotiated by the two municipalities.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County commit to resolving any disputes in a non-adversarial, informal, and cost-effective manner. Where there is no other existing agreement or bylaw, the following dispute resolution process will prevail.

Step 1 (Administration):

- Chief Administrative Officers and applicable administrative staff meet to discuss and resolve the dispute.
 - If resolved, the agreement(s) will be amended accordingly.
 - If not resolved, the matter will be referred to Step 2.

Step 2 (Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee) (ICFC):

- The Alberta Beach/ Lac Ste. Anne County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee (ICFC) will meet to discuss and resolve the dispute. The ICFC will be made up of two Councillors and one administration representative from each municipality.
 - If resolved, the agreement(s) will be amended accordingly.
 - If not resolved, the matter will be referred to Step 3.

Step 3 (Municipal Councils):

- The Alberta Beach Council and Lac Ste. Anne County Council will meet to discuss and resolve the dispute.
 - If resolved, the agreement(s) will be amended accordingly.
 - If not resolved, the matter will be referred to Step 4.

Step 4 (Mediation):

- A mutually agreed upon Mediator will be retained.
- The costs of mediation shall be split on a 25/75 percent basis being 25% for Alberta Beach and 75% for Lac Ste. Anne County.
 - If resolved, the agreement(s) will be amended accordingly.
 - If not resolved, the matter will be referred to Step 5.

Step 5 (Formal Arbitration):

- In the event a dispute cannot be resolved through any of the steps outlined above, the dispute will be referred to formal arbitration with a mutually agreed upon certified arbitrator. Failing mutual agreement in selecting an arbitrator, the municipalities will request the Province appoint one.
- The costs of arbitration shall be split on a 25/75 percent basis being 25% for Alberta Beach and 75% for Lac Ste. Anne County.
 - Arbitrator's decision to be immediately implemented by the municipalities.

TERM OF REVIEW

This ICF will be reviewed and amended in joint consultation at least every 5 years or as needed.


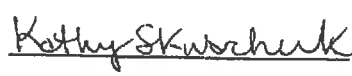
IN WITNESS THEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement as of the 25 day of MARCH, 2021.

Lac Ste Anne County

Alberta Beach


Reeve

County Manager


Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Maryanne King <mking@npf-fpn.com>
Sent: February 18, 2026 10:17 AM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Cc: taraelwood@albertabeach.com
Subject: National Police Federation | Contract Policing Commitment

Dear Mayor Elwood,

On behalf of the National Police Federation (NPF), we are pleased to share that the Federal Minister of Public Safety has confirmed once again the Government of Canada’s ongoing commitment to RCMP contract policing in provinces and municipalities beyond 2032.

Please see a [statement from the NPF](#) highlighting the significance of this confirmation and the certainty it provides to contract partners for public safety planning purposes going forward.

The NPF has been actively working with all levels of government to demonstrate our Members’ world-class policing service and to seek clarity on the future of contract policing beyond 2032. This confirmation is welcome news, verifying the expert local policing services the RCMP provides which provinces and municipalities can continue to rely on in the years ahead.

Should you have any questions or like additional information, please feel free to contact the NPF at GVTRelations@npf-fpn.com.

Sincerely,

Maryanne King

Advisor, Government Relations | Conseiller, relations gouvernementales

Pronouns: She/Her

National Police Federation | Fédération de la Police Nationale

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Media Statement: National Police Federation Welcomes Federal Government Commitment to RCMP Contract Policing Beyond 2032

February 17, 2026

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February 17, 2026

Ottawa, ON – The following is a statement from National Police Federation President and C.E.O., Brian Sauvé, regarding the Federal Government’s confirmed intention to provide contract policing services to provinces and municipalities across Canada beyond 2032.

“After months of sustained advocacy, we welcome the Government of Canada’s clear commitment, outlined by the Minister of Public Safety, to continue the RCMP’s expert contract policing services beyond 2032, as reported by CBC News in [“**Ottawa commits to keeping Mounties on front lines**”](#).”

This clarity reaffirms the exceptional service delivered by our Members and gives contract partners the certainty they need to plan and invest confidently in long-term public safety.

The previous Government’s 2024 ‘Contract Policing Assessment: What We Heard’ report made clear that most, if not all, contract partners expressed a desire to renew their RCMP policing agreements. Recent commitments from British Columbia and Nova Scotia further demonstrate

* that momentum. These remarks confirm what communities across Canada already know: RCMP Members deliver highly capable, professional, and sustainable frontline policing, and stand ready to continue doing so for decades to come.

The RCMP remains a uniquely capable organization in North America, able to surge resources to any community, regardless of size or geographic location. With more than 150 specialized services, from financial crime units to extortion task forces, Members bring unmatched depth and adaptability to every operation.

The integrated nature of municipal, provincial, and federal policing within one organization provides a vital advantage for Canadians' safety and security. In an era where a single traffic stop in one community can lead to an investigation spanning provinces or even international borders, the RCMP's structure eliminates investigative gaps and enables swift, coordinated responses that support victims and protect communities.

Beneath every RCMP uniform is a person, who lives, works, and volunteers in the same community they serve. Ensuring long-term stability in contract policing keeps those Members, and their families, rooted where they belong.

As contract renewal discussions move forward, the NPF remains ready to work constructively with the Government of Canada and contract partners to strengthen RCMP policing services for the future.”

About the National Police Federation:

The National Police Federation (NPF) represents ~20,000 RCMP Members serving across Canada and internationally. We are the largest police union in Canada. The NPF is focused on improving public safety for all Canadians, including our Members by advocating for much-needed investment in the public safety continuum. This includes investments in police resourcing and modern equipment, as well as social programs including health, addiction, and housing supports to enhance safety and livability in the many communities we serve, large and small, across Canada.

For more information: <https://npf-fpn.com/> 

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From: wpreugschas@xplornet.com
Sent: March 2, 2026 4:02 PM
To: walter 3
Subject: FW: Notice of AGM
Attachments: Nomination of Director, 2026.odt



NORTHWEST OF 16

REGIONAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Hello Northwest of 16 members,

This email is to let you know that the Northwest of 16 Tourism Association will be holding its 2nd **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of members **April 1st at 6:30 pm at the Glenreagh Community Hall 2 kms north and 2 kms west of the Town of Barrhead.**

We invite all members to this event. We now have approximately 50 members in the association. Updated memberships can be purchased at the AGM. We require 50 % of the paid up members to be present in order to have a quorum for the AGM. If members are not able to attend in person they may send a written proxy.

Some important points for the agenda are:

Review of the activities and accomplishments over the first year of operations.

- Vision of how we move the association forward.
- Financial Report.
- Election of 4 board members. We presently have a board of 11 members. For 4 of these their terms will be up. Most of these 4 intend to run again and we welcome other members to let their names stand for election to our board. The positions are for a 3 year term. Nominations must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the AGM.
- We'll also have two short speeches at the AGM – still to be determined who they will be.

Attached to this email is a nomination paper which is intended to be completed by a member that nominates someone to be on the board.

Thanks for your contribution to tourism in the Northwest of 16 region. We look forward to working together.

Walter Preugschas

Chair

Northwest of 16

Nomination and Consent to Act on the Board of Directors

To: Member Meeting of Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association:

I hereby nominate _____
(Name of Nominee)

To serve on the Board of Directors of Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association for a 3-year term commencing April 1, 2026.

Signed: _____
(Nominator)

I agree to accept the above nomination for election as a board member of the association.

If duly elected by a majority shareholder ballot at the shareholder annual meeting of the association, I hereby consent to serve as a director in good faith of the Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association. I acknowledge that I, or the organization that I represent, are members of the association in good standing.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ AD 2026.

Signed: _____
(Nominee)

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cc: counsel

From: wpreugschas@xplornet.com
Sent: March 3, 2026 5:50 PM
To: walter 3
Cc: 'Huzaifa Faisal'; NW 16; NW 16
Subject: Subject: Your Input Requested - Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Survey



NORTHWEST OF 16

REGIONAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Hello municipal representatives in the Northwest of 16 region,

The Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association is beginning a regional strategic planning process, and we are reaching out to municipal partners for your insight. As a municipality in this region, your perspective is essential to understanding current tourism assets, infrastructure needs, collaboration opportunities, and where the association can add meaningful value over the next few years.

We know municipalities balance many priorities and that not every issue or opportunity is within your direct control. Even so, your input helps the association focus its efforts, strengthen regional alignment, and advocate where it can make the greatest difference.

We would appreciate if you could take a few minutes to complete the municipal survey below. All questions are optional, and short, candid answers are welcome.
Please complete the survey here by **March 13, 2026.**

Your feedback will directly inform the March 24 strategic planning session with the association's board. Thank you in advance for sharing your perspective—your voice is important in shaping a practical and coordinated regional approach.

In order to make sure that you've received this email and the survey, we're asking you to click on the spot that confirms that you've read the email.

Sincerely,

Walter Preugschas
 Chair
Planning Committee

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From: Trenna Benesocky <tbenesocky@sturgeoncounty.ca>
Sent: March 11, 2026 3:41 PM
To: taraelwood@albertabeach.com
Cc: Debbie Durocher; DecolynneJo Burns; aboffice@albertabeach.com; kellymuir@albertabeach.com; S. V. of Castle Island; S.V. of Nakamun Park; S.V. Val Quentin; Council; Travis Peter; Christine Wells
Subject: Re: Correspondence from Sturgeon County in response to request for Mutual Aid Agreement - Regional Emergency Services Collaboration
Attachments: 2026 03 10 Sturgeon County Response Mutual Aid .pdf

Here is our attachment - my apologies.

Trenna Benesocky (she/her)
 CHIEF OF STAFF
 p: 780 939 8357
 c: 780 906 8448
 w: www.sturgeoncounty.ca



 Book time to meet with me

From: Trenna Benesocky <tbenesocky@sturgeoncounty.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:40 PM
To: taraelwood@albertabeach.com <taraelwood@albertabeach.com>
Cc: Debbie Durocher <debbiedurocher@albertabeach.com>; DecolynneJo Burns <decolynnejoburns@albertabeach.com>; aboffice@albertabeach.com <aboffice@albertabeach.com>; kellymuir@albertabeach.com <kellymuir@albertabeach.com>; S. V. of Castle Island <svcastle@telus.net>; S.V. of Nakamun Park <cao@svnakamun.com>; S.V. Val Quentin <cao@valquentin.ca>; Council <Council@sturgeoncounty.ca>; Travis Peter <tpeter@sturgeoncounty.ca>; Christine Wells <cwells@sturgeoncounty.ca>
Subject: Correspondence from Sturgeon County in response to request for Mutual Aid Agreement - Regional Emergency Services Collaboration

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached response from Sturgeon County to your letter dated January 22, 2026.

Kindly,
Trenna

Trenna Benesocky (she/her)

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w: www.sturgeoncounty.ca



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From: aboffice@albertabeach.com <aboffice@albertabeach.com>

Sent: January 23, 2026 1:51 PM

To: hello <hello@sturgeoncounty.ca>

Cc: taraelwood@albertabeach.com; Debbie Durocher <debbiedurocher@albertabeach.com>; DecolynneJo Burns <decolynnejoburns@albertabeach.com>; kellymuir@albertabeach.com; S. V. of Castle Island <svcastle@telus.net>; S.V. of Nakamun Park <cao@svnakamun.com>; S.V. Val Quentin <cao@valquentin.ca>

Subject: Re: Request for Mutual Aid Agreement - Regional Emergency Services Collaboration

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter for Mayor Hnatiw and Council regarding mutual aid.

Thank you,

Kathy Skwarchuk,

CAO

Alberta Beach

Box 278

Alberta Beach, AB

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March 10, 2026

Mayor Tara Elwood
Village of Alberta Beach
Box 278
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Dear Mayor Elwood,

Re: Request for Mutual Aid Agreement – Regional Emergency Services

Thank you for your letter dated January 22, 2026, regarding a potential Mutual Aid Agreement to support emergency fire and rescue services for the Alberta Beach Fire Department.

Sturgeon County currently participates in an established mutual aid agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County, which serves as the framework for coordinating emergency response with neighbouring jurisdictions. This agreement is structured to ensure a single point of coordination, clear command authority, consistent operational standards, and appropriate deployment of resources during emergency incidents. As a result, any requests for mutual aid involving Sturgeon County must be initiated through Lac Ste. Anne County.

Maintaining this approach is necessary to manage operational risk, avoid duplication or conflicting response directives, and ensure emergency resources are deployed in a coordinated and effective manner across the region. Entering into parallel or standalone mutual aid agreements outside of this framework would undermine these objectives.

Accordingly, Sturgeon County will continue to respond to mutual aid requests in accordance with its existing agreement, subject to operational capacity and resource availability.

Thank you for bringing this matter forward.

Sincerely,



Alanna Hnatiw
Mayor

C: Council, Sturgeon County
Travis Peter, Chief Administrative Officer, Sturgeon County

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From: Tara Elwood <taraelwood@albertabeach.com>
Sent: March 12, 2026 5:02 PM
To: Alberta Beach Library; Alberta Beach
Subject: Fwd: YRL Board Meeting News
Attachments: image001.png; Untitled attachment 00002.htm; image002.jpg; Untitled attachment 00005.htm; YRL Board Meeting News - March 9, 2026.pdf; Untitled attachment 00008.htm

Tara Elwood
 Mayor
 Village of Alberta Beach
 Director Villages West
 Alberta Municipalities

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laurie Haak <LHaak@yrl.ab.ca>
Date: March 12, 2026 at 15:37:34 MDT
Cc: YRL Chair <Chair@yrl.ab.ca>, Karla Palichuk <KPalichuk@yrl.ab.ca>, Jocie Wilson <JWilson@yrl.ab.ca>
Subject: YRL Board Meeting News

Good afternoon YRL Trustees,

Please find attached the **YRL Board Meeting News** from Monday's meeting.

We encourage you to share this information with your sending authority and, if applicable, your local public library board.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to Director Karla Palichuk (kpalichuk@yrl.ab.ca), Deputy Director Jocie Wilson (jwilson@yrl.ab.ca) or me.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

Laurie Haak

SHE/HER
Executive Assistant

P: 780-962-2003 EXT 221
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Attendees

Chair Tara Elwood, Village of Alberta Beach
Vice Chair Bridgitte Coninx, Town of Onoway
Andrea Kosolofski, Village of Spring Lake
Annette Pedersen, Town of Mayerthorpe
Brandon Boehm, Town of Drayton Valley
Carla Frybort, City of Leduc
Charmaine Botros, Town of Barrhead
Christine Wiese, Westlock County
Cindy Carswell, Pembina Hills School Division
Dana McFaull, Leduc County
Deb Koloski, Northern Gateway School Division
Dwayne Mayr, Village of Warburg
Harold Pawlechko, Town of Stony Plain
Jeff Goebel, Town of Swan Hills
Jeff Tokar, City of Spruce Grove
Jo-Ann Sobon, Yellowhead County
Karen Lethbridge, Wetaskiwin School Division
Kathy Dion, Summer Village of Val Quentin
Kayla Fitzpatrick, Town of Devon
Kevin Reynolds, Town of Thorsby
Krista Gardner, Town of Calmar
Kristine Olson, Parkland County
Laura White, City of Wetaskiwin
Laurie Hodge, Town of Westlock
Lynn Carwell, County of Wetaskiwin No. 10
Michael Clark, Summer Village of Yellowstone
Michael Paul, Summer Village of Seba Beach
Nick Pelechytik, Summer Village of Sandy Beach
Phillip Penrod, City of Beaumont
Sandi Benford, Summer Village of South View
Serena Lapointe, Town of Whitecourt
Sue Armstrong, Town of Hinton
Tera Ainsworth, Town of Millet
Karla Palichuk, YRL Director (ex-officio)

Proxy Votes

Dave Kusch, Woodlands County
Pat Fogarty, Town of Edson

Guests

Natalia Pietrzykowski, Municipal Affairs Public
Library Services Branch (PLSB)
Sue Heuman, Focus Communications

2025 Audited Financial Statements

- Approved as presented.

Interfund Transfer

- \$625,222 moved from Operational Contingency Fund to General Fund.

Auditor Appointment

- Doane Grant Thornton LLP appointed for 2026 to 2028 inclusive.

Municipal Levy Increase

- Approved the direction for administration to communicate to municipalities the levy increase request from \$4.85 to \$5.60 per capita in 2027 (requires Council motion).

2025 Library System Survey for Province

- Approved for submission to PLSB.

2025 Annual Report for Members

- Approved for distribution to members and stakeholders.

Information Items

- 2025 On-Reserve/On-Settlement Grant activity summary
- YRL Trustee and Alternate Orientation evaluation responses
- Executive Committee minutes and Policy Manual revisions (grievances, services, and video camera surveillance policies)
- Director's Q1 Report
 - Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries pre-budget submission, update, and description briefing note
 - Speaking notes for advocacy meetings with MLAs
- *YRL Releases Strategic Plan for 2026-2030* media article
- YRL Public Libraries' Council report
- Alberta Municipal Affairs PLSB update

Trustee Learning Opportunities

- **YRL Discovery Day**
 - **April 25, 2026** – 9:30am to 1:30pm (drop-in open house event)
- **Stronger Together Library Conference**
 - **October 20-21, 2026** – DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel West Edmonton

Board of Trustees Meetings

- **June 15, 2026** – 10am to noon
- **October 5, 2026** – 10am to noon
- **December 7, 2026** – 10am to noon

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Sherrie Westerlund
Sent: February 27, 2026 3:55 PM
To: Alberta Beach Village Office
Subject: What Women Want
Attachments: WWW2026 Sponsorship Letter.pdf

Hello council of Alberta Beach,

The Alberta Beach & District AG Society is very excited to be able to resume our annual fundraiser “What Women Want “ this year. We are hoping for your continued sponsorship support.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Westerlund
WWW community lead



February 23, 2026

What Women Want is one of the major fundraising events for our organization. The evening is a fun themed night for the ladies with dancing, drinks and entertainment along with numerous raffles and door prizes. This year our theme is *Steam Punk*. The event is run completely by volunteers who give a tremendous amount of time and energy to making this a new and spectacular event every year.

This year we will be hosting the event on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, and the date is fast approaching! We are looking for corporate support in the form of financial sponsorship or donations of items for our raffles. We have a sponsorship package for every budget, and we hope there is one that works for you! Please return your sponsorship commitment form by Friday, April 3rd, 2026 to ensure your company is included in all advertising efforts.

Events such as this, assist the Alberta Beach Ag. Society to continue to support various other organizations and initiatives in our community. Thank you in advance for your willingness to support this event and helping to make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

The WHAT WOMEN WANT Committee, and the Alberta Beach & District Ag. Society

WHAT WOMEN WANT 2026
Sponsorship Commitment Form

Organization Name: _____
(As it should appear on all marketing, advertising & program materials)

Organization Contact: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Address: _____

Sponsorship Level:

Platinum Gold Silver Item Donation Sponsorship Amount \$ _____

Estimated Value of Item Donated: \$ _____

Payment by Cheque or E-transfer:

Cheque Enclosed? Yes / No **OR** E-Transfers to: abagsociety@gmail.com

Please mail completed form and Cheque to:

Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society
Box 330 Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

*Alternatively, you may email your form to the Event Coordinator (see email address below). We can make arrangements to pick up your item and/or payment if required.

Sherrie Westerlund - 780-915-5967 or sherriewesterlund@gmail.com

Authorization: By signing below, you confirm your company's commitment to sponsor the What Women Want Event on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 at the Alberta Beach Agliplex, Alberta Beach, AB.

Name & Title (please print)

Date

Signature

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WHAT WOMEN WANT 2026
Sponsorship Levels

Platinum - \$500.00 cash or equivalent value donation

- Name of organization (Logo) as event sponsor on Facebook page & Ag. Website
- Name of organization as event sponsor on all advertisements in local papers, Posters
- Name of organization in Event program
- Two complimentary tickets to the event

Gold - \$250.00 or equivalent value donation

- Name of organization (Logo) as event sponsor on Facebook page & Ag. Website
- Name of organization as event sponsor on Poster advertisements
- Name of organization in Event program

Silver - \$100.00 or equivalent value donation

- Name of organization in Event program
- Name of organization (Logo) as event sponsor on Facebook page & Ag. Website

Door Prizes and Raffle Item(s)

- For items valued at less than \$100 - Name of organization advertised throughout the evening

PLEASE EMAIL LOGOS TO: abagsociety@gmail.com

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aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB <abbeach50admin@telus.net>
Sent: March 5, 2026 2:20 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Invitation for Mayor and Council
Attachments: MAYOR INVITE.docx

Hi Cathy,
Please see attached invitation for our 50th Anniversary Kick-off at the Alberta Beach Senior Centre.

Regards,
Norm Shaw
President



You're Invited!

The Alberta Beach & District Seniors Citizen Club (Alberta Beach 50+ Club) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2026. We are hosting a Birthday Party open to the entire community at the Alberta Beach 50+ Club Hall from 1 PM to 4 PM on April 12, 2026. This event kicks off an entire year of events culminating with a Gala in September. The afternoon celebration will feature entertainment, an Opening Ceremony at 1:30 and birthday cake for all!

We are extending an invitation to all Mayors and council of the surrounding communities where many of our over 200 active members reside to attend and bring greetings. Please join us and help celebrate a vital organization dedicated to serving the seniors of the region with a vast array of programming, support services and entertainment.

Regards,

Norm Shaw

President of Albert Beach and District Senior Citizens Club

Please RSVP by April 8, 2026 to abbeach50admin@telus.net with names and numbers. All Mayors and Reeves will have the opportunity to bring greetings/make presentations during the opening ceremonies at 1:30 PM.