

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on
Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order:
2. Agenda Amendments and Adoption
3. Adoption of the Minutes: a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 19, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: a) Bylaw 489/25 – Amendment to Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw – Request for Decision 25-17
6. Unfinished Business: a) Remuneration and Expense Policy No. 35 – Request for Decision 25-16
7. New Business: a) Tax Recovery Property – Request for Decision 25-18
8. Financial Reports: None
9. Committee Reports: a) Alix Public Library – January 21, 2025 & March 18, 2025 – Councillor Gilliat
b) Red Deer River Municipal User Group Association – Mayor T. Besuijen
c) Mayor’s Caucus – Mayor T. Besuijen
d) Lacombe Foundation – Councillor Fehr
10. Administrative Reports: None
11. Correspondence a) Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs – Budget 2025 – Education Property Tax
b) Alix and Area Community Resource Centre – Volunteer Appreciation
c) Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton – Stand for Canada Campaign
d) CN Right-of-Way Vegetation Management
12. Closed Meeting: a) FOIP Section 27 – Privileged Information – Re: Fire Department Legal Matter
13. Adjournment:

Village of Alix



Council Members shall at all times conduct themselves and commit to ethical, businesslike, and lawful conduct, including the appropriate use of authority vested in them and appropriate decorum when acting as a Council Member.

Council Members shall:

- Govern their conduct in accordance with the requirements and obligations set out in the MGA;
- Commit to ethical, businesslike and lawful conduct, including proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Council Members;
- Not take action beyond the powers granted by the MGA without having the necessary authority from Council to do so;
- Represent the best interests of the Village;
- Debate in a manner that is respectful, considerate and healthy and will be limited to the topic that is directly related to the motion on the table;
- Take all points of view into account when making decisions;
- Have the option to respectfully disagree with other Members of Council;
- Preserve the integrity and impartiality of Council;
- Think independently and refrain from forming allegiances or factions within Council.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Tim Besuijen, Councillors Barbara Gilliat, Janice Besuijen, Edwin Cole and Rob Fehr.

Also Present: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order: Mayor T. Besuijen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Amendments/Deletions to Agenda: Mayor T. Besuijen called for amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda:

Resolution #047/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – March 5, 2025

Resolution #048/25: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: None

Bylaws: a) Bylaw #487/25 – Electronic Means of Public Hearing Bylaw – Request for Decision 25-15

Resolution #049/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council give first reading to Electronic Means of Public Hearing Bylaw #487/25 being a bylaw to provide for electronic means of attending and conducting public hearings for the Village of Alix.

CARRIED

Resolution #050/25: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council give second reading to Electronic Means of Public Hearing Bylaw #487/25.

CARRIED

Resolution #051/25: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council give permission for third and final reading to Electronic Means of Public Hearing Bylaw #487/25 at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution #052/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council give third and final reading to Electronic Means of Public Hearing Bylaw #487/25.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Remuneration and Expense Policy No. 35 – Request for Decision 25-14

Resolution #053/25: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to amend the Remuneration and Expenses Policy as follows and bring the amended policy to a future meeting for review and approval:

- Monthly payment–Increase for Mayor and Council \$25.00
- Mileage rate per km CRA Rate

CARRIED

- New Business: (cont.) b) Winterize Your Home Program – Request for Decision 25-13
- Resolution #054/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to develop a policy for a Winterize Your Home program, whereby upon request of residents, municipal staff would provide information regarding common practices to prepare a property for winter weather.
CARRIED
- Financial Reports: a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – February 19 - March 5, 2025
b) Bank Reconciliation – February 2025
c) Tax Trial Balance – March 13, 2025
- Resolution #055/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Financial Reports as presented.
CARRIED
- Committee Reports: a) Parkland Community Planning Services – Councillor J. Besuijen
b) Buffalo Lake Management Team – Councillor J. Besuijen
- Resolution #056/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council accept the Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED
- Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report
- Resolution #057/25: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.
CARRIED
- Correspondence and Information: a) Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs – Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application Approval
b) Reynolds Mirth Richards Farmer LLP – MGA s.170 – Conflicts of Interest
c) Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs – Budget 2025
- Resolution #058/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that Correspondence Items (a) through (c) be accepted as information.
CARRIED
- Closed Meeting: a) FOIP Section 27 – Privileged Information Re: Legal Opinion on Fire Department Invoicing
- Resolution #059/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council go into a Closed Meeting at 6:59 P.M. to discuss FOIP Section 27, Privileged Information regarding a legal opinion on Fire Department invoicing.
CARRIED
- Resolution #060/25: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council return to the Public Meeting at 7:25 P.M.
CARRIED
- Resolution #061/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to send a letter to Lacombe County regarding Fire Services invoicing.
CARRIED

Adjournment:

Resolution #062/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

DRAFT

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: March 26, 2025 RFD 25-17
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Fee Schedule Bylaw Amendment

1. **PURPOSE** – To present Council with a draft amendment to the Village’s Fee Schedule Bylaw.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation and phase 1 changes came into effect as of April 1, 2025. This means that municipalities registered under phase 1 of the ‘change over’ will no longer be billed for residential recycling costs.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To approve the proposed amendment to Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw 486/24
 2. To re-allocate the residential recycling fees to another utility, such as water
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The Village will no longer have expenses related to residential recycling pick up. We will also no longer have the offsetting revenue to cover those costs from monthly utility bills if the bylaw amendment is passed. It will have a net zero effect on the municipal Operating Budget.
6. **LEGAL** – The proposed bylaw amendment would come into effect as of April 1, 2025 to ensure the Village is not charging residents for a service that is being paid for by an external source.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – Residents will see a moderate tax increase in 2025 due to an increase in property assessment. Getting a \$71.16 break on utility charges for the year should offset the majority of the change in most property tax accounts.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1, I recommend the following resolutions:

“that the Village of Alix Council give first reading to Amendment to Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw 489/25, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 486/24, the Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw.”

“that the Village of Alix Council give second reading to Amendment to Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw 489/25.”

“that the Village of Alix Council give permission for third and final reading to Amendment to Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw 489/25 at this time.”

“that the Village of Alix Council give third and final reading to Amendment to Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw 489/25.”

Author

VILLAGE OF ALIX

BYLAW NO. 489/25

Amendment to the Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw No. 486/24 – Schedule “A”

BEING A Bylaw of the Village of Alix in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 486/24 being the Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE, the local authority of the Village of Alix, in Council duly assembled, enacts as follows:

THAT the Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw No. 486/24, “Schedule A” be amended as follows:

REMOVE: Residential Recycling & Composting Flat Rate: \$5.93

THIS Bylaw shall come into force and effect on April 1, 2025

Read a first time this 2nd day of April, 2025.

Read a second time this 2nd day of April, 2025.

Read a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of April, 2025.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: March 26, 2025 RFD 25-16
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Remuneration and Expense Policy

1. **PURPOSE** – To review draft Policy 35; Remuneration and Expenses Policy.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Council discussed revisions to Policy 35 in March, 2025 and asked for an amended policy to be brought back to Council for consideration.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To approve Policy 35 as presented
 2. To return the policy to administration for further changes
4. **DISCUSSION** – Attached is the 2017 approved Policy 35 as well as the new draft version for your review. Monthly payment rates and mileage rates were changed as per Council's resolution. Other updates, such as Virtual Meetings under definitions and changing AUMA to Alberta Municipalities were also done.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – It should be noted that changing the mileage rate in this policy would also affect staff mileage claims going forward.
6. **LEGAL** – The MGA is silent on Councillor remuneration, however it does state that Council may only act through bylaw or resolution. A resolution to approve a policy and a resolution to approve the Operating Budget are all that is required to set/change remuneration rates.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – The new rates will take effect once the policy is passed.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1 – I recommend the following resolution:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves Policy #35, Remuneration and Expenses Policy as presented."

Author



Department: Council
Policy No: 35
Policy Title: Remuneration and Expenses Policy
Resolution No: _____
Date: April 2, 2025
Review Date: May 2029

Policy Statement:

The Village of Alix recognizes the need for defined rates of reimbursement for the Mayor, Councillors and staff while they are attending to Village of Alix business or acting as representatives on behalf of the Village of Alix.

Purpose:

To specify rates of remuneration for attending meetings, committee and board meetings, courses, seminars and conventions, as well as expense reimbursement, mileage rates, available benefits and declaration of honorariums for tax purposes.

Definitions:

- ***“Committees, Boards and Commissions”*** are those meetings in which either the designate/alternate Councillor shall be remunerated as per policy, depending on which is in attendance at any meeting.
- ***“Full Day”*** means more than 4 hours, not including travel time.
- ***“Half Day”*** means 4 hours or less, not including travel time.
- ***“Regular Council Meetings”*** are those meetings of Council regularly scheduled to deal with municipal business.
- ***“Special Council Meetings”*** are those meetings called by the Mayor acting upon instruction of Council or a majority of Council to deal with specific items that cannot wait until the next regular meeting of Council and includes Public Hearings not scheduled on a regular Council meeting date.
- ***“Virtual Meetings”*** are those meetings called by Council, a committee, board or commission that are held by electronic means, including phone or internet rather than the group gathering together to meet in person.

Procedure:

1. The Mayor or a member of Council shall be remunerated when Council has a Regular Council Meeting, Special Council Meeting, Virtual Meeting, or when an appointed Councillor attends meetings of Committees, Boards and Commissions, and the Mayor and/or Councillor is required to attend as a representative of the Village.
2. Conventions, courses and seminars are those conventions, courses, seminars that pertain to Council, Municipal Affairs, and/or municipal concerns. Attendance shall be approved by motion of Council and a maximum of two conventions, or seminars, or courses per Council member are allowed each budget year, in addition to the Alberta Municipalities Convention. The Mayor or members of Council qualify for per diem remuneration.
3. Council approved public relation events that require a member of Council to attend such as bringing greetings, parades, etc. are eligible for remuneration.

Rates of Remuneration:

1. a) Monthly Payment: **\$275.00 - Mayor**
\$175.00 - Councillors
b) Half Day: **\$100.00 per meeting**
c) Full-Day: **\$175.00 per meeting**
d) Virtual Meetings: **\$100.00 – Half Day**
\$175.00 – Full Day
e) Other Board/Committee Meeting Fees and Per Diem:

Mayor and Councillors – Council members who attend out-of-town seminars and conventions on behalf of other boards and committees will be reimbursed the difference in per diems between those boards and committees’ rates and the Village rate.

Expenses:

2. a) Mileage to attend out-of-town meetings, conventions, training, public relations activities and to attend to Village business.

Mayor, Councillors and staff - Mileage rate shall be based on the latest Canada Revenue Agency calculations for maximum deductible cents per kilometer allowance. This rate is to be checked and adjusted to actual rates once each year in October.

b) Overnight Accommodation:

Mayor, Council and staff - Actual cost of room and related expenses (i.e. parking), reimbursed with receipt.

c) Meals:

Mayor, Council and Staff – reimbursed per receipts to a maximum of;

i) A maximum of **\$60.00** per day will be allotted for meals and entertainment **with receipts submitted.**

ii) Reimbursement of meals does not include alcohol purchases and gratuities will be limited to a **maximum of 15%.**

NOTE: Expenses for alcohol cannot be claimed for reimbursement.

3. All expenses, meeting fees and per diems will be paid to Councillors monthly. Mayor to review Councillor expense sheets, Deputy Mayor to review Mayor's expense sheets.

4. Other Benefits:

Mayor and Councillors – VFIS Council Off-Duty Plan D coverage.

5. Income Tax:

T-4 Slips will be issued indicating a percentage of honorarium earnings (as per Revenue Canada rates) for each year.

Mayor

CAO

Date



Department: Council

Policy No: 35

Policy Title: Remuneration and Expenses Policy

Resolution No: 226/17

Date: October 4, 2017

Review Date: May 2021

Policy Statement:

The Village of Alix recognizes the need for defined rates of reimbursement for the Mayor, Councillors and staff while they are attending to Village of Alix business or acting as representatives on behalf of the Village of Alix.

Purpose:

To specify rates of remuneration for attending meetings, committee and board meetings, courses, seminars and conventions, expense reimbursement, mileage rates, available benefits and declaration of honorariums for tax purposes.

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- **“Teleconference Meetings”** are those meetings called by a committee, board or commission that are held by telephone conference call rather than the group gathering together to meet in person.

Procedure:

1. The Mayor or a member of Council shall be remunerated when Council forms an ad hoc committee and the Mayor or Councillor is required to attend as a representative of Council.

2. Conventions, Courses, Seminars are those conventions, courses, seminars that pertain to Council, Municipal Affairs, and/or concerns. Attendance shall be approved by motion of Council and a maximum of two conventions, or seminars, or courses per Council member are allowed each budget year, in addition to the AUMA Convention. The Mayor or members of Council qualify for per diem remuneration.
3. Public relation events that require a member of Council to attend such as bringing greetings, parades, etc.

Rates of Remuneration:

1. a) Monthly Payment:

	\$250.00 - Mayor
	\$150.00 - Councillors

- b) Half-day Regular/Special Council Meetings and in-town Committee Meetings, Special Functions, Greetings (*Greetings and Special Functions as approved by Council/CAO, Minutes not required.*)

	\$100.00 per meeting
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- c) Full-Day Council Meetings and in-town Committee Meetings, Special Functions, Greetings (*Greetings and Special Functions as approved by Council/CAO, Minutes not required.*)

	Mayor and Councillors \$175.00 per meeting
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- d) Half - Day Meetings and Seminars/Evening Meetings, out-of-town (less than 4 hours).

	Mayor and Councillors \$100.00 per meeting
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- e) Full - Day Meetings, Seminars and Conventions, out-of-town (Per Diem).

	Mayor and Councillors \$175.00 per day
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- f) Teleconference Meetings, Mayor and Councillors.

	\$100.00 – Half Day
	\$175.00 – Full Day

- g) Other Board/Committee Meeting Fees and Per Diem

Mayor and Councillors – Council members who attend out-of-town seminars and conventions on behalf of other boards and committees will be reimbursed the difference in per diems between those boards and committees’ rates and the Village rate.

Expenses:

2. a) Mileage to attend out-of-town meetings, conventions, training, public relations activities and to attend to Village business.

Mayor, Councillors and staff - **.50** per kilometer.

(Mileage rate shall be based on the latest Revenue Canada Tax Guide calculations for maximum deductible cents per kilometer allowance).

- b) Overnight Accommodation:

Mayor, Council and Staff	Actual cost of room and related expenses (i.e parking), reimbursed with receipt.
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- c) Meals: Mayor, Council and Staff – reimbursed per receipts to a maximum of;

i) A maximum of **\$60.00** per day will be allotted for meals and entertainment **with receipts submitted**.

ii) Reimbursement of meals does not include alcohol purchases and gratuities will be limited to a **maximum of 15%**.

3. All expenses, meeting fees and per diems will be paid to Councillors monthly. Mayor to review Councillor expense sheets, Deputy Mayor to review Mayor's expense sheets.

4. Other Benefits:

Mayor and Councillors – AUMA Council Off-Duty Plan D coverage.

5. Income Tax:

T-4 Slips will be issued indicating a percentage of honorarium earnings (as per Revenue Canada rates) for each year.

Mayor

CAO

Date

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: March 27, 2025
Memo To: Village Council
From: Tanya Meston
Subject: Tax Recovery Property

RFD 25-18

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine how Council would like to proceed with the parcel of land that did not sell at the tax recovery public auction held June 25, 2024.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The Village had a public auction for the purpose of tax recovery on June 25, 2024. One property did not sell and Council made the following resolution:

“that the Village of Alix will transfer title and take ownership of Lot 1,2 Block K; Plan 5676AE within the Village of Alix and Council directs administration to takes steps to sell the property for the assessed value once title has been transferred.”

3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To adjust the selling price to the assessed value
 2. To accept this report as information, thereby leaving the selling price at \$96,700
4. **DISCUSSION** – The property was secured and prepared for sale by Public Works over the winter. It was determined we would wait to list the property with a real-estate agent until spring 2025. A potential purchaser recently did a walk through, and due to their comments and pictures it was decided we should have our contracted assessor do a site visit to re-evaluate market/assessed value of the property.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The reserve bid set for the 2024 auction, which was equal to the assessed value of the property was set at \$96,700.00. The outstanding taxes on the property are \$10,713.75.

Following a site visit by the assessor, the value of the property was changed to \$67,000.

6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 419 “The council must set (a) for each parcel of land to be offered for sale at a public auction, a reserve bid that is as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the parcel”

The reserve bid set for the auction is no longer an accurate value for the property. Even though the resolution passed by Council gives administration authority “to sell the property for the assed value once title has been transferred” I am requesting a resolution to set that price. This would provide transparency to the public re: difference between reserve bid and sale proceeds.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. I recommend the following resolution:

“that the Village of Alix hereby sets the sale price of Lot 1,2 Block K; Plan 5676AE within the Village of Alix as \$67,000 plus GST.”



Author

Alix Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at the Alix Public Library at 6:00 pm

Attending: C. Perry, B. Gilliat, C. Sydor, A. Gauthier, B. Perry

Regrets: J. Ireland, T. Fehr

Guests: S. Sandul (Friends of the Alix Public Library)

Financial Report: No report. A. Gauthier reported that the money from the Village has been received. C. Sydor motioned the Financial Report be accepted as information. Carried.

Reports

Manager Report - Monthly patron count was presented for Oct.- Dec.

Canada Summer Job grant has been submitted.

Books have been purged to make room for new books.

Village Report – B. Gilliat reported she has been appointed Vice Chair of ALTA. (Alberta Library Trustee Association)

Friends of the Library Report: S. Sandul reported a \$716 profit from the Christmas Market Bake Sale. There is money available if the library needs anything. An upgrade to the main bathroom was discussed.

HR Committee Report – The library managers annual review is overdue and is the priority.

A Gauthier made a motion to accept reports as presented. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Readathon - C. Sydor reported the progress of the proposed Readathon.

Categories: 6-8 yrs prize \$25.00

9-11 yrs prize \$25.00

12-16 yrs prize \$35.00

Adult prize \$50.00

The Friends will supply the prize money. Pledges can be a flat amount, or per book. The fundraiser will run for a couple of months. Teachers or parents can sign off to confirm a book has been read. Posters will be put up around town and the Village will be approached to put something on the big screen on Main Street. Flyers will be put into mailboxes.

Prices are (approx.):

All mailboxes (600 people) - \$119.00

All accepting fliers (400+) - \$43.00 - \$73.00

We could add Tees – price to be determined

B. Perry made the motion the library send out fliers to all boxes for \$119.00. Motion carried.

Proposed timeline is Feb. 1 – Mar. 20th.

Ember Graphics could print fliers for \$675.00. This was determined to be too costly.

The Readathon will be geared as a library PR/ community event. Any profits will go towards upgrades to bathroom etc.

Survey 2025 – so far the response has been good. It will run for 3 months. Results will be used to update our Plan of Service.

Strategic Planning Committee – Will consist of Board Members plus community members.

Canada Day – A letter will be drafted to the Village of Alix informing them the library will not host the Canada Day celebration going forward. All information will be available to any organization that is interested in taking the event over.

New Business

HR Appointment: C. Sydor has volunteered to take over the vacant spot on the committee. A. Gauthier made a motion to appoint C. Sydor to the Alix Public Library HR Committee. Motion Carried. Committee is comprised of C. Perry, B. Gilliat, C. Sydor.

Website – C. Perry asked the question if there was any interest in the library having their own website. There was none. We are happy with the website provided by PRL.

Book Club – Will continue on Feb. 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm. The first meeting was poorly attended due to the inclement weather.

Next meeting: March 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm made by B. Perry. Motion Carried.

Alix Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2025

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

Present: B. Gilliat, C. Perry, B. Perry, A. Gauthier, C. Sydor, T Fehr

Regrets: J. Ireland

Financials: It was agreed to move some funds into our savings account and keep only \$15,000 in our chequing account. Total funds in all accounts \$37,614.51. Arlene will ask Callie Sauer to audit the books again this year.

Managers' Report: Feb. Patron count 221. Terry was asking what she should do with excess donated books that are in the basement. It was suggested to set a table outside once its nice out and mark them as free. We could also have a bag sale and have people take as many as they want for a minimal charge.

Upcoming Programs:

April 17th – Easter Egg cookie decorating

May 15th Book floding

June 19th Scrabble or cards.

Terry requested money for a shelf in order to display staff picks.

Village Report: B. Gilliat reported she has been appointed Vice Chair of ALTA (Alberta Library Trustees Assoc).

Friends: No report

HR Committee: The committee met with Terry and have assigned some goals for the next few months to be followed up with a performance review. They are working on setting up Robin Tremblay as a volunteer with the hopes that she can be taken on in a part time position.

Alix Book Club: Was well attended last meeting. Next book is The Last Letter. Meeting is March 27th.

Old Business

Bathroom Upgrade: Brant offered to head up the renovations. He will get estimates for paint and flooring. It would be nice to have a locking storage cabinet for program supplies.

Read-A-Thon – postponed until next year.

Survey – Final date is March 31st.

New Business

PRL Conference – September 15th. This conference is free, Terry is encouraged to attend with any board members wishing to do so.

Alix Days – the library will participate in Alix Days instead of Canada Day.

Flower Boxes – Terry did not want a box as it is hard to get water for them. It was decided to get a rain barrel for the side of the building in order to store water. Worst case scenario, Barb will have bar staff water them.

Next Meeting May 13, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Red Deer River Municipal User Group Association

March 20, 2025

Mayor Tim Besuijen

1. Special General Meeting
 - a. Proposed changes to bylaw to add language on associate members, ex officio expertise and clarify executive director roles.
2. Regular Meeting
 - a. Review of Agenda and minutes from previous meeting and adopted.
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 - a. Financial Statement
4. Review of financial statements to from Feb 28, 2025
5. Presentation
 - a. Eastern irrigation District, Phase 2 update. Rain Saulnier, Water Smart, Nancy Inglis, Associated Engineers.
 - i. Update on Special Areas Acadia Valley project. This includes the environmental impact on native habitat and native wildlife etc.
 - ii. Consultation with Indigenous people impacted by the project.
 - b. Update on Mountain snowpack, Tim Ainscough – Mountain View regional water commission
6. Discussion / executive director report
 - a. Snowpacks in southern Alberta are in decent shape and GOA is not concerned at this point with water supply as last year. Red Deer basin is also in decent shape and at average levels and snowpack.
 - b. Ardley. GOA is looking at potential off-stream storage locations in municipalities. Study is still ongoing; no real updates are available currently.
 - c. Glennifer, confident flows can be managed with current snowpack and water levels.
 - d. RDRMUG website, close to awarding contract to develop a new website by end of June.
7. Round table of attendees
8. Next meeting will be, May 15th, 2025, in Drumheller

Regards,



Tim Besuijen

**Mayor Caucus
March 20, 2025
Tim Besuijen**

Meeting of central Alberta Mayor's and Reeves. Time for networking and getting to know other officials in our neighboring communities.

There was also a presentation from Community Futures. Community Futures provides education on foundational business knowledge and access to loans for small businesses. Guidance on buying or selling a business. There are online courses, resources and facilitators who can provide guidance.

There is an office in Mirror that serves our area; Community Futures East Parkland, web address <https://eastparkland.albertacf.com/>. Phone 403-788-2212

Regards,

Tim Besuijen

Tim Besuijen

Mayor, Village of Alix

Lacombe Foundation Meeting

March 24, 2025

Met March 24, 2025

- Annual audit completed by Metrix. Stated everything in great shape, and no adjustments
- New business plan being developed, and to be submitted by the June 30th deadline. This is being done again, as per the province/ministry. The hope is this new plan will instrumental in securing a grant for the new lodge project.
- Currently looking at properties for new development. Looking at parcels that are zoned to allow for a 100 bed facility. Would prefer a main floor facility, but open t 2 story facility with a patio.
- May look at re-homing residents to allow for phasing a new facility.
- Minister Nixon would like to see less vacancies and more demand? So it helps secure funding.
- I asked if AD Williams was taking potential tariffs into account, as this issue may drive up costs. They are aware of the potential increase on steel etc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Fehr', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Rob Fehr
Village of Alix



ALBERTA

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Office of the Minister

MLA, Calgary-Hays

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March 14, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

As you know, my colleague, the Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled *Budget 2025* in the Alberta Legislature on February 27. I am writing to share further information regarding *Budget 2025* as related to education property tax (EPT).

Budget 2025 takes an important step toward stabilizing operational funding for education systems across Alberta. Historically, approximately one-third of operational funding for Alberta Education came from the EPT municipalities collect from their rate payers on behalf of the province. In recent years, the proportion that EPT contributes to funding the operations of Alberta Education has decreased to less than 30 per cent. Through *Budget 2025*, the Government of Alberta is increasing the proportion of Alberta Education's operating budget covered by EPT to 31.6 per cent in 2025/2026 and back to 33 per cent in 2026/2027.

To provide Alberta's public education system with a stable and sustainable source of funding and meet the demands of increased student enrollment, EPT revenue will increase by 14 per cent from last year, to a total of \$3.1 billion. This increase will be reflected on the property tax bills that municipalities send to property owners in 2025.

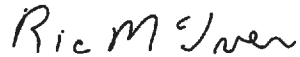
The Ministry of Municipal Affairs sent EPT requisitions to all municipal administrations, informing them of their share of the provincial EPT. For more information on EPT, including a fact sheet (Attachment 1) and the EPT Requisition Comparison Report (Attachment 2), please visit www.alberta.ca/property-tax and click on "Education property tax."

Municipalities across Alberta can inform residents that a portion of their property taxes goes directly to the provincial government to help pay for the operations of Alberta's education system. Many municipalities do this by adding a note to their property tax bills sent through the mail.

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Budget 2025 is meeting the challenge of the cost of living by helping families keep more money in their pockets with lower personal income taxes and continuing investments in education and health care. I look forward to working together over the next year as we build strong and vibrant communities that make Alberta the best place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ric McIver". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ric McIver
Minister

Attachments:

1. Education Property Tax Fact Sheet (2025)
2. Education Property Tax Comparison Report (2025)

Education Property Tax

Fact Sheet

Highlights of the 2025-26 provincial education property tax

Budget 2025 will see an increase to the education property tax rates after being frozen in 2024-25. The higher rates, along with rising property values and increased development, are expected to raise the education property tax requisition from \$2.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$3.1 billion in 2025-26.

The share of education operating costs funded by the education property tax will increase to 31.6 per cent in 2025-26, following historic lows of about 28 per cent in 2023-24 and 29.5 per cent in 2024-25. This will enhance Alberta's ability to fund school operations, leading to better educational outcomes as student enrolment continues to grow.

Education property taxes provide a stable source of revenue and equitable funding that supports K-12 education, including teachers' salaries, textbooks and classroom resources. They are not used to fund government operations, school capital costs or teachers' pensions.

Under the provincial funding model, all education property taxes are pooled by Alberta Education through the Alberta School Foundation Fund and distributed to public and separate school boards on an equal per-student basis.

How education property tax is calculated for municipalities

All municipalities collect an equitable share of the provincial education property tax in proportion to their total taxable property assessments, which are equalized across the province. The equalization process ensures owners of properties of similar value and type across the province pay similar amounts of education property taxes. For more details on this process, refer to the [Guide to Equalized Assessment](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/as/guide_to_equalized_assessment.pdf) (www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/as/guide_to_equalized_assessment.pdf) on the Alberta website.

The provincial equalized assessment base used to determine education property taxes this year reflects 2023 property values.

In 2025, the education property tax will be calculated at a rate of \$2.72 per \$1,000 of the total residential/farmland equalized assessment value. The non-residential rate will be set at \$4.00 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment value. Most property owners will see a change to their education tax bill due to increasing mill rates and assessment values. Individual properties are taxed based on the local education property tax rate set by the municipality.

How much Calgary and Edmonton contribute to education property tax

Based on this formula, Calgary taxpayers will contribute \$1.037 billion in education property tax in 2025. Edmonton taxpayers will contribute \$575 million in education property tax in 2025. Funding for Calgary and Edmonton school boards will be based on the published profiles expected to be released by the end of March 2025.

Declaration of faith

The Canadian Constitution guarantees Roman Catholic citizens' minority rights to a separate education system. In communities with separate school jurisdictions, property owners can declare they are of the Roman Catholic faith, so their education property tax dollars can be directed to those separate school jurisdictions.

Education system benefits everyone

Alberta's education system plays a crucial role in shaping a skilled workforce, driving economic growth and fostering the social well-being of individuals and the province as a whole. It serves as a cornerstone for personal and collective prosperity, benefiting all Albertans—regardless of age, marital status or parental responsibilities.

Questions about financial assistance for seniors or the Seniors Property Tax Deferral program can be directed to the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992 (in Edmonton - 780-644-9992).

2025 Education Property Tax Requisition Comparison Report

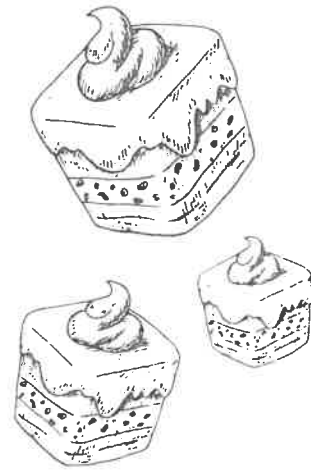
	Residential / Farm Land Requisition			Non-Residential Requisition			Total Education Requisition		
	2024	2025	% Change	2024	2025	% Change	2024	2025	% Change
Municipality									
Town of Spirit River	\$166,509	\$176,441	6%	\$75,363	\$61,040	8%	\$241,873	\$257,481	6%
Town of St. Paul	\$1,260,430	\$1,341,698	6%	\$627,699	\$694,064	11%	\$1,888,129	\$2,035,762	8%
Town of Stavely	\$141,229	\$168,982	20%	\$44,882	\$41,993	-6%	\$186,111	\$210,974	13%
Town of Stettler	\$1,456,021	\$1,633,399	12%	\$903,555	\$1,034,464	14%	\$2,359,576	\$2,667,863	13%
Town of Stony Plain	\$6,375,406	\$7,276,531	14%	\$1,940,532	\$2,210,709	14%	\$8,315,938	\$9,487,240	14%
Town of Strathmore	\$4,757,855	\$5,848,969	23%	\$1,195,502	\$1,403,028	17%	\$5,953,657	\$7,251,997	22%
Town of Sundre	\$837,834	\$949,140	13%	\$370,402	\$384,838	4%	\$1,208,236	\$1,332,977	10%
Town of Swan Hills	\$122,536	\$137,620	12%	\$111,045	\$104,896	-6%	\$233,581	\$242,516	4%
Town of Sylvan Lake	\$6,166,325	\$6,809,225	10%	\$1,282,671	\$1,431,680	12%	\$7,448,997	\$8,240,905	11%
Town of Taber	\$2,179,692	\$2,467,407	13%	\$1,012,489	\$1,188,322	17%	\$3,192,181	\$3,655,730	15%
Town of Thorsby	\$207,956	\$223,229	7%	\$80,840	\$81,266	1%	\$288,796	\$304,495	5%
Town of Three Hills	\$714,532	\$807,504	13%	\$232,148	\$278,749	20%	\$946,680	\$1,086,252	15%
Town of Tofteld	\$505,708	\$546,545	8%	\$201,851	\$220,732	9%	\$707,560	\$767,277	8%
Town of Trochu	\$187,250	\$219,112	17%	\$63,669	\$74,608	17%	\$250,919	\$293,719	17%
Town of Two Hills	\$159,745	\$173,598	9%	\$52,490	\$56,602	8%	\$212,235	\$230,200	8%
Town of Valleyview	\$348,413	\$396,108	14%	\$293,412	\$342,250	17%	\$641,826	\$738,359	15%
Town of Vegreville	\$204,637	\$242,223	18%	\$66,674	\$80,528	21%	\$271,311	\$322,750	19%
Town of Vermillion	\$1,270,223	\$1,398,415	10%	\$714,209	\$784,479	10%	\$1,994,432	\$2,182,894	10%
Town of Viking	\$1,048,118	\$1,148,399	10%	\$657,967	\$722,215	10%	\$1,706,085	\$1,870,614	10%
Town of Vulcan	\$181,712	\$199,249	10%	\$82,710	\$87,407	6%	\$264,422	\$286,656	8%
Town of Wainwright	\$506,701	\$581,657	15%	\$155,929	\$176,348	13%	\$662,630	\$758,004	14%
Town of Wembley	\$1,647,086	\$1,773,328	8%	\$952,095	\$1,028,317	8%	\$2,599,181	\$2,801,645	8%
Town of Westlock	\$366,635	\$404,951	10%	\$140,603	\$160,702	14%	\$507,238	\$565,653	12%
Town of Whitecourt	\$1,062,898	\$1,175,208	11%	\$681,121	\$727,190	7%	\$1,744,019	\$1,902,398	9%
	\$2,736,404	\$2,959,682	8%	\$2,275,620	\$2,535,055	11%	\$5,012,024	\$5,494,737	10%
Village									
Alberta Beach	\$460,851	\$493,842	7%	\$42,315	\$50,665	20%	\$503,166	\$544,506	8%
Village of Acme	\$137,589	\$166,973	21%	\$41,136	\$48,261	17%	\$178,726	\$215,235	20%
Village of Alix	\$157,002	\$184,519	18%	\$59,747	\$69,550	16%	\$216,748	\$254,068	17%
Village of Alliance	\$17,468	\$18,792	8%	\$10,788	\$11,391	6%	\$28,256	\$30,183	7%
Village of Amisk	\$29,421	\$30,500	4%	\$5,498	\$6,820	24%	\$34,919	\$37,319	7%
Village of Andrew	\$67,963	\$69,512	2%	\$20,820	\$23,248	12%	\$88,783	\$92,760	4%
Village of Arrowwood	\$34,108	\$42,675	25%	\$11,414	\$14,359	26%	\$45,523	\$57,032	25%
Village of Barrwell	\$263,431	\$293,199	11%	\$17,378	\$19,298	11%	\$280,809	\$312,499	11%
Village of Barons	\$47,345	\$65,841	39%	\$9,814	\$13,829	41%	\$57,159	\$79,670	39%
Village of Bawlf	\$84,230	\$92,378	10%	\$6,886	\$7,387	10%	\$90,916	\$99,765	10%
Village of Beiseker	\$204,158	\$245,284	20%	\$109,271	\$118,304	8%	\$313,430	\$363,588	16%
Village of Benwyn	\$73,925	\$75,735	2%	\$12,354	\$13,080	6%	\$86,279	\$88,815	3%
Village of Big Valley	\$57,540	\$64,384	12%	\$19,214	\$22,565	17%	\$76,754	\$86,948	13%
Village of Bittern Lake	\$57,647	\$62,677	9%	\$8,552	\$9,357	9%	\$66,199	\$72,035	9%
Village of Boyle	\$156,074	\$168,100	8%	\$96,197	\$105,289	9%	\$252,271	\$273,389	8%
Village of Breton	\$106,294	\$121,299	14%	\$41,573	\$44,422	7%	\$147,867	\$165,721	12%
Village of Carbon	\$102,293	\$117,893	15%	\$11,484	\$12,220	6%	\$113,778	\$130,113	14%

Requisitions are actuals, subject to revision

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March 13, 2025

To: Canada's Mayors, Wardens, Chairs, and Local Government Leaders

As Mayor of Brampton, I am writing to you today about the *Stand for Canada* campaign, designed to encourage local governments across Canada to take a united stand in protecting local interests and fostering a stronger, more resilient Canadian economy in the face of U.S.-imposed tariffs.

In recent months, we have witnessed significant challenges to our nation's economy, particularly with the imposition and looming deadlines of new tariffs by the United States on Canadian goods. These actions have highlighted the need for a coordinated effort from all levels of government to ensure the protection and growth of Canadian businesses, workers, and communities – and our strong future together.

As part of this initiative, I am urging all levels of government to consider taking impactful steps:

- 1. Banning US-owned companies or their subsidiaries from bidding on new municipal contracts for goods and services. By doing so, we will send a clear message that Canadian communities and businesses must be prioritized, especially in the face of unfair trade practices.**
- 2. Reviewing existing contracts to pivot to Made in Canada solutions.**

The *Stand For Canada* campaign calls for a *Team Canada* approach to trade — one where local leaders work together to defend our country's economic interests and create opportunities for Canadian businesses to thrive. Through this collective action, we will ensure local government contracts are awarded to companies supporting Canadian jobs and our Canadian economy.

I invite you to join this critical movement by visiting our campaign website, Stand4Canada.ca where you can learn more about the initiative and sign the pledge to stand with Canada.

We are pleased to share your support for Team Canada on the website, if you email your name and the logo/crest of the city, township, region, county or district you represent to stand4canada@brampton.ca. By signing the pledge, you are taking a meaningful step toward building a more competitive and self-sustaining Canadian economy.

Together, we can remain strong, resilient and prosperous in the face of external challenges. I look forward to your support as we continue to stand for Canada.

Sincerely,



Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton



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April 3, 2025

RE: CN RIGHT-OF-WAY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Dear Mayor,

At CN, we are committed to operating a safe and efficient railway while fostering trust and collaboration with the communities we serve. As part of this commitment, we are reaching out to inform you of our upcoming vegetation management activities in your area, scheduled to take place between April and October 2025. You can find a regularly updated schedule at www.cn.ca/vegetation.

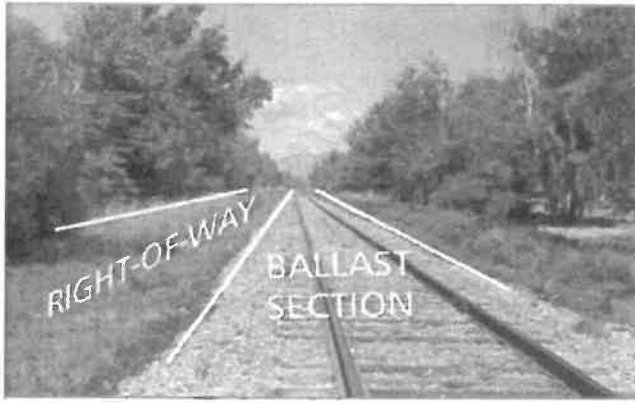
Vegetation management is a crucial component of railway safety and regulatory compliance. In accordance with Transport Canada's requirements, our program helps maintain clear sightlines for motorists and pedestrians at crossings while mitigating potential risks to railway operations. By proactively managing vegetation, we enhance safety for both rail operations and the surrounding communities.

Management Strategies

CN manages vegetation using both chemical and mechanical methods. We are sensitive to concerns your community may have regarding chemical vegetation management and at CN, we strive to safeguard our neighbouring communities and the environment.

The track infrastructure is composed of two main sections, the 24-foot ballast section (which is primarily gravel and supports the track structure) and the right of way portion (which is the area outside of the ballast section to the CN property boundary).

The 24-foot ballast section and the areas around signals and communications equipment that are critical for safe railway operations will be managed using chemical methods. Application in these safety critical areas is done by spray trucks or spray trains with downcast nozzles that spray a short distance above the ground surface with shrouded booms, specially designed to limit the chemicals from drifting. The right-of-way section is maintained using mechanical control methods such as mowing, or brush cutting and may be chemically treated to control noxious or invasive weeds or brush.



CN will use chemical control techniques on the ballast section and specific locations of the right of way throughout the network for safety reasons. Furthermore, when chemicals are applied via spray train or truck, additives called surfactants are included to make the chemical work better.

CN has retained professional contractors qualified to undertake this work. They are required to follow all laws and regulations that apply to CN. In addition, the contractors will ensure that vegetation control is performed with consideration of the environment and in accordance with the highest industry standards.

Inquiries

Should your community have any noxious weed removal requests, we ask that you contact CN's Public Inquiry Line at contact@cn.ca or fill out the form at www.cn.ca/vegetation before June 1, 2025 with the specific information and location. CN will make every effort to include those locations as part of our 2025 Vegetation Management Program. All notices sent after the above-mentioned date will be included in the 2026 Vegetation Management Plan.

We look forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have regarding our vegetation control activities in your community. Please find attached the notices CN is publishing in local papers to advise the public. We would kindly ask that you post copies on your community's website and at City Hall or other central locations for a wider distribution.

For any questions or more information, please contact the CN Public Inquiry Line by telephone at 1888-888-5909, or by email at contact@cn.ca.

Please also find a list of FAQs regarding the program that may be of further assistance at www.cn.ca/vegetation. Best regards,

Laura Hammer

Vegetation Manager