



# Village of Alix

## *"A Way of Life"*

### **Mission**

*"We foster an open, cooperative government that encourages public participation and ensures levels of service our citizens expect and deserve"*

### **Vision**

*"Vibrant Village by the lake"*

### **Core Values**

#### **Community**

*We will help citizens maintain the Village's unique qualities, foster a strong sense of belonging and strive to meet needs locally*

#### **Fiscal Responsibility**

*As stewards of community resources, we will deliver municipal services in a cost-effective way*

#### **Innovation**

*We will seek innovative solutions for the growth and success of the community.*

#### **Respect**

*We will treat each other with respect and act with integrity.*

#### **Safety**

*We will work in partnership with the community to prevent crime and protect lives, property, and the public realm.*

#### **Teamwork**

*We will build strong relationships with our public, employees, and partners under the shared goal of continuous improvement.*

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

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

Also Present: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

Resolution #228/25: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – November 5, 2025

Resolution #229/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: None

Bylaws: a) Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPPS) Bylaw #491/25 – Request for Decision 25-63

Resolution #230/25: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby give first reading to Bylaw #491/25, being a Bylaw of the Village of Alix in the Province of Alberta, to provide for monthly tax installment payments.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Tax Recovery Public Auction 2025 – Request for Decision 25-59

Resolution #231/25: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby transfer title and take ownership of Lot 18, Block 4, Plan RN 30 within the Village of Alix and Council directs administration to take steps to sell the property for the assessed value once title has been transferred.

CARRIED

Resolution #232/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby transfer and take ownership of Lots 18, 19, Block 6, Plan RN 30 within the Village of Alix and Council directs administration to take steps to sell the property for the assessed value once title has been transferred.

CARRIED

b) Railway House Taxes – Request for Decision 25-60

Resolution #233/25: Moved by Councillor Laneuville that the Village of Alix Council hereby cancels outstanding taxes on tax roll 72800 in the amount of \$276.77.

CARRIED

New Business: (cont.) c) Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding Agreement - Request for Decision 25-61

Resolution #234/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby agrees to enter into a Funding Agreement with His Majesty the King for the purpose of obtaining Family and Community Support Services funding.

CARRIED

d) Alix Public Library 2026 Budget – Request for Decision 25-58

Resolution #235/25: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves the estimate of local appropriation as made by the Alix Public Library Board for the 2026 fiscal year.

CARRIED

e) Hwy 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission 2026 Operating Budget – Request for Decision 25-62

Resolution #236/25: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts Request for Decision 25-62: Hwy 12/21 Proposed 2026 Operating Budget as information.

CARRIED

f) 2026 Interim Operating Budget

Resolution #237/25: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby approve the 2026 Interim Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution #238/25: Moved by Councillor Laneville that the Village of Alix Council hereby direct administration to research the feasibility of moving the Village of Alix Municipal Office to Railway House.

CARRIED

g) 2026 Capital Budget and Multi Year Capital Plan

Resolution #239/25: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby table the 2026 Capital Budget and Multi Year Capital Plan until the December 3, 2025 regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Financial Reports: a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – October 15 – November 5, 2025

b) Tax Trial Balance – November 13, 2025

Resolution #240/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Financial Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports: None

Administrative Reports: None

Correspondence and Information: a) Denette Leask, Infrastructure Technologist, Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors – Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership

Correspondence and  
Information: (cont.)

b) Sharon Faszler – Citizen Concern – October 15, 2025 and November 12, 2025

Item 11.b) Discussion Notes:

- Regarding Ms. Faszler's letter received October 15, 2025 not being included in the October 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting; correspondence must be received 1 week prior to the meeting to be included in the agenda package.
- Regarding Ms. Faszler's concern that the CAO was given authority to spend thousands of dollars on a municipal lot to turn it into a dirt field covered in weeds; Resolution 193/25 directed the CAO to research options for topsoil removal and report back to Council.
- Regarding Ms. Faszler's comment that Mayor Gilliat should remove herself from the Rahr Malting/Village Relations Committee due to favouritism because her father brought Westcan Malting to Alix; Mayor Gilliat has not worked for Rahr Malting for over 20 years. This Committee meets on an 'as needed' basis. No decisions are made by the Committee, Council representatives report back to Council as a whole.
- Regarding Ms. Faszler's comment that Mayor Gilliat should remove her name from the Urban Indigenous Voices Society; Mayor Gilliat is not a member of the Society. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were invited to attend the 2025 Respected Guest Gathering. During her report on the event, Mayor Gilliat commented that she was surprised they were the only ones there from the region. Council commented on the importance of maintaining a good relationship with the Indigenous community.
- Regarding Ms. Faszler's concern that there are too many committees, societies, boards etc.; Council appoints delegates to boards/committees that pertain to Village operations. Some of these are mandatory or legislated participation.
- Ms. Faszler's budget recommendations were reviewed.
- Regarding Ms. Faszler's comment that the campground caretaker should be paying for RV storage; the caretaker is contracted for services in 2026. He was advised of the need to have his own insurance coverage and that the Village accepted no liability if he chose to leave his unit at the campground until spring.
- Regarding Ms. Faszler's concern that Council's expenses are hidden from the public on Visa cards; No Council member has a Village credit card. All Council expenses (mileage, meeting fees etc.) are disclosed in the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing provided publicly in Council meeting agenda packages.
- Regarding Ms. Faszler's concern that FOIP fees are too high; These are legislated charges set out in the Access to Information Act Regulation.

c) Corporal Grant Glasier, Acting Detachment Commander, Bashaw Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment

d) Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Municipal Support for the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

Resolution #241/25:

Moved by Councillor Cole that Correspondence Items (a) through (d) be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting: None

Adjournment:

Resolution #242/25: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that this Regular Meeting of the Village of  
Alix Council be adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT



**Date:** November 25, 2025 RFD 25-64  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** TIPPS Bylaw

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1. **PURPOSE** – To present the draft Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPPS) Bylaw.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The previous TIPPS Bylaw was passed in 1992 and made no mention of the many electronic payment options available today. Council gave first reading to the proposed new bylaw at the November 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To give Bylaw 491/25 second and third readings and pass it
  2. To accept this report as information
4. **DISCUSSION** – No public feedback has been received on this Bylaw at the time of writing this report.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – No financial implication to the Village.
6. **LEGAL** – There is no reference to how the monthly payments need to be made in the existing 1992 Bylaw, so the Bylaw is not being broken when we accept electronic payments. The problem is with the dates/timeframe for payments to be made in the old Bylaw. Cash or cheque can be processed immediately, electronic transfers often have processing delays of up to 3 days. This can make month end accounting processes difficult.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – As new payment options become available, making it easier for ratepayers to make monthly payments, we are seeing an increase in TIPPS users. There are approximately 110 people currently on TIPPS. This helps with many things like our property tax collection rate, liquid cash flow and administrative function.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1 – I recommend the following resolutions:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives second reading to Bylaw 491/25, being a Bylaw of the Village of Alix in the Province of Alberta, to provide for monthly tax installment payments.”

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives third reading and passes Bylaw 491/25.”

Author

# VILLAGE OF ALIX

## BYLAW NO. 491/25

**BEING** a Bylaw of the Village of Alix, in the Province of Alberta, to provide for monthly tax installment payments.

**WHEREAS** Section 340 of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto permits that a Council may, by Bylaw establish a program for payment of taxes by installments.

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

### **1. SHORT TITLE**

This Bylaw is to be cited as the "Monthly Tax Installment Payment Bylaw".

### **2. DEFINITIONS**

In this Bylaw:

- (a) "Taxes" means all taxes levied by the Village of Alix and without in any way restricting the generality of the foregoing, shall include property taxes, frontage taxes and local improvement taxes.
- (b) "Taxpayer" means a person liable to pay taxes to the Village of Alix.
- (c) "Village" means the Village of Alix.

### **3. TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS**

- (a) Taxpayers of the Village of Alix may elect to enter into a Monthly Tax Installment Payment Plan, by way of a Monthly Tax Installment Agreement, to provide for the payment of Taxes in equal monthly installments from January to December in any year.
- (b) The Monthly Tax Installment Payment Plan permits the Taxpayer to pay by twelve (12) payments with cash, postdated cheques, direct debit, online banking, E-transfers or preauthorized payments to the Village as per Schedule "A" of this bylaw.
- (c) The Monthly Tax Installment Payment Plan shall commence on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, provided that all Taxes, tax arrears and penalties are paid in full. The opportunity to join the Monthly Tax Installment Payment Plan will be open January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, inclusive of the year.
- (d) Taxpayers joining the plan after a payment due date shall be required to make all necessary payments starting from January 1<sup>st</sup> to the commencement of the plan agreement date.

- (e) The monthly installments shall be calculated as follows:
  - i) The monthly payment amount for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> shall be five (5) equal payments calculated by dividing the previous years tax levy by twelve (12).
  - ii) The monthly payment amount for the period June 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> shall be seven (7) equal payments calculated by crediting the current years tax levy with the amount paid in the first five (5) monthly payments and dividing the remaining balance of the current years tax levy by seven (7).
- (f) The Tax Penalty Bylaw does not apply to installments paid in accordance with the Plan. However, the Village may cancel the privilege of continuing in the Plan if two (2) consecutive payments are not made by the Taxpayer or are not processed by the Financial Institution. This includes NSF cheques or electronic/online payment delays or errors. If cancelled, any unpaid balance of the Taxes, shall be subject to the Tax Penalty Bylaw.
- (g) In the event any Taxes remain unpaid on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of the year for which they are levied, then all Taxes owing shall be subject to the Tax Penalty Bylaw.
- (h) In the event of a sale of the property the Taxpayer shall notify the Village in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the next payment date, to arrange for cancellation or transfer of the Monthly Tax Installment Payment Plan.
- (i) A copy of the Monthly Tax Installment Agreement, Schedule "A" is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw.

#### **4. SEVERABILITY**

Should any provision of this Bylaw be invalid, then such provision shall be severed and the remaining Bylaw shall be maintained.

#### **5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on January 1, 2026.

#### **6. REPEAL**

Bylaw 200/92 is hereby repealed by passage of this Bylaw.

Read a first time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

Read a second time this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2025.

Read a third time and finally passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2025.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer



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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** November 26, 2025                      RFD 25-68  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Fee Schedule Bylaw

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1. **PURPOSE** – To present the draft Amendment to Alix Fee Schedule Bylaw 490/25.
2. **BACKGROUND** – It is a best practice to review the Fee Schedule Bylaw before the beginning of the new year so that any changes will come into effect as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Last year all of the utility charges were added to this Bylaw so it is easier to make and track changes.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To give Bylaw 490/25 all 3 readings and pass it
  2. To amend the Bylaw and give all 3 readings
  3. To give the Bylaw 1 reading and allow time for public input
4. **DISCUSSION** – This is the final meeting of 2025. The Bylaw states it comes into effect January 1, 2026. If the Bylaw is not passed at this meeting, it could cause an issue with any mid-month water meter readings as the new rate cannot be charged until the Bylaw is passed.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – This amendment will keep water charges equal to what the Village is charged by the Water Commission. It will also address when Public Works staff has had to do work for bylaw enforcement related situations.

NOTE: The water rate in the attached bylaw has been changed from the rate presented at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Council previously reviewed a water rate increase of \$0.03/m<sup>3</sup>. The water rate in the Hwy 12/21 draft budget is proposing is a \$0.07/m<sup>3</sup> increase.

6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. "187(1) Every proposed bylaw must have 3 distinct and separate readings.
  - (2) Each councillor present at the meeting at which first reading is to take place must be given or have had the opportunity to review the full text of the proposed bylaw before the bylaw receives first reading.
  - (4) A proposed bylaw must not have more than 2 readings at a council meeting unless the councillors present unanimously agree to consider third reading.
  - (5) Only the title or identifying number has to be read at each reading of the bylaw.

**MGA s. 191(1)** the power to pass a bylaw under this or any other enactment includes a power to amend or repeal the bylaw.

  - (2) the amendment or repeal must be made in the same way as the original bylaw and is subject to the same consents or conditions or advertising requirements that apply to the passing of the original bylaw, unless this or any other enactment provides otherwise."

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –

**8. OTHER COMMENTS –**

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS – Option #1 – I recommend the following resolutions:**

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives first reading to Bylaw 490/25, being a Bylaw of the Village of Alix in the Province of Alberta, to provide for monthly tax installment payments.”

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives second reading to Bylaw 490/25.”

“that the Village of Alix Council give permission for third and final reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #490/25 at this time.”

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives third reading and passes Bylaw 490/25.”



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Author



**BYLAW #486/24  
"SCHEDULE A"  
Fee Schedule**

**ADMINISTRATION**

<b><u>Faxing</u></b>	Per page received	1.00
	Per page sent	2.00
<b><u>N.S.F. Charge</u></b>		30.00
<b><u>Photocopying</u></b>	Black & white (per page)	0.10
	Colour (per page)	0.25
<b><u>Pins</u></b>	GST Included	3.00

**BUSINESS LICENSES**

Local	50.00
Non-local	100.00
Temporary	25.00
Hawkers & peddlers	25.00

**CAMPGROUND**

Per stall/day (Power)	35.00
Per stall/day (No Power)	25.00
Per stall/week (Power)	210.00
Per stall/ month (Power)	800.00

**CEMETERY**

<b><u>Plot Sales</u></b>	Full burial plot (each)	250.00
	Cremation burial plot (each)	100.00
	Veteran, full or cremation plot	50% of listed cost

<b><u>Registration</u></b>	Transfer fee	25.00
	Registration of additional burials per plot	25.00

<b><u>Open &amp; Close</u></b>	Open & close for cremation burial (regular work hours – May 1 – Oct 31)	100.00
	Open & close for cremation burial (overtime work hours – May 1 – Oct 31)	200.00
	Open & close ground prep for any burial (winter rate, Nov 1 – Apr 30)	200.00
	Open & close ground prep for full burial (summer rate, May 1 – Oct 31)	50.00

<b><u>Work Permit Fee</u></b>	Work permit for monument companies	50.00
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**LAND USE BYLAW**

<b><u>Bylaw Amendment</u></b>	Application to amend Land Use Bylaw only	300.00 + advertising cost
<b><u>Compliance Certificate</u></b>		100.00
<b><u>Development Permits</u></b>	Permitted uses	100.00
	Discretionary uses	200.00
	Subdivision Development Appeal Board Fee	250.00
	Retroactive Development Permit ( <b>Major</b> ) (major means building construction including accessory buildings on a foundation)	500.00
	Retroactive Development Permit ( <b>Minor</b> ) (minor means all other development requiring a permit but not included in major)	200.00
<b><u>Encroachment Agreement</u></b>	Includes registration on title	300.00 + legal fees
<b><u>License to Occupy</u></b>	Includes registration on title	300.00 + legal fees

**PUBLIC WORKS**

<b><u>Labour Rates for Misc. Duties</u></b>	Public Works Labour	40.00/hr
	Skid Steer/Loader with Operator	120.00/hr
	3 Ton Truck with Operator	100.00/hr
	Lawn Mower with Operator	60.00/hr
	Chain Saw with Operator	60.00/hr

**TAXES**

<b><u>Assessment Review Board</u></b>	Assessment complaint filing fee	100.00
<b><u>Tax Certificates</u></b>	Requested by persons not owning the property	35.00
	Requested by registered owner	N/C
<b><u>Tax Searches</u></b>	No certificate issued	25.00

**UTILITIES**

**Utility Rates**

Connection Fee: (during regular office hours)	50.00
Connection Fee: (after regular office hours)	200.00

**Residential Water & Sewer**

Residential Water Rate:	Flat rate per month is \$38.50 plus \$3.63 per cubic meter consumption.
Residential Sewer Rate:	Flat rate per month is \$26.25 per water meter plus \$2.84 per cubic meter of water usage

**Residential Garbage**

Residential Garbage Rate:	Flat rate per month is \$22.50 per dwelling unit
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### **Commercial Water**

Commercial Water Rate: Flat rate per month is \$36.00 plus \$3.63 per cubic meter consumption.

Commercial Water Rate with attached living quarters Flat rate per month \$36.00 plus \$3.63 per cubic meter.

### **Commercial Sewer**

Commercial Sewer Rate: Flat rate per month \$26.25 plus \$2.84 per cubic meter of water usage.

Commercial Sewer Rate with attached living quarters: Flat rate per month \$26.25 plus \$2.84 per cubic meter of water usage.

### **Commercial Garbage**

Commercial Garbage Collection Rate with or without living quarters: Flat rate per month \$41.50 (to a maximum of two totes)

High Volume: Can be coordinated between Business Owner and Contractor with a copy of the contract to be forwarded to the Village of Alix Municipal Office.

Non Collection: Regional Land Fill Fee - Flat rate per month is \$10.25.

Vacant Commercial: May appeal to the CAO to be exempt from Commercial Garbage Collection Rate less the Regional Land Fill Fee once tote is returned to Village.

### **Industrial Water/Sewer/Garbage**

Industrial Water Rate: Flat rate per month is \$36.00 plus \$3.63 per cubic meter consumption.

Industrial Sewer Rate: Flat rate per month is \$26.25 plus \$2.84 per cubic meter of water usage.

Industrial Garbage Rate: Flat rate per month is \$41.50 (to a maximum of two (2) totes).

### **Commercial/Industrial Recycling & Composting**

Low Volume: Flat rate per month is \$5.93 all accounts.

High Volume: Can be coordinated between Business Owner and Contractor.

### **Bulk Water**

The Village of Alix automated water dispensing station bulk rate will be \$6.00 per cubic meter.  
Bulk Water Cards: Cost Recovery for new Cards Issued

### **Benevolent Group Rate**

Churches, Societies, Boards and Organizations owning facilities may be exempted, by the CAO, from the garbage collection, compost and recycle fees upon written request.



# CAPITAL BUDGET 2026

VILLAGE OF ALIX



# CAPITAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS:

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL FRAMEWORK (LGFF)

- Available funding in 2025: \$499,835
- Spent in 2025: \$ 47,619
- 2026 Allocation: \$260,056
- Total 2026 funding available: **\$712,272**

## CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND (CCBF)

- Available funding in 2025: \$192,648
- Spent in 2025: \$ 71,818
- 2026 Allocation (estimate): \$ 97,000
- Total 2026 funding available: **\$217,830**

NOTE: Based on updated estimates, if/when lagoon cells 1-4 re-lining AMWVP grant is approved, the Village will need to provide \$625,000 in funding toward the \$2,500,000 project. LGFF or reserves could be used for this.

# MUNICIPAL RESERVES 2025 YEAR END BALANCES:

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• General	\$ 53,000	• Arena	\$213,034
• Fire Department	\$153,778	• Parks/Playgrounds	\$ 28,000
• Streets	\$ 68,370	• Lake	\$ 7,367
• Water	<b>\$142,187*</b>	• Community Hall	\$ 41,529
• Sewer	\$407,331	• Library	<u>\$ 2,250</u>
• Cemetery	\$ 25,000		

\*Water reserves will be reduced by 2025 year end

• **Total Reserves**      **\$1,134,479**





Project Name:

Paving Campground Road

Project Cost (estimate): \$68,000

- **Project summary:** The road to the municipal campground and lake day-use area is currently a gravel road. This road sees heavy traffic in both volume and weight. Recommended pavement depth 3 ½” or 4”. There is significant infrastructure (water lines) under this road. On the scale of “Good, Better, Fair, Poor” those lines are considered “Better” according to the 2025 Infrastructure Master Plan. This is based primarily on the age of the lines.
- **Council input/consideration:** Council reviewed this project during 2023 Strategic Planning. It was considered ‘Small Pave Priority #2’ and scheduled for 2026.
- **Funding source(s):** Canada Community Building Fund





Project Name:

47 Avenue Re-Build

Project Cost (estimate): \$350,850

Asphalt: \$ 175,500

Water: \$46,350

Sewer: \$129,000

- **Project Summary:** 47 Avenue re-build. The scope of this project (length of new paving) may need to be adjusted according to budget. 47 Ave has minimal services under the road – mainly storm water collection and water/sewer crossings at intersections. This project was prioritized according to the PCI Rating System in the Infrastructure Master Plan (draft).
- **Council Input/Consideration:** In 2022, paving this street was put in the Capital Budget for 2024 completion. It was pushed back to 2026 due to the very expensive Lagoon Rebuild & Lift Station Rebuild taking up most of the available grant funds.
- **Funding Source:** Local Government Fiscal Framework





- **Project Summary:** When discussing municipal building maintenance concerns, Public Works mentioned the roof of the Village Office building is deteriorating and water is pooling. The building was constructed in 1976 and became Village Office in 1999. It is a flat roof construction with an air conditioning unit and a large tower on it. Public Works does regular inspections of municipal buildings and flagged the Office roof as a concern.
- **Council Input/Consideration:** This was added to the project list in the in the fall of 2024 and approved in the 2025 Capital Budget for completion in 2026.
- **Funding Source:** Local Gov't Fiscal Framework Grant

Project Name:

Office Roof Re-build/Repair

Project Cost (estimate): \$32,000





Project Name:

Replace Digital Sign

Project Cost: \$35,000

- **Project Summary:** The digital sign at the intersection of Main Street and Railway Ave was installed in 2012. Software upgrades are complete and the sign can now be updated from Village Office. Bulbs in the display are needing more frequent replacement and picture distortion is obvious when bulbs go down outside of the once per year sign maintenance. Sign resolution has also seriously deteriorated.
- **Council Input/Consideration:** In October 2023, Council made a resolution to include replacement of the digital sign in the Multi-Year Capital Budget.
- **Funding Source:** Municipal Taxes



- **Project Summary:** Rahr Park play structure had a damaged slide removed in 2017. We are not able to replace it as new structures have incompatible dimensions. There is a new Playground Society now, but they are getting a slow start and have not applied for any funding yet. The budgeted \$50,000 to reserves assumed the Village would only need to cover approx 25% of the project costs. With a \$50,000 budget, this project cannot proceed.

- **Council Input/Consideration:** During 2023 Strategic Planning it was noted that several playgrounds need to have the play structures replaced. Council added 2 projects to the Capital Budget for 2026 and 2028.

- **Funding Source:** Parks/Playground Reserves **NOTE:** Total Parks reserves available in 2026 = \$78,000 leaving a \$162,000 shortfall.

Project Name:  
Playground Re-build  
Project Budget: \$50,000 (additional \$28,000 available in reserves)  
NOTE: upgrades are likely to cost \$240,000





Project Name:

Cemetery Fencing

Project Cost (estimate): \$18,500

- **Project Summary:** The cemetery has been getting much needed work done over the last few years; repairing and adding new ribbons for full burial & cremation plots, replacing the sign and damaged sections of fencing etc. There is another significant section of fencing around the old portion of the cemetery that needs to be replaced.
- **Council Input/Consideration:** Council added this item to the Multi-Year Capital Budget in 2025.
- **Funding Source:** Municipal Taxes

**NOTE:** County will reimburse a portion of this cost based on their funding formula.





- **Project Summary:** The Village has had more and more difficulty contracting a grader for snow clearing, resulting in a non-competitive bidding process. Staff would like to have the option of using 'in-house' resources. This may result in a change in service level for residents.

- **Council Input/Consideration:** This item has not been brought to Council before.
- **Funding Source:** Local Gov't Fiscal Framework Grant

Project Name:

Loader Blade

Project Cost (estimate): \$25,000





Project Name:

Servicing Fire Hall

Project Cost (estimate): \$150,000

- **Project Summary:** The Fire Hall is not on municipal sewer service. It has a septic tank which needs to be regularly pumped out. Though the Hall is connected to municipal water, it is the last building on a dead end line. This means that due to low water use, the water must be treated as non-potable. Chlorine levels may be below regulated thresholds at any time due to lack of regular use.
- **Council Input/Consideration:** This item has not been brought to Council before.
- **Funding Source:** Reserves



# 2026 DEBENTURE PRINCIPAL PAYMENT TOTAL: \$165,572.77

**PUBLIC  
WORKS/SEWER  
DEBENTURE #4000312**

2026 principal payment:  
**\$14,925.62**

Borrowed \$165,000 on  
July 17, 2007

Repayment Complete:  
September 17, 2032

This borrowing was for  
building the new Public  
Works shop and the  
49<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer  
project.

**STREETS/SEWER  
DEBENTURE #4000937**

2026 principal payment:  
**\$57,937.94**

Borrowed \$926,966 on  
March 3, 2010

Repayment Complete  
June 15, 2030

This borrowing was for the  
Main Street Rehabilitation  
project, removal of Lake St. lift  
station, upgrades to Rahr lift  
station and new sewer main  
on 46 Ave.

**WATER/SEWER  
DEBENTURE #4001775**

2026 principal payment:  
**\$25,754.84**

Borrowed: \$500,000 on  
July 16, 2014

Repayment Complete:  
December 15, 2034

This borrowing was for  
water distribution design  
drawings and lagoon  
upgrades.

**WATER DEBENTURE  
#4001899**

2026 principal payment:  
**\$35,049.43**

Borrowed: \$700,000 on  
June 17, 2015

Repayment Complete:  
September 15, 2035

This borrowing was for a  
water main upgrades to  
Lake Street.

**RAILWAY HOUSE  
DEBENTURE #4002370**

2026 principal payment:  
**\$31,904.94**

Borrowed: \$1,236,000  
on Jan 17, 2018

Repayment Complete:  
March 15, 2048

This borrowing was  
done for the purchase of  
Railway House

2026 Interest payments on the above debentures coming from the Operating Budget total \$70,685.70  
NOTE: Debenture expenses on the Multi-Year Capital Budget are grouped according to their municipal department.

## 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY:

Project Name	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Paving Campground Road	\$68,000	Canada Community Building Fund
Paving 47 Avenue	\$350,850	Local Gov't Fiscal Framework
Office Roof Repair/Rebuild	\$32,000	Local Gov't Fiscal Framework
Replace Digital Sign	\$35,000	Municipal Taxes
Playground Re-Build	\$50,000	Reserves
Cemetery Fencing	\$18,500	Municipal Taxes
Loader Blade	\$25,000	Local Gov't Fiscal Framework
Servicing Fire Hall	\$150,000	Reserves
Public Works Debenture	\$50,001	Municipal Taxes
Water Debenture	\$36,337	Municipal Taxes
Sewer Debenture	\$47,329	Municipal Taxes
Railway House Debenture	\$31,905	Municipal Taxes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$894,922</b>	

NOTE: Debenture payments in above table are principal portion only. It is exceptionally rare to have debenture repayment expenses covered by grant funds and that arrangement needs to be in place before the borrowing is done.



## **MULTI YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET (2026-2031)**

- The de-sludging of lagoon cells 1 & 2 was only a temporary fix. The 4 small cells need to have a synthetic liner installed (same as cells 5 & 6) to properly extend the useful life of the lagoon. Our Alberta Municipal Water / Wastewater grant application for this project was denied for 2025 but remains in the queue for funding. If we get the AMWWP grant in the spring, we will need to re-visit the Capital Budget and 2026 project list and possibly cut or push back a couple of projects on the list due to funding constraints. Since it took about 4 years to have our last AMWWP grant funded, I did not include Cells 1-4 in the Multi-Year Capital Budget at this time.
- The Infrastructure Master Plan will be complete late 2025 / early 2026. This will help determine which water/sewer/street projects need to be prioritized over the next 10 years. There will also be building assessment reports on the Fire Hall, Library, Community Hall and Arena as a part of this project with a 10 year building repair/maintenance plan.
- Council may decide to remove or delay paving of the road to the campground. There are significant infrastructure costs related to utilities and municipal buildings in the medium to long term that will require a strong funding commitment from the Village.
- In 2030, one of our debentures (loans) will be paid off. This will free up approx. \$69,000 per year of combined principle and interest payments.
- Municipal Reserves still need to be built up. Strategic Planning by Council is needed to determine priority projects so we can start saving up for them.
- I recommend the following resolutions:

*“that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves the 2026 Capital Budget as presented.”*

*“that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves the Multi-Year Capital Plan as presented.”*

NOTE: Our Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) inspection flagged the need to have the above resolutions made separately. In the past, one resolution was done – 2 are needed for legislative compliance.



	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>2026</b>	Paving Campground road	\$68,000.00	CCBF		
	47th Ave Re-Build	\$350,850.00	LGFF		
	Office Roof re-build	\$32,000.00	Municipal Taxes		
	Replace Digital Sign	\$35,000.00	Municipal Taxes		
	Playground re-build	\$50,000.00	Reserves		
	Cemetery Fencing	\$18,500.00	Municipal taxes		
	Water/Sewer for Fire Hall	\$150,000.00	Reserves		
	Loader Blade	\$25,000.00	LGFF		
	Public Works Debenture Principal 2-	\$50,001.24	Municipal taxes		
	Water Debenture Principal 2-41-832	\$36,337.17	Municipal taxes		
	Sewer Debenture Principal 2-42-832	\$47,329.42	Municipal taxes		
	Railway House Debenture Principal 2	\$31,904.94	Municipal taxes		
	<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$894,922.77</b>			

**MULTI YEAR CAPITAL PLAN**

<b>2027</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	Railway w of Main (w/s/road)	\$220,000.00	CCBF/Reserves		
	Replace small mower	\$8,500.00	Municipal taxes		
	Sidewalk for 47th Street	\$32,000.00	Reserves		
	Rebuild Website	\$10,000.00	Reserves		
	Sisson Lift Station Rebuild design	\$46,000.00	Reserves		
	Public Works Debenture Principal 2-	\$52,204.44	Municipal taxes		
	Water Debenture Principal 2-41-832	\$37,334.65	Municipal taxes		
	Sewer Debenture Principal 2-42-832	\$49,083.55	Municipal taxes		
	Railway House Debenture Principal 2	\$32,995.69	Municipal taxes		
	<b>2027 Total</b>	<b>\$488,118.33</b>			

	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>2028</b>	Pave 49th Close	\$125,000.00	LGFF		
	Replace Large Mower	\$43,000.00	Taxes/CCBF		
	Playground re-build	\$100,000.00	Reserves		
	Public Works Debenture Principal 2-	\$54,505.02	Municipal taxes		
	Water Debenture Principal 2-41-832	\$38,359.52	Municipal taxes		

	Sewer Debenture Principal 2-42-832	\$50,905.59	Municipal taxes		
	Railway House Debenture Principal 2	\$34,123.72	Municipal taxes		
	<b>2028 Total</b>	<b>\$445,893.85</b>			
	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>2029</b>	Sisson Lift Station rebuild	\$600,000.00	LGFF/AMWWP		
	Lakeside Sgt. Chip seal coat	\$225,000.00	CCBF/Reserves		
	Public Works Debenture Principal 2-	\$56,907.29	Municipal taxes		
	Water Debenture Principal 2-41-832	\$39,412.51	Municipal taxes		
	Sewer Debenture Principal 2-42-832	\$52,798.25	Municipal taxes		
	Railway House Debenture Principal 2	\$35,290.32	Municipal taxes		
	<b>2029 Total</b>	<b>\$1,009,408.37</b>			
<b>MULTI YEAR CAPITAL PLAN</b>					
	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>2030</b>	Emergency Generator	\$56,000.00	Reserves		
	Convert pumphouse to gas	\$80,000.00	CCBF		
	Paving north mall parking area	\$64,000.00	CCBF		
	Repalce Skid Steer	\$84,000.00	Reserves		
	Public Works Debenture Principal 2-	\$34,518.78	Municipal taxes		
	Water Debenture Principal 2-41-832	\$40,452.55	Municipal taxes		
	Sewer Debenture Principal 2-42-832	\$44,226.15	Municipal taxes		
	Railway House Debenture Principal 2	\$36,496.80	Municipal taxes		
	<b>2030 Total</b>	<b>\$439,694.28</b>			
	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>2031</b>	Convert pumphouse to gas	\$80,000.00	CCBF		
	Paving north mall parking area	\$64,000.00	CCBF		
	Repalce Skid Steer	\$84,000.00	Reserves		
	Public Works Debenture Principal 2-	\$10,642.12	Municipal taxes		
	Water Debenture Principal 2-41-832	\$41,606.07	Municipal taxes		
	Sewer Debenture Principal 2-42-832	\$36,696.64	Municipal taxes		
	Railway House Debenture Principal 2	\$37,744.52	Municipal taxes		
	<b>2031 Total</b>	<b>\$354,689.35</b>			

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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** November 25, 2025                      RFD 25-65  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Assessment Review Board Members

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1. **PURPOSE** – To appoint members to the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB), the Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) and the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB).
2. **BACKGROUND** – Though resolutions were made that we would use Lacombe County SDAB, LARB & CARB, we are required to name the individual Board members in resolutions. See attached page from the Village MAP inspection for more details.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To appoint Board members by name at this time
  2. To appoint Board members by name at the next Organizational Meeting
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – None
6. **LEGAL** – See attached page from the Village MAP inspection for details re: MGA requirements.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – By making the resolutions below at this time, we will be brought in to legislated requirements on this matter and be one step closer to compliance with the MAP inspection. I would recommend the Board appointments be done at the Organizational Meeting each year moving forward.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1, I recommend the following resolutions:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby appoints the following members to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board; Wade Martens, Linda McLevin, Anita Gillard, Terry Engen, Wayne Gustafson, Mark Visscher.”

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby appoints the following members to the Local Assessment Review Board and the Composite Assessment Review Board; Linda McLevin, Wade Martens, Anita Gillard, Terry Engen, Wayne Gustafson, Mark Visscher.”

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### 3.1.5. Assessment Review Boards

**Legislative requirements: MGA 454-456, Matters Relating to Assessment Complaints Regulation 201/2017**

1. Has the municipality, by bylaw, established a local assessment review board?
  - a. Are at least three members appointed to this board?
  - b. Is the term of office for each member appointed established?
  - c. Has council prescribed the remuneration and expenses, if any, payable to each member?
  - d. Has council designated one of the members appointed as chair and prescribed the chair's term of office, remuneration, if any, and expenses?
  - e. Have the appointed members received the mandatory training?
2. Has the municipality, by bylaw, established a composite assessment review board?
  - a. Are at least two members appointed to this board?
  - b. Is the term of the appointment established?
  - c. Has council prescribed the remuneration and expenses, if any, payable to each member?
  - d. Has council designated one of the members appointed as chair and prescribed the chair's term of office, remuneration, if any and expenses?
  - e. Have the appointed members received the mandatory training?
3. Has council appointed a person who has received the mandatory training as the clerk of the boards?
4. If the municipality has jointly established the local assessment review board, composite assessment review board, or both with one or more other municipalities:
  - a. Have the member councils jointly designated one of the board members as chair?
  - b. Have the member councils jointly prescribed the chair's term of office and the remuneration and expenses, if any, payable to the chair?
  - c. Have the member councils jointly appointed the clerk of the assessment review boards?

**Comments/Observations:** Bylaw 462-21 was approved on January 20, 2021, establishing a local assessment review board (LARB) and composite assessment review board (CARB). The bylaw authorizes the boards to exercise the functions of both boards. The bylaw provides for appointment of board members and their term of office in accordance with section 455 of the MGA. Council resolution 036/21 appointed a clerk to the boards on February 17, 2021.

A council resolution appointing members to the board was not located during the review.

**Meets Legislative Requirements:** No

**Recommendations/Action Items:** The municipality must appoint a minimum of three members to the LARB and at least two members to the CARB to meet legislative requirements.

**Resources:** Municipal Affairs has developed a website to assist municipalities with respect to Assessment Review Boards.

In addition, Municipal Affairs Assessment advisors are available to provide general support by calling toll-free 310-0000 and then 780-422-1377.

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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** November 25, 2025                      RFD 25-66  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Lion's Club Donation

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1. **PURPOSE** – To inform Council of the generous donation/sponsorship of the Lion's Club for the purpose of building a gazebo in Heritage Park.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The Lion's Club reached out in October to see if there were any community projects they could help with financial support. Several options were given including the playground re-build, cemetery improvements and a gazebo for Heritage Park.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To respectfully turn down the Lion's Club donation
  2. To modify the selected project
  3. To approve this project
4. **DISCUSSION** – The Lion's Club voted to support building a gazebo in Heritage Park to honour Curt Peterson. They have spoken with Donna Peterson and she is supportive of the idea as well.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The Lion's Club would provide up to \$5,000 for this project. We plan to approach the School to see if they would like to be involved in the construction of the gazebo. Public Works can provide any site prep/dirt work required. Staff time to manage the project.
6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 3 "The purposes of a municipality are (b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality"
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – The idea for a gazebo in Heritage Park came from Council's 2024 Strategic Planning. No progress has been made on this since that time.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #3, I recommend the following resolution:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs staff to work with the Alix Lion's Club regarding construction of a gazebo in heritage Park."



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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** November 25, 2025                      RFD 25-67  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Policy Review: Electronic Recording of Council Meetings

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1. **PURPOSE** – To review Policy No. 30, Electronic recording of Council Meetings
2. **BACKGROUND** – This policy was passed in 2014, amended in 2023 and is due for review.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To confirm approval of Policy 30 as presented and set a new review date
  2. To amend the policy and set a new review date
  3. To repeal the policy
4. **DISCUSSION** – One minor change was made to Guidelines/Procedures 5. The word “view” was changed to “view/hear.”
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – None
6. **LEGAL** – This policy is allowed but not required by the MGA.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – Though not needed often, Council, staff or media have occasionally needed a public meeting to be recorded. This policy outlines how those recordings are to be managed for things like record retention and viewing/listening to the recordings.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. I recommend the following resolution:  
“that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves Policy No. 30, Electronic Recording of Council Meetings as amended and sets a review date of 2029 for the policy.”

  
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Department #11: Council

Policy No: 30

Policy Title: Electronic Recording of Council Meetings

Resolution No: 105/23

Date: May 17, 2023

Review Date: 2025

**Policy Statement:**

The purpose of this policy is to set out guidelines to be followed when meetings of the Village of Alix Council or Council Committees are being electronically recorded.

Council of the Village of Alix believes that all individuals, whether members of Council, members of Council Committees, staff or the public have the right to know that they are being electronically recorded.


**Guidelines/Procedures:**

The Village of Alix Council meetings, and most Committee meetings are open for the public and media to attend.

The Village of Alix may record all or portions of official proceedings. Members of the public, delegations or media representatives are permitted to record open meetings on their own recording devices. The retention or use of these recordings cannot be directly controlled by the Village.

For this reason the following measures will be taken:

1. The Village shall place signs on the doors entering the Council Chambers and within Chambers indicating that any public meetings may be electronically recorded.
2. Whenever a meeting is to be recorded, a member of Council or staff will state that the meeting is being recorded and place the recording device in plain view.
3. If a virtual meeting is being recorded, the meeting will be set up so all who enter the meeting are advised that the meeting is being recorded.
4. Recordings of meetings will be kept in archives for a period of 12 month from the day of recording.
5. Recordings will be available for the public to view during Village Office hours with advance notice.

  
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May 23, 2023  
Date



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Policy No: 30

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Resolution No:

Date:

Review Date:

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Mayor

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Date



# ADMINISTRATION REPORT



**Date:** November 27, 2025 RFD 25-69  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Library Board appointments

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1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council will accept the Library Board’s proposed addition to their Board membership.
2. **BACKGROUND** – I received an email request from Library Board Chair Cathy Perry asking that Lindsay Page be appointed to the Board for a period of one year.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. Pass the resolutions outlined below
  2. Defeat the resolutions outlined below
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – none
6. **LEGAL** – Excerpt from the Alberta Government Councils and Library Boards: Roles and Responsibilities: “The appointments of the members of the municipal Board shall be made on the date fixed by council. Any vacancy arising from any cause must be filled by council as soon as reasonably possible for council to do so.”

#### **Libraries Act: Appointment**

- 4(1) A municipal board shall consist of not fewer than 5 and not more than 10 members appointed by council.
- (2) A person who is an employee of the municipal board is not eligible to be a member of that board.
- (3) Not more than 2 members of council may be members of the municipal board.
- (4) A member of the municipal board is eligible to be reappointed for only 2 additional consecutive terms of office, unless at least 2/3 of the whole council passes a resolution stating that the member may be reappointed as a member for more than 3 consecutive terms.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), appointments to the municipal board shall be for a term of up to 3 years.
- (6) When appointments are made in respect of a first municipal board, council shall, as nearly as may be possible, appoint 1/3 of the members for a term of one year, 1/3 of the members for a term of 2 years and the remaining members for a term of 3 years.
- (7) Notwithstanding this section, the term of office of a member continues until a member is appointed in that member’s place.

#### **Date of appointment**

- 5(1) The appointments of the members of the municipal board shall be made on the date fixed by council.
- (2) Any vacancy arising from any cause must be filled by council as soon as reasonably possible for council to do so.

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

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby appoints Lindsay Page to the Alix Public Library Board for a period of 1 year, commencing November 25, 2025.”

  
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# VILLAGE OF ALIX

## Cheque Listing For Council

2025-Nov-27  
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Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20250496	2025-11-14	BOUCHER, CHRIS	NOV2025	19.8"X16" CULVERT	350.00	350.00
20250497	2025-11-18	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)	336378 337241 338716 390201 390222 390401	COFFEE SUPPLIES FOR ELECTI OFFICE COFFEE SUPPLIES OFFICE CLEANING SUPPLIES PW COFFEE SUPPLIES PW COFFEE SUPPLIES SUPPER SUPPLIES FOR TRAINI	8.11 3.93 8.39 22.99 7.12 30.86	81.40
20250499	2025-11-18	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1515	OCTOBER 2025 PATROLS	535.50	535.50
20250500	2025-11-18	ANDERSON, JANENE	XMAS2025	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025	50.00	50.00
20250501	2025-11-18	BASHAW CONCRETE	BC35862	MINI BARRIER FOR BOAT LAUNC	630.00	630.00
20250502	2025-11-18	BETH RICHARDSON (CHAUTAUQUA)	NOV2025	REMINDERS AND CHRISTMAS G	475.00	475.00
20250503	2025-11-18	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB1122697	FINNING CANADA	930.67	930.67
20250504	2025-11-18	CARR, MICHAEL	XMAS2025	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025	50.00	50.00
20250505	2025-11-18	CENTRAL LABS	2501678	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	52.12
20250506	2025-11-18	CHAMCO INDUSTRIES LTD.	6025362ADR	SERVICE TO PUMP AT PUMP HO	5,666.33	5,666.33
20250507	2025-11-18	CURRIER, RANDY	XMAS2025	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025	50.00	50.00
20250508	2025-11-18	EMBER GRAPHICS TRIM & SIGNS	11789	STAMPS, BUS CARDS, NAME TA	714.29	714.29
20250509	2025-11-18	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	NOV2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	968.75	968.75
20250510	2025-11-18	FUTURE AG INC	IS89297	MOWER PARTS	693.62	693.62
20250511	2025-11-18	GIESBRECHT, CHELSIE	XMAS2025	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025	50.00	50.00
20250512	2025-11-18	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-537655A 000-562118A 000-562119A 000-562120A 000-562121A 000-572875 000-572876 000-572877 000-577150 000-579427	BATTERY SHOP SUPPLIES WIPER BLADES MARKING PAINT SHOP SUPPLIES BATTERY BATTERY SHOP SUPPLIES SHOP SUPPLIES RETURNED SHOP SUPPLIES RETURNED	(123.47) 69.91 24.49 16.46 5.99 29.32 40.91 4.52 (5.74) (13.18)	49.21
20250513	2025-11-18	KEITH'S REFRIGERATION LTD.	25813	FURNACE SERVICING AT RAILW	2,313.15	2,313.15
20250514	2025-11-18	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT 2	11525828 11533462	WATER METER FREIGHT, AP CHI WATER METER FREIGHT ADJUS	133.71 1.08	134.79
20250515	2025-11-18	MENAGE, WENDY	XMAS2012	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025	50.00	50.00
20250516	2025-11-18	MESTON, TANYA	XMAS2025	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025	50.00	50.00
20250517	2025-11-18	NEW WEST TRUCK CENTRES (AB) INC.	R108009980:01	SERVICE TO 2016 FREIGHTLINEI	573.73	573.73
20250518	2025-11-18	NIEHAUS, CODY ELDON	XMAS2025	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025	50.00	50.00
20250519	2025-11-18	TDI ENGINEERING SERVICE	VA2025-05	INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PL/	19,845.00	19,845.00
20250520	2025-11-18	TOWN OF BLACKFALDS	IVC068095	REGIONAL COUNCIL ORIENTATI	915.48	915.48
20250521	2025-11-18	WHITE, MICHELLE	XMAS2025	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025	50.00	50.00
20250522	2025-11-18	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	190812	COPY CHARGES OCT - NOV 202	179.85	179.85
20250523	2025-11-18	ZOOM DRAIN AND SEWER SERVICES	642	WATER VALVE REPLACEMENT	552.94	552.94
20250524	2025-11-27	ALIX & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	20180435	2025 TURKEY DRAW	75.00	75.00
20250525	2025-11-27	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	155922 156009 156016 156017	COUPLING, NIPPLE CHAINSAW CHAIN REPAIR SHOP SUPPLIES CAMPGROUND COUPLING, PIPE	20.22 14.70 8.39 16.79	331.24



# VILLAGE OF ALIX

## Cheque Listing For Council

2025-Nov-27  
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Cheque					Invoice	Cheque
Cheque #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Amount	Amount
20250525	2025-11-27	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	156028	WIPER BLADE	31.48	331.24
			156042	WIPER BLADE RETURN	(33.58)	
			156172	PAINT SUPPLIES	8.65	
			156185	PAINT SUPPLIES	20.36	
			156205	BATTERIES	9.44	
			156222	PAINT SUPPLIES	22.25	
			156225	FLAGS	108.13	
			156226	WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID	20.96	
			156326	CAMPGROUND & ELECTION SUF	20.46	
			156499	SLEDGE HAMMER	62.99	
20250526	2025-11-27	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	ICO71572	BATTERY FOR PUMPHOUSE	61.95	61.95
20250527	2025-11-27	BESUIJEN, JANICE	NOV2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	1,889.63	1,889.63
20250528	2025-11-27	BLOCK-TECH INDUSTRIES LTD.	2340	NEW CAMPGROUND AND LIFT S	7,849.80	7,849.80
20250529	2025-11-27	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO	1000-001117216	CROSSING MAINTENANCE NOV	731.00	731.00
20250530	2025-11-27	CENTRAL LABS	2501718	MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING	52.12	104.24
			2501746	MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING	52.12	
20250531	2025-11-27	CHEM INTERNATIONAL	116603	SANITARY CHEMICALS	2,761.50	2,761.50
20250532	2025-11-27	COLE, EDWIN	NOV2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	950.40	950.40
20250533	2025-11-27	CYBERUS PROTECTION SERVICES	202613	PATROLS FOR DEC 2025	3,154.89	3,154.89
20250534	2025-11-27	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	NOV2025A	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM 2 NO'	1,175.83	1,175.83
20250535	2025-11-27	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN	NOV2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	3,184.57	3,184.57
20250536	2025-11-27	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-592867	PAINT SUPPLIES AND PPE	338.71	591.40
			000-592868	SHOP SUPPLIES	74.70	
			000-592869	PPE	177.99	
20250537	2025-11-27	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMM	1420	WATER CONSUMPTION OCT 202	18,969.48	18,969.48
20250538	2025-11-27	LANEUVILLE, FRANCOIS	NOV2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	1,174.33	1,174.33
20250539	2025-11-27	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	NOV2025	PREMIUMS FOR NOV 2025	5,336.32	5,336.32
20250540	2025-11-27	<i>RSP Premium Nov 2025</i>	NOV2025	PREMIUM NOV 2025	243.53	243.53
20250541	2025-11-27	PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING SVCS.	22767	SUBDIVISION INQUIRY	116.25	116.25
20250542	2025-11-27	PAYNE'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE	2096	PUMP OUT AT RV DUMP	241.50	241.50
20250543	2025-11-27	ROADWAY TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	2036	STREET SIGNS	621.71	621.71
20250544	2025-11-27	TAXervice	2441541	TAX ROLL 5700	116.25	232.50
			2441542	TAX ROLL 7100	116.25	
20250545	2025-11-27	TOWN TROPHY & GIFTS	16262	COUNCILLOR REC. T. BESUIJEN	84.00	84.00
20250546	2025-11-27	TYPHOON STEAM CLEANING	1575	OFFICE CARPET CLEANING	551.25	551.25

**Total 86,494.15**

\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

**VILLAGE OF ALIX  
BANK RECONCILIATION  
FOR THE MONTH ENDING:  
October 31, 2025**

**SERVUS CREDIT UNION**

	CHEQUING	CHEQUING (2)	INVESTMENTS (1)
<b>Balance from Bank Statement:</b>	<b>2,347,951.05</b>	<b>12,709.42</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Plus: Deposits in Transit</b>	<b>7,249.45</b>		
<b>Plus: JE in Transit</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Less: Outstanding Cheques</b>	<b>(28,299.36)</b>		
 <b>Reconciled Bank Balance:</b>	 <b><u>2,326,901.14</u></b>	 <b><u>12,709.42</u></b>	 <b><u>0.00</u></b>
 31-Oct-25 GL balance      3-120	 <b><u>2,326,901.14</u></b>		
31-Oct-25 GL balance      3-121		<b><u>12,709.42</u></b>	
31-Oct-25 GL balance      3-300			 <b><u>-</u></b>
 Variance:	 <b>-</b>	 <b>-</b>	

**THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025**





# VILLAGE OF ALIX

## Tax Trial Balance (Full Listing)

Trial Balance As Of 2025-11-27

Roll #	Title Holder	Tax Levy	Accum. Penalty	Out. Penalty	Outstanding	Current	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Over 3
	<b>Tax Levy</b>		1,912,269.43		<b>Local Improvement Levy</b>			0.00		
	<b>Additional Tax Levy</b>		0.00		<b>Accumulated Penalty</b>		29,824.92			
					<b>Outstanding Penalty</b>		16,953.82			
	<b>Sub Ledger</b>				<b>General Ledger</b>					
	<b>Current</b>	123,039.72								
	<b>1 Year</b>	24,854.11				3-00-00-00-210	165,399.65			
	<b>2 Years</b>	380.82				<b>Totals</b>	<u>165,399.65</u>			
	<b>3 Years</b>	17,125.00								
	<b>Over 3</b>	0.00								
	<b>Outstanding</b>	<u>165,399.65</u>								
					<b>Total GL</b>		165,399.65			
					<b>Total SL</b>		165,399.65			
					<b>Proof</b>		<u>0.00</u>			

\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*



# Alberta Municipalities Conference

## November 12-14<sup>th</sup>

### **Session 1 – Advocating for Villages**

Presented by ABMunis this session was to inform Villages of all the things that ABMunis can provide. Current projects they are working on include advocating property taxes, police funding, water policies and family and community support services. Municipal funding by the provincial government has been dropping over the past 14 years; AbMunis has been lobbying to have this remedied. They are advocating for water conservation, better alignment between regulatory requirements and funding. They support watershed management and sustainable land use. They have committees following the new police funding model and are monitoring the renewal of the RCMP contract master agreement. They are also working with the Office of the Fire Commissioner on improving fire services.

ABMuni is asking the provincial government to increase the current FCSS funding allocation to \$161.5 million and index funding to population growth.

ABMunis will not engage directly on issues that are ideological, divisive or outside municipal interests. They will not be involved in conflicts between individual municipalities, between individual municipalities and citizens or other organizations. They will not promote interests of an individual business, or become involved in internal issues of a municipality.

### **Session 2 – Mayor Masterclass Tips for Leading Your Council and Community**

This session was led by the Mayors from Sylvan Lake, Sexsmith; it was an informal discussion on how to handle conflict amongst council members, what to expect when you are out in the community. Tips like always be ready to speak at a function; even when they tell you that you won't have to. They also suggested sharing some of the duties amongst other Councilors. Other suggestions were to make sure you have down time with family and make sure you are organized and keep a calendar.

### **Session 3 - From Surviving to Thriving: Through the Power of Collaboration**

This session was presented by the villages of Irma, Chauvin and Edgerton (ICE). These communities have come together to share equipment, manpower and technology. They started by having the same software in the municipal offices. They set up a separate fund to finance the shared costs and projects. By discovering these new efficiencies, they have lowered costs and strengthened services. The focused areas of collaboration are shared emergency services, regional personnel services, shared purchasing power, promotion of the ICE villages, sharing

long term planning and promoting business opportunities amongst the three villages. They also have regional succession planning.

### **Emergency services**

Chauvin and Edgerton split the cost of a water tender.

Chauvin received a grant for grain rescue equipment which is shared between Irma and Chauvin.

There is joint training with the Town of Wainwright and the ICE villages.

RCMP attends the ICE meetings, which are held quarterly.

### **Regional Personnel Service**

Public Works departments support each other.

A safety working work group has been formed to ensure compliance with OHS

Combined review of inspections by OHS

The collaboration eases staffing challenges

### **Shared Purchasing Power**

Community specific equipment group buys

Contracted services are coordinated to reduce mileage costs and better rates.

Equipment pooling

### **Promoting ICE Villages**

They participate in each other's sponsored community events

Promote events that push a collective action or event that includes all the different segments of their populations.

Celebrate each other's successes

### **Share Long Term Planning**

ACP Grant Land Use Bylaws

ACP Grant JUPA

ACP Grant PIA

Seek collaboration with neighbouring municipalities such as the MD of Wainwright and the Town of Wainwright.

### **Business Opportunities**

Economic development with the understanding that if the region grows , they all benefit.

### **Regional Succession Planning**

They do Strategic Planning every 4 years

Regional Council Meetings

Regional CAO Meetings.

AB Munis Convention  
November 12-14  
Janice Besuijen

### **Advocating for Villages and Summer Villages**

This session focused on how AB Munis can assist Villages and Summer Villages using collective advocacy efforts. In this session they highlighted the importance of establishing a relationship with your MLA early on in an election cycle.

### **Getting Comfortable with Being Uncomfortable**

This session talked about understanding your own conflict style and how that impacts the way you enter into a disagreement. Participants were given a self test to determine their own conflict style.

#### **Protector**

You lead with heart and care deeply about maintaining trust — even when conversations get tough. Your empathy helps others feel grounded, but sometimes you carry tension that isn't yours to hold.

#### **Tip to lean into curiosity:**

Next time things heat up, try pausing before jumping in to soothe. Ask yourself: "What truth still needs to be spoken?"

#### **Balancer**

You bring steadiness and fairness to the table, helping people find common ground when disagreement feels messy. But your strength in compromise can sometimes pull you toward quick fixes instead of lasting solutions.

#### **Tip to lean into curiosity:**

When you feel the urge to smooth things over, ask: "Are we solving the surface problem, or the root?"

#### **Challenger**

You're brave enough to say what others won't — and your honesty often moves things forward. Still, your conviction can sometimes come across as intensity, even when your goal is integrity.

#### **Tip to lean into curiosity:**

Try starting with connection before critique: "I respect your view — can I offer another perspective?"

#### **Collaborator**

You're the bridge-builder — the one who makes sure everyone has a voice. You hold space beautifully for complexity, though that openness can make closure feel uncomfortable.

#### **Tip to lean into curiosity:**

Before your next big discussion, set a soft boundary: "Let's hear a few key thoughts, then land on a direction."

### **Unintended Consequences of Good Ideas**

This session impressed upon the importance of asset management and how effective asset management can impact municipalities strategic planning sessions. Awareness of upcoming maintenance to existing infrastructure as well as scheduled maintenance to new projects give municipalities the ability to budget more effectively and reduces the incidences of unexpected costly upgrades or repairs.

## **Board and Committee Report**

**Board/Committee: Highway 12/21 Regional Water Commission**

**Meeting Date: November 7, 2025**

**Councillor Attending: Janice Besuijen and Frank Laneuville**

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Organizational Meeting**

**Brenda Knight-County of Lacombe was elected as Chair**

**Carl Bergstrom-County of Stettler was elected as Vice Chair**

#### **Regular Meeting**

##### **Reports**

- **Operational/Administrative update- Dion Burlock**
- **Financial-Les Martel**

##### **Operational Budget-Les Martel**

- **The budgeted water rate for 2026 is \$3.585, an increase of \$0.03 (0.8%) from the 2025 budgeted rate of \$3.555. Note that the increase is a result of the proposed rate increase from the Town of Stettler. We project the rates in 2027 and 2028 to be \$3.792 and \$3.849, respectively. The increases in 2027 and 2028 are due to the full debenture payment for the new line and an estimated inflation of 2%.**
- **Camrose County proposed an increase this year with the funds going into reserves to be used to offset the larger increases in 2027/2028.**

#### **Budget Considerations**

**The per cube water charge will go from \$3.55 to \$3.85 in 2026**

*Janice Besuijen*

**Signature**



## CAO REPORT DECEMBER 2025

1. Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) Review – I submitted the municipal response plan to the province outlining the timeline of how the 6 deficiencies will be addressed. Once they are complete, the province will be updated that we are in compliance.
2. Interim Audit – We have gone from election to budget and now straight into interim audit. In an effort to keep audit fees as low as possible, we will be sending as much information to the auditors before year end as we can. This will take advantage of the “slower” part of the season for them.
3. Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership (LREMP) Training Exercise – 3 staff members and the Fire Chief attended the full scale training exercise held November 19<sup>th</sup>. They reported that it went very well and appreciated the opportunity to work with different members of the regional partnership. Everyone was divided up and had the opportunity to learn how to assist other communities. This training was legally required under the Emergency Management Act.
4. Infrastructure Master Plan – I continue to meet regularly with the engineers and Public Works provides input on the draft reports as well to ensure they will be as accurate as possible once complete. This Plan will be instrumental to the development of future capital planning.

The Engineer can do a presentation of the Plan to Council either in person January 7<sup>th</sup> or February 18<sup>th</sup>, or virtually February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have a preference for virtual or in person and I will make the arrangements.

5. Post Election Training – I’m happy to report all Councillors have met the MGA legislated training and orientation requirements. We have 2 Councillors who need to re-take Emergency Management training as required under the Alberta Emergency Management Act. Unfortunately we are still waiting for confirmation from the province that the online training modules have gone live.

On a side note, Alberta Municipalities has requested feedback regarding how all of the election related changes have affected municipalities. We will be providing them information on things like increased costs, Councillor burn-out related to excessive training requirements and the unreasonable timeframes for completion of training/orientation.





November 27, 2025

Mayor Barbara Jean Gilliat and Council  
Village of Alix  
Attn: Michelle White, CAO  
Sent via email: [cao@villageofalix.ca](mailto:cao@villageofalix.ca)

Dear Mayor Barbara Jean Gilliat and Council,

Every second counts. The first moments in a time-critical situation can be the difference between life and death, permanent damage or full recovery.

STARS is a registered not-for-profit organization dedicated to saving lives. We celebrate 40 years of serving Albertans, more than 65,000 missions flown and maintain a charitable model with no cost to the patient. Your residents have access to STARS wherever they may travel, work and play across Western Canada. Today, STARS operates six bases located in Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Saskatoon, Regina and Winnipeg, and averages 10 missions per day. Last fiscal year, STARS flew a total of 3,694 missions.

In Alberta, it costs \$12.2 million per base, with three bases, totalling \$36.6 million in direct operating costs annually. We are grateful to the Alberta provincial government that provides \$15M of these operational costs annually, while we rely on donations and our Alberta Lottery to cover the remaining 59% of costs through fundraising.

STARS is a respected innovative leader as the first civilian organization in Canada (2003) to fly at night, with 50% of call volumes occurring at night. STARS was the first in North America (2013) to carry life-saving universal blood onboard. Our new Massive Hemorrhage Protocol is another Canadian first, to enhance critical care for patients that are at high-risk of bleeding out. STARS continues to strive for leading-edge advancement in our delivery of providing critical care, anywhere.

We are here today because of the unwavering generosity of longstanding partners. Municipalities are a significant part of STARS history with 95% of Alberta's rural sector providing annual support for STARS through a fixed rate or per capita amount included in annual budgets. These municipalities view STARS as an essential service for rural residents. Over 75% of rural and urban municipalities are **Regional Leaders**, contributing a minimum \$2 per capita per year. Many municipalities, round up to a fixed rate of support annually, to provide ease of process for administration and ensure sustainability for STARS.

#### OUR REQUEST

- Voluntary annual contribution (based on \$1-\$2 per capita) OR
- Fixed rate of support (based on minimum \$2 per capita annually) and recognized as a Regional Leader
- 4-Year Pledge of support – 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 (in conjunction with present council term)

Thank you for your kind consideration to join Alberta's leaders. Together, we safeguard rural healthcare for all.

Sincerely,

**Mackenzie Wood**  
Development Coordinator  
(403) 516 4823  
STARS Foundation

**Glenda Farnden**  
Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison,  
Alberta and British Columbia



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Dear CAOs,

In early October, Alberta Municipalities released our new information project called **Property Taxes Reimagined: Fair Funding for Strong Communities**. The initial response has been highly positive with hundreds of local leaders and Albertans engaging with us on social media and reviewing the carefully researched content on [ABmunis.ca](http://ABmunis.ca).

With the municipal elections completed, we want to make sure you and your new council are aware of the Property Taxes Reimagined project and how you can help it succeed. It is when we advocate together that we gain real ground, and community funding is an advocacy priority for ABmunis' members.

### **How can you support the Property Taxes Reimagined information project?**

We have packaged some materials to help you share this information. Attached here you will find:

- Suggested wording you can **add to your website to help residents** better understand the challenges you face and links to ABmunis' [website content](#)
- **Key messages your councillors can use** when meeting with your local MLA or provincial ministers to help explain the financial challenges you face
- **Sample wording for social media** posts to help drive awareness

Finally, we suggest you follow Alberta Municipalities on Facebook and LinkedIn so you can see what we are posting and reshare the information with your local residents.

### **What are the objectives of Property Taxes Reimagined?**

Please [read our full explanation](#) of the project's objectives, how the information is structured, and what we plan to add in the near future. You will also find some ideas about how you can help this project succeed.

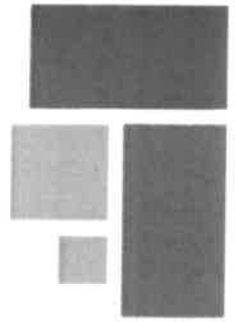
As you are in the middle of budget season with your new council, you will find that the materials we have created may be helpful to inform new council members about the broader [trends in funding](#) and the realities of inflation and requirements to [balance their budget](#).

We are always keen to hear from our members. If you have comments or feedback on the project, please [email us](#).

Thank you for helping us start this important conversation about the future of Alberta's communities and the future of property taxes.

**Dana Mackie MBA** | Chief Executive Officer





## Property Taxes Reimagined – Resources for Municipalities

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November 25, 2025

In addition to the papers, videos, and information on Alberta Municipalities' [Property Taxes Reimagined](#) webpage this document offers:

- Sample wording to promote Property Taxes Reimagined on your **municipality's website**
- Sample wording for your municipality to promote Property Taxes Reimagined information on your municipality's **social media channels**
- **Key messages** that can be used by council members and administration

### Sample Website Content

We encourage you to add a link on your website. Below are two options of sample text that you can use.

#### Option 1 – Long description

The [name of municipality] and all municipal governments across Alberta are facing significant challenges in how they pay for local services that their residents want and need. For example:

- Just like your household, inflation is making things more expensive for our [municipality type].
- Over the last 15 years, the Alberta government has lowered how much money it gives to municipal governments to help pay for local programs and community infrastructure like roads, water and sewer systems, and recreation facilities.
- [Add a local example here; e.g. policing costs have gone up by X% OR repaving Main Street has been delayed X years due to other priorities costing more]

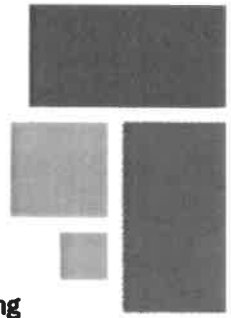
These changes are making it more costly for the [municipality type] to provide the services you rely on. That's why municipal property taxes have gone up. The Alberta government is also increasing its property tax, which the [municipality type] collects on their behalf.

The non-partisan association, Alberta Municipalities, which represents the province's summer villages, villages, towns, cities and specialized municipalities, has conducted considerable research around property taxes and community funding. They are sharing their findings through an information project called [Property Taxes Reimagined](#). It explains what is happening and raises questions about whether Alberta needs to change how local services are funded.

#### Option 2 – Short description

The [name of municipality] and all municipal governments across Alberta are facing significant challenges in how to pay for local services that their residents want and need. The non-partisan association, Alberta Municipalities, which represents the province's summer villages, villages, towns, cities, and specialized municipalities, has conducted considerable research around property taxes and community funding. They are sharing their findings through an information project called [Property Taxes Reimagined](#).

It explains what is happening and raises questions about whether Alberta needs to change how local services are funded.



## Sample Social Media Content

Please tag Alberta Municipalities in your Facebook & LinkedIn posts so we can Like and Repost, helping to spread the message even more!

### Sample Post 1

On average, Albertans pay about 1.4% of their household spending on municipal property taxes. That pays for roads, sidewalks, transit, parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities, policing, fire services, social services, and bylaw enforcement. That's a lot!

Alberta's local governments are increasingly under pressure to reduce their property taxes. There are many things affecting municipal budgets and your council's ability to pay for the services, equipment, and infrastructure to have a thriving community.

Alberta Municipalities' project, 'Property Taxes Reimagined: Fair Funding for Strong Communities' helps Albertans understand why property taxes are increasing. It aims to start a conversation with <<name of your municipality>> residents & businesses, and with provincial leaders about reimagining how Alberta's local community services are funded.

Learn more here: [www.abmunis.ca/property-taxes-reimagined](http://www.abmunis.ca/property-taxes-reimagined)

### Sample Post 2

Over the past 15 years, the Alberta government has been giving less money to municipal governments, while also asking them to do more. In 2009, municipalities got about \$635 per person from the Alberta government. By 2023, that dropped to \$327 per person, after inflation.

Every municipal government has to balance their budget, so when we get less money from the provincial or federal government, or we have to take on new costs AND deal with inflation, your council has two choices:

1. Cut back on services like fixing roads or running programs, or
2. Find money somewhere else, usually by raising municipal property taxes.

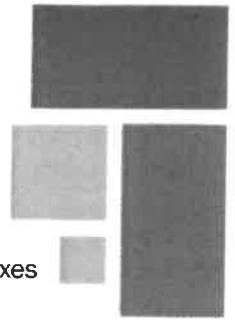
We need to have a conversation about how Alberta's local community services are funded. Alberta Municipalities' project, 'Property Taxes Reimagined: Fair Funding for Strong Communities' has been created to help Albertans understand the pressures that are driving up municipal property taxes.

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### Sample Post 3

You pay your property taxes to the <<name of your municipality>>. But did you know that some of your property taxes are actually a tax by the Alberta government? And the Alberta government significantly increased that tax in 2025?

Council has no control over the provincial property tax. Our <<municipality type>> collects those tax dollars and sends them to the Alberta government for their use. When the province increases its property tax, <<municipality type>> council is forced to consider whether the combined increase of the provincial tax and municipal tax is affordable to residents. If needed, council may choose to lower the municipal property tax but that may not leave the <<municipality type>> with enough money to take care of things like local roads, sidewalks, and community buildings in the long term.



We need to have a conversation about how Alberta's local community services are funded and what taxes are collected by each government. ABmunis' 'Property Taxes Reimagined: Fair Funding for Strong Communities' has been created to help Albertans understand how property taxes are structured.

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## Key Messages for Conversations with Residents, MLAs, and Media

- Five reasons why property taxes are increasing:
  1. The province increased its property tax by 14% in 2025
  2. Over the last 15 years, the province has cut its funding to municipalities in half, so local councils have had to raise municipal property taxes to make up for it
  3. The province has created new rules and downloaded costs onto municipal governments, like election rules and policing
  4. Residents are asking councils to spend money on services that are historically handled by the province, like social services, recruitment of doctors, and affordable housing
  5. Inflation is increasing the cost of things municipalities have to buy, like:
    - fire trucks and graders
    - water pipes and asphalt
    - wages for local contractors, workers, and employees
- The province has lowered its income tax rates but has been shifting the tax burden onto property taxes over the last decade.
  - Higher property taxes make life harder for Albertans whose income has not increased.
- Municipalities are mandated to balance their budget and set their tax rates to match.
  - The federal and provincial governments don't have to do this. They can plan to under tax and overspend in any year.
- Council has no control over provincial property taxes but is required to collect the province's tax from families and businesses.
- Visit [Property Taxes Reimagined](#) on ABmunis' website to watch videos or read about the pressures on municipal property taxes and the need to reimagine how local services are funded.

