

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, January 7, 2026, 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 #001/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED
- Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – December 3, 2025
- Resolution #002/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
- Delegation: None
- Bylaws: None
- Unfinished Business: None
- New Business: a) Policy No. 10 Review – Alterations to Village Owned Buildings – Request for Decision 25-70
- Resolution #003/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby amend Policy No. 10, Alterations to Village Owned Buildings Operated by Volunteer Associations or Boards as presented and sets a review date of 2030 for this policy.
CARRIED
- b) Policy No. 9 Review – Financial Reports from Groups Granted Public Funds – Request for Decision 25-71
- Resolution #004/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby amend Policy No. 9, Financial Reports from Groups Granted Public Funds, as presented and sets a review date of 2030 for this policy.
CARRIED
- c) Police Funding Model - Request for Decision 25-72
- Resolution #005/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts Request for Decision 25-72, Police Funding Model as information.
CARRIED
- Financial Reports: a) Bank Reconciliation – November 30, 2025
- Resolution #006/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Financial Report as presented.
CARRIED

- Committee Reports: a) Alberta Municipalities Conference – Councillor Fehr
b) Highway 12/21 Regional Water Commission – Councillor Laneville
c) Alix Arena Board Meeting – November 27, 2025 – Councillor Fehr
d) Alix Arena Board Meeting – December 18, 2025 – Councillor Fehr
- Resolution #007/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED
- Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer’s Report
- Resolution #008/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Chief Administrative Officer’s Report as presented.
CARRIED
- Correspondence and Information: a) Dan Williams, ECA, Minister of Municipal Affairs – Fire Level of Service 2025 Engagement
b) Sarah Ranson, Director, Municipal Sustainability and Accountability - 2025 Municipal Accountability Program (MAP)
c) Parkland Regional Library System – Village of Alix 2024 Return on Investment
d) Alberta Municipalities – Notice of Settlement in Class Action Lawsuit
e) Alberta Municipalities – Fair Funding for Strong Communities
f) Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER)
g) Fortis Alberta – 2026 Fortis Alberta Inc. Distribution Tariff
h) Update from the National Police Federation
- Resolution #009/26: Moved by Councillor Laneville that Correspondence Items (a) through (h) be accepted as information.
CARRIED
- Closed Meeting: None
- Adjournment:
- Resolution #010/26: Moved by Councillor Laneville that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:26 P.M.
CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Briefing Note

Bashaw and District Regional Health & Wellness Foundation - Delegation
January 21, 2026

Re: Strengthening Rural Primary Care Through a Community-Owned, Team-Based Model of Care
Issue

Access to comprehensive, longitudinal primary care in rural communities remains uneven, reflecting broader workforce challenges and a global shortage of family physicians.

The Bashaw Model of Primary Care—Alberta’s only community-owned and operated Patient Medical Home embedded within an Integrated Health Neighbourhood—offers an innovative and sustainable alternative to the primary care access issues experienced by many rural Albertans. By reducing reliance on physicians as the sole providers of primary care and instead supporting our patient panel through an interdisciplinary team of local primary healthcare professionals, we have expanded access, strengthened continuity, increased patient attachment rates and transformed how residents receive care in our region.

Sustainable provincial funding for this interdisciplinary team is essential to maintaining continuity of care and managing our growing patient panel, particularly as physician availability continues to ebb and flow. Municipal advocacy is critical in securing this stability. While municipalities are not responsible for funding primary care, their strong and coordinated voices are needed to reinforce **that stable provincial investment in team-based primary care is essential to the health and sustainability of rural communities.**

Purpose

To inform municipal leaders of the achievements of the Bashaw Model, outline the opportunity to partner with the Bashaw and District Regional Health and Wellness Foundation and our region’s Integrated Health Neighbourhood and to request municipal support in advocating for long-term, stable provincial healthcare funding for the region’s interdisciplinary primary care team.

Background

In 2021, the Bashaw Community Wellness Team (local volunteers, non-profit organizations, health providers and social services) mobilized to address worsening primary care gaps in our region. Community partners created Alberta’s only Integrated Health Neighbourhood, attracting 5 physicians from Sylvan Family Health Centre and establishing a fully community-owned and operated Patient Medical Home.

Despite an average of only two days per week of in-person physician care, the Bashaw Medical Clinic delivers full-time, Monday to Friday primary care through its interdisciplinary team:

- 1.0 FTE RN + 0.6 FTE LPN: chronic disease care, minor ailments, screenings, patient education

- 0.8 FTE advanced practice pharmacist: independent prescribing, care coordination, chronic disease management and clinic leadership

- 1.0 FTE MOA & 1.0 Reception team: patient flow, diagnostics coordination, follow-up support

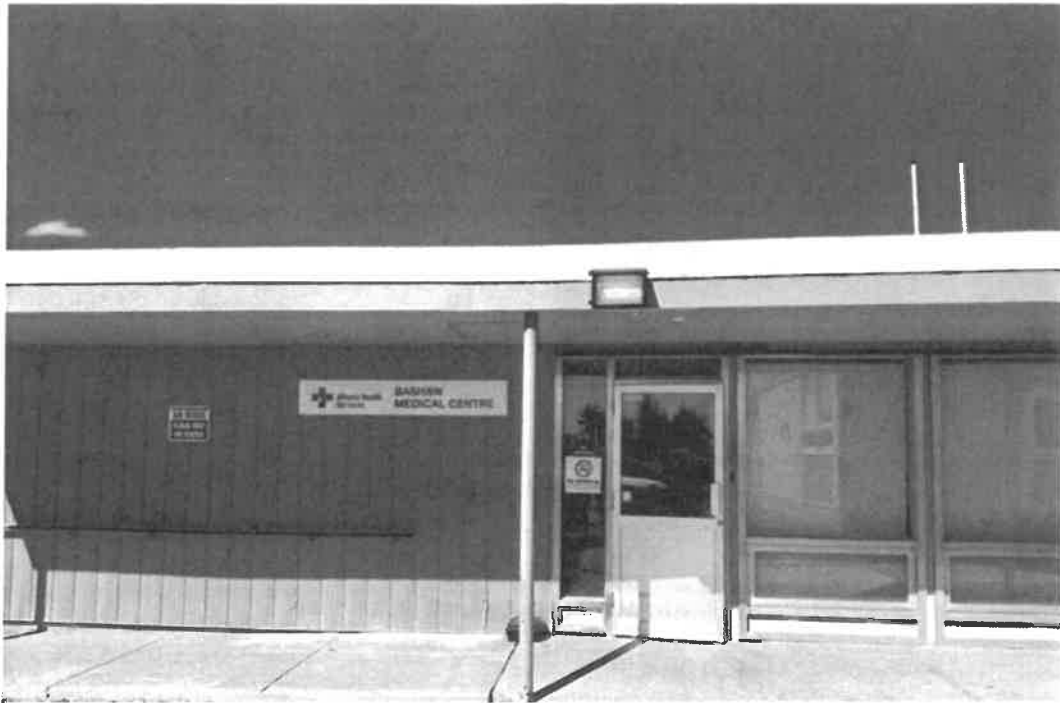
This model has more than doubled the patient panel to over 1,500 residents since March 2025, with projected growth to 3,000 by early 2026, while increasing attachment, improving access, and reducing emergency visits and downstream system costs.

Our region's focus has now shifted to securing a sustainable funding approach for this team-based primary care model. In partnership with the Bashaw & District Regional Health and Wellness Foundation and the Bashaw (and Alix) Community Resource Centre, we are working to establish a stable, long-term funding stream for our interdisciplinary primary care team. This investment supports meaningful healthcare careers for local professionals, strengthens retention in our rural community and enables consistent, reliable care for regional residents, with true geographic empanelment as the ultimate goal.

Key Message for Municipal Leaders

- **Municipal advocacy is urgently needed** to secure stable provincial healthcare funding for the interdisciplinary primary care team, as current grant funding will be exhausted in the coming months.
- **Sustainable funding ensures** continuity of care, supports a growing community-owned patient panel, and underpins long-term clinic viability, while also reducing pressure on local emergency departments and clinics in neighbouring communities.
- **Team-based care stabilizes access** amid fluctuations in physician availability, leveraging local healthcare providers who already live and work in the region and reducing ongoing attraction and retention pressures in rural Alberta.
- **Municipal leadership is essential** in signaling to the province that dedicated funding for interdisciplinary primary care is a core provincial responsibility for rural Alberta, supporting residents' ability to remain in their homes and communities and sustaining a vibrant local rural economy.

Updates and Insights from your Bashaw & Area Regional Health and Wellness Foundation



Advancing Health, Driving Impact

Welcome to the Health and Wellness Beat, our bimonthly newsletter highlighting the important work of the **Bashaw & Area Regional Health and Wellness Foundation**. As a key voice for the region's healthcare needs, our Foundation ensures the communities that make up our region—including Alix, Bashaw, Donalds, Ferintosh, Meeting Creek, Mirror, New Norway, and surrounding areas—have local voice and insight into the delivery of health and wellness care.

On **October 21st**, the Foundation held its public meeting and AGM. We welcomed new members and selected the **2025/26 Board of Directors**. Congratulations to **Board Chair Penny Shantz, Vice-Chair Ted Szumlas, and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn McFayden** – thank you for stepping into these roles!

We also extend a very special thank-you to the **2024/25 Board of Directors** – Ed Hagel, Karen Webster, Marianne Schroeder, and Marilyn Hoy – for your unwavering commitment and service to our community. Your dedication is deeply appreciated!

Your voice matters. If you're passionate about supporting the health and wellness of our community, we'd love to have you join us. Please reach out by contacting our Board Chair Penny Shantz: 780-372-3087



Spotlight on Services

On **March 24th**, the **Bashaw Medical Clinic** opened its doors to patients from across our region. Since then, it has **grown to serve 1,500 patients**, with plans to expand to **3,000** in the coming year.

What does this mean for our community? Residents now have **timely, local access to primary care**, reducing the need to rely on the **Emergency Room**. With **five-day-a-week service**, some **evening appointments**, and **same-day or next-day visits**, care is more **convenient and accessible** than ever.

For patients with mobility challenges, **virtual care options** make high-quality, local healthcare **available to everyone**.

The **Bashaw & Area Regional Health and Wellness Foundation** is proud to support this **community-owned clinic**. To **share your support and help expand patient access**, please contact Board Chair Penny Shantz: 780-372-3087

Community Cancer Fund

Cancer touches nearly every family in our community – and when it does, access to support can make all the difference. The Bashaw and District Regional Health and Wellness Foundation created a **Community Cancer Fund** to ensure that local patients can receive support for their cancer journey. Funds raised stay 100% local, helping to support patients and their families with travel, meals and accommodation during treatment.

Every donation, large or small, helps ease the journey for someone facing cancer. Together, we're building a network of care and compassion that ensures **no one in our community faces cancer alone**.

Donations for the Community Cancer Fund can be made to the Bashaw and District Regional Health and Wellness Foundation. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please contact Ed Hagel at 403-740-2625 or MaryAnne Schroeder at 780-372-2211

On the Pulse

The **Bashaw & Area Regional Health and Wellness Foundation** proudly supports **community initiatives** like the **Bashaw Medical Clinic**.

The **interdisciplinary team**—including RN Jaycee Dawbin and Haley Oberg, LPN Lenee Reiman, primary care pharmacist Eric Gaudet, medical office assistants Amanda Lyle and Ashley Sehlstrom, receptionist Susie Buelow work alongside our clinic's five **physicians** to deliver **coordinated, compassionate care** for **1,500 patients** in our region. Thank-you to Dr. Bahler, Dr. Cockburn, Dr. Patterson, Dr. Nanninga and Dr. Taylor and our entire interdisciplinary clinic team for providing amazing care to our patients everyday!

Our community-owned clinic is unique because we are also partnered with the team at Bashaw and District Support Services (BDSS) – connecting our region's **medical, nursing, and community resources** to ensure patients get the **right care at the right time from the right professional**. Community Resource Specialists and mental health resources are available through BDSS to provide wrap around services and supports to patients who need them most.

To keep these services strong, the Foundation and BDSS are **raising funds to match government grants** for clinic operations and our local healthcare team.

Want to help? Donations are greatly appreciated! If you need a charitable tax receipt, please contact Board Chair Penny Shantz: 780-372-3087

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: January 14, 2026 RFD 26-03
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Community Standards Bylaw Amendment

1. **PURPOSE** – To present Council with a draft amendment to Community Standards Bylaw 465/21.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Staff have advised Council of the many resident complaints regarding storage of RVs, vehicles, boats etc. on vacant lots in the Village. There are several cases of people living in these RVs, contravening the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). Enforcement of the LUB on this matter has been very difficult, so Council directed administration to develop a bylaw amendment at the August 2025 meeting.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To give draft bylaw 492/26 all three readings at this time
 2. To give draft bylaw 492/26 one reading, then develop a Public Participation Plan in accordance with Public Participation Policy #36
 4. To defeat a resolution for first reading of the bylaw, thereby killing the bylaw
4. **DISCUSSION** – I had originally thought an amendment should be made to the Land Use Bylaw to address this issue. Legal Counsel felt it would be more appropriate, easier and more cost efficient to enforce if the amendment was made to the Community Standards Bylaw instead. They drafted the attached amendment on our behalf.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – By making this a Community Standards bylaw amendment instead of an LUB amendment, we avoid costs associated with Court Orders, towing and storage fees.

The Community Standards Bylaw allows for fines as a deterrent. Please review the dollar value of fines set in the attached Bylaw and advise if changes should be made.

6. **LEGAL** – If the bylaw is passed, there is a strong chance the Village could be challenged on the validity of the bylaw. By having it go through legal, we are reasonably confident it is enforceable.

The proposed amendment defines Vacant Lot as any residential or commercial property without a main building. This means that Industrial, Agricultural and Urban Reserve lots without a main building could still be used for parking Heavy Equipment, Recreational Vehicles or Trailers.

Legal advised there may be occasional situations where parking Heavy Equipment, Recreational Vehicles or Trailers on a vacant lot in a residential or commercial district might be acceptable, so they included language in the draft that allows the CAO to give permission upon written request.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – If this Bylaw is passed, it may have significant impact on some property owners. Please consider the following scenarios:
 - Someone owns more than one lot adjacent to each other, but the house & garage are on one parcel and the other one has no building(s).

- A Commercial property intends to store and sell vehicles or equipment, but has no office on site.
- Someone owns several residential lots divided by an alley, so they can't easily be consolidated.

8. OTHER COMMENTS – Legal advised

9. RECOMMENDATIONS – Option #2. This change has the potential to impact many ratepayers. Engaging them for input on the Bylaw amendment before it is passed will ensure Council is making an informed decision with regard to the scope of the proposed amendment. I recommend the following resolutions:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives first reading to Bylaw No. 492/26, being a bylaw to amend the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw.”

“that Council hereby directs administration to develop a Public Participation Plan regarding proposed Bylaw No. 492/26 and further, that the Plan is presented to Council at a future meeting.”



Author

**VILLAGE OF ALIX
BYLAW NO. 492/26**

BEING a Bylaw of the Village of Alix, in the Province of Alberta, to amend the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw.

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Alix enacted Bylaw No. 465/21, the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Alix wishes to amend the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Alix, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 465/21, the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw, is hereby amended by adding the following definitions to Part 2 – Definitions, in alphabetical order, with the alphabetizing amended to reflect the same:

“Heavy Equipment” means any equipment or vehicle that is used for the purposes of commercial, industrial, or agricultural activities.

“Parked” means allowing a Motor Vehicle, whether occupied or not, to remain standing in one place, except:

- (i) when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers, or
- (ii) when complying with a direction given by a Peace Officer.

“Recreational Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle, camper, watercraft, tent trailer, or any other form of vehicle designed or used for travel with temporary living accommodation for vacation or camping purposes.

“Trailer” means a vehicle so designed that it:

- (i) may be attached to or drawn by a Motor Vehicle or tractor, and
- (ii) is intended to transport property or persons and includes any Motor Vehicle defined by regulation under the *Traffic Safety Act* as a trailer but does not include machinery or equipment solely used in the construction or maintenance of Highways.

“Vacant Lot” means a lot within the Village of Alix which does not contain a main building, as defined in the Village of Alix’s Land Use Bylaw No. 396/11, in any residential or commercial district.

2. Bylaw No. 465/21, the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw, is hereby amended by adding Part 3A immediately after Part 3 as follows:

Part 3A. Vacant Lots

3A.1 An Owner of a Vacant Lot is liable for an offence where a Motor Vehicle, Heavy Equipment, Recreational Vehicle, or Trailer is

Parked on a Vacant Lot, unless issued a permit in accordance with this Bylaw.

3A.2 An Owner of a Vacant Lot is liable for an offence where a Motor Vehicle, Heavy Equipment, Recreational Vehicle, or Trailer is stored on a Vacant Lot, unless issued a permit in accordance with this Bylaw or any other applicable Village of Alix Bylaw.

3A.3 No Person shall stay, camp or sleep in a Recreational Vehicle or Motor Vehicle on a Vacant Lot, unless a permit has been issued pursuant to this Bylaw or any other applicable Village of Alix Bylaw.

3A.4 Notwithstanding Sections 3A.1 to 3A.2, an Owner is not liable for an offence where a Motor Vehicle, Heavy Equipment, Recreational Vehicle, or Trailer, is Parked on a Vacant Lot during such time as development of a building, structure, or residence, for which a development permit has been issued, is ongoing.

3A.5 A Person may make a written application to the Chief Administrative Officer for a temporary parking or storage permit allowing for Parking or storage of Motor Vehicles, Heavy Equipment, Recreational Vehicles, or Trailers, that would otherwise violate this Bylaw. Applications made pursuant to this section must be made in writing, in a form approved by the Chief Administrative Officer.

3A.6 The Chief Administrative Officer may, in their sole unfettered discretion, approve, revoke or impose conditions on the issuance of any permit the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate.

3A.7 For the purpose of prosecuting an offence under this Bylaw, the onus of proving that a permit has been issued by the Chief Administrative Officer rests with the Owner.

3. Schedule "A" to Bylaw No. 465/21, the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw, is hereby amended by including after the Part 3 – Unsightly Premises Specified Penalties, the following Part 3A – Recreational Vehicles and Trailers Specified Penalties:

		1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	3 rd Offence
Section	Offence			
3A.1	Park RV or Trailer on Vacant Lot	\$100	\$200	\$500
3A.2	Store RV or Trailer on Vacant Lot	\$100	\$200	\$500

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: January 14, 2026 RFD 26-01
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Regional Labour Market Study

1. **PURPOSE** – To provide information to Council regarding the Regional Labour Market Study and Workforce Strategy.
2. **BACKGROUND** – In 2024 we were approached by the County of Lacombe’s Economic Development Officer regarding her plans to do the above Study and asking surrounding area communities if they would like to participate. All urban communities within the County agreed to join in and funding was allocated in the Village’s 2025 budget. Unfortunately the project was delayed and is now scheduled for 2026.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To accept this report as information
 2. To inform County we no longer want to participate in the Study
4. **DISCUSSION** – The scope of this project is large enough that we will get relevant data and statistics for the majority of our catchment area.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Cost to Alix is \$1,000. Participation will leverage our investment amount and give a significant return on investment.
6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 3 *“The purposes of a municipality are (a.2) to foster the economic development of the municipality”*
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – Alix Chamber of Commerce is aware of this initiative. Staff have been keeping them updated on the Study and have communicated the need for Chamber participation where / as needed to ensure we get the most accurate data from the process.

Information obtained from this Study should be helpful to the community in general, and the business community specifically. The process of gathering the information and doing the Study is above the scope of what we would be able to do alone.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Information gathered through this process could also be helpful in attracting people to move to Alix. If we are able to promote job opportunities and workforce trends as well as a workforce attraction and retention plan for the region, we could see an increase in skilled labourers moving into the area.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. By accepting the report as information, you are allowing Alix to participate in the Study as previously agreed.

“that the Village of Alix Council accepts Request for Decision 26-01, Regional Labour Market Study as information.”

Author

Regional Labour Market Study and Workforce Strategy

Lacombe County Economic Development, in partnership with the City of Lacombe, the Town of Blackfalds, the Government of Alberta (Labour and Immigration) and neighboring municipalities including the Town of Eckville, the Town of Bentley, the Village of Clive, and the Village of Alix, is undertaking a comprehensive regional Labour Market Study and Workforce Strategy. This collaborative initiative seeks to address the evolving workforce needs within the region, foster economic resilience, and ensure long-term growth for local businesses and industries.

By analyzing labour trends, skill gaps, and employment opportunities, the study aims to provide actionable insights that will support regional businesses in accessing the talent they need, while also identifying opportunities for workforce development and training programs. The strategy will guide efforts to attract, retain, and upskill the regional workforce, ensuring a competitive and vibrant economy.

This initiative is financially supported by a partnership between Lacombe County, the City of Lacombe, and the Town of Blackfalds, reflecting a shared commitment to regional growth. The inclusion of Eckville, Bentley, Clive, and Alix in this partnership ensures that the strategy addresses the diverse needs of the entire region, fostering collaboration and shared success across all participating municipalities. Additional support is provided through a grant partnership with the Government of Alberta.

Finances will be as follows:

- \$49,900 from the Labour Grant
 - \$30,000 from each partnering Municipality (City of Lacombe, Town of Blackfalds and Lacombe County)
 - \$1,000 from each small urban Municipality (Town of Bentley and Eckville, Villages of Clive and Alix)
- Total Budget: \$143,900**

The Labour Market Study and Workforce Strategy will provide a roadmap for regional economic development, positioning Lacombe County and its partner municipalities as leaders in workforce innovation and economic sustainability.

The key purpose and objectives of this project is to include the following for the region.

- **Labour Market Analysis Report**
A detailed report providing insights into the current labour market, including but not limited to employment trends and unemployment rates, industry growth and demand for skills, occupational forecasts and job growth projections, and demographic analysis of workforce (age, education, gender, etc.)
- **Skills Gap Analysis**
This will identify the current and future skill shortages across various industries. This includes a comparison between the skills employers need and the skills available in the workforce and recommendations for closing these gaps through training and education programs.
- **Workforce Demographics and Trends**
A breakdown of the workforce demographics, including age, education levels, migration

patterns, and workforce participation rates. This helps identify potential challenges such as an aging workforce or low labour force participation in key areas.

- **Stakeholder Engagement and Survey Results**
A summary of feedback and input from key stakeholders such as businesses, educational institutions, government bodies, and the workforce. Surveys, interviews and focus groups are often used to gather this information.
- **Labour Market Supply and Demand Forecast**
Projections of future labour market conditions, focusing on industries with expected growth or decline. This includes an analysis of workforce supply (incoming graduates, immigrants, etc.) vs demand (employer needs)
- **Recommendations for Workforce Development**
Strategic recommendations to improve workforce readiness and address labour market challenges. This includes but is not limited to policies to attract and retain talent, initiatives for reskilling and upskilling the workforce and educational and training partnerships with local institutions.
- **Economic Impact Assessment**
An evaluation of how labour market conditions affect the local and regional economy. This includes the economic benefits of addressing labour shortages or potential risks if gaps are not filled.
- **Workforce Attraction and Retention Strategies**
Recommendations on how to attract new talent to the region and retain the existing workforce. This might include strategies related to quality of life, affordable housing, and career development opportunities.
- **Action Plan and Implementation Strategy**
A clear, step-by-step action plan outlining how to address the labour market challenges identified. This includes timelines, key stakeholders responsible for implementation, and funding mechanisms.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation Framework**
A framework for tracking the progress and success of the recommended strategies, including key performance indicators (KPI's) to measure labour market improvements over time.

This project will equip the partnered municipalities with critical data on workforce trends, skill gaps, and employment needs, enabling informed decision-making to drive economic development. It helps attract and retain businesses by addressing skill shortages, enhancing workforce training, and supporting local employers. The study also guides strategies for workforce attraction and retention, improves regional competitiveness, and fosters collaboration between municipalities and educational institutions. By planning for future growth and aligning policies with industry demands, municipalities can strengthen their local economies and secure funding for workforce development initiatives.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: January 14, 2026 RFD 26-02
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: July Council Meeting

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine how Council would like to proceed with the July 2026 Regular Council Meeting.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The first Wednesday of July 2026 falls on Canada Day.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To cancel the July Regular Council meeting and not meet in the month of July
 2. To cancel the July Regular Council meeting and schedule a Special Meeting for another date in the month of July
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Not having a meeting in the month of July would save \$500.
6. **LEGAL** – Procedural Bylaw 423/16 s. 6.2 Regular Meetings of Council shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of every month except for July, August and December when the Meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of the month only.

6.3 If a Regular Meeting of Council falls on a Statutory Holiday, the meeting will be cancelled.

6.4 Special Meetings may be called, and notice of such Special Meetings shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Act and this Bylaw.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – If the July meeting is not re-scheduled, there will be 7 weeks without a meeting (June 17th to August 5th) and there will only be one meeting in August.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – A Special Meeting can be called by the majority of Council (in writing) with less than 24 hours notice. It is a Best Practice not to do this unless necessary – meaning if you know a Special Meeting will be required, it can be scheduled in advance to allow proper notice to be given to the public.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2. I recommend the following resolutions:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby cancels the Regular Meeting scheduled for July 1, 2026”

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby schedules a Special Meeting for July 8, 2026 commencing at 6:00 pm, to be held at 4849 50 Street, Alix.”

Author



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2026-Jan-15
1:38:29PM

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20250547	2025-12-03	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	W15511	ELECTRICAL REPAIR AT PUMP H	1,500.14	2,996.99
20250547			W15512	FURNACE REPAIR AT FIREHALL	639.98	
20250547			W15513	ELECTRICAL REPAIR AT PUMP H	856.87	
20250548	2025-12-03	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB1222133	FINNING SERVICE ON LOADER	315.65	315.65
20250549	2025-12-03	CENTRAL LABS	2501782	MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING	52.12	52.12
20250550	2025-12-03	CONTACT AUTOMATION INC.	8751	SERVICE TO CALL OUT BOX MAI	1,886.81	1,886.81
20250551	2025-12-03	GAM TECH	INV-4323	COMPUTER SERVICES NOV 202	1,340.05	1,340.05
20250552	2025-12-03	GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	0006374782	BOAT LAUNCH LICENSE FEE INC	7.88	7.88
20250553	2025-12-03	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-602184	PPE	106.53	106.53
20250554	2025-12-03	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00047493	MIXED SAND	477.28	477.28
20250555	2025-12-03	LACOMBE REGIONAL WASTE SVCS COMMISE	38671	FOURTH QTR REQ.	13,768.50	13,768.50
20250556	2025-12-03	M & M MOWING	2025031	LAGOON MOWING #4	2,047.50	2,940.00
20250556			2025032	ROAD SIDE MOWING #4	892.50	
20250557	2025-12-03	RED DEER LOCK & SAFE	625236	PAD LOCKS	209.79	209.79
20250558	2025-12-03	REYNOLDS MIRTH RICHARD & FARMER	294644	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	212.63	212.63
20250559	2025-12-03	UFA CO-OPERATIVE LTD.	SOINV8363702	ROAD SALT	103.86	103.86
20250560	2025-12-03	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100NOV2025	BULK WATER NOV 2025	286.81	1,225.39
20250560			63900NOV2025	LIBARAY NOV 2025	116.08	
20250560			69600NOV2025	PW YARD NOV 2025	109.79	
20250560			7000NOV2025	VILLAGE OFFICE NOV 2025	123.12	
20250560			72700NOV2025	FIRE HALL NOV 2025	113.35	
20250560			72800NOV2025	BAY 1 & BAY 2 RAILWAY HOUSE	254.96	
20250560			72830NOV2025	BAY 3 RAILWAY HOUSE NOV 202	111.60	
20250560			72841NOV2025	BAY 4 RAILWAY HOUSE NOV 202	109.68	
20250561	2025-12-03	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	9999	PROGRESS PAYMENT DEC 2025	1,330.00	1,330.00
20250562	2025-12-03	WOLSELEY CANADA INC.	486222	PARTS FOR REPAIRING WATER I	1,269.07	1,269.07
20250563	2025-12-17	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)	392782	OFFICE COFFEE SUPPLIES	35.92	35.92
20250564	2025-12-17	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1522	NOVEMBER 2025 PATROLS	441.00	441.00
20250565	2025-12-17	AIRFORCED DAYLIGHTING. LTD.	10115	WATER LINE REPAIR ON 48 STRI	850.50	850.50
20250566	2025-12-17	ALIX DRUGS	259817	GIFT CARDS FOR STAFF & COU	30.00	53.49
20250566			DEC2025	FIRST RESPONSE SUPPLIES	23.49	
20250567	2025-12-17	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	156644	PVC SEWER CAP 4"	13.82	1,200.17
20250567			156688	PW TOOLS AND OIL	855.65	
20250567			156689	GARBAGE BAGS	165.86	
20250567			156690	CAMPGROUND GARBAGE BAGS	57.27	
20250567			156691	PAINT	19.62	
20250567			156711	DISH SOAP, DOOR STOP	14.47	
20250567			156733	SHOP SUPPLIES	59.84	
20250567			156808	BROOM FOR LIFT STATION	13.64	
20250568	2025-12-17	BESUIJEN, JANICE	DEC2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE DEC 2025	414.09	414.09
20250569	2025-12-17	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB1277509	OFFICE SUPPLIES	91.52	91.52
20250570	2025-12-17	CENTRAL LABS	2501830	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	52.12
20250571	2025-12-17	COLE, EDWIN	DEC2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE DEC 2025	441.36	441.36
20250572	2025-12-17	EDGE MARKETING & DESIGN INC.	11193	2026 ANNUAL HOSTING FEE	262.50	262.50
20250573	2025-12-17	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	DEC2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE DEC 2025	395.24	395.24
20250574	2025-12-17	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN	DEC2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC	464.09	464.09
20250575	2025-12-17	GULLY'S RESCUE AND REMOVAL	169	SNOW REMOVAL DEC 9, 2025	1,890.00	3,465.00



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Cheque #	Cheque Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
20250575	2025-12-17	GULLY'S RESCUE AND REMOVAL	171	SNOW REMOVAL DEC 11, 2025	1,575.00	3,465.00
20250576	2025-12-17	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COM	1426	WATER CONSUMPTION NOV 202	17,398.17	17,398.17
20250577	2025-12-17	LANEUVILLE, FRANCOIS	DEC2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE DEC 2025	439.16	439.16
20250578	2025-12-17	RANGE ROAD HOLDINGS LTD., O/A RALLY RE	11015	LIFT RENTAL FOR CHIRSTMAS L	533.93	533.93
20250579	2025-12-17	TOWN OF BLACKFALDS	IVC068257	COUNCIL TRAINING LEGAL SEMI	299.40	299.40
20250580	2025-12-17	VELOCITY HYDROVAC SERVICES LTD.	25-13945	WATER LINE REPAIR AT 47 STRE	2,051.25	2,051.25
20250581	2025-12-17	WOLSELEY CANADA INC.	494206	CURB STOP BLOCKS AND PIPIN	267.46	267.46
20250582	2025-12-17	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	192711	COPY CHARGES	163.72	163.72
20250583	2025-12-31	CA LOCKS	711	REKEYING LOCKS AT ALIX AREN	317.10	317.10
20250584	2025-12-31	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO	1000-001117301	CROSSING MAINTENANCE DEC	731.00	731.00
20250585	2025-12-31	CENTRAL LABS	2501862	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	104.24
20250585			2501893	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	
20250586	2025-12-31	GULLY'S RESCUE AND REMOVAL	174	SNOW CLEARING DEC 18, 2025	1,890.00	3,937.50
20250586			177	SNOW CLEARING DEC 29, 2025	2,047.50	
20250587	2025-12-31	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	DEC2025	PREMIUMS DEC 2025	6,040.32	6,040.32
20250588	2025-12-31	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT	11585423	WATER METER PARTS SHIPPING	61.78	61.78
20250589	2025-12-31	RSP Dec 2025	DEC2025	RSP DEC 2025	337.19	337.19
20250590	2025-12-31	TDI ENGINEERING SERVICE	FH2025-01	FIRE HALL EXPANSION DESIGN	8,400.00	11,235.00
20250590			VA2025-06	INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PL	2,835.00	
20250591	2025-12-31	WHITE, MICHELLE	DEC2025	TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC 2	142.56	142.56
20260001	2025-12-31	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1535	PATROLS FOR DEC 2025	283.50	283.50
20260002	2025-12-31	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	156563	WALL SWITCH ON TIMER	24.14	24.14
20260003	2025-12-31	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB1344352	STAPLES OFFICE SUPPLIES	97.78	97.78
20260004	2025-12-31	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.	0000412058	GARBAGE & COMPOST NOV 202	2,986.72	5,828.90
20260004			0000417056	GARBAGE DEC 2025	2,842.18	
20260005	2025-12-31	GAM TECH	INV-4618	COMPUTER SERVICES DEC 202	1,092.00	1,092.00
20260006	2025-12-31	GOLDEN WEST BROADCASTING	1055-14613	CHRISTMAS ADVERTISING ON R	525.00	525.00
20260007	2025-12-31	GRAYSON EXCAVATING	3881	WATER LINE REPAIR ON 48TH S	10,719.21	14,685.59
20260007			3882	WATER LINE REPAIR AT 47TH ST	3,966.38	
20260008	2025-12-31	REYNOLDS MIRTH RICHARD & FARMER	296124	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,020.65	1,020.65
20260009	2025-12-31	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100DEC2025	BULK WATER DEC 2025	352.21	1,202.22
20260009			63900DEC2025	LIBRARY DEC 2025	116.72	
20260009			69600DEC2025	PW YARD DEC 2025	115.55	
20260009			7000DEC2025	VILLAGE OFFICE DEC 2025	119.28	
20260009			72700DEC2025	FIRE HALL DEC 2025	127.82	
20260009			72800DEC2025	BAY 1 & 2 DEC 2025	151.28	
20260009			72830DEC2025	BAY 3 DEC 2025	109.68	
20260009			72841DEC2025	BAY 4 DEC 2025	109.68	
20260010	2025-12-31	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	156872	DIESEL CAN	26.24	740.74
20260010			156889	FIREHALL MAINT. SUPPLIES	103.58	
20260010			156896	PROPANE 20LB BOTTLE	31.49	
20260010			156934	GARBAGE BAGS	13.20	
20260010			156936	PLUG FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	3.87	
20260010			156948	QUICK LINK	8.38	
20260010			156954	CHRISTMAS LIGHT PLUG, SHOP	17.50	
20260010			157006	4" WIRE WHEEL	10.49	
20260010			157024	SNOW SHOVELS FOR SHOP	94.48	
20260010			157025	CHAIN SAW	360.14	
20260010			157048	WIPER BLADE	16.79	
20260010			157066	DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID	37.79	



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20260010	2025-12-31	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	157083	WIPER BLADE	16.79	740.74
20260011	2025-12-31	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-611055	RETURN SAFETY VEST	(204.54)	58.74
20260011			000-615683	ICE MELT	162.46	
20260011			000-656767	6 VOLT BATTERIES	100.82	
20260012	2025-12-31	GULLY'S RESCUE AND REMOVAL	179	SNOW REMOVAL DEC 31, 2025	1,260.00	1,260.00
20260013	2025-12-31	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COM	1432	DEC 2025 WATER CONSUMPTIO	17,078.22	17,078.22
20260014	2025-12-31	PETTY CASH	DEC2025	PETTY CASH TO DEC 31, 2025	222.75	222.75

Total 124,589.56

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Cheque #	Cheque Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
20260015	2026-01-15	ADOA (ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT , OFFICERS /	26-169	2026 MEMBERSHIP FEE	175.00	175.00
20260016	2026-01-15	ALIX ARENA ASSOCIATION	JAN2026	2026 BUDGET ALLOCATION	30,400.00	30,400.00
20260017	2026-01-15	ALIX COMMUNITY HALL BOARD	JAN2026	2026 BUDGET ALLOCATION	6,000.00	6,000.00
20260018	2026-01-15	ALIX FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT, SERVI	JAN2026	ALIX INFORM AND MOMS & TOT:	6,400.00	6,400.00
20260019	2026-01-15	ALIX FIRE DEPARTMENT	JAN2026	2026 HONORARIUMS	10,000.00	10,000.00
20260020	2026-01-15	ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIET	JAN2026	1ST QTR PAYMENT - FCSS FUNC	12,372.00	12,372.00
20260021	2026-01-15	ALIX WAGON WHEEL MUSEUM	JAN2026	BUDGET ALLOCATION 2026	3,000.00	3,000.00
20260022	2026-01-15	BOBCAT OF RED DEER	33004315P	EDGE CUTTERS	408.84	408.84
20260023	2026-01-15	CARR, MICHAEL	JAN2026	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 2026	300.00	300.00
20260024	2026-01-15	CENTRAL LABS	2501919	MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING AN	155.69	312.05
20260024			2501920	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	
20260024			2501927	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	
20260024			2600011	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	
20260025	2026-01-15	CURRIER, RANDY	JAN2026	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE JAN 202	300.00	300.00
20260026	2026-01-15	CYBERUS PROTECTION SERVICES	202619	VILLAGE PATROLS JAN 2026	3,154.89	3,154.89
20260027	2026-01-15	GULLY'S RESCUE AND REMOVAL	182	SNOW CLEARING JAN 2, 2026	840.00	840.00
20260028	2026-01-15	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00047661	2026 ASSESSMENT REVIEW BO/	997.50	997.50
20260029	2026-01-15	LACOMBE REGIONAL TOURISM & MARKETINC	1033	2026 COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP	3,931.20	3,931.20
20260030	2026-01-15	MATHIEU HRYNIUK LLP, BARRISTER & SOLICI	JAN2026	REIMBURSE FOR ETRANSFER S	25.00	25.00
20260031	2026-01-15	NIEHAUS, CODY ELDON	JAN2026	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE JAN 202	300.00	300.00
20260032	2026-01-15	OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMM	15287	2026 ANNUAL GIS SERVICES	6,239.31	6,239.31
20260033	2026-01-15	PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS	260001	1ST QTR REQUISITION	2,053.32	2,053.32
20260034	2026-01-15	RANGE ROAD HOLDINGS LTD., O/A RALLY REI	11207	LIFT RENTAL FOR CHRISTMAS L	394.01	394.01
20260035	2026-01-15	SKYBOX SIGNS LIMITED	1316-1	1ST PAYMENT - OUTDOOR SIGN	23,246.78	23,246.78
20260036	2026-01-15	TAXervice	2442395	SERVICE FEE FOR TAX ROLL 14:	456.75	3,197.25
20260036			2442396	SERVICE FEE FOR TAX ROLL 16:	456.75	
20260036			2442397	SERVICE FEE FOR TAX ROLL 17:	456.75	
20260036			2442399	SERVICE FEE FOR TAX ROLL 22:	456.75	
20260036			2442400	SERVICE FEE FOR TAX ROLL 28:	456.75	
20260036			2442401	SERVICE FEE FOR TAX ROLL 36:	456.75	
20260036			2442402	SERVICE FEE FOR TAX ROLL 41:	456.75	
20260037	2026-01-15	WHITE, MICHELLE	JAN2026	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE JAN 202	300.00	300.00
20260038	2026-01-15	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	10030	PROGRESS PAYMENT FOR JAN	1,330.00	1,330.00
(EFT) 218	2026-01-15	MENAGE, WENDY				
(EFT) 219	2026-01-15	MESTON, TANYA				
(EFT) 220	2026-01-15	ANDERSON, JANENE				
(EFT) 221	2026-01-15	CARR, MICHAEL				
(EFT) 222	2026-01-15	GIESBRECHT, CHELSIE				

Total 120,577.15

*** End of Report ***

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

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

	CHEQUING	CHEQUING (2)	INVESTMENTS (1)
Balance from Bank Statement:	2,352,857.20	12,761.51	0.00
Plus: Deposits in Transit	9,436.80		
Plus: JE in Transit	-		
Less: Outstanding Cheques	(60,012.21)		
 Reconciled Bank Balance:	 <u>2,302,281.79</u>	 <u>12,761.51</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
31-Dec-25 GL balance 3-120	<u>2,302,281.79</u>		
31-Dec-25 GL balance 3-121		<u>12,761.51</u>	
31-Dec-25 GL balance 3-300			<u>-</u>
Variance:	-	-	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2026



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Tax Trial Balance (Full Listing)

Trial Balance As Of 2026-01-15

Roll #	Title Holder	Tax Levy	Accum. Penalty	Out. Penalty	Outstanding	Current	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Over 3
		Tax Levy	1,912,269.43		Local Improvement Levy			0.00		
		Additional Tax Levy	0.00		Accumulated Penalty		17,494.39			
					Outstanding Penalty		33,040.02			
		Sub Ledger	General Ledger							
		Current	196.26							
		1 Year	84,116.09			3-00-00-00-210	123,728.22			
		2 Years	21,910.05			Totals	<u>123,728.22</u>			
		3 Years	380.82							
		Over 3	17,125.00							
		Added	0.00							
		Outstanding	<u>123,728.22</u>							
					Total GL		123,728.22			
					Total SL		123,728.22			
					Proof		<u>0.00</u>			

*** End of Report ***

Parkland Regional Library System
Regular Board Meeting
November 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Barb Gilliat was re-appointed Board Chair by acclamation.

The Executive Committee was appointed. The seat representing the Town of Balckfalds, Lacombe County and the Village of Alix was not filled as neither of the Blackfalds or County representatives were present, but both indicated they are willing to have their name stand for the position. The position will be filled at the next meeting in February.

The PRLS budget was approved by 72% of the Municipalities so has passed.

No Advocacy Committee was appointed this year. It was decided that the Executive Committee will take on some of the Advocacy duties. A committee of library managers will also work on advocacy geared towards libraries themselves.

Meetings dates were set; the May meeting will be in person, all others remote.

Ron Shephard, along with Calgary and Edmonton Public Libraries continue to advocate for a raise in library funding. Resolutions were passed at the ABMuni and RMA conventions as well as media releases.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05

Lacombe Foundation
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Organizational Meeting

Barb Gilliat was elected Board Chair

Tracey Holman was elected Vice Chair

Regular meeting was called to order at 1:22 pm

There are a lot of new members on the Board so an orientation presentation started the meeting.

No increase in the municipal requisition this year. Some of the service prices will increase for the residents.

Occupancy is 100% in Blackfalds affordable housing. Eckville Manor 86% and Lacombe Manor 91%.

Next meeting will be Feb. 2, 2026 and held remotely.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm

Mayors and Reeves Meeting
December 18, 2025

I attended the Mayors and Reeves dinner meeting held in Gasoline Alley. Of the approximately 20 people attending only 3 or 4 were returning Mayors/Reeves! And the vast majority were women!

The guest speaker was Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Transportation. One of the big topics was the new proposed electoral boundaries. There will be two new seats, one each in Edmonton and Calgary with the loss of one seat in the rural West. Minister Nixon will lose his seat with the new boundaries. The hearing was in Calgary on December 19th. Several of the Mayors were attending or testifying remotely.

Budget was the next topic. There is no money, things are tight, don't expect any funding.

Speed limits also came up. He said several driving schools have been closed and many trucking companies closed after investigations. The new 120 KM on QE2 is not a given. There are also suggestions that in areas with 3 lanes, large trucks will not be allowed in the left lane.



RCMP

TOWN HALL EVENT

VILLAGE OF ALIX

Conversation & awareness
session on the community.
Q & A to follow.



Thursday, February 19, 2026

6:00 P.M

Alix Resource Centre
Bay 1





Transportation and
Economic Corridors

Office of the Infrastructure Manager
Central Region

401, 4920-51 Street
Red Deer, Alberta
Canada T4N 6K8

Telephone 403/340-5166
Fax 403/340-4810

1560-ALIX-VWP

January 13, 2026

Ms. Michelle White
CAO
Village of Alix
PO Box 87
Alix, AB T0C 0B0

Dear Ms. White:

**Re: Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership
Lagoon Upgrade Cells 1-4**

Thank you for your application requesting funding assistance for the Lagoon Upgrade Cells 1-4 project under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Program. The project has been entered into our grants database and will be considered as part of the 2025 program intake.

The Village of Alix will be notified once your project has been evaluated. Please note that if you begin construction prior to project approval, the project will no longer be eligible for grant funding.

Please submit any updated project estimates to our office to update our records. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (403) 340-5069.

Sincerely,

Denette Leask
Infrastructure Technologist

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Alix Briefs

by the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre



FUNDRAISING PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN OUR SUCCESS

We couldn't do it without you. We want to acknowledge the continuous support of so many individuals, businesses and organizations! Your donations help fund current and future programs. We were able to surpass our goal of raising \$25,000, during the 2025 Giving Campaign (Oct- Dec). The Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society extends a heartfelt THANK YOU.

BUSINESS/ ORGRANIZATION DONORS:

- ~Enhance Energy \$5,000
- ~ATB Financial \$5,000
- ~Servus Credit Union \$500
- ~Alix Village Shoppe \$3,250
- ~Lacombe County \$5,200
- ~Ember Resources \$3,500
- ~Kri-Tech Products Ltd \$500
- ~Chain Lakes Gas \$500
- ~Central Alberta Lodge of Perfection 14 \$500
- ~George Community Group \$250

INDIVIDUAL DONORS:

- John & Allison Ireland, Verveda Family, Judy Rottenfusser, Darlene Nelson, Catherine Hepburn, Donna Peterson, Alfredo Trejans, Doreen Scott & Hillary Ann, Linda Trapp, Robert Peterson, May Menage, Marlene Ironside, Well Mannered Mutts, Mirror Seventh-Day Adventist Church

FUNDRAISERS

- Winter Escapes Online Auction: \$7,000**
- Rafflebox 50/50 Draw: \$2,445**
- Wreath Wonderland: \$1,130**
- Santa Paws: \$365**



Services Available

- Information & Referral
- Resource Navigation
- Family Wellness
- Alix Food Bank
- Meals on Wheels
- Community Services
- Adult Learning
- Volunteer Services
- Wise Owls



**Monday to Thursday
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Closed all statutory holidays

Bay 1 & 2, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB
403-396-3369

SAVE THE DATE

Family Day at the Centre, on Feb 16, 2026... Numerous activities will be hosted including an Artisan Market!

Get in touch if you are a crafter/maker and are interested in joining us, no table fee. Call or email (mark.alixcrc@gmail.com).

Princess & Superhero Party- Update

Jan 11, 2026, 1PM to 4PM at the Alix Community Hall
Cancelled due to low ticket sales...



**WINTER WISHES ONLINE AUCTION
Coming Soon! March 11-23, 2026**

If you would like to donate an item, please contact Jill, before March 2.

Warming Hearts and Supporting Each Other During the Holidays

Joy of Giving A total of 55 individuals received a gift, from 32 individuals who donated gifts. This anonymous gifting program is for any adult or senior who may need some extra joy during the holidays.

Angel Tree A way to name & honor a memory during the holidays for those who've passed. This year 16 more angels will be added to the 'Hallway of Angels', at the Centre.

Thank you all who participated, we love seeing our community come together by giving back!

Feeding the Holidays: 30 (Total # of Households)

Santa's Anonymous: 11 (Total # of Children)



**TYLER GANDAM
CONSULTING**

Presents...

The Human Infrastructure

Communication, Well-being, and the Collaborative Municipality

In an era of rapid change, the strength of a municipality is defined by its ability to communicate and care for its people — both within its borders and across them. Municipal leaders and community wellness advocates are invited to join us for insightful sessions on topics such as:

- **Inter-Municipal Synergy**
Strategies for seamless regional co-operation.
- **The Mental Health Mandate**
Supporting staff and council well-being.
- **Effective Communications**
Tools for using social media effectively and navigating complex civic conversations.

Hear from engaging expert speakers who will bring with them real-world experience and fresh perspectives on some of Alberta's most pressing municipal topics.

Continental breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks provided.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

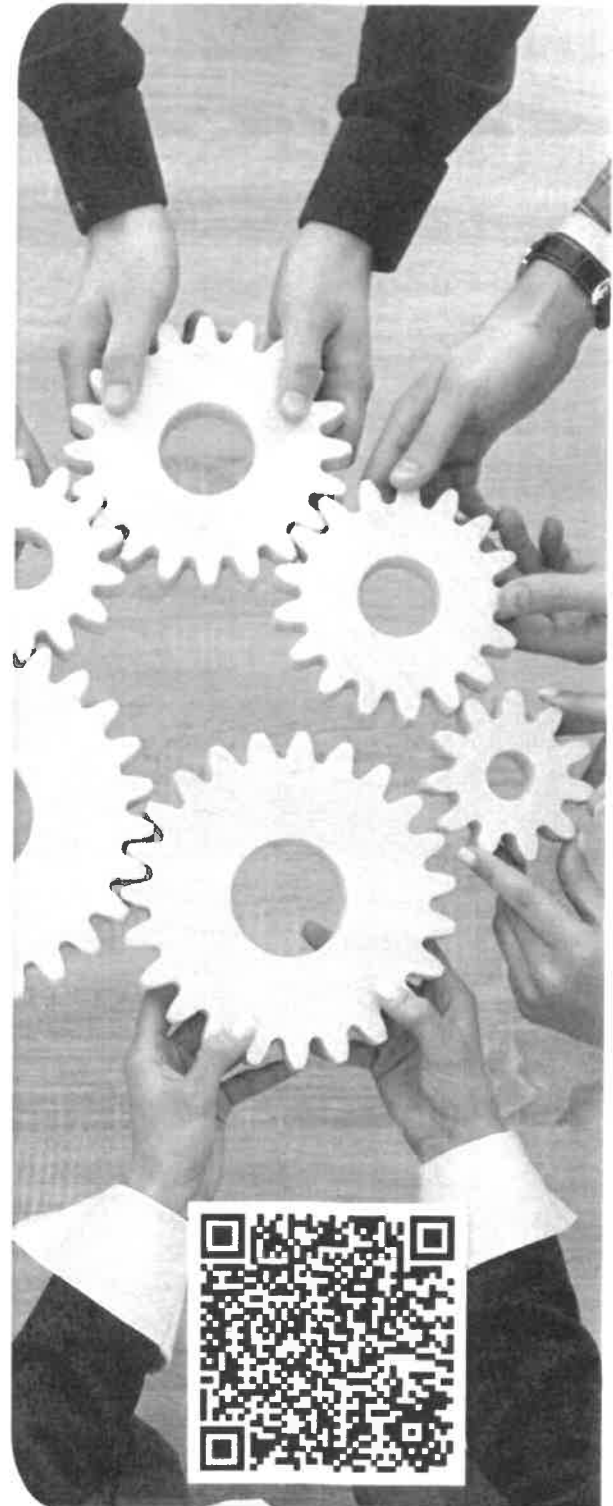
Royal Hotel Edmonton Airport
8450 Sparrow Drive, LEDUC

For more information, call 780.312.0660 or email tylergandam@outlook.com

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Tickets available at eventbrite.ca
(search "Human Infrastructure")
or scan the QR code above!



MEDIA RELEASE

January 14, 2026

Construction planned in 2026 for the anticipated Gull Lake Regional Trail

(Lacombe, Alberta, January 14, 2026) – Lacombe County is excited to announce the construction of the Gull Lake Regional Trail, a 14-kilometre pathway that will transform recreation opportunities and strengthen connections between communities around Gull Lake. Approved as part of the 5-Year Recreation Capital Plan, this project will be built in three phases, with Phase 1 starting this summer.

"This trail is more than just a recreational project—it's about creating connections," said Bill Cade, Lacombe County's Director of Operations. "It will link communities, provide safe and scenic routes for residents and visitors, and enhance the overall quality of life in Lacombe County."

Three Phases of Development

The project will roll out in stages:

- **Phase 1 (Spring 2026):** Construction begins on key sections that provide immediate connectivity between major access points.
- **Phase 2 (2027):** Expansion to link additional subdivisions and recreational areas.
- **Phase 3 (2028*):** Completion of the full trail loop, ensuring seamless access for residents and visitors.

**If needed*

Once complete, the trail will connect Bentley and Sandy Point on the west with Alberta Parks, Ebeling Subdivision, and the Summer Village of Gull Lake to the south, and extend to McLaurin, New Saratoga, and Willsons Beach on the east.

A Collaborative Effort

The success of this project is built on strong partnerships. Lacombe County is working closely with the Summer Village of Gull Lake and Alberta Parks to ensure the trail reflects a shared vision of accessible, sustainable outdoor spaces.

"The Summer Village of Gull Lake is thrilled to be part of this initiative," said Tim DeVries, Public Works Manager for the Summer Village of Gull Lake. "The new trail will give residents and visitors an incredible way to experience the beauty of our lake while promoting active, healthy lifestyles."

Benefits for the Region

The Gull Lake Regional Trail will:

- Offer a scenic route for walking, cycling, and outdoor activities.
- Foster community connection by linking neighbourhoods and recreational destinations.
- Attract visitors and boost local tourism.
- Promote health and wellness through active lifestyles.

As Cade noted, "By working with our partners and investing in recreation infrastructure, we're building something that will benefit generations to come, while supporting our goal of providing people with outdoor spaces to connect with nature and enjoy sustainable recreation."

