

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order:
2. Agenda Amendments and Adoption
3. Adoption of the Minutes: a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 4, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: a) Community Standards Bylaw Amendment 492/26- Request for Decision 26-16
b) Advertising/Public Notice Bylaw 493/26 - Request for Decision 26-15
6. Unfinished Business: a) Resident Request for Lane Closure and Sale of Land (5221 50 Street) – Request for Decision 26-17
7. New Business: None
8. Financial Reports: a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – February 18 – March 6, 2026
b) Bank Reconciliation – February 28, 2026
c) Tax Trial Balance – March 12, 2026
9. Committee Reports: None
10. Administrative Reports: a) Economic Development – Re: Alix Chamber of Commerce
11. Correspondence: a) Alberta Municipalities – News Release – Albertans’ Property Taxes Increase
b) Government Finance Officer’s Association – Government of Alberta 2026 Budget
c) Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta – News Release
d) Alix and Area Community Resource Centre – Hearing Clinic Day, Intro to Yoga, Income Tax Assistance Program
12. Closed Meeting: None
13. Adjournment:

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, March 4, 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 #042/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda with the following amendment:
Add: New Business: d) Regional Wellness Team
CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – February 18, 2026

Resolution #043/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

Delegation: a) Mr. Riley Kloss, AMAA – Wild Rose Assessment Services
Mr. Riley Kloss, AMAA and Cale Green representing Wildrose Assessment Services entered the meeting at 6:01 P.M.
Mr. Kloss and Mr. Green retired from the meeting at 6:51 P.M.

Bylaws: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) In Memoriam Street Naming – Request for Decision 26-11

Resolution #044/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to bring the topic of Memorial Street Naming forward at Strategic Planning.
CARRIED

b) Resident Request for Road Closure – Request for Decision 26-12

Resolution #045/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to do further research into a Road Closure Bylaw regarding a portion of 54 Avenue, at the request of the adjacent property owner.
DENIED

c) Resident Request for Road Closure – Request for Decision 26-13

Resolution #046/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to do further research into a Road Closure Bylaw regarding a portion of undeveloped laneway, at the request of the adjacent property owner.
CARRIED

- New Business: (cont.) d) Regional Wellness Team
- Resolution #047/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby appoints Councillor Besuijen as the Designate and Councillor Cole as the Alternate to the Regional Wellness Team.
CARRIED
- Financial Reports: None
- Committee Reports: a) Parkland Community Planning Services – Councillor Besuijen
b) Alix Arena Association Meeting – Councillor Fehr
- Resolution #048/26: 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 #049/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Chief Administrative Officer’s Report as presented.
CARRIED
- Correspondence and Information: a) Alberta Municipalities – Property Taxes Reimagined
b) Lacombe County – Fire Permit Media Release
c) Municipal Affairs – 2026 Federal Census
d) Municipal Affairs – Minister’s Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence
- Resolution #050/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that Correspondence Items (a) through (d) be accepted as information.
CARRIED
- Closed Meeting: a) Access to Information Act s. 30(1) Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body RE: Administrative Support Services
b) Access to Information Act s. 28(1) Local Public Body Confidences RE: Parkland Community Planning Services
- Resolution #051/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council go into a Closed Meeting at 7:48 P.M. to discuss Access to Information Act, Section 30 (1) – Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body regarding Administrative Support Services and Section 28 (1) Local Public Bodies Confidences regarding Parkland Community Planning Services.
CARRIED
- Resolution #052/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council return to the Public Meeting at 8:10 P.M.
CARRIED
- Resolution #053/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix not renew membership with Parkland Community Planning Services after the current contract ends on March 31, 2026.
CARRIED

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Adjournment:

Resolution #054/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: March 10, 2026 RFD 26-16
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Tanya Meston
Subject: Community Standards Bylaw Amendment

1. **PURPOSE** – To report to Council regarding the Public Participation Plan for Community Standards Bylaw Amendment 492/26.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Council reviewed the draft Bylaw at the January 21, 2026 regular meeting. A Public Participation Plan was developed and carried out after first reading of the Bylaw was done. Attached is a report on the month long community engagement process.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To give 2nd & 3rd readings to the Bylaw at this time
 2. To amend Bylaw 492/26 before passing
 3. To defeat the Bylaw
4. **DISCUSSION** – A detailed and effective communication plan was carried out and the attached report notes all of the communication methods that were used and the resulting outcomes.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The cost of the flyer mailout to every resident and business on February 10, 2026 was \$120.75. The flyer mailout is a key communication method in the absence of a weekly newspaper within the community.
6. **LEGAL** – First reading of Bylaw 492/26 was passed at the January 21, 2026 regular Council meeting. ***MGA Section 180*** – *A council may only act by resolution or bylaw passed at a duly constituted public meeting with a quorum present. Where legislation requires or authorizes a council to do something by bylaw, it may only be done by bylaw.*
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. – To give 2nd and 3rd readings to Bylaw 492/26.

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives second and third readings to Bylaw 492/26, being a bylaw to amend the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw.”



Author

Public Participation Plan – Community Standards Bylaw Amendment

Policy No: 36

In accordance with policy # 36 Council approved a Public Participation Plan for the Community Standards Bylaw Amendment at their February 4, 2026 meeting.

Our communication plan outlined methods including:

- **Main street digital sign:** the ad was published on the sign on February 10, 2026 and remained up until March 11, 2026.
- **Village of Alix website:** an ad along with a PDF link to the 'Notice to Residents' flyer was published on February 10, 2026 and remained available until March 11, 2026
- **Village of Alix Facebook page:** an ad along with a link to our website was published on February 10, 2026, with scheduled ad pushes for February 18, March 4, and March 10.
- **Flyer Mailout:** 600 flyers were printed and distributed through our post office for every resident and business PO Box on February 10, 2026.
- **Poster:** The flyer was posted on the Village Office front window and was also displayed at the front counter of the office.

We had great engagement from our communication plan including:

- 1 written submission.
- 5 residents coming in person to inquire about the proposed amendment.
- 4 calls to the office for inquires about the proposed amendment.

A majority of the inquires we had about the proposed amendment, once explained to the persons in more detail, were in agreeance with the amendment.

Informal comments received from in-person visits, or calls include:

"I like when towns have rules like this in place, because it helps give me backup as a landlord when dealing with renters"

" We have two lots, we want to make sure we are compliant, what can we do?" This resulted in helping this resident do the paperwork to consolidate their lots into one title.

"I heard about this change on the radio; can you explain to me what it means"

Community standards bylaw amendment #492/26

Hello, I have concerns with the bylaws proposed.

Situations like these need to be treated with a case-by-case approach, in some cases a person might have a project vehicle that would be sitting for some time causing no harm to anyone or people camp in a yard visiting family. In other cases broken garbage vehicles that are unsightly might be due for questioning. Creating bylaws that restrict everyone removes freedom.

I suggest creating a bylaws that requires a complaint system to be first enacted; if a person has a unsightly vehicle/ or camping long periods in a way that disturbs a fellow neighbour and more than two complaints from different neighbours are made to the village of Alix in regards to the disturbing neighbour than penalties are established.

Thanks for your service!

Sincerely, Neil Bodhi.

**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 – Heavy Equipment, Motor Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle and Trailer Specified Penalties within one calendar year:

Section	Offence	1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	3 rd Offence
3A.1	Park Heavy Equipment, Motor Vehicle, RV or Trailer on Vacant Lot	\$100	\$200	\$500
3A.2	Store Heavy Equipment, Motor Vehicle, RV or Trailer on Vacant Lot	\$100	\$200	\$500
3A.3	Camp in an RV on Vacant Lot	\$100	\$200	\$500

4. All other provisions of Bylaw No. 465/21, the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw, shall remain unamended and in full force and effect.
5. Should any provision of this bylaw become invalid, void, illegal, or otherwise not enforceable, it shall be considered separate and severable from the bylaw and the remainder shall remain in force and be binding as though such provisions had not been invalid.
6. Coming into force of this bylaw is effective upon the third and final reading and signing of this Bylaw.

Read a first time this 21st day of January, 2026.

Read a second time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Read a third time and finally passed this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: March 10, 2026 RFD 26-15
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Advertising/Public Notice Bylaw

1. **PURPOSE** – To present Council with a draft Advertising/Public Notice Bylaw.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Changes to the Municipal Government Act allow municipalities to provide notice to residents in a variety of ways if they have an Advertising Bylaw in place. Previously, statutory notice could only be given by publishing for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper that covered the community or by mailing/delivering to every property.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To give first reading to draft Bylaw 493/26 and set a Public Hearing
 2. To continue using only the above stated advertising methods and defeat the Bylaw
4. **DISCUSSION** – We were able to meet the basic advertising requirements by mail-out or advertising in the East Central Review. Since the newspaper is no longer in print form, it technically does not meet the advertising requirements. Passing this Bylaw would open up several options not currently available to us.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – No financial implications to passing the Bylaw. Advertising costs moving forward would be part of the regular Operating Budget.
6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 606.1(1) “A council may by bylaw provide for one or more methods, which may include electronic means, for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things referred to in section 606.
 - (2) Before making a bylaw under subsection (1), council must be satisfied that the method of the bylaw would provide for is likely to bring proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things advertised by that method to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the bylaw, resolution or other thing relates or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held.
 - (3) Council must conduct a public hearing before making a bylaw under subsection (1).”
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – More ratepayers are choosing to get their information digitally now than ever before. This needs to be balanced with awareness that not everyone has access to a computer or internet on a regular basis. A combination of advertising methods is recommended to ensure full public coverage of statutory advertisements.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1, I recommend the following resolutions:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives first reading to Bylaw 493/26, being a bylaw to establish alternate methods for advertising statutory notices.”

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby sets a Public Hearing regarding Bylaw 493/26 on April 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at Village Office: 4849 50 Street Alix.”

M. White

Author

VILLAGE OF ALIX

BYLAW NO. 493/26

BEING a Bylaw of the Village of Alix, in the Province of Alberta, to establish alternate methods for advertising statutory notices.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, a Council must give notice of certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings or other things by advertising in a newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, mailing or delivering a notice to every resident in the affected area or by another method provided for in a bylaw under Section 606.1;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 606.1 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, a Council may, by bylaw, provide for one or more methods, which may include electronic means, for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things referred to in Sections 606 and/or 692;

AND WHEREAS, Council is satisfied that the advertising method set out in this Bylaw is likely to bring matters advertised by that method to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the bylaw, resolution or other thing relates or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held;

AND WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing for this bylaw held on _____, 2026 has been given in accordance with Section 606(2) of the Municipal Government Act;

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 “Advertising/Public Notification Bylaw”.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

- (a) “Detailed Notice” means a notice containing all of the

information required under Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act.

- (b) “Printed Media” means any written or pictorial form of communication produced mechanically or electronically using printing, photocopying, or digital methods from which multiple copies can be made through automated processes.
- (c) “Social Media” means any electronic online form of communication through which individuals and groups of users share information and content.
- (d) “Statutory Notices” means any notices, including those for proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, or other things as required to be advertised by the Municipal Government Act.

3. Advertising Method

In addition to the advertising methods prescribed in Section 606(2) of the Municipal Government Act and/or any notice required to be advertised under Section 606 and/or 692 of a bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing may be advertised through the following methods:

- (a) By publishing in at least one newspaper or other publication circulating in the area in which the proposed bylaw, resolution or other thing relates, or in which the meeting or hearing is being held; and/or
- (b) Electronically by posting the notice prominently on the Village of Alix’s official website; and/or
- (c) Electronically by posting the notice prominently on the Village of Alix’s official social media sites; and/or
- (d) Electronically by posting the notice prominently on the Village of Alix’s digital sign; and/or
- (e) Electronically by posting the notice prominently through Digital Publication; and/or
- (f) By directly mailing notice to the necessary residents/businesses; and/or
- (g) By posting the notice prominently on the bulletin board provided for that purpose in the following municipal facilities: Village of Alix’s Administrative Office (4849 50 Street, Alix, AB); and/or
- (h) By placing flyers or posting the notice on the bulletin boards

or displays at local establishments, community halls, recreation centres, or other venues frequented by Village of Alix residents/business owners; and/or

- (i) By directly posting the notice physically onto a property; and/or
- (j) Electronically via email, text, or other electronic notification through a subscribed database established for that purpose.

4. SEVERABILITY

Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions. If any such provision is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of the Bylaw will remain valid and enforceable.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Bylaw shall come into effect upon adoption of this Bylaw.

Read a first time this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Read a second time this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Read a third time and finally passed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: March 11, 2026
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White, Tanya Meston
Subject: Resident Request for Lane Closure and Sale of Land (5221 50 Street)

RFD 26-17

1. **PURPOSE** – To provide background and supporting information regarding a proposed lane closure. NOTE: The same steps apply to closing a lane and closing a road.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Ms. Mercer is requesting that the Village close the undeveloped portion of laneway between three of her properties so that the closed area can then be sold to her and added to a piece of her property.

The road closure process involves several steps and will take many months to complete. The following broad steps are required:

1. Preparation of a road closure bylaw identifying the portion of road to be closed and giving first reading of the road closure bylaw by Council;
2. Circulation, advertising and referral of the road closure bylaw and indication of the future use/disposal of the closed portion of road (i.e. to sell to abutting landowner);
3. Hosting a public hearing regarding the road closure bylaw at a regular Council meeting followed by a decision by Council to proceed or not proceed further;
4. If proceeding further, sending the road closure bylaw and required submission package to Alberta Transportation to obtain the Minister's approval of the road closure bylaw;
5. Giving second and third reading of the road closure bylaw by Council if approved by the Minister;
6. Registration of the road closure bylaw at Land Titles to create new certificate of title.

The process to sell the closed portion of road can overlap with the processing of the road closure bylaw. The need to advertise the sale depends on whether or not Council is selling the land at market value.

3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To accept this report as information
 2. To do a road closure bylaw, and, if the bylaw successfully passes after advertising and public consultation, sell a portion of the closed road to Ms. Mercer at a price set by Council.
3. **DISCUSSION** – There are a number of items to consider in the decision to close and then sell a portion of road allowance.

Future Need for the Portion of Road to be Closed

The laneway between 49 Street and 50 Street on the north side does not go completely through the block and intersect with another street or lane. It remains undeveloped because the only open access point on the north end of the lane is in a low-lying wetland.

Lanes are typically developed to provide properties with a secondary access point and/or to run various municipal and shallow utility infrastructure. There are no utilities in this undeveloped lane (with the exception of an east/west sewer main through municipally owned property with a registered utility Right-of-Way). Utilities run in street front road allowances in this area of the Village, so a closure would not impact future servicing needs.

Due to proximity to the lagoon (approx. 340 meters) and setback requirements stated in the Village of Alix Land Use Bylaw s. 7.24(b), minimal development north of this location would be possible. This means that a lane closure would have little or no impact on future development.

The Village of Alix Municipal Development Plan (MDP) does identify Growth Management and Contiguous Growth, Policy 4.5 *"The Village shall encourage new development to locate contiguous to the existing development area and take advantage of proximity to existing infrastructure."* The MDP also identifies Transportation and Traffic Impact Assessment, Policy 15.8 (c) *"Identification of the need for modifications to the transportation infrastructure to support and/or accommodate new development."*

The Alix/Lacombe Intermunicipal Development speaks to Utilities in Section 7.0.8 pertaining to natural drainage course. Upon investigation, it was determined that the proposed closing of the lane in question would not have a detrimental effect on the natural drainage course in that area.

Sale Price and Conditions of Sale

The value of road allowances is not assessed by the Village's Assessor. In cases such as Ms. Mercer's request, establishing a value for the land will mean (1) having a market value appraisal prepared or (2) using the assessed land value for the abutting Mercer properties. The first approach would involve time and cost for an Appraiser which is estimated at \$3,000 - \$3,500 and 4-5 weeks to complete. The second approach involves obtaining data from the Village's Assessor to establish the per square meter value of the Mercer property and then applying that value to the amount of land involved in the road closure. Once information from either approach is available, Council can determine the sale value and whether or not it is market value or below market value.

If the closed portion of the lane is sold then it should not be a standalone title that could be sold to a third party since its size is not developable as a separate parcel. This means the closed portion of lane adjacent to the Mercer properties needs to be legally added to one of the existing properties through a plan of consolidation. If deconsolidation of the properties is desirable in the future, for sale or development, another process would then be required. The cost to prepare and register this type of plan is typically the responsibility of the purchaser.

Cost to Respond to Request

The cost of the road closure process will be staff time, surveyor costs to create a description and drawing acceptable to Land Titles (estimated at \$1,500 to \$2,000), advertising and public consultation costs (not likely to exceed \$1,000 excluding staff time) and possible legal costs to prepare a sales agreement and transfer documents. Some of these costs may be recovered through sale proceeds for the closed road.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – see above.

6. LEGAL – MGA s. 22(1) "No road in a municipality that is subject to the direction, control and management of the municipality may be closed except by bylaw."

MGA s.70 (1) "If a municipality proposes to transfer or grant an estate or interest in (a) land for less than its market value, or (b) a public park or recreation or exhibition grounds, the proposal must be advertised."

7. POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS – If Council decides to do a road closure bylaw, Lacombe County should be consulted according to the terms of the IDP. Public notification of the closure, and if necessary the sale price, and a public meeting/hearing are required.

8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – If Council closes the north end of the laneway, it is recommended to close the ENTIRE laneway. The attached map shows the Mercer properties and Village owned properties on that block. If the entire lane is closed, the new survey plan should allocate ownership of the full laneway, rolling it on to the title of the adjacent Mercer/Village properties.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2 is recommended and would require the following:
1. An in-camera discussion by Council to set a sale price acceptable to the Village and any other terms of the potential sale;
 2. Authorization for Administration to present the sale price and terms of sale to the potential purchaser; and
 3. Authorization for Administration to proceed with the preparation of a road closure bylaw and sales agreement once written agreement to the sale price and terms of sale has been provided by the potential purchaser.

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to draft a road closure bylaw, and if the bylaw successfully passes after advertising and public consultation, sell a portion of the closed road to Ms. Mercer at a price set by Council.”

Author



Author





VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2026-Mar-11
11:11:37AM

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20260075	2026-02-18	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD	122874	1" E-CODER M3 REGISTER	1,167.60	1,167.60
20260076	2026-02-18	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	157150	KEYS - SHOP	15.72	113.05
20260076			157220	BAY 4 KEYS	10.48	
20260076			157280	AERATOR FAUC - SHOP	5.76	
20260076			157305	BAY 4 SUPPLIES	31.04	
20260076			157306	CUTTING PIPE - SHOP	5.97	
20260076			157312	BAY 4 ADAPTER	1.88	
20260076			157330	CUTTER PIPE MINI	11.01	
20260076			157337	RETURN - CUTTER PIPE MINI	(3.15)	
20260076			157344	BAY 4 SUPPLIES	18.52	
20260076			157384	BAY 4 SUPPLIES	15.82	
20260077	2026-02-18	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	W15746	BAY 4 BREAKER/RECEPTACLE C	180.86	180.86
20260078	2026-02-18	CENTRAL LABS	2600103	MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	104.24
20260078			2600129	MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	
20260079	2026-02-18	CYBERUS PROTECTION SERVICES	202644	MARCH PATROLS	3,154.89	3,154.89
20260080	2026-02-18	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-690229	RETURN - BATTERY	(16.59)	48.31
20260080			000-712296	5W30 OIL	64.90	
20260081	2026-02-18	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00047782	2025 COUNTY FIRE CHEIF CONT	7,000.29	7,000.29
20260082	2026-02-18	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT	11635601	WATER METER PART SHIPPING	44.59	44.59
20260083	2026-02-18	PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING SVCS.	22835	SUBDIVISION CONSULTATION	537.50	537.50
20260084	2026-02-18	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	196580	PHOTOCOPIES FEB 2026	181.71	181.71
20260085	2026-02-26	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1555	JANUARY 2026 PATROLS	362.25	362.25
20260086	2026-02-26	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD	123019	1" E-CODER M3 REGISTER	1,019.55	1,019.55
20260087	2026-02-26	BESUIJEN, JANICE	FEB2026	FEB 2026 COUNCIL EXPENSES	414.09	414.09
20260088	2026-02-26	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO	1000-001117455	CROSSING MAINTENANCE FEB	731.00	731.00
20260089	2026-02-26	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB1648722	OFFICE SUPPLIES	78.61	78.61
20260090	2026-02-26	CENTRAL LABS	2600187	MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	52.12
20260091	2026-02-26	COLE, EDWIN	FEB2026	FEB 2025 COUNCIL EXPENSES	475.00	475.00
20260092	2026-02-26	DIVERSE SIGNS	13410	COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UP	332.01	332.01
20260093	2026-02-26	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	FEB2026	FEB 2026 COUNCIL EXPENSES	701.03	701.03
20260094	2026-02-26	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN	FEB2026	FEB 2026 COUNCIL EXPENSES	558.14	558.14
20260095	2026-02-26	GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	0006452500	BOAT LAUNCH LICENSE 2026	60.38	60.38
20260096	2026-02-26	GULLY'S RESCUE AND REMOVAL	187	SNOW REMOVAL FEB 18	1,260.00	6,037.50
20260096			188	SNOW REMOVAL FEB 19	1,890.00	
20260096			191	SNOW REMOVAL FEB 20	1,470.00	
20260096			193	SNOW REMOVAL FEB 23	1,417.50	
20260097	2026-02-26	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COM	1442	WATER CONSUMPTION JANUAR	16,032.13	16,032.13
20260098	2026-02-26	LANEUVILLE, FRANCOIS	FEB2026	FEB 2026 COUNCIL EXPENSES	370.05	370.05
20260099	2026-02-26	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	FEB2026	PREMIUMS FEB 2026	4,867.54	4,867.54
20260100	2026-02-26	RSP Feb 2026	FEB2026	RSP FEB 2026	221.79	221.79
20260101	2026-02-26	TAXervice	2445392	TAX ROLL #14900	73.50	367.50
20260101			2445393	TAX ROLL #16800	73.50	
20260101			2445394	TAX ROLL #17000	73.50	
20260101			2445395	TAX ROLL #22500	73.50	
20260101			2445396	TAX ROLL #36800	73.50	
20260102	2026-02-26	TDI ENGINEERING SERVICE	WW2025-03	FIRE HALL EXPANSION	7,350.00	13,650.00
20260102			WW2026-02	INFRASTURE MASTER PLAN	6,300.00	



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2026-Mar-11
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Cheque #	Cheque Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
20260103	2026-03-04	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	2026VFIS-04	COUNCIL, VOLUNTEER & FIREFI	4,267.00	83,283.00
20260103			49382	INSURANCE PREMIUMS 2026	74,115.00	
20260103			49661	INSURANCE - ALIX PUBLIC LIBR/	1,237.00	
20260103			49908	ALIX ARENA ASSOCIATION INSU	3,664.00	
20260104	2026-03-04	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB1692034	SERVICE ON CAT LOADER AT FII	2,020.15	3,913.30
20260104			AB1692078	SERVICE ON CAT LOADER AT FII	1,631.41	
20260104			AB1703924	OIL FOR CAT LOADER - FINNING	261.74	
20260105	2026-03-04	CENTRAL LABS	2600235	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	52.12
20260106	2026-03-04	GAM TECH	INV-5171	COMPUTER SERVICES	1,071.00	1,071.00
20260107	2026-03-04	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-729560	OIL	125.07	163.40
20260107			000-729561	DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID	38.33	
20260108	2026-03-04	PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING SVCS.	MAR2026	MAP DRAWER CABINET	200.00	200.00
20260109	2026-03-04	<i>Reimburse for service to sewer</i>	MAR2026	REIMBURSE FOR SERVICE TO S	755.95	755.95
20260110	2026-03-04	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100FEB2026	BULK WATER STATION	394.94	1,240.23
20260110			63900FEB2026	LIBRARY	118.09	
20260110			69600FEB2026	PW YARD	112.72	
20260110			7000FEB2026	VILLAGE OFFICE	118.09	
20260110			72700FEB2026	FIRE HALL	112.35	
20260110			72800FEB2026	BAY 1 & 2 RAILWAY HOUSE	158.21	
20260110			72830FEB2026	BAY 3 RAILWAY HOUSE	110.32	
20260110			72841FEB2026	BAY 4 RAILWAY HOUSE	115.51	
20260111	2026-03-04	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	10102	MARCH 2026 PROGRESS PAYME	1,330.00	1,330.00
20260112	2026-03-04	FINNING (Canada) INTERNATIONAL INC	MAR2026	SNOW BLADE FOR CAT LOADER	22,732.50	22,732.50
20260113	2026-03-06	BETH RICHARDSON (CHAUTAUQUA)	MAR2026	PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL POS	180.00	180.00
20260114	2026-03-06	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.	0000426974	GARBAGE & FUEL	2,842.18	2,842.18
20260115	2026-03-06	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COM	1448	WATER CONSUMPTION FEBRUA	15,099.74	15,099.74
20260116	2026-03-06	LESLIE, WILLIAM J	891966	ROOF/SHINGLE REPAIR RAILWA	696.00	696.00

Total 192,423.15

*** End of Report ***

**VILLAGE OF ALIX
BANK RECONCILIATION
FOR THE MONTH ENDING:
February 28, 2026**

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

	CHEQUING	CHEQUING (2)	INVESTMENTS (1)
Balance from Bank Statement:	2,205,624.14	12,812.10	0.00
Plus: Deposits in Transit	13,460.41		
Plus: JE in Transit	-		
Less: Outstanding Cheques	(48,254.44)		
 Reconciled Bank Balance:	 <u>2,170,830.11</u>	 <u>12,812.10</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
28-Feb-26 GL balance 3-120	<u>2,170,830.11</u>		
28-Feb-26 GL balance 3-121		<u>12,810.10</u>	
28-Feb-26 GL balance 3-300			<u>-</u>
Variance:	-	-	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Tax Trial Balance (Full Listing)
 Trial Balance As Of 2026-03-12

Roll # Title Holder Tax Levy Accum. Penalty Out. Penalty Outstanding Current 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years Over 3

Sub Ledger		General Ledger						
Tax Levy	1,912,269.43	Local Improvement Levy	0.00					
Additional Tax Levy	0.00	Accumulated Penalty	17,494.39					
		Outstanding Penalty	25,731.71					
Current	(51,092.19)							
1 Year	69,797.94			3-00-00-00-210	48,083.19			
2 Years	11,871.62			Totals	<u>48,083.19</u>			
3 Years	380.82							
Over 3	17,125.00							
Added	0.00							
Outstanding	<u>48,083.19</u>							
		Total GL	48,083.19					
		Total SL	48,083.19					
		Proof	<u>0.00</u>					

*** End of Report ***

March 10, 2026

Alix Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The February 17, 2026 Chamber meetings focal point was discussing the viability of our Chamber of Commerce. There was a great turn out with 14 people attending. It was asked what is the purpose and role of Chamber? It was stated that Chamber is business driven, to promote economic and community growth, and that business owners have the opportunity to promote and network together to help the growth. It was very clear that everyone around the table collectively had the same outlook and thoughts on what a Chamber is and should be. Those in attendance had a lot of great ideas on how to accomplish many topics, but the big question was, "is what we are currently doing once a month beneficial?" We have the same 5-7 people attend, the same agenda is presented, and the same conversations are had. Some months when we have others join a meeting, they are willing to look into different and new things the Chamber could potentially host, but then we don't see them for 2-4 months, making it so there is no progression from the table out to the community.

Lots of conversation was had on if the structure of how meetings are held, become different. Maybe its night meetings held quarterly, or bi-monthly meetings held on a rotation of one during the day, the next at night and so on. Ultimately it was decided to arrange a strategic planning session with Jennifer Hartigh. They hope this will bring more people out and help Chamber decide on a direction to go so that they don't dissolve. I have passed Jennifer's contact information onto a Chamber member to reach out and arrange a date for this to take place. This strategic planning meeting with Jennifer will be the next meeting Chamber will host, so the date is currently not set. With this meeting I think the goal is to give Chamber a more stable and direct path on how to proceed.

Chelsie Giesbrecht



NEWS RELEASE

Albertans' property taxes will go up because of Budget 2026

February 26, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MEDIA RELEASE



GFOA Alberta Responds to the Release of Alberta's 2026 Budget

Sturgeon County, Alberta, February 27, 2026 - The Government Finance Officers Association of Alberta (GFOA Alberta) is reviewing the Government of Alberta's 2026 Budget and its implications for municipalities and public sector financial management across the province.

The provincial budget forecasts a \$9.4 billion deficit, based on an assumed West Texas Intermediate oil price of US\$60.50 per barrel, while maintaining current personal income tax rates.

For municipalities, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs budget is set at \$1.4 billion for 2026–27, representing a reduction of approximately \$18 million from the previous year.

The budget also includes:

- A projected \$20 million decrease in Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) funding for 2026, with a planned increase of approximately \$95 million in 2027–28
- \$443 million over three years to support water and wastewater infrastructure for small and mid-sized municipalities
- Restoration of Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) funding, offset by reductions of approximately \$34 million in other programs

Education funding will rise to \$10.8 billion, which is expected to result in increased school property tax requisitions for municipalities and taxpayers.

“These budget decisions have a direct impact on municipal financial planning, long-term capital investment, and property tax requirements,” said Executive Director, Rick Wojtkiw. “GFOA Alberta will continue to support municipal finance professionals as they assess the

implications for their communities and work to maintain sustainable and transparent financial practices.”

GFOA Alberta provides professional development, resources, and peer collaboration opportunities to help municipal finance officers navigate complex fiscal environments and deliver strong financial stewardship.

Further analysis and discussion opportunities may be offered through upcoming GFOA Alberta forums and professional development sessions.

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February 27, 2026

For immediate release

Edmonton, AB – Funding support for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) maintained in Budget 2026/27

The Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) acknowledges the Government of Alberta’s recent decision to hold its funding allocation for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in the 2026/27 budget. In an extremely difficult budget year, we appreciate that funding to municipalities and Métis Settlements is being maintained.

In 2026–27, \$105 million is allocated through FCSS to support the development and delivery of preventive social services across Alberta.

“The complexity of Albertans’ needs and the demand for preventive and early-intervention supports mean that this flat funding represents a real and growing challenge for local programs. However, despite population growth and the significant inflationary pressures on FCSS, Albertans can trust we will continue to do our best to develop and deliver the preventive social services that strengthen families and build resilient communities across the province,” said Kayla Blanchette, President of the Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA).

FCSS is one of Alberta’s most cost-effective and impactful programs. Municipalities and Métis Settlements are working hard to meet rising needs with limited resources, and the value of prevention has never been clearer.

We agree with Minister Horner that “Our responsibility is to the families raising kids, the workers keeping our economy moving and the communities people rely on every day,” and offer that FCSS remains one of the most effective ways to ensure today’s challenges are not passed on to the next generation.

When prevention is properly funded, pressures on health care, justice and crisis-response systems decrease, reducing the long-term costs for all Albertans.

Our advocacy for programs and services that reduce downstream pressures on more intensive systems will continue.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with the Government of Alberta and sector partners to ensure FCSS is recognized as the provincial leader in preventive social services. Together, we can build a funding model that strengthens the wellbeing of families, youth, seniors and communities across Alberta.

The FCSSAA and province-wide FCSS programs remain dedicated to ensuring the sustainability of prevention programming. We will continue in these meaningful discussions with the hope of seeing FCSS programs appropriately funded in the 2027/28 Budget.

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Media inquiries may be directed to:

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FCSSAA Executive Director

The Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) was founded in 1981, as a member-driven organization dedicated to bringing Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) programs from across the province together.

We provide the platform for our member programs to connect and collaborate, so they can maximize resources and speak with an informed, credible, unified voice to all stakeholders.



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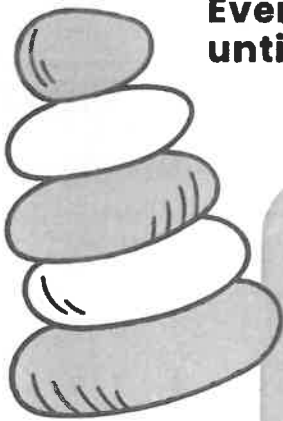
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**Mornings: Every Tuesday
until March 24, 9AM - 10AM**

AND

**Evenings: Every Thursday
until April 2, 7PM-8:30PM**

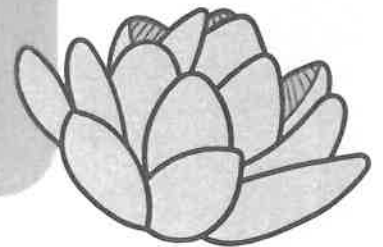
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