

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on  
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order:
2. Public Hearing: a) Proposed Bylaw 493/26 Advertising/Public Notification Bylaw
3. Agenda: Amendments and Adoption
4. Adoption of the Minutes: a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 18, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
5. Delegation:
6. Bylaws: a) Advertising/Public Notification Bylaw 493/26 - Request for Decision 26-20
7. Unfinished Business: None
8. New Business: a) Resource Centre Lease – Request for Decision 26-18  
b) ATCO Franchise Agreement - Request for Decision 26-19
9. Financial Reports: None
10. Committee Reports: a) Rahr Malting Canada Ltd. Meeting – Councillor Laneuville  
b) Red Deer Municipal Water User Group – Councillor Laneuville
11. Administrative Reports: a) CAO Report
12. Correspondence: a) Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services – Bashaw and District Regional Health and Wellness Foundation  
b) Lacombe County - Lacombe County Farm Safety Day – June 10, 2026  
c) Parkland Regional Library System – Board Meeting Highlights  
d) Alix and Area Community Resource Center – Volunteer Appreciation – April 13, 2026  
e) Canadian National CN – 2025 Dangerous Goods Shipments in Alix  
f) Canadian National CN – Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Program
13. Closed Meeting: a) Access to Information Act – Section 30 (1) – Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests – Re: Municipal Land Value
14. 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.*

# 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 April 1, 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:

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- (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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Read a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, March 18, 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 #055/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.  
CARRIED
- Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – March 4, 2026
- Resolution #056/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, be accepted as presented.  
CARRIED
- Delegation: None
- Bylaws: a) Community Standards Bylaw Amendment #492/26 – Request for Decision 26-16
- Resolution #057/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby give second reading to Bylaw #492/26, being a bylaw to amend the Village of Alix Community Standards Bylaw.  
CARRIED
- Resolution #058/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby give third and final reading to Community Standards Bylaw Amendment #492/26.  
CARRIED
- Resolution #059/26: b) Advertising/Public Notice Bylaw #493/26 – Request for Decision 26-15  
Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives first reading to Advertising/Public Notice Bylaw #493/26, being a bylaw to establish alternate methods for advertising statutory notices.  
CARRIED
- Resolution #060/26: Moved by Councillor Cole 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 the Village Office: 4849 50 Street, Alix, Alberta.  
CARRIED
- Unfinished Business: a) Resident Request for Lane Closure and Sale of Land (5221 50 Street) – Request for Decision 26-17
- Resolution #061/26: Moved by Councillor Laneuville 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.  
CARRIED
- New Business: None

- 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
- Resolution #062/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Financial Reports as presented.  
CARRIED
- Committee Reports: None
- Administrative Reports: a) Economic Development Re: Alix Chamber of Commerce
- Resolution #063/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Administrative Report as presented.  
CARRIED
- Correspondence and Information: a) Alberta Municipalities – News Release – Albertan’s 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
- Resolution #064/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that Correspondence Items (a) through (d) be accepted as information.  
CARRIED
- Closed Meeting: None
- Adjournment:
- Resolution #065/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:02 P.M.  
CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** March 25, 2026      RFD 26-20  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Advertising/Public Notice Bylaw

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1. **PURPOSE** – For Council to consider passing the 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.  
  
First reading of the Bylaw was done at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and a Public Hearing was held during the April 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting of Council.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To give second and third readings to draft Bylaw 493/26
  2. To return the draft Bylaw to administration for revisions
4. **DISCUSSION** – Council may want to consider Bylaw amendments based on any feedback received during the Public Hearing. At the time of writing this report there has been only one resident engagement (asking for clarification). No written submissions have been received.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** –
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.”
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1, I recommend the following resolutions:

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

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives third and final reading to Bylaw 493/26.”

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** March 17, 2026 RFD 26-18  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Resource Centre lease

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1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council is willing to renew the lease agreement with the Alix/Mirror Wellness Supports Society.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The Alix Resource Ctr. Opened its doors to the public in 2020. The Society started by leasing Bay 1 from the Village. In 2022, the Society expanded to lease Bay 2 from the Village as a Youth Drop In location. The lease expires on April 14, 2026.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To renew the lease for a 5 year period with an option for an additional 5 year renewal
  2. To renew the lease for a time period determined by Council
  3. To allow the lease to lapse and use the space for other purposes
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The current lease rate is set for \$5,000 per year for Bay 1 and \$1,500 per year for Bay 2. At the time of the original lease, the annual charge was set to cover costs of having the space occupied – primarily utility charges. The same approach was used when Bay 2 was added. 2 years ago a cost analysis was done to ensure the lease amounts were adequate to cover these costs, and the rates were found sufficient. Due to the stability of electricity and gas contracted rates, there have not been sufficient increases to justify a rate increase for the new agreement.
6. **LEGAL** – The lease agreement is being brought to Council for consideration because the term of the lease is being extended to 5 years, plus a 5 year renewal option. This will provide stability to the Society and their future planning while also reducing administrative 'red tape.'
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – The Resource Ctr. and their various community programs are very well received by residents of Alix and the surrounding area. Continued participation in this regional model of preventative social services is getting attention at the municipal and provincial level as other communities attempt to build similar set-ups for their areas.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. I recommend the following resolution:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby agrees to renew the lease with the Alix/Mirror Wellness Supports Society for a five year period, beginning April 15, 2026 and includes the option for an additional 5 year lease extension upon agreement by both parties."

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Author



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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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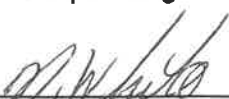


**Date:** March 25, 2026                      RFD 26-19  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** ATCO Franchise Agreement

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1. **PURPOSE** – To renew the Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The existing ATCO Franchise agreement is up for renewal this year. At this point, we have the opportunity to set the number of years for the new agreement as well as the Franchise Fee percentage.  
In the fall of 2018, Council reduced the ATCO Franchise Fee amount from 24% down to 12%. This decreased municipal revenue by approx. \$20,000 per year.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To set the number of years for the new Franchise Agreement
  2. To set the Franchise Fee percentage
  3. To separate the Franchise Fee payments from the property tax payment
4. **DISCUSSION** – The Franchise Agreement term can be set anywhere between 10 – 20 years. ATCO staff have stated their preference would be not to go the full 20 years as this is what most municipalities do; meaning they are currently re-negotiating almost all of their agreements in the same year.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Currently, our monthly Franchise Fee payments include ATCO's property taxes in each payment. This means administration needs to do adjusting entries to move franchise payments over to the property tax accounts every year.  
  
If the payments were split – meaning we continue to receive 12% franchise payments and ATCO makes a separate payment for their property taxes, municipal revenue would increase by approx. \$13,500 per year.
6. **LEGAL** – Franchise agreements/ renewals must be approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission. This increases the length of time it takes to process a renewal. A new bylaw will need to be done (replacing Bylaw 242/16) once the new agreement is ready to be approved.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – Franchise Fees are often called a “hidden tax” as they are directly charged to utility users and shown as a line item on the utility bill.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Franchise Fee rates vary across the province from 0% to 35%.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – I recommend the following resolution:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to take steps to renew the Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas & Pipelines Ltd. for a period of 18 years, leaving the Franchise Fee at 12% and separating out property taxes through a Rider B in the agreement.”

  
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Author

**ATCO Gas & Pipelines Ltd.**

Historic and Forecast Franchise Fee and Property Tax Information for the Village of Alix

Historic Information	2020					2021					2022					2023					2024					Five Year Average
	Franchise Fees	Average Annual Franchise Fees Per Average Residential Customer Using 108 G/Ls Per Year	Franchise Fee Percentage	Company Delivery Tariff Revenue	Estimated 2026 Annual Franchise Fee Total **	Estimated 2026 Property Tax Total	Estimated 2026 Annual F. Fee + Tax Total	Estimated 2026 Annual Franchise Fee Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual Property Tax Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual F. Fee + Tax Per Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual Franchise Fee Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual Property Tax Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual F. Fee + Tax Per Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual Franchise Fee Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual Property Tax Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual F. Fee + Tax Per Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual Franchise Fee Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual Property Tax Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual F. Fee + Tax Per Average Residential							
Franchise Fees	\$27,799	\$61.23	12.00%	\$231,681	\$13,550	\$14,483	\$28,033	\$30.78	\$32.90	\$63.67	\$30.78	\$32.90	\$63.67	\$30.78	\$32.90	\$63.67	\$30.78	\$32.90	\$63.67							
Average Annual Franchise Fees Per Average Residential Customer Using 108 G/Ls Per Year	\$61.23	\$65.72	12.00%	\$243,069	\$54,200	\$14,483	\$68,683	\$123.11	\$32.90	\$156.00	\$123.11	\$32.90	\$156.00	\$123.11	\$32.90	\$156.00	\$123.11	\$32.90	\$156.00							
Franchise Fee Percentage	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%							
Company Delivery Tariff Revenue	\$231,681	\$69.10		\$231,681	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000	\$271,000							

**Forecast Information\***

Franchise Fee	Municipal Income			Impact on Average Residential Customer		
	Estimated 2026 Annual Franchise Fee Total **	Estimated 2026 Property Tax Total	Estimated 2026 Annual F. Fee + Tax Total	Estimated 2026 Annual Franchise Fee Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual Property Tax Average Residential	Estimated 2026 Annual F. Fee + Tax Per Average Residential
5.00%	\$13,550	\$14,483	\$28,033	\$30.78	\$32.90	\$63.67
10.00%	\$27,100	\$14,483	\$41,583	\$61.55	\$32.90	\$94.45
12.00%	\$32,520	\$14,483	\$47,003	\$73.86	\$32.90	\$106.76
15.00%	\$40,650	\$14,483	\$55,133	\$92.33	\$32.90	\$125.23
20.00%	\$54,200	\$14,483	\$68,683	\$123.11	\$32.90	\$156.00
25.00%	\$67,750	\$14,483	\$82,233	\$153.89	\$32.90	\$186.78
30.00%	\$81,300	\$14,483	\$95,783	\$184.66	\$32.90	\$217.56
35.00%	\$94,850	\$14,483	\$109,333	\$215.44	\$32.90	\$248.34

Estimated property tax recovery (Rider B) percentage: 5.34%

\* The forecast information is provided solely as an estimate for planning purposes; it is not a guarantee of future performance.  
 \*\* Franchise fee percent multiplied by Company Delivery Tariff Revenue estimate.

Franchise Fee: The current franchise fee rate is 12%.  
 Property Tax: Currently, your municipality does not levy municipal taxes in addition to franchise fees.



## **Board and Committee Report**

**Board/Committee:**

**Rahr Malting**

**Meeting Date:**

**March 12, 2026 @ 10:00am**

**Rahr Malting Board meeting room**

**Meeting Summary:**

1: Presentation of the new project to upgrade the Rahr Park Playground. Well received from Rahr management team, more information and details been requested from Management team and further review and discussion will occur to establish if financial contribution from them will be possible.

2: Presentation of few Government Programs for green house project. Rahr management team will review documentation and will pursues if it fit their future projects.



**March 24, 2026**

**Signature**



## **Board and Committee Report**

### **Board/Committee:**

**Red Deer Municipal Water User Group**

### **Meeting Date:**

**Thursday, March 19, 2026, 11:00am**

**Badland Community Facility, Drumheller**

### **Meeting Summary:**

#### **1. Operation Budget 2026:**

- CRA changed rules with Audit and a CRA accredited auditor need to review the books, Extra cost will occur, administration looking to find the best economical solution for this audit that is due later this year.
- Nothing to note out of ordinary on financial report.

#### **2. New Business:**

- RDRWA latest report posted online
- Many concerns brought up on their last meeting.
- 1: With the low water table that lower land will be farmed and when water level come back up some contamination could occurred.
- 2: Blue Algae present in many different water bodies. Website available to check area of presence.
- 3: Average lakes in Alberta are 3' lower than average.
- 4: Basin Consolidation up North, Peace/Slave and Athabasca been consolidated into a single, concern that Provincial Government want to consolidate the southern Basin in the future. RDMWUG team will keep an eye on the situation.
- 5: Provincial Government working on a ground water study report expected in the next couple of years.

**3. Presentation:**

- Elise Chamberland Manager of Regulatory Assurance for Alberta Environment and Protected Areas. Looking into engaging a new group with Water activities stakeholder, to discussed issues, questions or any concerns arising. First attempt of meeting coming up later in March. Rudy or executive co-chairs will attend through Zoom and bring content for our next meeting and we will decided if we pursues with this group.



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March 24, 2026

**Signature**

## CAO REPORT APRIL 2026

1. Provincial Budget – I attended the Alberta Municipalities webinar on the provincial budget analysis. The new term for School Tax is “Provincial Property Tax” and it has increased by 15% (14.3% increase last year). Grants in Place of Taxes for provincially owned buildings has been reinstated, however since our Manor is considered Social Housing, it still doesn’t qualify for taxation under this program.

The big changes to the budget that most affect us are to grants. Many provincial grants to municipalities and community groups have been decreased. The Community Facility Enhancement Grant (CFEP) was reduced by 50%. The Active Communities Initiative decreased by 10%. There is concern this will drive community groups to ask municipalities for the funding they need. Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) is our primary infrastructure grant and it was reduced by \$20 million. Even the federal Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) that we used to fund part of the lagoon work was decreased by \$21 million and will be phased out completely by 2028. One of the only grants to increase was the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership which went up \$19 million. We currently have an application in for this grant to fund cells 1-4 of the lagoon project.

It was noted that “project specific” funding has gone up significantly since budget 2022/23. This is the term used for competitive grants, where your application goes up against every other project in the province (or country, depending on the grant). This type of funding can’t be budgeted for because you don’t know until the last minute if you’re going to get the grant. This ‘one off’ funding is project based, so it allows funders to pick what they feel are the most important projects/trends right now. It also gives those with more political clout, contacts, or in-house engineers to fill out grant applications significant advantage over smaller or remote communities.

2. Alberta Municipalities – Will be setting up dedicated committees for certain ‘hot button’ topics. Examples: Justice (RCMP funding), Addictions & Mental Health, Equity in Utility Distribution Rates etc. There is a lot of lobbying and advocacy work to be done.
3. Parkland Community Planning Services – The closure of PCPS will also mean an end to our regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Because of this, we will need to change various planning/development related forms and do a new SDAB bylaw once we find a new arrangement for SDAB services. Though it is unlikely we will need an SDAB hearing before we can get these things finalized, we are required to have

everything in place according to the MGA, and once PCPS folds our current agreement and bylaw become null and void.

4. Year End – We are scheduled to have the Financial Statements for 2025 presented at the next Council meeting. This will ensure we are on track to submit them to Municipal Affairs by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.



ALBERTA

PRIMARY AND PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Red Deer-North*

AR 239163

March 17, 2026

Her Worship Barb Gilliat  
Mayor, Village of Alix  
P.O. Box 87  
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Sent via email: [info@villageofalix.ca](mailto:info@villageofalix.ca)

Dear Mayor Gilliat:

Thank you for your letter to the Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, and me regarding the Bashaw and District Regional Health and Wellness Foundation's (the Foundation) Model of Primary Care. As Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services (PPHS), I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta, and I apologize for the delay in my reply.

I applaud the Foundation's commitment to health equity and the delivery of essential primary care in rural Alberta. As highlighted in Premier Smith's mandate letter to me, addressing rural and remote health challenges is a key priority for our government. To that end, through the Rural Health Action Plan, we are strengthening rural and remote health care through five focus areas: Workforce, Access, Models of Care, Community Care, and Prevention and Wellness.

This work aligns with broader initiatives, such as the Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS) initiative, Alberta's Health Workforce Strategy (AHWS), and Alberta's system refocusing efforts. Fourteen regional advisory councils have also been created to identify local priorities and provide advice to improve our unified provincial health system.

Specifically, AHWS addresses health workforce needs by increasing staff, supporting collaboration, and empowering employees. As part of this work, Alberta's government is expanding medical school capacity to train more than 100 additional physicians annually, along with partnering with the University of Lethbridge and Northwestern Polytechnic to establish regional training centres in Lethbridge and Grande Prairie. These training centres will allow students to complete most of their training outside major urban centres and will strengthen rural workforce retention.

We are also investing significantly in post-secondary health care education by adding more than 4,000 new seats across the province and supporting rural nursing pipelines through locally delivered programs, paid rural practicums for final-year students, and the hiring of second- and third-year nursing students by Alberta Health Services.

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To ensure rural perspectives are reflected in provincial decision-making, PPHS has established the Rural Health Branch (RHB) to bring a rural lens to policies and initiatives and to engage directly with communities and key stakeholders. RHB is in frequent contact with the Bashaw Community Wellness Team regarding the Bashaw Community Resource Model (BCRM). The aim is to advance integrated wraparound service, combining primary care and community services in one space. The model has since expanded to include the Bashaw Regional Wellness Centre, which is a primary care clinic serving the region.

Our government is also focused on ensuring all Albertans can access a primary health care provider or team, wherever they live. Over two years, \$8.9 million is being invested into the Rural Team Recruitment Grant and Municipality Supported Clinics Grant to improve team-based primary health care and support clinics in rural and remote communities. Moreover, \$30 million of federal funding from the Canada-Alberta Bilateral Agreement was invested in expanding services across four existing community health centres: Radius Community Health and Healing and the Jasper Place Wellness Centre in Edmonton, and the Calgary Urban Project Society and The Alex Community Health Centre in Calgary. Additionally, in 2025, as part of Alberta's rural health access and stabilization initiatives, BCRM received two grants from PPHS.

Additionally, through the Rural and Remote Family Medicine Resident Physician Bursary Pilot Program, Alberta's government invested \$17.5 million from 2024-26 to support family medicine residents in Alberta who commit to three-year return-of-service in rural and remote communities. I am pleased to share that as of December 31, 2025, the program's funding is fully allocated and is supporting 132 residents. 40 bursary recipients have already started family medicine practices in rural and remote communities; 45 are expected to start in 2026; and 47 in 2027.

Thank you again for writing and for your ongoing dedication to supporting equitable health care access for residents in the Village of Alix and the surrounding region. Please be assured that we value continued collaboration and engagement with partners like the Foundation to strengthen health care services in rural and remote communities.

Sincerely,



Adriana LaGrange  
Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

cc: Honourable Matt Jones, Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services  
Honourable Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction  
Jennifer Johnson, MLA, Lacombe-Ponoka



March 12, 2026

Village of Alix, Mayor Barb Gilliat  
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Alix AB T0C 0B0

Dear Ms. Gilliat,

On behalf of the Lacombe County Council and staff, we extend a warm invitation to you for the upcoming Lacombe County Farm Safety Day. The event will take place on June 10, 2026, at the Lacombe County Operations Building.

This engaging and educational day aims to teach children about recognizing hazards and practicing farm safety. We are thrilled to announce that 300 Grade 5 students from various areas around the County have already registered to participate.

**Event Details:**

- **Date:** June 10, 2026
- **Time:** 10 am – 1 pm
- **Location:** Lacombe County Operations Building at 40407 Range Road 274
- **Lunch:** A delicious BBQ lunch will be served at noon.

We sincerely hope that you can join us for a guided tour of the event followed by BBQ lunch from 10 AM until 1 PM. Please get in touch with Jalene Makus by email at [jmakus@lacombecounty.com](mailto:jmakus@lacombecounty.com) by June 1, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to welcoming you to Farm Safety Day!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Ireland".

John Ireland  
Reeve  
Lacombe County





# PRLS BOARD TALK

## Highlights of the Parkland Regional Library Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

### Vacant Seat on the Executive Committee

At the November organizational board meeting, seat 7 on Parkland's Executive Committee was not filled. After sending out invitations to PRLS board members for Area 7, staff found two volunteers, Dana Kreil of Lacombe Country and Cory Twerdoclib from Blackfalds. Twerdoclib was appointed.

### Parkland Annual Report

Each year Parkland is required to submit an annual report to the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) at Municipal Affairs.

An annual report infographic with highlights from 2025 will be prepared and distributed to member municipalities in the coming weeks.

### Outlet Annual Reports

The Parkland Board is the governing board for three library service points. Highlights from their annual reports are included below:

#### **Brownfield Community Library Accomplishments**

This year we really focused on programs/clubs. We successfully run a monthly Adult Book Club, which has been going for more than 15 years. We also ran a Junior High Book Club this year, participation was more than expected. We held a Summer Reading Program every week with the kids. For fundraisers we held a successful Rummage Sale in the spring and an online spring auction. We continue to be passionate about keeping our little library open!

#### **Spruce View Community Library Accomplishments**

We have partnered with Red Deer County to bring programs into our library. We are doing more outreach to get our name in the community. In 2025 we celebrated 25 years bringing library services to Spruce View and area.

#### **Water Valley Public Library Accomplishments**

We are really happy that we have been able to continue to offer a wide variety of programming for our community. Being a rural community, it can be challenging to find programming locally. Finding instructors can be very challenging, but luckily, we have been able to find some amazing people to help keep our programs running.

### Advocacy & Marketing Report

#### **Article on Library Funding**

Relating to the library funding resolutions passed at RMA and Alberta Municipalities last November, Parkland's Director was interviewed for an article by CBC.

#### **Radio Interview**

On January 6<sup>th</sup> with very short notice, Sheppard was interviewed live by Edmonton's radio station 880 CHED to discuss library funding in rural communities.

#### **Budget Summary Report**

There is an updated version of Parkland's *Budget Summary Report* showing the cost of library service within Parkland for the year 2025. The number of libraries within Parkland that deficit budgeted remained at 35%, the same as 2024.

#### **Provincial Advocacy Steering Committee**

Parkland's representation on a steering committee coordinating a provincial advocacy effort has been making significant progress. In addition to Parkland's Director, the committee is composed of the CEOs for Calgary and Edmonton public libraries, and the CEO for Strathcona County Library.

Due to the urgent nature of these issues, Sheppard has met both with members of the steering committee and the broader library community on many occasions.

Parkland's Director and Chair have been meeting with MLAs to ask for an increase in provincial funding for libraries and support the principles of intellectual freedom given that there are strong indications that the

provincial government will almost certainly involve itself in the curation of public library collections.

### Marketing for Libraries

Parkland Marketing Specialist, Hailey Halberg, has recently done work for Innisfail, Rimbey, and Big Valley libraries. In Innisfail, she helped create a marketing plan for their new space and took photos at their sneak peek event for sponsors. In Rimbey, Halberg planned, filmed, and edited 10 Instagram Reels for them to use on social media, and created a social media strategy for them. Big Valley Library requested help planning a contest to get more patrons in the door and circulate some of their new materials. Halberg created some social media content and collected some swag for a small giveaway prize.

### LinkedIn Presence

You may have noticed a new follow from Parkland Regional Library System on your LinkedIn profile. We are using the platform more regularly, and hope to use it to reach the PRLS board, member library boards, and any member library staff that are on the platform.

### County Forums Update

In 2025, Parkland Regional Library System decided to facilitate in-person County Forum interviews with its member libraries for the first time. The aim of the forums was to collect direct feedback from participants and encourage an environment of open dialogue and communication. In fall of 2025, Parkland staff began travelling throughout the region, meeting with library managers in all ten member counties.

Overall, 39 of Parkland's 49 member libraries took part in this project and both their positive and their constructive feedback has been important to Parkland's planning.

### Audit Service Plan

Each year the Executive Committee reviews the MNP Draft Audit Service Plan prior to the preparation of the Parkland audit.

After reviewing the plan, the Executive Committee approved it at their January meeting and the auditors conducted their field work at Parkland on February 3-4.

### Staff Recognition

Parkland employees are recognized with a monetary reward and pin for long service with PRLS. For 2026, long service award recipients were:

Hailey Halberg – 5 years

Bob Schiltz – 5 years

Olya Korolchuk – 5 years

### Committee News from Trustees

**Penhold & District Public Library** has created Strategic Plan and Annual Report brochures that are being given to MLAs, Penhold Council, and Red Deer County Council, among others. Also, their library manager Myra Binnendyk is retiring after 24 years. Penhold Library appreciates Parkland's support in helping them navigate this retirement and future help for hiring their new library manager.

**Camrose Public Library's** manager has returned after maternity leave. The *Fellowship of the Camrose Library* started a very successful social media campaign to get funding matched from the province to purchase new children's furniture for their children's reading area. In addition, Carissa Halton who wrote *Revolution Songs* held an event at a local restaurant with the theme of the "Dirty 30's".

**Hughenden Public Library** is holding a book folding event on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Board Members Present

Barb Gilliat (Board Chair), (**Zoom**) Janet Adam, Jackie Almberg, Skyla Attfield, Alison Barker-Jevne, Laureen Clark-Rennie, Curtis Cook, Teresa Cunningham, Lana Curle, Sarah Fahey, Les Fee, Richard Forsberg, Elaine Fossen, Shaleah Fox, Dwayne Fulton, Dustin Gillespie, Matthew Goudy, Kathy Hall, Pam Hansen, Ryanna Hansen, Lindsay Holmen, Kimberlee Hunter, Alt. Haley Amendt for Joe Iwanicki, Dana Kreil, Troy Lambert, Hazen Letwin, Bryce Liddle, Lori Lindseth, Paul Looser, Julie Maplethorpe, Ricci Matthews, Lyle McKellar, Joy-Anne Murphy, Leah Nelson, Cindy Orom, Amanda Peffers, Scott Pfeiffer, Maxine Steil, Matthew Sumegi, Leona Thorogood, Cory Twerdoclib, Teri Underhill, Carlene Wetthuhn, Shannon Wilcox **Absent:** Delijah Antaloczy, Denise Boniface, Shelley Cook, Todd Dalke, Victor Kelly, Darryl Motley, Marc Mousseau, Bill Rock, Sandy Shipton, Naomi Tercier, Stephen Wyse

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**Next Meeting: May 21, 2026 (in-Person)** FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR FOR A COPY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES, PLEASE CONTACT PRLS

# Volunteerism Strengthens Communities

Join Us

You are invited to the Volunteer Appreciation  
**Dessert & Beverages Come & Go**

**Monday, April 13**  
**6:30PM-8:30PM**

**Open to all volunteers,  
all ages!**

The evening will include  
light refreshments &  
treats, community  
activity and the  
2025 Project Unveil,  
celebrating volunteers.

Watch for more updates  
closer to the event.

Save the Date!



Contact us for more information,  
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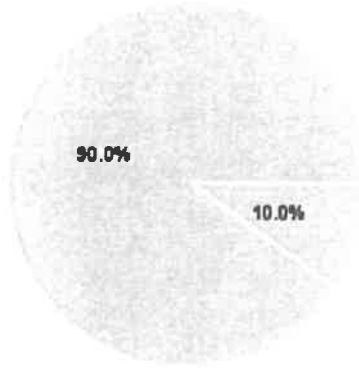






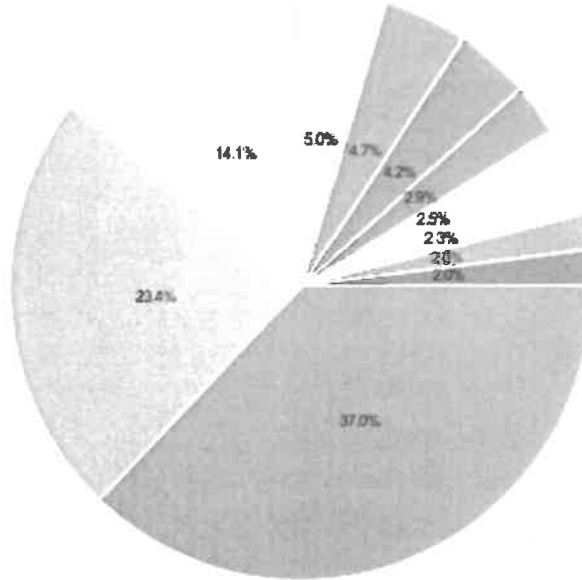
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**CN Rail Shipments in Canada 2025**



Dangerous Goods    Non-Regulated

**All Dangerous Goods transported by CN Rail in Canada in 2025**



- LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES
- Others
- DIESEL FUEL
- GASOLINE
- ETHANOL AND GASOLINE MIXTURE
- SULFURIC ACID
- ELEVATED TEMPERATURE LIQUID, N.O.S.
- SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
- ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, SOLID, N.O.S.
- PETROLEUM CRUDE OIL
- FUEL, AVIATION, TURBINE ENGINE

**2025 Dangerous Goods Shipments in: Alix, AB (4808034)**

These top 10 products comprise 94% of the dangerous goods shipments in this Municipality. The remaining 6% are many different products, each comprising less than 1% of the total. Dangerous Goods shipments account for 2.92% of the total shipments in this Municipality.

Proper Shipping Name	% of DG Shipment Locally
1 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES	24%
2 HYDROCARBONS, LIQUID, N.O.S.	23%
3 BUTADIENES, STABILIZED	15%
4 DIESEL FUEL	12%
5 1-HEXENE	8%
6 METHANOL	3%
7 COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID, N.O.S.	3%
8 ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S.	3%
9 ETHANOL AND GASOLINE MIXTURE	2%
10 HYDROCHLORIC ACID	1%
11 Others	6%





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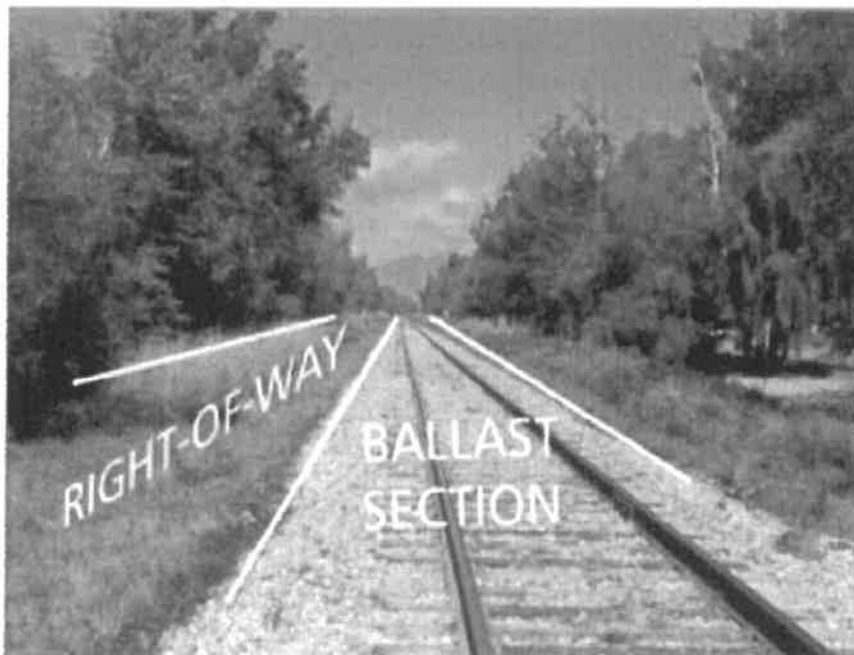
**RE: CN'S RIGHT-OF-WAY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

At CN, we are committed to operating a safe and efficient railway while fostering trust and collaboration with the communities we serve. As part of this commitment, we are reaching out to inform you of our upcoming vegetation management activities in your area, scheduled to take place between April and October 2026. You can find a regularly updated schedule at [www.cn.ca/vegetation](http://www.cn.ca/vegetation).

Vegetation management is a crucial component of railway safety and regulatory compliance. In accordance with Transport Canada's requirements, our program helps mitigate potential risks to railway operations. By proactively managing vegetation, we enhance safety for both rail operations and surrounding communities.

**Management Strategies**

CN manages vegetation using chemical and mechanical methods to ensure regulatory compliance and maintain safe railway operations. We are sensitive to concerns the community may have regarding chemical vegetation management, and at CN, we strive to safeguard our neighbouring communities and the environment. The track infrastructure is composed of two main sections: the ballast section, which is typically up to 24 feet wide and consists of angular rock supporting the track infrastructure, and the right-of-way portion, which is the area outside of the ballast section extending out to CN's property boundaries.



Vegetation management using herbicides will focus on the ballast section, and as needed, selected areas around signals and communications equipment that are critical for safe railway operations. Herbicide application on the ballast section is completed with spray trucks or spray trains fitted with downcast nozzles that spray a short distance above the ground surface with shrouded booms, specially designed to limit herbicide drift into non-target areas.

The right-of-way section may be maintained using mechanical control methods such as mowing, or brush cutting and may include the selected and localized use of herbicides to control invasive plant species, including noxious weeds.

CN has retained professional contractors qualified to undertake herbicide application and mechanical vegetation management on CN property. They are required to follow all laws and regulations that apply to CN.

### **Inquiries**

Should your community have any noxious weed management requests, we ask that you contact CN's Public Inquiry Line at [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca) or fill out the form at [www.cn.ca/vegetation](http://www.cn.ca/vegetation) before June 1, 2026 with the specific information and location. CN will make every effort to include those locations as part of our 2026 Vegetation Management Program. All notices sent after the above-mentioned date will be included in the 2027 Vegetation Management Plan.

Please also find a list of FAQs regarding the program that may be of further assistance at [www.cn.ca/vegetation](http://www.cn.ca/vegetation). For any questions or more information, please contact the CN Public Inquiry Line by telephone at 1888-888-5909, or by email at [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca).