

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on  
Wednesday, October 7, 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 – September 16, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: a) Lindsay and Rob MacLeod – Property Development Concept Plan  
b) Bashaw Regional Wellness Team – Update and Requisition for Support – Christine Beulow and Georgina Gaudet  
c) Alix Arena – Katelynn Keddy
5. Bylaws: None
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business: a) Strategic Planning – Request for Decision 26-53  
b) Parkland Regional Library System Budget 2027 – Request for Decision 26-54
8. Financial Reports: None
9. Committee Reports: a) Alberta Municipalities Conference General Overview – Councillor Fehr  
b) Alix Arena Board Meeting – Councillor Fehr  
c) Red Deer Municipal Water User Group – Councillor Laneuville
10. Administrative Reports: a) CAO Report
11. Correspondence: a) Cpl. Grant Glasier, Action Detachment Commander – Bashaw RCMP Detachment – Quarterly Community Policing Report  
b) Parkland Regional Library System Board – Meeting Highlights  
c) Safety Smarts – Request for Funding  
d) AltaLink – Approval of Plan of Arrangement and Vesting Contracts Under Plan of Arrangement
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**

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#### **Advocacy**

*Actively engage with all levels of government on behalf of Alix and surrounding rural area.*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, September 16, 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 #189/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – September 2, 2026

Resolution #190/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: None

Bylaws: a) Records and Information Management Bylaw #501/26 – Request for Decision 26-52

Resolution #191/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby give first reading to Records and Information Management Bylaw #501/26, being a bylaw to provide for the records management for all records within its custody and control.

CARRIED

Resolution #192/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby give second reading to Records and Information Management Bylaw #501/26.

CARRIED

Resolution #193/26: Moved by Councillor Laneuville that the Village of Alix Council hereby give permission for third and final reading to Records and Information Management Bylaw #501/26 at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution #194/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby give third and final reading to Records and Information Management Bylaw #501/26.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Workplace Violence Policy No. 46 Review – Request for Decision 26-50

Resolution #195/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves amended Workplace Violence Policy No. 46 as presented.

CARRIED

- New Business: (cont.)      b) Economic Development – Request for Decision 26-51
- Resolution #196/26:      Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby transfers \$7,500.00 of General Revenue funds to Economic Development Operations for the purpose of developing Narrative Infrastructure assets for the Village of Alix.  
CARRIED
- Resolution #197/26:      Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to apply for a Northern and Regional Economic Development Program grant to fund Smart Growth initiatives in line with the goals of the 2022-2029 Village of Alix Strategic Plan.  
CARRIED
- Financial Reports:      a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – September 2, 2026  
b) Bank Reconciliation – August 31, 2026  
c) Tax Trial Balance – September 10, 2026
- Resolution #198/26:      Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Financial Reports as presented.  
CARRIED
- Committee Reports:      None
- Administrative Reports:      a) Administrative Report – Water Meters and Transmitters
- Resolution #199/26:      Moved by Councillor Laneuville that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Administrative Report as presented.  
CARRIED
- Correspondence and Information:      a) Alix Lake Campground – Music in the Park & Harvest Supper - September 13, 2026
- Resolution #200/26:      Moved by Councillor Besuijen that Correspondence Item (a) be accepted as information.  
CARRIED
- Closed Meeting:      a) Access to Information Act Section 20 (1), (4) Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy RE: Council Self Evaluations
- Resolution #201/26:      Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council go into a Closed Meeting at 6:48 P.M. to discuss Access to Information Act Section 20 (1), (4) Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy regarding Council Self Evaluations.  
CARRIED
- Resolution #202/26:      Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council return to the Public Meeting at 7:44 P.M.  
CARRIED
- Adjournment:
- Resolution #203/26:      Moved by Councillor Besuijen that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:44 P.M.  
CARRIED



**ARMADUS  
INC**

# **Alix Lake Concept Plan**

**Preliminary Council Discussion**

*Wander Freely, Rest Easy.*

A proposed phased, low-density cabin accommodation concept for approximately 34.8 acres west of Alix Lake.

**Prepared for Village of Alix Council**

October 7, 2026

# Property and Purpose

Armadus Inc. owns approximately 34.8 acres west of Alix Lake. We are considering whether a small cabin accommodation use could be appropriate for part of the property and are seeking Council's early perspective before spending significantly on detailed planning and technical work.

## Property at a Glance

|                  |                                                             |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total parcel     | Approximately 34.8 acres                                    |
| Location         | West of Alix Lake and south of the Alix Agriculture Grounds |
| Access shown     | 49th Avenue, subject to confirmation                        |
| Current land use | Urban Reserve (UR)                                          |
| Initial concept  | Up to eight cabins in the first phase                       |

## Concept Direction

- Low-density, family-oriented cabin accommodation rather than a high-density RV park.
- Central check-in and guest parking, with primarily pedestrian and golf-cart movement in the cabin area.
- Retained open space and landscape buffering, particularly near neighbouring homes.
- No encroachment on the public lakeside pathway and no reliance on private control of the shoreline.
- A central washhouse and shared amenities, subject to approvals and technical work.

## Status of the Concept

The drawing is an early concept, not a fixed build-out. Cabin count, boundaries, access, servicing, emergency circulation, drainage and building locations remain subject to municipal review and technical confirmation. This package is not a land-use amendment or development permit application.

# Concept Plan



*Illustrative concept only. Not a survey or engineered site plan. Final boundaries, access, servicing, emergency circulation, building locations and phasing remain subject to municipal and technical review.*

# Phased Development

We would advance the project in stages. Later work would proceed only if the planning path, technical findings, community fit and economics remain acceptable.

| 1 Confirm the path                                                                                                                                             | 2 Build a modest first phase                                                                                                                 | 3 Expand only if supported                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Confirm the land-use process, required studies and application requirements. Complete survey, access, servicing, drainage, emergency and site-constraint work. | If approvals and feasibility support it, construct up to eight cabins with centralized check-in and parking, a washhouse and internal paths. | Consider added accommodation and gathering, wellness or play facilities only after further approvals and evidence from the opening phase. |

## Design and Operating Principles

- Concentrate guest vehicles at the entrance and limit routine vehicle access to the cabin area.
- Keep density low and preserve meaningful open meadow and buffer areas.
- Address neighbour compatibility through setbacks, landscaping, lighting and operating standards.
- Treat the public nature trail as a fixed community asset and no-encroachment boundary.
- Resolve water, wastewater, drainage, fire and emergency access, waste and utilities before construction.

**The concept can remain smaller, change or stop if these matters cannot be resolved.**

# Council Discussion

We are asking Council for preliminary feedback on the direction shown in this package and on the issues we should address before deciding whether to prepare a formal application.

## Questions for Council

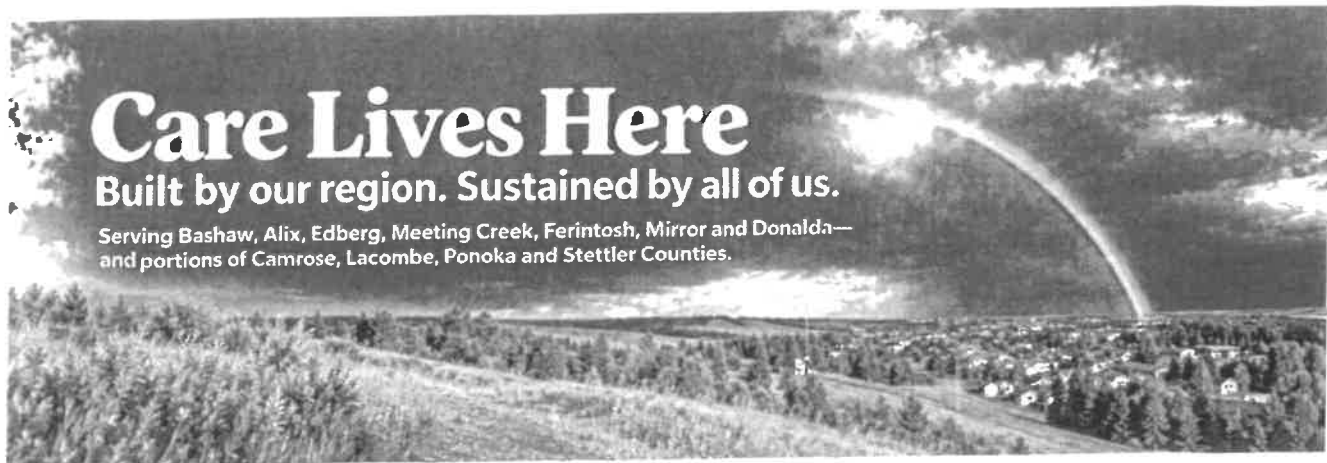
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| <b>1</b> | Does Council see merit in further exploration of a small-scale, low-density cabin accommodation concept on this property?                                          |
| <b>2</b> | What planning, servicing, access, emergency or compatibility concerns should we address before preparing an application?                                           |
| <b>3</b> | Does Council have any concerns with Armadus continuing to work with Administration to confirm the appropriate studies, land-use path and application requirements? |

## Possible Next Steps

- Record Council's feedback and continue pre-application work with Administration.
- Refine the concept and obtain the technical input needed to assess feasibility.
- Decide whether to submit a formal land-use amendment and subsequent development application.

**Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the concept.**





## **Together We Built Regional Care That Belongs Here**

**When our rural region needed better access to care, we did not wait for someone else to solve it.  
We came together and built something remarkable.**

The community-owned medical clinic now stands at the heart of a connected local system.  
Health care, social care, learning and community services work together  
so those who live in the region can find the right help, close to home.

**One day, it may be your parent, your child,  
your neighbour - or you - who needs this circle of care.**

Medical care remains publicly funded. Your donation helps cover the local foundation that public funding does not fully provide: operating costs for our community-owned clinic, employing other health and social care professionals, and connecting people with support before challenges become crises.

### **YOUR GIFT HELPS**

**Your gift stays close to home. It keeps the people in place, the doors open and the connections strong for the people we love - today and for generations to come.**

**Become a Care Lives Here donor today**



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**Built by our community. Sustained by all of us.**  
[zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/donate-in-support-of-bashaw-medical-clinic](https://zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/donate-in-support-of-bashaw-medical-clinic)  
Donations are eligible for charitable tax receipts.

**Brought to you by the Bashaw Regional Wellness Team**

# Real People. Real Challenges. Real Impact.

## Bashaw Model Impacts as of July 2026

| Area                         | Past<br>(Clinic Closing)                   | Present<br>(Clinic Open)                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Clinic Workspace             | Deteriorating                              | Clinic renovated – funded by the Community                                                                                                                       |
| Clinic Equipment & Furniture | Deteriorating                              | Upgraded (Stage 1) – funded by the Community                                                                                                                     |
| Patient Numbers              | 400 patients                               | 1,500 patients with target to serve 2,400 patients                                                                                                               |
| Operating Hours              | Tuesday & Wednesday<br>9am – 3pm           | Monday – Friday<br>9am – 5pm                                                                                                                                     |
| Access to Care               | 2–4 weeks wait-time                        | Same day/next day availability                                                                                                                                   |
| Mental Health Services       | By appointment,<br>long wait-times         | By appointment, emergency/immediate support, 1–3 day wait-times                                                                                                  |
| Learning Supports            | 5 Psych Ed Assessments                     | 43 Psych Ed Assessments                                                                                                                                          |
| Transportation               | No local individual transportation         | Local individual transportation – 7 days/wk                                                                                                                      |
| Clinic Staff                 | 1 Doctor and<br>1 Medical Office Assistant | 6 Doctors, 1 Clinical Pharmacist, Psychologist, Therapist,<br>2 Registered Nurses, 1 Licensed Practical Nurse,<br>2 Medical Office Assistants and 1 Receptionist |
| Collaboration                | Individual                                 | Community Collaboration<br>Regional Collaboration                                                                                                                |

### Areas of Impact

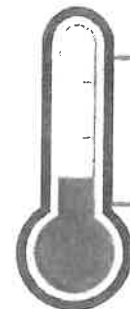


### A Wide Range of Supports and Referrals



### Together We Can Do More

We have committed to **seed funding** that requires us to match community donations to deliver this **LOCAL CARE**.



**Our Goal**  
**\$750,000**

Match funding to sustain the clinic and the full system of care.

**\$100,000**  
**RAISED SO FAR!**

September 20, 2026

**Attention: Michelle White**

Mayor and Council  
Village of Alix  
Alix, Alberta

**Re: Request for \$250,000 in Funding Support for the Alix Arena**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Alix Arena Board, we are writing to respectfully request financial assistance from the Village of Alix in the amount of **\$250,000** to help cover the costs associated with the arena's **chiller and dehumidifier systems**.

These systems are essential components of the Alix Arena's operation. Without reliable chiller and dehumidification equipment, maintaining safe, quality ice becomes increasingly difficult, which directly impacts our ability to operate the facility, host events, sell ice time, and generate the revenue necessary to sustain the arena.

The Alix Arena is much more than a building in our community. It is an important gathering place and recreational facility that provides opportunities for hockey, ringette, skating, tournaments, practices, community events, and family activities. For a small community like Alix, having a functioning arena provides significant value to residents and contributes to the overall vitality and attractiveness of our community.

**Our Commitment to the Alix Arena**

Over the past two years, the Alix Arena Board has worked diligently to maintain, improve, and extend the life of the facility. We understand the importance of being responsible stewards of the arena, and we have demonstrated our commitment by investing significant time, effort, fundraising, and resources into keeping the facility operational.

**Upgrades and Work Completed Over the Past Two Years:**

- Top end overhaul of the compressors
- Drain line re-build on the ice plant (first two alone was around \$10,000)
- Ice surface plexiglass fully replaced

- Rebuilt change room doors, along with fixing other inter and exterior doors.
- Purchased Ice re-surfacer
- Installed double pane glass in lobby viewing area
- Replaced Zamboni overhead door and mechanisms
- Insulated the north wall of the building
- Rebuilt and insulated the west wall in kitchen area
- Minor roof maintenance
- Large amount of rink board repairs- including concrete replacement
- New sound system
- Toy room reno- paint, flooring, toys, and bins

These investments demonstrate that the Board is committed to doing everything within our ability to keep the Alix Arena open, safe, functional, and financially sustainable. We are not simply asking the Village to address the arena's needs; we are asking for support with a critical capital expense while continuing to take responsibility for the day-to-day operation and ongoing improvement of the facility.

### **The Arena's Economic Impact on Alix**

The Alix Arena also contributes to the local economy. Because of the quality and availability of our ice, the arena attracts **hockey, ringette, and skating teams from surrounding communities and other municipalities** to Alix for practices, games, tournaments, and other ice-related activities.

When these teams and families come to Alix, they do more than use our arena. They purchase fuel, food, groceries, coffee, meals, and other goods and services from local businesses. In this way, the arena helps bring outside dollars into our community and supports local businesses.

The arena therefore serves as both a recreational asset and an economic contributor to the Village of Alix. Maintaining the facility allows us to continue attracting users from outside our community and gives local businesses the opportunity to benefit from that activity.

### **Giving Back to Our Community**

The Alix Arena also plays an important role in giving back to the community. It provides a place where children and families can participate in sports, build friendships, develop

skills, and create lasting memories. It brings people together and provides opportunities for residents of Alix and surrounding communities to gather.

For a small community, facilities such as the arena can be an important part of community identity. Keeping the arena operational helps ensure that future generations have access to the same opportunities and experiences that have been available to our community for many years.

### **Our Request**

**The \$250,000 requested from the Village of Alix would provide critical assistance toward the costs of the chiller and dehumidifier** and would help secure the continued operation of the arena.

We recognize that \$250,000 is a significant request, particularly for a small municipality. At the same time, we believe this investment should be viewed as an investment in the future of the Alix Arena, the residents who use it, the surrounding communities that depend on it, and the local businesses that benefit from the people it brings into Alix.

The Arena Board is committed to continuing to operate the facility responsibly, pursuing fundraising opportunities, maintaining the building, improving its efficiency, and finding ways to generate revenue. However, the cost of major mechanical equipment is beyond what can reasonably be covered through regular arena operations and fundraising alone.

We respectfully ask the Mayor and Council to consider this request and work with the Alix Arena Board to find a way forward that will allow this important community facility to remain open and operational for years to come.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Council to discuss the arena's current financial position, the work completed over the past two years, the importance of the chiller and dehumidifier, and our plans for the future of the facility.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of the Alix Arena and our community.

Respectfully,

**Melissa Perez- Secretary**

**Katelynn Keddy- President**

**Joe Lovell- Vice President**

**Alix Arena Board Members**



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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** September 22, 2026  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Strategic Planning

RFD 26-53

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1. **PURPOSE** – To allow time for Council to give administration direction following the fall Strategic Planning review.
  2. **BACKGROUND** – Council reviews the Strategic Plan as part of the regular budget cycle. This typically occurs every year in late summer to early fall. Administration uses the Strategic Plan to inform the Operating and Capital budgets.
  3. **OPTIONS** –
    1. To have general discussion about the Strategic Plan review but make no changes at this time
    2. To amend the Strategic Plan and/or provide direction to the CAO based on the fall Strategic Plan review
  4. **DISCUSSION** –
  5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – There are likely to be financial impacts to any resolution Council makes regarding the Strategic Plan. Those impacts will be investigated by staff and reported back to Council during the fall budget process for further decision making.
  6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 180(1) “A council may act only by resolution or bylaw.”

The Strategic Plan was approved by Council resolution, so any amendments would also need to be made by resolution.
  7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
  8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – There may be parts of the Strategic Plan review that will require further investigation and a report back to Council. This agenda item is to give opportunity for immediate staff direction so that no time is lost in the budget cycle where clear direction can be given.
  9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2 – any resolutions as decided by Council.

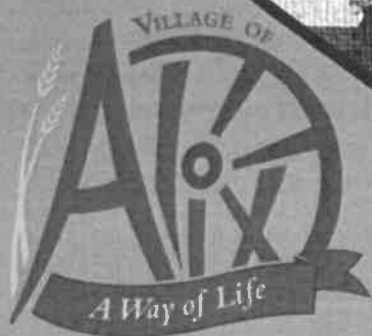
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# Strategic Plan 2026-2029



Village of Alix  
Revised April 16, 2026



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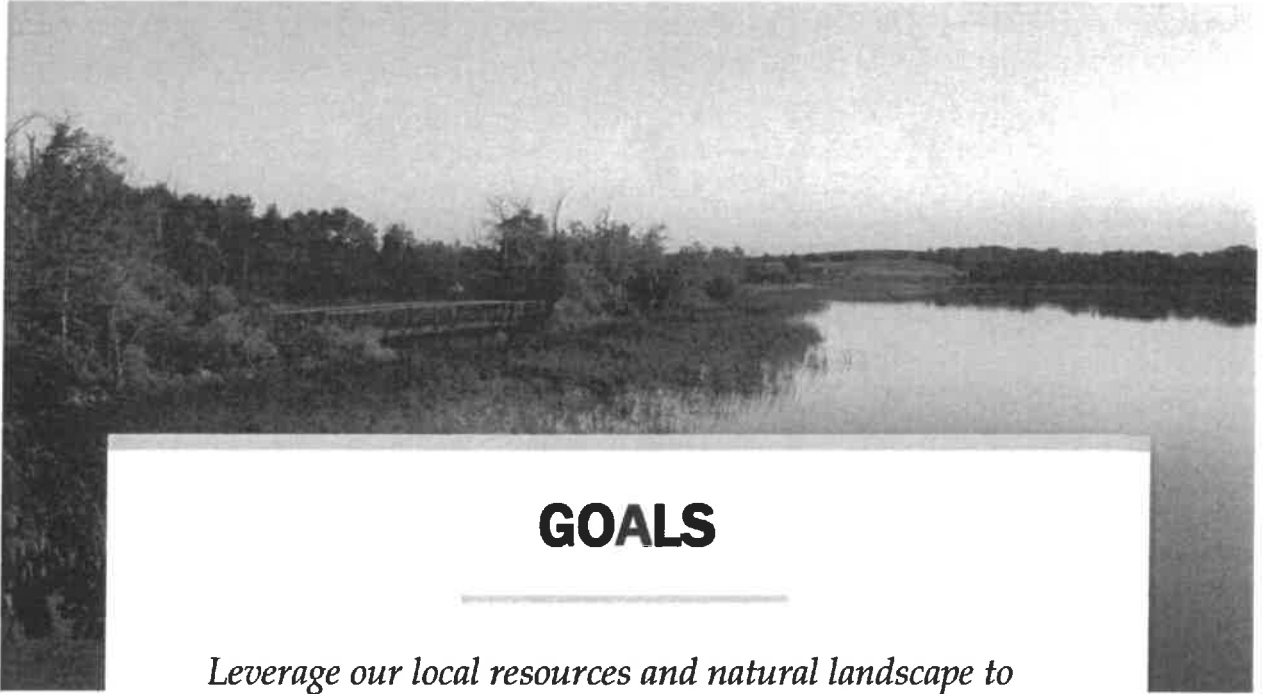
# Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Plan builds on a strong foundation while placing a renewed focus on sustainable growth, and meaningful community engagement. We are committed to fostering a resilient local economy by creating opportunities that allow our community to thrive.

Growth is not only about numbers, but also about strengthening the connections that make our community vibrant. We will continue to invest in relationships, both within our municipality and with our regional partners, recognizing that collaboration is key to long-term success.

Engaging our residents remains at the heart of everything we do. We are dedicated to listening, involving, and empowering our community members so their voices help guide our decisions. Through open communication and active participating, we will shape a future that reflects the values of those who live, work, and invest here.

This plan represents our commitment to thoughtful growth, strong partnerships, and a connected community. One that is well positioned for opportunity today and for generations to come!



## GOALS

*Leverage our local resources and natural landscape to focus on Community Wellness.*

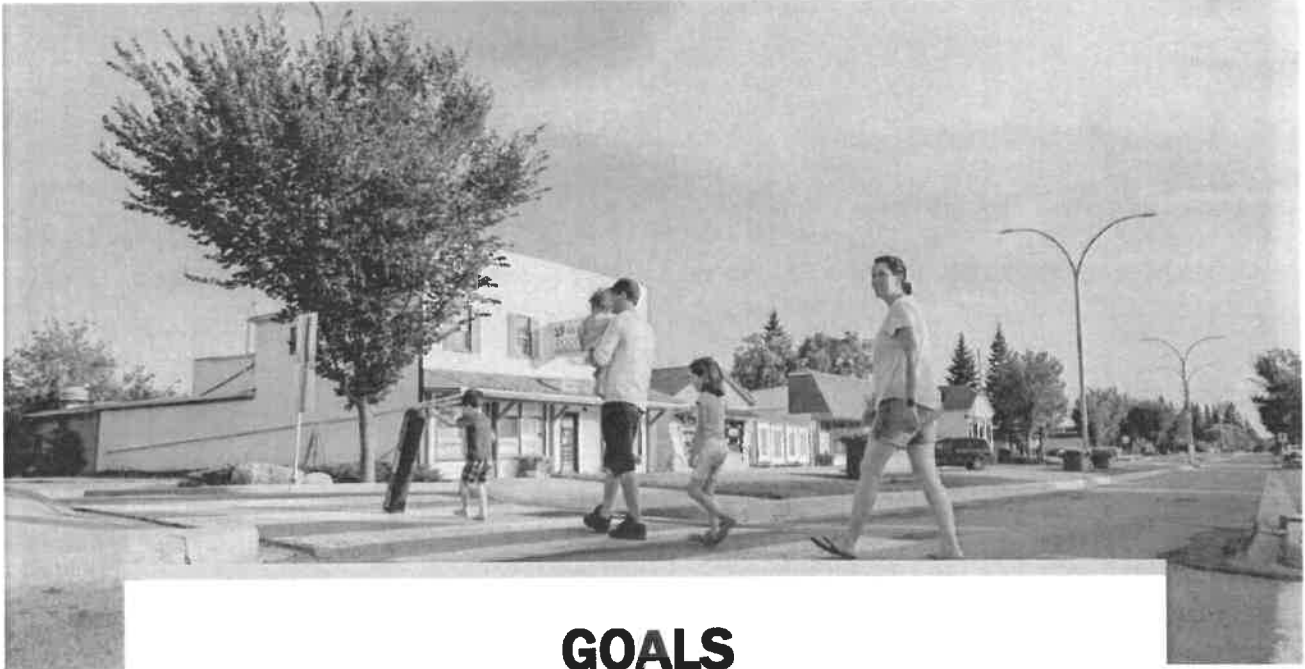
Action Items

- Work with the Alix & Mirror Community Resource Centre on community needs assessment.
- Explore options for improving and/or adding outdoor fitness opportunities.
- Promote the use of Alix Lake while maintaining respect for lake health and water quality.
- Encourage opportunities for indoor fitness related activities at public facilities so residents have year-round access to healthy living.

*Improve Intermunicipal Relationships by being aware of our differences while finding common ground to build meaningful connections.*

Action Items

- Explore opportunities for provision of intermunicipal services.
- Expand our circle of municipal partners.
- Build internal capacity with the intention of sharing knowledge and resources.

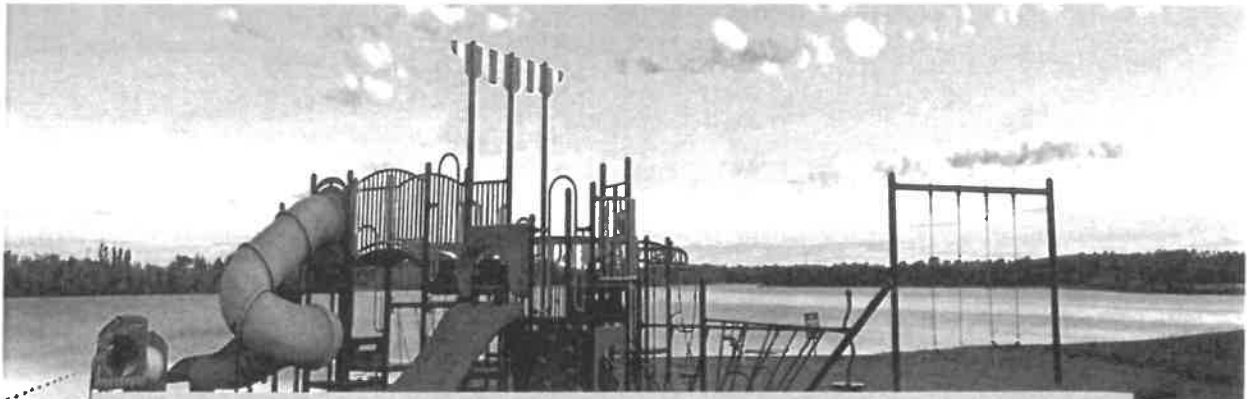


## GOALS

*Promote Smart Growth in residential, commercial and industrial districts while providing support to our existing business community.*

### Action Items

- Review the Land Use Bylaw for updates that could streamline the development process.
- Engage in community on “unconventional” developments to see if an expansion of Land Use bylaw definitions is needed.
- Develop a marketing campaign to attract commercial/industrial businesses.
- Research other communities to find out what works for them with business attraction and retention.



## GOALS

*Use the Infrastructure Master Plan to continue our strong commitment to ongoing infrastructure improvements.*

### Action Items

- Pay out 2 debentures early to free up tax dollars for additional capital projects.
- Schedule capital projects in a financially sustainable way
- Continue to build municipal reserves for future major projects.

*Maintain high level of community engagement to ensure residents and community organizations have a say in major decision making.*

### Action Items

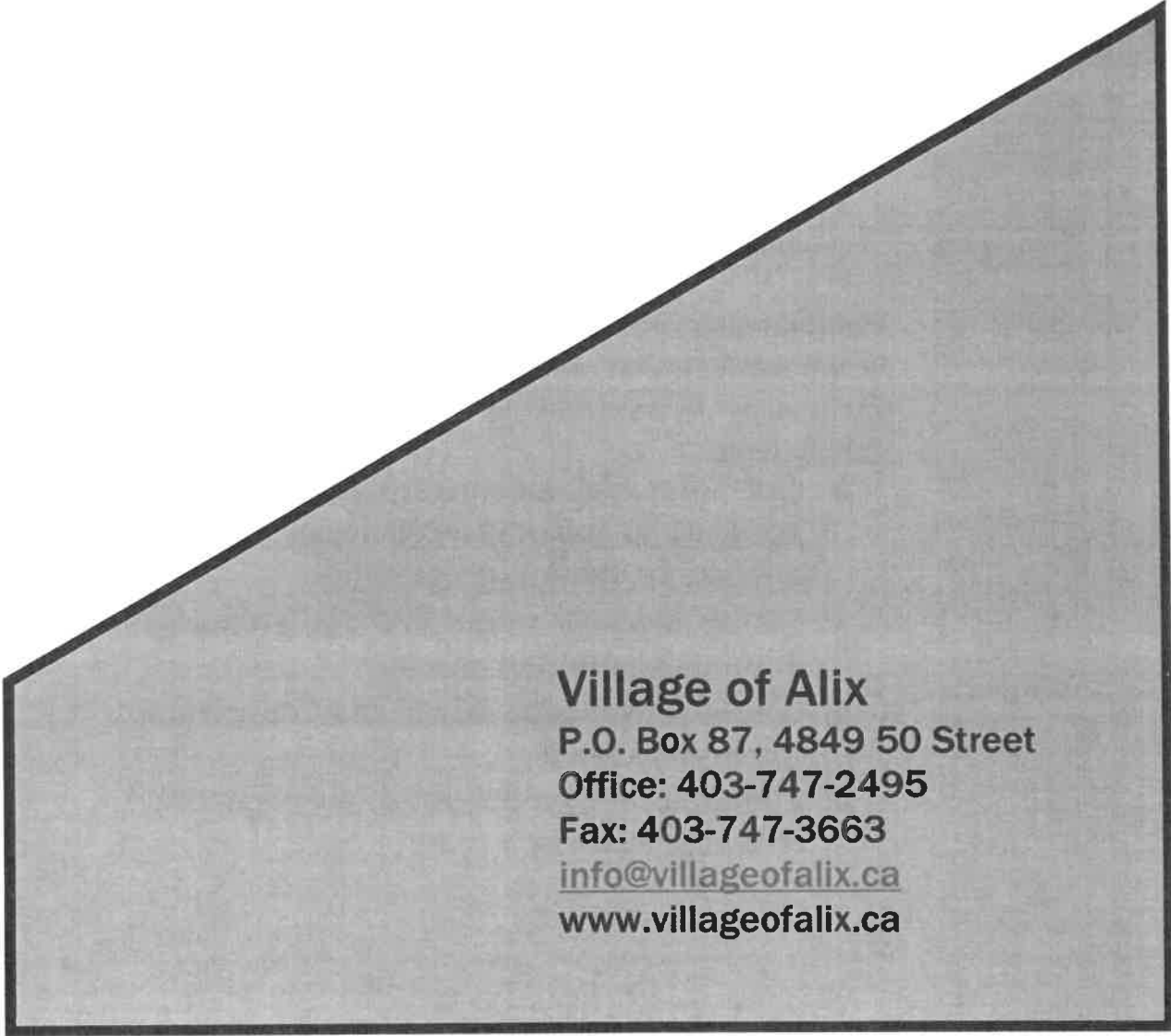
- Use Town Hall meeting format to gather feedback on major changes to specific services or community facilities.
- Gather feedback on the 2027 Capital Budget through community survey.
- Continue to engage RCMP at a Council and community level.
- Communicate our success to the community on a regular basis.

## Next Steps...

Administration will use the Strategic Plan developed by Council moving forward. It will help direct budget resources, staff time on various projects and internal decision making.

It is important to understand that this Strategic Plan is a living document, not a rigid plan to be followed unquestionably. If opportunities or challenges arise that require adjustments to these goals, this will happen but without having to create a whole new set of priorities.

It is our intent to review this Strategic Plan and update it as necessary to keep it current and helpful to Council and Administration



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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** September 29, 2026      RFD 26-54  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** PRL budget

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1. **PURPOSE** – To review and approve (or not) the Parkland Regional Library budget.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Parkland Regional Library (PRL) requires a Council resolution regarding their budget proposal each year.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To approve the proposed 2027 Parkland Regional Library budget.
  2. To make the resolution below and defeat it, thereby not approving the proposed budget.
4. **DISCUSSION** – The Parkland Regional Library (PRL) information attached includes Notes that highlight the proposed changes for the 2027 year.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The proposed PRL budget has a \$1.06 per capita increase to the municipal requisition. This would mean going from \$9.99 to \$11.05 per person.

For 2024, the requisition was \$7,665.30 (Population of 835 x \$9.18)

For 2025, the requisition was \$7,592.94 (Population of 774 x \$9.81)

For 2026, the requisition was \$7,732.26 (Population of 774 x \$9.99)

The 2027 requisition would be \$8,552.70 (Population of 774 x \$11.05)

Overall PRL expenses are expected to increase by 1.44% in 2027.

6. **LEGAL** – Parkland Regional Library requires a Council resolution regarding their budget proposal each year.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –

The Municipal Affairs Population list being used by PRL for the 2027 may be updated before the PRL invoice is issued.

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

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves the proposed Parkland Regional Library Board 2027 budget as presented.”

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Author



# Notes for the Parkland Regional Library System Budget 2027

Parkland's budget is developed according to Board policy and the constraints imposed by the Parkland Regional Library System Agreement. According to clause eight of the agreement

## Library System Budget

*8.1 The PRLS Board shall prior to November 1 of each year submit a budget to the Parties to this Agreement and an estimate of the money required during the ensuing fiscal year to operate the library system. [Reg. s.25 (1)(f)]*

*8.2 The budget and estimate of money required referred to in clause 8.1 above, shall be effective upon receipt by the PRLS Board of written notification of approval from two-thirds of the Parties to this Agreement which must represent at least two-thirds of the member population; and thereupon, each Party to this Agreement shall pay to the PRLS Board an amount which is the product of the per capita requisition set out in Schedule "B" and the population of the Parties to the agreement. Payments shall be made on or before the dates set out therein.*

*8.3 The population of a municipality that is a Party to this Agreement shall be deemed to be the most recent population figure for the municipality as published by Alberta Municipal Affairs.*

*8.4 Municipalities which join the library system after January 1, 1998 shall pay a signing fee as determined by the PRLS Board.*

*8.5 The PRLS Board shall apply to the Government of Alberta for all library grants for which it is eligible, in accordance with the Department of Community Development Grants Regulation 57/98.*

*8.6 Notwithstanding Clause 17.1.c., any increase in the requisition requires written notification of approval from two-thirds of the parties to this agreement which must represent at least two-thirds of the member population.*

Generally speaking, PRLS budgets are prepared with conservative estimates. Revenue is estimated at its minimum level and expenditures are estimated at their maximum level. For 2027, the Executive Committee is recommending the \$11.05 budget, which is a \$1.06 increase over the 2026 budget. This budget includes capital expense purchases, which is a change from the old process.

In an effort to maintain the level of reserves as recommended by the auditors and revamp the reserves to correctly reflect the fiscal position of the organization in a more easily understood

format, the Executive Committee recommended that the capital expenses be reflected in the actual budget, rather than using an additional supplement.

The budget assumes that the Government of Alberta operating grant will remain at the 2023 rate of \$4.75 per capita, calculated using the 2019 Alberta Municipal Affairs population list. It also assumes that the Rural Library Services Grant will remain at \$5.60 per capita, based on the same 2019 population figures.

**Points within the budget to note include:**

- Overall, expenditures, other than capital expenses, are anticipated to increase by 1.44% in 2027. (This does not include the Alberta Rural Library Services Grant which is a direct payment from funds Parkland receives, which is out of PRLS' control and based on funding from the Government)
- For 2027, twenty expense lines are projected to remain unchanged from 2026, nine will see increases, and seven will decrease
- To balance the budget, it will be necessary to increase the municipal requisition/levy by \$1.06. This is primarily to allow the inclusion of capital required for maintaining Parkland's current service structure
- Computer Software License costs are increasing – these costs have been significant, resulting in changes to software licenses in order to protect from dramatic cost increases in this area (line 2.3)
- Internet Connection fees have increased slightly due to pricing beyond Parkland's control (line 2.8)
- Member Library Computers (line 2.11) has changed from reflecting the .30 cent per capita allotment to the actual cost of the computers required for member libraries
- Supplies purchased (line 2.15) reflects the actual cost of these library supplies, which previously had some of the direct costs for the libraries coming from Supplies/Stationery (line 3.12)
- eContent (eBooks, eAudiobooks, etc.) has been increased slightly due to demand (line 2.19)
- The current salary grid has been used, allowing eligible employees a step up the grid. Four employees have reached the top of the grid and will not be eligible for an increase. No COLA was added. The increase to the salary line equals approximately 1.8%. (line 3.9)

Provincial grants amount to approximately 38.6% of PRLS' total income (lines 1.1, 1.2, 1.4), based on the \$11.05 budget.

September 23, 2026

## AB Munies Session Report

Come Hail or High Water.

In the face of natural disasters.

10-11 B \$ spent every year on damages in Canada.  
Resilient Homes Task Force created a few years ago.

2026 high flood year across Canada.

Talked about numerous solutions to address property damage. Focus on 3 or 4 proven ,  
high impact solutions ( financial incentives, etc)

IBC says insurance claims rise substantially every year due to severe weather. Adjusted for  
inflation.

Alberta leads the country in claim costs. 5 out of 10 costliest claims in Canada were in  
Alberta this year.

85% of homeowners in Alberta have flood insurance. The balance are unable to get  
coverage due to high risk.

Wildfire risk is climbing every year.

Because of higher risks premiums are on the rise.

Hail is the biggest claim. 6B in claims the last 5 years. Calgary area is the highest for hail  
claims. Look at hail resistant roofing and siding will drop premiums by about 50%

BILD Alberta discussed promoting using better and more resilient building materials. Costs  
are more initially, but will save money over time due to fewer claims.

BILD is promoting incentive programs to the Government of Alberta.

FireSmart Alberta offers a lot of info on strategies to better fire proof your property. Is starting to be incorporated into building plans. Builders promote resilient building materials more than in the past.

ICLR.com has lots of good information for property owners and municipal admin.

Federal government are offering communities more money if they have a recovery plan in place. As of 2025 , the feds will offer an additional 25% more in recovery funding in Alberta.

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Couns. Rob Fehr

## Alix Arena Meeting

Sept 14/26

- Meeting called to order by Alix Arena Chair Katelynn Partridge at 1800 Hrs.
- Drain line for compressor repaired on the ice plant. Came in under budget by about \$2000.
- Ice plant will be fired up September 17/26. Ice install to start September 21/26 with October 5/26 being the targeted opening date. Very busy schedule already!
- New Caretaker has been contracted as well as a concession operator.
- AGM scheduled for November 19/26 @ 1830 hrs.
- Reminded the board that council has not received a formal request for funding as discussed, this past spring. The board secretary Melissa Perez will draft a letter shortly and submit to the Village of Alix office prior to the October 7/26 Strategic Planning meeting.



Couns. Rob Fehr



## **Board and Committee Report**

### **Board/Committee:**

**Red Deer Municipal Water User Group**

### **Meeting Date:**

**Thursday, September 17, 2026, 10:30am**

**Acadia Valley Community Center.**

### **Meeting Summary:**

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

- GST Audit still not completed, Accounting team still looking for an affordable or interested Auditing firm.
- Nothing to note out of ordinary on financial report.

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

- Presentation of water license application from Mason Austen, Manager, Utility services of Rocky View County.
- Information provided on the water license application for the Red Deer river.

#### **3. Presentation 2 and Field tour:**

- Jordan Christianson presented the second presentation of this project on Irrigation in the Special area with a Development of a new area for future irrigation system in Acadia Valley, 180,000 acres with need of 170 millions cube of water yearly, Feasibility and government discussion ongoing to see if project can see birth eventually.
- Field tour of the presented project with location of the proposed 2 retaining basins and pumps station location.



Sept 30, 2026

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**Signature**

## Rocky View County – Growth and water needs

**Rocky View County is experiencing significant, fast paced growth (11.8% 5-year population growth average)**

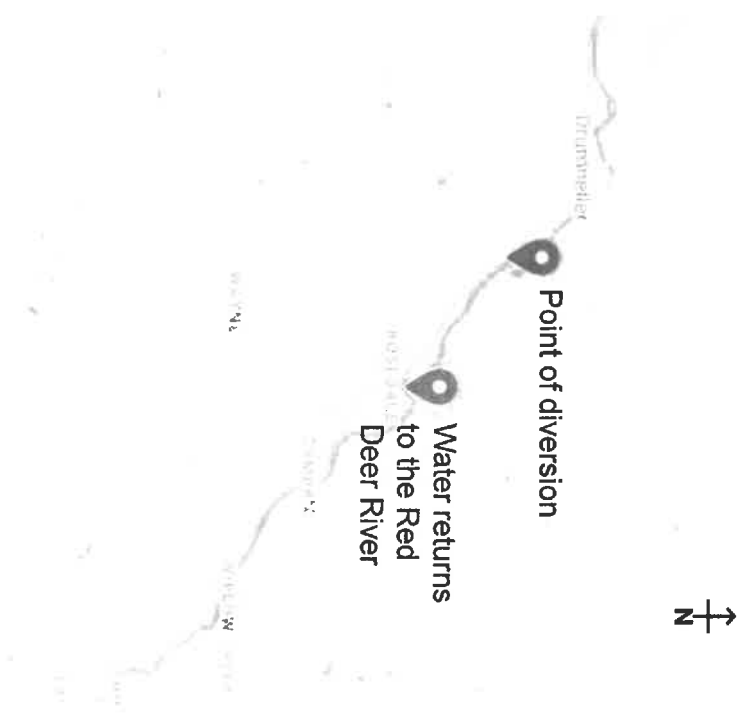
**8,000,000 m<sup>3</sup>/year of water is needed to service development in eastern areas of the County including:**

- Balzac East Area Structure Plan, Bylaw C-5177-2000.
- Balzac West Area Structure Plan, Bylaw C-6433-2007.
- Conrich Area Structure Plan, Bylaw C-7468-2015.
- Dalroy Community, Bylaw C-6240-2006.
- Delacour Community, Bylaw C-6122-2005.
- Indus, Bylaw C-5982-2004.
- Janet, Bylaw C-8020-2020.
- Langdon, Bylaw C-7564-2016.
- OMNI Area Structure Plan, Bylaw C-7700-2017.
- Shepard, Bylaw C-7418-2014.



## Point of return

- 75% of water withdrawn is returned
- Proposed licenced return point is Weed Lake via Langdon WWTP
- Water is conveyed through natural drainage back to the Red Deed River
- Water is returned to the Red Deer River through the Rosebud River
- Distance between POD and Rosebud River mouth is 4.4km





## **Potential impacts from new diversions**

A new allocation from the main stem of the Red Deer River has potential to increase concern around future water availability for existing users and impacts to the environment.

Rocky View County requested Hazen Canada (formerly WaterSMART) undertake modelling to assess:

- 1. What are the potential impacts of the new licence on other water users in a growing basin?**
- 2. What are the potential environmental impacts in terms of river flow and water level?**



## CAO REPORT OCTOBER 2026

1. Bashaw Detachment – I'm glad to say Cpl. Glasier's plan for filling one of the 'soft vacancy' positions at Bashaw Detachment was approved. They will be able to fill that vacancy with a single full time member rather than continue to use 'relief officer' hours. Now the process of recruiting to fill the position starts.
2. Alix MAC School– I had a very productive follow-up meeting with Principal Birch and Vice Principal Grocholski in early September. Outcomes of the meeting include partnering with the grade 12 class on a mural for the Village Shop located at the south end of Main Street. Students will design and paint the mural to commemorate their grad year. There will be consultation with the Village throughout the process.

The second project discussed is work experience and/or job shadowing opportunities for students within Village administration and Public Works departments. Pending interest level from students, Village staff have stated interest in finding a way to make the program work. This would give opportunities for work / trade skill development while raising awareness of municipal employment options.

3. Emergency Management Table Top Exercise – We hosted the Village of Clive, representatives from Wolfcreek School Division and the province on October 16<sup>th</sup> for a regional table top exercise at the Community Hall. The goal of this exercise was for staff from Alix and Clive to get to know each other better, strengthening our emergency response team and to become more familiar with filling out ICS forms that are a necessary part of an emergency event. Overall the exercise was a success. It is required under the Emergency Management Act that each community participates in an exercise of this nature every year.
4. Equalized Assessment – The province has released the 2027 equalized assessments. These are the numbers that are used to calculate our provincial requisitions (School & RCMP). Alix is showing a significant increase in the residential equalized assessment, a reasonable increase in non-residential equalized assessment and the increase to machinery & equipment is well above the provincial average.

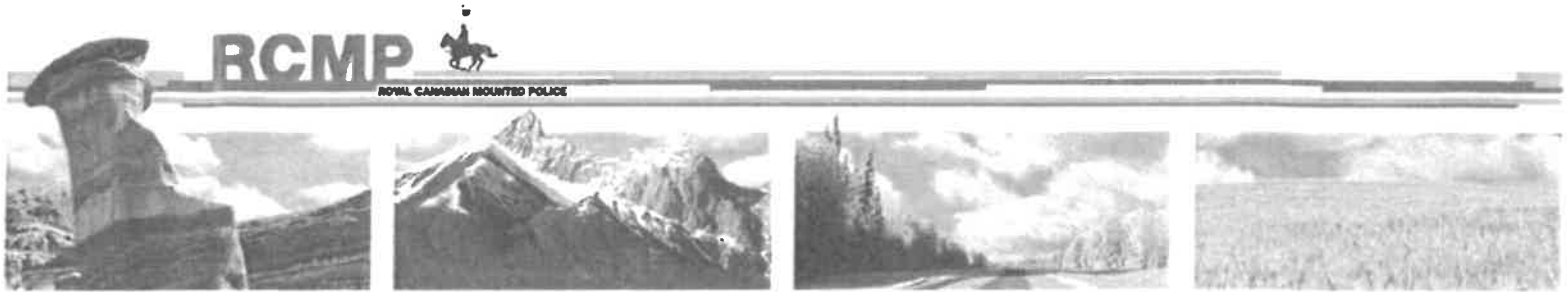
See table below showing the increase amount for next year, the provincial average increase for villages and the increase we had for 2026 in each category.

**Equalized Assessment Comparison Table:**

|                           | <u>Residential</u> | <u>Non-Residential</u> | <u>Machinery &amp; Equip.</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>2027 Increase</u>      | 10.88%             | 2.65%                  | 3.15%                         |
| <u>Provincial Average</u> | 8.18%              | 3.98%                  | -2%                           |
| <u>2026 Increase</u>      | 6.14%              | 1.93%                  | 5.06%                         |

**What this means:** Homeowners are likely to see another large increase in their school taxes in 2027. We are waiting to hear from the province regarding changes to the Police Tax funding formula before being able to determine how increased equalized assessment rates may affect that bill.

Non-residential properties (commercial & industrial) will have only moderate increases, as will machinery & equipment properties.



2026/09/10

Cpl. Grant GLASIER  
Acting Detachment Commander  
Bashaw, Alberta

Dear Ms. WHITE,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30, 2026. This report provides an overview of human resources, financial information, and crime statistics for the Bashaw RCMP detachment, and reflects the ongoing priorities identified by the community we serve.

In addition to the information contained in the attached report, the Alberta RCMP is also advancing the rollout of the newly approved black-and-white General Duty vehicle design. This redesign is not simply cosmetic. It reflects a commitment to being a modern, professional, and approachable police service while maintaining a clear connection to the RCMP's history.

The updated look features white doors on a black base, along with high-visibility, reflective graphics to ensure the vehicles can be easily recognized in all conditions—day or night, in rural or urban settings, and across Alberta's diverse climates. This ensures RCMP vehicles are clearly identifiable as law-enforcement vehicles while remaining visually distinct as the RCMP.

Provinces, territories, and municipalities will be able to include local identifiers based on regional requirements. These variations allow for local flexibility and help demonstrate our connection with the communities we serve, while preserving a consistent, recognizable national RCMP identity.

Given the size and operational demands of the fleet, full conversion to the new design will take place gradually. Vehicles will transition to the new design as part of the natural replacement cycle, allowing older units to be retired without creating unnecessary incremental costs. This phased approach supports fleet consistency and modernization over time.

This modernization effort reflects the RCMP's ongoing commitment to ensuring members have the appropriate tools and training to serve their communities safely and effectively. Investments in equipment such as this are essential to maintaining high standards of policing and adapting to evolving operational demands.

We remain committed to transparency and to keeping our municipal partners informed of significant developments that impact policing services in your community. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this initiative further, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Sincerely,

Cpl. Grant GLASIER  
Acting Detachment Commander  
Bashaw, Alberta



## Bashaw Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) April - June: 2022 - 2026

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

July 6, 2026

| CATEGORY                         | Trend | 2022      | 2023      | 2024       | 2025       | 2026       | % Change<br>2022 - 2026 | % Change<br>2025 - 2026 | Avg File +/-<br>per Year |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Offences Related to Death        |       | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Robbery                          |       | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Sexual Assaults                  |       | 2         | 1         | 2          | 1          | 4          | 100%                    | 300%                    | 0.4                      |
| Other Sexual Offences            |       | 0         | 1         | 1          | 3          | 2          | N/A                     | -33%                    | 0.6                      |
| Assault                          |       | 10        | 2         | 8          | 16         | 4          | -60%                    | -75%                    | 0.2                      |
| Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction     |       | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Extortion                        |       | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Criminal Harassment              |       | 4         | 3         | 5          | 4          | 5          | 25%                     | 25%                     | 0.3                      |
| Uttering Threats                 |       | 3         | 7         | 4          | 2          | 4          | 33%                     | 100%                    | -0.3                     |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>             |       | <b>19</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>20</b>  | <b>26</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>0%</b>               | <b>-27%</b>             | <b>1.2</b>               |
| Break & Enter                    |       | 5         | 14        | 14         | 13         | 8          | 60%                     | -38%                    | 0.5                      |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle           |       | 5         | 11        | 5          | 8          | 5          | 0%                      | -38%                    | -0.3                     |
| Theft Over \$5,000               |       | 4         | 4         | 3          | 5          | 3          | -25%                    | -40%                    | -0.1                     |
| Theft Under \$5,000              |       | 14        | 15        | 20         | 18         | 17         | 21%                     | -6%                     | 0.9                      |
| Possn Stn Goods                  |       | 3         | 1         | 5          | 2          | 8          | 167%                    | 300%                    | 1.1                      |
| Fraud                            |       | 13        | 8         | 9          | 12         | 14         | 8%                      | 17%                     | 0.6                      |
| Arson                            |       | 0         | 1         | 1          | 0          | 0          | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| Mischief - Damage To Property    |       | 6         | 13        | 12         | 15         | 22         | 267%                    | 47%                     | 3.4                      |
| Mischief - Other                 |       | 3         | 2         | 4          | 8          | 19         | 533%                    | 138%                    | 3.8                      |
| <b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>            |       | <b>53</b> | <b>69</b> | <b>73</b>  | <b>81</b>  | <b>96</b>  | <b>81%</b>              | <b>19%</b>              | <b>9.8</b>               |
| Offensive Weapons                |       | 1         | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0          | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.2                     |
| Disturbing the peace             |       | 0         | 6         | 6          | 11         | 4          | N/A                     | -64%                    | 1.3                      |
| Fail to Comply & Breaches        |       | 5         | 1         | 7          | 0          | 5          | 0%                      | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| <b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>       |       | <b>3</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>12</b>  | <b>300%</b>             | <b>200%</b>             | <b>2.1</b>               |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> |       | <b>9</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>133%</b>             | <b>40%</b>              | <b>3.1</b>               |
| <b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>       |       | <b>81</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>110</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>136</b> | <b>68%</b>              | <b>11%</b>              | <b>14.1</b>              |



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July 6, 2026

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|----------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Drug Enforcement - Production          |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Drug Enforcement - Possession          |       | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | -50%                    | N/A                     | -0.2                     |
| Drug Enforcement - Trafficking         |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Drug Enforcement - Other               |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| <b>Total Drugs</b>                     |       | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | -50%                    | N/A                     | -0.2                     |
| Cannabis Enforcement                   |       | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.2                     |
| Federal - General                      |       | 6    | 4    | 13   | 8    | 5    | -17%                    | -38%                    | 0.2                      |
| <b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>                   |       | 9    | 4    | 13   | 8    | 6    | -33%                    | -25%                    | -0.2                     |
| Liquor Act                             |       | 1    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 0%                      | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| Cannabis Act                           |       | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.1                      |
| Mental Health Act                      |       | 15   | 16   | 16   | 19   | 20   | 33%                     | 5%                      | 1.3                      |
| Other Provincial Stats                 |       | 21   | 22   | 25   | 13   | 19   | -10%                    | 46%                     | -1.3                     |
| <b>Total Provincial Stats</b>          |       | 37   | 40   | 44   | 32   | 41   | 11%                     | 28%                     | 0.0                      |
| Municipal By-laws Traffic              |       | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | N/A                     | -100%                   | 0.0                      |
| Municipal By-laws                      |       | 3    | 12   | 13   | 19   | 7    | 133%                    | -63%                    | 1.5                      |
| <b>Total Municipal</b>                 |       | 3    | 13   | 13   | 20   | 7    | 133%                    | -65%                    | 1.5                      |
| Fatals                                 |       | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.3                     |
| Injury MVC                             |       | 2    | 3    | 1    | 1    | 1    | -50%                    | 0%                      | -0.4                     |
| Property Damage MVC (Reportable)       |       | 30   | 29   | 24   | 29   | 19   | -37%                    | -34%                    | -2.2                     |
| Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)   |       | 3    | 2    | 3    | 8    | 5    | 67%                     | -38%                    | 1.0                      |
| <b>TOTAL MVC</b>                       |       | 36   | 35   | 29   | 38   | 25   | -31%                    | -34%                    | -1.9                     |
| Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)   |       | 5    | 5    | 5    | 1    | 1    | -80%                    | 0%                      | -1.2                     |
| Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)     |       | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| <b>Total Provincial Traffic</b>        |       | 191  | 302  | 147  | 136  | 249  | 30%                     | 83%                     | -5.0                     |
| <b>Other Traffic</b>                   |       | 10   | 7    | 0    | 6    | 1    | -90%                    | -83%                    | -1.9                     |
| <b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>           |       | 3    | 4    | 5    | 3    | 1    | -67%                    | -67%                    | -0.5                     |
| <b>Common Police Activities</b>        |       |      |      |      |      |      |                         |                         |                          |
| False Alarms                           |       | 2    | 5    | 4    | 4    | 3    | 50%                     | -25%                    | 0.1                      |
| False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act   |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 4    | 6    | N/A                     | 50%                     | 1.6                      |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property     |       | 31   | 20   | 30   | 32   | 35   | 13%                     | 9%                      | 2.0                      |
| Persons Reported Missing               |       | 2    | 0    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 0%                      | -33%                    | 0.3                      |
| Search Warrants                        |       | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported) |       | 16   | 4    | 10   | 15   | 10   | -38%                    | -33%                    | -0.1                     |
| Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)               |       | 0    | 1    | 4    | 1    | 0    | N/A                     | -100%                   | 0.0                      |



# PRLS BOARD TALK

## Highlights of the Parkland Regional Library Board Meeting SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

### 2027 Budget

The board approved the draft 2027 budget. At the May board meeting the board asked staff to bring three budgets back to the board at their September meeting. The first budget had no change in the per capita rate (for information only). Budget scenario 1 was made in the manner of Parkland budgets for the last 30 years (\$10.18). In this scenario, the requisition did not take into account collecting revenue to cover capital purchases. Budget scenario 2 was the same as budget scenario 1 with additions for capital purchases. (\$11.05).

Some points to note include:

- Overall, expenditures, other than capital expenses, are anticipated to increase by 1.44% in 2027.
- To balance the budget, it will be necessary to increase the municipal requisition/levy by \$1.06. This is primarily to allow the inclusion of actual capital required for maintaining current service structure.
- The current salary grid has been used, allowing eligible employees a step up the grid. Four employees have reached the top of the grid and will not be eligible for an increase.
- Computer Software License costs are increasing
- Internet Connection fees have increased slightly
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- The Member Library Computer line was changed to the actual cost of the computers needed for member libraries

Provincial grants amount to approximately 38.6% of PRLS' total income.

### Revised Approach to Capital Purchases

If Parkland doesn't do some financial preventative maintenance now, it will become less financially stable over time. Parkland is always within its budget for providing services and would post a surplus if it did not have to account for the depreciation of capital purchases. In the past, (because of policy) Parkland has not had the ability to include capital expenditures in the budget, except in the budget supplement which permitted staff to pull required funds from reserves. This is unsustainable – we can no longer afford to fund capital purchases (vans, computers, etc.) simply by using surpluses achieved in previous years. The situation, if it is allowed to continue, would be dire; staff want the board to be aware of and address the problem before it becomes catastrophic.

As presented at the board meeting, a three-pronged approach will correct Parkland's direction:

1. A realigning of the actual reserves that are held within Parkland's bond portfolio
2. The ability to create a separate reserve that is accessible and not locked in the form of bonds
3. A \$1.06 increase in the budget to allow Parkland to save for expected capital purchases

Staff believe that the proposed increase is modest given what it will achieve. Staff will continue in their constant quest to evaluate efficiencies in procedures; allowing Parkland to continue to be able to provide outstanding service in the face of ever-increasing costs.

### Licensing Costs for Microsoft

Since 2011, Parkland has maintained an agreement with Microsoft for the licensing of various software throughout the region. This year, we were informed that Parkland no longer qualifies under the existing agreement and that we must move toward a new agreement with different terms.

The renewal cost quoted was four times what we are currently paying. As a result, Parkland had no choice but to make changes to computer software throughout the region.

With the new agreement, Parkland's licensing fee will exceed \$58,800 despite the reduction of licenses.

## Parkland Website Project

Sitecore is the software platform Parkland's website is based on. This year, we received a new agreement with a significant increase to our licensing fee.

Tim Spark, Parkland's Manager of Technology Infrastructure, negotiated the cost down, however, due to Sitecore's 5% planned increase per year, compounded, Parkland is currently exploring different website platforms.

After some discussion, the board decided to wait until after Parkland has the chance to discuss the issue with member libraries to get an idea of their priorities and will revisit the issue at the November board meeting.

## CAP Libraries – New Libraries Regulation

A number of communications sent to all library boards by the Government of Alberta related to Bill 28 and the recent changes to the Alberta Libraries Act and Regulation.

There were two letters from the Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries (CAP) signed by Parkland Board Chair Barb Gilliat seeking clarification on a number of issues related to the new legislation. Gilliat's letter received an email response from Dan Williams, and a letter sent to Assistant Deputy Minister Ethan Baynes received a written response. As a result of the letter to Baynes, he invited the members of the CAP Steering Committee to a meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> by Zoom.

Subsequent to the meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister, a meeting representing members of the broader public library community was held on July 30<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting, five working groups were established:

- **Principles to guide policy framework**
- **Policy framework for implementation**
- **Identify restricted works**
- **Manage restricted works**
- **Customer communications**

These groups are to work on those mechanisms for compliance with the legislation by January first. Parkland's Director sat on the first group "Principles to guide policy framework".

In addition to the passing of the changes to the Libraries Act and Regulation, the government indicated that operational guidelines will be provided to assist library boards obtain compliance with the new legislation, which was released on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and forwarded to libraries and their boards.

## News from Trustees

**Penhold & District Public Library** has a new library manager and would like to thank those that came to say goodbye to their now retired manager, Myra Binnendyk.

**Elnora Public Library** will start construction on a new building next month. The building will house the village office and the library. Big thanks to Tim Spark at Parkland for helping move the SuperNet.

## 2026 Board Survey

The Parkland board evaluated itself with three survey questions:

**Do you believe you have a good understanding of Parkland's role and services?** 30 out of 32 people said yes.

**By the end of a board meeting, do you believe you have received the information you need to be able to speak to council about what transpired?** 26 out of 32 people said yes.

**Would you willingly come back to serve another year on the Parkland Board?** 28 out of 32 said yes.

Hello Michelle,

Municipalities play an important role in keeping rural communities safe. I'm writing to share what Safety Smarts has delivered in Village of Alix and invite your municipality to help sustain this practical safety education for local children.

**During September 2025–June 2026, Safety Smarts delivered 5 presentations at schools in your community, recording 101 student participations.**

Heartland Training & Support Hub, formerly the Farm Safety Centre, delivers age-appropriate Safety Smarts lessons from Kindergarten through Grade 6. Since 1998, the program has delivered approximately **45,500 presentations during 8,800 school visits, with 921,000 student participations across school years**, 28 years of helping rural children recognize hazards and make safer choices.

**Would Village of Alix consider a \$500 contribution toward Safety Smarts delivery in 2026–2027?** We recognize the many demands on municipal budgets. Any contribution would be appreciated, and we can provide a charitable donation receipt.

**Your contribution also influences the scheduling priority of schools in your community.** We review school priorities annually, taking support from Counties / MD's, municipalities, agricultural societies and other local partners into account. Your donation strengthens that local support and can raise the priority of nearby schools. With limited funds, we focus first on higher-priority schools. A donation does not guarantee a visit, but it helps put those schools in a stronger position when we plan delivery.

#### **A few commonly asked questions about Safety Smarts**

**What do children learn?** Practical lessons cover machinery, livestock, water and ice, chemicals, hearing protection, safe play areas and ATV safety—hazards children may encounter at home, on farms or while visiting friends and family.

**Why community support?** We are an independent nonprofit and registered charity. Grants help, but do not cover the full cost of ongoing delivery. Community contributions help pay for instructor time, travel, materials and program coordination.

The attached **milestone and evaluation infographic** includes updated program totals and findings from an earlier evaluation, in which **98% of responding teachers considered farm safety education useful for their students**. We have retained the original evaluation figures and clearly identified them as historical.

Also attached is our **September 2025–June 2026 School Visits by County report**, listing schools, delivery dates, student numbers and recorded priorities: **1 = High, 2 = Medium**

**and 3 = Low.** You are welcome to explore and share our resources for schools, families and community organizations.

Please consider sharing this request with council. Contributions can be made by **e-transfer to donations@heartlandsupport.ca**, or by cheque payable to **Heartland Training & Support Hub**, mailed to **PO Box 291, Raymond, AB T0K 2S0**. Please include your municipality's name.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact us at programs@heartlandsupport.ca.

Thank you for considering our request and for helping keep children in your community safe.

Kind regards,  
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## School Visits by County: September 2025 - June 2026

| School: County ↑     | School: Account Name                    | Total # Pres | Total # Students | Date       | School: # | School: School Priority |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 17           | 343              |            | 3         |                         |
| INACTIVE SCHOOLS     | Hillmond Central School                 | 7            | 81               | 2026-04-29 | 1         | 3 - Low Priority        |
|                      | Jack Kemp Community School              | 13           | 283              | 2026-04-21 | 1         | 3 - Low Priority        |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 20           | 364              |            | 2         |                         |
| Kneehill County      | Acme School                             | 5            | 75               | 2026-03-31 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Bristone Colony School                  | 1            | 13               | 2026-06-15 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Carbon School                           | 3            | 42               | 2026-04-16 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Dr. Elliott Community School            | 6            | 98               | 2026-04-01 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Huxley Colony School                    | 1            | 19               | 2026-03-10 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Kneehill Colony School                  | 1            | 12               | 2026-06-15 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Three Hills Colony School               | 1            | 28               | 2026-03-09 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Three Hills School                      | 9            | 166              | 2026-03-26 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Trochu Valley School                    | 7            | 148              | 2025-11-17 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Valleyview Tarrington Colony School     | 1            | 17               | 2026-03-09 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 35           | 618              |            | 10        |                         |
| Lacombe County       | Alix MAC School                         | 5            | 101              | 2025-09-22 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
|                      | Clive School                            | 4            | 73               | 2025-11-04 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
|                      | College Heights Christian School        | 3            | 53               | 2025-10-27 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
|                      | Eckville Elementary School              | 6            | 132              | 2025-11-24 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
|                      | Iron Ridge Elementary Campus            | 7            | 151              | 2025-11-17 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
|                      | Iron Ridge Elementary Campus            | 6            | 138              | 2025-11-18 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
|                      | Iron Ridge Elementary Campus            | 6            | 136              | 2025-11-19 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 37           | 784              |            | 5         |                         |
| Lac Ste. Anne County | Darwell School                          | 7            | 127              | 2026-02-24 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Elmer Elson Elementary School           | 9            | 181              | 2026-04-20 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Elmer Elson Elementary School           | 6            | 120              | 2026-04-21 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Grasmere School                         | 6            | 114              | 2025-11-18 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Onoway Elementary School                | 9            | 168              | 2025-11-13 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Onoway Elementary School                | 10           | 197              | 2025-11-14 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Rochfort Bridge Colony School           | 1            | 24               | 2025-09-11 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Sangudo Community School                | 4            | 75               | 2025-12-02 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 52           | 1006             |            | 6         |                         |
| Lamont County        | Andrew School                           | 6            | 170              | 2026-05-27 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Bruderheim Community School             | 3            | 59               | 2026-05-25 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Lamont Elementary School                | 13           | 263              | 2026-05-05 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 22           | 492              |            | 3         |                         |
| Leduc County         | New Sarepta Elementary School           | 4            | 83               | 2026-04-14 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
|                      | New Sarepta Elementary School           | 5            | 129              | 2026-04-13 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 9            | 212              |            | 1         |                         |
| Lethbridge County    | Barons School                           | 6            | 98               | 2025-09-22 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Chin Lakes Colony School                | 1            | 10               | 2026-04-27 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Coaldale Christian School               | 7            | 140              | 2026-06-02 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Gold Ridge Colony School (Turin Colony) | 1            | 27               | 2026-03-12 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Huntsville School                       | 7            | 133              | 2026-03-05 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | John Davidson School                    | 6            | 140              | 2026-05-06 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | John Davidson School                    | 0            | 0                | 2026-05-06 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Keho Lake Colony School                 | 1            | 35               | 2026-03-19 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Noble Central School                    | 7            | 141              | 2026-03-18 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Shadow Ranch Colony School              | 1            | 23               | 2026-03-26 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | St. Joseph's School                     | 4            | 64               | 2026-04-22 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | St. Joseph's School                     | 7            | 125              | 2026-04-21 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | St. Joseph's School                     | 0            | 0                | 2026-02-03 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | St. Joseph's School                     | 0            | 0                | 2026-02-04 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
|                      | Wilson Siding Colony School             | 2            | 31               | 2025-12-15 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 50           | 967              |            | 11        |                         |
| M.D. of Acadia       | Warren Peers School                     | 3            | 31               | 2025-09-23 | 1         | 1 - High Priority       |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 3            | 31               |            | 1         |                         |
| M.D. of Big Lakes    | St. Andrew's School                     | 10           | 175              | 2025-11-21 | 1         | 3 - Low Priority        |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 10           | 175              |            | 1         |                         |
| M.D. of Bonnyville   | Glendon School                          | 7            | 111              | 2025-09-09 | 1         | 2 - Medium Priority     |
| Subtotal             | Sum                                     | 7            | 111              |            | 1         |                         |





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# SAFETY SMARTS

**Helping children recognize hazards  
and make safer choices**

Farm safety education since September 1998



## 28 YEARS of Safety Smarts

September 1998 - September 2026



## 8,806 School visits

Safety learning brought into rural classrooms



## 45,537 Presentations

Age-appropriate lessons from Kindergarten to Grade 6



## 921,417 Students reached\*

Helping generations of rural children learn to stay safe

**Approximate lifetime totals updated September 16, 2026.**

Delivery recorded through June 17, 2026. School visits include return visits over the years.

\*Cumulative student participations across school years, not unique individuals.

**Explore Safety Smarts resources for schools and families**

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# SAFETY SMARTS

## BUILDS PRO-SAFETY ATTITUDES AMONG RURAL CHILDREN



### THE EVALUATION HEARD FROM



**3,884**  
grade 6 students



**2,199**  
teachers



**780**  
parents



**14**  
young adults



**8** instructors &  
**2** FSC staff

**“ Grandpa stressed don't touch the PTO...  
the Farm Safety Lady explained why. ”**

Through in-person instruction and engaging activities,  
children comprehend the possible consequences of their safety decisions.



**91%**  
of parents believe  
Safety Smarts is a good  
use of class time



**Take home resources are the bridge  
between classroom instruction  
and parents**

**95%** of parents saw the Safety Smarts materials

**85%** of parents said their child talked with them about the program

### Safety messages and slogans endure over time

Current students remember

ONE SEAT,  
ONE RIDER

PLAY SAFE,  
STAY SAFE



**76% RURAL**



**94% COLONY**

15 years after the presentations, young adults

ONE SEAT,  
ONE RIDER

Remember the slogans



Value farm safety

Students intend to practice  
safe behaviours



**66% RURAL**



**54% COLONY**



**98%**

of teachers believe  
farm safety education is  
useful for their students

Teachers intend to integrate farm  
safety messages throughout the year



**78% RURAL**



**96% COLONY**

In 2016-2017,  
Safety Smarts  
reached elementary  
students in Rural  
and Colony schools



**3,304**

presentations



**65,575**

elementary students



**537**

Alberta schools



**18**

Saskatchewan schools



We also gratefully acknowledge the generous and consistent support from Counties, MDs and Colonies



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September 14, 2026

## **Notice: Approval of Plan of Arrangement and Vesting of Contracts Under Plan of Arrangement**

We are writing to inform you that, on September 4, 2026, AltaLink Management Ltd. and certain of its affiliates obtained a final order from the Court of King's Bench of Alberta (the "**Court Order**") approving an internal corporate reorganization (the "**Reorganization**") which will be effected by way of a plan of arrangement (the "**Arrangement**") under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta). The Reorganization has also been approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission. The closing date for the transaction is anticipated to occur on or about October 1, 2026 (the "**Closing Date**") and completion of closing will be confirmed by a news release issued by AltaLink.

### **Effect of the Arrangement and Closing**

With the granting of the Court Order, and upon closing of the Arrangement, contracts and agreements to which AltaLink, L.P. is a party, including the agreement(s) between you and AltaLink, L.P. (each an "**Agreement**"), will vest by operation of law in AltaLink Ltd., the successor entity to AltaLink, L.P., and AltaLink Ltd. will become the regulated transmission utility holding, directly or indirectly, all of the assets and liabilities held by AltaLink, L.P. prior to the Arrangement.

Closing of the Reorganization will not amend or modify the commercial terms of any Agreement with you, other than AltaLink Ltd. will become the successor party to the Agreement in place and stead of AltaLink, L.P. and AltaLink Ltd. will assume (by operation of law) and perform all obligations and liabilities under the Agreement with you as if AltaLink Ltd. were the original contracting party. The Agreement will continue in full force and effect without any further action by the parties.

Any agreements between AltaLink Management Ltd. and yourself will remain unchanged as AltaLink Management Ltd. will provide management services to AltaLink Ltd. In particular, the Reorganization will not affect any land-related agreements such as right of way or transmission line agreements and your day-to-day dealings with AltaLink's Land department will not change.

A copy of the Court Order can be found on AltaLink's website, [www.altalink.ca](http://www.altalink.ca). The news release confirming completion of the Reorganization will also be made available on AltaLink's website.

**NOTE: Effective on the Closing Date, all invoices must be issued in the name of AltaLink Ltd. for services performed or provided prior to the Closing Date. See the attached Schedule "A" for further details regarding invoicing requirements as of the Closing Date.**

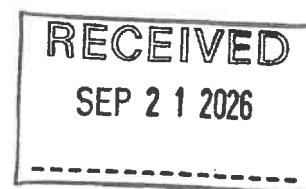
All parties who AltaLink identified as having a current or past business relationship were provided with notice of the Reorganization. If your business relationship no longer exists with AltaLink, kindly disregard this Notice.

Yours truly,

AltaLink, L.P.



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Electricity  
Leader**



## **Schedule "A" – Invoice Process**

If you are a vendor providing services to AltaLink, L.P., after October 1, 2026, you should invoice AltaLink Ltd. using your current purchase order number and, where applicable, continue to use the same work orders for coding the activities in your invoice. All purchase orders, contracts and order coding will remain the same before and after the Closing Date of the Reorganization.

The only change required is to ensure that any invoice sent from October 1, 2026, onwards is addressed to AltaLink Ltd. and includes the GST number 802479592. This is required even if the services provided were performed prior to October 1, 2026.

For example, if you have provided services to AltaLink, L.P. in September 2026 or earlier but you are invoicing in October 2026, you will need to invoice AltaLink Ltd. The key cut-off date is October 1, 2026. Any invoice received on or after October 1, 2026, must be addressed to AltaLink Ltd.

If an invoice is not addressed to AltaLink Ltd. with its GST number, the invoice will have to be resubmitted in order for it to be processed and paid.

For payment to AltaLink, AltaLink, L.P.'s bank account numbers will be transferred to AltaLink Ltd. This means you will not have to make any changes to the banking details in your system if you are making any payments to AltaLink Ltd.

If you have any questions on invoicing, please contact Lily Liu, Manager, General Accounting [lily.liu@altalink.ca](mailto:lily.liu@altalink.ca).