

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD to be held Monday, March 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Town of Tofield Administration Building, Council Chambers

1. Present

2. Call to Order

“As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. **We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.**”

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Minutes

- (a) Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Town of Tofield held Monday, February 24, 2025.

5. Delegation

- a) 5:00 p.m. Melody Littell, Director of Regional Operations – Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society will be present to provide an overview.

6. Financial

- (a) Financial Statement for the month ending February 28, 2025.
- (b) Interim Operating Budget Report for the month ending February 28, 2025
- (c) Open Payables for the month of January and February 2025 in the total amount of \$611,804.88.

7. Correspondence

- Letter from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the *Provincial Priorities Act*;
- Letter from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding Budget 2025; and
- AB Municipalities preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2025 Budget

8. Unfinished Business

- (a) Letter from Community Attraction and Retention Committee (CARC) requesting the waiver of the Community Hall Rental Rate.

9. New Business

- (a) Letter from the Tofield Curling Club requesting a sponsorship for the Tofield Ladies Bonspiel.
- (b) Request for Decision – Community Hall Committee
- (c) Bylaw 1352 being a Bylaw of the Town of Tofield, in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw Number 1330 for the Town of Tofield. – Fire Protection and Emergency Management.

10. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD held Monday, February 24, 2025, Town of Tofield Administration Building Council Chambers

PRESENT

1. Mayor Dueck(Via TEAMS); Councillors, Tiedemann, Martineau, Conquest and Chehade; Cindy Neufeld, Chief Administrative Officer and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Edwards.
- Also Present: Kari Janzen, Tofield Mercury, Jackie Sargent, Claystone Waste Ltd (Via TEAMS)

CALL TO ORDER

2. Mayor Dueck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- “As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Metis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Metis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another”

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
17-02-25

3. **MOVED** by Conquest that the Agenda be approved as amended.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Add: 7. New Business a) Request for Donation, Tofield Skating Club.

Move: 7. New Business a) Bylaw 1330 Beaver Emergency Services Commission, Fire Protection and Emergency Management Services to Closed Session.

Defer: Request from Community Action Retention Committee to the March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

MINUTES
18-02-25

4. (a) **MOVED** by Chehade that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Town of Tofield held February 10, 2025, be approved as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

5. (a) 5:00 p.m. Dustin Bettcher, was not present at the time of the meeting to provide his presentation on residential concerns.

**Minutes of the Town of Tofield Regular Council Meeting
February 24, 2025**

CORRESPONDENCE

6. The following Correspondence was presented:
- Letter from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding a further one-year extension, to June 10, 2026 for the joint Use Planning Agreements;
 - Letter from Trina Jones Vice President Towns/Director Towns East, Alberta Municipalities on behalf of the Honorable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, regarding changes to Community Peace Officer command and control, to be implemented by February 19, 2025;
 - Email from Rural Municipalities of Alberta, regarding an update on Minister Ellis' Community Peace Officer announcement;

MOVED by Martineau that the Correspondence be received and filed.

19-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

7. (a) Tofield Skating Club, request for donation for the Annual Skating Carnival, to be held March 9, 2025.
- Councillor Tiedemann declared conflict with the requesting group.

MOVED by Chehade that Council provide a donation of \$75.00 for the purposes of advertising.

20-02-25

CARRIED

Janzen and Sargent left the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

10. **MOVED** by Martineau that Council meet in Closed Session At 5:09 p.m. to discuss matters under the Alberta FOIP Act as follows:

Section 16 –Business Interest of a Third Party – *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Tofield Golden Club

Section 21 –Intergovernmental Relations – *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Highway 14 Regional Water Commission, Victim Services and Beaver Emergency Services Commission

Section 17 –Personal Privacy – *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Council Code of Conduct

21-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of the Town of Tofield Regular Council Meeting
February 24, 2025**

CLOSED SESSION
22-02-25

10. **MOVED** by Tiedemann to revert to the regular session at 6:04 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No public present.

MOVED by Martineau that an amending Bylaw be presented to rescind Section 10 from Bylaw 1330 in its entirety.

23-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

11. **MOVED** by Chehade that the meeting adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

24-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Victim Services – Regional Transition

Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society



Eastern Alberta
Regional Victim
Serving Society

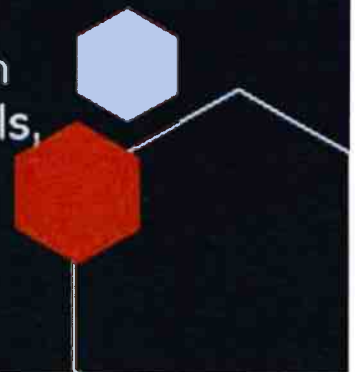
This presentation provides an overview of the Regional Victim Serving Society, outlining the key steps for referral and services the RVSS provides.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land on which we operate in the Eastern Alberta District is the traditional and ancestral territory of many Indigenous Peoples. This includes the Cree, Dene, Nakota Sioux, and Métis peoples, who have lived on and cared for this land for generations.

We recognize the deep historical significance and cultural connections that these nations have to this land. We are committed to fostering relationships built on respect, understanding, and reconciliation as we continue to serve all communities within this region.

We honor the resilience and strength of Indigenous Peoples and their ongoing contributions to the community. As part of our work with Victim Services in partnership with the RCMP, we strive to support all individuals, recognizing the importance of equity, healing, and justice for all.





Our Mission and Vision

Mission

To **ensure** that those who have been victimized by crime and/or have experienced **extreme** tragedy are **best** served, during **the aftermath** of **an** event, and while they navigate the criminal justice process.

Vision

To **ensure** victims of crime and tragedy **can access** the supports and information they **need** to enhance their safety, empower themselves, and restore their well-being.

Our Core Values

- We will strive to provide our services with compassion and empathy, and in a timely manner.
- We will maintain a high degree of privacy and confidentiality for our clients and their information, in all the work that we do.
- All members of our community will be treated with respect and dignity. We will be open and non-judgmental in our approach and interactions with our clients and community members.
- We will value equitable treatment of all clients, staff, volunteers, and community members. We value respect and embrace diversity and inclusion of all people.



EARVSS Regional Teams

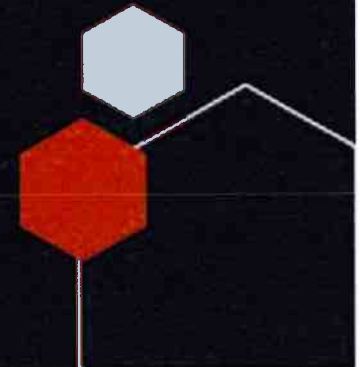
- EARVSS will continue to provide services to victims in our region through local **teams** of Court & Support **Navigators** co-located within **RCMP Detachments**.
- Our local teams are as follows:

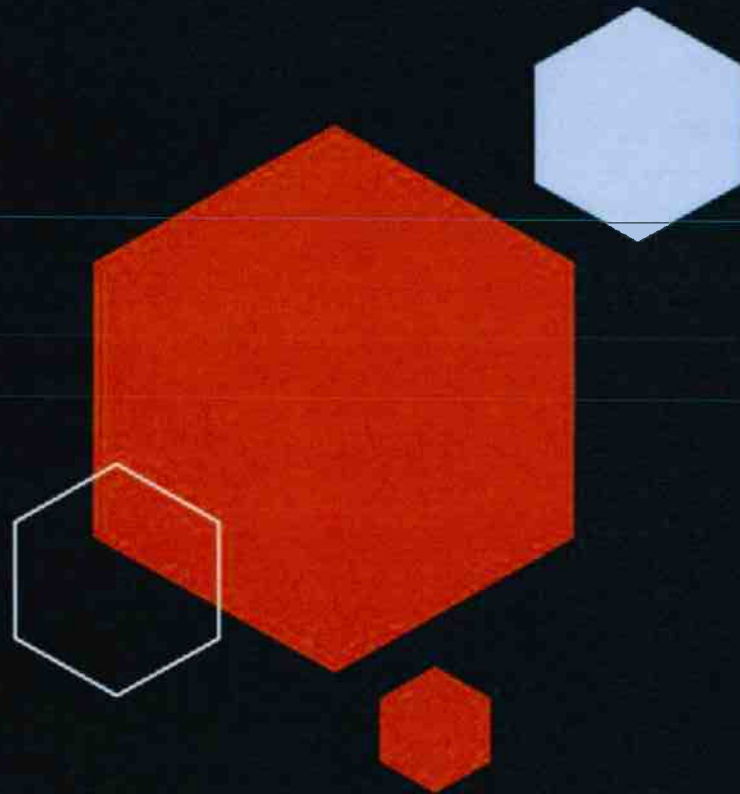
North Subregion

- Wabasca
- Slave Lake
- Athabasca
- Boyle
- Lac La Biche
- Cold Lake
- Bonnyville
- Barrhead
- Westlock
- Redwater
- Smoky Lake

South Subregion

- St. Paul
- Elk Point
- Two Hills
- Vegreville
- Vermilion
- Kitscoty
- Tofield
- Viking
- Wainwright
- Killam
- Provost
- Consort
- Coronation





Eligibility Criteria and Client Access

The following summarizes the RVSS referral criteria for the RCMP to refer for service/support.

No Wrong Door Approach

- All individuals seeking assistance, whether by way of referral or otherwise, and who are not confirmed eligible for services, will be supported through a no wrong door approach when an appropriate service provider can be identified.
- With consent, the RVSS will facilitate a warm hand off to an appropriate service provider. A warm hand off will involve:
 - Identifying appropriate service provider; and
 - Providing the person contact information of the appropriate service provider and/or making a direct connection to the service provider.

RVSS Services fall within 2 categories

**General Support
Services**

**Criminal Justice
System Navigation
Services**

Reference Guide - Eligibility for RVSS Services – RCMP Referrals

	Status/Type	Explanation	Examples
In Scope – Eligible for RVSS Services	Criminal	<p>Criminal Charges Laid: Direct victims of a criminal offence. *Indirect victims <u>may</u> be considered for service based on the unique characteristics or circumstances of the individual, particularly in relation to their participation in the criminal justice system with the availability of RVSS support and services.</p> <p>Individual at Risk of Future Intimate Partner Violence or Family Violence - All situations where no charges are laid, however Police suspect an individual is at risk or is vulnerable to future intimate partner violence or family violence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intimate partner violence • Family violence • Aggravated assault • Sexual assault • Homicide • Robbery • Property theft or damage • Impaired causing death/bodily harm
	Undetermined	<p>Ongoing Criminal Investigation: When it cannot be determined whether an incident is criminal or not at the time of the referral, the individual who would be deemed the direct victim would be eligible for services. If at some point the incident is deemed to be non-criminal in nature, the individual is given a warm hand off to an appropriate agency by the RVSS, as criminal justice support is not required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi motor vehicle collision under investigation for impairment • Fire under investigation for arson
	Tragic Circumstance	<p>Sudden Death: Police involved non-criminal, sudden, unexpected death involving a next-of-kin (NOK) notification. Next of kin would be eligible for services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death by suicide • Accidental death by motor vehicle collision

Out-of-Scope – Ineligible for RVSS Services

Civil or Other Legal Issues	Individuals dealing with legal issues outside of the criminal justice system, such as family court, landlord and tenant, by-law, provincial offences etc. (Victims of crime may be simultaneously dealing with civil and/or other legal issues. The RVSSs only assist the Individual with respect to the criminal case).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce and separation • Landlord and tenant disputes • Insurance claims
Assist General Public	Individuals requesting general support or resources, who are not victims of crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness • Substance abuse issues
General Disputes	Any type of conflict between individuals that has not resulted in a criminal investigation and/or a criminal charge being laid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal dispute between neighbors
Natural Disasters, Search and Rescue	<i>Note: Support for natural disasters is only permitted as part of business continuity and are not included in general RVSS supports and services.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting individuals affected by forest fires, floods, tornados, etc. • Assisting search and rescue teams
Matters under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act	<p>Prohibited.</p> <p>RISK: Situations are high risk to the safety of staff and volunteers of the RVSS. Involvement in child related matters could result in legal consequences for the RVSS, staff and volunteers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child apprehensions • Child custody • Other child protection matters • Childcare
Matters under the Mental Health Act and mental health services	<p>Prohibited.</p> <p>RISK: Mental health apprehensions and mental health calls (i.e., attempted suicides, welfare checks, suicidal individual) are unpredictable and are high risk to the safety of staff and volunteers of the RVSS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health apprehensions • Mental health calls

Out of Scope Services - Continued

- **Trauma support dog program** – a highly beneficial service but internal programs will no longer be available. EARVSS will work with external agencies and organizations to facilitate trauma support animal services upon request.
- **Transportation** of victims and their families/friends. Other organizations such as Crown Prosecutions Office, RCMP, other agencies or services will be engaged. Emergency taxi for crisis response may be available.
- **External group incident de-briefing** – CISM or other similar services will not be provided by EARVSS. Navigators may refer individuals to other agencies or service providers.
- **Educational programs** – this service will not be provided by EARVSS frontline resources. Navigators may refer individuals to other agencies or organizations.



After Hours Crisis Response

The RVSS's after-hours are:

- 1630 to 0830 Monday to Friday
- Weekend coverage is from 1630 Friday to 0830 Monday.
- Stat holidays are also considered "after hours".

The RVSS has **one** central number for all After-Hours Calls.

Where **an** immediate response is required in **core** business hours, a referral may be made for regular **victim** intake and **case management** processing (intake@earvss.ca), **alternatively** members **can contact** their local **VSU** for immediate dispatch.

The Regional Victim Serving Society will **answer all** eligible calls after-hours, this will **be** done through a **central** tier one **on call** that supports the **entire** Region. Where possible **a staff** member or volunteer advocate may **be** dispatched **to** support **in person**, **if** this is **not** possible the tier **one** on call **will** support via **telephone/virtually**.

- **The RVSS provides immediate after-hours crisis response for the following calls/incidents:**
 - Suspicious death including
 - Homicide (or suspected homicide)
 - Driving fatality (criminal code offence)
 - Sudden Death
 - Next-of-kin **death** notification
 - Home invasion (victim is moved to the detachment or a safe location)
 - **Domestic Violence** with a high **level** of risk **to** the victim (telephone support only)
 - **Sexual** assault where police and victim **are** in hospital.
- The **RVSS** does **NOT** provide after-hours crisis response for **calls/incidents** that **are** not listed above including
 - **Child** abuse or **child sexual** abuse
 - Robbery
 - Organized crime
 - **Missing person**
 - Expected death

Tiered After Hours Crisis Response

Tier 1:

- Central on call that supports the entire region virtually (1 phone number to support entire region)
- Schedule will be staffed with Navigators.
- Volunteer Advocates will also have an opportunity to join later in the fall
- Triage all incoming calls to determine **immediate** need and eligibility
- Acts **as** a dispatch to tier 2 (when **available**), if tier 2 is not **available** virtual support is provided.

Tier 2:

- **Staff are** welcome to join up **to** a maximum of 3 shifts per month that do **not fall on** the **same** week **as** their Tier 1.
- **Volunteer Advocates are** welcome to join **based** on their **availability**.
- Tier 2 is dispatched by **tier 1** only when eligibility criteria is met
- Tier 2 **support** in person, alongside **the** RCMP. **No RVSS employee or** Volunteer Advocate is permitted to attend a call **without the presence of an RCMP** member.



Thank you

Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society

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MONTHLY STATEMENT

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



COUNCIL BUDGET

PREYEAR END INTERIM BUDGET - 2025

28-Feb-25

	THIS PERIOD	YEAR-TO DATE	INTERIM BUDGET	VARIANCE	% USED
OPERATING REVENUES					
1-02-000-00 General Municipal Revenues	(24,619.56)	(75,188.18)	(461,000.00)	(385,811.82)	16.31
1-12-000-00 Administration	(2,011.40)	(8,773.15)	(190,440.00)	(181,666.85)	4.61
1-26-000-00 Bylaw Enforcement	(750.00)	(990.00)	(43,100.00)	(42,110.00)	2.30
1-32-000-00 Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	-	(800.00)	(44,839.00)	(44,039.00)	1.78
1-33-000-00 Airport	(774.73)	(5,383.53)	(20,208.00)	(14,824.47)	26.64
1-41-000-00 Water Supply & Distribution	(99,421.50)	(219,352.01)	(1,333,810.00)	(1,114,457.99)	16.45
1-42-000-00 Sanitary Sewage & Treatment	(9,237.42)	(20,739.63)	(147,500.00)	(126,760.37)	14.06
1-43-000-00 Garbage Collection & Disposal	(10,702.50)	(21,422.50)	(126,200.00)	(104,777.50)	16.98
1-51-000-00 Family Community Support Services	(1,495.00)	(47,152.91)	(563,197.00)	(516,044.09)	8.37
1-56-000-00 Cemetery	(1,550.00)	(1,550.00)	(35,000.00)	(33,450.00)	4.43
1-66-000-00 Subdivision Land & Development	-	-	(70,000.00)	(70,000.00)	-
1-70-000-00 Community Develop. Administration	-	-	(11,000.00)	(11,000.00)	-
1-71-000-00 Tourism/Economic Development	(1,475.00)	(1,475.00)	(29,000.00)	(27,525.00)	5.09
1-72-000-00 Community Hall	(635.00)	(2,025.00)	(41,460.00)	(39,435.00)	4.88
1-73-000-00 Transportation Tofield Bus	(1,472.20)	(3,933.20)	(20,000.00)	(16,066.80)	19.67
1-74-000-00 Recreation Programs	(125.00)	(125.00)	(9,100.00)	(8,975.00)	1.37
1-76-000-00 Parks	(363.54)	(363.54)	(76,954.00)	(76,590.46)	0.47
1-75-000-00 Library	-	-	(118,395.00)	(118,395.00)	-
TOTAL: OPERATING REVENUES	(154,632.85)	(409,273.65)	(3,341,203.00)	(2,931,929.35)	12.25



COUNCIL BUDGET PREYEAR END INTERIM BUDGET - 2025 28-Feb-25

	THIS PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	INTERIM BUDGET	VARIANCE	% USED
OPERATING EXPENDITURES					
2-11-000-00 Council & Other Legislative	7,973.86	13,565.34	97,200.00	83,634.66	13.96
2-12-000-00 General Administration	128,366.71	208,608.26	1,173,118.00	964,509.74	17.78
2-23-000-00 Fire Fighting & Preventative Serv	-	-	375,880.00	375,880.00	-
2-26-000-00 Bylaw Enforcement	808.73	369.73	190,461.00	190,091.27	0.19
2-32-000-00 Roads, Streets, Walks & Lighting	74,300.06	115,884.69	1,222,525.00	1,106,640.31	9.48
2-33-000-00 Airport	2,923.53	3,023.53	19,900.00	16,876.47	15.19
2-41-000-00 Water Supply & Distribution	106,820.90	119,317.80	1,297,823.00	1,178,505.20	9.19
2-42-000-00 Sanitary Sewage & Treatment	12,480.38	34,533.14	172,480.00	137,946.86	20.02
2-43-000-00 Garbage Collection & Disposal	-	9,064.00	108,768.00	99,704.00	8.33
2-51-000-00 Family Community Support Services	38,851.28	76,573.86	563,597.00	487,023.14	13.59
2-56-000-00 Cemetery	2,587.52	5,214.79	28,795.00	23,580.21	18.11
2-66-000-00 Subdivision Land & Development	-	-	70,000.00	70,000.00	-
2-70-000-00 Community Development Administratio	8,738.39	17,540.72	171,495.00	153,954.28	10.23
2-71-000-00 Tourism/Economic Development	6,494.81	7,703.36	124,350.00	116,646.64	6.20
2-72-000-00 Community Hall	7,320.00	9,857.32	57,240.00	47,382.68	17.22
2-73-000-00 Transportation Tofield Bus	7,034.03	8,394.10	26,000.00	17,605.90	32.29
2-74-000-00 Recreation Program	4,688.08	9,376.16	45,200.00	35,823.84	20.74
2-76-000-00 Parks	19,718.47	38,888.48	491,510.00	452,621.52	7.91
2-75-000-00 Library	45,269.43	57,052.50	199,952.00	142,899.50	28.53
2-99-752-00 Beaver Foundation Requisition	-	33,760.07	135,040.00	101,279.93	25.00
TOTAL: OPERATING EXPENDITURES	474,376.18	768,727.85	6,571,334.00	5,802,606.15	11.70
FINANCES ACQUIRED					
TOTAL: FINANCES ACQUIRED	-	-	-	-	-
FINANCES APPLIED					
TOTAL: FINANCES APPLIED	-	-	-	-	-

February 2025 Advances	Stub 12841 – 12857	\$18,650.00
February 2025 Payroll	Stub 12891 – 12915	\$81,286.14
February 2025 Council	Stub 12916 – 12920	\$ 7,021.80

Total	\$106,957.94
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ACCOUNTS PAYABLES LISTING BY FUNCTION

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Function	Date	Account Number (Including Delimiters)	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Transaction Description Additional	Transaction Amount
11	25/02/14	2-11-211-00	C900012865	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	6.87
	25/03/03	2-11-211-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	375.00
FUNCTION TOTAL						381.87
12	25/02/14	2-12-215-00	C000016883	PETTY CASH	REPLENISH PETTY CASH	11.67
	25/02/18	2-12-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	BUSINESS CONNECT - ADMIN	359.50
	25/02/28	2-12-215-00	C900012930	PITNEYWORKS	ACCT 6100908000119835	1,000.00
	25/03/07	2-12-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	INTERNET - ADMIN	120.00
	25/03/07	2-12-215-00	C000016889	GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	LAND TITLES	30.00
	25/02/14	2-12-220-00	C900012874	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	COUNCIL CORNER	225.00
	25/02/14	2-12-220-00	C900012868	RGO TECHNOLOGIES INC.	COPIES	209.58
	25/02/18	2-12-220-00	AP DRCT DB	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE	943.50
	25/03/07	2-12-221-00	C900012956	SHINEATEK CORP.	MANAGED SERVICES	1,987.82
	25/02/21	2-12-230-00	C900012886	STUART, LARAINÉ	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICE	510.00
	25/02/21	2-12-230-00	C900012878	ACI ARCHITECTURE INC.	FACILITY ASSESSMENTS	1,032.00
	25/03/07	2-12-230-00	C900012957	TANMAR CONSULTING INC.	ASSESSMENT SERVICES	2,082.50
	25/03/07	2-12-230-00	C900012954	REYNOLDS MIRTH RICHARDS & FARM	GENERAL MATTERS	486.00
	25/02/14	2-12-230-01	C900012866	MACK-RUSSELL, SUNNIE A	SAFETY BOOTS	279.99
	25/02/21	2-12-230-01	C900012885	SDI HEALTH, SAFETY & LOSS	HEALTH & SAFETY MAINTENANCE	1,926.38
	25/02/28	2-12-230-01	C900012928	MCCHARLES, DEVAN	SAFETY BOOTS	218.13
	25/03/03	2-12-230-01	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	194.34
	25/03/07	2-12-230-01	C900012948	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS	PPE/ ICE CLEATS	430.45
	25/03/07	2-12-230-01	C000016892	MOTION INDUSTRIES (CANADA) INC	INSPECTIONS	1,173.66
	25/03/07	2-12-230-02	C900012965	ZAG CREATIVE GROUP INC.	SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY	2,500.00
	25/03/07	2-12-230-02	C900012965	ZAG CREATIVE GROUP INC.	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	350.00
	25/02/14	2-12-230-06	C900012869	SELECT ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS	STORMWATER MASTER PLAN	13,197.75
	25/02/14	2-12-235-00	C900012870	THE INSPECTIONS GROUP INC.	SAFETY CODE PERMITS	189.95
	25/02/28	2-12-240-00	C900012922	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - ADMIN	350.00
	25/02/28	2-12-240-00	C900012929	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - ADMIN	350.00
	25/02/21	2-12-250-00	C000016885	RED'S PLUMBING & DRAIN CLEANIN	LIBRARY SINK REPAIR	127.00
	25/03/07	2-12-250-00	C900012941	BLACK & MCDONALD LIMITED	PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE	1,408.50
	25/03/07	2-12-250-00	C900012942	CANADIAN LINEN AND UNIFORM	RUGS	61.39
	25/03/07	2-12-250-00	C900012942	CANADIAN LINEN AND UNIFORM	RUGS	61.39
	25/02/14	2-12-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	39,246.44
	25/02/14	2-12-510-00	C900012865	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	51.98
	25/02/14	2-12-510-00	C000016883	PETTY CASH	REPLENISH PETTY CASH	48.37
	25/02/28	2-12-510-00	C000016886	BEAVERHILL PHARMACY	JANITORIAL/ GLOVES	14.99
	25/03/03	2-12-510-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	65.96
	25/03/03	2-12-510-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	288.33
	25/03/07	2-12-510-00	C900012953	PLATINUM SUPPLY 2022 LTD.	JANITORIAL	380.10
	25/02/28	2-12-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - ADMIN BLDG	1,272.75
	25/02/28	2-12-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - ADMIN BLDG	1,291.21
	25/02/28	2-12-770-00	C000016888	TOFIELD FIGURE SKATING CLUB	DONATION/ ADVERTISING	75.00
	25/02/18	4-12-230-00	AP DRCT DB	RECEIVER GENERAL	REMITTANCE	2,000.00
	25/03/07	4-12-230-00	AP DRCT DB	RECEIVER GENERAL	REMITTANCE	26,166.82
	25/03/07	4-12-231-00	AP DRCT DB	RECEIVER GENERAL	REMITTANCE	17,911.00
	25/03/07	4-12-232-00	AP DRCT DB	RECEIVER GENERAL	REMITTANCE	5,526.59

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12	25/02/28	4-12-234-00	C900012927	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	EMP #215 - REMITTANCE	20,852.77
	25/03/07	4-12-235-00	C900012937	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	REMITTANCE/ ACCT 2-0815	14,028.73
	25/03/07	4-12-238-00	AP DRCT DB	WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD	PREMIUM INSTALMENT	5,466.65
	25/03/07	4-12-238-00	AP DRCT DB	WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD	ACTUAL EARNINGS 2024	3,573.08
	25/02/28	4-12-239-00	C900012933	TOWN OF TOFIELD SOCIAL FUND	REMITTANCE	200.00
FUNCTION TOTAL						163,131.11
23	25/03/07	2-23-770-00	C900012938	BEAVER EMERGENCY SERVICES COMM	2025 Q1 CAPITAL	35,136.80
	25/03/07	2-23-770-00	C900012938	BEAVER EMERGENCY SERVICES COMM	2025 Q1 OPERATING	61,670.87
FUNCTION TOTAL						96,807.67
26	25/02/28	2-26-255-00	C900012931	RAMEUS INVESTMENTS	SNOW REMOVAL	738.00
FUNCTION TOTAL						738.00
32	25/02/18	2-32-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	BUSINESS CONNECT - OPERATIONS	35.95
	25/03/07	2-32-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	INTERNET - PUBLIC WORKS	137.00
	25/03/07	2-32-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	CELL PHONES- OPERATIONS	433.64
	25/02/14	2-32-225-00	C900012867	MCCHARLES, DEVAN	PARKING/ TEST	12.62
	25/02/14	2-32-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	ENDORSEMENT INVOICE	459.00
	25/02/14	2-32-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	ENDORSEMENT INVOICE	192.00
	25/02/14	2-32-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	12,054.00
	25/02/28	2-32-520-00	C900012935	WEARPRO EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY	GRADER BLADES	299.30
	25/02/28	2-32-520-00	C900012935	WEARPRO EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY	NUTS & BOLTS	42.48
	25/02/28	2-32-520-00	C900012926	INDUSTRIAL MACHINE INC.	ALTERNATOR 217	337.39
	25/03/07	2-32-520-00	C900012962	WEARPRO EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY	GRADER BLADE	905.22
	25/03/07	2-32-520-41	C900012947	FXD AUTO & PARTS LTD.	CV AXLE REPAIR	536.35
	25/02/14	2-32-520-54	C900012862	CALMONT EQUIPMENT LTD.	BLADE EDGE CUTTING	199.32
	25/03/03	2-32-520-59	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	45.00
	25/02/14	2-32-520-60	C900012876	TREADPRO TIRE CENTRE	FLAT REPAIR	30.00
	25/02/28	2-32-520-71	C900012921	CALMONT EQUIPMENT LTD.	PARTS/ UNIT 31	346.63
	25/02/14	2-32-521-00	C900012877	WILD ROSE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIA	FUEL	394.39
	25/03/07	2-32-521-00	AP DRCT DB	WEX CANADA LTD.	FUEL	107.23
	25/03/07	2-32-521-00	C900012963	WILD ROSE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIA	FUEL	440.55
	25/02/14	2-32-530-00	C900012865	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	37.28
	25/02/14	2-32-530-00	C900012865	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	98.64
	25/02/14	2-32-530-00	C900012863	CAMROSE MACHINE & WELDING LTD.	FLAT BAR	41.60
	25/02/14	2-32-530-00	C900012867	MCCHARLES, DEVAN	PARTS/ HONDA GENERATOR	31.10
	25/02/14	2-32-530-00	C900012868	RG0 TECHNOLOGIES INC.	COPIES	21.13
	25/02/18	2-32-530-00	AP DRCT DB	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE	391.50
	25/02/28	2-32-530-00	C000016887	GATEWORKS INC	REPAIR GATE @SHOP	615.82
	25/03/07	2-32-530-00	C900012943	CANADIAN NATIONAL	GATES MAINTENANCE	403.50
	25/03/07	2-32-530-00	C900012942	CANADIAN LINEN AND UNIFORM	RUGS	39.45
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	25/02/28	2-32-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - PUBLIC WORKS	2,237.04
					FUNCTION TOTAL	30,482.46
33	25/02/28	2-33-250-00	C900012922	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - AIRPORT	50.00
	25/02/28	2-33-250-00	C900012929	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - AIRPORT	50.00
	25/02/14	2-33-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	2,404.00
	25/02/28	2-33-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - AIRPORT	130.02
	25/02/28	2-33-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - AIRPORT	289.51
					FUNCTION TOTAL	2,923.53
41	25/02/21	2-41-215-00	C900012882	LOOMIS EXPRESS	FREIGHT/ ACCU-FLO	41.03
	25/02/21	2-41-215-00	C900012884	MCSNET	CUST 0054024/ INTERNET	109.90
	25/03/07	2-41-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	PHONES - WATER STORAGE	316.92
	25/02/28	2-41-250-00	C900012925	ICONIX WATERWORKS LP	PARTS/ WATER LEAK REPAIR	2,160.24
	25/03/07	2-41-250-00	C900012940	BI-SYSTEMS ELECTRIC & CONTROLS	REPAIRS	104.18
	25/03/07	2-41-250-00	C900012951	ICONIX WATERWORKS LP	PIPE	293.11
	25/02/14	2-41-251-00	C900012858	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD.	METER REPLACEMENT/ 1" METERS	1,910.84
	25/02/14	2-41-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	12,540.00
	25/02/28	2-41-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - WATER STORAGE	2,526.11
	25/02/28	2-41-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	WATER STORAGE	874.39
	25/03/07	2-41-550-00	C900012950	HIGHWAY 14 REGIONAL WATER	ACCOUNT 371341.01	25,385.66
	25/03/07	2-41-550-00	C900012950	HIGHWAY 14 REGIONAL WATER	ACCOUNT 395431.01	39,461.68
					FUNCTION TOTAL	85,724.06
42	25/02/14	2-42-215-00	C900012860	BELL MOBILITY	ACCT 528927011	7.97
	25/02/21	2-42-215-00	C900012884	MCSNET	CUST 0054024/ INTERNET	74.85
	25/03/07	2-42-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	PHONES - SEWER	66.64
	25/02/14	2-42-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	1,343.00
	25/02/28	2-42-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - SEWER	844.25
					FUNCTION TOTAL	2,336.71
43	25/03/07	2-43-550-00	C900012945	CLAYSTONE WASTE LTD.	GARBAGE COLLECTION	9,064.00
					FUNCTION TOTAL	9,064.00
51	25/03/03	2-51-211-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	69.60
	25/02/18	2-51-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	BUSINESS CONNECT - FCSS	143.80
	25/02/18	2-51-215-00	AP DRCT DB	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE	135.00
	25/03/07	2-51-215-00	C900012955	RGO TECHNOLOGIES INC.	COPIES	366.98

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	25/02/28	2-51-245-00	C900012929	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - FCSS	50.00
	25/02/14	2-51-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	26.00
	25/02/14	2-51-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	FCSS LIABILITY	2,339.00
	25/02/28	2-51-400-00	C900012924	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	11.15
	25/02/28	2-51-400-00	C900012924	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	22.56
	25/03/07	2-51-400-00	C900012949	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	34.96
	25/02/14	2-51-400-01	C000016881	BEAVERHILL PHARMACY	YOUTH DROP IN/ STATIONERY	22.44
	25/02/28	2-51-400-01	C900012936	YOUR DOLLAR STORE (YDSWM)	YOUTH DROP IN SUPPLIES	24.50
	25/02/28	2-51-400-01	C900012934	UMPHREY, JAYLYNN S	YOUTH DROPIN/ MLG & SUPPLIES	77.85
	25/02/28	2-51-400-01	C900012934	UMPHREY, JAYLYNN S	YOUTH DROPIN/ MLG & SUPPLIES	17.07
	25/02/28	2-51-400-01	C900012934	UMPHREY, JAYLYNN S	YOUTH DROP IN/ SUPPLIES	128.35
	25/03/03	2-51-400-01	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	1,134.35
	25/03/07	2-51-400-01	C900012949	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	72.30
	25/03/07	2-51-400-01	C900012949	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	24.77
	25/02/21	2-51-400-04	C900012880	IRVINE, CHARLENE	GENERAL COUNSELLOR	5,225.00
	25/02/14	2-51-400-05	C900012874	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ FRAUD & SCAM	269.00
	25/02/28	2-51-400-05	C900012924	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	14.98
	25/03/03	2-51-400-05	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	78.46
	25/03/07	2-51-400-06	C900012959	TOFIELD LODGE	MEALS ON WHEELS	432.00
	25/02/14	2-51-400-07	C900012874	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	SURVEYS	102.00
	25/03/07	2-51-400-07	C900012949	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	100.69
	25/02/21	2-51-400-09	C900012887	WARAWA, LYNNETTE	VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION	22.99
	25/03/07	2-51-400-09	C900012961	WARAWA, LYNNETTE	VOL APP & SC	43.98
	25/02/14	2-51-400-11	C000016882	KMF SAFETY TRAINING	STANDARD FIRST AID	600.00
	25/02/21	2-51-400-11	C900012887	WARAWA, LYNNETTE	SENIORS CONNECTOR	39.08
	25/02/21	2-51-400-11	C900012883	MALARSKI, AMBER	MILEAGE/ SC	7.92
	25/02/21	2-51-400-11	C900012881	KELLER, TOM	MILEAGE/ SC	54.48
	25/02/21	2-51-400-11	C900012879	BISSON, TIFFANY	MILEAGE/ SC	112.91
	25/02/21	2-51-400-11	C000016884	LAING, ELAINE	MILEAGE/ SC	39.62
	25/02/28	2-51-400-11	C900012924	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	80.07
	25/02/28	2-51-400-11	C900012924	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	17.48
	25/02/28	2-51-400-11	C900012924	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	92.10
	25/02/28	2-51-400-11	C900012924	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	11.68
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C900012949	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	100.82
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C900012949	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	19.52
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C900012949	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	227.58
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C900012949	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	23.47
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C900012960	TRU HARDWARE	BILLINGS	39.99
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C900012961	WARAWA, LYNNETTE	VOL APP & SC	98.51
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C900012952	KELLER, TOM	SC/ MILEAGE	246.13
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C000016890	LAING, ELAINE	SC/ MILEAGE	38.63
	25/03/07	2-51-400-11	C000016891	LIBBY, ELIZABETH	SC/ MILEAGE	12.88
FUNCTION TOTAL						12,902.65
71	25/03/07	2-71-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	PHONES - NATURE CENTRE	86.59
	25/02/28	2-71-240-00	C900012922	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - NATURE CENTRE	150.00

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	25/02/14	2-71-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	3,397.00
	25/02/28	2-71-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - NATURE CENTRE	245.39
	25/02/28	2-71-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - NATURE CENTRE	1,126.41
FUNCTION TOTAL						5,155.39
72	25/02/14	2-72-240-00	C900012864	DUKART, DENISE M.	HALL CARETAKER	750.00
	25/02/28	2-72-240-00	C900012923	DUKART, DENISE M.	HALL CARETAKER	750.00
	25/02/28	2-72-255-00	C900012932	TOFIELD LODGE	SYSCO/ DISHWASHER DETERGENT	174.73
	25/02/14	2-72-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	3,397.00
	25/02/28	2-72-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - COMMUNITY HALL	485.60
	25/02/28	2-72-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - COMMUNITY HALL	1,690.09
FUNCTION TOTAL						7,247.42
73	25/02/14	2-73-251-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	HANDIVAN SOCIETY	5,200.00
	25/02/14	2-73-251-00	C900012872	TOFIELD CAR, RV & TRUCK WASH I	CAR WASH	29.52
	25/02/14	2-73-251-00	C900012860	BELL MOBILITY	ACCT 528927011	16.81
	25/02/14	2-73-251-00	C900012861	BENIUK, HEATHER	SHUTTLE DRIVER	60.00
	25/02/21	2-73-251-00	C900012888	CHEHADE, BRENDA	SHUTTLE DRIVER/ FEB 1-15	235.00
	25/02/21	2-73-251-00	C900012889	FORSTNER, DORIS	SHUTTLE DRIVER / FEB 1-15	265.00
	25/02/21	2-73-251-00	C900012890	POWERS, RON	SHUTTLE DRIVER/ FEB 11, 2025	90.00
	25/03/07	2-73-251-00	C900012944	CHEHADE, BRENDA	SHUTTLE DRIVER/ FEB 16-28	75.00
	25/03/07	2-73-251-00	C900012946	FORSTNER, DORIS	SHUTTLE DRIVER/ FEB 16-28	350.00
	25/03/07	2-73-251-00	C900012939	BENIUK, HEATHER	SHUTTLE DRIVER/ FEB 16-28	170.00
FUNCTION TOTAL						6,491.33
74	25/03/07	1-74-400-10	C900012958	TOFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	ICE RENTAL/ BENIUK	125.00
	25/03/07	1-74-400-10	C900012958	TOFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	ICE RENTAL/ MILES	187.50
FUNCTION TOTAL						312.50
75	25/03/07	2-75-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	PHONES - LIBRARY	153.37
	25/02/28	2-75-240-00	C900012922	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - LIBRARY	200.00
	25/02/28	2-75-240-00	C900012929	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - LIBRARY	200.00
	25/02/14	2-75-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	1,971.56
	25/02/14	2-75-765-00	C900012875	TOFIELD MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	REQUISITION	42,744.50
FUNCTION TOTAL						45,269.43
76	25/03/07	2-76-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	CELL PHONES - PARKS	108.15
	25/03/07	2-76-215-01	C900012964	XPLORE INC.	ACCT 1672172/ WIFI	160.00

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76	25/02/14	2-76-250-00	C900012873	TOFIELD ELECTRIC INC.	TRUCKFILL/ SOUTH LIGHT	198.85
	25/03/07	2-76-250-01	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	CELL PHONES - PARKS	108.14
	25/02/28	2-76-250-02	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - CAMPGROUND	93.76
	25/03/07	2-76-250-03	C900012948	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS	CHINOOK ICEMELT	1,159.50
	25/02/14	2-76-274-00	C900012859	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	INSURANCE PREMIUM	2,765.00
	25/02/14	2-76-520-00	C900012871	THE LAWNMOWER HOSPITAL	TORO MOWER/ DRIVE BELT	231.17
FUNCTION						
TOTAL						4,824.57
FINAL TOTALS						
TOTAL						473,792.70

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February 26, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Officials/Associations/Library Boards/Regional Services Commissions/Municipally Controlled Corporations:

In May 2024, our government passed the *Provincial Priorities Act* to establish a process for provincial oversight of agreements between provincial entities and the federal government. The *Act* will come into force on April 1, 2025, and will ensure Ottawa is not undermining the province's jurisdiction to make decisions about what is best for Alberta and Albertans. Under the *Act*, provincial entities, such as municipalities, are required to obtain prior approval from the Alberta government before entering into, amending, or renewing an agreement with the federal government.

Throughout last summer, Alberta's government led a comprehensive stakeholder engagement with provincial entities to inform the supporting regulations. The Provincial Priorities Regulation (attached), which also comes into force on April 1, 2025, designates additional municipal entities that are subject to the *Act*. These entities include library boards, regional services commissions, municipally controlled corporations, and any entity that is established by bylaw, with the exception of business improvement areas. In addition, the regulation sets out the approval process for proposed intergovernmental agreements and includes some exceptions for the municipal sector where no provincial approvals will be needed. Examples of these exceptions include agreements under \$100,000, agreements that are in-kind contributions only, agreements with the Canadian Armed Forces, and agreements for disaster response and assistance; these will not require provincial approval.

Effective April 1, 2025, municipalities and municipal entities will be required to submit information on all new agreements with the federal government, agreement amendments and agreement renewals, along with a copy of the agreement, to Municipal Affairs, regardless of the monetary value of the agreement. Information on agreements eligible for an exception must also be submitted to Municipal Affairs in order for the exception to apply. Additional details on the process for submitting required information on federal agreements to Municipal Affairs will be shared in March.

I am looking forward to working together with you to ensure Alberta municipalities maintain access to federal dollars while protecting areas of provincial jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers

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Province of Alberta
Order in Council

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ORDER IN COUNCIL

Approved and ordered:

Lieutenant Governor
or
Administrator

The Lieutenant Governor in Council makes the Provincial Priorities
Regulation set out in the attached Appendix.

FILED UNDER
THE REGULATIONS ACT

as ALBERTA REGULATION 21/2025

ON February 26 2025

REGISTRAR OF REGULATIONS

CHAIR

For Information only

Recommended by: President of Executive Council

Authority: Provincial Priorities Act
(section 4)

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Designation of provincial entities

- 1 The following entities are designated as provincial entities for the purposes of the Act:
- (a) an intermunicipal library board as defined in the *Libraries Act*;
 - (b) a municipal library board as defined in the *Libraries Act*;
 - (c) a controlled corporation as defined in section 75.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the controlled corporation's board;

- (d) a growth management board as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*;
- (e) a regional services commission as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*;
- (f) an entity created by a municipal bylaw, except a business improvement area within the meaning of the *Municipal Government Act* and the business improvement area's board;
- (g) an entity that is a party to an agreement in which the entity has agreed to operate and administer real property assets of the Alberta Social Housing Corporation;
- (h) Calgary Homeless Foundation;
- (i) Homeward Trust Edmonton.

Approvals

Approval by responsible Minister

2(1) Subject to the exceptions set out in this Regulation, a provincial entity may only enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement after obtaining the prior approval of the Minister responsible for the provincial entity.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation,

- (a) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Post-secondary Learning Act* is responsible for a public post-secondary institution as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act*,
- (b) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Education Act* is responsible for a board as defined in the *Education Act*,
- (c) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Provincial Health Agencies Act* is responsible for

- (i) a regional health authority, and any subsidiary health corporation of the regional health authority, under the *Provincial Health Agencies Act*, and
 - (ii) Covenant Health and any subsidiary of Covenant Health,
- (d) the sector Minister responsible for a health services sector under the *Provincial Health Agencies Act* is responsible for a provincial health agency established for that health services sector, and any subsidiary health corporation of that provincial health agency, under the *Provincial Health Agencies Act*,
- (e) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Libraries Act* is responsible for
 - (i) an intermunicipal library board as defined in the *Libraries Act*, and
 - (ii) a municipal library board as defined in the *Libraries Act*,
- (f) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* is responsible for
 - (i) a municipal authority as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*,
 - (ii) a controlled corporation as defined in section 75.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the controlled corporation's board,
 - (iii) a growth management board as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*,
 - (iv) a regional services commission as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, and
 - (v) an entity created by a municipal bylaw, except a business improvement area within the meaning of the *Municipal Government Act* and the business improvement area's board,

and

- (g) the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* is responsible for
 - (i) a management body as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act*,
 - (ii) an entity that is a party to an agreement in which the entity has agreed to operate and administer real property assets of the Alberta Social Housing Corporation,
 - (iii) Calgary Homeless Foundation, and
 - (iv) Homeward Trust Edmonton.

(3) The President of the Executive Council may approve a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement if no other Minister is responsible for the provincial entity.

Authority to approve municipal agreements

3(1) Despite anything to the contrary in section 2(2)(f), the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* may designate another Minister as the Minister responsible for a provincial entity referred to in section 2(2)(f) in relation to an agreement or a class of agreements if the Ministers agree that the subject-matter of the agreement or class of agreements relates to a matter under that other Minister's administration.

(2) Despite anything to the contrary in section 4(1), a provincial entity referred to in section 2(2)(f) shall submit a proposed agreement, amendment, extension or renewal in accordance with the directions of the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* despite that Minister designating another Minister as the Minister responsible for the provincial entity under subsection (1).

Approval of agreements

4(1) To obtain approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement, a provincial entity must submit the proposed agreement, amendment, extension or renewal in accordance with the directions of the Minister responsible for the provincial entity.

(2) The Minister responsible for the provincial entity must assess the proposed agreement, amendment, extension or renewal by considering the following factors prior to approving a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew the agreement:

- (a) whether the agreement aligns with the priorities of the Government of Alberta;
- (b) whether the agreement
 - (i) intrudes into an area of provincial legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada,
 - (ii) affects or interferes with an area of provincial legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada, or
 - (iii) imposes conditions that would restrict the Government of Alberta in an unacceptable manner from establishing and implementing policies and programs in an area of provincial jurisdiction;
- (c) whether the agreement aligns with the Government of Alberta's long-term fiscal plan.

(3) Subject to subsections (4) to (6), after assessing the proposed agreement, amendment, extension or renewal by considering the factors described in subsection (2), the Minister may

- (a) approve a provincial entity to enter into the agreement, amendment, extension or renewal, subject to any terms or conditions the Minister considers appropriate, or
- (b) decline to approve the provincial entity to enter into the agreement, amendment, extension or renewal.

(4) A Minister must receive the approval of the Executive Council prior to approving a provincial entity to

- (a) enter into an intergovernmental agreement in which a federal entity is agreeing to provide a provincial entity with \$5 million or more in funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, or
 - (b) amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement if the amendment, extension or renewal would result in \$5 million or more in additional funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, being provided by a federal entity to a provincial entity under the agreement.
- (5) A Minister must receive the approval of the Executive Council prior to approving a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement if, in the Minister's opinion, the agreement
- (a) intrudes into an area of provincial legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada,
 - (b) affects or interferes with an area of provincial legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada, or
 - (c) imposes conditions that would restrict the Government of Alberta in an unacceptable manner from establishing and implementing policies and programs in an area of provincial jurisdiction.
- (6) A Minister must receive the approval of the Executive Council prior to approving a provincial entity to amend an intergovernmental agreement in a material way if subsection (4) or (5) applies or applied to the agreement.
- (7) If a Minister approves a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement, the Minister must provide written notice to the provincial entity, including written notice of any terms or conditions that apply to the Minister's approval.
- (8) If a Minister declines to approve a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an agreement, the Minister must provide written notice to the provincial entity.

**Funding applications by management
bodies and similar entities**

5(1) Subject to subsection (2), a management body as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act* or an entity described in section 1(g) must notify the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* of any intent of the management body or entity to apply for funding from a federal entity when the body or entity submits its annual business plan to the Minister in accordance with the *Management Body Operation and Administration Regulation* (AR 243/94) or the terms of an operating agreement.

(2) Where it is not possible to comply with subsection (1) without foregoing the opportunity to apply for funding from a federal entity, a management body as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act* or an entity described in section 1(g) must notify the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* of the intent of the management body or entity to apply for funding from a federal entity at least 60 days before submitting the application for funding from the federal entity.

(3) Calgary Homeless Foundation and Homeward Trust Edmonton must notify the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* of the intent of Calgary Homeless Foundation or Homeward Trust Edmonton to apply for funding from a federal entity at least 60 days before submitting the application for funding from the federal entity.

(4) The Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act*, within 30 days of being notified of an intent to apply for funding, must conduct a preliminary assessment of the proposed application and must advise the provincial entity whether the Minister

- (a) has concerns with the proposed application, including the nature of those concerns, and
- (b) is likely, based on the preliminary assessment, to approve the provincial entity to enter into an agreement, or the amendment, extension or renewal of an agreement, that would result from the provincial entity's application for

funding from a federal entity being approved by a federal entity.

(5) The Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* must consider whether notice required by this section has been provided when deciding whether to approve a provincial entity to enter into, amend, extend or renew an intergovernmental agreement.

Exceptions

Exceptions re funding amounts

6(1) If, under an intergovernmental agreement, a federal entity

- (a) would not provide any funding to a provincial entity or would only provide in-kind contributions, or
- (b) would provide less than \$100 000 in funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, to a provincial entity,

and the provincial entity has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the provincial entity with any information specified by the Minister, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the provincial entity is not required to obtain the Minister's approval before entering into, amending, extending or renewing that agreement unless an amendment, extension or renewal of the agreement would result in the provincial entity receiving a total of \$100 000 or more in funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, from the federal entity under the agreement as amended, extended or renewed.

(2) If an intergovernmental agreement relates to the construction, maintenance or development of housing accommodations, then a provincial entity is not required to obtain approval before entering into, amending, extending or renewing that agreement if the federal entity is providing the provincial entity \$250 000 or less in funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, under the agreement initially entered into, or as amended, extended or renewed.

(3) This section does not apply to Calgary Homeless Foundation or Homeward Trust Edmonton.

Exceptions re amendments, extensions and renewals

7(1) If a provincial entity has been approved to enter into an agreement under this Regulation, the provincial entity is not required to obtain prior approval to amend, extend or renew that agreement if the provincial entity has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the provincial entity with any information specified by the Minister, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister and any of the following circumstances apply:

- (a) the agreement includes a provision requiring a project to start or end by a certain date and the amendment, extension or renewal is for the purpose of allowing the project to start or end by a date that is no more than one year different from the start or end date that is in the agreement;
- (b) the agreement includes a provision establishing the length of a project and the amendment, extension or renewal is for the purpose of allowing the project to be extended by one year or less;
- (c) the amendment, extension or renewal provides additional federal funding, excluding any in-kind contributions, to a provincial entity that is
 - (i) less than \$100 000, and
 - (ii) less than 10% of the federal funding being provided under the agreement that the Minister approved;
- (d) the proposed amendment, extension or renewal of an agreement would make or result in minor administrative changes.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to Calgary Homeless Foundation or Homeward Trust Edmonton.

Exceptions for public post-secondary institutions

8(1) For the purposes of this section,

- (a) “fee-for-service agreement” means an agreement in which a particular set of services is provided in exchange for a set fee, and

- (b) “research” means an undertaking directed to the discovery, extension or application of knowledge through a disciplined inquiry or systematic investigation.

(2) If a public post-secondary institution as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act* has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Post-secondary Learning Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the public post-secondary institution is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity if

- (a) the agreement pertains to research, unless greater than 50% of the total funding being provided under the agreement, excluding any in-kind contributions, is capital funding for the development of research facilities,
- (b) greater than 50% of the total funding being provided under the agreement pertains to the following matters:
 - (i) the delivery of an apprenticeship education program as defined in the *Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act*;
 - (ii) the delivery of a program of study as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act*;
 - (iii) the delivery of a foundational learning program as defined in the *Programs of Study Regulation* (AR 91/2009);
 - (iv) the delivery of work placement experiences, including mentorship programs, cooperative placements, practicums and internships, for students as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act*, including the provision of wage subsidies;
 - (v) the delivery of language instruction that enables individuals to develop basic language proficiency in one of the official languages of Canada;
 - (vi) the delivery of a continuing education program;
 - (vii) a conference, symposium or other non-instructional event,

or

- (c) the public post-secondary institution is entering into, amending, extending or renewing an agreement in which the public post-secondary institution is
 - (i) a party to a fee-for-service agreement, or
 - (ii) providing space to a federal entity through a lease or short-term rental, the term of which does not exceed 2 months.

Exception for Banff Centre

9 If Banff Centre as defined in the *Post-secondary Learning Act* has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Post-secondary Learning Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, Banff Centre is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity.

Exceptions for school boards

10 If a board as defined in the *Education Act* has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Education Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the board is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity in either of the following circumstances:

- (a) the agreement provides for federal funding under Jordan's Principle;
- (b) the agreement provides for federal funding as part of an education services agreement under section 63 of the *Education Act*.

Exceptions for Banff, Jasper and Lloydminster

11 If the Municipality of Jasper, the Town of Banff or the City of Lloydminster have provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* with any

information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the Municipality, Town or City, as the case may be, is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity.

Exception for controlled corporations

12 If a controlled corporation as defined in section 75.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* or the controlled corporation's board has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the controlled corporation or the controlled corporation's board, as the case may be, is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity.

Exception for municipal agreements with Canadian Armed Forces

13 If a municipal authority has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with the Canadian Armed Forces, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the municipal authority is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Exceptions during emergencies and disasters

14 If a municipal authority has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the municipal authority is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity if the agreement is for the purpose of responding to a disaster or emergency as those terms are defined in the *Emergency Management Act*.

Exception for mortgage agreements with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

15 If a management body as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act* or an entity described in section 1(g) has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of a mortgage agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the management body or entity is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that mortgage agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Exception for entities that operate and administer Alberta Social Housing Corporation assets

16 If an entity described in section 1(g) has provided or agreed to provide the Minister responsible for the *Alberta Housing Act* with any information specified by the Minister in respect of an agreement with a federal entity, including a copy of the agreement, in the time and manner specified by the Minister, the entity is not required to obtain prior approval to enter into, amend, extend or renew that agreement with a federal entity if that agreement does not relate to the operation or administration of real property assets of the Alberta Social Housing Corporation.

Agreements to provide information

17 For the purposes of this Regulation, an agreement to provide a Minister with information may relate to a particular intergovernmental agreement or to a class of intergovernmental agreements.

Coming into Force

Coming into force

18 This Regulation comes into force on the coming into force of the *Provincial Priorities Act*.



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February 27, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

I am writing to share information with you about *Budget 2025*, tabled in the Alberta Legislature by my colleague, the Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance. Below are some details relevant to Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Budget 2025 is meeting the challenges facing Alberta with responsible decisions to fund today's priorities, investing more than \$1 billion to build stronger communities provincewide. Through these investments, my ministry will continue to support local governments in providing fiscally responsible, collaborative, and accountable services to Albertans.

Last year, Municipal Affairs introduced the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF), delivering predictable capital infrastructure funding to municipalities and Metis Settlements across Alberta. The LGFF represents years of collaboration between the province and local governments, replacing the Municipal Sustainability Initiative with a modern and predictable model.

LGFF funding allocations for the 2025/26 fiscal year have been known to communities for several months. Thanks to the LGFF's revenue index factor, which ties the funding level to provincial revenue from three years prior, *Budget 2025* increases LGFF capital funding by more than 13 per cent, from \$722 million to \$820 million. This increase will help your communities achieve their local infrastructure priorities. *Budget 2025* also maintains LGFF Operating funding at \$60 million to assist with operational costs and help respond to inflationary pressures. This grant was doubled in 2023 to reflect lost municipal revenue through the Grants in Place of Taxes program.

Budget 2025 also increases funding for the Grants in Place of Taxes program (GIPOT). Over the last few years, we heard loud and clear from municipalities that have provincially run buildings within their boundaries about the need for stronger recognition of the impact provincial properties have on municipal services. Starting in the 2025/26 fiscal year, GIPOT will be paid to municipalities at 75 per cent of the property tax amount that would be owed if the properties were subject to municipal taxation. Next year, in 2026/27, GIPOT will be fully restored to 100 per cent.

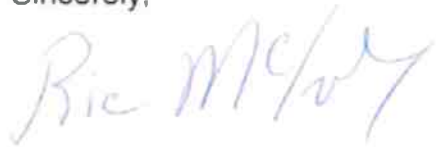
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In light of these increases, the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant (LGSG) program will not continue. Introduced in *Budget 2024*, this three-year, \$60-million grant program aimed to alleviate pressures in fast-growing communities. We received numerous applications from municipalities for the initial \$20 million in LGSG funding allocated in 2024. Those funds will still be distributed, with successful applicants notified by the end of March 2025. However, after careful consideration, our government made the difficult decision to discontinue the LGSG program for *Budget 2025* and focus the investment of taxpayer dollars into other areas, including a comprehensive capital plan to enhance public infrastructure.

As in previous years, *Budget 2025* includes capital support through the federal Canada Community-Building Fund and Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. We are also maintaining funding levels for public libraries, with more than \$33 million going toward operating grants across the province.

Budget 2025 is meeting the challenge of the cost of living by helping families keep more money in their pockets through lower personal income taxes and continuing investments in education and health care. Our municipal partners are integral to our work. As we face global uncertainties, I look forward to working together over the next year as we continue to build strong, vibrant, and sustainable communities that help keep our province the best place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,



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Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2025 Budget



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Introduction

Alberta Municipalities is pleased to provide our members with this preliminary analysis of the 2025-26 Alberta Budget. This budget focuses on meeting the demands of growth and economic uncertainty. Municipalities provide the foundational infrastructure and services that support Alberta's population and economy. Our analysis examines how the provincial government is meeting the needs of municipalities and areas for improvement. It is our hope that this will lead to ongoing conversations between municipal councils and the Alberta Government on the various challenges facing communities.

What you will find in this document

This document includes ABmunis' preliminary analysis of Alberta's 2025-26 budget as it relates to:

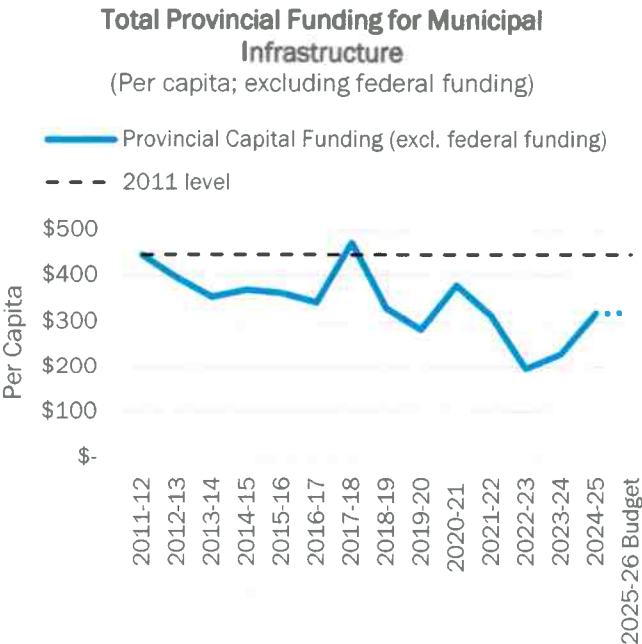
- Municipal priorities,
- Details of provincial funding for municipal governments,
- Potential impacts on provincial education property taxes and municipal property taxes,
- Decisions that may impact the financial future of Alberta's municipal governments,
- A summary of the province's fiscal outlook, and
- Highlights of individual ministry business plans that most impact Albertans at the local level.

Priorities for Alberta’s Municipal Governments

Infrastructure Funding

In 2011, the Government of Alberta was investing \$444 per Albertan in municipal infrastructure. In Budget 2025, that figure is estimated to be \$321 per Albertan, without considering the impact of inflation.¹

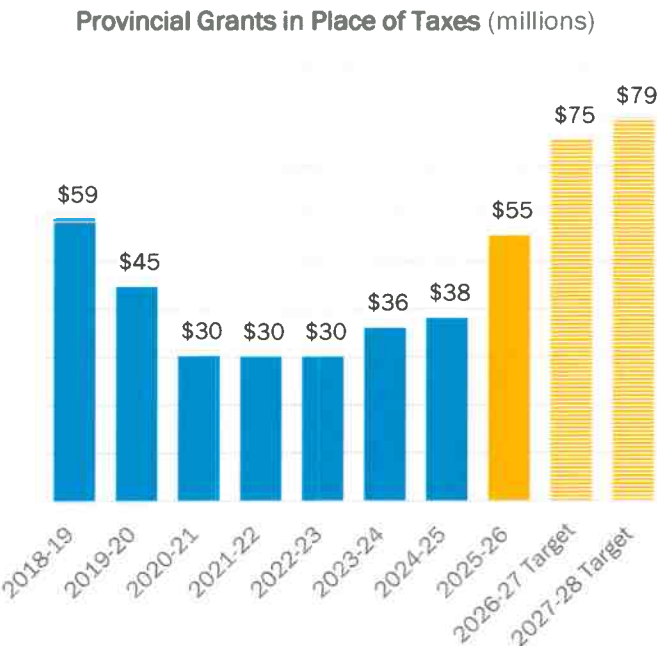
ABmunis acknowledges that the provincial programs that are available to most municipalities will increase by \$48 million in 2025-26, primarily due to the planned increase in the Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital program. However, we are concerned that the collective budget of provincial capital funding to municipalities, including one-time projects, is \$17 million lower than the 2024-25 budget. For example, in 2023 members adopted a resolution calling for the province to create a program to support high-growth communities. Therefore, we are disappointed that the province is discontinuing the short-lived Local Growth and Sustainability Grant. Further analysis of provincial infrastructure funding is provided in the Core Capital Funding for Municipalities section of this report.



Later this year, ABmunis will release findings of our new research that will provide the provincial government and Albertans a better picture of our current path for communities and the benefits of investing in infrastructure.

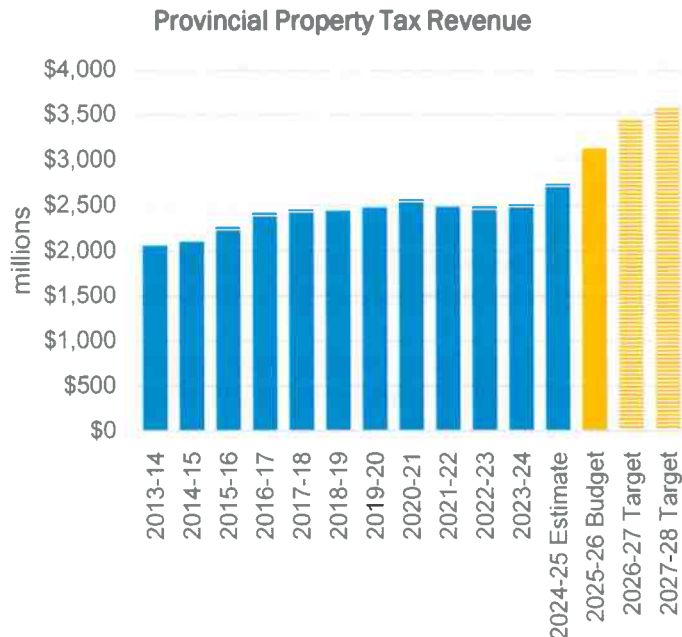
Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT)

In 2019-20, the Government of Alberta implemented a policy change whereby funding to municipalities for services to provincial properties would be cut to 50 per cent of the eligible property tax amount. This had an adverse impact on communities whose property owners were forced to cover the bill, while Albertans in other communities still benefited from provincial facilities such as hospitals, schools, and courthouses. ABmunis and our members made the case that the province should contribute its fair share to cover the infrastructure and services that municipalities provide to provincial properties, just like any other property owner. We are pleased the province listened: starting in 2025-26, GIPOT funding will be paid to municipalities at 75 per cent of the property tax amount that would be owed, equal to \$55 million. Next year it will increase to 100 per cent. We applaud the province for restoring this funding.



¹ Figures represent provincial capital funding programs plus specific projects funded outside of a program that municipalities receive directly. Figures for 2011 to 2024 are sourced based on reported actuals or year-end estimates in Alberta’s annual Government Estimates reports and population numbers are based on Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0005-01, assuming a 2.5% increase in Alberta’s population for 2025.

Provincial Property Taxes Increase



In last year's budget, the province forecasted that revenue from provincial education property taxes would increase by \$123 million in 2025-26. However, the province has made a surprising move to increase education tax rates by 6.3 per cent on residential property and 6.4 per cent on non-residential property. This translates to a \$392 million (14.3 per cent) increase in tax revenue that the province will collect from homeowners and business property owners compared to 2024-25.

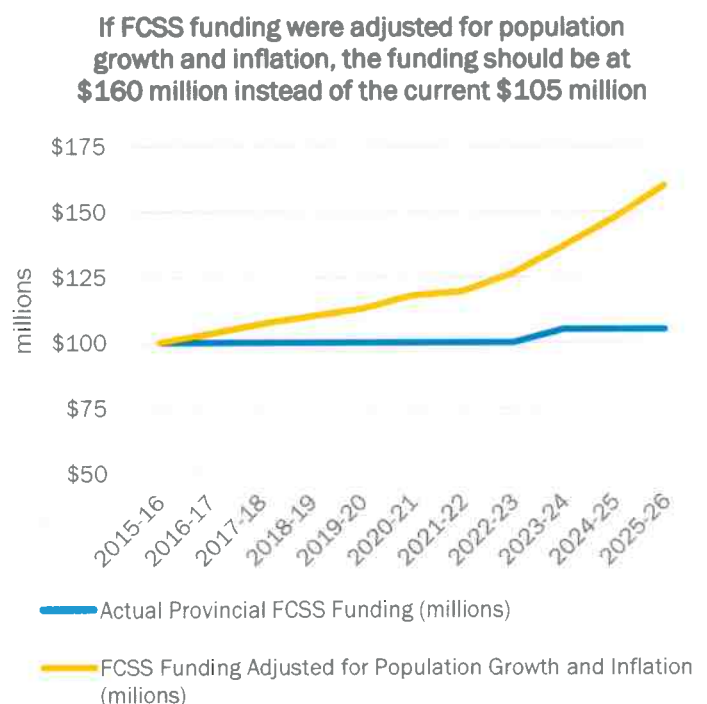
The increase represents a shift of the provincial tax burden onto the property tax base when the province has other more transparent and efficient revenue generation options. In contrast, property taxes are the main source of revenue for municipalities who are managing increased costs and expectations. As such, we continue to call on the province for adequate levels of operational and capital support from the provincial budget to ensure fair distribution of taxation to Albertans for critical and mandatory services.

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

ABmunis is concerned to see that funding for FCSS has remained stagnant at \$105 million for 2025-26. FCSS is an 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities or Métis Settlements. Under FCSS, communities design and deliver social programs that are preventive in nature to promote and enhance well-being among individuals, families and communities.

There are currently 210 local FCSS programs across Alberta providing services to 316 municipalities and Métis Settlements, most of which can be considered as "rural" or "small town." According to a recent [University of Alberta report](#), 63 per cent of rural FCSS offices rely on municipal contributions, well over their required 20 per cent. Of those respondents whose municipalities overcontribute, almost 43 per cent estimated that the true contribution of their municipality is higher than 35 per cent of their FCSS program's budget.

ABmunis has long advocated for FCSS funding to keep up with population growth and inflation. Last year, ABmunis members passed a [resolution](#) calling for the Government of Alberta to immediately increase provincial funding for FCSS to \$161.5 million in 2025 to account for Alberta's growth and inflation. This would be an incredibly cost-effective investment because every dollar invested in preventive services saves \$7 to \$12 in future spending on justice, health care, and addiction.



Preliminary Analysis on Alberta's 2025 Budget

The graph above compares actual provincial FCSS funding over the past ten years to what funding amounts would be had funding kept pace with population growth and inflation. To maintain 2015 per capita FCSS funding levels while addressing these factors, the province would need to invest an additional \$55.1 million in the program.

In addition to stagnant FCSS funding, we note a 12.5 per cent decrease (\$2 million) in funding for Alberta's Community Initiative Program, and a 23 per cent (\$20 million) year-on-year decrease in preventative programs related to mental health and addictions. ABmunis is interested in the potential impact of these decreases.

Affordable and Seniors' Housing

Advocating for improved access to affordable housing, as well as the supports and services needed to maintain housing and prevent homelessness, is a strategic priority for ABmunis. The pressing need for investment in affordable housing is highlighted by the number of [related resolutions](#) recently passed by ABmunis members.

Budget 2025 allocates \$343 million to programs that support social, specialized, and affordable housing, including rental assistance. This is an increase of \$23 million (7.2 per cent) from 2024-25, and will address pressures in rental assistance from market conditions; support housing providers with operational pressures to maintain service quality; and support lodge operators providing housing to low-income seniors. The 2025 Capital Plan allocates \$1.1 billion over three years to enhance affordable housing and social supports across the province. Combined with related Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) funding, \$1.2 billion is being allocated to housing and seniors' facilities.

The Government of Alberta released its [provincial affordable housing strategy](#) in November 2021. The primary goal of the provincial affordable housing strategy is to support up to 25,000 more households, an increase of 44 per cent. This will be accomplished by developing 13,000 additional affordable housing units and providing rent assistance to 12,000 more households. While ABmunis appreciates provincial efforts to increasing funding for affordable housing, this target will only meet the needs of 15 per cent of Alberta households living in need of core housing.

Mental Health and Addiction

Advocating for improvements to Alberta's mental health and addictions system, including evidence-based action to address opioid and methamphetamine use, is a strategic priority for ABmunis. ABmunis currently has [two active resolutions](#) related to advocacy on mental health and addiction.

ABmunis is pleased to see the province following through with its commitment to build 11 new recovery communities for Albertans seeking voluntary treatment for addiction or mental health issues. We also appreciate the following investments to help increase access to mental health services:

- \$4 million will be invested in 2025-26 to add additional mental health professional spaces in Alberta's post-secondary institutions. The Mental Health Professionals Enrollment Expansion grant program will support 12 institutions to create 761 new seats in high-demand mental health programs.
- \$61.9 million is allocated to improving access to mental health and addiction treatment services in police and correctional settings to help facilitate recovery for individuals interacting with the justice system.
- Increased operating funding to expand mental health classrooms from 20 to 60 for clinical support to students with complex mental health needs.

ABmunis notes mental health and addiction related preventive programming is seeing a \$20 million decrease in investments from \$87.1 million to \$67.1 million. ABmunis is interested in understanding whether this decrease in funding could impact community partners, as well as Albertans seeking services from these same community partners.

ABmunis also notes that Budget 2025 allocated \$207 million in capital funding over three years to develop two new, secure mental health and addiction facilities to provide involuntary care for adults and youth suffering from mental health or addiction issues who are deemed a danger to themselves or others. Although not yet passed, the [Mental](#)

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[Health Services Protection Amendment Act](#), 2025 was introduced on February 25, 2025 to create a framework to give a mandated addiction treatment order to support a person who is likely to cause harm to themselves or others because of their problematic substance use.

School Construction Accelerator Program

Significant investments are being made in the construction of new schools, with \$789 million allocated in Budget 2025 for this purpose. Adequate school capacity is integral for community growth so municipalities would like to have shovel-ready sites serviced to take advantage of this investment. However, for many communities it is a significant expense to service a site without a guarantee of a school being built there. Better coordination between the province, school boards, and municipalities would help to address this concern. ABmunis has an [active resolution](#) on school site servicing costs and will be advocating further to the province on this issue.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Access to EMS and ambulance response times continue to be top-of-mind for Alberta municipalities, particularly those in rural and remote areas. ABmunis was pleased to see that the province has budgeted \$789 million for Emergency Health Services in 2025-26 to increase system capacity. Budget 2025 also allocates \$60 million, including \$40 million in new funding, for the EMS Vehicles Capital Program to purchase new EMS vehicles and ambulances, upgrade the existing fleet, and acquire additional equipment. These actions align with the Alberta Emergency Services Provincial Advisory Committee and Alberta Emergency Health Services Dispatch Review recommendations, which ABmunis helped develop.

Training for Health Care Professionals

Access to healthcare is a priority for municipalities, who are playing an increasingly active role in the provision of primary care and the attraction and retention of health care professionals. We are pleased that Budget 2025 includes the following investments to meet provincial demand for health care professionals:

- \$2 million for the expansion and upgrades of Keyano College to provide training for in-demand programs like nursing and paramedicine.
- 439 additional seats for certification and licensing of internationally educated nurses.
- \$44 million to the Physician Training Expansion Program in 2025-26. This program is delivered through rural training centres and provides rural, Indigenous, and other learners with increased access to medical education in rural areas.

Libraries

Public Library Services funding has remained the same at \$39.9 million. This captures operating grants, advisory and training support, and e-content.

Community Peace Officers (CPOs)

In February 2025, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services requested municipalities with CPO programs to integrate these programs with their local police service operations to help provide a coordinated response to social disorder issues. While there does not appear to be funding in Budget 2025 to offset any additional expenses incurred by municipalities as a result of this request, the budget does include a \$46 million increase in the Ministry's operating expense. This funding includes:

- \$8 million to support additional police officers in Edmonton and Calgary under the Safe Streets Action Plan.
- \$24 million to secure the Alberta-US border. A new Interdiction Patrol Team will combat drug smuggling, gun trafficking, illegal border crossing and other illegal activities. This team will include Peace Officers to enforce Criminal Code and provincial statutes along the international border.

Wildfire Response

Budget 2025 makes several key initiatives to support wildfire response and mitigation. Alberta Forestry and Parks' budget allocates \$30.7 million to support wildfire mitigation initiatives. Municipal Affairs has maintained the Fire Services Training Program Grant at \$500,000 for 2025-26, while also making the [February 2025 announcement](#) that an additional \$500,000 is being made available in the 2024-25 fiscal year, bringing the total for 2024-25 to \$1 million. Municipal Affairs is also working on improving the quality of fire data reported to the province. Budget 2025 contains a \$58 million increase for the Jasper Wildfire Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements. Public Safety and Emergency Services identifies an increase in funding for the Alberta Emergency Management Agency over the 2024 budget estimate, however, the actual funding for this entity depends on the severity of the hazard season for that particular year. Public Safety and Emergency Services also budgets \$47 million in capital support for wildfire management. Continued work on wildfire and similar emergencies, in collaboration with partners such as the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, will continue to be a priority for ABmunis.

Provincial Highways, Roads and Bridges

Budget 2025 identifies \$2.49 billion over three years to support Alberta's network of province-owned roads and bridges. This includes \$264 million in new funding for highway twinning, widening, and expansion projects. Projects include:

- Deerfoot Trail Upgrades (Calgary)
- Edmonton / Calgary Ring Roads
- La Crete Bridge
- QEII and 40th Avenue Interim Ramp (near Airdrie)
- Highway 1 and Range Road 33 in Rockyview County
- Highway 1A Upgrade (Stoney First Nation)
- Highway 2 Balzac Interchange Replacement
- Highway 2 Interchange at Cardiff Road South of Morinville
- First stage of realignment and connection of Highways 2 and 3 near Fort McLeod
- Highway 3 Twinning (From Taber to Burdett)
- Highway 11 Twinning from Red Deer west to Rocky Mountain House
- Highway 16A and Range Road 20 Intersection
- Highway 19 (East and West ends)
- Highway 28 - Detailed design work for safety improvements
- Highway 40 grade widening between Grande Cache and Hinton
- Highway 40 Twinning south of Grande Prairie
- Paving Highway 58
- Highway 60 Capital Improvements
- Highway 63 Twinning North of Fort McMurray
- Highway 201 Bow River Bridge on SE Stoney Trail
- Highway 686 paving between Peerless Lake and Trout Lake and commencing design work to extend the highway from Fort McMurray to Peerless Lake
- Highway 791 North from Highway 590
- Highway 881 safety and roadway improvements

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**HOW BUDGET 2025
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How Budget 2025 Supports Municipalities

Core Capital Funding for Municipal Governments

\$ millions	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast	Budget 2025 vs. 2024
Provincial Capital Funding						
Programs Available to Most Municipalities						
Local Government Fiscal Framework - Capital	724	724	820	800	871	96
Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership	66	54	45	67	84	(21)
Water for Life	50	33	51	111	95	1
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	44	34	33	39	55	(11)
Local Growth and Sustainability Grant	20	20	-	-	-	(20)
Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP)	-	-	3	-	-	3
First Nations Water Tie-In Program	8	2	8	15	27	-
	912	867	960	1,032	1,132	48
Directed Funding Separate from a Formal Funding Program ²						
Edmonton and Calgary LRT (prov. portion)	470	502	372	556 ³	506 ³	(98)
Edmonton major roads ⁴	108	45 ⁵	130	107	85	22
Edmonton Downtown & Coliseum Site Improv.	-	-	6	30	70	6
Calgary Rivers District & Events Centre	102	90	97	66	24	(5)
YYC Rail Connection	2	2	6	-	-	4
Capital Region Wastewater Treatment	10	40	10	-	-	-
Designated Industrial Zone Pilot Project	4	3	18	10	10	14
Sundre Wastewater Treatment Plant	-	-	8	-	-	8
Red Deer Regional Airport Expansion	20	5	4	8	-	(16)
	716	687	651	747	625	(65)
Total Provincial Funding	1,628	1,554	1,611	1,779	1,757	(17)
Year-over-year change in budget			-1%	10%	-1%	
Federal Capital Funding						
This funding is distributed by the province on behalf of the Government of Canada						
Edmonton and Calgary LRT (federal portion)	379	411	400	539 ³	490 ³	21
Canada Community-Building Fund	266	270	276	276	287	10
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	73	71	48	20	1	(25)
Clean Water Wastewater Fund	1	-	-	-	-	1
	719	752	724	835	779	5
Total Provincial + Federal Capital Funding	2,347	2,306	2,335	2,614	2,536	(12)

² This category summarizes funding distributed directly to a municipality outside of any formal funding program that municipalities can apply for.

³ Based on historical breakdowns, ABmunis has made an assumption that the Government of Alberta is responsible for 51% of the Edmonton and Calgary LRT project for 2026-27 and 2027-28 and the Government of Canada is responsible for 49%.

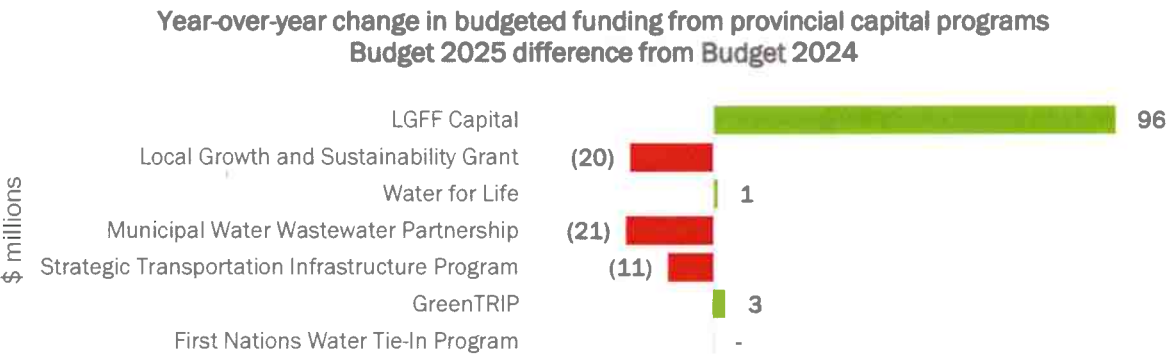
⁴ 'Edmonton major roads' includes projects for 50 Street, Yellowhead Trail, Ray Gibbon Drive, and Terwilliger Drive.

⁵ ABmunis noted inconsistencies in reported amounts in the 2025 Fiscal Plan versus the 2025 Government Estimates material.

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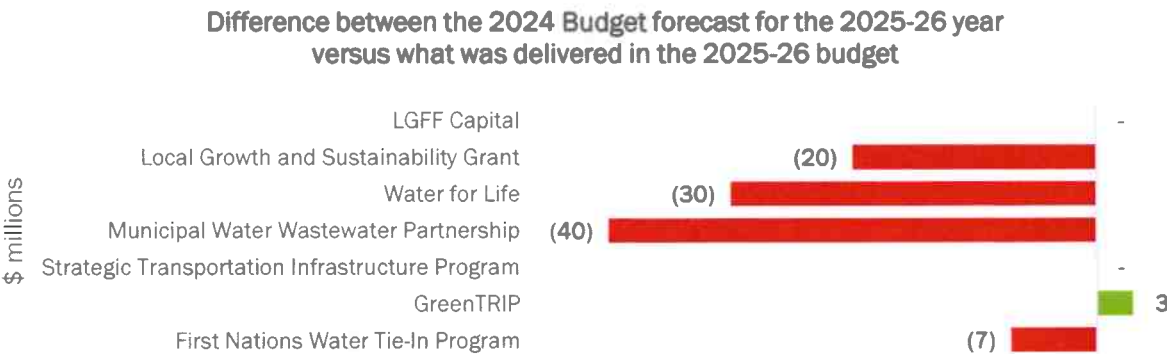
Year-Over-Year Change in Budgeted Funding for Municipal Infrastructure Programs

When looking at provincial infrastructure programs that most municipalities can access, those programs will see a collective net increase of \$48 million in funding in 2025-26, largely driven by the legislated increase in the Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital program.

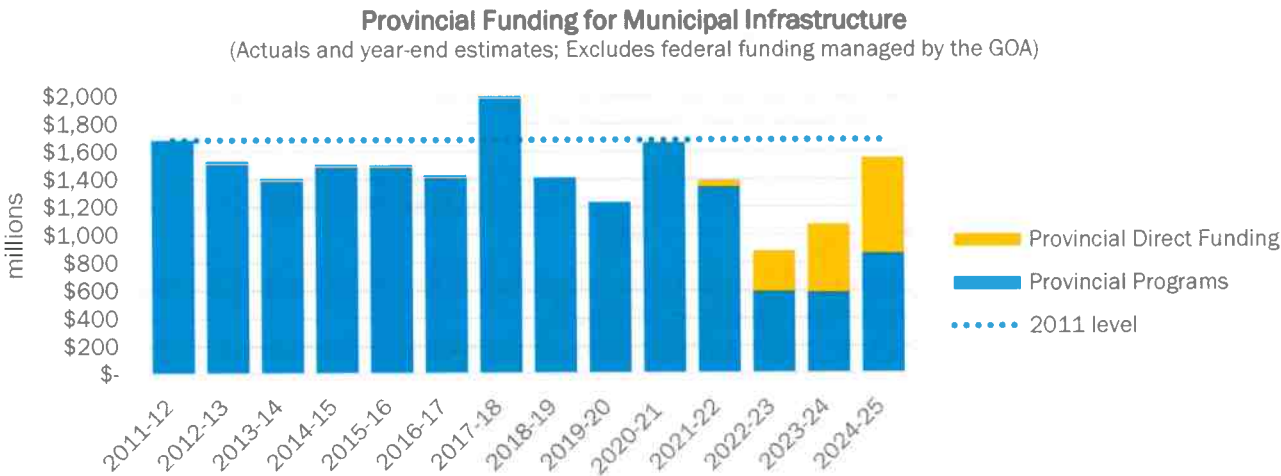


Program funding increased, but was almost \$100 million short of what was forecasted

Funding for provincial capital programs increased to \$960 million, but the 2024 budget forecasted that funding for these programs would be \$1.05 billion in 2025-26. The Local Growth and Sustainability Grant was surprisingly discontinued and funding for water and wastewater infrastructure projects are a combined \$70 million less than what was projected for this year.



The province is increasingly delivering capital funding to municipalities outside of formal funding programs



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Breakdown of Provincial Capital Funding Programs

Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital

This program is allocated to every municipal government and Metis settlement in Alberta through a formula that enables local governments to plan for their financial future.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$724	\$820	\$820	-

- Per the *Local Government Fiscal Framework Act*, the funding amount for LGFF Capital will increase or decrease annually based on changes in the Government of Alberta's actual revenues from three years prior.
- The increase in the budget for 2025-26 reflects the increase in the Government of Alberta's revenue from 2021-22 to the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- In 2026, the funding will drop by \$20 million to \$800 million because the Government of Alberta's revenue declined between the 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years.
- For 2027, the funding is forecasted to increase to \$871 million, but that could change subject to the province finalizing its books for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (millions)

This competitive application program is available to municipalities up to 45,000 population.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$66	\$85	\$45	(\$40)

- The 2025 budget of \$45 million is \$21 million less than last year and \$40 million less than what the 2024 budget forecasted for the 2025-26 year.
- The program was underspent by \$12 million in 2024-25.

Water for Life (millions)

This competitive application program is available to municipalities up to 45,000 population.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$50	\$81	\$51	(\$30)

- The 2025 budget of \$51 million represents a \$1 million increase over the 2024 budget, but it's \$30 million less than the 2024 budget forecast for the 2025-26 year.
- ABmunis also notes that the program was underspent by \$17 million in 2024-25.

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (millions)

This competitive application program provides funding for local airports, bridges, resources roads, and other initiatives. The eligibility for funding depends on the funding stream.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$44	\$33	\$33	-

- The 2025 budget amount is the same as what was forecasted in the 2024 budget for this year.
- The program was underspent by \$10 million in 2024-25.
- Based on funding allocations from 2021 to 2023, ABmunis notes that STIP funding is primarily allocated to municipal districts, counties, and Metis Settlements, with an annual average of 16 per cent of the funding provided to cities, towns, villages, and summer villages.

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Local Growth and Sustainability Grant (millions)

This competitive application program was launched in 2024 to support mid-sized cities with growth pressures and small municipalities experiencing emergency failures in infrastructure.

2024 Budget	Budget 2024 Forecast for 2025	2025 Budget	Change from the Forecast for 2025
\$20	\$20	-	(\$20)

- Launched in October 2024 as a three-year commitment of \$60 million total, ABmunis was surprised to learn that the province has discontinued this program for the 2025-26 year.
- This means that only \$20 million of the original \$60 million commitment will be delivered to municipalities.
- Municipalities that applied for this funding in fall 2024 should expect to learn who receives the funding by March 2025.
- ABmunis is disappointed that the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant has been discontinued because it helped meet the [call by our members](#) for funding that supports high-growth communities.

Explanation of Federal Capital Funding that is Distributed by the Government of Alberta

Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCBF is distributed on a per-capita basis based on census data.• In 2025, \$276 million is available under the CCBF, an increase of \$10 million (3.8 per cent) over 2024.• The \$10 million increase is due to the federal government's two per cent indexation of CCBF each year, which is delivered in \$100 million increments and allocated across all provinces and territories.• This funding is administered under a 10-year agreement between the federal and provincial government.• The CCBF also identifies support for asset management as one of the requirements of the agreement.
Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a historical, temporary program that has expended its funds. No further funding is expected for the CWWF.
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund (ICIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All ICIP funds have all been allocated to projects. Any reference to ICIP funds are for re-profiled amounts or carry-overs from prior years projects as they are allocated for construction.• In total, Alberta received \$3.66 billion through ICIP.
Edmonton and Calgary Light Rail Transit (LRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1.6 billion in ICIP funding has been allocated over three years (2025-2028) for LRT expansion in Edmonton and Calgary.• ABmunis estimates that \$400 million is being provided by the federal government for these projects in 2025-26.⁶

⁶ The Government of Alberta's 2025 Fiscal Plan reports the total expense on Edmonton and Calgary LRT as a combined total of federal and provincial portions. ABmunis relied on details in the Government of Alberta's 2025 Government Estimates report to estimate that \$400 million of the total \$772 million is federal funding.

Core Operating Funding for Municipal Governments

\$ millions	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	% Change	Note
Alberta Community Partnership	15.4	15.4	13.4	(13.0%)	1
Emergency Management Preparedness Program	0.2	0.2	0.2		
Family and Community Support Services	105.0	105.0	105.0	-	2
Fire Services Training Program	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	
Grants in Place of Taxes	36.0	38.1	55.3	45.1%	3
Local Government Fiscal Framework Operating	-	60.0	60.0	-	4
Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Operating	60.0	-	-	-	4
Policing Support Grant (formerly MPAG and POG)	98.8	108.8	119.0		5
	315.9	328.0	353.4		

Notable Funding for Community Entities

\$ millions	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	% Change	Note
Agricultural Service Boards	11.9	11.9	11.9	-	
Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Grants	11.5	11.5	11.5	-	
Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	
Community Facility Enhancement Program	50.0	50.0	50.0	-	
Community Initiatives Program	17.5	16.0	14.0	(12.5%)	6
Community Recreation Centre Infrastructure Program	-	10.0	10.0	-	
Library Services – Operating	39.7	39.9	39.9	-	
Legal Aid	134.6	110.0	88.1	(19.9%)	
Regional Economic Development Alliances	1.1	1.1	1.1	-	
	268.8	252.9	229.0		

Notes

1. The budget for the Alberta Community Partnership was reduced by \$2 million, reflecting the province's decision in fall 2024 to [eliminate funding](#) to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board and the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board.
2. Since 2023, the province has included funding for Food Banks in the budget line item of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). The figures reported by ABmunis exclude that amount for transparency to show what portion municipalities receive for FCSS.
3. The Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) funding increased from \$36 million to \$38.1 million in 2024-25, which was due to rising property values plus new provincial properties. Based on advocacy by ABmunis and our members, the province has announced a plan to fully fund GIPOT by 2026-27. For 2025-26, GIPOT will be funded at 75 per cent of the eligible tax amount and is forecasted to increase to \$75.3 million in 2026-27 when the program is funded at 100 per cent.
4. In 2024, MSI Operating was replaced by the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Operating program at the same \$60 million budget, which has been continued for 2025 as well. In 2024, Municipal Affairs froze the allocations by municipality at the 2023 funding allocations set under the former MSI Operating formula. The plan for the 2025 LGFF Operating allocation formula is likely to be announced shortly.
5. The Policing Support Grant is for any municipality with a population over 5,000 that provides their own police service and was eligible for the former Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and Police Officer Grant.
6. ABmunis is concerned with the 12.5 per cent decrease in the Community Initiatives Program, as the reduction in funding support for community organizations will put further pressure on councils to increase property taxes to fund their local organizations.

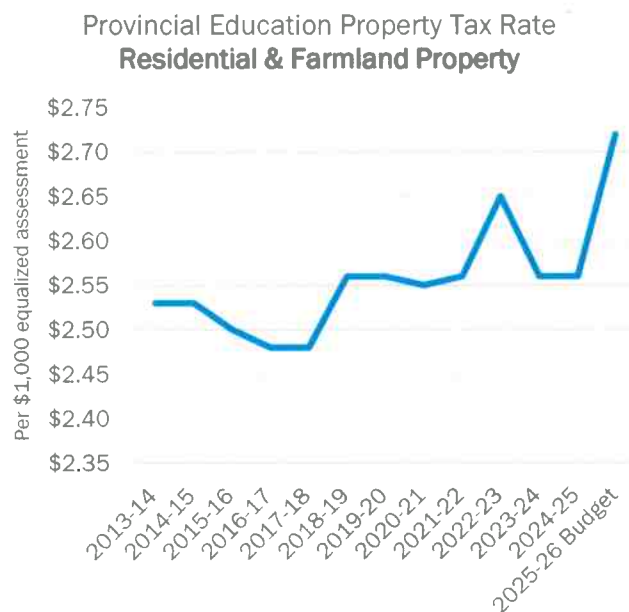
Provincial Education Property Tax

Over the last decade, the Government of Alberta has frequently changed its approach to how it determines the amount of provincial education property taxes to be collected from Alberta's property owners.

	Adjust the mill rates to cover a target % of the K-12 budgeted operating expense	Freeze the mill rates to match the previous year	Adjusted the mill rates to match the previous year's tax revenue amount
2015-16	✓ (32% target)		
2016-17	✓ (32% target)		
2017-18		✓	
2018-19			✓
2019-20		✓	
2020-21			✓ ⁷
2021-22			✓
2022-23			✓
2023-24			✓
2024-25		✓	
2025-26	✓ (31.6% target)		
2026-27 Plan	✓ (33.3% target)		

A shift in tax revenue from personal income taxes to property tax

The Government of Alberta has pivoted again to announce a new strategy to structure provincial property taxes to generate tax revenue that is equivalent to one-third of the operating cost for the Ministry of Education by 2026-27. To meet this goal, the province is increasing the provincial tax rate on residential and farmland properties by 6.3 per cent and increasing the rate on non-residential property by 6.4 per cent in 2025-26.



⁷ Budget 2020 set a plan to set the requisition amount based on Alberta's population growth and inflation but shortly after the release of the budget, the [province reverted](#) to freeze the revenue amount to the 2019-20 year due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Increase in provincial property tax to help fund K-12 education costs

Since 2014-15, the province's revenue from provincial property taxes represented an average of 30.3 per cent of the operating costs for K-12 education. Based on estimates for 2024-25, the ratio is currently at 28.9 per cent and the province's planned tax increase will bring that ratio to 31.6 per cent of the Ministry of Education's operating cost in 2025-26.⁸

An additional 10 per cent increase in provincial property taxes is planned for 2026-27 to reach the target revenue of \$3.4 billion equivalent to one-third of the Ministry of Education's operating costs.

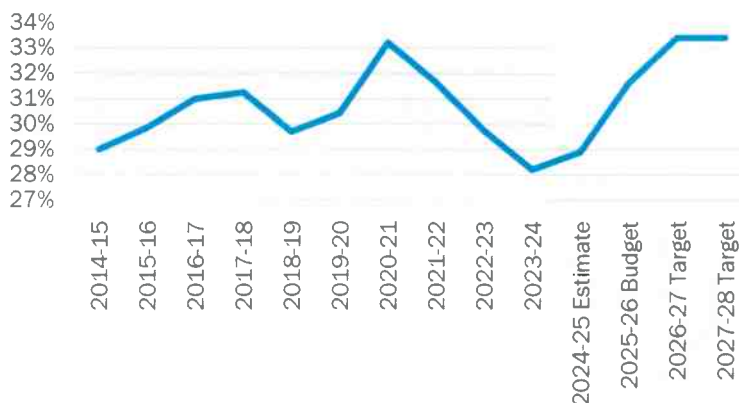
The combination of the tax rate increase plus new development in Alberta is budgeted to increase the province's revenue from property taxes by \$392 million, with total provincial property tax growing from \$2.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$3.1 billion in 2025-26. This is a substantial change from previous years where the province maintained a stable approach to its reliance on property taxes.

Municipal councils will be challenged by the increase in provincial property tax rates

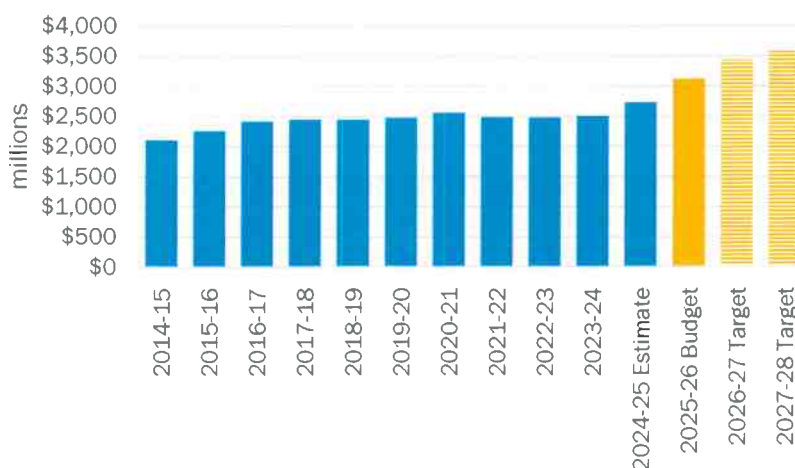
Municipal councils are always aware that the Government of Alberta may increase provincial property taxes, but we had no forewarning of the province's plan to substantially increase its reliance on property taxes to fund its revenue needs. As always, municipal governments will be responsible to collect this tax on behalf of the Government of Alberta and as a result, will wear much of the political blame for this tax increase.

Now that the province has released their budget, municipalities will finalize their 2025 budget and set their municipal tax rates for the 2025 year. Due to the increase in provincial property taxes, councils will face political pressure to limit any future increase in municipal property taxes, despite the long-term needs of their community. This will likely result in lower service levels in many communities and/or deferred maintenance of local infrastructure.

Provincial Education Property Tax Revenue as a % of the Operating Expense for K-12 Education



Provincial Property Tax Revenue



\$ millions	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast
Provincial education property tax	2,504	2,732	3,124	3,435	3,576
Year-over-year change (%)		9.1%	14.3%	10.0%	4.1%

⁸ The spike in 2020-21 is a combination of the reduction in operating costs for K-12 education from \$8.1 billion in 2019-20 to \$7.7 billion in 2020-21 and an \$84 million increase in provincial property tax revenue that year.

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AN OVERVIEW OF ALBERTA'S 2025 FISCAL PLAN

An Overview of the 2025 Fiscal Plan

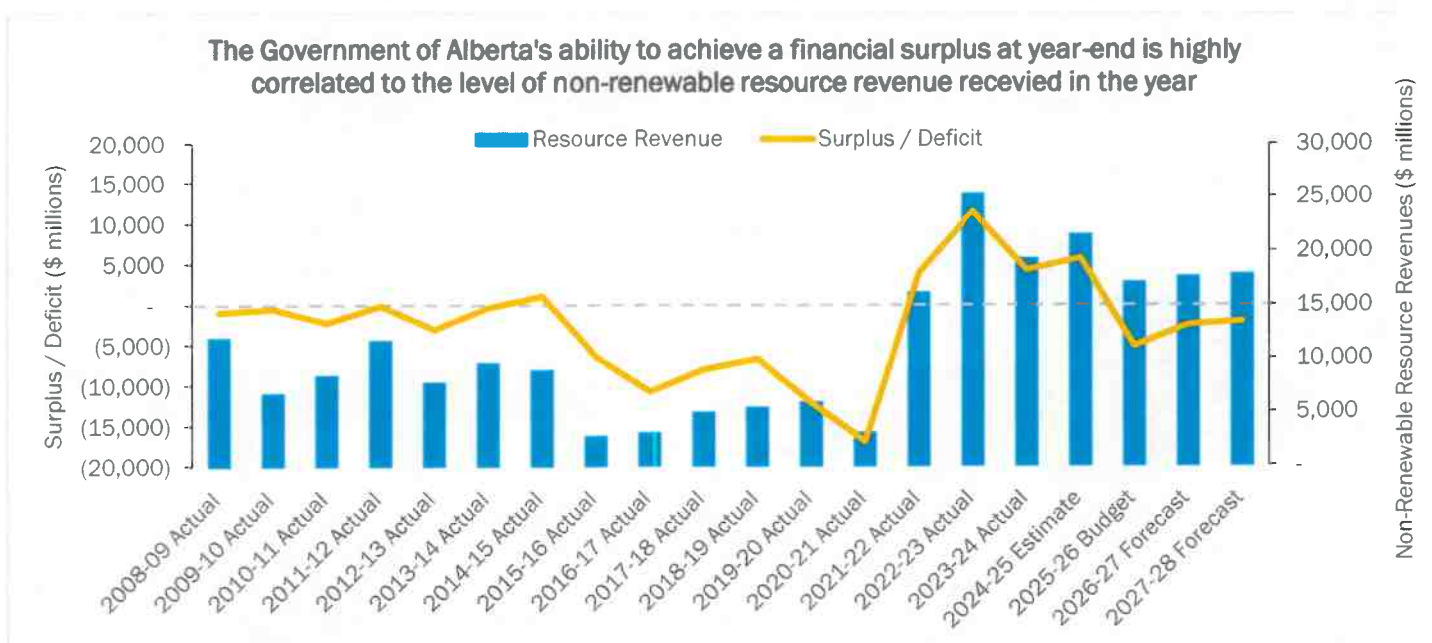
The Government of Alberta is projecting a \$5.2 billion deficit in 2025-26. This is following surpluses of \$4.3 billion in 2023-24 and \$5.8 billion (forecasted) in 2024-25. The 2024-25 surplus can be attributed to significantly higher investment income (+58 per cent) and non-renewable resource revenue (+34 per cent) than initially budgeted.

'Cautious' and 'uncertain' best describe the Government of Alberta's budget situation due to reliance on non-renewable natural resource revenue to drive its surplus or deficit position and the United States (US) being Alberta's most important trade partner. While the Government of Alberta is touting a strategy to dramatically grow the Heritage Savings Trust Fund to \$250 billion by 2050, it is also projecting lower revenues over the next three years compared to the 2024-25 forecast. This is in part due to the introduction of an 8 per cent tax bracket for personal income up to \$60,000, which is projected to reduce tax revenue by \$1.2 billion.

Even with Alberta's population growth expected to start to wane in 2025, population increases of 159,000 in 2023 and 189,000 in 2024 are putting tremendous strain on infrastructure and provincial services. In the coming years, challenging decisions will need to be made regarding the services levels Albertans expect, the property tax increases required to sustain their communities, and provincial operational and capital investment required to meet expectations.

Non-Renewable Natural Resource Revenue Determines Surplus or Deficit

The graph below shows the trend of non-renewable resource revenues in comparison to the Government of Alberta's year-end operational surplus or deficit. The trend shows the direct correlation between the provincial government's financial position and the volume of non-renewable resources earned year-to-year. The 10 per cent energy tariffs expected to be imposed by the US are expected to be detrimental to Alberta, but the impact should be somewhat buffered by Canada's weak dollar and the lack of substitutes for Canadian oil in US markets.



Source: Government of Alberta's 2025-28 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 25: Historical Fiscal Summary, page 157.

Manufacturing and Agricultural Sectors to Face 'Head Winds'

Alberta's manufacturing and agricultural sectors are expected to be 'hit hard' by US-imposed tariffs. In 2024, Alberta exported \$32 billion worth of manufactured goods to the US, comprising nearly three-quarters of its total international manufacturing exports. And unlike energy products, manufactured goods tend to be greatly affected by tariffs due to the ready availability of domestic substitutes in the US. Crop and livestock export volumes are expected to decrease, shrinking these sectors of the Alberta economy.

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Municipal Governments Need a Bigger Piece of the 'Fiscal Pie'

Funding provided to municipalities via the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) is directly tied to the provincial government's revenues. With 2025-26 projected revenues being less than what was forecasted in 2024-25, municipalities stand to receive less financial support while needing to provide more to their communities. This context is particularly important as the Government of Alberta has formalized how it will allocate future cash surpluses as part of the *Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act*, which primarily directs it to the Heritage Fund or repaying maturing debt.

ABmunis will be advocating for the Government of Alberta to engage municipalities in frank discussions about how it allocates funds, including future cash surpluses, to ensure the sustainability of municipal tax rates, infrastructure, and service delivery. This is further highlighted in Municipal Affairs' expenditures, as a percentage of the Government of Alberta's total expenditures, which have been decreasing year-to-year since 2011-12.

Statement of Operations

\$ millions	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast
Revenue					
Personal income tax	15,160	16,120	15,510	16,271	16,981
Corporate income tax	7,044	7,351	6,764	6,938	7,254
Other tax revenue	4,543	5,995	6,563	6,941	7,156
Resource revenue	19,287	21,509	17,067	17,620	17,815
Investment income	4,581	5,171	2,882	3,135	3,467
Premiums, fees, and licenses	5,565	5,565	5,636	5,874	6,032
Other own-source revenues	6,216	6,022	6,428	6,859	7,037
Federal transfers	12,336	12,958	13,287	13,753	14,228
Total revenue	74,732	80,692	74,138	77,390	79,969
Health	27,447	29,815	30,465	30,982	32,121
Basic/Advanced education	16,359	17,423	18,069	18,426	18,880
Social services	8,035	8,487	9,163	8,751	8,780
Other program expenses	15,829	16,371	19,059	18,785	18,995
Total program expense	67,670	72,096	76,756	76,944	78,776
Debt servicing costs	3,149	3,199	2,968	3,258	3,629
Pension provisions	(372)	(363)	(375)	(384)	(389)
Total expense	70,447	74,932	79,349	79,818	82,016
Surplus / (Deficit)	4,285	5,760	(5,211)	(2,428)	(2,047)

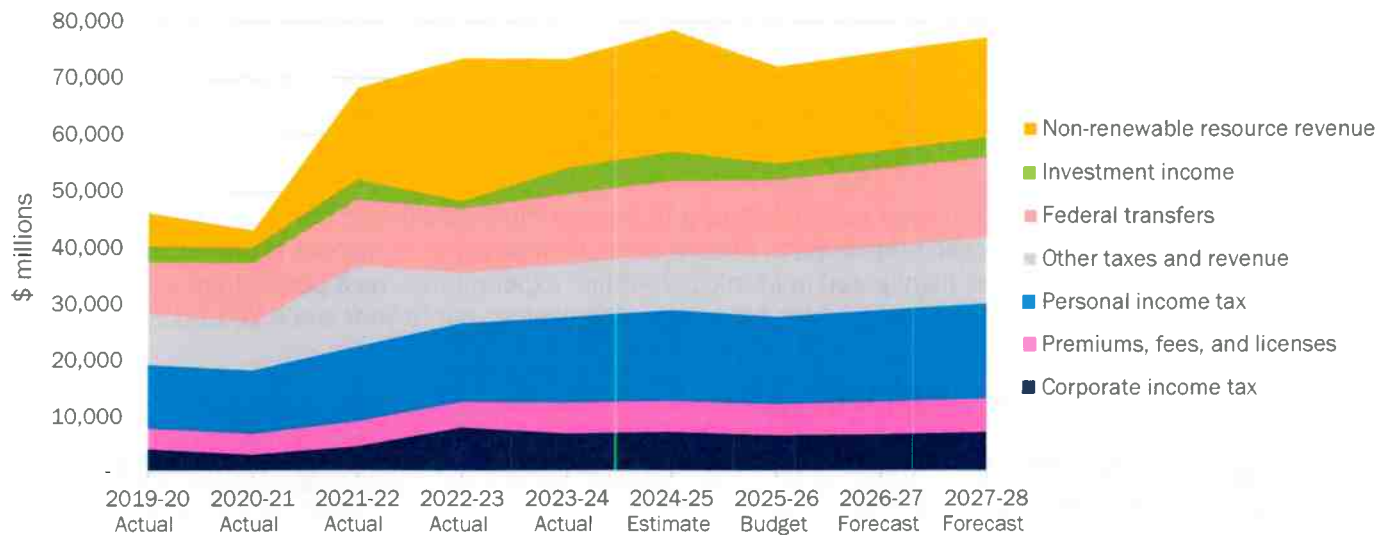
Source: Alberta's 2025-28 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 25: Historical Fiscal Summary, page 157.

Revenues

Total revenues are forecasted to be \$74.1 billion in 2025-26, a decrease of one per cent from the 2024-25 budget. In 2025-26, 23 per cent of total government revenue is estimated to come from non-renewable resource revenues, with another 20 per cent coming from personal income tax. After 2025-26, revenue sources are predicted to remain stable or increase nominally, apart from personal income tax revenue, which will increase by 4 to 5 per cent year over year.

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Government of Alberta revenues by source



Expenditures

Total expenditures for 2025-26 are projected to increase by \$6.167 billion compared to the 2024-25 budget, which is an 8.4 per cent increase. Specifically, the Government of Alberta is projecting to spend more on:

- Healthcare (5 per cent),
- K-12 education (7 per cent),
- Social services ministries (10 per cent),
- Other Ministries / Legislative Assembly (8 per cent),
- Total operating expense (7 per cent),
- Amortization / inventory consumption / loss on disposals (9 per cent), and
- Contingency (100 per cent).

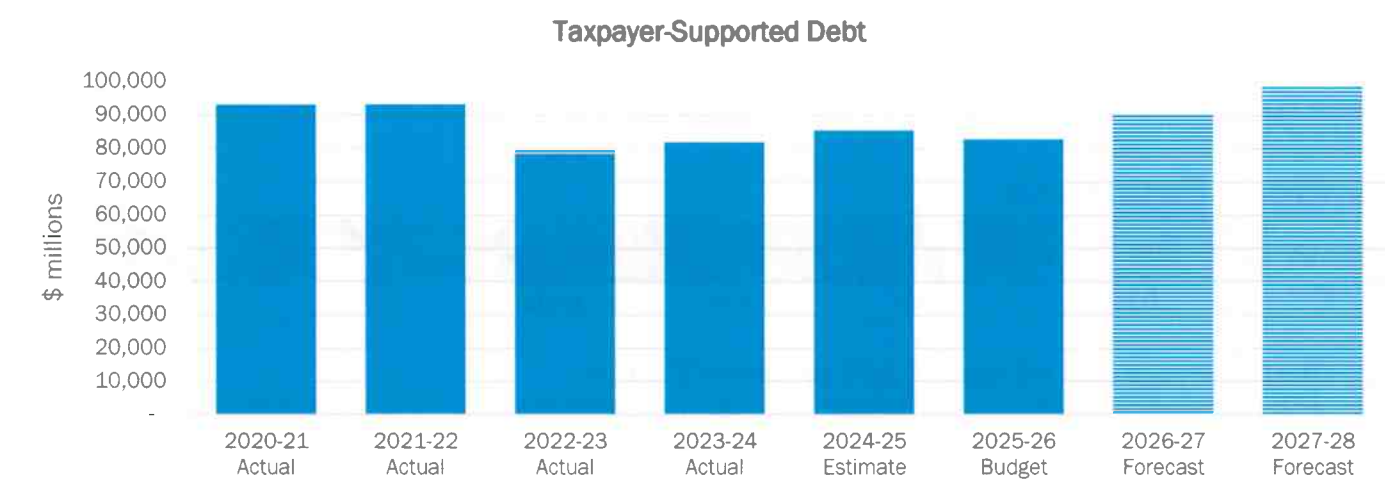
Notably, the very substantial increase to the contingency expenditure line is in response to the potential impacts of US-imposed tariffs and potential challenges related to compensation agreements being negotiated across government. The government also plans to spend 12 per cent less on debt servicing.

Taxpayer-Supported Debt and Debt Servicing Costs

Debt servicing costs are forecast to decrease by \$200 million in 2025-26 to \$3 billion. This is largely attributed to the gradual reduction in interest rates by the Bank of Canada starting in 2024.

Taxpayer-supported debt is estimated to be \$85.4 billion at the end of 2024-25 and \$82.8 billion at the end of 2025-26. This debt is expected to increase year-to-year as a result of deficit positions forecasted in future years.

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Contingency for Disasters

A total expense contingency provision of \$4 billion has been included in *Budget 2025*. This is an increase of \$2 billion to address unanticipated spending, including compensation pressures, emergencies, and emerging priorities that may arise during the year and that are not practical to delay until the next budget. This increase helps the government manage potential U.S. trade tariffs, economic fluctuations, and unexpected expenses. It also accounts for compensation agreements across public sectors like healthcare and education.

Future contingency levels are set at \$3.3 billion in 2026-27 and \$3.7 billion in 2027-28.

Key Energy and Economic Assumptions

\$ millions	2024-25 Estimate	2025-26 Forecast	2026-27 Forecast	2027-28 Forecast
Crude Oil Prices				
WTI (US\$/bbl)	74.00	68.00	71.00	71.50
Light-Heavy Differential (US\$/bbl)	13.20	17.10	16.50	15.60
WCS @ Hardisty (Cdn\$/bbl)	84.70	73.10	75.80	75.80
Natural Gas Price				
Alberta Reference Price (Cdn\$/GJ)	1.20	2.50	3.10	2.90
Production				
Conventional Crude Oil (000s barrels/day)	528	519	512	504
Raw Bitumen (000s barrels/day)	3,455	3,558	3,689	3,752
Interest Rates				
10-year Canada Bonds (%)	3.30	3.10	3.10	3.10
Exchange Rate (US\$/Cdn\$)				

Source: Alberta's 2025-28 Fiscal Plan, Energy and Economic Assumptions, page 10.

Ministry Highlights

All expense figures presented in the following tables are sourced from the Government of Alberta's 2025-26 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 3: Statement of Operations, page 144.

Advanced Education

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target
	6,823	7,049	7,342	7,411	7,411

- The ministry's budget will increase by 5 per cent in 2025-26.
- \$78 million per year will be invested over the next three years to create more seats in apprenticeship classes across the province to build skilled trades that will respond to the needs of industry and connect Albertans with jobs.
- \$4 million is allocated to the First Nations Colleges Grant, which is distributed equally across five colleges in rural and remote Indigenous communities.

Affordability and Utilities

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Target	Target
	127	92	132	169	166

- Affordability and Utilities is exploring rate design changes to ensure distribution costs are more consistent across the province.
- The Ministry will be implementing the Natural Gas Rebate Program, which is intended to protect Albertans from spikes in natural gas prices.

Agriculture and Irrigation

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Target	Target
	2,650	993	2,066	995	927

- Total expense is estimated at \$984 million, \$1,082 million lower than the 2024-25 third quarter forecast. This is primarily due to \$1,112 million in 2024-25 in-year disaster assistance that does not continue in 2025-26.
- \$9 million is allocated over three years for the University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine to improve access to diagnostic services.

Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Target	Target
	262	260	251	212	220

- Despite the 13.9 per cent overall decrease in the Ministry's budget:
 - Operating expenses will increase by \$11 million.
 - Federally-funded initiatives under the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence will receive an additional \$12 million.
 - The Alberta Foundation for the Arts will see a \$4.5 million funding boost.
 - Non-profit organizations will have access to \$84.6 million through community grants programs; this is an increase 11.6 per cent from the 2024-25 budget.
- These increases are offset by a \$36 million reduction in capital grants.

Children and Family Services

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Target	Target
	1,606	1,498	1,504	1,645	1,650

- The total expense for this Ministry will increase by \$91 million, or 6.1 per cent from the 2024-25 estimate.
- Most of the increases are for child intervention and Alberta Child and Family Benefit payments.
- Child intervention funding is increasing by \$58 million (6.5 per cent), to \$957 million in 2025-26; this is primarily to support contracted agencies facing recruitment challenges and rising costs.
- An additional \$19 million over three years is allocated to women's shelters to support increasing demand and higher costs.
- In 2025-26, \$67million is allocated to Family Resource Networks to develop and deliver prevention and early intervention programming; this is the same as in 2024-25.
- The Alberta Child and Family Benefit, a non-taxable benefit supporting child well-being, addressing child poverty, and improving the quality of life for children and families, is budgeted at \$375 million in 2025-26, an increase 8.4 per cent over 2024-25 due to indexed increases and anticipated population growth.
- The province has also instituted a new policy that extends access to Alberta Child and Family Benefit payments when a child has passed away.

Education

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Target	Target
	9,393	9,759	9,972	10,791	11,213

- The Ministry's overall budget will increase by 6.5 per cent, rising from \$9.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$10.4 billion in 2025-26, with projected growth to \$11.2 billion by 2027-28.
- Operating expenses will increase by \$426 million, 4.5 per cent from 2024-25 and are expected to grow at a rate of 4.1 per cent annually, reaching \$825 million by 2027-28.
 - \$55 million is allocated in 2025-26 to address classroom complexity, including hiring specialists, and training and development to improve access to educational assistants.
- A significant portion of the budget is being allocated for the design and construction of new schools and the modernization of existing ones.
 - The 2025-26 budget allocates \$789 million for the construction of school facilities in 2025-26, with 3.3 billion in capital investment being allocated over three years for the maintenance, planning, and development of new schools.
 - Budget 2025-26 also includes \$8.6 billion for the New School Construction Accelerator Program Funding that will support approximately 150,000 new student spaces, with 90,000 expected to be completed within the next four years.

Energy and Minerals

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Target	Target
	965	1,041	1,057	991	1,014

- Royalties from bitumen and crude oil are expected to decrease, while royalties from natural gas are expected to increase.
- \$145 million is allocated to the Orphan Well Association to support continued remediation of orphan wells.

Environment and Protected Areas

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target
	465	557	458	570	523
					537

- The Ministry's budget will increase by 2.3 per cent, rising from \$557 million in 2024-25 to \$570 million in 2025-26.
- Budget highlights include revised revenue forecasts for the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Fund (TIER):
 - TIER revenue is estimated at \$397 million, compared to \$542 million in Budget 2024, and is expected to further decrease in 2026.
 - This fund implements Alberta's industrial carbon pricing and emissions trading framework.
 - It also supports industrial facilities in reducing emissions, investing in clean technology, and improving cost efficiency.
- \$5.4 million in annual funding is being added to support the expansion of the Aquatic Invasive Species Program, which manages and prevents the entry of species like zebra mussels and goldfish from entering Alberta's water system.
- Water management remains a key priority in the 2025-26 budget:
 - The Department of Environment and Protected Areas will review and assess current water conservation processes. This work is expected to be completed by December 2026, which is timely as ABmunis recently updated our [2024 Water Conservation, Efficiency, and Productivity plan](#).
- \$40 million is allocated for caribou recovery planning and actions in 2025-26 to maintain and improve caribou habitat while supporting economic, recreational, and traditional land uses. This is a 4.9 per cent increase from 2024-25 budget allocation.
- \$22.2 million is allocated to conservation programs including \$10 million from the Land Stewardship Fund in 2025-26 to support the conservation and stewardship of land in Alberta. This is consistent with 2024-25 budget allocation.
- \$18.1 million is allocated to effectively anticipate, respond to, and mitigate the impact of adverse environmental events or emergencies in 2025-26. This is a significant decrease of 62 per cent in funding from the 2024-25 allocation of \$47.7 million
- ABmunis values its partnership, funded through TIER, with the Government of Alberta to support practical action on sustainable environment practices through several programs delivered by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC).

Executive Council

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target
	48	63	62	67	67

- This Ministry's budget will increase by 6 per cent in 2025-26 as it continues to lead the coordination and advancement of Alberta's priorities relating to other governments across Canada and internationally.
- Notable initiatives include:
 - Building and maintaining strong relationships with priority international partners, particularly with national- and state-level officials in the United States, and key markets in Latin America, the Indo-Pacific region, the Middle East, and Europe.
 - Supporting Invest Alberta Corporation's (IAC) governance in collaboration with other Ministries to lead investment attraction into Alberta and to fulfil its mandate as described in the Alberta Investment Attraction Act.
- The budget for the Premier's office will increase by nearly \$5 million or 23 per cent.

Forestry and Parks

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Target	Target
	1,166	410	1,116	403	405
					395

- The Ministry's budget for 2025-26 is \$403 million, which is a 14.8 per cent increase from the 2024-25 allocation of \$351 million.
- \$30.7 million is allocated to support wildfire mitigation initiatives.
- \$2.1 million is allocated to modernize wildfire applications.

Health

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Target	Target
	22,091	22,602	23,695	24,037	24,557
					25,724

- Budget 2025 supports the ongoing refocusing of the health care system, including the creation of four new provincial health agencies:
 - Recovery Alberta (overseen by the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, operational September 2024)
 - Primary Care Alberta (overseen by the Minister of Health, operational February 2025)
 - Acute Care Alberta (overseen by the Minister of Health launched February 2025)
 - Assisted Living Alberta (overseen by the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services) launching April 1, 2025)
- Alberta's growing population is creating fiscal challenges for the health system. This includes growth in the elderly population that consumes the largest portion of health services, as well as increasing patient complexity, rising wages for health care workers, and inflationary pressures on supplies and utilities.
- In 2025-26, health operating expense will increase by \$990 million (5.7 per cent) from Budget 2024, with \$26 million of this increase offset by higher federal transfers.
- Other increases in 2025-26 include \$451 million for physician compensation and \$513 million for Alberta Health Services cost pressures, mainly due to higher volume and inflation.
- \$44 million is allocated to the Physician Training Expansion Program. This program is delivered through rural training centres and provides rural, Indigenous, and other learners with increased access to medical education in rural areas.
- \$2 million is allocated in 2025-26 for the expansion and upgrades of Keyano College to provide training for in-demand programs like nursing and paramedicine.
- The province is also adding 439 additional spaces for certification and licensing of internationally educated nurses.
- \$20 million in 2025-26 will be invested in the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program to improve access to primary health practitioners in urban and rural communities across Alberta.
- \$60 million, including \$40 million in new funding, is allocated to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Vehicles Capital Program to purchase new EMS vehicles and ambulances, upgrade the existing fleet, and acquire additional equipment.
- A total of \$3.8 billion in health capital funding will be invested over the next three years to maintain or expand health care facilities in Alberta.
 - This includes \$265 million for the Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI) capital program to increase physical capacity for surgical procedures. ASI funding will be used to build more operating rooms, renovate existing space, and purchase new equipment for publicly owned and operated hospitals.

Immigration and Multiculturalism

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target
	39	42	40	42	42

- Total expense (all operating) is \$42 million in 2025-26, an increase of almost \$2 million from the 2024-25. This is mainly due to a 79 per cent increase in application fees paid by applicants to the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program and the introduction of new fees for International Qualifications Assessment Services.
- A decline in the number of immigrants is expected as a result of recent federal policy changes.
- Support for Newcomer Integration is forecasting support for up to 16,000 individuals, a decrease from 20,652 individuals in 2023-24.

Indigenous Relations

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target
	225	220	237	238	238

- Indigenous Relations' work involves leading the facilitation of cross-government collaboration with municipalities, utility commissions, and industry for projects, programs, and services that support Indigenous communities. The Ministry also responds to federal Indigenous initiatives and legislation, including Jordan's Principle.
- The Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation (AIOC) is a provincial corporation that enables access to capital funding for Alberta-based Indigenous groups investing in medium- to large-scale natural resources, agriculture, transportation, and other related infrastructure. AIOC had an increase in funding of \$0.5 million.

Infrastructure

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target
	862	885	944	921	933

- Under the School Accelerator Program, Infrastructure is committed to constructing up to 30 new schools.
- ABmunis has an active resolution on [school site servicing costs](#).
- There are concerns from municipalities that if they do not have a serviced site prepared, they will miss out on funding for a new school.

Jobs, Economy and Trade

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target
	1,558	1,862	1,949	2,315	1,773

- \$95 million is allocated to the Alberta Film and Television Tax Credit, a \$10 million decrease from 2024-25.
- \$15 million is allocated to the Investment and Growth Fund.
- \$3 million is for the North Regional Economic Development
- \$1.6 billion is allocated to increase access to affordable, high-quality, and inclusive licensed childcare and \$324 million to support the recruitment and retention of early childhood educators working in licensed child care.
 - Forecasted childcare expenses include a decrease of \$492 million by 2027-28, reflecting provincial investment to support the childcare system while preparing to negotiate a renewed funding agreement with the federal government. The results of these negotiations could impact Alberta's future funding levels,

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Justice

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	659	691	694	707	716	711

- Court and Justice Services operating expenses are \$276 million, an increase of \$12 million (4.5 per cent) from 2024-25, to address higher volumes of court cases and to improve capacity to hear criminal and family matters in a timely and appropriate manner.
- Funding for Alberta Crown Prosecution Services is \$147 million in 2025-26, an increase of \$8 million (5.8 per cent) from 2024-25. The increase supports a new Human Trafficking Unit which aims to hold perpetrators accountable; disrupt and dismantle human trafficking enterprises; and hire specialized resources to manage and support the growing volume of prosecutions. Funding will also address growth in criminal and youth prosecutions.
- The government is also working with the Alberta Law Foundation to increase its contribution to Legal Aid Alberta. While the provincial grant to Legal Aid Alberta is decreasing in 2025-26 by \$22 million or 20 per cent, current service levels will be maintained as a result of increased contributions from the Alberta Law Foundation.

Mental Health and Addiction

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,588	1,862	1,949	2,315	1,767	1,773

- Mental Health and Addiction operating expense has increased by \$64 million (4 per cent) from 2024-25, due mainly to higher demand for services due to population growth.
- Operating expense is targeted to increase by another \$79 million over two years to:
 - Implement the involuntary treatment framework, Recovery Alberta services, and 11 new voluntary recovery communities that will be operational by 2027. This includes five recovery communities in Indigenous communities. Three communities, with a total of 200 beds, have already been completed in Red Deer, Lethbridge and Gunn. The Calgary Recovery Community is scheduled to open in 2025.
 - Expand mental health classrooms from 20 to 60 for clinical support to students with complex mental health needs.
- \$207 million is allocated over three years for the development of specialized secure mental health and addiction facilities to provide involuntary care for adults and youth suffering from mental health or addiction issues who are a danger to themselves or others.
- \$4 million will be invested in 2025-26 to add additional mental health professional spaces in Alberta's post-secondary institutions. The Mental Health Professionals Enrollment Expansion Grant will support 12 institutions to create 761 new seats in high-demand mental health programs.
- \$61.9 million is allocated to improving access to mental health and addiction treatment services in police and correctional settings to help facilitate recovery for individuals interacting with the justice system.

Municipal Affairs

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	989	1,287	1,311	1,388	1,377	1,475

- Key announcements by Municipal Affairs are covered in the above sections of this report.

Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	1,494	1,279	1,460	1,350	1,367	1,366

- Total expense for Public Safety and Emergency Services is \$1.35 billion in 2025-26, \$110 million (7.5 per cent) lower than the estimated expense for 2024-25. This is mainly due to \$163 million in 2024-25 in-year emergency expense that does not continue in 2025-26 (partly offset by increases of \$46 million in operating expense and \$7 million in capital grants).
- A \$46 million increase in Ministry operating expense includes:
 - \$7 million for 911 call centres offset by the 911 levy.
 - \$2 million from the federally funded Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund (less \$1 million in reductions and transfer to capital investment).
 - \$24 million to secure the Alberta-US border. A new Interdiction Patrol Team will combat drug smuggling, gun trafficking, illegal border crossing and other illegal activities. This team will include Peace Officers to enforce Criminal Code and provincial statutes along the international border.
- \$12 million is allocated to the Victims of Crime Assistance Program in 2025-26 to facilitate direct and timely supports and services to victims, including emergency expenses and recovery. \$26.8 million is committed to external partner organizations that provide supports and services to victims of crime and tragedy, including the implementation of the new victim service delivery model.
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency operating expense is \$84 million in 2025-26, \$3 million (3.7 per cent) higher than forecast in 2024-25, mainly for disaster risk reduction, public education, and grants for specialty teams in emergency management.
- Budget 2025 also allocates funding over three years to support ongoing projects and programs and to fund new measures aimed at mitigating hazards from natural disasters. This includes:
 - \$155 million for Flood Mitigation projects, with \$12 million in new funding to advance planning and regulatory approval processes to mitigate flood and drought hazards in the Bow River basin.
 - \$47 million in capital support for wildfire management.
 - \$20 million to enhance Public Safety and Emergency Infrastructure, including \$1.6 million to design and procure a mobile air monitoring lab to respond to emergency air monitoring requests.

Seniors, Community and Social Services

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	8,929	9,590	9,770	10,603	10,712	10,867

- Total expense in 2025-26 is \$10.6 billion, an \$833 million (8.5 per cent) increase from the 2024-25 estimate, due mainly to the impact of population growth on core social programs and continuing care, a short-term bump in estimated need for support programs from potential US tariffs, and steadily rising capital grants for housing programs.
- Funding for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) remains flat at \$105 million.
- Assisted Living Alberta operating expense is \$3.8 billion in 2025-26, an increase of \$184 million (5 per cent) from 2024-25 primarily from population growth.
- Federal funding of about \$40 million per year for the next three years is forecast under the Aging with Dignity agreement. This funding enables seniors to receive home care and supports to age well at home; innovation in community care; and higher quality facility-based care in their community. The funding also supports wage enhancements for Personal Support Workers and should lead to improved outcomes in a growing segment of the continuing care sector.
- Employment and Income Support expense is estimated at \$1.255 billion in 2025-26, an increase of \$258 million (26 per cent) from the 2024-25 estimate. The increases are driven mainly by the significant population growth in 2023 and 2024 that was not fully anticipated during Budget 2024 planning. \$38 million has been added in 2025-26 in anticipation of potential US tariffs.

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- Funding for the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program is \$1,641 million in 2025-26, a net decrease of \$49 million (2.9 per cent) from the 2024-25 estimate.
- Funding is also allocated to prepare for the new Alberta Disability Assistance Program set to launch in 2026, including expansion of funding for employment supports for disabled Albertans.
- Other disability services programs are budgeted at \$1.71 billion, an \$86 million increase from 2024-25, with grants under the Persons with Developmental Disabilities increasing by \$73 million, Family Support for Children with Disabilities expense increasing by \$9 million, and program support up \$4 million. Increases are driven by caseload pressures.
- Support to lower-income seniors through Alberta Seniors Benefits is increasing by \$33 million (6.5 per cent) in 2025-26, to \$540 million, and reaches \$619 million by 2027-28, due to growth in the seniors' population and annual rate escalation.
- In 2025-26, \$212.7 million is allocated to support homeless shelters, Navigation and Support Centres, and housing and supports programs to assist Albertans experiencing homelessness.
- Alberta Social Housing Corporation (ASHC) expense is increasing by \$245 million (62.0 per cent) in 2025-26, to \$641 million, with most of the increase due to a \$221 million increase in capital grants. Capital grant programs include \$767 million over three years to expand housing options for seniors, families, and individuals under the Affordable Housing Strategy; support for Indigenous housing; and \$50 million per year for lodges.
- ASHC operating programs include support for social, specialized and affordable housing, rental assistance and others. These are budgeted at \$343 million in 2025-26, an increase of \$23 million (7.1 per cent) from 2024-25. Increases mainly address pressures in rental assistance from market conditions, support housing providers with operational pressures to maintain service quality, and support lodge operators providing housing to low-income seniors.
- \$769 million is allocated to support transformational changes in continuing care and the new continuing care agency, Assisted Living Alberta.
- The 2025 Capital Plan allocates \$1.1 billion over three years to enhance affordable housing and social supports across the province. Combined with related Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR funding), nearly \$1.2 billion is being allocated to housing and seniors' facilities. Key investments (each over three years) include:
 - \$655 million for the Affordable Housing Partnership Program, an increase of \$250 million from Budget 2024, to support the goal of creating 13,000 affordable housing units.
 - \$150 million, including \$50 million in new funding, for the Seniors Lodge Modernization Program.
 - \$113 million, including \$21 million in new funding, for the Affordable Housing Strategy. This strategy funds the maintenance of government-owned social housing buildings.
 - \$769.4 million for continuing care. This funding will be used to develop new continuing care spaces; modernize existing space; develop culturally appropriate spaces for Indigenous groups and organizations; and create innovative small care homes.

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	179	203	208	203	203	203

- Budget 2025 provides an increase of \$4 million over three years for health care card modernization.

Technology and Innovation

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	812	938	930	1,010	1,109	917

- Budget 2025 allocated \$42 million for modernizing government technology.

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- \$106.2 million is allocated to fund approved fixed wireless access and fibre to the home broadband projects as a part of the ongoing Broadband Strategy, which aims to connect every community across the province to broadband services by the end of fiscal year 2026-27. \$48 million is re-profiled from 2024-25,

Tourism and Sport

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	112	136	136	133	125	121

- The Ministry will continue to implement Higher Ground: Alberta's Tourism Strategy and grow the province's visitor economy to \$25 billion in annual visitor expenditures by 2035.
- \$10 million is allocated to the Active Communities Initiative to support the development of small to mid-sized sport and recreation facilities throughout the province.
- \$2.5 million is allocated to support major sport events, such as national and international championships.

Transportation and Economic Corridors

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	2,205	2,734	2,715	2,681	3,042	2,892

- Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) is responsible for delivering key road and bridge projects. Highlights from Budget 2025 include:
 - Highway 3 twinning from Taber to Burdett,
 - Highway 40 twinning south of Grande Prairie,
 - Highway 63 twinning north of Fort McMurray, and
 - Highway 881 safety and roadway improvements.
- TEC supports municipal transit solutions through investments in Edmonton and Calgary's LRT systems. Combined municipal and federal investments in LRT systems will be \$776 million in 2025.
- TEC is also responsible for the Passenger Rail Master Plan. \$6 million has been allocated to the development of this plan, which will explore the feasibility of passenger rails connections between Edmonton and Calgary, the mountain parks, regional rail lines to connect municipalities, and integration with municipal mass transit systems.
- \$13 million has been allocated to the Traffic Safety Fund.

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense \$ millions	2023-24	2024-25		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Target	Target
	2,260	2,108	2,159	2,227	2,256	2,265

- Budget 2025 delivers on the government's election campaign promise to implement an eight per cent tax bracket for personal income taxes. This will reduce personal income tax revenue by \$1.2 billion in 2025-26.
- The Ministry is also making various investments to support the province's goal of increasing the Heritage Savings Trust Fund from the current \$25 billion to \$250 billion by 2050.
- While not mentioned in the Government of Alberta's Budget 2025 documents, at ABmunis' 2024 Convention, the Premier announced the province's plan to [remove the premium on capital loans](#) from the province to municipal governments. ABmunis advocated for this change to reduce the long-term cost of capital infrastructure and we are pleased to see that the new policy will take effect on April 1, 2025.



February 10, 2025

Tofield Town Council

Tofield, AB

Dear Tofield Town Council:

Greetings from the Community Attraction and Retention Committee serving Ryley, Tofield and Beaver County West. (CARC)

On the weekend of March 14-16, 2025 we are co-hosting a Post Secondary Event together with Viking Attraction and Retention Committee. There will be 30 University of Calgary Medical Students arriving on the Friday night. Viking will host them on Saturday, with collaboration from CARC, where they will be taken through many activities during the day including an Amazing Race Viking and a combined Community Supper in the evening put on by both of our hard working committees. On Sunday they will be hosted by both committees in the Town of Tofield. We will be taking them on a tour of Tofield Health Center and then an hour or so to your Community Hall for floor curling. After this we have the Moonshine Café booked for all to have lunch, a few words from local health care professionals and then they will be headed back to Calgary in the early afternoon.

This will be a weekend geared to attracting medical students to consider practicing in Rural Alberta upon their graduation, preferably right here in Beaver County.

To that end, we are asking if the Town of Tofield would waive the cost of renting the Community Hall for the morning of Sunday, March 16, 2025? We are a not for

profit Committee that are hard at work every day endeavoring to attract and retain health care professionals to come live, work and play in Beaver County.

We also have swag bags that we are giving to each of the students and we were wondering if you would consider donating something from the Town of Tofield to include in that bag for the 30 students?

Thank you for considering helping this worthwhile weekend to be the success we believe it will be.

Kind regards,

Cyndy Heslin, Chairperson

CARC



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To Whom it May Concern,

The Tofield Curling Club is hosting their annual ladies bonspiel on March 14-16 at the Tofield Curling Club.

I would like to extend to you an opportunity to make a tremendous contribution to our community.

The Tofield Curling Club is a local non profit sport club that caters to all ages.

Our event includes curling, dinner, prizes, raffles and 50/50.

All proceeds from the bonspiel will go directly to the curling rink to help maintain and upgrade our facilities and keep our registration cost lower for members.

We respectfully request your assistance as a sponsor or a gift contribution for our raffle prizes.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter.

Sincerely,

Tofield Ladies Bonspiel and Tofield Curling Club



TOWN OF TOFIELD COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting Type: *Regular Meeting*
Department: *Administration*
Presented by: Jeff Edwards

Meeting Date: March 10th, 2025
Confidential: NO

Topic: Community Hall Committee

DISCUSSION:

Administration recently presented the findings of the ACI Architecture lifecycle assessment for the Community Hall to Mayor, Council and Beaver County Council members from Division 1 & 2 respectively. During the document review, it became apparent that significant work was required to both maintain and enhance the life expectancy of the Hall, and in turn, there was an exceptional cost to be associated with either approach.

Therefore, discussion ensued on what next steps should be and re-establishing the Community Hall Committee. Mayor and Council have provided a letter to Beaver County inviting them to participate in this venture, to which they have accepted.

However, members of Tofield Council and Administration have not been appointed. This step must take place, and subsequently an initial meeting set.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT:

Beaver County Council members for Division 1 & 2, and a member of their Administrative Team.

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARTICIPATION:

Should Council provide a motion of support this would be relayed to the County of Beaver and an initial meeting of the Committee would be set.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NIL

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council approves the proposal
2. Council denies the proposal & suggest an alternate approach.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommendation is being made that Council provide a motion stating:

Council for the Town of Tofield APPOINTS two members of Council and a member of Administration to sit on the Community Hall Committee.

Enclosures: NO

TOWN OF TOFIELD

BY-LAW NUMBER 1352

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 1330 FOR THE TOWN OF TOFIELD.

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary that the Bylaw 1330, being the Beaver Emergency Service Commission Bylaw to provide Fire Protection and Emergency Management Services be amended.

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26, S.A. 2000, the Council of the Town of Tofield, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, **ENACTS**, as follows:

That Section 10 - Recovery of Expenses of Bylaw 1330 be removed in its entirety.

READ a first time this day of 2025

READ a second time this day of 2025

READ a third time this day of 2025, and finally passed.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER