

AGENDA

A Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Bowden
to be held in Council Chambers, at 2101 - 20th Avenue, Bowden,
on **Monday, August 24th, 2026, 7:00 pm**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - 1.a** Land Acknowledgement.
- 2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
 - 2.a** Agenda.
- 3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - 3.a** Regular Council Meeting (August 10th, 2026).
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 4.a** None scheduled.
- 5. DELEGATIONS**
 - 5.a** None scheduled.
- 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - 6.a** Council Resolutions Follow-Up Action.
 - 6.b** Key Dates.
- 7. BYLAWS & POLICIES**
 - 7.a** Healthy Workplace Air Policy 01-2026.
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 8.a** AB Muni's Standing Committee Nomination Request (Councillor).
 - 8.b** Traffic Signage Proposal (Westview Crescent).
 - 8.c** Land Acknowledgement Review.
- 9. FINANCIAL**
 - 9.a** Waste/Organics Collection Services Review: due October 1st, 2026.
[CLOSED SESSION ATIA ss. 19/29 and 30.]
 - 9.b** Fortis Franchise Fees 2027. Budget 2027 Information.
 - 9.c** Bowden Daze Costs 2026.
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 10.a** Correspondence.
- 11. REPORTS**
 - 11.a** CAO's Report.
 - 11.b** Council Committee Reports.
 - 11.c** Society & Other Reports.
- 12. CLOSED SESSION**
 - 12.a** Volunteer Application section 197 MGA (personal information - volunteer applications).
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**



Agenda

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 2
Prepared by: CAO	Approved By: Mayor
Report Type: RFD	Attachment(s): Agenda.

2.a Agenda.

2.a

Administration submits to Council the Agenda for Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 24th, 2026.

2.a

Adoption of the Agenda.

Council is requested to pass a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and printed.

Recommended Motion:

Motion 2.a

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council adopts the agenda, as presented and printed, for the Regular Council Meeting of August 24th, 2026.

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 3.a
Prepared by: CAO	Approved By: CAO
Report Type: RFD	Attachment(s): Minutes August 10 th , 2026, Regular Meeting.

3.a Minutes.

3.a

Administration submits to Council the minutes of the previous Regular Council Meeting held on:

- Monday, August 10th, 2026.

3.a

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Minutes:

Council is requested to pass a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting(s) (as attached).

Recommended Motion:

Motion 3.a

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council adopts the minutes, as presented and printed, for the Regular Council Meeting of August 10th, 2026.

Town of Bowden - Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Bowden
to be held in Council Chambers, at 2101 - 20th Avenue, Bowden,
on **Monday, August 10th, 2026, 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laurie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT	Mayor	Laurie Miller
	Councillor	Randy Brown
	Councillor	Ryan Howlett
	Councillor	Cam Morrison
	Councillor	Amanda Peffers
	Councillor	Carol Pion
	Councillor	Marietta Tuckwell
	CFO	Jacqui Molyneux (regrets)
	CAO	Christiaan Liebenberg (Recorder)
	Delegate	Mark Dyer, Business Development Manager - Alberta Solids Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. (Virtual - Teams).

1.a Land Acknowledgement.

We respectfully acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territories of the Treaty 7 First Nations - including the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani First Nations), the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Îyârhe Nakoda Nations - as well as the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. We honour the Indigenous Peoples who have cared for this land, and we are grateful to live, learn, and build community on this land.

2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.a Agenda.

Motion 2.a

MOVED by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopt the agenda for the August 10th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting as presented and amended: addition 12.a ATIA section ss.29 CLOSED SESSION: Land.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.a Regular Council Meeting (July 27th, 2026).

Motion 3.a

MOVED by Councillor Carol Pion that Council adopt the minutes, as presented and printed, for the Regular Council Meeting of July 27th, 2026.

CARRIED

3.b Special Council Meeting (July 28th, 2026).

Motion 3.b

MOVED by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council adopt the minutes, as presented and printed, for the Special Council Meeting of July 28th, 2026.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

5. DELEGATIONS

5.a Waste Collection Services/Contract Review RFD 2 (CLOSED SESSION Access to Information Act, ss. 19).

Motion 5.a (i)

MOVED by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell at 7:04 PM that Council moves into a closed session to discuss the Waste Collection Cost Review and Service Delivery Options RFD 2.

CARRIED

Motion 5.a. (ii)

MOVED by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council returns to open session at 7:49 PM.

CARRIED

Motion 5.a (iii)

MOVED by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts the Waste Collection Cost Review (RFD 2) as information.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.a Council Resolutions Follow-Up Action.

Motion 6.a

MOVED by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council accepts the Council Resolutions Follow Up Action Report as information.

CARRIED

6.b Key Dates.

Motion 6.b

MOVED by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council accepts agenda item 6.b Key Dates as information with the addition of Expanding Horizon's Meeting October 10th at 7:00 PM.

CARRIED

6.c LUB and MDP rewrite / next steps update: August 2026 & Strategic Plan Graphics = \$2,400.00 (excluding GST).

Motion 6.c (i)

MOVED by Councillor Cam Morrison that Council accepts agenda item 6.c the Land Use Bylaw and MDP rewrite next steps/August 2026 update as information.

CARRIED

Motion 6.c (ii)

MOVED by Councillor Carol Pion that Council receive, accept and approve the \$2,400 (excluding GST) cost of having the consultant complete the Strategic Plan Graphics.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

7.a Scent - Free Policy 01-2026 (Drafts presented / Review).

Motion 7.a

MOVED by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council accepts as information (both) Draft Scent Free Policy 01-2026 with a recommendation to Administration to revise and edit sample 2 and resubmit with revisions discussed for review at the next available Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED**8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.a Red Deer County Regional Funding Study Letter July 28th, 2026.

Motion 8.a

MOVED by Councillor Randy Brown that Council receive and accept the Red Deer County Regional Funding Letter from July 28th, 2026 and direct Administration to draft and submit a letter of support.

CARRIED

8.b Memorial Benches.

Motion 8.b

MOVED by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council receive the Memorial Benches Submission as information and task Administration to do more research on the bench program.

CARRIED

8.c Community Showcase September 17th, 2026.

Motion 8.c

MOVED by Councillor Randy Brown that Council receive, accept and approve the FCSS Community Showcase details for September 17th, 2026.

CARRIED**9. FINANCIAL**

9.a Utilities: Budget Planning 2027 - Utilities Report & Bowden Pumphouse Server Update.

Motion 9.a (i)

MOVED by Councillor Cam Morrison that Council receive and accept the Utilities Report as information.

CARRIED**Motion 9.a (ii)**

MOVED by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council receive, accept and approve Johnson Controls Option 1 Bowden Pumphouse Controls Server Update = \$39,880.00.

CARRIED**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

10.a Trans Northern Pipelines (TNPI) Edition Summer 2026.

10.b Red Deer Regional Health Foundation (email & letter July 27th, 2026).

10.c Red Deer County Inter Rec & Culture Funding = \$141,554.00 (letter July 23rd, 2026).

Motion 10

MOVED by Councillor Carol Pion that Council accepts all the correspondence presented as information.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS

11.a CAO's Report.

Motion 11.a

MOVED by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council accepts the submitted CAO report as information.

CARRIED

11.b Council Committee Reports.

- i. CAEP Lunch and Learn Sept 9th, 2026.
 - shared via email July 24th, 2026.
- ii. South Red Deer Regional Waste Commission / SRDRWC July 16th, 2026, Meeting.
 - shared via email July 24th, 2026.
- iii. Freezie Friday.
 - email August 4th, 2026.

Motion 11.b

MOVED by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council accept all the Council Committee Reports as submitted for information.

CARRIED

11.c Society & Other Reports.

- i. Bowden Agricultural Society.
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- ii. Alberta Counsel.
 - Shared Newsletter 253 via email August 4th, 2026.
- iii. Parkland Foundation.
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- iv. Rural Development Network.
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- v. Expanding Horizons.
 - July 29th, 2026.
- vi. Chinook Edge School Division.
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- vii. FCSS Community Navigator Report: July 2026.
 - email August 5th, 2026.
- viii. Bowden Friendship Centre.
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Motion 11.c

MOVED by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accept all the submitted society and other reports as information.

CARRIED

12. CLOSED SESSION

Motion 12.a (i)

MOVED by Councillor Randy Brown that Council moves into closed session at 9:23 PM.

CARRIED

Motion 12.a. (ii)

MOVED by Councillor Carol Pion that Council returns to open session at 9:51 PM.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT**Motion 13**

MOVED by Councillor Ryan Howlett at 9:51 PM to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Unapproved

Minutes signed by:

**Mayor
Laurie Miller**

**CAO
Christiaan Liebenberg**



Business Arising (1) Council Resolutions

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 6.a
Prepared by: CAO	Approved by: CAO
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): Council Resolutions.

Matters arising from past minutes (2026).

6.a Council Resolutions Requiring Follow Up Action Report.

An up-to-date summary of past Council resolutions that require follow-up action is attached for information.

Recommended Motions:

Motion 6.a

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council accepts the Council Resolutions Follow Up Action Report as information.

Town of Bowden

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS & FOLLOW UP ACTION

(updated comments in red - updated 2026-08-19)

Meeting Date	Resolution	Action By Whom	Date back to Council
24 Nov 25	Agenda item 8.a. Administration to adopt a scent-free environment policy. OHS tasked to complete. Changes made from RCM Aug 10th see item 7 for new revised and renamed policy approval.	CAO	In Progress August 24th
26 Jan 26	Agenda Item 10.h – Brownlee – Emerging Trends in Municipal Law. Follow-up for offering later in the year.	CAO	Pending
26 Jan 26	Agenda Item 12.a – Strategic Planning. Administration to engage McCarroll Consulting to provide ½ day workshop to the council. Determine availability for either February 20 or 21. Tabled for review with LUB/MDP. Consultant advised of Graphics approval and Comms has provided the image folder after Aug 10th RCM.	CAO/Council	Pending Sept 28 th
23 Feb 26	Agenda Item 11.a – ATCO Process for Renewal. March 23 RCM: 1 st reading of by-law 03-2026: Done Step 10 Send Proof & Feedback to ATCO 2026-06-25: Done (Proof of Publication, Public Feedback & Confirmation of Advertising): Done Step 11: next step: Responsibility ATCO: Apply to AUC for renewal and fee rate: ToB awaits this step now. 45 days	CAO	In progress
23 Mar 26	Agenda Item 6.b – MDP – LUB. April 20: drafts reviewed, waiting on second draft. Final Draft will be shared in September 2026 – images has been provided by Comms for input into MDP and LUB late July Aug 10 RCM	CAO	Pending Sept 28 th
23 Mar 26	Agenda Item 11.a – Solar Energy Projects. New CAO to investigate full cost/benefit report.	CAO	Pending
27 Apr 26	Agenda Item 8.a – CAEP Membership. Table for February 2027.	CAO	Pending
11 May 26 22 June 26 13 July 26 27 July 26 10 Aug 26	Agenda Item 11.a – Black and Green Bin Service. Two estimates RFP 1 and RFP 2 were presented: July 27 / Aug 10: Deadline for Renewal is Oct 1. This Operational matter needs to be completed as priority as Sept is full of other commitments. Council to review black and green estimates August 24th – the Circular Materials (Empringham) contract is for 7 years starting Oct 1, 2026. To consider: it's the smaller "hidden costs" like fuel surcharge or landfill costs that can make a difference over a longer period; reliable black and green bin service is a must and	CAO	Pending August 24 th Sept 14 th Sept 28 th

	should be based on results, convenience, locale, operational support and ease of implementation. 1. Who do you LIKE the most? 2. Operationally having to deal with one service provider is very beneficial. 3. Hidden or additional costs on top of regular charges. 4. Locale of service provider as well as en-route service. 5. Operationally Administration needs direction sooner rather than later due to Sept schedule. 6. Blue Bin service will run for 7 years starting Oct 1. 7. The lesser cost even a small amount like \$3,000 annually is less burden on the ratepayer and the municipality.		
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Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 6.b
Prepared by: CAO	Approved by: CAO
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): as presented below.

6.b Key Dates *(for information).*
AUGUST 2026

August 10	RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers.
August 17	Special Events Committee. 6.30 PM.
August 24	RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers.
August 25	Economic Development Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Council Chambers.

SEPTEMBER 2026

September 1	Bowden Public Library Board 4:15 PM.
September 3	CAEP Mayors and Reeves Roundtable 9:30 AM - Innisfail Public Library.
September 8	Expanding Horizons/FCSS.
September 9	CAEP Lunch and Learn.
September 9	Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission.
September 14	RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers.
September 17	Parkland Regional Library Board 10:00 AM.
September 17	Community Showcase Night FCSS Arena 3 – 8:00 PM.
September 17	Bowden Friendship Club 7:00 PM.
September 17	Central Alberta Mayors & Reeves - details TBA.
September 22	Bowden Grandview School.
September 22	RCMP Division K Tour @ 10:00 AM: Edmonton.
September 23-25	AB Munis Fall Conference: Edmonton Convention Centre.
September 28	RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers.

OCTOBER 2026

October 1	Parkland Foundation.
October 7	South Red Deer Regional Waste Commission Elected Officials/CAO's Meeting 7:00 PM Innisfail Public Library.
October 8	CAEP Lunch & Learn 12:00 - 1:00 PM Microsoft Teams
October 10	Expanding Horizon's 7:00 PM.
October 13	RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers.
October 26	Organizational Meeting 6:30 PM Council Chambers.
October 26	RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers.

Recommended Motion:**Motion 6.b**

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council accepts agenda item 6.b as information.

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 7.a
Prepared by: PA Julie Howlett	Approved by: CAO
Report Type: RFD	Attachment(s): Healthy Workplace Air Policy 01-2026 Draft.

7.a Scent - Free Policy 01-2026 Revised Sample 2 from Aug 10th RCM.

- Revisions from August 10th RCM completed and attached.
- Include Mayor edits and Meeting Comments including title change.

Recommended Motion:

Motion 7.a

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council receive, accept and approve Healthy Workplace Air Policy 01-2026.

From Mayor <mayor@bowden.ca>

Date Fri 8/7/2026 1:56 PM

To CAO <cao@bowden.ca>

As discussed, here are some suggested edits to the Scent Free policy.

Thank you for preparing and presenting the draft policies. They provide a solid foundation. After reviewing them, I offer the following suggestions for consideration and discussion at RCM. The draft policies are an excellent starting point. Expanding the language beyond fragrances alone would create a more inclusive policy that supports employees, elected officials, volunteers, contractors, and visitors while promoting a healthier workplace for everyone.

1. Broaden the Focus

Consider using a title such as Healthy Workplace Air Policy rather than Scent-Free Workplace Policy.

This better reflects that sensitivities can be triggered by a range of airborne chemicals, not just perfumes.

2. Expand the Product Examples

In addition to personal fragrances, consider including examples such as:

- Scented laundry detergents, fabric softeners, dryer sheets, and scent boosters
- Air fresheners, scented candles, wax warmers, and incense
- Strongly scented cleaning products
- Paints, solvents, and other products that produce strong chemical odours

3. Include the Town's Commitment

Consider adding a statement that, where reasonably practicable, the Town will use fragrance-free or low-odour products, provide education, and consider reasonable accommodation for individuals affected by chemical sensitivities.

4. Reference Accessibility

Consider including language such as:

The Town recognizes that some individuals experience disabling health effects from exposure to fragrances and other airborne chemicals. These sensitivities may require reasonable accommodation under applicable human rights legislation. This policy supports the Town's commitment to providing an accessible, respectful, and healthy environment.



TOWN OF BOWDEN

HEALTHY WORKPLACE AIR POLICY

Policy Number: 01-2026

Approved By: Town Council

Effective Date: August 24th, 2026

Review Date: July 2030

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Bowden is committed to providing a safe, healthy, respectful, and inclusive workplace for employees, elected officials, contractors, volunteers, and members of the public. Recognizing that exposure to scented products may trigger adverse health effects for some individuals, the Town supports a fragrance-free, low odour workplace by minimizing the use of scented or fragranced products in all municipal facilities, vehicles, and workspaces.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Promote a healthy and respectful workplace.
- Remove exposure to scented products that may cause allergic reactions, asthma, anaphylaxis, migraines, respiratory distress, or other medical conditions.
- Ensure cooperation in creating an environment that is comfortable and accessible for everyone.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All Town of Bowden employees.
- Members of Council.
- Contractors and consultants.
- Volunteers.

- Visitors and members of the public attending Town facilities, worksites, or events.
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4. POLICY

To help maintain a healthy workplace, individuals entering or working in Town-owned or leased facilities are requested to refrain from wearing or using strongly scented products.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Perfume and cologne.
- Body sprays.
- Aftershave.
- Strongly scented lotions or creams.
- Hair sprays and styling products with strong fragrances.
- Essential oils with noticeable fragrances.
- Air fresheners or other fragrance-producing products.
- Scented laundry detergents, fabric softeners, dryer sheets, and scent boosters.
- Air fresheners, scented candles, wax warmers, and incense.
- Strongly scented cleaning products.
- Paints, solvents, and other products that produce strong chemical odours.

The Town of Bowden will make reasonable efforts to reduce unnecessary scents within municipal workplaces by:

- Purchasing unscented or low-scent cleaning and maintenance products whenever practical.
 - Limiting the use of air fresheners and scented deodorizers in Town facilities.
 - Posting scent-free reminders at public entrances and employee areas, where appropriate.
 - Promoting awareness of fragrance sensitivities among staff.
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5. RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees

Employees are expected to:

- Support this policy by avoiding the use of scented products while at work.
- Respect requests to reduce or eliminate fragrances.
- Notify their supervisor if they experience health concerns related to scented products in the workplace.

Supervisors

Supervisors are responsible for:

- Promoting awareness of this policy.
- Addressing concerns respectfully and confidentially.
- Working with employees to identify practical solutions where fragrance sensitivities are identified.
- Consulting Human Resources regarding accommodation where appropriate.

Visitors

Visitors are encouraged to refrain from wearing scented products when attending Town facilities or meetings.

6. ACCOMMODATION

The Town recognizes that some individuals experience disabling health effects from exposure to fragrances and other airborne chemicals. These sensitivities may require reasonable accommodation under applicable human rights legislation. This policy supports the Town's commitment to providing an accessible, respectful, and healthy environment.

7. COMPLIANCE

This policy is intended to promote awareness, cooperation, and mutual respect rather than impose disciplinary measures.

Employees, visitors, contractors, or volunteers who inadvertently introduce strong scents into the workplace may be reminded of this policy and asked to help reduce fragrance exposure whenever reasonably possible.

Repeated employee non-compliance may be addressed through normal supervisory processes.

8. COMMUNICATION

The Town will:

- Include this policy in employee orientation materials.
- Communicate the policy periodically to employees and Council.
- Display scent-free signage in municipal facilities where appropriate.
- Use fragrance-free or low-odour products.
- Provide education about chemical and fragrance sensitivities.
- Consider reasonable accommodation for individuals affected by chemical and fragrance sensitivities.

9. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every four (4) years or sooner if operational requirements, legislation, or workplace needs warrant.

Approved by Town Council: August 24th, 2026.

Date: August 24th, 2026.

Policy Number: 01-2026

DRAFT

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 8.a
Prepared by: CAO	Approved By: Mayor
Report Type: RFD	Attachment(s): Email request August 10 th , 2026.

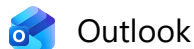
8.a AB Muni's Standing Committee Nomination request: Cllr Carol Pion.

Please see the attached email request from Cllr. Pion.

Recommended Motions:

Motion 8.a

MOVED by _____ that Council receive, accept and approve Councillor Carol Pion's interest to apply to be nominated for an AB Muni's committee – The Weekly August 6th, 2026.



Outlook

ABmuni Standing Committee Nomination request

From Carol Pion <carolpion@bowden.ca>

Date Mon 8/10/2026 2:08 PM

To Mayor <mayor@bowden.ca>; CAO <cao@bowden.ca>

Good day Mayor & CAO,

Im writing to humbly ask for the Towns, you Mayor Miller & Councils support in my interest to submit my application to be nominated for a ABmunis committee, as outlined in the "ABmuni The Weekly August 6th".

Sitting on a committee and representing the Town of Bowden has been a long time interest of mine since my first term. Now with my experience and grasp on municipality issues, policy, procedures and passion good governance, I feel I can best represent our Town on this provincial platform.

My main Standing Policy Committee interests would be the Finance & Economy Committee or Municipal Governance Committee or Policing, Justice and Emergency Management, as any of these I have extensive personal and elected official experience with and feel these would best benefit our community overall.

If selected for one of these committees, I would be paid by ABmunis in form of a honorarium and travel reimbursement, with no financial commitment from the Town. However my participation may affect the time commitment I hold as councillor, however will effectively manage my priorities with the Town first and foremost.

I would greatly appreciated the opportunity and your support in this nomination and if this request is accepted by you Mayor Miller first, it then be presented to Council for their support as well. I would then submit the application. Deadline is Sept 25, 2026.

I truly believe being part of ABmunis Standing Committees will directly benefit The Town of Bowden.

Thank you for your time and look forward to your comments.

Carol

Councillor Carol Pion

Town of Bowden

Phone: 403-224-3395

Cell: 403-586-3494

Fax: 403-224-2244

Email: carolpion@bowden.ca

Enclosures: Standing Committees List, reimbursement

- **Finance and Economy Committee:** Covers municipal funding models, taxation, community economic development, housing supply, and viability. [[1](#)]
- **Health and Social Wellbeing Committee:** Addresses community health, preventative social services, and related local wellbeing matters. [, [2](#)]
- **Policing, Justice and Emergency Management Committee:** Deals with local policing transitions, community safety, and emergency response frameworks. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]
- **Infrastructure and Environment Committee:** Focuses on asset management, climate change, clean air, broadband/cell coverage, energy, land use planning, solid waste, and public works. [[1](#)]
- **Municipal Governance Committee:** Handles municipal legislation, property assessment policies, intermunicipal cooperation, Indigenous relations, and election rules. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

Members of Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) who serve specifically on the ABmunis Board of Directors or its committees receive honoraria and expense reimbursements directly from ABmunis. For general municipal council members attending ABmunis events or conventions, pay and expenses are covered by their home Municipalities

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On Aug 8, 2026, at 1:32 PM, Alberta Municipalities <communications@abmunis.ca> wrote:

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THE WEEKLY

August 6, 2026



**Call for nominations – 2026
ABmunis Board of Directors**

**2026 Municipal Award
Winners**

**Engagement for draft
Caribou Mountains Sub-
Regional Plan**

Join a committee today!

Have a voice in one of ABmunis' Committees. Apply for a committee position and help guide the policy discussions and priorities that support municipalities across Alberta.

Learn more

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 8.b
Prepared by: CAO	Approved By: Mayor
Report Type: Information/RFD.	Attachment(s): email August 10 th , 2026.

8.b Traffic Signage Proposal.

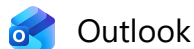
Submission email August 10th, 2026.

Recommended Motions:

Motion 8.b

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council receive, accept and approve the traffic signage as presented.





Outlook

Requesting Consideration for Westview Cres Signage

From Carol Pion <carolpion@bowden.ca>

Date Mon 8/10/2026 2:50 PM

To Mayor <mayor@bowden.ca>; CAO <cao@bowden.ca>

Good afternoon Mayor Miller,

I would like to start the formal request for both a 30 km speed limit sign and flashing crosswalk on Westview Crescent, I was not sure how to begin and if it needs to even go to council, so thought I would start here :)

Reason for request

As we know first hand, Westview Crescent is a very active residential street in our town. Not only a well used road for drivers accessing the Igloo or FCSS Park Place, but also past senior housing, connecting Main to Main, and a very populated residential area. It's also a very popular walking route because the street is fairly new, good for bikes, scooters & pets and same easy accessible. Anytime of year you have multiple families out for an after dinner walk, kids riding bikes, moms pushing stroller or taking the dogs for a walk. This is what I love about living on this street.

However the down side for these users is safety. Being a perfect walking path also makes for a perfect "race way". Keep in mind this street is a crescent, literally, many hidden curves by either vegetation or parked cars. Leaving minimal visibility, you'd think drivers would go slow because of these obstacles but instead test the speedometer's. I've witnessed cars & e-bikes barreling down this street at way over the 50km posted limit coming around my corner with very close calls with children on bikes or pedestrians. Scary unsafe situation.

In seeking a solution to this issue, I would propose that Westview Crescent be a 30km posted speed limit.

In comparison, this speed limit is also been proven effective on Westview Drive, which is a busy residential area and not a direct access/exit point.

Second would be an installation of a solar flashing crosswalk sign at the new crosswalk crossing.

This walkway is a great asset to the community connecting park to park, many residents use this daily all times of day. There are road markings, a railing preventing vehicles to access the pathway but again a real safety issue for pedestrians crossing Westview Crescent. Just yesterday I witnessed 2 younger girls struggling to maintain control of a big dog, not paying attention crossed the street without looking, a car coming around the curve did not see the girls and served to miss them. A heart racing experience for me and I was just an onlooker to the event. I would hope this flashing sign would alert both cars and pedestrians.

Again not sure how to proceed with this request but I believe needs to be a priority project for the safety of our community. I've provided a quick map but this is not my expertise and would leave for your direction respectfully.

Thank you for your time and look forward to your comments.

Regards,
Carol

Councillor Carol Pion
Town of Bowden

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NEW BUSINESS (3)

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 8.c
Prepared by: CAO	Approved By: Mayor
Report Type: Information/RFD	Attachment(s): Land Acknowledgment Review

8.c Land Acknowledgment Review.

Please see the request submitted for review by email August 18th.

Recommended Motions:

Motion 8.c

MOVED by _____ that Council receive, accept and approve the revised land acknowledgement as presented.

OR

Land Acknowledgements at Council Meetings

I would like to place on record my respectful objection to the inclusion of an Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement at the opening of our council meetings and in our Town of Bowden documents.

My concerns are of governance and procedure, and the other more personal.

To my knowledge, the use and wording of this acknowledgement has not been formally debated or adopted by resolution of Council. Under the principles of the Municipal Government Act, Council speaks collectively through bylaws and resolutions. When statements are made as part of the official proceedings of Town Council, it is important that they represent a decision of Council rather than an informal or assumed practice.

For this reason alone, I believe the matter should be formally considered by Council before continuing as part of the meeting agenda.

Secondly, I believe it is important to acknowledge the constitutional and historical framework that already governs the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the Crown in Alberta. Much of Alberta is covered by historic treaties, including Treaty 6, Treaty 7, and Treaty 8. Through these treaties, Indigenous nations and the Crown established agreements that included the ceding of land to the Crown while establishing rights and obligations.

These treaty obligations remain an important part of Canada's constitutional framework and include commitments such as:

- the protection of treaty rights
- the provision of reserve lands
- access to hunting and fishing rights within treaty areas
- commitments related to education and certain services
- the ongoing duty of the Crown to consult on matters affecting treaty rights

Recognizing and honouring these obligations is important and appropriate. **However, I do not believe that a ceremonial statement at the beginning of every council meeting meaningfully recognizes or advances those obligations.**

Attached, you will find reports of quotes by Aboriginals (unless otherwise noted) people regarding the frustration and in some cases contempt for Aboriginal Land Acknowledgements as they are presented in recent form.

On a personal note, my perspective is also shaped by my family history. Members of my family served and sacrificed their lives in the First and Second World Wars in defence of Canada, alongside Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians. Those sacrifices reflect a shared commitment to this country and to the responsibilities of citizenship.

Canada has been built by many people groups over generations. While it is appropriate to acknowledge the history (and many continuing contributions) of Indigenous peoples, I believe it is equally important to recognize that many people groups and families have loved

this country at the cost of their lives, as well as contributed to building and defending this country.

For these reasons, I respectfully believe that the practice of opening council meetings with an Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement should be determined through resolution whether such a statement is appropriate and, if so, **what wording accurately reflects the legal and historical realities of our region.**

My intention in raising this matter is not to diminish the importance of Indigenous history or treaty relationships, but rather to ensure that our Council proceedings remain grounded in proper governance, factual context, respect for our full Canadian history and the diverse contributions of all Canadians.

Thank you.

Marietta D Tuckwell

Town of Bowden Councilor

Attachments

1. Indigenous Criticism of Land Acknowledgements — Public Indigenous Perspectives in Canadian Media and Academic Sources
2. Alberta Indigenous Voices on Land Acknowledgements — Public Statements and Alberta-Focused Sources

INDIGENOUS CRITICISM OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Public Indigenous Perspectives in Canadian Media and Academic Sources

Purpose

This report records publicly expressed comments by Indigenous writers, artists, researchers and scholars concerning contemporary land acknowledgements.

Lynn Gehl — Algonquin Anishinaabe-kwe

In a Canadian Press report carried by Global News, Lynn Gehl described some land acknowledgements as “meaningless and patronizing.” She compared the practice to an apology in which the behaviour does not change and said Indigenous people want action rather than “beautiful, lovely rhetoric.”¹ Gehl has also written her own Algonquin acknowledgement and has said such statements can have educational value.¹

Cliff Cardinal — Cree/Lakota playwright and performer

Cardinal has criticized the way land acknowledgements are commonly performed in institutional settings. Reporting about his play *The Land Acknowledgement, or As You Like It*, describes his objections to the practice as patronizing and to Indigenous people being used symbolically by institutions.² He has also criticized acknowledgements that function as “lip service” or virtue signalling.²

Indigenous artists and creators

A VICE article interviewed Indigenous artists and creators about land acknowledgements. Falen Johnson discussed the concern that some can sound like a “eulogy,” creating an impression that Indigenous peoples belong to the past rather than being living communities.² Frances Koncan discussed performative uses while recognizing that some can be sincere and meaningful. Yolanda Bonnell emphasized context, research, consultation and compensation for Indigenous expertise. Syreeta Hector criticized acknowledgements that sound as though a person is simply reading names from a prepared sheet.²

Mitch Holmes — Mohawk researcher

The Washington Post reported that Mitch Holmes, a Mohawk researcher associated with the *Whose Land* project, found errors in roughly half of the acknowledgements he reviewed.³ Holmes said many non-Indigenous people do not consult Indigenous communities when preparing acknowledgements and described them as something people can do that “makes

them feel good,” while reconciliation requires more work.³ He said whether acknowledgements should continue depends on the circumstances and who is delivering them.³

Indigenous academic perspective recorded in peer-reviewed research

A 2022 peer-reviewed article records an Indigenous professor's description of land acknowledgements as being about “making white people feel better.” The article also discusses Erik Carlson, identified as a member of the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, and his experience of institutions treating acknowledgements as a “checkbox.”⁴

Footnotes / Sources

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Source note

This report presents the cited public statements and source descriptions. It does not attempt to establish a consensus among Indigenous peoples or determine whether land acknowledgements are appropriate.

ALBERTA INDIGENOUS VOICES ON LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Public Statements and Alberta-Focused Sources

Purpose

This report records publicly available statements by Indigenous people connected to Alberta concerning land or territorial acknowledgements. It separates those Indigenous voices from Alberta-based academic research by non-Indigenous authors.

Rev. Tony Snow — Stoney Nakoda First Nation

Rev. Tony Snow is a member of the Stoney Nakoda First Nation, grew up at Morley, Alberta, and has served as an Indigenous Minister and Traditional Knowledge Keeper.¹ In a 2023 Broadview article, Snow criticized “performative rote acknowledgments.” He described Indigenous protocol as involving relationship, history, purpose, commitment and trust rather than simply reciting a statement.² He discussed introducing oneself to hosts and explaining one's relationship and purpose when entering another community's territory, and described acknowledgement as an “overture toward repairing a relationship.”²

Chelsea Vowel — Métis writer and legal scholar from Alberta

Chelsea Vowel is a Métis writer, educator and legal scholar from Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, and has lived and worked in Edmonton. In “Beyond Territorial Acknowledgments,” Vowel questioned whether territorial acknowledgements can become formulaic recitations that speakers and audiences simply get through before moving on to the main event.³ She wrote about acknowledgements being delivered without sufficient attention to history or relationship and emphasized asking what responsibilities follow from acknowledging Indigenous territory and what people are doing beyond saying the words.³

Shana Dion — Kehewin Cree Nation / University of Alberta

Shana Dion is a Cree woman from Kehewin Cree Nation and has served in leadership at the University of Alberta concerning First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.⁴ In a 2019 University of Alberta article, Dion said acknowledgement language is not intended to be fixed wording. She emphasized that acknowledgements should be fluid enough to resonate with the person saying them and should come from the heart rather than simply being read from a script.⁵ She also encouraged research into the history being acknowledged, learning Indigenous nation names and pronouncing them correctly.⁵

Caroline Ryan-York — Treaty 6/Edmonton academic research (non-Indigenous author)

Ryan-York's 2025 article in *Spectrum*, a University of Alberta journal, examines land acknowledgements in Treaty 6 and Edmonton. The article identifies the author as non-Indigenous; this section is therefore included as Alberta-based academic research rather than as an Indigenous voice.⁶ Ryan-York writes that the research arose from frustration with improper acknowledgements, examines institutional statements used by Edmonton organizations, and discusses “false allyship with Indigenous Peoples” and script-like institutional statements.⁶

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Source note

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Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 9.a
Prepared by: PA Julie Howlett	Approved By: CAO
Report Type: RFD / Information	Attachment(s): Confidential/CLOSED SESSION

9.a CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

9.a Waste / Organics Collection Services Agreements Review / Option (Confidential).

Reason for Closed Session: Administration will present confidential financial analysis, procurement considerations, contractor pricing information, and strategic recommendations relating to the Town's waste collection services. Public disclosure at this stage could prejudice the Town's negotiating position and affect the business interests of third parties.

Municipal Government Act, s. 197 – authorizes Council to close all or part of a meeting when the matter falls within an exception in the ATIA.

ATIA s. 29 – Advice from Officials, where Administration is presenting recommendations, analysis, options, or negotiation strategies to Council. Section 29 specifically protects advice, recommendations, analyses, policy options, and positions developed for contractual negotiations.

ATIA s. 30 – Disclosure Harmful to the Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body, where disclosure could prejudice the Town's financial or negotiating position in relation to waste collection contracts or procurement.

ATIA s. 19 – Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party, if contractor pricing, proprietary methodologies, or confidential commercial information will be discussed. This section is commonly relied upon for procurement and contract matters

Waste Agreement Black Renewal due October 1st, 2026. Organics Option Reviewed.

Recommended Motions:

9.a Waste/Organics Collection Services Review: due October 1st, 2026.

Motion 9.a (i)

MOVED by Councillor _____ at _____ PM that Council moves into a closed session to discuss the Waste/Organics Collection Cost Review and Service Delivery Options.

Motion 9.a (ii)

MOVED by Councillor _____ at _____ PM that Council return to an “open meeting” of Council.

AND/OR

Motion 9.a.(iii)

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council receive, accept and approve Waste / Organics Collection Cost Review and Service Delivery Option RFD _____.

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 9.b
Prepared by: PA Julie Howlett	Approved By: CAO
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): Email and spreadsheet Fortis Aug 17 th

9.b Fortis Franchise Fee 2027 = \$142K.

See the email from August 17th for 2027 Budget Planning (Revenues).

Recommended Motion:

9.b Fortis Franchise Fee 2027.

Motion 9.b

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council receive and accept as information the Annual Franchise Fee Calculator for 2027.



Outlook

Annual Franchise Fee Calculator

From Kelsey Nixon <kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com>
on behalf of
Stakeholder Relations Team <stakeholderrelations@fortisalberta.com>

Date Mon 8/17/2026 10:18 AM

To CAO <cao@bowden.ca>

Cc Chris Burt <chris.burt@fortisalberta.com>

 1 attachment (82 KB)

2026-2027 Franchise Calculator - Town of Bowden.xlsx;

Good morning,

On behalf of the Stakeholder Relations Team, please find attached the 2027 Franchise Fee Calculator to support your municipal budgeting process.

The calculator is designed to provide an estimate of potential franchise fee revenues for 2027 and assist with your budget planning. Please keep in mind that actual revenues may vary based on several factors, including the Alberta Utilities Commission's (AUC) final approved transmission and distribution electricity rates (expected before the end of December), customer counts, consumption, weather conditions, and other local factors. For additional context, the calculator also includes historical revenue trends under the YOY Data tab.

If your municipality is considering an adjustment to its franchise fee rate, please contact your Stakeholder Relations Manager (SRM). Your SRM will provide the required documentation, outline the application process, and discuss your available advertising options.

To meet the AUC's filing requirements, FortisAlberta must submit any franchise fee changes at least 45 days before the proposed January 1, 2027 effective date. Therefore, all documentation supporting a proposed change must be **received by November 13, 2026.**

We appreciate your attention to this timeline, as extensions cannot be granted due to the AUC's filing deadlines. Please note that late submissions, or submissions that are incomplete or contain inaccurate information, may affect the timing of the filing and approval process. Any late submissions will be filed with the AUC in February, with an anticipated effective date of April 1, 2027.

If you have any questions or require assistance with the calculator or the franchise fee process, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Stakeholder Relations Manager.

Thank you,



The line that connects us all

We lead by example, innovate with purpose, and champion sustainable change so we can

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 9.c
Prepared by: PA Julie Howlett	Approved By: CAO
Report Type: Bowden Daze Parade and Escape Rooms costs + Donations.	Attachment(s): Email and spreadsheet Fortis Aug 17 th

9.c Parade Costs 2026.

See the email from August 18th.

9.c Bowden Daze Parade and Escape Room Costs & Donations 2026.

Recommended Motion:

Motion 9.c

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council receive, accept and approve the Bowden Daze Costs submitted and approve the following donations:

- Bowden Town Theatre = \$_____
- Thrift Store = \$_____
- Bowden Friendship Club = \$_____



FW: Bowden Daze

From Mayor <mayor@bowden.ca>
Date Tue 8/18/2026 10:38 AM
To Jacqui Molyneux <cfo@bowden.ca>
Cc CAO <cao@bowden.ca>

1 attachment (51 KB)
 parade costs.pdf;

Thank you Jacqui – can we also get the breakdown of the total costs and revenue for the escape rooms. This will need to be on the next RCM agenda to discuss donations back to supporters of the event (i.e. Bowden Town Theatre, Thrift Store and Bowden Friendship Club).



Mayor Laurie Miller
 Town of Bowden
 Box 338, 2101 20th Ave
 Bowden, Alberta, T0M 0K0

Email: mayor@bowden.ca
 Phone: 403 224 3395
 Cell: 587-321-7495

From: Jacqui Molyneux <cfo@bowden.ca>
Sent: August 18, 2026 7:57 AM
To: Mayor <mayor@bowden.ca>
Subject: FW: Bowden Daze

Helps if you were in the chain, sorry about that Laurie

Jacqui Molyneux
CFO
Phone 403-224-3395
Fax 403-224-2244



Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 10.a
Prepared by: CAO	Approved by: CAO
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): Correspondence received.

10.a Correspondence.

Content:

- 10.a** Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund Letter.
(email August 10th, 2026).
- 10.b** EOEP Courses for Council This Fall
(email August 19th, 2026).

Recommended Motion:

Motion 10.a

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council accepts all the correspondence presented as information.



(2695690 Alberta Ltd.)
www.dammco.ca

83a Burnt Park Drive, Suite A1
 Red Deer, Alberta T4P 0J7

August 10, 2026

Mayor and Council
 Town of Bowden
 Via email: mayor@bowden.ca

Re: Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund— Is Your Municipality Shovel-Ready?

Dear Mayor Miller:

The federal and provincial governments recently announced the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund, providing a combined \$900,000,000+ for municipalities across Alberta. This presents a tremendous opportunity to fund critical water and wastewater infrastructure and catalyze local growth. If a lack of infrastructure capacity is affecting your community's ability to attract growth, this funding can help. Whether it's the need for a water treatment upgrade, a new reservoir, or a wastewater lift station, this program can help. Planning costs such as feasibility studies are also eligible. However, accessing these funds requires significant advance preparation. As you evaluate your community's strategic priorities, the critical question we are asking is: *Are you shovel-ready?*

We recognize that small municipalities often find it hard to assemble grant proposals quickly in the face of program deadlines. We know that achieving project readiness before the November 30th deadline is a demanding undertaking.

Can We Help?

Dammco is reaching out to Alberta's small towns and villages to provide direct support. Our services include:

- **Creating Infrastructure Plans:** Translating existing planning documents including your MDP into an infrastructure plan that is shovel-ready
- **Grant Application Support:** Navigating the new housing grant requirements, alongside optimizing

your LGFF (Local Government Fiscal Framework) allocations and possible funding from the Drought and Flood Protection Program (DFPP).

- **Shovel-Ready Preparation:** Fast-tracking feasibility studies, project framing, and engineering liaisons to meet strict provincial and federal criteria.
- **Strategic & Financial Planning:** Utility rate setting and financial modeling based on capital plans, and comprehensive business plan updates tailored to your unique municipal needs.
- **Project Management:** Coordinating capital plan implementation including procurement of engineering services and overseeing the tender process.

Who Are We?

We are a boutique consulting firm comprised of four senior partners with extensive experience in planning, municipal administration, operations, asset management, project management and civic engagement.

Our objective is to bridge the capacity gap for your administrative team, ensuring that your community does not miss out on this historic funding injection due to administrative bottlenecks.

We would welcome the opportunity to connect with your CAO or Council to discuss your current infrastructure pipeline. We would be pleased to work with you to ensure your priority projects are identified, and grant applications are prepared before the November 30th deadline.

Sincerely,



Albert Frootman, RPP, MCIP, Director
albert.frootman@localisplanning.com
403.710.8996

Cc: Jacqui Molyneux, Interim CAO
cao@bowden.ca



Outlook

EOEP Courses for Council This Fall

From Executive Assistant on Behalf of Dana Mackie <ea_dmackie@abmunis.ca>

Date Wed 8/19/2026 9:02 AM

To CAO <cao@bowden.ca>

Dear Mayors/Reeves, Councillors, and CAOs,

As fall approaches, our Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) offers several courses to help you continue building your knowledge and practical governance skills to serve your community.

In-person courses at Alberta Municipalities Convention in Edmonton | September 22, 2026

- Effective Meetings
- Service Delivery
- Strategic Planning

Cost: \$425.00 [Register Here](#)

In-person courses at Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall Convention in Edmonton | November 2, 2026

- Budgeting & Finance
- Effective Meetings
- Public Engagement

Cost: \$425.00 [Register Here](#)

We want to remind you that elected officials from any Alberta municipality are welcome to register for EOEP courses offered at either convention or take advantage of learning opportunities at both.

Online courses this fall

Employment of the CAO

- Date: Oct. 7 | Oct. 14 | Oct. 21, 2026
- Time: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Cost: \$295.00 – [Register Here](#)

Land Use Planning & Approvals

- Date: Nov. 12 | Nov. 19 | Nov. 26, 2026
- Time: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$295.00 – [Register Here](#)

EOEP is jointly delivered by Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and we look forward to recognizing several elected officials at the upcoming fall conventions for their accomplishments in obtaining their [Municipal Elected Leaders Certificate](#). Each eligible EOEP course brings you another step closer to earning the certificate while strengthening the knowledge and skills you bring to your council table. Visit the EOEP website for a full list of all [upcoming courses](#) and next year's schedule.

Thank you for your continued commitment to strong municipal leadership across Alberta.

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 11.a
Prepared by: CAO	Approved by: CAO
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): as listed

11.a CAO Report August 24th, 2026.

CAO

- **Rural Renewal Stream Update:** Innisfail Economic Development had requested an updated list of all the Bowden RRS applicants since the beginning of the program. They provided template and the information was compiled based off the electronic folder Bowden CAO has. CAO also initiated contact with all representatives to confirm the status of employment for all the applicants. Replies were received throughout the day August 10th with two businesses visited the office to confirm. All status is updated as of August 10th and provided to Innisfail. A&W has six new applicants to be submitted. But see the attached correspondence. No more candidates and list are due Sept 4th as per our meeting Aug 13th.

Operations

Aug 10 RCM Items (and other):

- **Tree Stumps:** Public Works will be looking at renting a stump grinder to clean up any stumps that have been left around town for the Fortis tree removal. This will either be a Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 job.
- **Porta Potty's (2):** Town have a porta potty at the cemetery and then at the dog park. Concern with a porta potty at the arena park is that with it being a very wide-open area, it could end up being damaged or graffiti will be all over it = damages.



- **Pumphouse Pipe Overflow:** The sump pump for the pumphouse.

Lining

- Contractor will be in Town August 25&26 to complete the lining project.

Training

- IT is initiating some workplace specific training as it relates to in office personnel policy matters. So, we are in process of setting up a monthly video and exam exercise that will track on employee file so as employees are up to date on workplace issues.

Housekeeping from Items Aug 10 RCM

- RDC thanked by email for inter rec funding support August 11th to their CAO;
- Red Deer Regional Hospital contacted via email Aug 11th to set up discussion date: Sept 10th. 2026.
- FCSS has booked two tables for ToB Sept 17th;
- Strategic Plan Consultant advised of graphics approval August 11th (email). Photo library provided Aug 13th.
- **Meetings**
 Aug 13th met with two possible vendors about personnel related monthly video training. Inspiris set it up so we can relay the exact need.
 Aug 13th met with Gov AB Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) Quarterly Designated Community Meeting; they reiterated the need for the updated list to be provided by Sept 4th.
 Innisfail send follow up email – see attached.
- Volunteer and Summer Staff Gift Cards week of Aug 26 will be issued likely.
- Circular Materials contract = 7 years.
- Aug 18 met with E3 Lithium about their potential Central Processing Facility part of Clearwater Project – which is with the Alberta Energy Regulator. Economic Development potential about 100 jobs. They are willing to teams into Aug 25th meeting.
- Further LUB and MDP update email Aug 18th.

Staffing

- Next year 2027 Public Works will go back to a compressed workweek to allow 50/50 every second Friday off – Office staff still working on setting up an applicable same schedule May 1 to Sept 30.

Recommended Motion:
Motion 11.a

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council accept the submitted CAO report as information.

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 11.b
Prepared by: CAO	Approved by: CAO
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): As listed below.

11.b Council and Council Committee Reports.

A. Council Reports:

- i. Mayor Laurie Miller.
- ii. Councillor Randy Brown.
- iii. Councillor Ryan Howlett.
- iv. Councillor Cam Morrison.
- v. Councillor Amanda Peffers.
- vi. Councillor Carol Pion.
- vii. Councillor Marietta Tuckwell.

B. Committee Reports:

- viii. Special Events Committee Meeting August 17th, 2026.
- ix.

Council to provide reports on their committee engagements, meetings and other commitments – this can be a combination of verbal and or written reports or individual reports from specific meetings like minutes. To be accepted as information.

Recommended Motion:

Motion 11.b

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council accept all the Council & Committee Reports as submitted for information.



Council Updates - Councillor Reports
July 2026

MEETING DATE:	August 24 th , 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Mayor Maurie Miller
REPORT TYPE:	Information
ATTACHMENTS:	None

Committees: • Municipal Planning Commission • Emergency Advisory Committee • Special Events & Cultural Committee • Weed Control Act – Appeals Committee • Intermunicipal Development Committee • Economic Development Committee • Governance & Priorities Committee	Other Bodies & Organizations • Bowden & District Agricultural Society • Expanding Horizons Cultural Enhancement Society • Bowden Friendship Club
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Purpose:

For members of council to provide a written update of participation in council activities such as board/committee meetings, conferences, training sessions, intergovernmental meetings, etc.

Meetings:

July 13 Regular Council Meeting.

July 27 Regular Council Meeting.

July 28 Special Council Meeting.

Events:

July 7 Bowden Friendship Club – parade float committee.

July 7-12 Bowden Daze: Busy week with float decorating, last minutes details, escape rooms, breakfast, parade and lunch. Closed the weekend visiting the rodeo and escape room volunteers.

July 22 Webinar: Understanding Leadership in the Municipal Environment.

July 29 Expanding Horizons Cultural Society Meeting: General planning for upcoming Casino (Oct 6 & 7)

Other Meetings:

- July 13** Minister Dreeshen: discussed LGFF funding availability and received updates on his portfolio.
- July 15** CAO/Mayor meeting.
- July 29** Minister Williams: discussed status of the code of conduct. LGFF funding and the timing of distribution of the grants; taxation for education and the police funding model vs the benefits realized by the municipalities given the increases.
- July 29** Expanding Horizons Cultural Society Meeting: General planning and updates for: upcoming Casino (Oct 6 & 7); raffle; Christmas party/winter events; winter market; etc. Decision made to proceed with parking lot paving.

Upcoming Items:

Aside from RCM and committee meetings; key items in September include the newly formatted Community Showcase, our tour of the K-Division Headquarters and Ops Centre, and ABmunis fall conference. I also have: Red Deer Regional Health Foundation, CAEP Mayors and Reeves Roundtable and the quarterly Central Alberta Mayors meeting.

General:

I've really enjoyed our first few months working together as a Council and appreciate how well we've settled into working as a team. There are lots ahead of us, with the LUB/MDP, strategic planning and getting the Economic Development Committee up and running. I'm looking forward to all of it and to seeing what we can accomplish together.



Council Updates
Councillor Reports July 2026

MEETING DATE:	August 24 th , 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Councillor, Randy Brown
REPORT TYPE:	Information
ATTACHMENTS:	N/A or Minutes or Agenda / Other

Committees: • Municipal Planning Commission • Emergency Advisory Committee • Special Events & Cultural Committee • Weed Control Act – Appeals Committee • Economic Development Committee • Governance & Priorities Committee	Other Bodies & Organizations • Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission • South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission Alternate • Central Alberta Economic Partnership
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For members of council to provide a written update of participation in council activities such as board/committee meetings, conferences, training sessions, intergovernmental meetings, etc.

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July 13 - Regular Council Meeting.

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July 28 - Special Council Meeting.

Events:

Bowden Daze July 8 to 10.

Other Meetings:

Minister Dreeshen July 13 – discussed funding availability.

Upcoming Items:

SRDRWC Oct 7



Council Updates
Councillor Reports July 2026

MEETING DATE:	August 24 th , 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Councillor Ryan Howlett
REPORT TYPE:	Information
ATTACHMENTS:	N/A or Minutes or Agenda / Other

Committees: • Municipal Planning Commission • Emergency Advisory Committee • Special Events & Cultural Committee • Weed Control Act – Appeals Committee • Intermunicipal Development Committee • Governance & Priorities Committee	Other Bodies & Organizations • Central Alberta Regional Waste Management Commission • FCSS • Bowden Historical Society Alternate: • Bowden & District Agricultural Society • Expanding Horizons Cultural Enhancement Society
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Other Meetings:

Minister Dreesen July 13 – discussed funding availability.

Upcoming Items:



Council Updates
Councillor Reports July 2026

MEETING DATE:	August 24 th , 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Councillor Cam Morrison
REPORT TYPE:	Information
ATTACHMENTS:	N/A or Minutes or Agenda / Other

Committees: • Municipal Planning Commission • Emergency Advisory Committee • Special Events & Cultural Committee • Weed Control Act – Appeals Committee • Governance & Priorities Committee • Bowden & District Cemetery Association	Other Bodies & Organizations Alternate: • Central Alberta Regional Waste Management Commission • Bowden Friendship Club
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Upcoming Items:



Council Updates
Councillor Reports July 2026

MEETING DATE:	August 24 th , 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Councillor Amanda Peffers
REPORT TYPE:	Information
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MEETING DATE:	August 24 th , 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Councillor Carol Pion
REPORT TYPE:	Information
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Town of Bowden – Special Events Committee

BOWDEN DAZE 2027 – PRELIMINARY PLANNING PACKAGE

Working Document – August 2026

1. Purpose

This document is intended to capture lessons learned from Bowden Daze 2026 and provide a starting point for planning Bowden Daze 2027.

It is a working document and may be updated throughout the year as decisions are made, volunteers and sponsors are confirmed, and new ideas are considered.

2. Overall 2026 Review

Bowden Daze 2026 was considered a successful community event, with strong attendance, positive public feedback and significant support from volunteers, sponsors, Town staff and community organizations.

The Committee identified a number of opportunities to build on that success in 2027, particularly through earlier planning, expanded promotion, continued volunteer and sponsor engagement, and minor operational improvements.

Carry Forward to 2027

- Maintain the strong community and volunteer focus.
- Begin planning and promotion earlier.
- Review the Bowden Daze budget to reflect growing attendance and activities.
- Continue developing partnerships with local businesses and community organizations.
- Develop individual promotional campaigns for major Bowden Daze activities rather than relying only on one overall event advertisement.
- Maintain a record of lessons learned, contacts, quantities and timelines for future committees.

3. Pancake Breakfast

What Worked Well

- Strong attendance.
- Positive public feedback.
- Volunteer support.
- Tim Hortons coffee partnership.
- Food quantities were generally appropriate.
- Breakfast continues to be an important community gathering.

Review for 2027

- Serving line and traffic flow.
- Entrance barricades and accessibility.
- Sausage cooking and warming process.
- Availability of warming roasters.
- Pre-cut parchment paper and food preparation supplies.
- Propane requirements.
- Food quantities based on increasing attendance.
- Volunteer numbers and assignments.

Early Action

- Confirm major equipment requirements.
- Approach Tim Hortons regarding continued participation.
- Review anticipated attendance when establishing the 2027 food budget.

4. Parade

What Worked Well

- Strong public attendance.
- Good variety of entries.
- Positive feedback.
- Town float was well received.
- Community participation was strong.

Opportunities for 2027

- Choose the parade theme earlier.
- Begin inviting participants earlier.
- Follow up with invited organizations.
- Expand recruitment of community groups and specialty entries.
- Improve visitor parking information and signage.
- Begin float planning and decorating earlier.
- Develop criteria for parade prizes.

Possible New Participants/Ideas

- Decorated mobility scooters.
- Children's decorated bicycles.
- Dance or gymnastics groups.
- Community performance groups.
- Fish & Wildlife or similar agencies.
- Additional service clubs and community organizations.

Early Action

- Establish 2027 theme.
- Order parade prize ribbons.
- Develop parade invitation/contact list.
- Set approximate date for invitations to be issued.
- Identify organizations that require significant advance notice.

5. Town Float

Carry Forward

- Begin design and decorating earlier.
- Establish decorating dates in advance.
- Encourage additional volunteer participation.
- Inventory decorations after each event.
- Reuse suitable decorations where practical.
- Identify required purchases early.

6. Fortis Lunch

What Worked Well

- Strong sponsor partnership.
- Good community participation.
- Volunteer support.

Review for 2027

- Cooking and warming equipment.
- Propane requirements.
- Food quantities.
- Serving procedures.
- Volunteer assignments.
- Continued Fortis participation/sponsorship.

7. Escape Rooms

The Escape Rooms were a new component of Bowden Daze 2026 and received positive feedback.

Review Before Confirming 2027

- Volunteer commitment.
- Operating hours.
- Registration/scheduling process.
- Pricing.

- Promotion.
- Themes and room design.
- Revenue and expenses.
- Use of proceeds.

Decision Required

Determine whether Escape Rooms will be offered again for Bowden Daze 2027 and, if so, identify a planning lead and preliminary timeline.

8. Marketing and Communications

2027 Goal

Develop a staged communications campaign that promotes Bowden Daze as a whole while also giving individual activities their own attention.

Preliminary Timeline

6–8 Weeks Before

- Save the Date.
- Parade registration opens.
- Sponsor recruitment/recognition.

4–6 Weeks Before

- Pancake Breakfast promotion.
- Parade participant features.
- Escape Room announcement, if applicable.

2–4 Weeks Before

- Fortis Lunch promotion.
- Family activities.
- Volunteer recruitment.
- Parade reminders.

Final Week

- Event schedule.
- Parade route and parking information.
- Daily countdown/features.
- Sponsor recognition.

Following Bowden Daze

- Community thank-you.
- Volunteer recognition.
- Sponsor recognition.
- Photos/highlights.

- Committee debrief.

9. Volunteers and Sponsors

2027 Planning

Maintain an annual contact list for:

- Sponsors.
- Community organizations.
- Parade participants.
- Event volunteers.
- Judges.
- Entertainment/activity providers.
- Equipment providers.

Recognition

Build volunteer and sponsor recognition into the planning process rather than leaving thank-yous until after the event.

10. Budget Planning

Items to consider during 2027 budget preparation:

- Pancake Breakfast food and supplies.
- Parade expenses and prizes.
- Float decorations.
- Marketing/advertising.
- Entertainment and children's activities.
- Equipment purchases or rentals.
- Escape Room expenses, if continued.
- Volunteer recognition.
- Contingency for increased attendance.

The Committee should identify any anticipated budget increase early enough for consideration during the Town's normal budget process.

11. Preliminary Annual Timeline

Fall 2026

- Complete 2026 debrief.
- Establish preliminary 2027 priorities.
- Discuss parade theme.
- Identify budget requirements.
- Record sponsor/vendor contacts.

Winter 2026–27

- Confirm parade theme.
- Develop sponsorship plan.
- Review Escape Room decision.
- Begin float concept.
- Develop preliminary event schedule.

Early Spring 2027

- Contact sponsors.
- Begin parade recruitment.
- Confirm major equipment.
- Identify activity providers.
- Establish volunteer requirements.

Late Spring 2027

- Launch public promotion.
- Confirm food and supplies.
- Confirm volunteers.
- Begin float preparation.
- Finalize event logistics.

Final Month

- Confirm all sponsors and participants.
- Finalize volunteer assignments.
- Confirm food quantities.
- Prepare signage.
- Confirm barricades, equipment and propane.
- Publish detailed event schedule.
- Complete final operational checklist.

12. Ideas

Ideas may be added here throughout the year without committing the Committee to implementing them.

- Decorated mobility scooter parade entries.
 - Children's decorated bicycle entries.
 - Dance/gymnastics participation.
 - Community performance groups.
 - Additional family activities.
 - Expanded children's entertainment.
 - New parade participants.
 - Additional sponsorship opportunities.
 - Interactive community activities.
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13. Decisions / Additions from August 17 Meeting

2027 Parade Theme Ideas:

Budget Items to Carry Forward:

Activities to Investigate:

Early Bookings/Contacts Required:

Committee Members/Leads:

Other Notes:



Town of Bowden – Special Events Committee Meeting

Monday August 17, 2026 at 6:30 pm
Council Chambers

Purpose

Future Events Planning

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Miller called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Present:

Mayor	Laurie Miller
Councillor	Randy Brown
Councillor	Ryan Howlett – arrived 6:53 pm
Councillor	Cam Morrison – arrived 6:41 pm
Councillor	Amanda Peffers
Councillor	Carol Pion
Councillor	Marietta Tuckwell
Volunteer	Anaya Lea
Volunteer	Alexis Masse – departed 7:27 pm

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor Carol Pion that Council adopt the agenda as presented and printed with the addition of “The Grinch” in Winter/Christmas 2026 Events.

CARRIED

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Bowden Daze Debrief Meeting – July 14, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council adopt the minutes, as presented and printed, for the Bowden Daze Debrief Meeting of July, 14, 2026.

CARRIED

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- Bowden Daze Action Items – get final budget. Add to RCM for discussion donation of escape room profits.
- Park Naming Update – will be presented at community showcase on Sept. 17
- Escape Room Proceeds – Update/Recommendation – Anaya relayed points from the summaries provided at July 17 meeting. Key points: more advertising required, more volunteers for room facilitators, careful selection of themes for a budget and set-up/turnover point of view, need to catalog supplies for reference; consider engaging drama club for live activity associated with selected themes.
- Volunteer and Sponsor Recognition – get update on gift card purchase.

Bowden Daze 2027 – Preliminary Planning

- Date: Rodeo date to be confirmed with association in early September. Tentatively scheduled for September 16 to 18, 2027.
- Review of Draft 2027 Planning Package: suggested addition: that we adopt criteria/categories for judging floats; that the required ribbons are ordered early.



- 2027 Parade Theme – preliminary discussions for themes. Three suggestions: Circus (hire performers i.e. juggler, clowns for parade); Western – keep as ongoing theme in partnership with rodeo; Central AB Partners – engage all.
- Budget considerations for 2027: Consider raising to \$5000. Also had a suggestion to have one budget to include all events and draw as needed (consult Administration)
- Items requiring early planning or booking (i.e. Fortis, ATCO, ribbon purchase, Plains Grill; car show organization).
- Parade ideas to promote: decorated bikes (consult BGS Council); dress up your pet and enter.
- Dunk tank as fundraiser.

Fall 2026 Events – ***all discussion to be tabled pending budget deliberations for next year.***

- Events/activities to be considered: Movie in the park or rodeo grounds in partnership with Ag Society (Laurie to consult), Pumpkin carving competition, Halloween haunted house (
- Dates and locations – events ideally to take place last weeks of August (mid-week)
- Budget and sponsorship
- Volunteer requirements
- Communications/advertising

There was good discussion about ideas for next year pending budget availability. Council will participate in the Community Showcase at the Igloo on September 17.

Winter/Christmas 2026 Events

- Events/activities to be considered: Continue light competition using same criteria as last year. Have Comms launch early ads on socials to generate interest (early to mid October)
- Christmas Festival: need more lights and a mic for announcement to draw more attention to the tree lighting: Comms to launch a Save the Date campaign.
- Dates and locations – December 11
- Grinch: Carol launched us into competition for Grinch porch photos. Need to get voting underway by having Comms post the info immediately as voting closes August 22. If we are successful we need to promote highly and focus on seniors.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Item: 11.c
Prepared by: CAO	Approved by: CAO
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): Items as listed or verbal or no report yet still listed.

11.c Other Bodies and Organizations.

- i. Bowden Agricultural Society.
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- ii. Parkland Foundation.
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- iii. Expanding Horizons.
- CFEP Grant Application Status Update (email Mayor August 14th, 2026).
- iv. Chinook Edge School Division.
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- v. FCSS Community Navigator Report:
- July/Aug 2026 (email August 19th, 2026).
- vi. Bowden Friendship Centre.
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- vii. Red Deer County.
- Enforcement Report July 2026 (letter received August 12th, 2026).

Note:

All meeting minutes where submitted should be assumed to be “unapproved”. If there are verbal reports available on the night those can be presented and accepted as information. Standard monthly reports are for Information.

Recommended Motion:

Motion 11.c

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council accept all the submitted society and other reports as information.



Outlook

CFEP update

From Mayor <mayor@bowden.ca>

Date Fri 8/14/2026 3:02 PM

To

Cc CAO <cao@bowden.ca>

Good afternoon all

I just received a phone call from Minister Dreeshen's team. They have been in contact with the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, which is responsible for administering the CFEP program.

We are advised that the applications are in the final stages of deliberations with a smaller wallet this year. It is anticipated that we will have an answer in the next few weeks.

Sorry there is nothing definitive at this time.

Laurie



Outlook

***UPDATE* 2026 Bowden Community Showcase**

From Bowden FCSS <fcss@bowden.ca>

Date Wed 8/19/2026 9:18 AM

To CAO <cao@bowden.ca>;

 3 attachments (11 MB)

2026 Community Showcase Vendor List.pdf; Community Showcase Poster 2026.pdf; Community Showcase Poster 2026.png;

Good morning,

Here is a brief update of how the **2026 Bowden Community Showcase** event is coming together:

- We currently have 28 organizations registered to attend attached is a list to date. There's a great variety, something for all ages to engage with.
- Tables have been arranged to borrow from the Event Centre, and the Ag Society. We can access most tables on the Monday prior for early setup.
- Annette & Cody will section off an area of the floor space for us to host a "Giant Games" activity area. We have Giant: Jenga, Kerplunk, Snakes & Ladders, Checkers and more!
- The Alberta Sports Hall of Fame will bring its interactive Cornhole game along with its display table. We will place them near Giant Games.
- Red Deer County Station 7 (Bowden Fire) will have a firetruck on site for kids old and young to "touch a truck".
- Poster ads have been placed around town for several weeks now, the event is in the Town Newsletter, and an online event has been created on FB. The shares and attached posts have received more than 4,300 views so far!
- FCSS will send out a follow up email to those who have participated in the past that haven't registered for 2026 yet. It would be nice to have RCMP, lacrosse and a few more of our local family serving organizations such as Innisfail FRN & Olds BGC.

BOWDEN

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 17 5:00 PM

NEW LOCATION!

Bowden Igloo Arena 2213 - 19 Avenue

Explore what Bowden & Area has
to offer for ALL AGES & interests.

An intergenerational event!

- + Learn about local organizations
- + Discover new clubs & activities
- + Connect with Volunteers
- + Find out what services are offered in Bowden



INTERESTED IN A TABLE?

fcss@bowden.ca

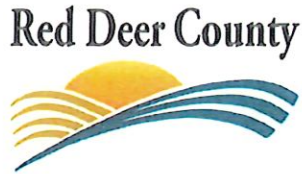


CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GUARDIAN

2026 Community Showcase Vendor List

To date: August 19, 2026

1. Bowden FCSS & Park Place
2. Town of Bowden
3. Bowden Igloo Arena
4. Friends of Grandview (FOG)
5. Olds Aquatic Centre
6. Bowden Fun Team Hockey
7. Red Deer County Station 7 (Bowden Fire & Firetruck on site)
8. Central Alberta FASD Network
9. Golden Circle
10. John Howard Society
11. Henday Association for Lifelong Learning
12. Community Legal Clinic
13. Alberta Sports Hall of Fame (Including Cornhole Game Space)
14. Alberta 211
15. Mountain View Emergency Shelter Society (Kristen's Place)
16. Youth HQ/BGC Red Deer & District
17. Bowden Lions Club
18. Red Deer County Division 4 Recreation
19. Top Note Music School
20. Boomer Movers
21. Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)
22. Bowden Figure Skating
23. Bowden Pioneer Museum & Historical Society
24. Bowden Public Library
25. Horizon Equine
26. Olds & Area Pregnancy Support Centre
27. Paterson Community Centre & Expanding Horizons
28. Central Alberta Palliative Care Centre



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August 4, 2026

Town of Bowden
2101 – 20 Avenue,
Box 388
Bowden, AB T0M 0K0

Sent Via Email to: cfo@bowden.ca

Attention: Chief Administrative Officer

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: July 2026 Enforcement Contract

Please be advised for the month of July, Red Deer County Patrol Officers spent 10 hours and 3 minutes in the Town of Bowden.

Two tickets were issued during patrols in July conducted between 0600-2100:

- Fail to Produce Insurance
- Fail to Stop at Stop Sign

There were no occurrences generated during the month of July.

I trust you will find the foregoing satisfactory, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Irv Heide
Patrol Manager
Red Deer County, Protective Services

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-08-24	Agenda Items: 12
Prepared by: CAO	Approved by: Mayor
Report Type: RFD	Attachment(s): Volunteer Application Aug 7 th , 2026.

12.a CLOSED Session of Council: Volunteer Application.

Recommended Motion(s):

Motion 12.a (i)

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council moves into closed session at _____ PM pursuant to section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to discuss volunteer board and committee applications, as the discussion involves personal information of identifiable individuals and is subject to the personal privacy exception under Alberta's access and privacy legislation.

Motion 12.a. (ii)

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council returns to open session at _____ PM.

AND/OR

Motion 12.a. (iii)

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Council receives, accept and approve the Volunteer application for _____ and Council authorize the mayor inform the applicant of the approval.