



Town of Bowden - Regular Council Meeting

AGENDA

A Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Bowden
to be held in Council Chambers, at 2101 – 20 Avenue, Bowden,
on **Monday, May 25, 2026, 7:00 pm**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - 1.a Land Acknowledgement
- 2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - 3.a Regular Council Meeting (May 11, 2026)
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - None scheduled.
- 5. DELEGATIONS**
 - 5.a S/Sgt. Jamie Day, Detachment Commander NCO i/c, Olds RCMP Detachment
- 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - 6.a Council Resolutions Follow-Up Action
 - CAO recruitment
 - Strategic planning workshop
 - Green bins
 - 6.b Key Dates
- 7. BYLAWS & POLICIES**
 - None submitted.
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - None submitted.
- 9. FINANCIAL**
 - None submitted.
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 10.a
- 11. REPORTS**
 - 11.a CAO's Report (Verbal presentation)
 - 11.b Council Committee Reports.
 - 11.c Society & Other Reports.

12. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL**12.a Local Public Body Confidences – FCSS Council Representative Report**

This is a closed meeting of Council as permitted by section 197 of the MGA.

An exception to disclose under Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA2000, Chapter F-25 (as amended over time) therefore applies on the basis of: Section 28 "local public body confidences".

13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Special Council Meeting: 2026-05-25	Agenda Item: 3.a
Prepared by: Laurie Miller	Approved By: Mayor
Report Type: RFD	Attachment(s): As per content

Content:

3.a

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

- Monday, May 11, 2026

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Adoption of Minutes of Previous Minutes:

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

Recommended Motion:

Motion 3.a

Motion by Councillor _____ that Council adopts the minutes, as presented, for the Regular Council Meeting of May 11, 2026.

Town of Bowden - Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

A Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Bowden
to be held in Council Chambers, at 2101 – 20 Avenue, Bowden,
on **Monday, May 11, 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	Amanda Peffers
	Councillor	Carol Pion
	Councillor	Marietta Tuckwell (attended via Teams) Left meeting at 8:40 pm
	A/CAO	Jacqui Molyneux (Recorder)

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

Motion 2

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopt the agenda as amended to add Item 8.b Photo Contest judging.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.a Regular Council Meeting (April 27, 2026)

Motion 3.a

Motion by Councillor Carol Pion that Council adopts the minutes, as presented, for the Regular Council Meeting of April 27, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

5. DELEGATIONS

None scheduled.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.a Council Resolutions Follow-Up Action

Motion 6. a

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.b Key Dates

Motion 6.b

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council accepts agenda item 6.b as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

7.a Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties, 03/2026

Changes to the bylaw were introduced to include a clause for charging fees for special events activities.

Motion 7.a

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council give first reading to Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw 03/2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 7.a.i

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that Council give second reading to Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw 03/ 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 7.a.ii

Motion by Councillor Carol Pion that Council unanimously give consideration to a third reading of Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw 03/ 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 7.a.iii

Motion by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council give third and final reading to Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw 03/2026 and is adopted accordingly and made effective once duly signed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.b Taxation Bylaw, 04/2026

The 2026 Operating Budget provided for a 1 (one) percent increase residential taxes and 1.5 (one point five) percent on non-residential taxes over the 2025 tax revenue. The 2026 assessments have increased. Mill rates have decreased due to the increase in assessments to keep the tax revenue at the 1% and 1.5% as per the budget. Provincial increases were: education-11.8% and policing-9.2%.

Motion 7.a

Motion by Councillor Carol Pion that Council give first reading to Taxation Bylaw, 04/2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 7.a.i

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council give second reading to Taxation Bylaw, 04/2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 7.a.ii

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that Council unanimously give consideration to a third reading of Taxation Bylaw, 04/2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 7.a.iii

Motion by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council give third and final reading to Taxation Bylaw, 04/2026 and is adopted accordingly and made effective once duly signed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS**8.a Deputy Mayor Appointments**

Mayor Miller presented rationale for amending the Deputy Mayor appointments for the first year of this term. It was recommended to appoint an experienced councillor to the role in order to provide stability required in light of the absence of a permanent CAO. The recommendation is one way to support stable and effective governance during this transition period.

Motion 8.a

Motion by Councillor Amanda Peffers that the current Deputy Mayor List & Schedule is rescinded as discussed until the organizational meeting of October 26, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 8.a.i

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Councillor Brown continue as Deputy Mayor until the organizational meeting of October 26, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.b Photo Contest judging

Council reviewed all pictures submitted and resident on the tagged post on the town Facebook page. Recognition is noted to all that participated. First, second and third place photos were chosen in the three categories: Facilities, Scenery and Activities.

Motion 8.b

Motion by Carol Pion that Council notify Administration of the prize winners for announcements and prize distribution.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. FINANCIAL

None submitted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE**10.a Steve Clark**

- 2026-04-28 Email: fundraiser suggestion

10.b Parkland Regional Library System

- 2026-04-28 Email: Bill 28 – How it Affects your Municipal Library

- 2026-04-28 Letter: background information – impacts on public libraries, governance and municipalities

- Template materials for Municipal Councils.

Motion 10

Motion by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council accepts agenda items 10.a / 10.b as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. REPORTS**11.a CAO's Report**

- Application has been submitted for calcium application to the roadways servicing the dog park and the RV dumping station.
- Summer students have been hired.
- RV dumping station will be open May 15
- Branch pick-up service will begin. Residents to call to register. Pick-ups will be Thursdays
- Sand storage shelter damaged in winds. Will need replaced next year.
- Changes implemented for contract for recycling.

Motion 11.a

Motion by Randy Brown that Council directs Administration to do research on the addition of green bin service and bring the report back to council for review.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 11.a.i

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council accepts the CAO report as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.b Council Committee Reports.

- i. Special Events Committee
 - Minutes: 2026-04-22

11.c Society & Other Reports.

- i. Alberta Counsel
 - The News, Issue 246 April 2026
 - Session 2 Summary, Alberta 31st Legislature (April 20 to 23)
- ii. Bowden Friendship Club
 - Minutes: 2026-04-16
- iii. Bowden Agricultural Society
 - Mayor's Report: 2026-04-22
- iv. Red Deer County
 - April 2026 Enforcement Report
- v. Bowden Historical Society
 - Agenda: 2026-04-28
 - Councillor Report: 2026-04-28
- vi. FCSS
 - 2026 Community Navigator Report
- v.ii Central Alberta Christian Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
 - Councillor Report: 2026-04-16

v.iii CAEP: Fundamentals of Economic Development

- Councillor Report: 2026-04-29

Motion 11.b / 11.c

Motion by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council accepts the submitted reports as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 12

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett at 8:43 pm that Council moves to an “in-camera” session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.a Local Public Body Confidences – FCSS activities

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Motion 12.i

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett at 8:50 pm that Council return to an “open meeting” of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No motions were made in respect of this closed session item.

12. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion 13

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett at 8:51 pm to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes signed by:

Mayor
Laurie Miller

A/CAO
Jacqui Molyneux



Delegations

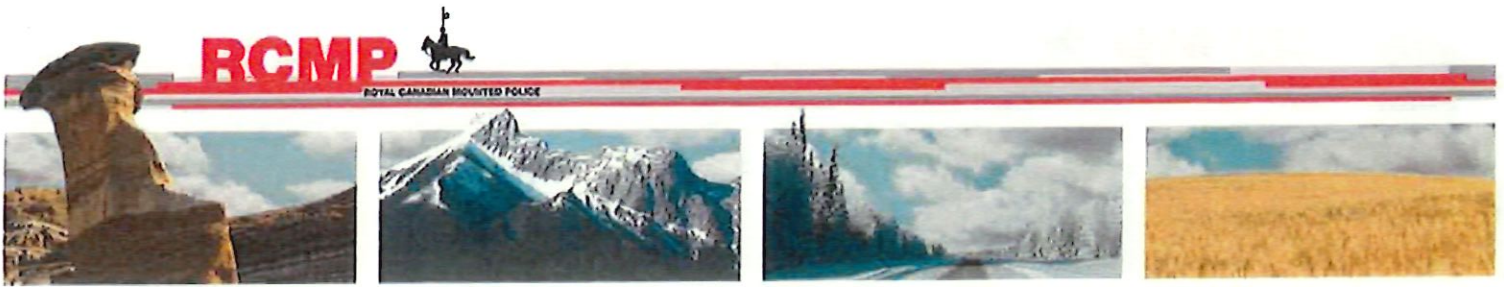
Regular Council Meeting: 2026-05-25	Agenda Item: 5.a
Prepared by: Laurie Miller	Approved By: Mayor
Report Type: RFD / Information	Attachment(s): Q4 Community Policing Report

Delegations

5.a S/Sgt. Jamie Day, Detachment Commander NCO i/c, Olds RCMP Detachment

Motion 5.a

Motion by Councillor _____ that Council accept the presentation as information.



2026-05-11

Laurie Miller
Mayor
Bowden, Alberta

Dear Mayor Miller,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for the period of January 1st to March 31st, 2026. This report provides an overview of human resources, financial information, and crime statistics for the Olds RCMP Detachment, and reflects the ongoing priorities identified by the community we serve.

In addition to the information contained in the attached report, I would also like to highlight a significant national development that will impact frontline policing operations in the coming months. The RCMP has recently awarded a contract for a new modernized general duty service pistol, marking an important step in enhancing public and officer safety, as well as operational effectiveness.

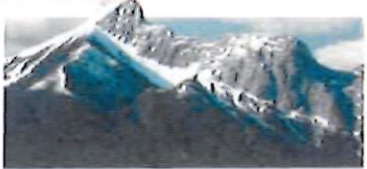
The selected model is the Glock 45 MOS 7 Duty Pistol. This modernized pistol will be issued as part of a comprehensive package, including a red dot sight (Aimpoint Acro P-2), a weapon-mounted light (Streamlight TLR-7X), three magazines, interchangeable grip components, a lanyard loop attachment, a Safariland duty holster, and a secure carrying case.

The rollout will occur in phases with priority given to frontline officers. Distribution across RCMP divisions will be based on operational needs, and full deployment is anticipated by summer 2028.

A transition of this scale requires comprehensive training to ensure safe and effective use. A training program has been developed and will begin rolling out to instructors this summer. A mandatory four-day training program for frontline officers is expected to follow in late summer and fall, concluding with annual firearms qualification. Training schedules are being developed to ensure there is no impact to frontline service delivery levels.

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

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



Sincerely,

S/Sgt. Jamie Day
Detachment Commander NCO i/c
Olds, Alberta



Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Olds RCMP Detachment

Detachment Commander

S/Sgt. Jamie Day

Report Date

May 11, 2026

Fiscal Year

2025-26

Quarter

Q4 (January - March)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Police Visibility
Updates and Comments:

Members were involved with several community policing initiatives such as Red Serge duties, school ceremonies, sporting events, and other pro-active community engagements around the community.

Priority #2: Road Safety
Updates and Comments:

Traffic Safety remains a priority with members conducting 181 traffic enforcement fines while also conducting pro-active patrols throughout the area.

Priority #3: Property Crime - Thefts
Updates and Comments:

Olds RCMP received four files related to theft over reporting period. Members did conduct pro-active patrols throughout the area.



RCMP-GRC



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Priority #4: Violence in Relationships

Updates and Comments:

Two files that involved domestic violence over this reporting period. Members continued to ensure proper safety planning was completed with victims. Members did conduct pro-active patrols throughout the area.





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
March 27, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Youth (3): Education Session	
Notes/Comments:	
Attended in Red Serge girls Provincial hockey opening ceremonies in Olds	

Consultation #2

Date	Meeting Type
March 27, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Attended Olds Rural Crime watch meeting in MVC	

Consultation #3

Date	Meeting Type
March 25, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Attended Mountain View County Council meeting to discuss CPP for MVC	



**Consultation #4**

Date	Meeting Type
March 25, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Attended Kneehill County Council meeting to discuss CPP for KHC	

Consultation #5

Date	Meeting Type
March 24, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Attended Bowden council meeting to discuss CPP for Bowden	

Consultation #6

Date	Meeting Type
March 17, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Working together for a safer downtown. Members from Olds RCMP, Olds Municipal Enforcement, and Town of Olds staff member Gary Gaudette were out today conducting crime prevention foot patrols in the Uptown area, connecting with local businesses and discussing practical ways to improve safety and reduce crime. These conversations are important. When police, municipal partners, and business owners work together, we strengthen our ability to prevent crime and support a safe and vibrant downtown. Thank you to all the businesses that took the time to speak with us today and share their insights.	



Consultation #7

Date

March 12, 2026

Meeting Type

Community Connection

Topics Discussed

(1): Education Session (2): Youth (3): Crime Reduction Initiatives

Notes/Comments:

Game Recap from École Deer Meadow School

Students – 7

Olds RCMP & Olds Fire – 4

We showed up thinking our experience might give us an edge... but the students had other plans. Safe to say we got schooled today!

Members from Olds RCMP and Olds Fire Department had a fantastic time playing floor hockey with the students at École Deer Meadow. The kids brought incredible energy, teamwork, and a few highlight-reel goals.

The scoreboard might say 7–4, but the real win was spending time with these amazing students and strengthening the connection between our first responders and the youth in our community.

Huge thanks to the staff and students for having us.

Consultation #8

Date

March 9, 2026

Meeting Type

Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed

(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Education Session (3): Regular reporting information sharing

Notes/Comments:

Meeting with Red Deer Council member to discuss the CPP for RDC



**Consultation #9**

Date	Meeting Type
March 2, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Olds RCMP member presented to a Kindergarten class at Ecole Olds Elementary on Policing and Police Dog Services.	


Consultation #10

Date	Meeting Type
February 24, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Regular reporting information sharing (3): Annual Planning	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO i/c attended emergency services Active Shooter drill tabletop at the Olds College.	





Consultation #11

Date	Meeting Type
February 19, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
 Skating With Our Community ❄️	
<p>There's nothing better than seeing smiles on the ice!</p> <p>Members of the Olds RCMP had the opportunity to lace up our skates and spend some time at the rink with local kids and families. From helping steady first-time skaters with skating aids to sharing a few laughs (and maybe a few wobbles of our own!), it was a great reminder of what community policing is all about connection.</p> <p>Policing isn't just about responding to calls. It's about building relationships, creating positive experiences, and being present in the moments that matter. Events like this help strengthen trust and show our youth that we're here not just in uniform but as part of the community.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who came out and shared the ice with us. We're already looking forward to the next one!</p>	

Consultation #12

Date	Meeting Type
February 17, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
<p>Olds members completed a JFO with Olds Municipal Enforcement enforcing school and playground zones</p>	





Consultation #13

Date	Meeting Type
February 13, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Education Session (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO i/c and other emergency services attended holy trinity school to serve pancake breakfast to the kids.	

Consultation #14

Date	Meeting Type
February 13, 2026	Town Hall
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO i/c attended a town hall with the town of Bowden.	

Consultation #15

Date	Meeting Type
February 12, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Regular reporting information sharing (3): Victim Services	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO i/c hosted a meeting with the new SARVSS manager	





Consultation #16

Date	Meeting Type
February 11, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Regular reporting information sharing (3): Annual Planning	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO i/c attended meeting with Red Deer County along with other detachment commanders	

Consultation #17

Date	Meeting Type
February 11, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Olds Members attended a science fair at Holy Trinity school. Members also participated in judging the projects	

Consultation #18

Date	Meeting Type
February 10, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Olds RCMP Members visited Olds High school and had breakfast with kids	



**Consultation #19****Date**

February 9, 2026

Meeting Type

Meeting with Stakeholders

Topics Discussed

(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth

Notes/Comments:

Olds RCMP members visited Olds High school and had breakfast with students and also visited Holy Trinity school

Consultation #20**Date**

February 9, 2026

Meeting Type

Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed

(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing

Notes/Comments:

NCO i/c attended Olds Council meeting

Consultation #21**Date**

February 8, 2026

Meeting Type

Community Connection

Topics Discussed

(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth

Notes/Comments:

Olds member attended High School Career Presentation





Consultation #22

Date	Meeting Type
January 31, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Olds RCMP attended volleyball tournament (club-boys), and visited the swim meet in Olds	

Consultation #23

Date	Meeting Type
January 30, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Olds RCMP member went to Olds High School while kids had day off and spoke with staff members	

Consultation #24

Date	Meeting Type
January 29, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Olds members attended Coffee with a Cop to engaged with community members	



**Consultation #25****Date**

January 23, 2026

Meeting Type

Community Connection

Topics Discussed

(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth

Notes/Comments:

Olds RCMP member Visited the New 2 you and Bowden School

Consultation #26**Date**

January 21, 2026

Meeting Type

Meeting with Stakeholders

Topics Discussed

(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth

Notes/Comments:

Olds RCMP member Visited the boys and girls club

Consultation #27**Date**

January 21, 2026

Meeting Type

Meeting with Stakeholders

Topics Discussed

(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing

Notes/Comments:

NCO attended a network meeting with Central Alberta FASD



Consultation #28

Date	Meeting Type
January 21, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO i/c attended a meeting at MVC to discuss a problem area in the county	

Consultation #29

Date	Meeting Type
January 20, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Regular reporting information sharing (3): Annual Planning	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO i/c hosted Olds Council members at the Olds RCMP Detachment	

Consultation #30

Date	Meeting Type
January 20, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO attended a network meeting with Central Region ESS (CRESS)	



**Consultation #31**

Date	Meeting Type
January 13, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
NCO attended Holy Trinity School Read-A-Thon and participated in the event	

Consultation #32

Date	Meeting Type
January 13, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Olds RCMP member Visited Deer Meadows, Holy Trinity, and the Hospital	

Consultation #33

Date	Meeting Type
January 10, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Olds member attended Volleyball tournament (Club- girls) to show support and Police presence. Member also attended the Hockey games at the arena	





Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Temporary Absences	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	5	4	1	1
Detachment Support	2	2	0	0

Notes:

1. Data extracted on March 31, 2026 and is subject to change.
2. Temporary Absences are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments:

Police Officers: Of the five established positions, four officers are currently working with one officer on Leave without Pay. The position has been backfilled to ensure coverage. There is one hard vacancy.

Detachment Support: Of the two established positions, two resources are currently working. There is no hard vacancy at this time.

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-05-27	Agenda Item: 6.a
Prepared by: Laurie Miller	Approved by: Mayor
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s):

Matters arising from past minutes.

6.a Council Resolutions Requiring Follow Up Action Report

A summary of past Council resolutions that require follow-up action is attached.

Recommended Motions:

Motion 6.a

Motion 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 2026-05-12)

Meeting Date	Resolution	Action By Whom	Date back to Council
23 June 25	Role of the Chief Administrative Officer Motion 8.g Revision of Council Procedural Bylaw This will also include amendments that are now required following the repeal of the FOIP Act. The MAP audit requires an update to this bylaw.	CAO	progress
24 Nov 25	Agenda item 8.a Administration to adopt a scent-free environment policy. OHS tasked to complete.	CAO	Progress
12 Jan 26	Agenda Item 12.a – Recruitment Motion 12.a Recruitment Committee work ongoing.	Cttee	Progress
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 11.c – Enhance Volunteerism Council requested that Administration forward the mayor's report and JustServe PowerPoint to FCSS for research about the program and report back. Presentation 2026-03-09: CAO/FCSS to update website with volunteer opportunities similar to comparable sites. 2026-04-07 Work has begun, waiting on system upgrades and consultations; schedule update for RCM 2026-06-08	CAO	Progress
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. 2026-05-11 – Schedule special meeting for review.	CAO/Council	Pending
23 Feb 26	Agenda Item 11.a – ATCO Renewal To be reviewed at March 23 RCM. 2026-03-23: 1 st reading of by-law. Application submitted to ATCO	CAO	Pending
23 Mar 26	Agenda Item 6.b – MDP – LUB April 20: drafts reviewed, waiting on second draft.	CAO	Pending
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	Agenda Item 11.a – Green Bin Service CAO to investigate costs and logistics of possibly adding green bin service.	CAO	Pending

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-05-27	Agenda Item: 6.b
Prepared by: Laurie Miller	Approved by:
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s):

6.b Key Dates *(for information)*

MAY 2026

May 19 **Special Events Meeting 6:30 PM Council Chambers**

May 25 **RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers**

JUNE 2026

June 8 **RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers**

June 22 **RCM 7:00 PM Council Chambers**

Recommended Motion:

Motion 6.b

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

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-05-25	Agenda Item: 10
Prepared by: Laurie Miller	Approved by:
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): As per content listing

Agenda item 10

Content:

- 10.a Matthewson & Co.
 - 2026-05-13 Email: training opportunity
 - Governance Training Tear Sheet

Suggested Motion(s)

Motion 10.a

Motion by Councillor _____ that Council accepts agenda items 10.a as information.

OR

Motion 10.a

Motion by Councillor _____ that Council _____
_____.

Mayor

From: Jennifer Beard <jennifer@smallplacesrock.com>
Sent: May 13, 2026 8:22 AM
Subject: Book your Council Training
Attachments: Council Training Tear Sheet .pdf

Good morning,

This is Jennifer from Matthewson & Co. I wanted to let you know that we are offering a special on Council Training for the months of July and August. Lorri asked me to contact you to let you know I can offer you \$250.00 off our regular \$1,000.00 fee for online training if you book and pay by the end of June. There are, of course, limited spaces.

I've attached a tear sheet for you to take to Council. We hope to hear from you soon.

If you have any questions or would like to book the training, please contact Anna at anna@smallplacesrock.com.

Warm regards,

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Prepared by: Laurie Miller	Approved by: Mayor
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s):

CAO's Report

A/CAO Jacqui Molyneux will present verbal report at the meeting.

Recommended Motion:

Motion by Councillor _____ that Council accepts the submitted CAO report as information.

Regular Council Meeting: 2026-05-25	Agenda Item: 11.b / 11.c
Prepared by: Laurie Miller	Approved by:
Report Type: Information	Attachment(s): As per content

Content:**Agenda Item 11.b Council Committee Reports**

- i. Special Events Committee
 - Minutes: 2026-05-19

Agenda Item 11.c Other Bodies and Organizations

- i. Alberta Counsel
 - The News, Issue 247 May 2026
 - Session 2 Summary, Alberta 31st Legislature (May 4 to 7)
 - Session 2 Summary, Alberta 31st Legislature (May 11 to 14)
 -
- ii. Bowden Agricultural Society
 - Minutes: 2026-04-22

Note:

All meeting minutes where submitted should be assumed to be “unapproved”.

Motion 11.b / 11.c**Recommended Motion:**

Motion by Councillor _____ that Council accepts the submitted reports as information.



Town of Bowden – Special Events Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Purpose

Bowden Daze Planning (July 10 -12)

MINUTES

PRESENT	Mayor	Laurie Miller (Recorder) (via Teams)
	Councillor	Carol Pion (via Teams)
	Councillor	Amanda Peffers
	Councillor	Marietta Tuckwell (via Teams)
	Councillor	Cam Morrison
	Lions Club	Annette Glazer
	Volunteer	Anaya Lea
	Volunteer	Alexis Masse

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

Upon review of the April 22 minutes, it was noted that the attendance required correction in that Councillor Howlett was not present at the meeting.

ACTIVITIES PLANNING HISTORY AND NOTES:

Note: current meeting comments/directions/tasks are in this font.

Budget: \$3,000 (Last year \$2515.48)

- Candy (popular in the 50s, 60s: Double Bubble, Jolly Rancher & Tootsie Rolls – post meeting update: Candy arrived April 27)
- Dignitary bags (**Town Swag – make up from registrations – one registration to date**)
- Food supplies (**Coordinated lists with the Lions club after reviewing last year's purchases, need to confirm coffee amounts with Tims to finalize list. Final list to be shared to file for future reference. Check stock in office (done). Lions club meeting Thursday to review and Annette to check about the juice cooler**)
- Participant ribbons (Inquire with Jade regarding history on judging and awards) – **Check with CAO re status***.

Pancake Breakfast (July 11 - 8 to 10am) Lions Club host and fundraiser

- Purchase supplies (pre-cooked sausage) (Town; usually Council members- **Carol, Amanda & designated Lions members**)
- Atco BBQ (pick up on Friday before 4) or Igloo kitchen grill? BBQ booking confirmed, staff to pick up and return.
- AHS registration – training (We have enough members with training, Amanda to submit registration) **Completed – Amanda will bring a print copy to the arena.**
- Tim Horton's: **Ryan advised that Quinn Jacobs, owner/operator of local Tim's will be on site – need to confirm amounts to finalize our shopping list.**)

- Tables/Chairs (Bowden Friendship Club- Museum) (Staff) **(Breakfast volunteers need to set up kitchen on Friday, coordinate with staff for table set up times.)**
- Breakfast volunteers to arrive at 6:00 am **(Must confirm that volunteers have access on time.)**
- Town staff presented a summary of their discussions about planning. They suggested that with the timelines for breakfast completion and the start of parade staging, that Council partner and assist at the Fortis lunch, rather than the breakfast. That would allow Council to be at the staging area to greet participants and decrease the rush between the two events. The committee discussed this and felt that we could split up between events to cover all. We felt that we could have Administration reach out through FCSS and other groups (i.e. school) for extra volunteers. **(CAO update*)**

Parade (11 am)

- **Theme**
 - Committee members reviewed previously suggested theme ideas Community Spirit (Celebrating business); Celebrating Youth (with a youth parade marshall selected by the school) A Retro or ol' School theme was suggested by Bowden Ag to include old time competitions during the rodeo (i.e. greasy pig race). During discussions; committee arrived at the theme: Salute to the 50's & 60's) Communications refined the theme to "The Fabulous 50s & 60s" **Communications is creating posters for a wide distribution.**
 - Ideas: car clubs (Laurie to reach out to her contacts), bike decorating contest (FCSS/Boys & Girls Club contact); school band programs (Innisfail/Penhold – initiate contact through Grandview School Council), local musicians/buskers and retro events at the rodeo. **Carol to work with BGS council for contacting groups – Carol to address May 26.** Laurie reached out to contact and was referred to Mountain View Pistons out of Olds, info provided to Anaya for follow-up. **No response from Olds car club at this time. Poster distribution will hopefully garner some interest.**
- Parade Marshall/Organizer Town staff suggested, senior member of Bowden Ag. It was noted that Bowden Ag marshalled a few years ago. There has been contact with Kurt Browning and waiting on response. Consider other options next meeting. Kurt Browning unavailable. Keith suggested a legacy family/Red Deer County Council rep and was asked to contact the family. **Brewster family is confirmed to marshall. Laurie will be talking with Julie.**
- Staging (9:30 start)
- Route (unchanged)
- Invitations (CAO/Mayor to review list and send. List updated, invitations sent April 27)
 - Dignitaries (MP, MLA, Mayors, County)
 - Bowden Penitentiary Honour Guard (hand delivered)
 - Business - promote participation; as per above – invitations will be sent to all with licences in town
 - RCMP
 - Double T
 - Christmas Carolling Truck
 - Radio/News Media
 - Local groups (hockey, 4H, BFC, Expanding Horizons, etc.)
 - Cultural groups listing from Marietta (added to invitation list)

- Committee suggested adding: Red Deer Polytechnic, Olds College, Dog Training Centre, dance troupes/school bands
 - CAO and staff to update the invitation letter and parade registration form to align with the theme. There is a master Christmas card listing that contains all or most of the businesses and dignitaries as of last December. Would only need to update that for any 2026 businesses. Communications presented letters and registration form. Less formal letter chosen by council with a few amendments. Invite sent by Admin on April 27.
 - Note: need to encourage participants to generate noise and excitement
 - Float
 - Theme has been chosen: The Fabulous 50's & 60's. Decorations and planning for this theme. **Carol and Amanada to design.**
- Band/Piper
 - Laurie and Alexis were unable to source with their contacts. Alexis was given one other referral to check. **Alexis to confirm booking the Airdrie Scots at \$550 so we can find alternative if needed.**
 - Candy (**check on liability concerns***)
 - Dignitary vehicles for council or Olds Chamber – people mover (**Owned by Olds Regional Exhibition at a cost of \$375, didn't get confirmation that it could be towed here.**)
 - Dignitary bags (Town swag – Administration)

Smokies at Igloo (1 pm)

- Fortis (**Ryan awaiting response from contact**)

Liaison

- Bowden Golf Club (carts) (**Randy to contact**)
- FORTIS (BBQ lunch) **Ryan has contacted**
- ATCO (BBQ) **Booked**
- Bowden Ag Society (Rodeo events): **Invite to next meeting**
- Bowden Grandview School (use of staging area – washroom access) **Carol spoke to them: There will be access to the front entrance (close to washrooms). Janitorial staff will provide access.**
- **Fire Department (Administration to contact re parade*) Would they want to volunteer at breakfast?**
- Purchase food supplies at new grocery – **will likely try to source some of the supplies there (i.e. sausages)**

Duties checklist

- Invites – Admin/Mayor
- Parade Registration forms – communications
- BBQ pick-up – return – staff
- Pick up/set up tables & chairs/return – staff
- Traffic control/barricade - staff
- Float vehicle driver (**CAO to determine***)
- Parking – staff

- Cleaning
 - Arean Kitchen – Lions
 - Atco BBQ – staff
 - Arena floors/washrooms - staff
- Leftover food – staff
- Pick up/return golf carts - staff
- Dignitary swag bags - staff

NEW ITEMS/IDEAS:

Scavenger Hunt

- Joe Furman forwarded an idea to have a scavenger hunt involving a search for gnomes throughout town.
 - Check to see if Historical Society is interested in coordinating this event out of their facility from 1-3pm on July 11. (Ryan)
 - Prize structure: 1st three to complete
 - Need puzzle writers and map
 - Contact Joe for input.
 - **Alexis spoke to Joe and he is unavailable this time of year to assist. Would be interested in a winter event.**

National Indigenous History Month

- Plan an event around the Camp Crow site in the park
 - Refer to Historical Society for more information on Camp Crow. **The Historical Society has been unable to verify information on Camp Crow. At this time, we won't plan anything for this to coincide with Bowden Daze.**

Escape Room

- Anaya brought up the idea of having an escape room event for 5 hours each day on Saturday and Sunday for groups of 4 to 6. She will investigate and report back.
 - Anaya and Alexis have developed and designed two theme rooms. One for adults using a prison theme and one for kids (age 5-12) themed around 50s/60s cartoons
 - Decoration of rooms to be done as cost effectively as possible. I.e. borrow from thrift store. Keith to check with Heritage Park for items to decorate. List of items needed to be sent to committee.
 - Suggest holding 6 slots/day x 2 days for each room with a possible sneak peak on Thursday night. Fee of \$100 for adult room (max. 6) and \$50 for kids room. Pre-registration and payment required. Admin to advise of logistics. Rates & fees bylaw to be amended.
 - **Sponsorship: The Bowden Event Centre has agreed to sponsor and could be the beneficiary of a donation. The school could also benefit if they were to provide student volunteers to assist with the rooms. CAO/CFO to comment on the logistics*.**
 - **Communications:**
 - **-Social media blitz –draft a poster and submit**
 - **- Laurie to speak to Albertan**
 - **- Submit to community pages on Olds Radio (on-line submission)**
 - **Announcements during rodeo events.**

- **Arena – need access for set up prior to the weekend and sneak peak. Have been advised by arena staff that items can start to be stored there beginning June 1.**
- **Items for set-up: Alexis to send a list of items required to the group.**
- **Requirements:**
 - **Booking system. Alexis to set up bookings through Eventbrite. Require bank account information to finalize. CAO/CFO**
 - **Waiver: Alexis to find a generic waiver to submit for CAO/CFO to review in comparison to the waiver used for summer events at the arena. Admin to determine if there are any insurance concerns.**
- **Purchases: what is the best method for the volunteers to purchase any items required for the escape room? CAO/CFO**

Ball Hockey Tournament

- Cam suggested holding a tournament with Saturday and Sunday. Noted that the arena would be unavailable Saturday until after the Fortis lunch. Ryan to consult Dean Turnquist about the logistics. Suggestion for a trophy to be awarded (approx. value of \$100).
 - Due to the full itinerary and usage of the arena facility, this will be tabled for next year or look to scheduling full-weekend events at other times of the year.

ROUND TABLE:

Annette:

- **number of volunteers for breakfast and clean-up**
 - **We will confirm with council on Monday night how many are available and not participating in the parade.**
 - **Check with Library Board and firefighters**
 - **Lions to review and see if there are more suggestions**
- **Lions club with check with Charlie about playing again this year at the breakfast.**

2026-03-26: Post meeting note: The rates and fees bylaw would have to be reviewed and/or amended to allow for charging admissions to escape room or tournament type events. CAO to update for next meeting. *(Bylaw amendment passed RCM May 11)*

2026-04-22: Post meeting note: Marietta provided contact information for the Filipino Society in Olds. We will add them to the invitation list. **2026-05-19 Laurie will talk to the owners at the grocery to check on their cultural group.**

Minutes to be communicated to CAO for necessary action and staff engagement.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm; Council Chambers



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FISCAL UPDATE SIGNALS OPPORTUNITY...BUT OLD HABITS REMAIN

Mackenzie Blyth

Ottawa's Spring Economic Update arrived last week at a moment of global volatility, but amid the uncertainty lies a familiar pattern in Canadian economics: when oil prices rise, so too does the country's fiscal strength. This year's update reflects that dynamic clearly.

Ottawa is projecting a lower-than-expected deficit, driven in no small part by surging oil prices. The 2025-26 deficit is now expected to come in roughly \$11.5 billion below earlier projections, a shift that federal officials have framed as a return to fiscal discipline. High oil prices, driven by geopolitical instability in the Persian Gulf, have buoyed revenues and improved Ottawa's short-term balance sheet.

This is not a new story, but it is a timely reminder of the central role Canada's resource economy continues to play in national fiscal outcomes.

For Alberta, the implications are equally significant. The province entered the year projecting a \$9.4 billion deficit, built on conservative assumptions around a \$60.50 West Texas Intermediate benchmark. But those assumptions were almost immediately overtaken by events. Independent analysis suggests that if current price levels hold (\$106.15 as of May 4), Alberta's fiscal position could swing dramatically and see the deficit turn into a surplus.

Critics of the federal update argue that despite modest improvements in the deficit trajectory, the underlying fiscal approach remains unchanged. Spending continues to grow, and long-term projections show persistent deficits. Structural issues like high program spending, weak productivity growth, and declining business investment remain largely unaddressed.

From a conservative perspective, this is the central tension in the update. Yes, the deficit is improving, but not because of disciplined restraint. It is improving because of external conditions, particularly energy prices, that are beyond Ottawa's control.

That distinction matters. Resource-driven fiscal improvements are inherently volatile. They provide breathing room, but not a foundation for long-term sustainability and balanced budgets.

Rewriting the Rules: Teacher Certification and the Skilled Trades Agenda

Alberta's government is taking a different approach to a familiar problem: how to get more teachers into the rapidly growing classrooms quickly and without compromising quality.

The solution announced by the UCP is both practical and slightly political. Rather than relying exclusively on traditional Bachelor of Education programs, the province is opening the door to tradespeople, skilled professionals, and internationally trained individuals through expedited certification pathways.

On its face, the policy is a response to real pressures. Alberta's student population is growing rapidly, with more than 80,000 new students entering classrooms over the past three years. The existing pipeline of education graduates, roughly 2,400 per year, is not sufficient to meet demand.

But the policy is also something more deliberate. It's a recalibration of who gets to teach, and how. Under the new model, tradespeople and skilled professionals can enter the classroom after completing a set of mandatory preparatory courses, followed by additional coursework while teaching. This stands in sharp contrast to the traditional requirement of completing a full education degree before stepping into the classroom.

The effect is to reduce the gatekeeping role historically played by faculties of education and teacher colleges. While those institutions are not being eliminated, their monopoly on teacher certification is being eroded.

The shift reflects a conservative skepticism towards centralized professional bodies and a preference for more flexible, outcomes-based pathways into the workforce. It also aligns with another key UCP priority: elevating the role of the skilled trades.

Ottawa's fiscal update itself highlights a growing need for skilled trades workers, with significant investments aimed at



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training up to 100,000 workers in the coming years. Alberta's certification changes complement that effort by creating new pathways that bridge trades and education.

In practical terms, that could mean a journeyman electrician teaching technical courses, or an experienced chef leading culinary programs – bringing real-world expertise directly into the classroom.

Of course, the policy is not without its critics. Dianne Gereluk, the University of Calgary's dean of education and chair of the Association of Alberta Deans of Education, expressed concerns about the lack of clarity regarding the specific professional experience an individual would require to qualify for a teaching certification.

For the government, the math is clear. Classrooms are growing too quickly and the immediate need for new teachers, combined with a broader push to elevate the trades, outweighs those concerns. Alberta isn't just addressing a staffing shortage, it's redefining the pathway into one of the province's most important professions.

Data, Democracy, and the Separatism Question

If the fiscal update is about opportunity, and teacher certification is about structural reform, the Elections Alberta data leak is about deep, structural uncertainty that cuts to the core of Alberta's political future.

At the centre of the issue is a breach involving the personal information of approximately 2.9 million Alberta voters. The data, drawn from the province's official list of electors, was allegedly accessed and used by a separatist organization to build a database aimed at identifying and mobilizing supporters.

The implications are immediate and serious. Elections Alberta has launched an investigation, the RCMP is involved, and a court has already intervened to force the removal of the data. That intervention has gone further in recent days, with Elections Alberta securing an injunction prohibiting the Republican Party of Alberta from further accessing or using the voters list, while requiring both it and the Centurion Project to account for how the data was shared.

At the same time, the political timeline has continued to move forward. The proponent of the independence petition has now submitted more than 301,000 signatures to Elections Alberta, well above the required threshold of 177,732. The petition has been formally received, sealed, and secured, but its verification is now on hold pending a Court of King's Bench decision tied to a separate legal challenge.

Even when that process resumes, it will not be routine. Elections Alberta has indicated it will apply enhanced scrutiny, including checking submitted signatures against "seeded" names embedded in the Republican Party of Alberta's copy of the voters list to detect any misuse of the data. The agency has made clear it will validate every signature and canvasser statement, and escalate scrutiny where anomalies are found.

The breach strikes at the heart of a looming issue in Alberta politics: the possibility of a referendum on separation from Canada. Premier Danielle Smith has faced increasing pressure from her base to move forward with such a vote, even as the opinion of the general public remains firmly opposed.

The data breach complicates that path in several ways.

First, it raises fundamental questions about the integrity of any petition process used to trigger a referendum. If voter data was improperly accessed or used to solicit support, can the resulting signatures be considered valid? Would organizers be required to start over? Would Elections Alberta need to verify that each signature was gathered legally and voluntarily?

NDP Leader Naheed Nenshi has argued that there is no clear way to confirm how many signatures are legitimate, and in his view the entire petition should be considered invalid. He has called on Premier Smith to acknowledge that reality and halt the process altogether.

Second, it introduces a level of legal and procedural uncertainty that could delay, or derail, the process entirely. Investigations take time. Court challenges take longer. And in the interim, the political momentum behind a referendum may shift.

Third, it places Premier Smith in a difficult position. On one hand, her base is increasingly vocal in its demand for a referendum. On the other, the broader public remains skeptical, and now the mechanisms for advancing that referendum are under scrutiny.

Proceeding too quickly risks legitimizing a process that may be tainted by improperly obtained data. Proceeding too cautiously risks alienating the very supporters who have driven the issue onto the political agenda.

A referendum built on contested data and uncertain validation risks collapsing under its own weight. For a government already navigating competing pressures, the path forward is increasingly uncertain.



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POLITICAL EVENTS

Tour & Tasting with Danielle Smith and Brandon Lundy

Tues, May 12 – 5pm

Location: Rig Hand Distillery, Leduc County

- Premier Danielle Smith and Leduc–Beaumont MLA Brandon Lundy will host a fundraising tour and tasting event in support of the local constituency association.
- The event will include a distillery tour, refreshments, and opportunities to engage with party leadership while supporting the United Conservative Party.

An Evening with Hon. Steven MacKinnon and Hon. Eleanor Olszewski in support of MP Matt Jeneroux

Wed, May 13 – 7–9pm

Location: Edmonton (Location to be announced)

- The Edmonton Riverbend Federal Liberal Association will host a fundraising event featuring Ministers Steven MacKinnon and Eleanor Olszewski alongside MP Matt Jeneroux.
- The event will provide an opportunity to engage with federal Liberal representatives and discuss national priorities while supporting local party efforts.

Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) Annual Conference & Tradeshow

Sun–Wed, May 24–27

Location: Westerner Park & Red Deer Resort and Casino, Red Deer

- The Alberta Fire Chiefs Association will host its 78th annual conference, bringing together fire service leaders, municipal officials, and industry partners from across Canada.
- The event will feature keynote sessions, training workshops, and a tradeshow focused on emergency services, public safety policy, and innovations in fire protection and response.

Pride, Pints and Politics with Brooks & Edmonton-West Henday

Sat, May 30 – 4–7pm

Location: Evolution Wonderlounge (EVO), Edmonton

- Edmonton–West Henday MLA Brooks Arcand-Paul and the local Alberta NDP team will host a Pride-themed political event focused on advocacy and community engagement.
- The event will provide an opportunity for attendees to connect with party representatives, discuss key issues, and support local campaign efforts in a social setting.

Calgary Leader's Dinner

Fri, June 5 – 5pm

Location: BMO Centre, Calgary

- UCP Leader Danielle Smith and United Conservative MLAs will headline the party's Calgary Leader's Dinner, a flagship annual event.
- The dinner will bring together supporters and stakeholders to hear from party leadership and discuss Alberta's future, while serving as a key fundraising and networking opportunity.

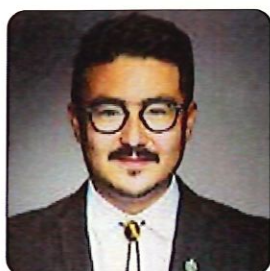
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Blake Desjarlais was hired as Chief of Staff to Edmonton Mayor Andrew Knack in April 2026, representing one of the more overtly partisan staffing decisions in recent municipal leadership. A former New Democratic Party Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Griesbach, Desjarlais brings recent partisan experience directly into a senior role within the Mayor's Office.

Desjarlais served as MP from 2021 to 2025 and held a leadership role as Deputy Caucus Chair. During his time in Parliament, he was an active voice on issues related to Indigenous representation, Palestine, and property tax payments from oil and gas companies to municipalities.

Prior to entering municipal politics, Desjarlais held senior positions with the Métis Settlements General Council. Following his defeat in the 2025 federal election, he remained active in progressive and Indigenous political circles. In late 2025, Desjarlais launched an unsuccessful campaign for the presidency of the organization, advocating for expanded grassroots engagement, housing, healthcare, and economic development initiatives within Métis communities. The election was ultimately won by incumbent President Dave Lamouche, who was re-elected in January 2026.

His transition into municipal politics is notable. Chiefs of staff in mayoral offices are typically drawn politically experienced operatives in the private sector, rather than former elected officials. His hiring suggests an alignment with progressive policy priorities, particularly as Mayor Knack navigates relationships with the UCP government, housing, affordability, and public safety.



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AT A GLANCE

In the Media

Increasing Speed Limits on Provincial Highways

Alberta is launching a pilot project to raise the speed limit from 110 km/h to 120 km/h on a 22-kilometre section of Highway 2 south of Leduc. The change follows a recent survey in which nearly 70 per cent of respondents supported higher speed limits on rural divided highways. The province says it will work with law enforcement to monitor driver behaviour and complete safety assessments during the trial.

Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Devin Dreeshen, stated: "Albertans told us they support 120 km/h speed limits on rural divided highways. Albertans want traffic safety rules that improve the driving experience in our beautiful province."

Expanding Alberta's Teacher Workforce

The province is introducing new expedited teaching certification pathways to address growing classroom demands driven by population growth and rising student enrolment. These pathways will allow final-year education students, internationally trained teachers, tradespeople, and other skilled professionals to begin teaching sooner in roles aligned with their expertise.

Minister of Education and Childcare, Demetrios Nicholaides, stated: "As classroom needs continue to grow, students need teachers with diverse skills and experience. These new certificates will fast-track qualified professionals into high-need classrooms, uphold strong standards and give school boards greater flexibility to support students locally."

New Investments in Continuing Care

The province has announced an investment of over \$400 million to support 11 shovel-ready projects, creating more than 1,100 net-new continuing care spaces across the province. This initiative is part of a broader, multi-billion-dollar plan over the next decade, aimed at addressing the needs of a rapidly growing and aging population.

"Albertans deserve to age with dignity in the communities they call home. By expanding continuing care capacity across Alberta, we are creating more spaces, more support and more peace of mind for seniors and families while building a stronger, more sustainable care system for generations to come," commented Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services, Jason Nixon.

Further Support for Emissions Reductions

Alberta's government, through Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA), is investing \$91 million from the TIER program to help industries adopt innovative technologies that improve efficiency and reduce emissions. Up to \$41 million will fund nine new projects across sectors such as energy, electricity, construction, and manufacturing. These initiatives include smart grid upgrades, hydroelectric and battery storage integration, geothermal energy testing, and advancements in construction materials and processes.

"The TIER fund is helping companies move projects forward that create jobs, strengthen supply chains and help Alberta double responsible energy production. By supporting both proven projects and the next wave of innovation, Alberta is turning good ideas into real world results – building on our province's long history of responsible energy leadership," commented Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, Grant Hunter.



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Previously, Cole served at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and played a leading role in the merging of Alberta's Wildrose and Progressive Conservative parties. Through his digital advertising campaign and communications work Cole played a key role in electing Doug Ford as Premier of Ontario and Jason Kenney as Premier of Alberta. Cole has also led and advised on digital advertising and communications strategy for federal and provincial conservative leadership campaigns.

In his private sector work, Cole is responsible for some of the most innovative digital campaign strategies and advertisements seen in Canada in sectors ranging from energy and healthcare, to transportation and trade unions. He's also spearheaded advertising campaigns for multiple national associations, organizations, and companies — deploying the right tactics to shift public opinion and win.

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HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF CALGARY STAMPEDE

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The Calgary Stampede is one of the most important relationship-building opportunities on Alberta's calendar. For those in government relations, it offers a unique environment where business, political, and community leaders come together in an informal setting.

With the right approach, Stampede can be a highly productive week. Here are a few key strategies to help you make the most of it.

Plan and Prioritize Early

Stampede week fills up quickly! Between countless pancake breakfasts, corporate and political receptions, and evening events that push into the early morning, it's easy to overcommit. Rather than trying to attend everything, identify your top priorities in advance:

- Which stakeholders are most important to connect with?
- Which events draw decision-makers in your sector?
- Where are the best opportunities for meaningful conversation?

Figure Out Logistics Ahead of Time

The small, but practical, details can make or break your Stampede experience. Before the week begins:

- Download any parking apps you may need for lots near your key venues. Don't wait until you're on-site and rushing to set up an account.
- Review your event schedule and consider whether ridesharing may be more efficient than driving, particularly if parking is limited or if you expect to be attending multiple events back-to-back.
- Plan ahead if alcohol will be part of the event. Rideshare options can simplify logistics and avoid "socially inhibiting" considerations.

A small amount of logistical planning upfront can save significant time and stress during the week.

Think in Terms of Touchpoints, Not Meetings

Stampede isn't the place for formal, agenda-driven meetings. Cabinet Ministers and other VIPs will be in constant movement. Instead, it's about making new connections and reinforcing relationships. Use this time to:

- Reconnect with existing relationships in a fun, relaxed setting.
- Make introductions that may be harder to facilitate during the regular business cycle.
- Lay groundwork for follow-up conversations. A well-timed interaction at Stampede can often open the door to a more substantive discussion.



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She began her political career in the Senate of Canada, working with Independent Senators on national policy initiatives, including Arctic and Northern Affairs and National Finance. She later worked with the Leader of the Official Opposition, where she managed stakeholder relations within the Opposition Leader's Office and in the federal war room, supporting engagement and coordination across key policy areas including energy, infrastructure, Indigenous relations, and economic development. In this role, she supported the alignment of policy, communications, and issues management.

Jwane also brings private-sector experience across technology, architecture, and real estate, where she has supported business growth, operations, and brand development. In 2022, she was a candidate in Ottawa's municipal election, further strengthening her understanding of grassroots engagement and public sentiment.

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Be Prepared to Capture Connections

Events are busy, loud, and fast-moving. You will meet dozens of people every day. To stay organized:

- Bring plenty of business cards to share with new contacts
- Avoid relying solely on digital exchanges, which can be difficult in crowded, noisy environments.

Prepare Communications in Advance

For communications staff, preparation is key to maintaining a strong digital presence without disrupting your ability to socialize and enjoy Stampede. Where possible:

- Draft social media posts in advance for key events.
- Identify accounts to tag and messaging you want to highlight.
- Prepare content so you can quickly copy, paste, and post in real time.

This avoids spending valuable time at events typing on your phone or searching for social media handles, and allows you to stay engaged with the people around you.

Follow Up Promptly

The value of Stampede doesn't end when the tents come down. After the festivities, plan to:

- Follow up with key contacts while conversations are still fresh.
- Reinforce connections made during events.
- Convert informal discussions into structured next steps where appropriate.

Timely follow-up is what turns a positive interaction into lasting outcomes.

Top 10 Must-Attend Events at Calgary Stampede 2026

The Calgary Stampede is one of the most important times of the year for Alberta's business and government relations community. With dozens of events happening across the city each day, here are ten events worth having on your radar this Stampede.

1. Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters: Saddle Up, Scale Up

July 3 | 3:00–6:00 PM | The Rooftop YYC

This curated, invitation-only event brings together a select group of manufacturers and government leaders. With attendance intentionally limited, it offers one of the more focused networking environments of the week.

Register [here](#).

2. South Calgary UCP Stampede Breakfast

July 3 | 9:00–11:00 AM | Fresh and Local Market (Avenida Village)

One of the largest partisan breakfasts during Stampede, this event consistently draws MLAs, staff, and key stakeholders.

No invitation or ticket is required.

3. Alberta Counsel Rooftop Stampede Suite

July 3 | 7:00 PM–Midnight | CRAFT Beer Market Rooftop

Alberta Counsel's flagship Stampede event returns, bringing together clients, colleagues, and leaders from across sectors. A cornerstone of the week for relationship-building in a relaxed setting.

Register [here](#).

4. Conservative Party of Canada BBQ

July 4 | 5:30–9:00 PM | Heritage Park

A key federal political event during Stampede, this BBQ attracts Members of Parliament, provincial representatives, and senior political staff. A strong opportunity for those engaging on federal files.

Invite only. Tickets will be available shortly.



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Her background spans public and government affairs, political research, stakeholder engagement, and strategic communications. She has worked on municipal campaigns and worked with provincial elected officials outside the election period, giving her firsthand experience navigating both campaign and non-campaign political environments. She approaches challenges with a multi-partisan perspective, focused on finding common ground across perspectives.

In addition to her professional work, Alexandra is the Founder and Executive Director of the Gravel Road Civics Project and a co-founder of Municipal YYC, reflecting her strong commitment to civic participation and community leadership. She holds a First-Class Honours BA in Political Science from the University of Alberta, where she worked on the Common Ground Initiative research team, and is completing a Master of Arts in Political Science at the University of Calgary.

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5. Equal Voice Stampede Reception

July 5 | 1:00–4:00 PM | *The Rooftop YYC*

This multi-partisan event brings together MLAs and MPs from across the political spectrum. It's known for its strong turnout and inclusive atmosphere focused on advancing women in politics.

Registration has not yet opened.

6. Minister Dreeshen's Stampede Reception

July 5 | 6:00–9:00 PM | *Location provided upon registration*

A popular, annual event hosted by the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, this reception draws a strong mix of ministers, caucus members, and stakeholders. Consistently one of the more connected rooms of the weekend.

For registration, contact info@devindreeshen.ca.

7. Premier's Stampede Breakfast

July 6 | 7:00–9:00 AM | *McDougall Centre (TBC)*

A quintessential Stampede stop, the Premier's Breakfast brings together the full UCP caucus along with a large cross-section of stakeholders. High attendance makes this a valuable visibility event.

8. Calgary Chamber Stampede Party

July 6 | 10:30 AM–3:00 PM | *Calgary Marriott Downtown Rooftop*

A staple for Calgary's business community, the Chamber's event offers a strong mix of corporate leaders and public sector representatives. Expect a steady flow of connections throughout the afternoon.

More information.

9. Alberta Counsel Non-Profit Stampede Mixer

July 6 | 11:00 AM–1:00 PM | *Werklund Centre (Jack Singer Lobby)*

This mid-day event connects leaders and organizations from across Alberta's non-profit sector. A strong opportunity to engage with partners and stakeholders in a more focused setting.

Register [here](#).

10. Alberta NDP Caucus Stampede Breakfast

July 8 | 8:00–11:00 AM | *Falconridge/Castleridge Community Association*

A key opportunity to connect with Alberta NDP MLAs and stakeholders, offering important balance to the week's broader political engagement.

No invitation or ticket is required.

Final Note

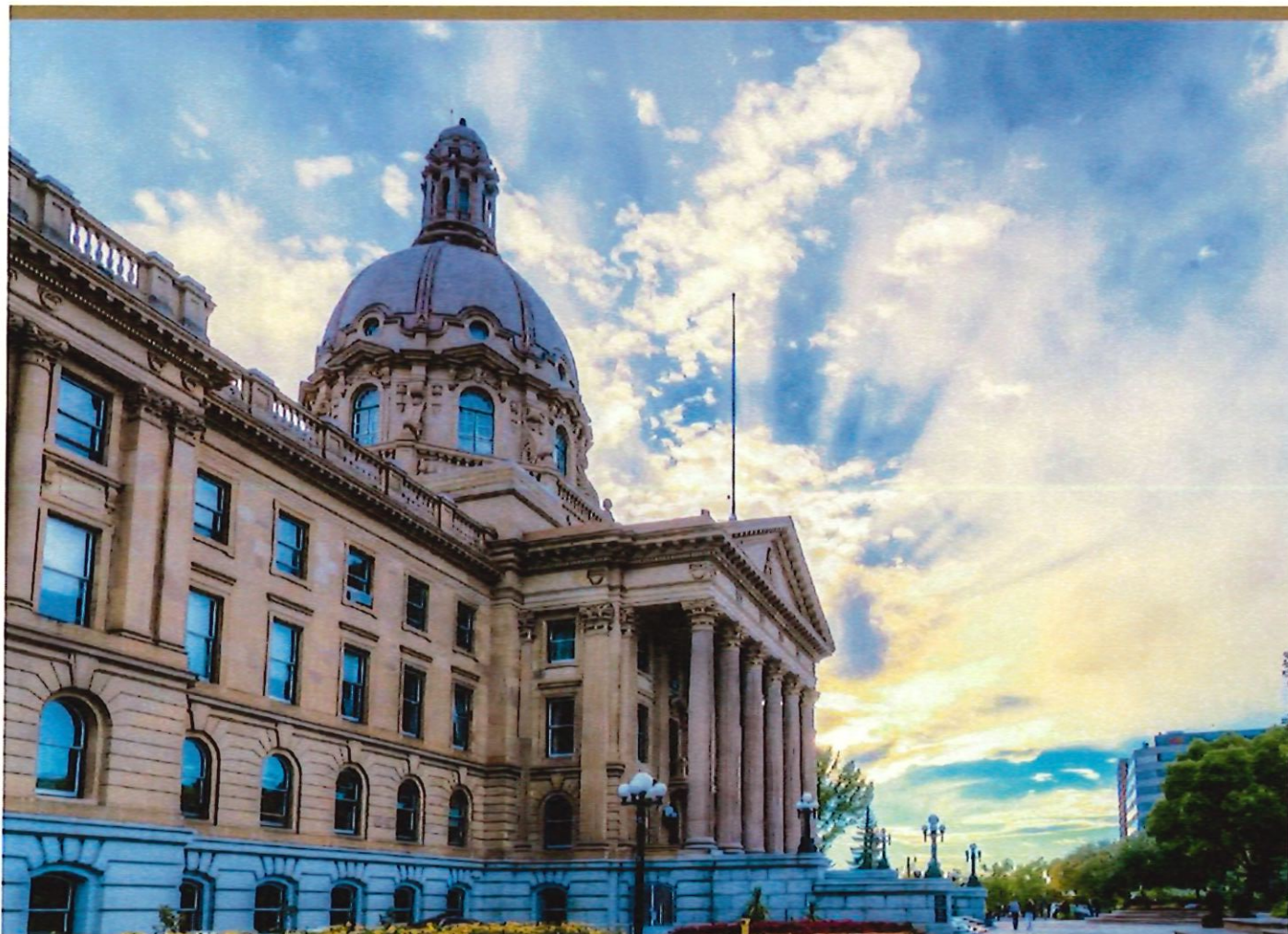
Many event details are still being finalized. As invitations and confirmations continue to roll in, schedules may shift. We recommend staying flexible and keeping an eye out for updates!



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Bill Updates

Government Bills

- **Bill 15: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Police Act* and the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* to support the transition of certain public safety functions to an independent agency police service in Alberta. The bill allows the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services to transfer employees from the Government of Alberta to the new police service through formal transfer orders while maintaining continuity of employment. It also establishes labour-relations provisions to ensure collective bargaining rights, existing bargaining units, and collective agreements continue following the transfer. In addition, the bill expands delegation authority under the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*, allowing the Director to delegate powers to employees of the independent agency police service.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 15: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Advancing the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service](#)

- **Bill 16: Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act:** Creates a new framework for destination marketing fees and tourism development in Alberta. The bill allows the Minister of Tourism and Sport to designate a destination marketing organization, an accommodation association (where applicable), and a trustee for each geographic area. Operators may choose to charge a destination marketing fee on accommodation or prescribed tourism experiences, but if charged, it must be collected at purchase and remitted in full to the designated trustee, who must hold the funds in trust and transfer them for regulated tourism promotion purposes. The bill adds enforcement tools (inspections, penalties, offences) and a limited right of appeal. It also amends the Consumer Protection Act to require disclosure of mandatory fees at booking.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 16: Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Legislation targets tourism fee transparency](#)

- **Bill 17: Fiscal Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends several provincial statutes to implement fiscal and regulatory updates across taxation, financial services, pensions, and tourism. Key changes include amendments to the *Alberta Corporate Tax Act* affecting the calculation of levies on data centres, and revisions to the *Alberta Personal Income Tax Act* to introduce an updated Alberta caregiver credit for dependants with mental or physical infirmities. The bill also modifies the *Credit Union Act* to strengthen oversight and liquidity standards, expands regulatory authority shared between the Minister and the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, and modernizes governance and compliance rules. Additional amendments update the *Employment Pension Plans Act* to allow pension plan administrators to transfer assets to purchase annuities and adjust eligibility rules for multi-employer plans, revise provisions under the *Loan and Trust Corporations Act*, and increase Alberta's tourism levy from 4% to 6% on accommodation purchases made after April 1, 2026.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 17: Fiscal Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Alberta advances budget legislation](#)

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 18: Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act:** Establishes additional provincial safeguards governing the provision of medical assistance in dying (MAID) in Alberta. The bill sets out enhanced eligibility and procedural requirements, including that an individual's natural death must be reasonably foreseeable within 12 months and that requests cannot be based solely on mental illness. It requires practitioner assessments, documentation safeguards, and, where possible, the presence of a family member as a witness. The legislation also introduces new rules for health care facilities, including the right to refuse provision of MAID, the creation of exclusion zones around certain facilities, and restrictions on the display or provision of MAID-related information. Additionally, it establishes a care coordination service, outlines complaint and disciplinary processes for regulated health professionals, and imposes mandatory sanctions for non-compliance.

 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 18: Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [MAID protections for Albertans with mental illness](#)

- **Bill 19: Appropriation Act, 2026:** Authorizes government spending from Alberta's General Revenue Fund for the 2026–27 fiscal year. The bill allocates funding across government operations, including approximately \$62.5 billion for public service expenses, \$4.76 billion for capital investments, \$1.45 billion for financial transactions, and \$2 billion in contingency funding, along with \$217.7 million for the Legislative Assembly. It also permits limited transfers between expense, capital, and financial transaction votes, subject to Treasury Board approval, and includes provisions for targeted infrastructure funding such as school and health facility projects.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 19: Appropriation Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: The government did not provide a news release.

- **Bill 20: Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2026:** Authorizes additional government spending from Alberta's General Revenue Fund for the 2025–26 fiscal year to cover expenditures not previously approved. The bill allocates approximately \$326.2 million in additional operating expenses, \$17.8 million for capital investments, \$202.2 million for financial transactions, and \$18.2 million for the Legislative Assembly. It also includes targeted transfers between departments, notably reallocating funds to support social services, justice, and other priority areas.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 20: Appropriation \(Supplementary Supply\) Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: The government did not provide a news release.

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 21: Interprovincial Trade Mutual Recognition Act:** Establishes a framework to reduce internal trade barriers by requiring Alberta to recognize goods and services that meet regulatory standards in other Canadian jurisdictions. The bill implements “mutual recognition rules,” meaning goods and services approved elsewhere in Canada are generally treated as meeting Alberta’s requirements, with limited exceptions. It enables Alberta to participate in agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and New West Partnership, while allowing Ministers to issue exemption orders where necessary. The legislation also provides regulatory authority to manage standards, approvals, and verification processes across jurisdictions.
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 21: Interprovincial Trade Mutual Recognition Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Reducing barriers to interprovincial trade](#)

- **Bill 22: Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Animal Protection Act* to strengthen animal welfare standards, enforcement powers, and penalties in Alberta. The bill expands the definition of “distress” to include conditions affecting an animal’s physical and psychological well-being, and introduces enhanced duties for persons responsible for animals, including requirements related to shelter, care, and the ability to express natural behaviours. It provides increased authority to peace officers, including new inspection powers, the ability to stop vehicles transporting animals, and expanded mechanisms to take animals into custody and ensure their care. The legislation also significantly increases penalties for offences, introduces prohibition orders restricting individuals from owning animals, and enables recognition of similar orders from other jurisdictions.
 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 22: Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Modernizing Alberta’s Animal Protection Act](#)

- **Bill 23: Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends several statutes related to elections, citizen initiatives, public sector disclosure, and justice processes. Key changes to the *Citizen Initiative Act* and *Recall Act* include restricting initiative activity around election periods, introducing “scrutineers” to observe petition verification processes, and enhancing transparency requirements. The bill also amends the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* to regulate the creation and distribution of misleading “deepfakes” in political contexts, including enforcement powers and penalties. Additional amendments update public sector compensation disclosure thresholds and modernize various procedural and administrative provisions across justice-related legislation
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 23: Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Boosting transparency and election integrity](#)

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 24: Alberta Whisky Act:** Establishes a regulatory framework and designation system for “Alberta Whisky” as a provincially recognized product. The bill sets out specific production standards, including requirements that whisky be produced entirely in Alberta using locally sourced grains and water, and limits post-distillation modifications. It designates the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission as the oversight body responsible for administering declarations, inspections, and enforcement, including the authority to revoke designations for non-compliance. The legislation also restricts the use of the term “Alberta Whisky” to products that meet the established standards, supporting product authenticity and geographic indication recognition.
 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 24: Alberta Whisky Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [This is Alberta Whisky](#)

- **Bill 25: An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026:** Amends the *Education Act* to introduce new requirements aimed at promoting neutrality, academic rigor, and intellectual diversity in Alberta’s education system. The bill revises curriculum and instructional standards to emphasize critical thinking, a range of perspectives, and the avoidance of political or ideological bias in educational programming. It also places new restrictions on school boards, including limits on taking positions unrelated to their statutory responsibilities, requirements for ministerial approval of superintendent contracts, and expanded provincial oversight through strategic priorities. Additional provisions address school governance, including rules respecting flags and the national anthem, naming of school buildings, and the transfer of certain school board-owned property to the Crown.
 - **Status: Adjourned during Second Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 25: An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Removing politics and ideology from classrooms](#)

- **Bill 26: Immigration Oversight Act:** Establishes a comprehensive regulatory framework governing the recruitment and employment of foreign workers in Alberta. The Act introduces mandatory registration requirements for employers hiring foreign nationals and licensing requirements for foreign worker recruiters and immigration consultants. It sets out codes of conduct, prohibits exploitative practices (including charging recruitment fees to foreign workers), and imposes disclosure and contract requirements. The legislation also creates enforcement mechanisms, including inspections, administrative penalties, compensation orders, and significant fines for non-compliance. Additional provisions address information sharing, complaint processes, and provincial selection programs aligned with federal immigration agreements.
 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 26: Immigration Oversight Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Restoring trust in the immigration system](#)

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 27: Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Introduces amendments to multiple financial statutes to support updated fiscal policy and program alignment in Alberta. The bill amends legislation including the *Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act*, *Automobile Insurance Act*, *Insurance Act*, *Seniors Benefit Act*, and other financial frameworks, reflecting changes to government financial operations, oversight, and program administration. As an omnibus bill, it bundles a range of technical and policy updates into a single piece of legislation, streamlining statutory changes related to Alberta's broader budget and financial management priorities.
 - **Status:** Passed Third Reading.
 - **Bill Text:** [Bill 27: Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - **GOA Overview:** [Implementing Budget 2026](#)

- **Bill 28: Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Alberta Housing Act*, *Libraries Act*, and *Municipal Government Act* to introduce a broad range of changes affecting municipal governance, housing administration, planning, and public-sector transparency. Key measures include new rules for housing management body reserve funds and requisitions, expanded ministerial inspection and regulatory powers over public libraries, and the creation of a provincial councillor accountability framework with complaint, investigation, sanction, and appeal processes. The bill also introduces new municipal employee compensation disclosure requirements, changes to property tax and assessment rules, expanded provincial authority over planning and development matters, and new provisions respecting pits, automated permitting systems, community design codes, and off-site levies.
 - **Status:** Adjourned during Second Reading.
 - **Bill Text:** [Bill 28: Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - **GOA Overview:** [More homes, clear rules, stronger accountability](#)

- **Bill 29: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends multiple health-related statutes to update Alberta's health care administration, professional regulation, and provincial health governance framework. Key changes include amendments to the *Alberta Health Care Insurance Act* and *Health Professions Act* to create a framework for provincially funded preventative health testing services available through self-referral, with the Minister given authority to specify eligible services and set benefit rates. The bill also amends the *Pharmacy and Drug Act* to authorize the sale of certain Schedule 1 drugs to regulated health professionals through written orders, and updates several statutes to reflect changes in health system terminology, governance, and oversight, including provisions related to hospital services facility operators, provincial health corporations, and employee severance repayment obligations in certain re-employment circumstances.
 - **Status:** Adjourned during Second Reading.
 - **Bill Text:** [Bill 29: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - **GOA Overview:** [Expanding health care access for Albertans](#)

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 30: Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act:** Establishes a process for the Government of Alberta to designate certain major projects as “qualified projects” and expedite required regulatory decisions. Project proponents may apply for designation, and the Minister may recommend approval based on factors including strategic alignment with government priorities, economic importance, minimum capital spending of more than \$250 million, and the status of environmental and Indigenous consultation processes. For designated projects, decisions on prescribed approvals must be made within the lesser of 120 business days or the time frame otherwise set out in the applicable enactment. The bill also allows the Lieutenant Governor in Council to continue or rescind a project’s designation and provides that the Act prevails over conflicting enactments unless another Act expressly states otherwise.
 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - **Bill Text:** [Bill 30: Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act](#)
 - **GOA Overview:** [Faster approvals for major projects](#)

- **Bill 31: Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Introduces an omnibus set of amendments across multiple statutes to streamline regulatory processes and reduce administrative burden in Alberta. Key changes include expanded authority for standalone land-use planning under the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*, modernization of condominium governance and tribunal powers, and replacement of the *Daylight Saving Time Act* with a new *Official Time Act* standardizing time observance. The bill also shifts certain environmental regulatory powers to the Minister, enables limited sale of personal information by the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission under approved conditions, and advances digital processes under the *Land Titles Act*. Additional amendments update frameworks related to irrigation districts, infrastructure planning, and resource regulation.
 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - **Bill Text:** [Bill 31: Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - **GOA Overview:** [Cutting red tape, getting results](#)

- **Bill 32: Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* to increase the number of proposed electoral divisions in Alberta from 89 to 91, expanding the total number of constituencies to be considered in future boundary redistributions.
 - **Status: Adjourned during Second Reading.**
 - **Bill Text:** [Bill 32: Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - **GOA Overview:** [Updating electoral boundaries](#)

Private Member Bills

- **Bill 205: Non-Disclosure Agreements Act:** Prohibits the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) in cases involving sexual misconduct or sexual exploitation. The bill would prevent respondents and responsible persons from entering into agreements that restrict individuals from disclosing experiences of sexual misconduct or participating in related complaints or investigations. Any such agreements would be deemed void, and the legislation establishes penalties for contraventions, including fines for individuals and organizations. The bill also applies retroactively to invalidate existing NDAs that conflict with its provisions and affirms that rights under the Act cannot be waived.
 - **Status: Referred to Standing Committee on Families and Communities.**
 - **Bill Text:** [Bill 205: Non-Disclosure Agreements Act](#)

Private Member Bills (continued)

- **Bill 206: Accessible Alberta Act:** Proposes creating an Accessibility Standards Committee, composed primarily of persons with disabilities, to develop and recommend accessibility standards to the government. These standards may apply to areas such as employment, the built environment, information and communications technology, government services, housing, transportation, health, education, and procurement. The legislation aims to identify, prevent and remove barriers through regulatory standards and consultation with persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, and affected organizations, with the broader goal of achieving a more accessible Alberta by 2040.

 - **Status: Defeated on division.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 206: Accessible Alberta Act](#)

- **Bill 207: Primary Provincial Industries Recognition Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the Education Act and the Special Days Act to promote awareness of Alberta’s primary provincial industries, including fossil fuels, forestry, agriculture and construction. The bill would require the Minister of Education to incorporate age-appropriate curriculum content on the economic importance of these sectors, related career opportunities, and the role they play in provincial revenues. It also establishes February 13 as “Fossil Fuel Recognition Day” to recognize the contributions of Alberta’s fossil fuel industry and increase public awareness of its economic impact.

 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 207: Primary Provincial Industries Recognition Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)

- **Bill 208: Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act* to prohibit the sale of flavoured vaping products in Alberta, with limited exceptions for tobacco-flavoured products. The bill defines “flavoured vaping product” to include single-use vaping devices with noticeable non-tobacco flavours and allows for additional products to be designated by regulation. The prohibition aims to reduce the appeal of vaping products, particularly among youth. The legislation would come into force one year following Royal Assent.

 - **Status: Referred to Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 208: Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Amendment Act, 2026](#)

- **Bill 209: Consumer Protection (Affordability Measures) Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Consumer Protection Act* to introduce new affordability-focused protections for consumers. Key measures include prohibiting suppliers from charging prices higher than advertised (subject to limited exceptions), requiring online businesses to provide clear and accessible cancellation mechanisms for certain internet-based subscription contracts, and capping fees for private automated banking machines at the lesser of \$5 or 5% of the withdrawal amount. The bill also prohibits fees for transferring tickets on secondary ticketing platforms and establishes related enforcement provisions.

 - **Status: Adjourned during Second Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 209: Consumer Protection \(Affordability Measures\) Amendment Act, 2026](#)

Private Member Bills (continued)

- **Bill 210: Consumer Protection (Fraud Prevention Measures) Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Consumer Protection Act* to introduce new fraud prevention tools for consumers, including the ability to place security alerts and credit freezes on credit reports. The bill requires reporting agencies to verify identities before processing requests, prohibits agencies from releasing credit reports while a freeze is in effect, and imposes new identity verification obligations on businesses entering into credit agreements. It also requires reporting agencies to publicly disclose consumer rights related to fraud protection measures and prohibits fees for these services.
 - **Status: Passed First Reading.**
 - **Bill Text:** [Bill 210: Consumer Protection \(Fraud Prevention Measures\) Amendment Act, 2026](#)

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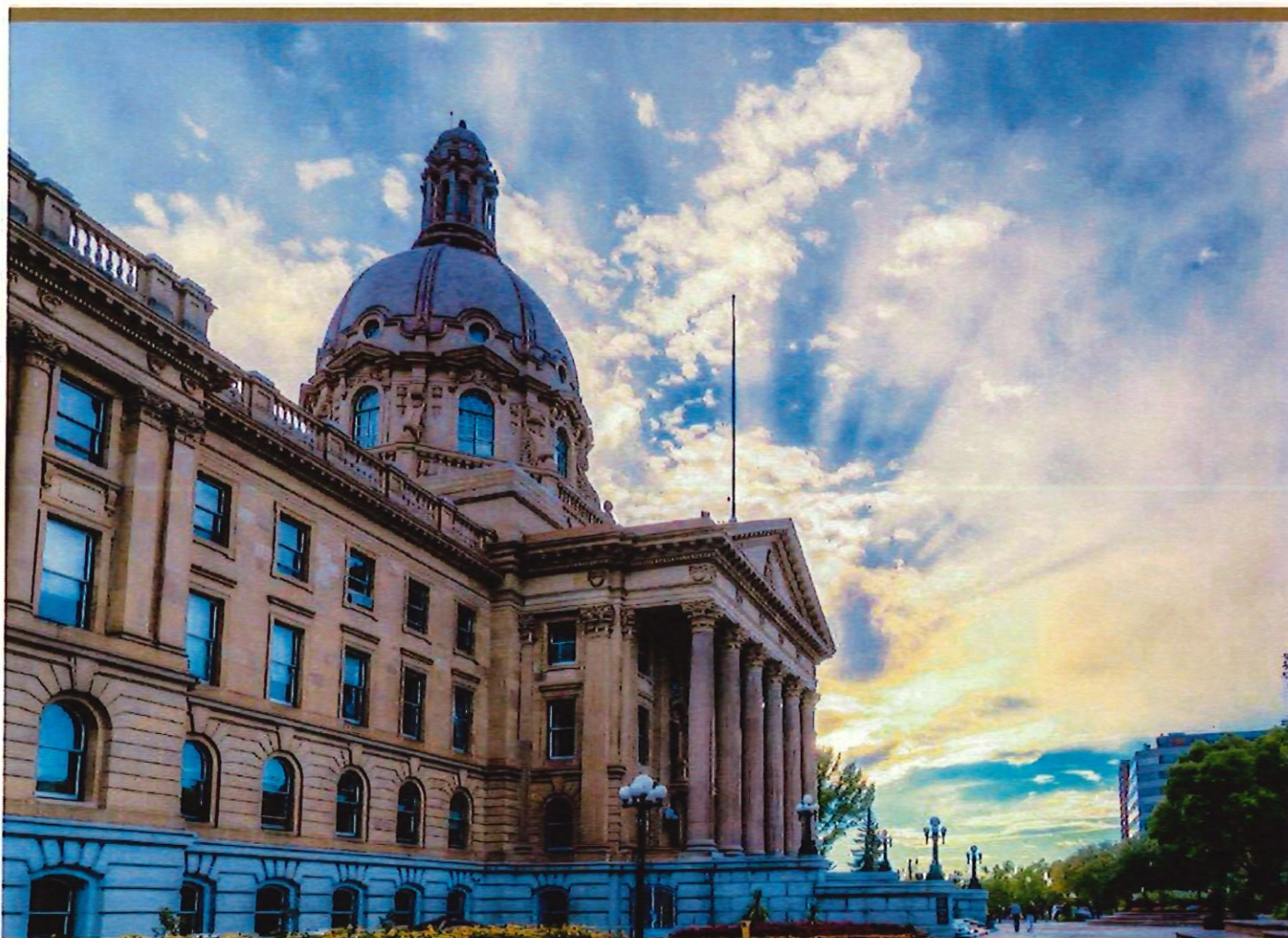
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Bill Updates

Government Bills

- **Bill 15: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Police Act* and the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* to support the transition of certain public safety functions to an independent agency police service in Alberta. The bill allows the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services to transfer employees from the Government of Alberta to the new police service through formal transfer orders while maintaining continuity of employment. It also establishes labour-relations provisions to ensure collective bargaining rights, existing bargaining units, and collective agreements continue following the transfer. In addition, the bill expands delegation authority under the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*, allowing the Director to delegate powers to employees of the independent agency police service.
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 15: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Advancing the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service](#)

- **Bill 16: Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act:** Creates a new framework for destination marketing fees and tourism development in Alberta. The bill allows the Minister of Tourism and Sport to designate a destination marketing organization, an accommodation association (where applicable), and a trustee for each geographic area. Operators may choose to charge a destination marketing fee on accommodation or prescribed tourism experiences, but if charged, it must be collected at purchase and remitted in full to the designated trustee, who must hold the funds in trust and transfer them for regulated tourism promotion purposes. The bill adds enforcement tools (inspections, penalties, offences) and a limited right of appeal. It also amends the Consumer Protection Act to require disclosure of mandatory fees at booking.
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 16: Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Legislation targets tourism fee transparency](#)

- **Bill 17: Fiscal Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends several provincial statutes to implement fiscal and regulatory updates across taxation, financial services, pensions, and tourism. Key changes include amendments to the *Alberta Corporate Tax Act* affecting the calculation of levies on data centres, and revisions to the *Alberta Personal Income Tax Act* to introduce an updated Alberta caregiver credit for dependants with mental or physical infirmities. The bill also modifies the *Credit Union Act* to strengthen oversight and liquidity standards, expands regulatory authority shared between the Minister and the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, and modernizes governance and compliance rules. Additional amendments update the *Employment Pension Plans Act* to allow pension plan administrators to transfer assets to purchase annuities and adjust eligibility rules for multi-employer plans, revise provisions under the *Loan and Trust Corporations Act*, and increase Alberta's tourism levy from 4% to 6% on accommodation purchases made after April 1, 2026.
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 17: Fiscal Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Alberta advances budget legislation](#)

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 18: Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act:** Establishes additional provincial safeguards governing the provision of medical assistance in dying (MAID) in Alberta. The bill sets out enhanced eligibility and procedural requirements, including that an individual's natural death must be reasonably foreseeable within 12 months and that requests cannot be based solely on mental illness. It requires practitioner assessments, documentation safeguards, and, where possible, the presence of a family member as a witness. The legislation also introduces new rules for health care facilities, including the right to refuse provision of MAID, the creation of exclusion zones around certain facilities, and restrictions on the display or provision of MAID-related information. Additionally, it establishes a care coordination service, outlines complaint and disciplinary processes for regulated health professionals, and imposes mandatory sanctions for non-compliance.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 18: Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [MAID protections for Albertans with mental illness](#)

- **Bill 19: Appropriation Act, 2026:** Authorizes government spending from Alberta's General Revenue Fund for the 2026–27 fiscal year. The bill allocates funding across government operations, including approximately \$62.5 billion for public service expenses, \$4.76 billion for capital investments, \$1.45 billion for financial transactions, and \$2 billion in contingency funding, along with \$217.7 million for the Legislative Assembly. It also permits limited transfers between expense, capital, and financial transaction votes, subject to Treasury Board approval, and includes provisions for targeted infrastructure funding such as school and health facility projects.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 19: Appropriation Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: The government did not provide a news release.

- **Bill 20: Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2026:** Authorizes additional government spending from Alberta's General Revenue Fund for the 2025–26 fiscal year to cover expenditures not previously approved. The bill allocates approximately \$326.2 million in additional operating expenses, \$17.8 million for capital investments, \$202.2 million for financial transactions, and \$18.2 million for the Legislative Assembly. It also includes targeted transfers between departments, notably reallocating funds to support social services, justice, and other priority areas.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 20: Appropriation \(Supplementary Supply\) Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: The government did not provide a news release.

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 21: Interprovincial Trade Mutual Recognition Act:** Establishes a framework to reduce internal trade barriers by requiring Alberta to recognize goods and services that meet regulatory standards in other Canadian jurisdictions. The bill implements “mutual recognition rules,” meaning goods and services approved elsewhere in Canada are generally treated as meeting Alberta’s requirements, with limited exceptions. It enables Alberta to participate in agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and New West Partnership, while allowing Ministers to issue exemption orders where necessary. The legislation also provides regulatory authority to manage standards, approvals, and verification processes across jurisdictions.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 21: Interprovincial Trade Mutual Recognition Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Reducing barriers to interprovincial trade](#)

- **Bill 22: Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Animal Protection Act* to strengthen animal welfare standards, enforcement powers, and penalties in Alberta. The bill expands the definition of “distress” to include conditions affecting an animal’s physical and psychological well-being, and introduces enhanced duties for persons responsible for animals, including requirements related to shelter, care, and the ability to express natural behaviours. It provides increased authority to peace officers, including new inspection powers, the ability to stop vehicles transporting animals, and expanded mechanisms to take animals into custody and ensure their care. The legislation also significantly increases penalties for offences, introduces prohibition orders restricting individuals from owning animals, and enables recognition of similar orders from other jurisdictions.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 22: Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Modernizing Alberta’s Animal Protection Act](#)

- **Bill 23: Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends several statutes related to elections, citizen initiatives, public sector disclosure, and justice processes. Key changes to the *Citizen Initiative Act* and *Recall Act* include restricting initiative activity around election periods, introducing “scrutineers” to observe petition verification processes, and enhancing transparency requirements. The bill also amends the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* to regulate the creation and distribution of misleading “deepfakes” in political contexts, including enforcement powers and penalties. Additional amendments update public sector compensation disclosure thresholds and modernize various procedural and administrative provisions across justice-related legislation

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 23: Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Boosting transparency and election integrity](#)

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 24: Alberta Whisky Act:** Establishes a regulatory framework and designation system for “Alberta Whisky” as a provincially recognized product. The bill sets out specific production standards, including requirements that whisky be produced entirely in Alberta using locally sourced grains and water, and limits post-distillation modifications. It designates the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission as the oversight body responsible for administering declarations, inspections, and enforcement, including the authority to revoke designations for non-compliance. The legislation also restricts the use of the term “Alberta Whisky” to products that meet the established standards, supporting product authenticity and geographic indication recognition.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 24: Alberta Whisky Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [This is Alberta Whisky](#)

- **Bill 25: An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026:** Amends the *Education Act* to introduce new requirements aimed at promoting neutrality, academic rigor, and intellectual diversity in Alberta’s education system. The bill revises curriculum and instructional standards to emphasize critical thinking, a range of perspectives, and the avoidance of political or ideological bias in educational programming. It also places new restrictions on school boards, including limits on taking positions unrelated to their statutory responsibilities, requirements for ministerial approval of superintendent contracts, and expanded provincial oversight through strategic priorities. Additional provisions address school governance, including rules respecting flags and the national anthem, naming of school buildings, and the transfer of certain school board-owned property to the Crown.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 25: An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Removing politics and ideology from classrooms](#)

- **Bill 26: Immigration Oversight Act:** Establishes a comprehensive regulatory framework governing the recruitment and employment of foreign workers in Alberta. The Act introduces mandatory registration requirements for employers hiring foreign nationals and licensing requirements for foreign worker recruiters and immigration consultants. It sets out codes of conduct, prohibits exploitative practices (including charging recruitment fees to foreign workers), and imposes disclosure and contract requirements. The legislation also creates enforcement mechanisms, including inspections, administrative penalties, compensation orders, and significant fines for non-compliance. Additional provisions address information sharing, complaint processes, and provincial selection programs aligned with federal immigration agreements.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 26: Immigration Oversight Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Restoring trust in the immigration system](#)

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 27: Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Introduces amendments to multiple financial statutes to support updated fiscal policy and program alignment in Alberta. The bill amends legislation including the *Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act*, *Automobile Insurance Act*, *Insurance Act*, *Seniors Benefit Act*, and other financial frameworks, reflecting changes to government financial operations, oversight, and program administration. As an omnibus bill, it bundles a range of technical and policy updates into a single piece of legislation, streamlining statutory changes related to Alberta's broader budget and financial management priorities.
 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 27: Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Implementing Budget 2026](#)

- **Bill 28: Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Alberta Housing Act*, *Libraries Act*, and *Municipal Government Act* to introduce a broad range of changes affecting municipal governance, housing administration, planning, and public-sector transparency. Key measures include new rules for housing management body reserve funds and requisitions, expanded ministerial inspection and regulatory powers over public libraries, and the creation of a provincial councillor accountability framework with complaint, investigation, sanction, and appeal processes. The bill also introduces new municipal employee compensation disclosure requirements, changes to property tax and assessment rules, expanded provincial authority over planning and development matters, and new provisions respecting pits, automated permitting systems, community design codes, and off-site levies.
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 28: Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [More homes, clear rules, stronger accountability](#)

- **Bill 29: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends multiple health-related statutes to update Alberta's health care administration, professional regulation, and provincial health governance framework. Key changes include amendments to the *Alberta Health Care Insurance Act* and *Health Professions Act* to create a framework for provincially funded preventative health testing services available through self-referral, with the Minister given authority to specify eligible services and set benefit rates. The bill also amends the *Pharmacy and Drug Act* to authorize the sale of certain Schedule 1 drugs to regulated health professionals through written orders, and updates several statutes to reflect changes in health system terminology, governance, and oversight, including provisions related to hospital services facility operators, provincial health corporations, and employee severance repayment obligations in certain re-employment circumstances.
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 29: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Expanding health care access for Albertans](#)

Government Bills (continued)

- **Bill 30: Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act:** Establishes a process for the Government of Alberta to designate certain major projects as “qualified projects” and expedite required regulatory decisions. Project proponents may apply for designation, and the Minister may recommend approval based on factors including strategic alignment with government priorities, economic importance, minimum capital spending of more than \$250 million, and the status of environmental and Indigenous consultation processes. For designated projects, decisions on prescribed approvals must be made within the lesser of 120 business days or the time frame otherwise set out in the applicable enactment. The bill also allows the Lieutenant Governor in Council to continue or rescind a project’s designation and provides that the Act prevails over conflicting enactments unless another Act expressly states otherwise.
 - **Status: Passed Third Reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 30: Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Faster approvals for major projects](#)

- **Bill 31: Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Introduces an omnibus set of amendments across multiple statutes to streamline regulatory processes and reduce administrative burden in Alberta. Key changes include expanded authority for standalone land-use planning under the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*, modernization of condominium governance and tribunal powers, and replacement of the *Daylight Saving Time Act* with a new *Official Time Act* standardizing time observance. The bill also shifts certain environmental regulatory powers to the Minister, enables limited sale of personal information by the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission under approved conditions, and advances digital processes under the *Land Titles Act*. Additional amendments update frameworks related to irrigation districts, infrastructure planning, and resource regulation.
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 31: Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Cutting red tape, getting results](#)

- **Bill 32: Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* to increase the number of proposed electoral divisions in Alberta from 89 to 91, expanding the total number of constituencies to be considered in future boundary redistributions.
 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 32: Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2026](#)
 - GOA Overview: [Updating electoral boundaries](#)

Private Member Bills

- **Bill 205: Non-Disclosure Agreements Act:** Prohibits the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) in cases involving sexual misconduct or sexual exploitation. The bill would prevent respondents and responsible persons from entering into agreements that restrict individuals from disclosing experiences of sexual misconduct or participating in related complaints or investigations. Any such agreements would be deemed void, and the legislation establishes penalties for contraventions, including fines for individuals and organizations. The bill also applies retroactively to invalidate existing NDAs that conflict with its provisions and affirms that rights under the Act cannot be waived.
 - **Status: Referred to Standing Committee on Families and Communities.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 205: Non-Disclosure Agreements Act](#)

Private Member Bills (continued)

- **Bill 206: Accessible Alberta Act:** Proposes creating an Accessibility Standards Committee, composed primarily of persons with disabilities, to develop and recommend accessibility standards to the government. These standards may apply to areas such as employment, the built environment, information and communications technology, government services, housing, transportation, health, education, and procurement. The legislation aims to identify, prevent and remove barriers through regulatory standards and consultation with persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, and affected organizations, with the broader goal of achieving a more accessible Alberta by 2040.

 - **Status: Defeated on division.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 206: Accessible Alberta Act](#)

- **Bill 207: Primary Provincial Industries Recognition Statutes Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the Education Act and the Special Days Act to promote awareness of Alberta’s primary provincial industries, including fossil fuels, forestry, agriculture and construction. The bill would require the Minister of Education to incorporate age-appropriate curriculum content on the economic importance of these sectors, related career opportunities, and the role they play in provincial revenues. It also establishes February 13 as “Fossil Fuel Recognition Day” to recognize the contributions of Alberta’s fossil fuel industry and increase public awareness of its economic impact.

 - **Status: Has come into force as legislation.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 207: Primary Provincial Industries Recognition Statutes Amendment Act, 2026](#)

- **Bill 208: Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act* to prohibit the sale of flavoured vaping products in Alberta, with limited exceptions for tobacco-flavoured products. The bill defines “flavoured vaping product” to include single-use vaping devices with noticeable non-tobacco flavours and allows for additional products to be designated by regulation. The prohibition aims to reduce the appeal of vaping products, particularly among youth. The legislation would come into force one year following Royal Assent.

 - **Status: Referred to Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 208: Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Amendment Act, 2026](#)

- **Bill 209: Consumer Protection (Affordability Measures) Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Consumer Protection Act* to introduce new affordability-focused protections for consumers. Key measures include prohibiting suppliers from charging prices higher than advertised (subject to limited exceptions), requiring online businesses to provide clear and accessible cancellation mechanisms for certain internet-based subscription contracts, and capping fees for private automated banking machines at the lesser of \$5 or 5% of the withdrawal amount. The bill also prohibits fees for transferring tickets on secondary ticketing platforms and establishes related enforcement provisions.

 - **Status: Defeated on division.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 209: Consumer Protection \(Affordability Measures\) Amendment Act, 2026](#)

Private Member Bills (continued)

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 - **Status: Defeated on division.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 210: Consumer Protection \(Fraud Prevention Measures\) Amendment Act, 2026](#)

- **Bill 212: Pharmacy Statutes (Rewards Points) Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Health Professions Act* and *Pharmacy and Drug Act* to prohibit the Alberta College of Pharmacy and pharmacy regulators from banning the use of consumer rewards points for pharmacy-related transactions. The bill would allow pharmacies to offer and accept rewards points for prescriptions, prescription services, and other professional pharmacy services, including redemption of points as payment for those services.

 - **Status: Passed first reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 212: Pharmacy Statutes \(Rewards Points\) Amendment Act, 2026](#)

- **Bill 213: Alberta Personal Income Tax (Emergency Services Volunteer Tax Credits) Amendment Act, 2026:** Amends the *Alberta Personal Income Tax Act* to create new provincial tax credits for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers. Eligible individuals who complete at least 200 hours of qualifying volunteer service in a taxation year would be able to claim a non-refundable tax credit based on a \$3,000 amount. The bill also establishes eligibility requirements, certification processes, and related amendments to existing tax credit provisions under the Act.

 - **Status: Passed first reading.**
 - Bill Text: [Bill 213: Alberta Personal Income Tax \(Emergency Services Volunteer Tax Credits\) Amendment Act, 2026](#)

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Bowden Ag Society Minutes

April 22, 2026

Olde Library, Bowden Alberta

1: Keith called meeting to order at 7:06pm. Minutes approved all in favor.

Attendees: Jesse Miller, Randene St. Amour, Ian Marshall, Blake Willert, Kyle Evans, Len Anderson, Dani Marshall, Keith Bailey, Melissa Foster, Brad Dallas, Laurie Miller

2: General Fund \$84,113.01 Casino Fund \$797.57. No major expenses this month, utilities only. Insurance will come out in June. Lenny has been working with WCB to clear up outstanding payments that have not been completed in the last few years. Need this as we have an employee all summer. \$17,500.00 deposited into account from government grant. More will be following. We are in a group of 280^ societies that can apply for this grant. Buckles and promo items will be ordered this month as well. Discussed further in the meeting. Some sponsor money is starting to come in as well. Blakes Approves , Ian seconds.

3: a) Maintenance – hot water tanks need to be replaced this year, as well as toilets in the ladies washrooms as they are a headache every year during the rodeo. Lenny is going to price out zero flush toilets to save the hassle and complaints. He is also contacting the plumber to resolve all issues before the rodeo.

Tractor and mower will need oil changes and full services before events start.

Ball diamonds will need to roll and drag a few times to have them back levelled out, Keith is already getting phone calls from players saying they are in rough shape this year. Shale wash out problems have been noted and need to be repaired. Ball starts around May long weekend.

First event in arena is May 24th weekend, need to have arena groomed and pulled back to center before the event. Most weekends starting June have an event booked up until September.

b) Summer Employee, Jesse out add out. Have received 12/13 resumes already. Keith is going to go through and pick out best suited. Most are farm based youth that have experience on equipment. Ian, Keith and Len will conduct the interviews May 6. Employee will be picked and hired and start immediately.

4: a) Sponsorship- all letters have been sent out except for Brandt and Paterson Grain – Ian is to handle getting letters to these companies. Keith dropping off letters to Ian. Innisfail Auction Mart, Red Deer County and Howels have been submitted already.

b) Promo Items- Len Brought in pictures of hats and hoodies. Sponsors have commented that they missed the hoodies so Len proposed we bring them back. 100 count for \$2400.00 Bowden Daze Rodeo logo on them and only on the front no date to cut costs and be more reuseable in future years. Grey hoodies will be ordered with white logo. Brad made a motion for the hoodies to be ordered, Melissa seconds.

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We talked about how to use hats for sheep riding instead of buckles, talked about decided to go back to buckles as some kids cannot wait to get a buckle after the event. Len to order ore sheep riding buckles to continue with them.

Hats are to be ordered by Len, a mix of mesh back and solid hats. 24 dozen he was thinking. This will be the only promotional item this year. Ian agreed that trying to sell stuff hasn't made sufficient profit to keep going with that. Hats are around \$6.00.

Melissa commented on better structured hats would be nice, more up to date styles. Agreed there will be a few different styles.

Brad motioned to hats being ordered, Melissa seconds.

c) Buckles Len brought in printed off ideas of buckles. 2 choices for pro rodeo, 3 choices for jr/gymkhana. All were passed around to look at, Attached are images of the buckles. Price point is \$85.00-120.00. Attendees voted on buckles. They were picked, Len to order. Ian made a motion, Randene second. All in favor.

Len brought in the insurance/ liability waivers that need to be signed, once per event attendee per year. There is a youth and adult one. If competing in the arena the waivers must be signed. Lento send digital to Dani and Dani forward to Meghan. Have printed copies on hand for new participants that have not signed.

Len has also been working on updating the price of all entities insured under ag society.

5: Round Table

Keith- Vendors have reached out to be at the rodeo, one has already paid for a spot, Bare Down brand would like to come back as well. Talked about limiting how many, decided it doesn't need a limit if they are all willing to pay for a weekend spot. May be move where they are located though. Especially if there are more wanting to come.

Food Trucks have all confirmed they are coming again, all the same as last year.

Website has been talked about again. Hard to navigate to find. Jesse said Julie has to delete the old URL and that will resolve the issue of finding the new page. Town is to update the link as well to help people find it under them easier as well. Len to send the new link to the town.

Online ticket sales are good to go again, well worth the small amount that is costs to use. Squares are going to be used again. Helps front gate and beer gardens.

Dani- No

Len -Volunteer supper in town Thursday. All are invited to join. Good meal well worth going to. Free to attend, Government supports the volunteers.

Kyle - No

Blake- No

Ian – Steer supplier approached Ian to change the steer riding to a tour sanctioned event. No cost to us just must be noted with CPRA. Everyone agrees to go with this. Approval has been sent in. Order of events the same as last year. CPRA has already contacted Ian to confirm all.

Brad- No

Laurie – Special Events Committee meeting was held Keith attended on behalf of the Ag society. Meeting was held to continue the growth of Bowden Daze weekend. Escape rooms, adult theme and youth theme are being organized. Fabulous 50's and 60's theme for the weekend. Parade Marshall was discussed with the Brewster family to be contacted to see if they would like to be recognized. Parade invites have been noted, wanting to grow the whole weekend. Talks of a car show was well. Live music was mentioned. Wanting a full day of events leading up to the rodeo in the evening. Pancake breakfast etc.

Randene – No

Melissa – No

Jesse – No

Keith – Was contacted today about a price point for a weekend midway, they would like to rent the rodeo grounds to host it. Keith said \$3600.00 for the weekend. Last weekend of August local group. Len mentioned that we should check with our insurance to make sure that is allowed/ covered. Keith said they would have to have their own liability insurance before they could continue. Should hear back from them at some point, they were just inquiring. Keith attended a council meeting in Bowden. They would like to join with Ag society to have a drive in movie night. It would lower the costs for both entities if they did it together. In conjunction with the community garage sale in August. Special Events Committee would like to have a fall event for the community.

7:46pm meeting adjourned.

the same way as the other two, but with a different sign. The result is that the total energy is conserved.

The next step is to consider the case of a particle moving in a potential well. The energy of the particle is conserved, and the motion is periodic. The period of the motion is given by the integral of the inverse of the velocity over one complete cycle. This is a standard result in classical mechanics.

Finally, we consider the case of a particle moving in a potential well with a time-dependent potential. The energy is not conserved, and the motion is more complicated. The period of the motion is given by the integral of the inverse of the velocity over one complete cycle, but this integral is now more difficult to evaluate. This is a more advanced topic in classical mechanics.

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Regular Council Meeting: 2026-05-25	Agenda Items: 12
Prepared by: Laurie Miller	Approved by: Mayor

Agenda item 12
CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL (“in camera”)

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor _____ at _____pm that Council moves to an “in-camera” session.

12.a Local Public Body Confidences – FCSS Councillor representative report

This is a closed meeting of Council as permitted by section 197 of the MGA. An exception to disclose under Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA2000, Chapter F-25 (as amended over time) therefore applies on the basis of: Section 28 “local public body confidences”.

Motion 12.i

Moved by Councillor _____ at _____pm that Council return to an “open meeting” of Council.

Motion 12.a

Motion(s) (if applicable)