

**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 26 May 2025**,  
immediately following Special Events & Culture Board Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**3.a** May 12, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None scheduled.

**5. DELEGATION**

**5.a** Keith Bailey President, Bowden Agricultural Society.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**6.a** Council Resolutions Follow Up Action.

**6.b** Key Dates.

**6.c** Property Update

**7. BYLAWS & POLICIES**

No agenda item.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.a** Letter to Alberta Government, Premier Danielle Smith.

**8.b** CAEP Membership

**8.c** Alberta Police Funding Model Review

**8.d** Council Agenda Items (discussion)

**8.e** Municipal Election 2025 Update

**9. FINANCIAL**

**9.a** Local Government Fiscal Framework (2025 allocation).

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

No agenda item.

**11. REPORTS**

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

**11.b** Council Committee Reports.

**11.c** Society & Other Reports.

**12. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL**

**12.a** MVRWSC Update (Confidential). **CLOSED SESSION**

This closed meeting of Council is 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 27 "deemed to be privileged information".

**13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**



**Town of Bowden – Regular Council Meeting  
held on Monday May 12, 2025  
at Town of Bowden Council Chambers.**

**MINUTES (unapproved)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT**

Mayor	Robb Stuart	
Councillor	Paul Webb	
Councillor	Deb Coombes	
Councillor	Randy Brown	
Councillor	Wayne Milaney	(electronically)
Councillor	Sandy Gamble	

**ABSENT**

Councillor	Marie Flowers
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**ADMINISTRATION**

CAO	Arno Glover
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**2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion 2.a**

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopts the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Motion 3.a.**

Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 28, 2025, as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

There was no public hearing.

**5. DELEGATION**

There was no delegation.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Agenda item 6.a Council Resolutions Requiring Follow Up Action**

Administration provided Council with a summary of Council resolutions that remain as work in progress / ongoing.

**Motion 6.a**

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts agenda item 6.a as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda item 6.b Key Dates**

Administration provided Council with forthcoming key dates.

Administration is to submit registrations for those wishing to attend the Summer Municipal Leaders Caucuses.

**Motion 6.b**

Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council accepts agenda item 6.b as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda item 6.c Property Updates**

Administration provided Council with an update on developments with regard to the former Bowden Hotel site and the former Reddi Mart building.

**Motion 6.c**

Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council accepts agenda item 6.c as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda item 6.d Land Annexation**

Administration provided Council with an update on the Land Annexation application.

Council was informed that the Land & Property Rights Tribunal had received one objection to the proposed land annexation. The procedure for dealing with objections was outlined.

**Motion 6.d**

Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council accepts agenda item 6.d as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. BYLAWS & POLICIES****Agenda item 7.a Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2025**

Administration submitted to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2025 as a Request for Decision.

**Motion 7.a**

Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council gives first reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2025.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 7.b**

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council gives second reading to Taxation Bylaw 05 / 2025

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 7.c**

Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council give consideration to a third and final reading of Taxation Bylaw 05 / 2025

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 7.d**

Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council gives third reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2025.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2025 received third reading and was passed accordingly.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### Agenda item 8.a Grants & Donation Policy (Financial Assistance Request)

Administration submitted an application from the Director of Communications of Bowden Play & Learn.

A sum of \$500.00 had been requested to purchase capital equipment for sensory spaces and equipment for students with learning difficulties.

Administration requested that Council review the request made for Financial Assistance.

#### Motion 8.a

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council approves a donation of \$500.00 requested by Bowden Play & Learn.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9. FINANCIAL

There was no agenda item.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

### Agenda item 10.a Correspondence

- i. Red Deer County Protective Services (April Enforcement Contract)
- ii. Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission (email dated May 5, 2025)

Administration provided Council with correspondence received from the above.

#### Motion 10.a

Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council accepts the submitted items of correspondence as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11. REPORTS

### Agenda item 11.a CAO's Report

CAO Arno Glover provided Council with an overview (and update) on the items included within the CAO's report.

#### Motion 11.a

Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council accepts the submitted CAO report as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Agenda item 11.b Council Committee Reports

No reports submitted.

### Agenda item 11.c Society & Other Reports

- i. Bowden Ag Society Meeting (March 25, 2025)
- ii. Alberta Counsel News (April 2025)
- iii. Alberta Municipalities – Preliminary Analysis of Bill 50 (April 17, 2025)
- iv. Alberta Municipalities – Preliminary Analysis of Bill 54 (May 1, 2025)

#### Motion 11.c

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts agenda items 11.c.(i) to 11.c (iv) as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **12. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

### **Motion 12.a**

Moved by Councillor Paul Webb at 8:05 pm to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes signed by:**

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**Mayor  
Robb Stuart**

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**CAO  
Arno Glover**

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 5.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> CAO Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b>

**Agenda Item 5.a**

**Keith Bailey, President Bowden Agricultural Society**

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 6.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b> 1 Council Resolutions Follow Up

Matters arising from past minutes.

#### **6.a Council Resolutions Requiring Follow Up Action**

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

Administration submits the revised document for Council to review.



# Town of Bowden

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING FOLLOW UP ACTION

(new comments in red - updated 21 May 2025)

Meeting Date	Resolution	Action By Whom	Date back to Council
24 Apr 23	<b>Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework</b> Motion 8.a ICF to be delayed for 2 years pending Provincial Government guidelines Municipal Services Agreement (planning services) with RDC expires 31 December 2025 ICF changes to be introduced into the MGA reference Bill 50. Current ICF expired in December 2022 – the provincial government 2-year moratorium expired in December 2024. Email sent to CAO of RDC to commence planning / discussions. <b>No response to date</b>	Council / CAO	progress
26 Aug 24	<b>Firehall Flag Poles</b> Motion 8.c Administration to liaise with RDC Protective Services <b>No further progress</b>	CAO	progress
27 Jan 25	<b>Emergency Management Bylaw</b> Motion 8.e an updated bylaw is to be submitted to Council <b>No further progress</b>	CAO	progress
10 Mar 25	<b>Elected Officials Orientation Training</b> Council requested that Administration investigate the possibility of other options for the required training. Olds Event cancelled due to lack of interest A meeting of the local Returning Officers in Innisfail may lead to a development. <b>No further progress</b>	CAO	ongoing



**Agenda item 6.a Council Resolutions (continued)**

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accept agenda item 6.a as information.

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 6.b
<b>Prepared by:</b> CAO Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b>

**Content:****6.b Key Dates** *(for information)*

**June 9**                      **Regular Council Meeting (7:00pm Council Chambers).**

**July 12**                      **Bowden Daze Parade**

**July 15**                      **Annexation Public Hearing**

**Alberta Municipalities**

**June 12**                      **Summer Municipal Leaders Caucuses (Town of Drumheller)  
Councillors Deb Coombes and Sandy Gamble**

**June 26**                      **Summer Municipal Leaders Caucuses (Town of Devon)  
Councillor Paul Webb / CAO Arno Glover**

**November 12 to 14, 2025**      **Alberta Municipalities Convention and Trade Show  
(Calgary TELUS Convention Centre)**

**Hotel reservations have been made for 7 Councillors for the nights of  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November (3 nights)  
Hyatt Regency Calgary**

**Recommended Motion:**

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

## Draft Agenda for Summer 2025 Municipal Leaders' Caucus

**\*subject to change\***

Wednesday, June 11	Town of Picture Butte
Thursday, June 12	Town of Drumheller
Wednesday, June 25	Town of Peace River
Thursday, June 26	Town of Devon

10:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks
10:05 a.m.	Welcome from the Mayor of the Host Municipality
10:10 a.m.	Welcome from MLA of the Host Constituency
10:15 a.m.	Icebreaker Activity
10:45 a.m.	Municipal Election Resources
11:00 a.m.	Municipal Financial Research Project
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Police Governance and Funding
1:45 p.m.	President's Report
2:00 p.m.	Changes to the Municipal Government and Local Authorities Election Acts
2:55 p.m.	Closing Remarks

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 6.c
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s)</b> 1 Correspondence dated May 14, 2025 LPRT 2 Draft Newspaper Notification – Notice of Hearing

Matters arising from past minutes.

### 6.c Property Updates

#### 6.c.i

The sale of the former Bowden Hotel land (LEGAL DESCRIPTION PLAN 1905H BLOCK 2 LOTS 1 TO 3 INCLUSIVE) has now been listed as a commercial lot at \$75,000.00.

#### 6.c.ii

1

Administration has received correspondence from the Land & Property Rights Tribunal confirming that an objection has been made reference the proposed land annexation (attached).

A public hearing is therefore required in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

2

Administration has spoken with LPRT and can provide the following information:

- LPRT are currently appointing panel members for the hearing,
- LPRT will be placing an advertisement in the Red Deer County Newsletter and the Albertan newspaper providing notice of the public hearing (draft attached),
- The Town will advertise the public hearing on both the Town's web site and social media channel,
- The date / time of the public hearing will be July 15, 2025, at 9:00am.

3

It is recommended that the Town of Bowden have a representative(s) available at the public hearing to present the case for and on behalf of the Town.

Administration will investigate the feasibility of an option to engage a professional representative to act on behalf of the Town.



2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Summerside Business Centre  
1229 – 91 ST SW  
Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9

Tel (780) 427-2444  
Email [LPRT.appeals@gov.ab.ca](mailto:LPRT.appeals@gov.ab.ca)  
Website [www.lprt.alberta.ca](http://www.lprt.alberta.ca)

Our File: AN23/BOWD/T-01

May 14, 2025

T. and B. Girletz  
(sent via email)

**Re: Town of Bowden Proposed Annexation**

This is to confirm the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (Tribunal) has received your letter of April 30, 2025, objecting to the Town of Bowden's proposed annexation.

In accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, the Tribunal must conduct a hearing if it receives an objection to a proposed annexation. The objection you have filed has been placed on file. The hearing process will provide you with an opportunity to provide oral and written submissions to the Tribunal about the proposed annexation. When a public hearing is scheduled for the proposed annexation, you will receive a letter notifying you of the hearing and a deadline by which you must register to provide oral submissions at the hearing.

If you require more information regarding this matter, please contact Kellie Lau, Case Manager, at [LPRT.appeals@gov.ab.ca](mailto:LPRT.appeals@gov.ab.ca) or call 780-427-2444.

Yours truly,

*Kellie Lau*

Kellie Lau, RPP, MCIP  
Planning Appeals Case Manager  
Land and Property Rights Tribunal

cc. A. Glover, Town of Bowden  
C. Herzberg, Red Deer County



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## NOTICE OF HEARING

Our File: AN23/BOWD/T-01

May 22, 2025

Arno Glover  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Bowden  
Box 338, 2101 20th Avenue  
Bowden AB T0M 0K0

Curtis Herzberg  
County Manager  
Red Deer County  
38106 Range Road 275  
Red Deer County, AB T4S 2L9

### Re: Notice of Annexation Hearing – Town of Bowden Proposed Annexation

The Land and Property Rights Tribunal (Tribunal) will conduct a public hearing respecting an application by the Town of Bowden (Town) to annex land from Red Deer County (County). The hearing is scheduled as follows:

**DATE:** July 15, 2025  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** This hearing will be conducted via WebEx

The proposed annexation area involves approximately 41.41 hectares (102.32 acres) of land. The application states that the proposed annexation provide the Town with land for future commercial and industrial growth.

Although the two municipalities have negotiated an agreement, an objection to the proposed annexation requires the Tribunal to conduct a public hearing. The public hearing process will allow the Tribunal to receive information and evidence from interested parties about this matter. After considering the submissions from all parties, the Tribunal will make an annexation recommendation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

A hard copy of the annexation application can be viewed at both the Town and the County municipal offices during normal business hours. A map of the annexation area and information about the proposed annexation can be found on the Town's website at: <https://bowden.ca/p/land-annexation-north-bowden->

If you wish to participate in the hearing and/or want to make an oral submission to the Tribunal during the proceedings, please register with the Tribunal office by email to [LPRT.appeals@gov.ab.ca](mailto:LPRT.appeals@gov.ab.ca) by 12:00 noon on **July 8, 2025**. Written submissions pertaining to the hearing should be received by the Tribunal no later than 12:00 noon on **July 8, 2025**. Copies of all written submissions received by the Tribunal will be forwarded to the Town and the County prior to the hearing and may be made available to the public.

For more information about the annexation application, please contact:

**Town of Bowden**

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Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Bowden  
Box 338, 2101 20th Avenue  
Bowden AB T0M 0K0  
Phone: (403) 224-3395  
Email: [cao@bowden.ca](mailto:cao@bowden.ca)

**Red Deer County**

Ron Barr  
Technical and Projects Planning Manager  
Red Deer County  
38106 Range Road 275  
Red Deer County, AB T4S 2L9  
Phone: (403) 357-2390  
Email: [rbarr@rdcounty.ca](mailto:rbarr@rdcounty.ca)

Written submissions regarding the proposed annexation should be sent to the Tribunal Case Manager at the address below. For more information about the annexation process, please contact:

Kellie Lau  
Subdivision and Development Appeals Case Manager  
Land and Property Rights Tribunal  
Second Floor, 1229 – 91 Street SW  
Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9  
Phone: 780-415-1857  
Email: [kellie.lau@gov.ab.ca](mailto:kellie.lau@gov.ab.ca)

To call toll free – dial 310-0000 and follow the instructions.

Yours truly,

*Kellie Lau*

Kellie Lau  
Case Manager

cc: Interested Parties



**6.c Property Updates (continued)****Recommended Motion:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accept agenda item 6.c as information.

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<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> RFD	<b>Attachment(s):</b>

**Content:****8.a Letter to Alberta Government**

Mayor Robb Stuart has requested that Council discuss whether the Town should submit correspondence to the Premier of the Alberta Government outlining the Town's position with regard to the proposed changes in provincial government legislation that are due to have a direct impact on Alberta Municipalities.

**Recommended Motion**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 8.b
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> RFD	<b>Attachment(s):</b> 1 CAEP Membership information 2 CAEP Announcement New Executive Director

**Content:****8.b CAEP Membership**

Administration submits to Council for review:

1

CAEP membership renewal information.

2

Information on the announcement of the new Executive Director.

# Membership Welcome

Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025



On behalf of Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP), we are delighted to collaborate with our valued members to ensure that we are **Empowering Investment Attraction in Central Alberta**. This organizational focus contributes to instrumental impact within communities and regions to ensure that CAEP is aware, engaged and advocating for issues related to vibrant economic growth.

CAEP is proud of our modernized new website [www.investcentralalberta.com](http://www.investcentralalberta.com) that provides streamlined navigation that makes important regional information up to date and accessible for members and investors researching the region. This mobile friendly platform comes with timely and relevant analytics from LocalIntel that provide numerous regional investment solutions.

Networking is also vital to attracting, retaining and expanding relationships and opportunities in the region. Join us for the numerous events, trainings and lunch & learns that will be showcased through the website. Specifically, you are invited to join at the **Annual General Meeting at Innisfail Golf Club on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**! To register, please click this link. [CAEP AGM](#)

Please note that all municipal populations are priced at \$0.80/cap and sourced from [GOA Municipal Population](#). We would also like to share a new option for our Associate Members that allows for an elevated contribution and value. Check out the Value Proposition for more details!

Most importantly, we THANK YOU for your membership with CAEP! We are dedicated to making sure that your investment has a strong value proposition. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to deliver a high-quality service you can trust!

See you soon!

Tracy Gardner



Executive Director

[tracy@investcentralalberta.com](mailto:tracy@investcentralalberta.com);

587.447.2237



Central Alberta  
Economic  
Partnership

## Membership Value Proposition

On behalf of Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP), we are delighted to collaborate with our valued members to ensure that Central Alberta is the greatest place to live, work and play for all. This organizational focus contributes to instrumental impact within communities and regions to ensure that CAEP is aware, engaged and advocating for issues related to vibrant economic growth.

The CAEP Board is dedicated to our:

- ✓ Mission: The business we're in... **Membership Engagement**
- ✓ Vision: What we aspire to... **Economic Vibrancy**
- ✓ Values: What we believe in... **Regional Collaboration**

We execute this dedication through:

- ✓ **Empowering Investment Attraction in Central Alberta** that reinforces:
  - Community & Investor Attraction Readiness
  - Regional Readiness
- ✓ Membership Engagement
  - Event attendance
  - Networking & Training opportunities
- ✓ Marketing & Communications
  - Newsletter
    - Editorial, event promotions and select advertising are welcome
  - Website Exposure & Social Media Platforms

Municipal membership is invested on a per capita basis and delivered with the mutually beneficial relationship between CAEP and its members. Associate Membership contributions have a choice of two different platforms including Basic Associate \$500 + gst or Partner Associate \$2,500 + gst. We work hard to deliver relevant resources that sustain business retention, expansion and investment while supporting the vision and delivery of unique economic development in each community.

Your membership gives you access to:

✓ **Elected Board Service as per one of the following categories:**

- 1 ~ Population greater than 20,000
- 1 ~ Population between 10,000 – 19,999
- 5 ~ Towns & Villages
- 3 ~ County or Special Area
- 3 ~ Business Representatives
- 1 ~ Association Members
- 1 ~ First Nations

✓ **Appointed Committee Service**

- Transportation & Logistics
- Advanced Manufacturing & Resources
- Agribusiness

✓ **CAEP Events including, but not limited to**

- Annual General Meeting & Fall General Meeting
- Invitation to Investment Attraction Initiatives and Projects
- Training, Workshops & Seminars
- Trade Show Booths, Industry Presentations
- Networking with Industry and Regional Leaders

✓ **CAEP Connector**

- In the form of Letters of Support for various grant projects
- Government and Industry conduit connector

## Associate Membership Opportunities

- **Partner Associate \$2,500**

- ✓ Brand Recognition on CAEP Investment Attraction website & socials
- ✓ Opportunity to host online Lunch & Learns
- ✓ Inclusion in regional Partnership Meetings
- ✓ CAEP Event Invitations, Engagements and Monthly Newsletter

- **Basic Associate \$500**

- ✓ CAEP Event Invitations, Engagements and Monthly Newsletter

Most importantly, we THANK YOU for your membership with CAEP! We are dedicated to making sure that your investment has a strong value proposition. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to deliver a high-quality service you can trust!

See you soon!



Tracy Gardner, Executive Director

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# Membership Form

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Profile:

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CAEP Membership Level:

- ☐ Municipal ~ by population
- ☐ Basic Associate ~ \$500 + GST
- ☐ Partner Associate ~ \$2,500 + GST

Payment Terms: (please check one)

- ☐ Invoice: Yes / No
- ☐ E-Transfer: caepfinance@gmail.com
- ☐ Cheque: Please remit payment to:

Central Alberta Economic Partnership Attn: Tracy Gardner ~ 5013 49th Ave. Red, AB T4N 3X1

**Please provide: ☐ High resolution color logo emailed to [tracy@investcentralalberta.com](mailto:tracy@investcentralalberta.com)**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your membership consideration!*





# Invoice

Town of Bowden  
Attn: Arno Glover  
2101 20 Avenue  
Bowden, AB T0M 0K0

Invoice #	Date
122833	4/01/2025

## TERMS

Due Upon Receipt

Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
CAEP Membership Fee April 25 - March 26 GST on sales	1,316	0.80 5.00%	1,052.80 52.64
<p>Central Alberta Economic Partnership Mailing Address 5013 - 49 th Ave Red Deer, AB T4N 3X1</p> <p>Question regarding this invoice call Jan (403) 358-2860</p> <p>GST # 869653477</p> <p><b>Bank Informaton for EFT</b> <b>07129 219 121441124</b> <b>EFT &amp; Etransfers to caepfinance@gmail.com</b></p>			
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,105.44</b>

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## CAEP Announces New Executive Director

Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Salvatore as its new Executive Director. Mr. Salvatore brings more than 20 years of economic development and public-private partnership experience to the organization. Paul, in concert with CAEP's Board of Directors, will lead CAEP's efforts to attract investment, foster innovation, and strengthen the economic vitality of Central Alberta communities.

"I am honored to join CAEP at such an exciting time," said Paul Salvatore. "Central Alberta has always had location advantages as a hub on Alberta's busiest highway corridors and is poised for significant growth, I look forward to connecting with municipal, industry, and Indigenous partners to build on our region's strengths—with great emphasis on energy, agriculture, manufacturing, transportation and logistics - to drive new opportunities for job creation and sustainable prosperity."

In this role, Salvatore will work with communities in the region to implement CAEP's strategic approach that includes stakeholder engagement, economic development project delivery, including investment attraction programs, site selection support, and facilitating workforce development initiatives.



Previously, Salvatore and his firm Municipal Experts Inc. have delivered projects on behalf of Regional Economic Development Alliances (North West Alberta) and in municipalities that include the Town of Penhold, Lacombe County, The City of Lacombe, Rockyview County, in addition to his career which includes Calgary Economic Development the town of Drumheller and the Royal Tyrrell Museum.

"Paul's proven leadership and deep understanding of economic development makes him the ideal candidate to guide CAEP through our next phase of growth," said Jean Barclay, Chair of CAEP's Board of Directors. "Their track record of fostering collaboration among government, industry, and community stakeholders aligns perfectly with our mandate

to champion Central Alberta on the national and global stage."

As Executive Director, Salvatore will also champion CAEP's upcoming projects that include:

1) Connections Corridor - an economic update of the 2005 pre-feasibility study on the Howse Pass transportation link;

2) Community Profiles - in partnership with McSweeney & Associates Consulting Inc., CAEP, and participating members, comprehensive community profiles are being developed to support investment readiness. McSweeney & Associates Consulting Inc., is an industry leader in community and economic development; and,

3) Site Link Conference - CAEP will be hosting the Site Link Conference with Global Webster, bringing international site selectors to central Alberta September 3-5.

#### About Central Alberta Economic Partnership

Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) is a regional economic development alliance empowered by its member communities and regional stakeholders. CAEP's mission is to attract investment, support

business growth, and collaborate with community leaders to create a vibrant and diversified Central Alberta economy. For more information, visit [www.investcentralalberta.ca](http://www.investcentralalberta.ca).

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**Media contacts:**

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Executive Director (incoming)

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**8.b CAEP Membership (continued).****Recommended Motion**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council renews CAEP membership for the Town of Bowden.

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 8.c
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b> 1

**Content:****8.c Alberta Police Funding Model Review**

Mayor Robb Stuart submits to Council an email dated May 14, 2025 received from an independent consulting practice (MNP) commissioned by the Government of Alberta to gather feedback on the Police Funding Model.

The email is attached.

Council is requested to review and discuss the matter.

**Mayor**

**From:** Alberta Police Funding Model Review <AlbertaPoliceFundingModelReview@mnt.ca>  
**Sent:** May 14, 2025 3:01 PM  
**To:** Alberta Police Funding Model Review  
**Subject:** Your Feedback Needed: Review of Alberta Police Funding Model

Hello,

In 2020, the Government of Alberta introduced the Police Funding Model under the new Police Funding regulation to establish an equitable, transparent and sustainable model for provincial policing. At the time, the Government of Alberta committed to conducting a review of the Police Funding Model after five years. In accordance with this commitment, the Government of Alberta has engaged MNP LLP (MNP), an independent accounting and consulting firm, to conduct the Police Funding Model review.

In the coming weeks, MNP will provide several opportunities to participate and contribute your feedback on the Policing Funding Model, including feedback on the method for allocating costs, concerns with the model, and suggested improvements or changes for the future. Your input will help develop recommendations influencing the future of the Police Funding Model.

You will be invited to provide your feedback through the Police Funding Model Review Survey and to participate in a regional feedback session. Sessions will include remarks by the Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services and a breakout session to provide feedback on the current police funding model, identify concerns with the model, and suggest improvements or changes for the future.

All survey responses will have the option to remain anonymous and will be reported back to the Government of Alberta in a 'What We Heard Report' through consolidated themes and findings without attribution to any individuals.

After collecting stakeholder feedback through the survey and sessions with elected officials, administrators, and expert interviews, MNP will analyze the feedback and independently review the Police Funding Model. This review will include actionable recommendations for fairness, shared fiscal responsibility, and sustainability.

To learn more about the Policing Funding Model Review, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/police-funding-model-review-engagement>.

Any additional questions can be directed to MNP at [AlbertaPoliceFundingModelReview@mnt.ca](mailto:AlbertaPoliceFundingModelReview@mnt.ca).

Best regards,

**Nathan Maertins, MBA, PMP**  
 MANAGER, CONSULTING SERVICES  
 (He/Him)

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**8.c Alberta Police Funding Model Review (continued)****Alternative Motions**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accepts the email received from MNP as information.

or

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 8.d
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information / RFD	<b>Attachment(s):</b>

### 8.d Regular Council Meetings - Agenda Items

Mayor Robb Stuart has requested that Council review the procedures surrounding the compilation and inclusion of material for Regular Council Meeting agendas.

Administration submits the following items for review and discussion by Council.

These procedural matters are noted in order to assist the CAO in the compilation of the regular Council agenda package and are intended to aid efficiency and the understanding of procedures.

1  
Section 13.2 of the Council Procedural Bylaw states: *All appropriate supporting documents, correspondence and delegation notices intended to be submitted to the Council should be received by the CAO no later than 1:00 pm on a business day at least five (5) calendar days before the meeting.*

2 Documents for inclusion in a Council agenda must be emailed to the CAO (not to any other member of Town Administration).

3 If paper documents copies are submitted these must not be printed on both sides.

4 If submitted minutes are deemed to be confidential, notification must be given to the CAO that they are not for open publication in the public domain.

5 The CAO is not responsible for photocopying documents (in full or part) or for the provision of secretarial work to Council.

6 Large reports / documents should be scaled down to include only relevant section for Council review.

There are file size limitations (machine memory) on scanning large documents.

Agendas larger than 100 pages can only be scanned in low resolution.

Note: It is not possible to submit the agenda package as two documents (as 2 pdf files) as the Web Site Content Editor only permits one pdf document to be uploaded to the Council meetings web page.

7  
Section 13.3 of the Council Procedural Bylaw states: *The CAO shall place at the disposal of each Council member a copy of the agenda and all supporting materials not later than 5:00pm three (3) calendar days before the meeting.*

### Motion

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accepts agenda item 8.d as information.

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 8.e
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information / RFD	<b>Attachment(s):</b>

**Content:**

**8.e Municipal Election 2025 (Update)**

**8.e.i Criminal Record Check**

1

The Returning Officer would like to bring to the attention of Council an oversight within the Municipal Election Bylaw 10 / 2024 passed by Council on December 9, 2024.

The Request For Decision (RFD) document submitted to Council during the RCM of December 9, as part of the agenda package stated that the second draft of the bylaw was amended to include a provision that candidates provide a criminal record check.

There is no provision in Bylaw 10 / 2024 that states this requirement.

Section 21.1 of the Local Authorities Election Act states:

*An elected authority, by a bylaw passed prior to December 31 of the year before a year in which a general election is to be held, may require a person seeking to be nominated as a candidate to provide a criminal record check.*

There is therefore no ability to amend Municipal Election Bylaw 10 / 2024.

2

Section 6.4 of Municipal Election Bylaw 10 / 2024 states that the Returning Officer will not accept Nominations from:

- a) an employee of the Town,
- b) any person who is in default to the Town for more than \$50 in taxes in arrears,
- c) any person who is in debt to the Town for \$500 or more and in default for more than 90 days,
- d) any person who has been convicted of an offence in the last 10 years under the Local Authorities Election Act, the Election Act, the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act or the Canada Elections Act (federal),
- e) any person who has been convicted of an offense that is punishable by imprisonment for five or more years,
- f) any person who has been convicted of an offense under:
  - i. Section 123 (municipal corruption)
  - ii. Section 124 (trafficking in public office),
  - iii. Section 125 (Influencing or negotiating appointments or dealing in offices),
 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

3

All candidates in submitting Form 4 (Nomination Paper & Candidates Acceptance) in doing so must provide a written sworn statement that they are eligible to be elected for office.

Candidates are therefore obligated to ensure that they are eligible to stand for office.

**8.e.ii Notice of Intent Form / Nomination Forms**

Clarification is provided on the purpose of the following Forms.

**1 Notice of Intent Form**

This form must be completed and returned to the Returning Officer in accordance with section 147.22(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act (reproduced in part below).

*No individual and no person acting for the individual shall accept a contribution or incur a campaign expense unless the individual has given written notice in accordance with this section.*

*An individual who intends to be nominated or has been nominated to run for election in a local jurisdiction as a candidate must give written notice to the local jurisdiction in which the individual intends to be or has been nominated*

**2 Nomination Forms**

Relevant forms must be completed and returned to the Returning Officer prior to any campaign activity being commenced by a candidate.

As a minimum the following form must be submitted:

Form 4 Nomination Paper & Candidates Acceptance

Form 5 Candidate Financial Information

**8.e.iii Advance Voting**

Section 73 of the Local Authorities Election Act provides for Advance Votes.

*A municipality with a population greater than 5,000 must provide for an advance vote in any municipal election.*

*An elected authority with a population less than 5,000 may, by resolution, provide for the holding of an advance vote.*

*The returning officer is responsible for determining the date and time of the advance vote.*

Section 79 of the Local Authorities Election Act provides for Advance Votes (Physical Disabilities).

*An elected authority may by resolution provide for the attendance of 2 deputies at the residence of an elector, during the hours an advance voting station is open or other times as may be fixed by the resolution, in order to take the votes of an elector who, because of physical disability, is unable to attend a voting station or an advance voting station to vote.*

Furthermore, section 12 of the Municipal Election Bylaw 10 / 2024 provides for Advanced Voting subject to enactment by Council resolution.

**8.e.iv Proposed Advanced Voting Dates**

Friday October 10                      Advance Voting Day  
(9:00am until 4:00pm, at the Town Administration Office)

Friday October 10                      Physical Disability Voting  
(by prior appointment only, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm)

Saturday October 11                      Advance Voting Day  
(9:00am until 1:00pm at Town Administration Office)

Monday October 18                      Election Day

**8.e.v Recommended Motions:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council grants approval for the Returning Officer to hold an Advance Vote for the 2025 Municipal General Election on Friday October 10, 2025 (from 9:00am until 4:00pm) and Saturday October 11, 2025 (from 9:00am until 1:00pm) at the Town of Bowden Administration Office.

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council grants approval for the Returning Officer to provide for Physical Disability Voting at the Advance Vote day of Friday October 10, 2025 (by prior appointment only from 9:00am until 4:00pm).

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 9.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved By:</b> CAO
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b> 1 Municipal Affairs letter dated May 12, 2025

### 9.a Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF)

Attached is correspondence confirming the LGFF funding for 2025.

1

The Capital allocation for 2025 is \$388,583. This can only be used for infrastructure funding.

In 2024 this was \$362,245. The projected amount for 2026 is \$400,010.

2

The Operating allocation for 2025 is \$162,042.

In 2024 this was also \$162,042.



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May 12, 2025

His Worship Robb Stuart  
Mayor  
Town of Bowden  
PO Box 338  
Bowden AB T0M 0K0

Dear Mayor Stuart:

I am pleased to provide correspondence for your record confirming the 2025 Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) allocations for your community.

For the Town of Bowden:

- The 2025 LGFF Capital allocation is \$388,583.
  - This includes \$74,611 in needs-based funding allocated to local governments with a population less than 10,000 and a limited local assessment base.
- The 2025 LGFF Operating allocation is \$162,042.

LGFF Capital is a legislated program aimed at providing local governments with substantial notice of their future infrastructure funding. As indicated on the program website, in 2026, your community will be eligible for \$400,010. Information on 2027 LGFF Capital allocations will be shared with local governments this fall, after growth in provincial revenues between 2023/24 and 2024/25 has been confirmed and used to calculate 2027 program funding.

Information on LGFF funding for all local governments is available on the LGFF website at [www.alberta.ca/LGFF](http://www.alberta.ca/LGFF).

We look forward to our continued partnership through the LGFF program to build strong and prosperous communities across our province.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver  
Minister

cc: Arno Glover, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Bowden



**9.a Local Government Fiscal Framework (continued)**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accepts the LGFF correspondence as information.

## Reports (1)

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 11.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s)</b> 1 CAO's Report

**Content:**

**Agenda item 11.a (CAO's Report)**

**CAO's Report**

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 11.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> n/a
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b>

**CAO's Report**

The following provides updates on items where progress has been made.

**1 Land Use Bylaw update**

Councillor Paul Webb and I had a meeting with Vicinia Planning & Engagement on May 21, 2025.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and make plans for the re write of the Land Use Bylaw.

The consultant will work with us over the coming months and submit draft documents for review and feedback on a regular basis.

In addition, it was requested that the consultant visit Red Deer County Planning department to gain feedback and understanding of areas of the current Land Use Bylaw that require updating / amendment.

**2 Municipal General Election 2025**

The Returning Officer has completed the following tasks:

- Production of a Candidate Information Pack,
- Provision of digital data for prospective candidates available on a USM storage device,
- New web pages and information provided on the Town's web site,
- Promotion of the AB Munis / RMA webinars for prospective candidates,
- Promotion of the elections in the Town's Newsletter,
- Provision of data to Elections Alberta for the Register of Electors,
- Liaison with Chinooks Edge School Division (shared use of the Paterson Community Hall),
- Encouraging voters to register with Alberta Elections.

Outstanding tasks include:

- attending an election information sharing session in conjunction with neighbouring municipalities,
- hiring of election workers,
- elected officials' orientation training (dates).

**3 Firehall Roof**

Work on the firehall roof was delayed due to resource availability. Work will commence May 26.

**4 Bowden Daze Parade**

Administration has re drafted both the parade invitation letter and the registration form (this now includes terms and conditions). The registration form has been posted on the Town's web site.

Invitation letters have been sent out to dignitaries and local businesses.

**5 Museum**

At the request of the Museum Board Public Works has placed two concrete blocks at the south side of the museum (by the overhead door) as an additional security measure.

Administration seeks approval from the Museum Board to store the float in the museum in the weeks prior to the parade.

**6 Bylaw Enforcement**

Administration has met with the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

A contract with the Town of Olds has yet to be finalized and approved.

**7 Public Works Update****5.1**

Crack sealing was completed week ending Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May throughout the Town.

This is a process where sealant is poured into the cracks in the road surface to prevent excess moisture from penetrating the asphalt so as to prevent further cracking, and deterioration of the road.

**5.2**

Work has commenced on the final phase of the walking trail.

Utility lines were present at a very shallow depth under the earth surface. In 2 cases repairs have had to be made and all cables re laid at a greater depth.

**5.3**

Work has completed to install the concrete stormwater swales and the installation of the new sidewalk.

**5.4**

Other work has commenced on all of the 2025 Capital Projects. In all cases preliminary liaison work has been completed with contractors / suppliers to put in place plans / schedules / resource etc.

**5.5**

Outdoor maintenance has begun for the upkeep of the Town's parks and gardens.

The Town has employed 2 summer workers. They have completed worksite orientation training as per the Town's OHS requirements.

The hanging baskets are due to be delivered May 26, 2025.

**5.6**

Pothole repairs will commence next week with the anticipated change in the weather.

**8 Emergency Management**

A date has been set to hold the emergency management tabletop exercise (TTX) for Tuesday May 27, 2025.

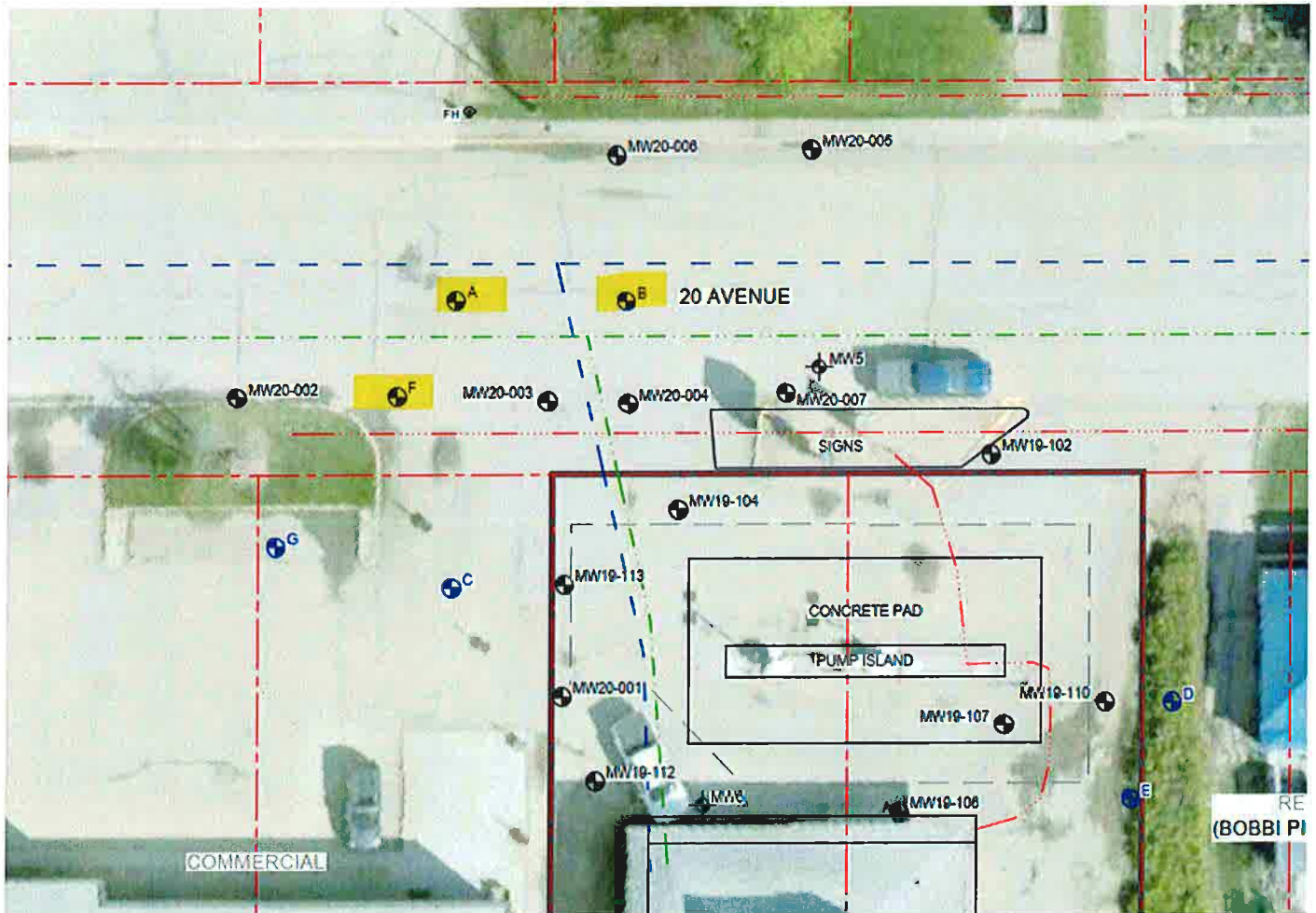
There have been 9 attendees register for this event.

**9 Reddi Mart Monitoring Wells.**

Three new monitoring wells have been installed in 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue (A / B / F)

4 additional wells have also been installed (G / C / D / E)

This work was completed at no cost to the Town.





**Agenda item 11.a CAO's Report (continued)****Recommended Motion:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accepts the submitted CAO Report as information.

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> May 26, 2025.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 11.b / 11.c
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved by:</b> Mayor Robb Stuart
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b> As per content

### Agenda Item 11 b / 11.c

#### Content:

#### Council Committee Reports

No reports submitted.

#### Society & Other Reports

- i. Parkland Regional Library System Financial Statements Year 2024  
(report submitted by CAO Arno Glover)  
*This report is provided on the Councillor's workstation*
- ii. Bowden Grandview School Council Meetings  
(reports submitted by Councillor Deb Coombes)  
*These reports are provided on the Councillor's workstation*
- iii. FCSS Report (May, 2025)  
(report submitted by Jade Prefontaine)
- iv. Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission (Meeting May 14, 2025)  
(report submitted by Mayor Robb Stuart)
- v. CAEP Annual General Meeting (May 15, 2025)  
(report submitted by Councillor Paul Webb)
- vi. Bowden Agricultural Society (Meeting May 20, 2025)  
(report submitted by Councillor Paul Webb)
- vii. Alberta Counsel Session Summary (April 12 to May 14, 2025)  
(report submitted by CAO Arno Glover)
- viii. Alberta Counsel News (May, 2025)  
(report submitted by CAO Arno Glover)

#### Note:

All meeting minutes submitted should be assumed to be "unapproved".



## FCSS Community Navigator Report May 2025

### Community:

- **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)** – The application for the CVITP Grant is open, and we will be applying for funding again for 2025 (2024 Tax season clinics). This helps to cover the costs for our volunteers' supplies and mileage.
- **Community Garden** – Thank you to Public Works/Parks and the Office for all its support to get the garden in shape, and gardeners registered for its opening date on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The rain that we are receiving filled the tote and saturated the ground for planting. With warm weather coming next week, it looks ideal for getting the seeds into the soil. The garden is nearly fully subscribed, with only 2 of the new plots remaining, and one is pending.
- **Make it Macrame** – will be hosted on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Park Place. We have a mix of ages attending (12ys to 70yrs). Thank you to Henday Association for Lifelong Learning and its partnership.

### Food Security Support (ongoing):

- **The Good Food Box** program continues to gain participants. The June order will go in with 15+ boxes.
- **Food Security** resources continue to be in high demand. FCSS is thankful for the partnerships that support our community.

### Seniors Programs:

- **DRIVE HAPPINESS** – NEW Transportation initiative potential for Bowden and Area. FCSS attended an info session in Innisfail on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are working with Drive Happiness to choose a date through the summer for an information session right here in Bowden. They are hopeful to sign up drivers before releasing the information for support rides. It would be great to have this in place by fall. It all depends on volunteers that sign up. There is an incentive to receive mileage costs as a driver.
- **Tech Time** for older adults was held on May 7. Thank you to Henday Association for Lifelong Learning (Innisfail Library Learning Centre) for its continued programs in Bowden.
- **Golden Circle Seniors Outreach Bowden** was hosted May 7 & 21. Seniors attend to learn about support for aging in place. Thank you to Gemma & Maureen from the Golden Circle who have been assisting older adults in our community with the support & services needed.
- **Seniors Week – Ice Cream Social** – FCSS will be meeting with the Museum Volunteer to discuss a partnership afternoon for Seniors' Week (June 12) where they are invited for an ice cream sundae bar and a trip down memory lane at the Bowden Museum. Details to follow.

### Youth Programs:

- **FCSS Regional Youth Conference** – Regional project with Red Deer & District FCSS. 8 youth from Bowden attended the Empower the Hero Within conference at the YMCA/Flipside Youth Centre in Red Deer on May 2 & 3. There will now be regional funding grants available for students looking to create change in their communities. I.e. Lemonade Days, Community Clean up, etc. I will be working with Keystone Youth and BGS to support youth grant initiatives from now and into the fall.
- **Balloon Piñatas** – Y.E.S. & FCSS host 3 after school sessions through May. Kids handmade piñatas out of paper mache. We will paint, decorate and fill our creations on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **SUMMER DAZE** – Y.E.S. & FCSS invite youth Grade 4-6 (Ages 9-12) to Park Place July 14-17. Activities will include Art in the Park, Movie & Pizza Day, Igloo Sports, Explore the museum with Ice cream, Sour challenge, Park Splash Day and more! 12 spots available. Contact FCSS to register.
- **Field Days** – Are booking up fast for June. Many of the BGS elementary classes attend Park Place and Centennial Park for its year end activities. So far we have booked K, Gr. 1, 3, 4 & 5 for dates at the Park! FCSS will also be at the school in June for the Elementary Summer Dance with popcorn, photo booth AND I will also join School Council for its Jr/Sr High carnival date. TBD.

### Other:

- FCSS has taken on the role of Emergency Social Services. This will require a substantial amount of work to bring my requirements up to date. I will also be taking ICS 100 & 200 as my time allows.

### Olde Library Users & Groups in May included:

- |  |                        |                        |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| -Youth HQ/Keystone                         | -Golden Circle Seniors | -Sunday Night Group/AA |
| -Innisfail FRN                             | -Bowden Lions Club     | -AHS Mental Health     |
| -Bowden Minor Hockey                       |                        |                        |
| -Henday Association for Lifelong Learning. |                        |                        |

# MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSSION

May 14, 2025

All members in attendance.

Chairman, CAO, operations Director, technical Manager, finance reports presented, discussed and accepted for information.

Chairman (with previous input from board) had an informal evaluation with the Chief Administration Officer.

Looking for more member collaboration and updates from chairman

After repair of the main lateral line into Bowden, there have been more leaks detected in the fifty-year old main line. The leaks are being repaired and there was discussion on future needs.

Ongoing maintenance (valve replacement, pump repairs and replacements and working with Carstairs and Didsbury.

Motion carried to award Pivotal LLP a three-year term to do the annual financial audit for MVRWSC.

Approval from Alberta Transportation for \$1.6 million grant for electrical upgrades.

Administration working on record management policy and new FOIP requirements.

Motion was carried to transfer \$300,000 to new line item for repair and maintenance of transmission line.

Province has sent out information on Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for water sharing agreements.

Material available for review at workstation.

Three "In camera" sessions to discuss items. Verbal update.

Comparative Income Statement Attached.

Next meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission  
Comparative Income Statement  
As at April 30, 2025

	Actual April 1 to April 30, 2025	Year to Date	% YTD to YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Budget Jan 1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2025
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Water Sales - Town of Innisfail	\$ 171,210.60	\$ 645,758.95	0.94	\$ 684,822.73	\$ 2,075,220.38
Water Sales - Bowden Institution	19,340.75	68,654.85	0.87	79,069.85	239,605.61
Water Sales - Town of Bowden	20,405.00	73,096.15	1.09	66,932.12	202,824.61
Water Sales - Town of Olds	189,409.00	703,799.10	0.87	809,614.17	2,453,376.28
Water Sales - Town of Didsbury	92,763.00	329,447.80	0.88	373,204.14	1,130,921.63
Water Sales - Town of Carstairs	76,777.80	278,639.25	0.88	315,018.05	954,600.16
Water Sales - Town of Crossfield	97,171.80	342,271.85	0.98	350,690.78	1,062,699.32

## REVENUE

Water Sales - Town of Innisfail  
Water Sales - Bowden Institution  
Water Sales - Town of Bowden  
Water Sales - Town of Olds  
Water Sales - Town of Didsbury  
Water Sales - Town of Carstairs  
Water Sales - Town of Crossfield

## CAEP Annual General Meeting May 15,2025

Welcome and greetings from Chair Jean Barclay followed by land acknowledgment

Presentation by Urban Indigenous Voices society on the work they are doing followed by breakfast

Call to Order of the AGM at 9:45

Agenda approved as presented and the minutes of the June 28, 2024 meeting were adopted unanimously

Two upcoming free sessions were announced on Economic Development. May26 in Olds with a focus on business retention and expansion. June 27 at Red Deer County office on performance measures in economic development

Follow up report was given by the transportation and logistics group and more to come

Updates on the McSweeney Investor Profiles and site selector initiatives were given

A presentation on Hannover Messe (the worlds largest excellence in manufacturing show with 4000 exhibitors) was given and discussion ensued on potential future participation of a Central Alberta group.

Financial reports were presented by the Auditors and ratified by the group.

An interesting presentation was given by the CEO of the Red Deer Regional Airport and included updates on timing of Airport Dive paving (completion by Oct 25) The ongoing focus on freight and the impending start of passenger air service. She very proudly let all know that the Airport is a debt free operation!

Bowden Agricultural Society May 20, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

Agenda was approved as presented

Previous meeting minutes were approved

Financial update on general and casino accounts (amounts available separate from this report)

Bowden Daze Rodeo planning is going well and online advance ticket sales will begin Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sponsorship levels are looking to be similar to last year with some old ones falling off and new ones coming on board

Work bees to prepare the facilities will begin in June

The new Bowden Ag Society website will be going live very shortly and the media coordinator has been very active with new posts and teasers

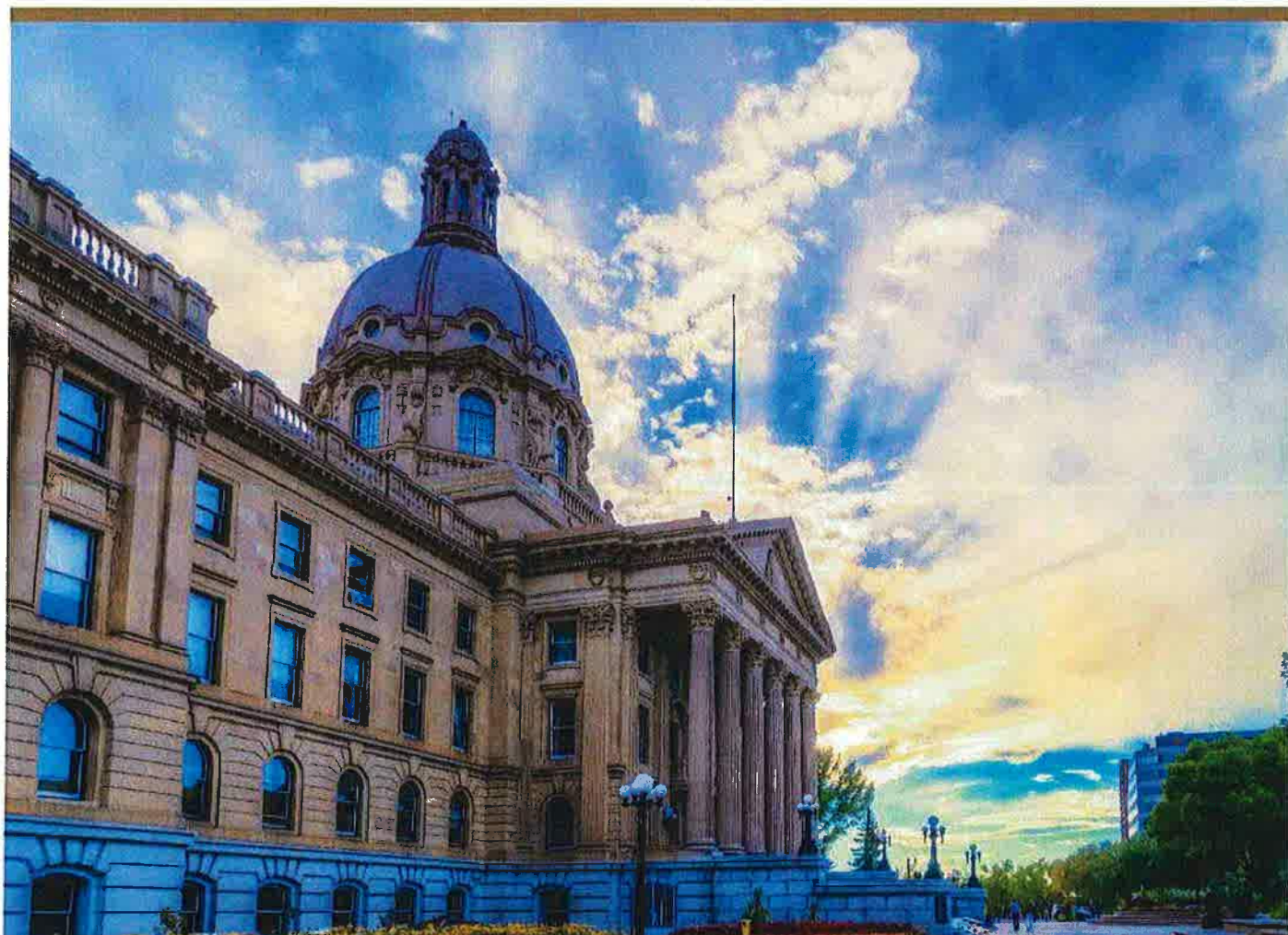




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Alberta 31<sup>st</sup> Legislature, Session 1 Summary  
April 12<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>

## Alberta 31<sup>st</sup> Legislature, Session 1 Summary: May 12 to May 14

### Bill Updates

#### Government Bills

- **Bill 37: Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025:** proposes revisions to the existing *Mental Health Services Protection Act*. Key changes include updating definitions related to services and service providers, removing certain compliance requirements, and modifying the licensing provisions for specified service providers. Additionally, the bill amends the authority of directors to publish information about service providers, aiming to enhance clarity and oversight within Alberta's mental health services framework.

**Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill text: [Bill 37: Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA overview: [Updating Regulation, Licensing of Addiction Treatment](#)

- **Bill 38: Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025:** proposes changes to multiple Alberta statutes to streamline administrative processes. Notable amendments include transferring certain ministerial powers under the Charitable Fund-raising Act to a Director of Charitable Fund-raising, revising reporting requirements in the Child and Youth Advocate Act, and updating procedures in the Post-secondary Learning Act to facilitate amalgamations of student associations with societies. Additionally, the bill introduces provisions in the Residential Tenancies Act to allow electronic service of notices under specific circumstances.

**Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill text: [Bill 38: Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA overview: [RTR Bill Improves Housing, Trades, and Charities](#)

- **Bill 39: Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (\$):** serves as Alberta's *Budget 2025* bill, introducing amendments to various financial statutes. It adjusts corporate and personal tax provisions, including extending reassessment periods for corporate tax in specific cases and updating income tax brackets based on inflation. The bill also modifies the *Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act*, revising how funds are allocated to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

**Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 39: Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 \(\\$\)](#)

GOA Overview: [Helping Alberta Meet the Challenge](#)

- **Bill 40: Professional Governance Act:** establishes a framework for regulating professional regulatory organizations in Alberta. It defines how organizations can be designated, sets governance and accountability standards, and outlines procedures for professional registration, competency requirements, and reinstatement. The bill also includes provisions for regulatory body amalgamations and name changes. These measures standardize the oversight of professional organizations across various fields.

**Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 40: Professional Governance Act](#)

GOA Overview: [Modernizing Alberta's Professional Regulatory Laws](#)

## Government Bills Continued

- **Bill 41: Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025:** updates the *Wildlife Act* to refine definitions and clarify regulatory provisions. Key changes include revising the definition of "resident" to specify residency requirements for hunting and trapping, expanding the meaning of "tag" to include electronic tags, and clarifying the definition of "trap" and "vehicle" in relation to wildlife management. The bill also reinforces that ownership of wildlife remains with the Crown unless legally transferred and updates licensing provisions to streamline regulatory language. These amendments aim to modernize and improve the administration of Alberta's wildlife laws.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**  
 Bill Text: [Bill 41: Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025](#)  
 GOA Overview: [Modernizing Hunting and Trapping Legislation](#)
- **Bill 42: Appropriation Act, 2025 (\$):** Bill 42 authorizes government spending for the 2025–26 fiscal year and implements the funding allocations outlined in Budget 2025. It provides legal authority for expenditures across government departments, including expenses, capital investments, financial transactions, and contingency funding.

**Bill Status: Has Come into Force as Legislation**  
 Bill Text: [Bill 42: Appropriation Act, 2025 \(\\$\)](#)
- **Bill 43: Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 (\$):** authorizes additional government spending to supplement funding for the 2024–25 fiscal year, as part of Budget 2025. It provides for extra allocations across various departments and enables limited transfers between ministries to address updated financial requirements.

**Bill Status: Has Come into Force as Legislation**  
 Bill Text: [Bill 43: Appropriation \(Supplementary Supply\) Act, 2025 \(\\$\)](#)
- **Bill 44: Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025:** updates the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* to refine terminology and adjust regulations related to organic material management. The bill replaces references to "composting materials" with "organic materials," expands the definition of composting, and formally defines "digestate" as a by-product of anaerobic digestion. It establishes a legal framework for diverting agricultural organic waste to biogas plants, which process it into energy or renewable natural gas. The legislation replaces an existing memorandum of understanding between government agencies with formal regulations, providing clearer guidelines for biogas operations. Additionally, the bill outlines conditions for storing and using digestate as a soil amendment, incorporating it into farm operations as an alternative to synthetic fertilizers.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**  
 Bill Text: [Bill 44: Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025](#)  
 GOA Overview: [Growing the Agricultural and Biogas Industries](#)
- **Bill 45: Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025:** updates the *Critical Infrastructure Defence Act* to expand the definition of "essential infrastructure" and clarify its application. The amendments add all land within two kilometers of Alberta's border with the United States to the list of protected infrastructure. The bill also includes facilities involved in bitumen, crude oil, and natural gas extraction, processing, and refining, as well as the head offices of companies operating such facilities. Additionally, the Act is amended to explicitly apply to the Government of Canada to limit federal jurisdiction over critical infrastructure in Alberta.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**  
 Bill Text: [Bill 45: Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025](#)  
 GOA Overview: [Protecting Alberta from Unconstitutional Federal Overreach](#)



## Government Bills Continued

- **Bill 46: Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025:** updates the *Access to Information Act* and *Protection of Privacy Act* to clarify data management and disclosure rules. It introduces provisions allowing the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulatory amendments to align with legislative changes. The bill also formalizes the role of the Office of Statistics and Information, specifying that certain data-sharing and privacy rules do not apply to it. Additionally, it adjusts provisions related to judicial records, data matching, and non-personal data disclosure, ensuring consistency between the *Access to Information Act* and *Protection of Privacy Act*.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 46: Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA Overview: [Updates to Privacy and Access Legislation](#)

- **Bill 47: Automobile Insurance Act:** introduces a new framework for automobile insurance in Alberta, replacing existing provisions under the Insurance Act. It establishes a no-fault insurance model that provides benefits such as income replacement, health care coverage, and death benefits regardless of who is at fault in an accident. The bill outlines eligibility, benefit categories, and compensation procedures, while also limiting tort claims to specific circumstances. It creates the Alberta Automobile Care-first Tribunal to handle appeals and formalizes rules for insurers, claimants, and the oversight of the system. The Act is set to apply to accidents occurring on or after January 1, 2027.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 47: Automobile Insurance Act](#)

GOA Overview: [Enabling Better Auto Insurance](#)

- **Bill 48: iGaming Alberta Act:** establishes the Alberta iGaming Corporation to manage and operate online lottery schemes on behalf of the Government of Alberta. The bill defines the corporation's mandate, governance structure, and regulatory framework, including oversight by a board of directors and the ability to enter agreements with other provinces. It introduces rules for the registration and regulation of iGaming suppliers, standards for online gaming operations, and restrictions related to advertising and access. The Act also amends the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act to integrate online gaming within Alberta's broader gaming regulatory regime.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 48: iGaming Alberta Act](#)

GOA Overview: [Bet Safely, Bet With Confidence](#)

- **Bill 49: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025:** amends four pieces of Alberta legislation, incorporating lessons from recent emergencies and aligning with recommendations from the Public Health Emergencies Governance Review Panel. The bill updates the Emergency Management Act to clarify funding eligibility, expand definitions, and introduce transitional and retroactive provisions for disaster response. It also amends the Police Act to formalize the independence of future provincial police services and enable municipalities to enter into policing agreements with independent agency police services. Changes to the Police Amendment Act, 2022 centralize complaint handling under a strengthened, arm's-length Police Review Commission, with new procedures and oversight powers. The Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act is amended to remove exemptions for corporate sellers, aiming to improve traceability of transactions.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 49: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA Overview: [Improving Public Safety](#)



## Government Bills Continued

- **Bill 50: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025:** introduces amendments to multiple pieces of legislation overseen by Alberta's Ministry of Municipal Affairs. It makes substantial changes to the Local Authorities Election Act, including new rules for candidate withdrawals, accessible voting equipment, and temporary voting provisions for displaced residents of Jasper following the 2024 wildfire. It also updates definitions and campaign finance rules related to local political parties and slates. The Municipal Government Act is amended to allow the Minister to set procedures for council meetings and removes the requirement for municipalities to adopt codes of conduct for councilors. It also introduces new expectations for intermunicipal collaboration and dispute resolution, particularly for services like water, waste, and emergency response. The New Home Buyer Protection Act and Safety Codes Act are amended to clarify requirements around home warranty exemptions and caveats, and to strengthen advisory roles for the Safety Codes Council.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA Overview: [Modernizing Municipal Processes](#)

- **Bill 51: Education Amendment Act, 2025:** updates the Education Act with several changes to terminology, governance, and land use processes. The bill replaces the term "private school" with "independent school" throughout legislation and related statutes. It prohibits school boards from disqualifying trustees through internal codes of conduct and clarifies election residency rules for displaced residents of Jasper. The bill also introduces a process for the provincial government to acquire land for new school construction by transferring ownership from boards or municipalities to the Crown. Additional amendments streamline school facility agreements and teacher conduct procedures, while updating related legislation for consistency.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Education Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA Overview: [Strengthening Alberta's Education System](#)

- **Bill 52: Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025:** amends the Electric Utilities Act, Gas Distribution Act, Gas Utilities Act, Hydro and Electric Energy Act, and Petroleum Marketing Act to implement a restructured energy market and enable hydrogen blending in natural gas systems. It establishes new day-ahead and real-time electricity markets, updates rules for price-setting and transmission constraint management, and allows the Minister to issue binding REM ISO rules. The bill also creates a consumer awareness surcharge to support electricity education initiatives. Changes to gas legislation define hydrogen-blended natural gas, set regulatory conditions for its supply, and establish approval, consent, and cost-recovery frameworks.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA Overview: [Transforming the Utilities System](#)

- **Bill 53: Compassionate Intervention Act:** establishes a new legal framework for involuntary intervention and treatment of individuals with severe substance use or addiction issues. It creates the Compassionate Intervention Commission to oversee orders for apprehension, assessment, and care planning for adults and minors likely to cause harm without treatment. The Act outlines the roles of medical staff, facilities, and service providers, and sets out detailed processes for applications, hearings, reviews, and appeals. It also includes provisions for client rights, substitute decision-making, and post-discharge support. The bill repeals the *Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act*.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 53: Compassionate Intervention Act](#)

GOA Overview: [Delivering on Compassionate Intervention](#)

## Government Bills Continued

- **Bill 54: Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025:** is an omnibus bill that amends eleven pieces of legislation governing provincial elections, referendums, recalls, and political financing in Alberta. It updates the *Election Act*, *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*, *Citizen Initiative Act*, *Recall Act*, *Referendum Act*, *Alberta Senate Election Act*, *Local Authorities Election Act*, *Alberta Taxpayer Protection Act*, *Alberta Personal Income Tax Act*, *Legislative Assembly Act*, and *Alberta Pension Protection Act*. The bill introduces new definitions, expands the powers of the Chief Electoral Officer, restructures campaign finance and advertising rules, revises voting and advance polling procedures, and changes timelines and thresholds for petitions and referenda. It also prohibits electronic vote tabulators, creates regulated prospective candidate associations, and standardizes financial disclosure rules across election types.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 54: Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA Overview: [Strengthening Democracy](#)

- **Bill 55: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025:** amends more than 40 health-related statutes to align Alberta's legislation with the province's restructured health system. It repeals the *Hospitals Act*, consolidating relevant provisions under the *Provincial Health Agencies Act*, and replaces references to "regional health authorities" and "community health councils" with standardized terms such as "provincial health agencies," "provincial health corporations," and "hospital operators." The bill also formalizes governance and oversight roles, enables the transfer of public health functions to Primary Care Alberta and Alberta Health, clarifies the authority of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, expands investigative capacity under the *Protection of Persons in Care Act*, and updates the *Health Information Act* to support data use by the Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services for continuing care.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill 55: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025](#)

GOA Overview: [Reinforcing Legislation, Refocusing Health Care](#)

## Private Member Bills

- **Bill Pr5: Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act:** repeals and replaces the 2010 Act governing the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta. The new legislation continues the Foundation as a corporate body and outlines its objects, governance, and powers. It clarifies how donations may be received, managed, and applied, including provisions for investment, donor intent, managed funds, and trust property. The Act defines the geographical focus of the Foundation, formalizes the appointment and responsibilities of the Board, and includes updated provisions for indemnity, audits, and administrative costs.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Bill Pr5: Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act](#)

- **Bill Pr6: Burman University Amendment Act, 2025:** makes minor updates to the Burman University Act by replacing outdated references to "College Heights" with "Lacombe" and updating the institution's terminology from "college" to "university." These amendments reflect the current name and status of Burman University and align the Act's language with the institution's existing operations and location.

**Bill Status: Passed Third Reading**

Bill Text: [Burman University Amendment Act, 2025](#)

## Session Transcripts

Monday, April 12, 2025, Afternoon: [Transcript](#)

Monday, April 12, 2025, Evening: [Transcript](#)

Tuesday, April 13, 2025, Morning (Election of a Speaker): [Transcript](#)

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## NEW MINISTERS AND NEW TITLES: CABINET SHUFFLE 2025

Aaron Singleton

In the early morning hours of May 15th, the spring sitting of the Legislature concluded. All government-sponsored bills have been read a third time, leading us to believe that the first session of the 31st legislature will officially come to an end before MLAs return to the Assembly in the fall.

The first session has run longer than most typically do. This is in large part because of stipulations in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act "that a commission be appointed during the first session of the legislature, following the second general election after the commission's last appointment and if at least 8 years has passed since the previous commission."

As the Electoral Boundaries Commission was struck on March 28, 2025, the government may legally begin a new session, if they so choose. This would result in a clearing of the Order Paper and a fresh throne speech when MLAs return to the Legislature at the end of October.

Regardless of whether or not the current session will be prorogued over the summer, one fact remains true – there will be a new look Cabinet in place when MLAs return to the Legislature.

On Friday afternoon, Premier Danielle Smith and numerous MLAs joined her in Calgary's McDougall Centre for a swearing-in ceremony that welcomed three new members of cabinet and new titles for a number of current ministers.

The shuffle was initiated by the resignation of Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver who has recently been elected Speaker of the Assembly. He takes over for MLA Nathan Cooper who will soon resign his seat to serve as Alberta's special envoy to the United States. This resignation will be effective sometime in June and will likely trigger three simultaneous by-elections across the province.

New members of cabinet include Myles McDougall, Andrew Boltchenko, and Grant Hunter (who will also serve as the new Chief Government Whip).



Minister of Advanced  
Education  
Myles McDougall



Minister of Indigenous  
Relations  
Rajan Sawhney



Minister of Hospital and  
Surgical Health Services  
Matt Jones



Minister of Jobs, Economy,  
Trade, and Immigration  
Joseph Schow



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Minister of Tourism and Sport  
Andrew Boitchenko



Associate Minister of Multiculturalism  
Muhammad Yaseen



Associate Minister of Water  
Grant Hunter

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There are a lot of things to takeaway from this most recent shuffle, so let's break it down into some smaller parts.

### Old and New Faces in New Places

As mentioned earlier, Andrew Boitchenko and Myles McDougall are making their Cabinet debuts with this most recent shuffle. McDougall will take over Advanced Education while Boitchenko will now be responsible for tourism and sport. Boitchenko's promotion to cabinet is a move that has long been rumoured, but McDougall's elevation comes as a bit more of a surprise as his name had not been heavily circulated in previous shuffle rumours.

Rajan Sawhney becomes the second-ever Minister of Indigenous Relations as a result of Rick Wilson being shuffled into Mental Health and Addictions. Finally, Minister Dan Williams has been moved into Municipal Affairs and will oversee the ministry as the upcoming Edmonton and Calgary pilot municipal parties in an election for the first time at the direction of now-Speaker Ric McIver.

### Ministr(ies) of Health

Perhaps the most obvious change in the Premier's shuffle last week is a massive departure from the norm of running the province's health matters from a single ministry. While the names would suggest there are two health ministries (Primary and Preventative Health Services/Hospital and Surgical Health Services), it is more accurate to say that there are actually four ministries of health to align with the four new pillars created by this UCP Government.

- Health: Primary Care and Preventative Services – Primary Care Alberta
- Health: Hospital and Surgical Health Services – Acute Care Alberta
- Assisted Living and Social Services – Assisted Living Alberta
- Mental Health and Addictions – Recovery Alberta

While it is not yet definitively known if this is how the four health crown corporations will be structured with respect to reporting, it is likely going to be the case going forward.

For those working in and accessing Alberta's health care space, such a dramatic change comes with numerous questions that will need to be addressed. How will information be shared between ministries/crown corporations? How will access be impacted? How will non-government entities tied to health care be impacted by the changes?

In defence of the restructuring of health, Premier Smith told media that "we've actually turned our hospitals into multi-purpose facilities and taken them away from their core job, which is to deal with emergencies and to efficiently make sure that people can get surgery and also do the convalescence there."

Alberta NDP leader Naheed Nenshi offered a pointed critique, telling media that "if you don't have a family doctor, if you're waiting for cancer care, if you have a friend or relative or a loved one who is in trouble with addictions and mental health, or if you have to drive by a closed emergency room to get to one, where you're waiting 15 hours, nothing announced today will help you."

Other notable changes on the health file are the shuffling of three ministers. Minister Dan Williams is out of Mental Health and Addictions – now responsible for municipal affairs. Minister Matt Jones was promoted from Jobs, Economy, and Trade to be a minister of health while Minister Rick Wilson was subject to his first shuffle since joining cabinet.

### Restructured Ministries

In addition to health, other ministries have seen some changes made that are important to highlight.

First, the Immigration portfolio has been joined with Jobs, Economy, and Trade under the purview of Minister Joseph Schow. The file had previously formed part of its own ministry with multiculturalism, but has been divided in this shuffle. Minister Muhammed Yaseen will remain in charge of Multiculturalism which has been converted to an associate ministry.

Speaking of associate ministries, this shuffle ushered in the creation of the Associate Ministry of Water, which will be headed by Grant Hunter. Typically, most things related to water management fell under the Environment portfolio.

Childcare has been added to the Ministry of Education and will be taken over by Minister Nicolalides. The file technically fell under the Ministry of Children's Services but was largely run out of Jobs, Economy and Trade by Minister Jones for some time.

Finally, the other major change comes to Minister Jason Nixon's ministry. Formerly known as Seniors, Community and Social Services will now operate as Assisted Living and Social Services.

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Location: Hart's Table, Edmonton

- Join Rakhi Pancholi and the Edmonton-Whitemud Alberta NDP for a fundraiser evening.
- Tix: \$20 ([www.albertandp.ca/events](http://www.albertandp.ca/events))

### UCP – An Evening with Danielle Smith

**Thursday, June 12th @ 5:00PM**

Location: Bow Vally Rancho Restaurant, Calgary

- Join Danielle Smith and Myles McDougall for an evening dinner and political discussion.
- Tix: \$350 ([www.unitedconservative.ca/events](http://www.unitedconservative.ca/events))

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### KEY INFLUENCER PROFILE

## NATHAN COOPER

ALBERTA'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES

Scott Ratch

The Honorable Nathan Cooper was recently appointed as Alberta's Senior Representative to the United States, based at the Alberta Washington Office. Cooper previously served as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta since 2019. He replaces James Rajotte who will continue to support Premier Smith on the U.S. file as a senior advisor.

As Senior Representative, Cooper will lead Alberta's efforts to attract investment, expand trade opportunities, and maintain relationships with key decision-makers in the U.S.

From 2015 to 2025, Cooper served as the MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills. In 2017, he was appointed interim leader of the newly formed UCP and Alberta's Leader of the Official Opposition. Before he was elected MLA, he held the roles of chief of staff and director of legislative affairs for the Wildrose caucus and served two terms as a councillor for the Town of Carstairs. Recognized for his expertise in parliamentary affairs, Cooper became dean of the Canadian Speaker Association in 2025 as Canada's longest-serving speaker.



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## AT A GLANCE

### In the Media

#### **Alberta's New Representative to Washington**

MLA and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Nathan Cooper, resigned on May 7th. Cooper was subsequently appointed as the province's Senior Representative to the United States. He replaces James Rajotte in the role, who has returned from Washington as an advisor to the Premier.

"I'm honoured to be entrusted by Premier Danielle Smith with this critical assignment at such a pivotal time. Now more than ever, I see this as a vital opportunity to strengthen and advance Alberta's long-standing relationship with the United States, ensuring stability and collaboration amid global uncertainty," commented Cooper.

A by-election will need to be called in the now-vacant riding of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills. Tara Sawyer has been nominated as the UCP's new candidate for the riding.

#### **Alberta Gets a New Speaker**

Following the vacancy created by Nathan Cooper's resignation from the office of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, a new speaker was elected by MLAs. Ric McIver, the now-former Minister of Municipal Affairs, resigned from his role to take on the mantle of Speaker.

"After decades of public service, Speaker McIver has a proven track record of representing his constituents with dignity and honour as the MLA for Calgary-Hays, in his various ministerial roles, and previously as a city of Calgary councillor. He is respected on both sides of the aisle, and I know he will approach his new role as Speaker with the utmost seriousness," stated Premier Danielle Smith.

Joseph Schow, the now former Minister of Tourism and Sport and Government House Leader, was selected to serve as interim Minister of Municipal Affairs until last Friday's cabinet shuffle.

#### **Amendments to Electoral Reform Legislation**

Before being passed, the Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, received additional amendments following criticism regarding citizen-initiated referendum rules.

"In response to feedback from First Nations and Indigenous partners and to reassert our commitment to protecting Treaty rights, the bill now includes a clause stating that nothing in a referendum under the Act is to deviate from existing Treaty rights. Alberta's government will always recognize, protect, and honour Treaty rights as recognized by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982," stated Minister of Justice Mickey Amery.

Additionally, mail-in ballots will not be allowed in constitutional referendums, and the window for electoral integrity complaints has been allocated a longer investigative window.

#### **Alberta Announces Strategy to End Gender Based Violence**

Produced by the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, the Government of Alberta has released a new 10-year strategy to end gender-based violence. The plan incorporates five major priorities, including new prevention strategies, increasing awareness, protecting survivors, supporting Indigenous-led solutions, and promoting economic independence for women.

"Our government is proud to release Building on our Strengths: Alberta's 10-year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence, the most comprehensive strategy of its kind in Canada. Through this strategy, our government will lay the groundwork for lasting change while addressing the root causes of gender-based violence and supporting survivors," announced Minister Tanya Fir.





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# BILL 55 AND THE END OF A HEALTHCARE ERA<sup>61</sup>

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On May 1st, Bill 55: the Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ("Bill 55") was introduced to majorly overhaul how healthcare services are governed and delivered in Alberta. The changes, which have since passed all stages of legislative approval, amend over 30 provincial acts of legislation. Bill 55 is part of the Government of Alberta's broader effort to restructure Alberta Health Services ("AHS") completely. The legislation is intended to allow for a seamless transition to the new healthcare delivery system upon the final dispersal of AHS's functions and responsibilities in the fall of 2025.

## Fully Ending the Regional Healthcare Model

The Government of Alberta has concluded that the province's previous model of healthcare delivery under the oversight of AHS is contrary to consistent and effective healthcare delivery. AHS was first established in 2009, consolidating a series of regional health authorities into a single province-wide authority. While many Alberta statutes still reference the former Regional Health Authorities and the AHS, Bill 55 completely removes these references from legislation. Instead, "provincial health agencies" and "provincial health corporations" are the chosen terms through which aspects of the future healthcare system will be labelled.

## Provincial Health Agencies

Provincial Health Agencies were defined under the previous Bill 22: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ("Bill 22"), which are the bodies taking over the governance responsibilities of AHS. Agencies now hold the authority to enforce inspections, reporting rules, and penalties over healthcare operators. A notable difference from the previous structure of AHS is that these agencies will be under the direct supervision of the Minister(s) of Health. The new agencies separate acute care, primary care, continuing care, and mental health and addictions from AHS. Bill 55 will officially transfer remaining employees of AHS, such as medical officers of health and public health inspectors, to their new respective agencies.

Additional nuance to the governance of provincial health agencies arose in the recent bifurcation of the Ministry of Health. Alberta now features a Ministry of Hospital and Surgical Health in addition to a Ministry of Primary and Preventative Health Services, with Assisted Living and Mental Health having been previously moved outside the purview of the Health portfolio. While the constituent fields of healthcare have been separated, Bill 22, and now Bill 55, centralize the decision-making powers over the healthcare system under the provincial government.

## Provincial Health Corporations

Complementing the role of the provincial health agencies, provincial health corporations are the new entities entrusted with the operations and delivery of healthcare services, such as hospitals and surgical services. The health corporations will work underneath the health agencies, focusing on day-to-day delivery of services rather than the province-wide governance of healthcare. All provincial health corporations will be defined by legislation and remain under the oversight of government ministries.

## Operators and Opposition

The move towards centralizing healthcare under the direct purview of ministries through the agency and corporation model will provide more legal tools to redefine the licensing and funding models of healthcare operators. Despite this, the Government of Alberta has reiterated its intentions to keep healthcare delivery a public service.

Healthcare unions and advocacy groups, including Friends of Medicare and the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE), are among the loudest opponents to the changes brought forward in Bill 55. As Alberta's 2025 Budget shifted the ownership of provincial healthcare facilities to the Ministry of Infrastructure, AUPE leadership has alleged that Bill 55 would allow the Government of Alberta to appoint anyone, including private entities, to become operators of these facilities.

Opposing skepticism has also arisen from the new legal protections extended to operators, expanding those given to AHS during the COVID-19 pandemic response. Bill 55 gives legal protection to healthcare operators and corporations so they can't be sued for decisions made while delivering care, as long as they were acting in good faith. The legislation broadens this immunity, making it harder to bring legal action against designated operators unless gross negligence or intentional harm can be proven. Critics worry that this places the general public at a disadvantage when it comes to transparency in cases of mistreatment.

Then Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange, who tabled Bill 55, outlined that the changes would not lead to private operations of hospitals in the province, but that it was a necessary step to ensure democratic accountability and oversight. Despite this, opposition to the bill has centred around fears of a move towards healthcare privatization. Increasing political control over the new system may also allow future governments to further restructure healthcare services in whatever direction they see fit, either further or closer to a hybridized public-private delivery model. Dividing and removing the AHS as a single, relatively independent entity increases democratic influence over the province's healthcare bureaucracy, but also increases the ease of enacting substantial reforms in the future.

**Agenda item 11.b / 11.c (continued)****Recommended Motion:**

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