



# Council Highlights

May 6, 2025

**Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing:** A public hearing was held to consider and amendment to the Land Use Bylaw that would allow Shouse-Barnominium style residential dwellings in the Country Residential District (acreages). Several residents attended and expressed objections to the proposed change. No residents spoke in support. As a result of public feedback, council did not proceed with the proposed amendment.

**2025 Tax Rate Bylaw:** Council passed the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw with no changes to the municipal tax rate. The Town has not increased the municipal tax rate since 2013 and previously reduced it in 2016 (by 5%) and in 2020 (by 1.5%). That the province sets the school rate and the municipality must collect the fee on behalf of the province:

- Municipal Residential: 9.75
- Municipal Non-Residential: 14.45
- North Peace Housing Foundation: 0.5446
- School Residential: 2.6846 (set by the province)
- School Non-Residential: 3.8330 (set by the province)

**Aquatic Centre HVAC Upgrade – Capital Budget Amendment:** Council approved amending the 2025 Capital Budget for the required replacement of the heating units for the Aquatic Centre’s main space and change rooms with energy-efficient units. Expected annual savings with this unit is up to \$22,000 in utility costs. Total project cost is \$627,000 (with \$376,200 from the CEC grant, and the remainder funded municipally). The project has been tendered and closes May 20; completion is expected in October or November.

**Community Facilities and Recreation Strategy (ACP Grant):** The Town and MD of Fairview plan to apply for the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant to create a Community Facilities and Recreation Strategy. The strategy would establish a shared vision for recreation and cultural space planning and development. It will involve input from both municipalities, school divisions (PRSD, HFCRD), user groups, and residents. If successful, the project would begin next year and take approximately one year to complete.

**Community Events:** Fairview High School is planning a graduation parade on May 24.

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## 2025 Municipal Election – Key Dates

- If you’re considering running for local council sign up to attend an informative webinar to learn about the experience of serving on council. The next upcoming session is June 3. More details [HERE](https://www.abmunis.ca/events/municipal-election-webinar-small-mid-size-municipalities) <https://www.abmunis.ca/events/municipal-election-webinar-small-mid-size-municipalities>
- September 9: Information session for prospective council candidates. More details [HERE](https://open.alberta.ca/publications/candidates-guide-running-for-local-elected-office-in-alberta) <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/candidates-guide-running-for-local-elected-office-in-alberta>
- September 22: Nomination Day – Candidate nomination papers due to the Town Office

## General Information:

- New requirement: Voter registration. Register [HERE](https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/register-to-vote/) <https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/register-to-vote/>
- More information on running for council can be found [HERE](https://www.fairview.ca/government/fairview-votes/) or call the town office at 780-835-5461. <https://www.fairview.ca/government/fairview-votes/>

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Next Council Meeting: The next council meeting will be held on May 20, 2025.

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Let’s keep building our community together! Stay involved and stay informed!