



## Council Highlights

November 19, 2024

**STARS Update:** Glenda Farnden from STARS shared updates on their vital work. In 2024, STARS responded to 4 emergency calls and completed 5 inter-facility transfers in the Fairview area. The Town of Fairview contributes \$10,000 annually to STARS, which operates on a \$34.2 million annual budget. Only \$15 million comes from the province, with the rest raised through fundraising and municipal partnerships. 2025 marks STARS' 40th anniversary, and Fairview has been a proud partner for 18 years.

**Budget Planning:** Mark your calendar for the next budget meeting on November 26. Council plans to pass the 2025 interim operating and capital budgets, along with the 3-year operational and 5-year capital plans, at the December 17 meeting.

**Tax Recovery Costs:** The town recently sold four vacant tax recovery lots, which required significant cleanup due to unsafe structures. These costs, added to the tax roll, left an outstanding balance of \$123,679 after the sales. This amount is considered a "written-off" expense for the 2024 budget.

**RCMP Town Hall:** The RCMP will host a Town Hall on December 4 at the Friedenstal Hall.

**SDAB Member Needed:** The town is seeking a new member for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. If you're interested, please contact the office.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Town councillors will attend the Peace River School Division (PRSD) Joint Meeting on February 5, 2025.

**Santa Claus Parade:** The Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Santa Claus Parade on Friday, December 6.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular council meeting is scheduled for **December 3, 2024**. Meetings are open to the public, so come by if you're curious about local governance.

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