

Fine Arts Centre Renovation Proposal: Members of the Fine Arts Society presented a \$239,389 renovation proposal for the Fine Arts Centre, including plans for an elevator and a basement bathroom. The group has set a \$300,000 fundraising goal and requested \$50,000 from the Town. Council is considering other options, including potential relocation.

Fairview Aquatic Centre Energy Audit: The energy audit is complete, paving the way to apply for the Community Energy Conservation Program to replace the HVAC unit.

North Peace Regional Landfill Budget: The 2025 budget has been completed, with the Town's requisition expected to remain similar to last year.

2025 Interim Budgets Approved:

- **Operating Budget**

- Operating budget anticipates revenues of \$8,425,902 and expenditures of \$7,624,526
- \$651,376 has been allocated transfers to reserves for future capital projects and \$150,000 for current projects.
- The 2025 interim operating budget anticipates a zero increase in the Tax Rate, maintaining the Tax Rate freeze since 2013.

- **Capital Budget**

- The interim Capital budget has an expense budget of \$3,266,000
- Funding sources: \$1,245,500 from reserves, \$1,466,610 from Provincial transfers, \$213,000 from shared municipal projects, and \$150,000 from other grants.

- **Future Operating and Capital Plans Approved**

- 3-Year Operating Plan (2026-2028) which anticipates no tax rate increase and a 2% annual utility rate increase.
- 5-Year Capital Plan (2026-2030) are available on the Town website [2025 Budgets](#)

Holiday Closures: The Town Office will be closed on December 25, 26, 27, and January 1.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

