

**Budget and Financial Planning:** The Town's auditors will present the 2024 audited financial statements for council review and adoption on April 15. The council discussed the 2025 operating and capital budgets and recommended changes. At this time, there are no plans to increase the tax rate or make significant changes to levels of service. The 2025 budgets are scheduled for approval at the April 15 council meeting.

#### **Community and Education Updates:**

- The Chamber of Commerce AGM is scheduled for March 26.
- Holy Family Catholic Regional Division received news that the Province plans to fund a replacement school for STM.
- Peace River School Division (PRSD) has received approval for pre-planning funding for value scoping.

**Kennel Bylaw Consideration:** Council has received requests to allow dog breeder kennels and hobby kennels. Administration has been directed to conduct a public survey for feedback. Community responses will be reviewed at a future council meeting.

#### **Upcoming Infrastructure Projects:**

- Replacement of a water line and storm sewer manhole on 102 Ave (between 108 St and Main Street).
- Sewer line replacement on 103 Ave (between 109 Street and 111 Street).
- These projects will impact the downtown core and may cause temporary inconveniences.

#### **Additional capital projects for 2025 include:**

- Small upgrades to the water treatment plant.
- HVAC replacement at the Aquatic Centre.
- Design for a structure covering the outdoor arena.
- Replacement of the Fire Department rescue truck.

**Municipal Election Preparations:** With the upcoming election, council has appointed Lynn Lekisch, the town's legislative coordinator, as the returning officer.

#### **2025 Municipal Election – Significant Dates:**

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>

September 22: Nomination Day – Candidates must submit their nomination papers.

October 6: Advanced Poll Day.

October 20: Election Day.

#### **General Election Information:**

- **New this year:** Voter registration is required. Register [HERE](#).  
<https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/register-to-vote/>
- More information on running for council can be found [HERE](#) 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 April 1, 2025.

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