



Council Highlights

March 4, 2025

RCMP Quarterly Update: Cpl. Kurt Fink attended the meeting to provide a quarterly update. Crime rates continue to decline, and the RCMP has increased media releases regarding charges laid against prolific offenders. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity. However, senior fraud cases are on the rise, prompting the RCMP to conduct several fraud awareness sessions for seniors. The RCMP Musical Ride is scheduled for August 26, and a Town Hall will be hosted at the Eureka River Hall on March 24.

Annual Audit: The Town's annual financial audit is scheduled for March 10-14. As required by law, municipalities must undergo an independent financial audit each year. The completed audit reports will be publicly available on municipal websites.

Strategic Plan Update: Council plans to update the municipal strategic plan before the October election to guide future initiatives.

School Board Community Engagement: Holy Family Catholic Regional Division held a Community Engagement Information Session on February 25 to discuss the future of STM School. The Peace River School Division and Holy Family Catholic Regional Division will continue community discussions regarding new school options. Residents are encouraged to participate in these sessions.

Flag Raising Ceremony: FHS and EEO will hold a flag-raising ceremony on March 12.

Property Tax Sale: The Town will hold a Property Tax Sale public auction on March 31, 2025. Some properties will be removed from the auction as Council has agreed to enter into a Tax Arrears Recovery Agreement with certain property owners.

Arena and Sports Field Updates:

- The arena ice will be removed at the end of the month to transition into the next season.
- Sport field rates for soccer, slow pitch, and minor ball will increase this year.

Kennel Bylaw Consideration: Council has received requests to consider allowing dog breeder kennels and hobby kennels. Administration will draft a bylaw for review at the March 18 council meeting. If pursued, public input will be sought before a final decision.

Upcoming Infrastructure Projects: Major infrastructure work is planned for the summer, including:

- Replacement of a water line and storm sewer manhole on 102 Ave (between 108 Street and Main Street).
- Sewer line replacement on 103 Ave (between 109 Street and 111 Street).

These projects will affect the downtown core and may cause temporary inconveniences.

Municipal Election – October 20, 2025:

- The municipal election will be held on October 20, 2025, as part of the four-year cycle.
- Interested candidates must submit nomination papers by September 22, 2025.
- Nomination packages are available on the Town's website.
- An information session for prospective candidates will be held in early September.

Next Meeting: The next regular council meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025. Meetings are open to the public, so come by if you are curious about local governance.

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