



Council Highlights

January 20, 2026

Fairview Fine Arts Centre: Representatives attended to promote their upcoming Masquerade Ball & Auction on February 14. Council approved a donation of two 12-month Family Aquatic Passes and two 12-month Adult Combined Passes for the auction.

STARS Program Update: Glenda Farnden attended to provide an update on the STARS program and to thank Council for their continued support and commitment.

Fairview Regional College Transition Committee: The Committee has submitted its proposal to the Minister of Advanced Education regarding future operations of the Fairview Campus. A decision is anticipated in February. The Committee will incur costs related to legal services and business plan development and is seeking tax-deductible donations, which can be made through the Town of Fairview Office.

Fire Department – Ladder Truck Purchase: The Town and MD of Fairview will be purchasing a used Fire Ladder Truck from the Sexsmith Fire Department for \$140,000.

Police Funding Model Update: Preliminary information indicates significant increases in policing costs. Town had budgeted \$152,000, however the revised estimate: \$203,958 (34% increase) than what was paid in 2025 with a projected 2030 cost of \$441,915, approximately three times the 2025 cost.

Aquatic & Fitness Centre Attendance: Aquatic Centre attendance increased 7% over 2024 and Fitness Centre attendance increased 17%

2025 Budget Update: Actual costs remain in line with the approved budget. A preliminary surplus of \$460,945 is reported, with additional 2025 expenses still to be allocated.

Community Events: Fairview Minor Hockey will host the U18B Female Provincials from March 19–22, 2026. The NorthernLink Agriculture, Home & Sport Show will be held March 27–28 at the Fairview Arena. Sponsorship opportunities are available (contact 780-616-8332).

Snow Removal Costs: Record snowfall resulted in unusually high costs. December snow removal exceeded \$100,000, compared to an annual budget of \$45,000.

Save Fairview Campus

- The Transition Committee's submission to the Minister of Advanced Education includes:
- A clear vision for the Fairview Campus
- Governance and operational direction
- Program focus areas
- A request for additional time to complete a full business plan in early 2026

Developing a Fairview College Concept:

Long-term goal: an independent post-secondary institution

Short-term approach: partnerships with existing institutions

Focus on programs aligned with regional labour needs, trades, and agriculture

For more information, please visit:

- Town of Fairview: fairview.ca → Living in Fairview → NWP Fairview Campus
<https://www.fairview.ca/community/living-in-fairview/northwestern-polytechnic-fairview-campus/>
- savefairviewcampus.ca

Next Council Meeting: February 3, 2026