

**Agenda for the  
Regular Meeting of the Vauxhall Town Council  
Monday January 5, 2026  
6:00p.m. – Vauxhall Council Chambers**

<b><u>Agenda Item</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	
<b>2. Adoption of Agenda</b>	For Adoption
<b>3. Delegations</b>	
<b>4. Minutes</b>	
<b>Council Minutes</b>	
a.) Regular Meeting of Council December 15, 2025	For Adoption
<b>External Minutes</b>	Receive <b><u>all</u></b> for Information
b.) Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) meeting November 5, 2025	
c.) Joint Economic Development Committee meeting November 25, 2025	
<b>5. Financials</b>	Receive as Information
a.) Bank Reconciliation as of December 31, 2025	
<b>6. New Business</b>	Receive as Information
a.) Police Funding Model Information	
<b>7. Reports</b>	
a.) Council Activity Report – December 2025	Receive <b><u>all</u></b> for Information
b.) Action List December 2025	
i.) Action List in Progress 2025	
c.) Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<b>8. Information and Correspondence</b>	Receive <b><u>all</u></b> for Information
a.) VDCC BI-Weekly Newsletter – December 31, 2025	
b.) Newly Elected Municipal Councils Letter	
c.) FCSS – Celebrate Family Literacy Day	
<b>9. Adjournment</b>	

4a.

A regular meeting of Council of the Town of Vauxhall,  
was held in Council Chambers  
on Monday December 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

MAYOR: Kimberley Cawley

DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk

COUNCILLORS: Paul Ballard  
Shelley Deleeuw  
Jimmy Wolf  
Henry Zacharias

ABSENT: Russell Norris

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Chief Administrative Officer: Cris Burns  
Asst. CAO/Office Manager: Mindy Dunphy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Cawley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of  
Agenda

**RES: 25:299**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to adopt the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Additions:**

7d.) CAO Report

7e.) Economic Development for Elected Officials

Councillor Wolf arrives at Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m.

Delegation

**RES: 25:300**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to accept the delegation reports as information:

- FCSS – The Do Crew
- STARS

**CARRIED**

Minutes

**RES: 25:301**

**MOVED** by Councillor Zacharias to adopt the following minutes as presented.

- Regular Meeting of Council November 14, 2025

**CARRIED**

Regional Emergency  
Advisory Appointments

**RES: 25:302** **MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the appointment of Nathan Cote as the Regional Director of Emergency Management (RDEM).  
**CARRIED**

Regional Emergency  
Advisory Appointments

**RES: 25:303** **MOVED** by Councillor Wolf to approve the appointment Brandon Bougie as the Regional Director of Emergency Management (RDEM) for the Municipal District of Taber.  
**CARRIED**

Regional Emergency  
Advisory Appointments

**RES: 25:304** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to approve the appointment Cris Burns as the Regional Director of Emergency Management (RDEM) for the Town of Vauxhall.  
**CARRIED**

Regional Emergency  
Advisory Committee

**RES: 25:305** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to approve the appointment of Kim Cawley as the alternate for the Regional Emergency Advisory Committee.  
**CARRIED**

External Minutes

**RES: 25:306** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to adopt the following minutes as presented.

- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting November 24, 2025
- Regional Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting November 27, 2025
- Municipal District of Taber Airport's Committee Meeting September 15, 2025
- Veterans Memorial Highway Association Meeting June 28, 2025
- Oldman River Regional Services Commission Meeting September 11, 2025
- Oldman River Regional Services Commission Meeting October 9, 2025

**CARRIED**

Administrative/Public  
Works Policy No. 052-2025

**RES: 25:307** **MOVED** by Councillor Ballard to approve the Workplace Violence & Harassment Prevention Policy No. 052-2025 as presented.  
**CARRIED**



Bylaw No. 1012-25  
Regional Assessment  
Review Board  
**RES: 25:308**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw that Bylaw 1012-25 a bylaw to establish a regional assessment Review board, the appointment of the chair, and the appointment of the clerk for the assessment review boards, be given first (1<sup>st</sup>) reading as presented.  
**CARRIED**

Bylaw No. 1012-25  
Regional Assessment  
Review Board  
**RES: 25:309**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk that Bylaw 1012-25 a bylaw to establish a regional assessment Review board, the appointment of the chair, and the appointment of the clerk for the assessment review boards, be given second (2<sup>nd</sup>) reading as presented.  
**CARRIED**

Bylaw No. 1012-25  
Regional Assessment  
Review Board  
**RES: 25:310**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw that Bylaw 1012-25 a bylaw to establish a regional assessment Review board, the appointment of the chair, and the appointment of the clerk for the assessment review boards, be presented for third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and final reading.  
**CARRIED**

Bylaw No. 1012-25  
Regional Assessment  
Review Board  
**RES: 25:311**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw that Bylaw 1012-25 a bylaw to establish a regional assessment Review board, the appointment of the chair, and the appointment of the clerk for the assessment review boards, be given third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and final reading as presented.  
**CARRIED**

New Business  
**RES: 25:312**

**MOVED** by Councillor Zacharias to accept the following as information:

- Regional Emergency Management – Verbal
- National Police Federation
- Lifeguard Training Information
- CAO Report
- Economic Development For Elected Officials

**CARRIED**

Cheque Listing  
**RES: 25:313**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to adopt the November 2025, cheque listing in the amount of six hundred and seventy-one thousand, one hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$671,118.99) as information.  
**CARRIED**



Operating Interim  
Budget

**RES: 25:314**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the interim 2026-2029 Operating Budget as presented.  
**CARRIED**

Financials

**RES: 25:315**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wolf to accept the following as information:

- AMSC Mastercard as of December 5, 2025
- Bank Reconciliation as of September 30, 2025
- Bank Reconciliation as of October 31, 2025
- Bank Reconciliation as of November 30, 2025

**CARRIED**

Reports

**RES: 25:316**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to accept the following as information:

- Action List November 2025
- Action List in Progress 2025
- Upcoming Events and Meetings
- Council Activity Report November 2025

**CARRIED**

Information and  
Correspondence

**RES: 25:317**

**MOVED** by Councillor Zacharias to accept the following as information:

- R.C.M.P. Report
- VDCC Bi-Weekly Newsletter – November 17, 2025
- VDCC Bi-Weekly Newsletter – November 28, 2025
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Letter
- FortisAlberta Inc. – Franchise Fee Adjustment for 17 Municipalities Letter

**CARRIED**

Closed Meeting

**RES: 25:318**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw that council move to closed session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss:

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 16 of Division 2 of Part 1 of FOIPP – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party (16) and 24 Advice from Officials (21)

Closed Meeting

**RES: 25:319**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk that council return to open meeting at 8:28 p.m.

**CARRIED**

8:30 p.m. Meeting recessed to allow return of public.

8:30 p.m. Meeting resumed with no public present.

STARS

**RES: 25:320**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the commitment of \$2000.00 for the next 4 years 2026-2029 to STARS Air Ambulance.

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Unapproved

**Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 5, 2025**  
**Coaldale Hub (2107-13<sup>th</sup> Street)**

**Attendance**

In-person

Degenstein, Dave – Town of Milk River, Board Chair  
Chapman, Bill – Town of Coaldale, Vice-Chair  
Deleeuw, Shelley – Town of Vauxhall  
Feist, Teresa – Town of Picture Butte  
Foster, Missy – Village of Barnwell  
Glendinning, Ian – Village of Warner  
Heggie, Jack – County of Warner  
Harasem, Lori – Town of Coalhurst  
Norris, Nikole – Village of Stirling  
Prince, Kyle – Village of Barons  
Sayers, Mark – Lethbridge County  
Torrie, David – M.D. of Taber

Staff:

Morrison, Zakk – Executive Director  
DeBow, Petra – Manager  
Florence-Greene, Evelyn – Finance and HR Coordinator

Online

Payne, Megan – Village of Coutts

Absent

Firth, Carly – Town of Taber  
Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford  
Stewart, Pam – Town of Raymond

**Call to Order**

Z. Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

D. Degenstein moved the Board to approve the agenda as amended.

9. New Business

b) Community Needs Assessment Survey Update

**Carried**

**2. Introduction**

Appointed Board members provided introductions, stated their names and the respective Municipal Council they represent.

L. Harasem entered the Board Meeting at 4:12





**3. Elections**

a) Chair

The Board conducted the election for the position of Chair.

Z. Morrison called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

J. Heggie nominated D. Degenstein for the position of Chairperson.

Z. Morrison called a second time for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Z. Morrison called a third time for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

D. Degenstein accepted the nomination.

T. Feist moved nominations cease. S. Deleeuw seconded the motion.  
**Carried**

D. Degenstein was acclaimed for the position of Chairperson.

b) Vice Chair

The Board conducted the election for the position of Vice Chairperson.

D. Degenstein called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson.

J. Heggie nominated B. Chapman for the position of Vice Chairperson.

D. Degenstein called a second time for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson.

D. Degenstein called a third time for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson.

B. Chapman accepted the nomination.

K. Prince moved nominations cease. M. Sayers seconded the motion.  
**Carried**

B. Chapman was acclaimed for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

**4. Board Photo**

Photo of the 2025-2026 BEW FCSS Board was taken at the Coaldale HUB.

**5. Minutes**

S. Deleeuw moved the minutes of October 1, 2025, FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.

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**6. 2025-2026 BEW FCSS Board Meetings**

a) Annual Agenda Items

Z. Morrison discussed Annual Agenda Items for 2025-2026 Board meetings.

B. Chapman moved the Board to accept the Annual Agenda Items as presented for information.

**Carried**

b) Board Meeting Schedule

The Board members discussed Board meeting schedule for 2025-2026.

T. Feist moved the Board meetings to be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., excluding the months of January, July, and August.

The Board members discussed the times of Board meetings for 2025-2026.

T. Feist moved to withdraw the motion.

T. Feist moved the Board meetings to be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m., excluding the months of January, July, and August.

**Carried**

**7. Correspondence**

a) Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- 2025-09-23 – FCSSAA September 2025 News.
- 2025-10-06 – FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights September 12, 2025.
- 2025-10-06 – FCSS Fast Facts.
- 2025-10-23 – FCSSAA October 2025 News.
- 2025-10-06 – Community Volunteer Income Tax Program: Thank you letter and Certificate of Appreciation.
- 2025-10-16 – Upcoming Focus Groups.

B. Chapman moved the Board to receive the correspondence as presented for information.

**Carried**

**8. Reports**

a) Executive Director

Z. Morrison reviewed the Executive Director's report.

The following was highlighted:

Leadership Role Updates

- Resigned from PolicyWise Board of Directors.
- Nominated by Dave Cody, County of Warner to the position of Chair, Taber Adult Learning.
- Nominated to Co-Chair, Director's Network, FCSSAA.

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Municipal Update

- FCSS Monthly Message – Family Violence Prevention Month.  
Visit: <https://fcss.ca/monthly-message/wheretoturn-2/>

M. Foster moved the Board to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.

**Carried**

b) Financial Report

Z. Morrison reviewed the Financial Report.

The Board discussed the Financial Report.

J. Heggie moved the Board to approve the September 2025 Financial Report including:

- Financial Statement as of September 30, 2025;
- Monthly accounts for September 1-30, 2025; and
- ATB Mastercard Statement from September 12, 2025, to October 12, 2025.

**Carried**

c) FCSS Accountability Framework Reporting 2026

Z. Morrison delivered a presentation outlining the Accountability Framework Reporting for 2026. The report included key performance indicators, strategic priorities and compliance measures relevant to the upcoming reporting cycle.

The Board discussed the information presented.

S. Deleeuw moved the Board to receive the FCSS Accountability Framework Reporting 2026 as presented for information.

**Carried**

9. **New Business**

a) FCSSAA Conference – Attendee's and AGM Voting Delegates

The Board discussed and agreed that attending Board Members are authorized to act as voting delegates at the FCSSAA AGM, in the event of insufficient Board Members attending, the AGM vote can be assigned to the Executive Director.

Z. Morrison is to reach out to Board Members who were absent to confirm their interest in attending the upcoming FCSSAA Conference.

B. Chapman moved the Board to send K. Prince to attend the FCSSAA Conference.

**Carried**





M. Sayers moved the Board to appoint K. Prince to act as one of the voting delegates for the 2025 FCSSAA AGM.

**Carried**

- b) Z. Morrison provided an update to the Board on the Community Needs Assessment Survey and emphasized the importance that the survey be completed by as many individuals in their communities as possible.

**10. Round Table**

The Board shared municipal updates.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

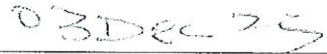
The date of the next regular Board meeting will be December 3, 2025, at the Coaldale HUB (2107 – 13<sup>th</sup> St.) in person and online (via Teams) starting at 4:30 p.m.


**12. Adjournment**


M. Sayers moved the meeting to adjourn at 5:46 p.m.

**Carried**

  
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Chairperson

  
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Date

  
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Executive Director

  
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Date



## Municipal District of Taber

### Minutes for Joint Economic Development Committee

Date: Nov. 25, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Municipal District of Taber, Reeve's Room

Attendees:

	Name	Organization
<b>Voting Members</b>	Councillor Shelley Deleeuw	Town of Vauxhall
	Councillor Naomi Wiebe	Town of Taber
	Councillor Joanne Sorensen (Chair)	Town of Taber
	Councillor Layne Johnson	Municipal District of Taber
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	Amy Allred	Town of Taber
	Hilary Janzen	Town of Taber
	Kim Welby	SouthGrow Regional Economic Development
	Jessie Stilson	SouthGrow Regional Economic Development
	Chase DeSchover	Taber and District Chamber of Commerce
	Leilani Holst	Taber and District Chamber of Commerce
	Alvaro Mendes	Community Futures Chinook
	Kaitlin Barr	Municipal District of Taber
	Bryce Surina	Municipal District of Taber

#### Item No. 1: Call to Order

A committee meeting of the Joint Economic Development Committee (JEDC) was held on November 25, 2025, at the Municipal District of Taber (MD of Taber) main office in the Reeve's Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm, and presided over by the JEDC Chair, Councillor Joanne Sorensen (Town of Taber).

Following the call to order, meeting participants were asked to introduce themselves and their organizational affiliations.

#### Item No. 2: Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

#### Item No. 3: Adoption of the Minutes

The 'Regular Meeting of the JEDC – August 13, 2025' meeting minutes were adopted as distributed.

#### Item No. 4: Delegation

None.



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## Item No. 5: New Business

### History of JEDC

Bryce Surina (MD of Taber) presented a brief overview of the JEDC's history.

### Taber's Table Report

- Amy Allred (Town of Taber) presented an overview of the upcoming 2026 Taber's Table event. Key details of the event are:
  - Event Date: August 15, 2026
  - Ticket Cost: \$100/each
  - Location: Confederation Park, Taber
  - Description: A celebration of community, flavour and all things local! Savour a beautifully curated menu crafted by amazing local chefs, featuring the freshest ingredients from local growers, vendors and producers! Every dish tells a story of our region, brought to life by passionate local chefs who love what they do.
  - More information: [Town of Taber webpage](#)
- Bryce Surina (MD of Taber) shared an MD of Taber resolution from the [November 12, 2025 Council meeting](#):

#### *Taber's Table Event*

*Resolution No: C-2025-471 Councillor John Turcato*

*That; the Municipal District of Taber purchase up to twenty (20) tickets to the 2026 Taber's Table (Long Table Dinner) event on August 15, 2026, and that invitations be extended to selected Government of Alberta Ministries and MLAs for attendance by themselves or representatives from their departments to a maximum of \$2500.*

*Further; That, the MD of Taber provide a guided tour to the invited attendees prior to the dinner event.*

- The MD of Taber will work with Town of Taber and the JEDC to execute the details of this resolution.

### NRED/CanExport Grant Update & 2026 Application

- Amy Allred (Town of Taber) presented an update on the Phase 1: Global Marketing Strategy project.
- A request was made to share links to online assets linked to the campaign:
  - [GrowinTaber.ca](#) (created through the Phase 1: Global Marketing Strategy project)
  - [MovetoTaber.ca](#) (created through the [Southern Alberta is Calling](#) initiative)
  - [VisitTaber.com](#) (Town of Taber tourism resource)
- A request was made to share the video ads created through the Phase 1: Global Marketing Strategy.





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- Amy Allred (Town of Taber) will share these ads once they are finalized and public.
- A discussion was had around how the marketing strategy could emphasize the whole of the municipal district, showcasing the hamlets, Vauxhall, Barnwell, and other regional elements.
- The recommended motion was moved by Councillor Layne Johnson (MD of Taber), and unanimously approved.

*That the Joint Economic Development Committee approves the Northern & Regional Economic Development Program grant application for phase 2 of the Global Marketing Initiative, as presented*

### Society Annual Return and Status

- Amy Allred (Town of Taber) presented the 2024 JEDC Society Annual Return and Status.
  - The 2024 JEDC Society financial statement showed \$0 spent through the Society.
- The recommended motion was moved by Councillor Naomi Wiebe (Town of Taber), and unanimously approved.

*That the Joint Economic Development Committee approves the society annual return for the year ending August 31, 2025.*

### Terms of Reference Update

- Kaitlin Barr (MD of Taber) presented a progress update on the JEDC Terms of Reference.
  - Following the creation of the JEDC Society in 2024, JEDC members determined that the Terms of Reference should be updated to reflect the evolution of the JEDC.
  - MD of Taber and Town of Taber administration are reviewing and updating the Terms of Reference.
  - A draft of the updated Terms of Reference will be presented to JEDC members for review and discussion in 2026.

Set Dates for 2026 – Proposed: February 18, 2026; May 20, 2026; August 19, 2026; November 18, 2026

- JEDC members discussed the 2026 meeting schedule and agreed to the following dates:
  - February 18, 2026
  - May 20, 2026
  - August 5, 2026
  - November 18, 2026



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## Item No. 6: Other Items

### Round Table Discussion – Updates from each organization/community Community Futures (Alvaro Mendes)

- New changes to operational management structure mean that Community Futures Entrecorp no longer oversees Community Futures Chinook
- An overview was provided on the Community Futures Beautification Program.

### MD of Taber (Kaitlin Barr and Bryce Surina)

- MD of Taber will be submitting one NRED application for an Industrial Park Feasibility Study. Kaitlin Barr provided an overview of the Study and shared that a resolution was passed by MD of Taber Council on November 25, 2025:

*THAT; the Municipal District of Taber (MDT) endorse the application to the Government of Alberta, Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) grant program to complete an Industrial Park Feasibility Study.*

*AND; approve a 2026 budget approval for \$100,000 from the Planning and Development, Economic Development operating budget as a 50% matching project contribution.*

- MD of Taber is collaborating with Economic Developers Alberta to host a full-length, one-day, in-person, *Economic Development for Elected Officials* course offering.
  - MD of Taber will host and coordinate this offering.
  - The course will be hosted on January 30, 2026, in Taber, with an exact location still to be determined.
  - MD of Taber will reach out to Taber Region partners once course details are confirmed.
- Bryce Surina shared that the MD of Taber has land lots for sale: Grassy Lake has 45 lots coming up in 2026, Enchant Residential Lots and 2 industrial lots east of Vauxhall still available.

### Taber & District Chamber of Commerce (Chase DeSchover and Leilani Holst)

- The annual Chamber dinner is scheduled for January 23, 2026, at the Taber Civic Centre.
  - An inquiry was made about how many people typically attend
    - 190-210 attendees typically
  - An inquiry was made about the event space and whether the Star Theatre was considered.
    - Event organizers discussed Star Theatre, however due to ongoing renovations, the Taber Civic Centre was selected as the best option.
  - An inquiry was made about Chamber membership numbers.



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- Full membership numbers are not currently known, however the Alberta Chamber of Commerce has shared that the Chamber has around 200 members.

### Town of Vauxhall (Councillor Shelley Deleeuw)

- Vauxhall arena is operational, and curling rink is set to be ready for use in December.
- Baseball academy dryland facility construction effort has broken ground.
- The Vauxhall and District Chamber of Commerce is hosting the [Snowflake Frolic](#) on December 4, 2025
  - This event encourages shopping local in Vauxhall.
- A discussion was had about the current state of the Vauxhall and District Chamber of Commerce, their capacity, and their contact information.

### SouthGrow Regional Economic Development Association (Kim Welby)

- Jessie Stilson will be the new primary SouthGrow contact for JEDC.
- A condensed *Economic Development for Elected Officials* webinar is being hosted November 26, 2025.
  - A discussion was had about how to receive communications related to SouthGrow. Kim Welby shared that anybody can sign up for the SouthGrow newsletter on the [SouthGrow website](#).
- SouthGrow's annual economic development summit is scheduled for March 26, 2026 at the Lethbridge Agrifood Hub.
- SouthGrow staff continue to work on Community Economic Development Plans.
- SouthGrow has a grant advice hotline that members can use for support.
- An overview was provided of the senate familiarization tour that was hosted during the summer.
  - These tours are very powerful for raising the region's profile with decision makers. The summer familiarization tour recently came up in discussion on the Senate floor.

### Town of Taber (Hilary Janzen and Amy Allred)

- There have been about 200 development permits approved this year so far, which is a lot for the Town of Taber.
- Town of Taber and MD of Taber are collaborating on the south side area structure plan. A consultant has been hired to complete this work.
- NRED applications
  - [Savour Alberta's South](#) campaign
  - Taber Tourism Strategy
  - Town of Taber and Community Futures: Business Retention and Expansion engagement.
- December 6, 2025 is the [All I Want for Christmas Market](#)
- The group discussed concerns raised in the region about businesses losing employees due to work visas expiring this summer, with renewals being highly unlikely.
  - Kim Welby (SouthGrow) suggested that the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce consider bringing up this concern through the Alberta Chambers of Commerce advocacy





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work. Leilani Holst (Taber and District Chamber of Commerce) shared that she will inquire about this suggestion.

### Item No. 7: Next Meeting Date

- Amy Allred (Town of Taber) will send out Outlook meeting invites for all upcoming JEDC meeting dates.
  - Next meeting set for February 18, 2026, 6-7:30, MD of Taber Main Office, Reeve's Room.

### Item No. 8: Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and unanimously approved.

# Renewed Police Funding Model

## Information for municipalities

### Overview

The Province of Alberta has *renewed* the Police Funding Model (PFM) following comprehensive engagement with municipal stakeholders. The renewed PFM and the amended Police Funding Regulation will be effective **April 1, 2026**. The renewed model introduces key changes designed to improve fairness, transparency and sustainability in how frontline policing costs are shared.

Under the *Police Act*, the Government of Alberta is responsible for ensuring adequate and effective policing services across Alberta. The PFM redistributes a portion of frontline costs to municipalities receiving Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) services under the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA).

#### Key Changes

- Phased 5-year implementation
- Costs based on actual expenses
- New formula weights
- New vacancy modifier
- Population density subsidy
- Phased-in occurrence data
- Enhanced annual reporting

### Cost-sharing structure

Municipal contributions will gradually increase to **30 per cent** over a five-year phased implementation, providing municipalities time to plan and budget accordingly. Contributions will be based on actual frontline policing costs from the most recently completed fiscal year.

Year	Fiscal Year	Contribution
Year 1	2026-27	22%
Year 2	2027-28	24%
Year 3	2028-29	26%
Year 4	2029-30	28%
Year 5+	2030-31+	30%

### Ministerial Regulatory Discretion

The Minister will have discretion to:

- Cap costs to ensure predictability
- Determine frontline costs to help prevent distortions
- Provide specific discounts to address large increases

### Base Formula

The weight of equalized assessment will be decreased, and weighted occurrences has been added to provide a more direct link to actual policing demand. In the first two years of the new PFM, equalized assessment and population will continue to be weighted at 50%. For years three and beyond, the final formula will account for occurrences as follows:

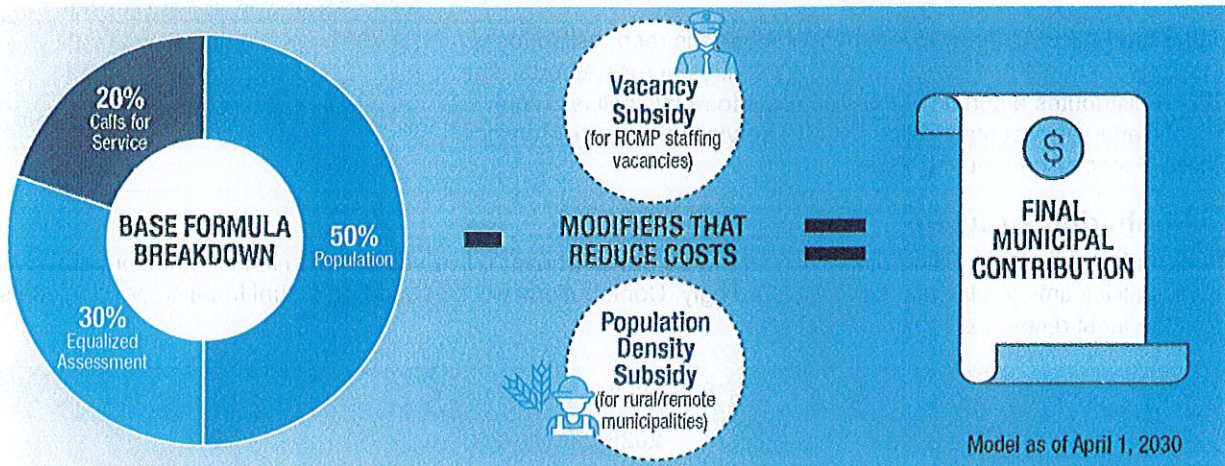
- April 1, 2028: 45% assessment, 5% occurrence
- April 1, 2029: 40% assessment, 10% occurrence
- April 1, 2030: 30% assessment, 20% occurrence

Questions can be directed to Public Safety and Emergency Services at: [abpfm@gov.ab.ca](mailto:abpfm@gov.ab.ca)



## Revised modifiers and subsidies

<p><b>Modifiers removed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime Severity Index (CSI)</li> <li>• Detachment Subsidy</li> </ul> <p><b>Shadow population – revised:</b></p> <p>Eligible shadow population is now subtracted directly from total population rather than applied as a separate subsidy.</p>	<p><b>New Modifiers Introduced:</b></p> <p><b>Vacancy Modifier</b></p> <p>Discounts for municipalities with higher-than-average detachment vacancies, reflecting reduced service levels.</p> <p><b>Population Density Subsidy</b></p> <p>Reduced contributions for municipalities with significantly lower density, recognizing rural and remote policing challenges.</p>
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NOTE: Graphic depicts model at full implementation in 2030. Weighted occurrences will be phased in over five years as outlined above under Base Formula.

## Transparency, Reporting & Reinvestment

A new annual reporting process will be led by the province, with opportunities for collaboration with the Provincial Police Advisory Board (PPAB), providing municipalities with clear insight into fund allocation. The PPAB—representing municipalities under 5,000, municipal districts and counties of any population and Metis Settlements—continues to provide valued input on provincial policing priorities and strategic and community safety plans. Funds collected through the PFM will contribute to the PPSA's ongoing costs and future growth, ensuring sustained investment in frontline capacity.



## Annual contributions

Each year, municipalities will receive a statement outlining their contribution amount for that fiscal year. This amount reflects all applicable modifiers—no separate adjustments are required.

## Summary: What this means for your municipality

The renewed PFM represents a more equitable approach to cost sharing. Key benefits include:

- Predictability – through phased implementation and ministerial discretion
- Fairness – via a revised formula reflecting demand and capacity
- Recognition – of local circumstances through new modifiers
- Transparency – through enhanced annual reporting

Municipal shares are calculated using the formula, adjusted by applicable modifiers and communicated annually.

Questions can be directed to Public Safety and Emergency Services at: [abpfm@gov.ab.ca](mailto:abpfm@gov.ab.ca)

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ALBERTA  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Office of the Minister  
Deputy Premier of Alberta  
MLA, Calgary-West*

PSES 49/2025

MINISTERIAL ORDER

I, MICHAEL G. ELLIS, ECA, Deputy Premier and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services for the Province of Alberta, pursuant to section 62(1) of the *Police Act*, make the Police Funding Amendment Regulation as set out in the attached Appendix.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 17 day of December, 2025.

DEPUTY PREMIER AND  
MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

FILED UNDER

THE REGULATIONS ACT

as ALBERTA REGULATION 301/2025

ON December 19 2025

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## APPENDIX

### Police Act

#### POLICE FUNDING AMENDMENT REGULATION

**1** The *Police Funding Regulation* (AR 7/2020) is amended by this Regulation.

**2** Section 3 is repealed and the following is substituted:

##### Cost formula

**3(1)** In this section,

- (a) “call for service” means an occurrence that receives a police response, regardless of whether
  - (i) the occurrence is reported by a member of the public or initiated by a police officer, or
  - (ii) the police respond in person or in some other way;
- (b) “vacancy rate” means the percentage of frontline policing positions funded by the PPSA that are unfilled, excluding any position that is unfilled due to the position holder’s temporary absence.

**(2)** The cost that a municipality must pay in each fiscal year is the amount determined by the following formula:

$$(E + P + O) - (V + PD)$$

where

- E** is the Weighted Equalized Assessment for the municipality determined in accordance with subsection (3)(a);
- P** is the Weighted Population Amount of the municipality determined in accordance with subsection (3)(b);
- O** is the Weighted Occurrence for the municipality determined in accordance with subsection (3)(c);
- V** is the Vacancy Subsidy for the municipality determined in accordance with subsection (3)(d);

PD is the Population Density Subsidy for the municipality determined in accordance with subsection (3)(e).

(3) For the purpose of this section and subject to subsection (5),

(a) the Weighted Equalized Assessment for a municipality is,

(i) for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{MEA} \times \text{ATS} \times 50\%}{\text{TEA}}$$

where

MEA is the equalized assessment prepared annually by the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the municipality under Part 9, Division 5 of the *Municipal Government Act*;

TEA is the total of all the equalized assessments prepared by the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the municipalities;

ATS is the total cost of the PPSA for the previous fiscal year multiplied by the percentage of all positions funded by the PPSA that the Minister determines to be frontline policing positions, and then multiplied by 22%;

(ii) for the 2027-2028 fiscal year, the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{MEA} \times \text{ATS} \times 50\%}{\text{TEA}}$$

where

MEA has the same meaning as in subclause (i);

TEA has the same meaning as in subclause (i);

ATS is the total cost of the PPSA for the previous fiscal year multiplied by the percentage of all positions funded by the PPSA that the Minister determines to be



frontline policing positions, and then  
multiplied by 24%;

- (iii) for the 2028-2029 fiscal year, the amount determined  
by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{MEA} \times \text{ATS} \times 45\%}{\text{TEA}}$$

where

MEA has the same meaning as in subclause (i);

TEA has the same meaning as in subclause (i);

ATS is the total cost of the PPSA for the  
previous fiscal year multiplied by the  
percentage of all positions funded by the  
PPSA that the Minister determines to be  
frontline policing positions, and then  
multiplied by 26%;

- (iv) for the 2029-2030 fiscal year, the amount determined  
by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{MEA} \times \text{ATS} \times 40\%}{\text{TEA}}$$

where

MEA has the same meaning as in subclause (i);

TEA has the same meaning as in subclause (i);

ATS is the total cost of the PPSA for the  
previous fiscal year multiplied by the  
percentage of all positions funded by the  
PPSA that the Minister determines to be  
frontline policing positions, and then  
multiplied by 28%;

- (v) for the 2030-2031 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal  
years, the amount determined by the following  
formula:

$$\frac{\text{MEA} \times \text{ATS} \times 30\%}{\text{TEA}}$$

where

MEA has the same meaning as in subclause (i);

TEA has the same meaning as in subclause (i);

ATS is the total cost of the PPSA for the previous fiscal year multiplied by the percentage of all positions funded by the PPSA that the Minister determines to be frontline policing positions, and then multiplied by 30%;

(b) the Weighted Population Amount for a municipality is the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{(MP - SP) \times ATS \times 50\%}{TP}$$

where

MP is the population of the municipality as determined by the Minister;

SP is the shadow population, if any, of the municipality as determined by the Minister;

TP is the total of the populations of all the municipalities as determined by the Minister;

ATS has the same meaning as in

(i) clause (a)(i) for the 2026-2027 fiscal year,

(ii) clause (a)(ii) for the 2027-2028 fiscal year,

(iii) clause (a)(iii) for the 2028-2029 fiscal year,

(iv) clause (a)(iv) for the 2029-2030 fiscal year, and

(v) clause (a)(v) for the 2030-2031 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years;

(c) the Weighted Occurrence for a municipality is,

(i) for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 fiscal years, 0;

(ii) for the 2028-2029 fiscal year, the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{MO}{TO} \times ATS \times 5\%$$

where

MO is the number of calls for service in the municipality in the previous fiscal year, as determined by the Minister;

TO is the total number of calls for service in all the municipalities in the previous fiscal year, as determined by the Minister;

ATS has the same meaning as in clause (a)(iii);

- (iii) for the 2029-2030 fiscal year, the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{MO}{TO} \times ATS \times 10\%$$

where

MO has the same meaning as in subclause (ii);

TO has the same meaning as in subclause (ii);

ATS has the same meaning as in clause (a)(iv);

- (iv) for the 2030-2031 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{MO}{TO} \times ATS \times 20\%$$

where

MO has the same meaning as in subclause (ii);

TO has the same meaning as in subclause (ii);

ATS has the same meaning as in clause (a)(v);

- (d) the Vacancy Subsidy for a municipality is the amount determined as follows:

- (i) if the vacancy rate for the police detachments serving the municipality in the previous fiscal year is less than the average vacancy rate for all police detachments serving the municipalities in the



previous fiscal year, each as determined by the Minister, 0;

- (ii) if the vacancy rate for the police detachments serving the municipality in the previous fiscal year is equal to or greater than the average vacancy rate for all police detachments serving the municipalities in the previous fiscal year, each as determined by the Minister, the amount determined by the following formula:

$$(E + P + O) \times 5\%$$

where

E is the Weighted Equalized Assessment for the municipality determined in accordance with clause (a);

P is the Weighted Population Amount of the municipality determined in accordance with clause (b);

O is the Weighted Occurrence for the municipality determined in accordance with clause (c);

- (e) the Population Density Subsidy is the amount determined as follows:

- (i) if the population density of the municipality is equal to or greater than the average population density of all the municipalities, each as determined by the Minister, 0;

- (ii) if the population density of the municipality is less than the average population density of all the municipalities, each as determined by the Minister, the amount determined by the following formula:

$$(E + P + O) \times 5\%$$

where

E is the Weighted Equalized Assessment for the municipality determined in accordance with clause (a);

- P is the Weighted Population Amount of the municipality determined in accordance with clause (b);
- O is the Weighted Occurrence for the municipality determined in accordance with clause (c).

(4) For the purpose of subsection (3)(b) and (e), the Minister must

- (a) use the population most recently specified by order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs under section 604.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* in determining the population, shadow population and population density of a municipality, and
- (b) in the case of a specialized municipality that has an urban service area with a population greater than 5000, exclude the population of the urban service area in determining the population, shadow population and population density of the specialized municipality.

(5) For the purpose of the formulas in subsection (3)(a) to (c), the Minister may, in the Minister's discretion, determine and impose a cap on the ATS amount used to determine the Weighted Equalized Assessment, Weighted Population Amount and Weighted Occurrence for a municipality for a fiscal year.

**3 Section 4 is repealed and the following is substituted:**

**Obligation to pay**

4(1) The Minister shall, in each fiscal year, notify each municipality of the amount that the municipality shall pay for that fiscal year for receiving general policing services provided by the provincial police service.

(2) A municipality shall pay the amount determined by the Minister within 45 days of being notified of the amount owing, and any unpaid amount after that time shall be recoverable as a debt owing to the Crown.

(3) Despite anything to the contrary in this Regulation, the Minister may, by order,

- (a) fully exempt a municipality from paying a cost for receiving general policing services provided by the provincial police service,
- (b) partially exempt a municipality from paying a cost for receiving general policing services provided by the provincial police service, or
- (c) determine a cost payable by a municipality for receiving general policing services provided by the provincial police service that is different from the cost determined for the municipality under section 3.

**4 The following is added after section 4:**

**Annual report**

4.1(1) In the fiscal year following the 2026-2027 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, the Minister shall publish on the website of the Minister's department, in the form and manner determined by the Minister, an annual report relating to the costs determined under this Regulation, which may include

- (a) costs payable under this Regulation by a municipality in respect of a fiscal year,
- (b) total costs payable under this Regulation by all the municipalities in respect of a fiscal year, and
- (c) exemptions or costs payable in an amount determined under section 4(3).

(2) The Minister may consult with the Provincial Police Advisory Board in preparing an annual report under this section.

**5 Section 6 is amended by striking out "March 31, 2026" and substituting "March 31, 2033".**

**6 This Regulation, except section 5, comes into force on April 1, 2026.**





## Council Activity Report December 2025

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	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Facility</u>
<b><u>Mayor Cawley</u></b>			
	15-Nov-25	Vauxhall Ribfest	
	03-Dec-25	Vx Sr Christmas Supper	
	04-Dec-25	VDCC Frolic	
	09-Dec-25	Taber Housing /Meet & Greet	MD Operations
	15-Dec-25	Council	Chambers
<b><u>Deputy Mayor Forchuk</u></b>			
	04-Dec-25	VDCC Frolic	
	15-Dec-25	Council	Chambers
<b><u>Councillor Ballard</u></b>			
	26-Nov-25	VDCC AGM	Pubic Library
	27-Nov-25	Regional Emergency Advisory	
	11-Dec-25	VDCC AGM	Pubic Library
	15-Dec-25	Council	Chambers
<b><u>Councillor Deleeuw</u></b>			
	04-Dec-25	VDCC Frolic	
	09-Dec-25	Taber Housing /Meet & Greet	MD Operations
	15-Dec-25	Council	Chambers
<b><u>Councillor Zacharias</u></b>			
	15-Dec-25	Council	Chambers
<b><u>Councillor Wolf</u></b>			
	24-Nov-25	Vx Airport Meeting	Taber
	15-Dec-25	Council	Chambers
<b><u>Councillor Norris</u></b>			
	04-Dec-25	ORRSC	ORRSC Office
	08-Dec-25	VX District Water Commission	Chambers



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### Action List December 2025

<u>Resolution No</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
STARS RES: 25:320	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the commitment of \$2000.00 for the next 4 years 2026-2029 to STARS Air Ambulance. <b>CARRIED</b>			

### Action List In Progress

<u>Resolution No</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
<u>July 2023</u> RES: 23:141	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Zacharias for The Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee to prepare for the meeting with the Municipal District of Taber to begin in 2024. <b>CARRIED</b>	In Progress	
<u>July 2025</u> Multi-Purpose Facility RES: 25:181	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the Town in securing utilities for the facility, including electricity, water, heating, and necessary infrastructure to support the daily operations of the Community indoor training facility to be part of the \$200,000 commitment. <b>CARRIED</b>	In Progress	
<u>November 2025</u> VDCC RES: 25:280	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Deleeuw to approve funding support equivalent to 75% of all Business License fees collected annually; to be allocated to the Vauxhall and District Chamber of Commerce, the funds will be disbursed at the end of each calendar year. <b>CARRIED</b>	Completed	December 22, 2025
<u>November 2025</u> 2025/2026 ACP RES: 25:292	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Zacharias to support the submission of a 2025/2026 Alberta Community Partnership grant application in support of the Regional Wastewater and Treatment Feasibility Study project is prepared to manage the grant project and related compliance requirements. There is no matching contribution required, and to have Administration contact the Municipal District of Taber for their support in this application. <b>CARRIED</b>	In Progress	





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### Events 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>
2026-03-14	5:30pm	Guided Journeys	Vx Hall	

### Meetings 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>
2026-01-08	9am-4pm	AEMA Local Authorities Elected Officials Course	MD of Taber operations and Maintenance Building – Training Room	
2026-01-09	7pm	Vauxhall Ag Society Annual General Meeting	Vx Meeting Room	
2026-01-12	5:15pm	MPC Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	Cllr. Forchuk Cllr. Norris Cllr. Zacharias
2026-01-19	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-01-26	7pm	Vauxhall Regional Fire Authority	Vx Fire Hall	Cllr. Wolf & Cllr. Zacharias
2026-01-28	2pm	MD of Taber Regional Airport Committee	MD of Taber Administrative Office	Cllr. Wolf
2026-02-02	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-02-04	6pm	Coffee With Council	Vx Public Library	All
2026-02-17	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-03-02	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-03-16	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-03-19	2pm	MD of Taber-Airport Committee	MD Office-Reeves Room	Cllr. Wolf



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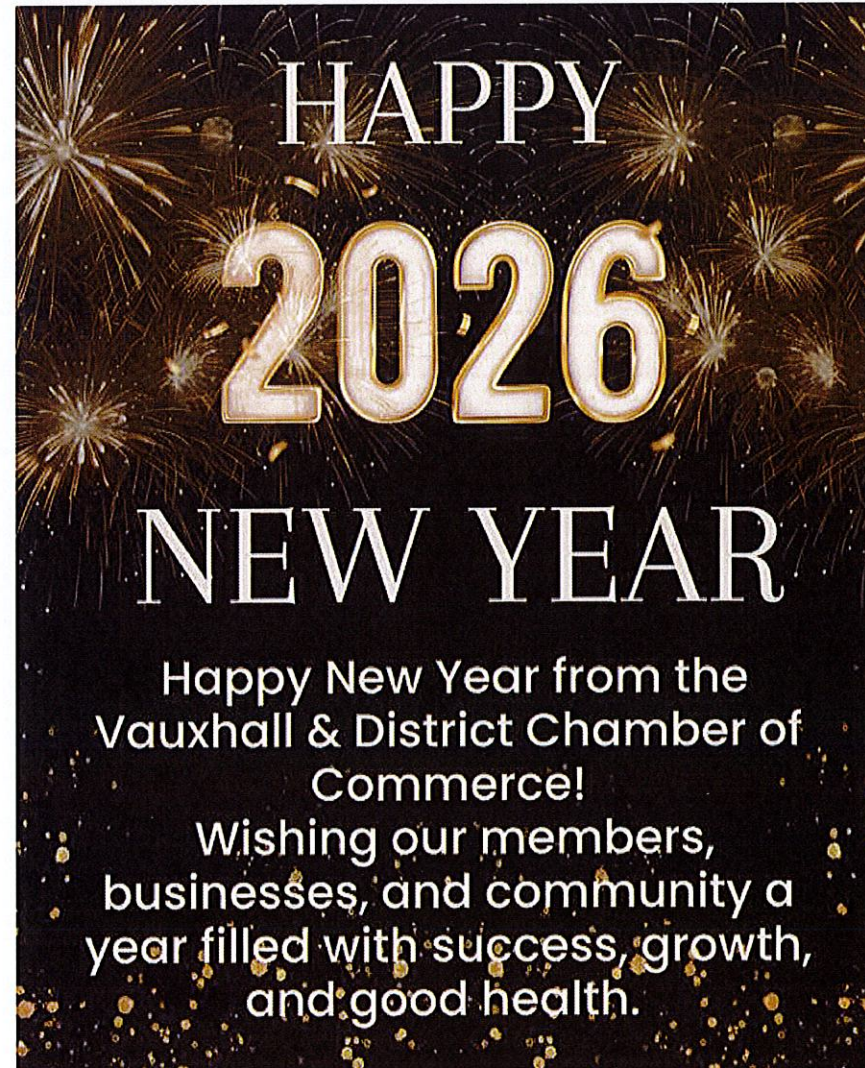
2026-04-07	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-04-20	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-05-04	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-05-19	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-06-01	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-06-15	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-07-13	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-08-10	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-09-08	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-09-21	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-10-05	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-10-19	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-11-02	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-11-16	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All
2026-12-21	6pm	Council Meeting	Vx Council Chambers	All





## Wednesday, December 31, 2025

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# Vauxhall AG SOCIETY



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

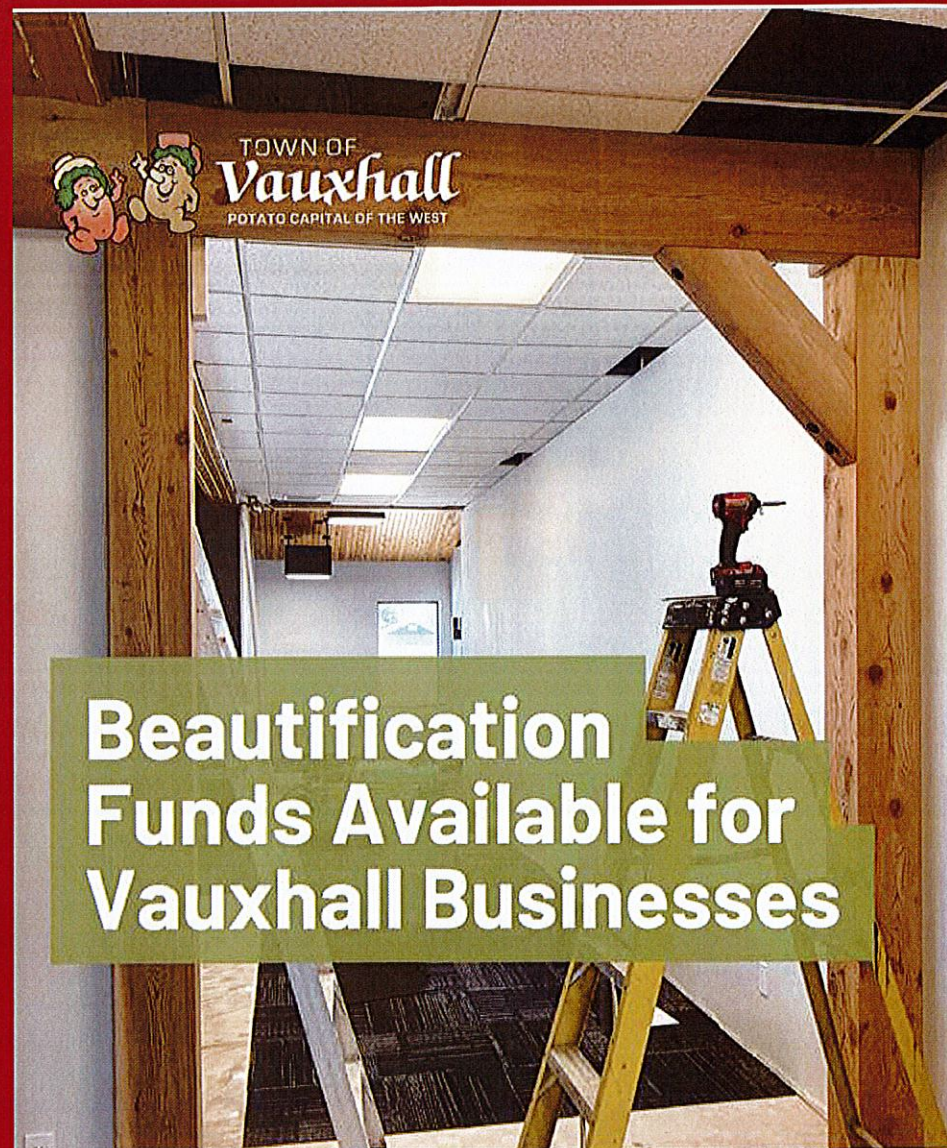
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### Mayor's Christmas Message

As 2025 draws to a close, we take time to reflect on the past year—the blessings it has brought and the challenges we have faced together. This Christmas season, I am deeply thankful to live in such a safe, caring community. Vauxhall is strengthened by friends and neighbours who are generous with their time, talents, and gifts, and who willingly share them for the benefit of others.

I continue to be inspired by the many dedicated volunteers who give so freely of their time and energy. Throughout the year, I was honoured to attend and participate in numerous celebrations recognizing the efforts of local groups and individuals.

In February, I had the privilege of attending the Regional Fire Department's awards banquet. These men and women are true heroes—there for us in the most difficult moments—and they deserve our heartfelt thanks.

In March, I met with our Premier, the Honourable Danielle Smith, to discuss the looming tariffs affecting our agriculture and oil exports, and to advocate on behalf of our community. I also attended the Vauxhall Minor Hockey year-end banquet and the Jets Ball Academy banquet, celebrating the athletes, coaches, and volunteers who keep recreation in Vauxhall strong and something we can all be proud of. At that time, it was announced that the province committed \$600,000 toward the new VAB facility—an exciting investment in recreation and healthy living in our community.

In April, FCSS hosted their All Councils Event, highlighting the incredible work they do across our region. I encourage everyone to take a moment to thank FCSS staff and our local DO Crew when you see them in action.

May brought excitement as we celebrated our high school graduates. It was a privilege to attend their ceremony and share in such an important milestone.

Canada Day is always exceptional in Vauxhall, when many local organizations come together to create the best celebration in Southern Alberta with a pancake breakfast, parade, demolition derby, show and shine, baseball game and more, followed by a spectacular fireworks display. It's a perfect display of what a small town can accomplish when we come together as a community!

October marked the election of new council members in Vauxhall and with our partners at the MD of Taber. I am grateful and honoured to have been re-elected as Mayor. It is truly a privilege to serve this community, and I look forward to continuing to work together.

November saw another successful Ribfest hosted by the Vauxhall Ag Society. Their ongoing contributions to our community are greatly appreciated. During the same month, several councillors and administration staff attended the Alberta Municipalities Convention in Calgary, where we shared ideas, learned from other municipalities, and heard directly from provincial leaders.

December is always a time of joy and celebration. I had the pleasure of joining the Vauxhall Seniors for their Christmas supper—our seniors truly are the foundation of what we are thankful for today. The Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce once again hosted a wonderful Snowflake Frolic, filling downtown with energy and festive spirit. Vauxhall Emergency Services also held their Santa Claus Parade and Food Drive in support of the Vauxhall Food Bank. Thanks to the generosity of our residents, it was a great success.

To the Vauxhall Food Bank volunteers—thank you! Your compassion and selflessness bring hope and light to those in need, and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

There are many more groups and individuals deserving of thanks, and while I cannot name them all here, I encourage everyone to show appreciation for the people who make Vauxhall such a vibrant and caring place to live.

I would also like to sincerely thank our town administration and public works staff. Their dedication and hard work—often behind the scenes—keep our community running smoothly. We are fortunate to have such a committed and caring team.

To my fellow councillors, thank you for answering the call to serve. It is important and sometimes thankless work, but please know your efforts are appreciated. I look forward to the next four years working alongside you.

To the people of Vauxhall, I wish you peace, joy, and the comfort of feeling loved this Christmas season. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, may it bring renewed hope to your hearts, now and into 2026.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Kim Cawley  
Mayor, Town of Vauxhall





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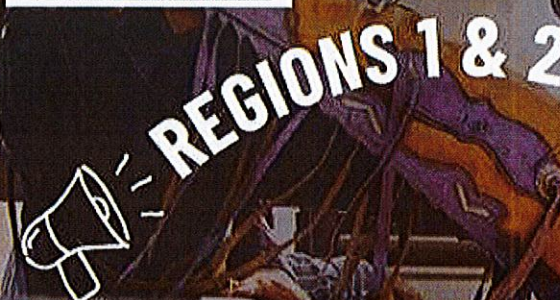
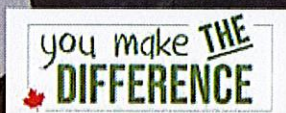
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**Honourable Ric McIver, ECA, MLA**  
Calgary-Hays

December 16, 2025

To All Newly Elected Municipal Councils,

I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to both new returning councilors on your election to municipal office this past October. Serving your communities is both a privilege and a profound responsibility, and I commend you for stepping forward to represent the residents who have placed their trust in you.

As someone who previously had the honour of serving as on a municipal council and as Minister of Municipal Affairs, I want to express my deep appreciation for the dedication demonstrated by municipal leaders across our province. It was truly an honour working with you, and I remain grateful for the important role you play in strengthening local governance and improving the quality of life for your communities. Municipal governance is often closest to the day-to-day needs of residents. The decisions you make—whether related to infrastructure, community safety, local services, or neighbourhood development—have a direct and immediate impact on the lives of the people you serve. I encourage you to continue working with the new minister in this endeavor.

As we enter the Christmas season, I extend my heartfelt wishes to you, your councils, and your families for a joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous New Year. May the months ahead be filled with success as you carry out the vital work of serving your residents.

Sincerely,

Honourable Ric McIver, ECA, MLA  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta  
Calgary-Hays

# Celebrate Family Literacy Day

## January 27, 2026

Family Literacy Day is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen connections and build lifelong learning habits together. This year's theme, "**Make Mealtime Family Learning Time,**" encourages families to turn everyday routines — like cooking, grocery shopping, and sharing meals — into fun and natural literacy-building experiences.

Mealtime offers countless chances to learn. Writing grocery lists helps children practice spelling and planning skills. Reading recipes introduces new vocabulary and math concepts through measurements and timing. Even simple dinner conversations can spark curiosity, improve communication, and develop critical thinking. These small, meaningful moments create a strong foundation for literacy while bringing families closer together. For example, try these conversation starters at dinner:

- What was the best part of your day and why?
- If you could invent a new food, what would it be?
- What's one thing you learned today that surprised you?
- How would you describe your favorite meal to someone who's never tasted it?
- If you could invite any character from a book to dinner, who would it be?

**Remember, literacy isn't just about reading — it's about engaging, sharing, and exploring ideas as a family.** Let's make January a month of learning, laughter, and connection — one meal at a time!

For more information and to learn about child and family programs offered through FCSS, please contact Petra DeBow at 403-795-3328.

FCSS offers programs and services for all individuals in the region, including specific supports for newcomers and Indigenous families. For more information about FCSS programs and services, please visit our website at [www.fcss.ca](http://www.fcss.ca).

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