

Council Highlights April 1, 2025

Ken Sargent House Delegation:

- Representatives from the Ken Sargent House presented their project to council. The facility will
 provide a supportive living environment for patients and their families near the Grande Prairie
 Regional Hospital.
- The delegation sought funding support for the \$12 million project.
- Council approved a contribution of \$10,000 per year for the next three years, totaling \$30,000.

Budget and Tax Updates:

- The 2025 operating and capital budgets will be passed at the April 15 council meeting.
- The province has increased the Education Property Tax, which will result in an approximately 7% increase on the Education tax portion of property tax bills.
- The Municipal tax rate is not expected to increase.

Land Use Bylaw Amendment: Council passed the first reading of an amendment to allow "Shouse" residential construction in the Country Residential District (R-CR). The bylaw is available for review on the Town's website.

Grant Funding for Water Reservoir Rehabilitation:

- The Town successfully obtained a grant of \$898,470 for rehabilitation work on the treated water reservoir
- The total project cost is approximately \$2 million.

Upcoming Events:

- Start of Summer (SOS) Event: Scheduled for June 14 on the large grass area west of the Community Centre. The event will feature a variety of entertainment, with more details to come.
- Fairview Curling Club: Recently celebrated 90 years in operation.

Kennel Bylaw Consideration: Council is gathering public feedback on allowing dog breeder kennels and hobby kennels. A survey is available for public input using the link in this QR code:

Or use this link: https://forms.gle/L7ax3jFS5zBa64W67

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/

Next Council Meeting: The next council meeting will be held on April 15, 2025.

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