



Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday July 21st, 2026 | 1:30PM | Rimrock Resort

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
2. **Adoption of Agenda / Call For Additions**
3. **Adoption of Council Minutes**
 - a. Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026
4. **Financial Reports**
 - a. May 2026 Financial Statements
5. **Delegations**
 - a. Standing Council Update - Parks Canada (*no attachments*)
 - b. Standing Council Update - Alberta Municipal Affairs (*no attachments*)
 - c. Standing Council Update – RCMP (*no attachments*)
 - d. Standing Council Update - Lake Louise Fire Department (*no attachments*)
6. **Business & Discussion Items**
 - a. Policing Priorities Discussion
 - b. Parks Canada Write Off
7. **CAO & Committee Reports/Roundtable** (*no attachments*)
 - a. CAO Report
 - i. Fall Convention Attendance
 - ii. RMA Meeting with Minister Williams (August 10th deadline)
 - iii. Monthly Report
 - iv. Resolution Tracking Report
 - v. “In the News” Report
 - b. Council Roundtable
8. **Correspondence & Reports**
 - a. Town of Banff June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council
 - b. Town of Banff June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council
 - c. Banff Parks Canada Staff & Stakeholder Update - Airtanker Exercise
 - d. Banff Parks Canada Staff & Stakeholder Update - Banff Half Marathon and 10km Run 2026
 - e. Banff Parks Canada Staff & Stakeholder Update - End of the spring phase of the Bow Valley Parkway Cycling Pilot
 - f. Banff Parks Canada Staff & Stakeholder Update - Return of the Minnewanka Park and Ride 2026
 - g. Banff Parks Canada Staff & Stakeholder Update - Mountain Avenue pavement rehabilitation
 - h. LLYK Parks Canada Staff & Stakeholder Update - Water levels remain high across region
 - i. LLYK Parks Canada Staff & Stakeholder Update - What We Heard: Strategies and Actions for Lake Louise Visitor Use Management
 - j. BLLT The Moment: Spots Remain for the AI Workshop
 - k. BLLT Shift into Park Mode in Banff National Park
 - l. BLLT Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day
 - m. BLLT The Moment: Getting Ready for Canada Day in Banff
 - n. BLLT Things to do in July in Banff National Park
 - o. BLLT The Moment: What Fall and Christmas Events are Returning to Banff and Lake Louise?
 - p. TIAA Alberta Tourism Industry News and Trends | June 2026
 - q. TIAA AFG Call for Nominations
 - r. Government of Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026, Fact Sheets
 - s. Government of Alberta Municipal Affairs Grant Allocation Letter 2026
 - t. Government of Alberta Information Bulletin 03/2026 Key Municipal Dates July 1 to September 30
 - u. BCF A special note from BCF’s Board Chair
 - v. BVRH April Minutes, June Bulletin, & May Reporting

9. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Strategy Review Session | Tuesday August 18th 1:30pm | Lake Louise Sport & Recreation Centre
- b. Regular Council Meeting | Tuesday August 18th 1:30pm | Lake Louise Sport & Recreation Centre

10. Closed Session

- a. Lake Louise Fire Hall Update - covered under section 26 of the Access to Information Act
- b. Intergovernmental Review Discussion - covered under section 26 of the Access to Information Act

11. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Improvement District No. 9 (BANFF) in the Province of Alberta
June 16, 2026 at 1:30pm
Lake Louise Sport & Recreation Centre & Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Jean-Marc Stelter	Chair (Remote)
Dave Schebek	Vice Chair
Don Beaulieu	Councillor
Julie Canning	Councillor
Alexandra Parkinson	Councillor

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Danielle Duffy	Chief Administrative Officer
Kassidy Stevens	Legislative Assistant (Remote)
Kurtis Pratt	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Remote)

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT

VISITING OFFICIALS

Susan Richter	Detachment Sergeant	Lake Louise RCMP
Mike Buxton-Carr	Detachment Commander	Banff RCMP
Amanda Davies	Fire Chief	Lake Louise Fire Department
Phil Duguay	Corporal, Acting Supervisor	Bow Valley Traffic Unit, RCMP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Schebek called the June 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Councillor Beaulieu began the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

01-16-06-2026 Councillor Parkinson **MOVED** to accept the June 16, 2026 Council Meeting agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

02-16-06-2026 Vice-Chair Schebek **MOVED** to accept the May 19, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

None available.

5. DELEGATIONS

- a. Parks Canada Standing Update
No one in attendance.
- b. Alberta Municipal Affairs
No one in attendance.

c. RCMP

Sergeant Susan Richter of the Lake Louise RCMP Detachment discussed that this year there has been increased interest from members in participating in the Enhanced Police program and that they will likely use the entire budget this year. She informed Council on the past months call volumes, and the cancelation of the commercial vehicle inspection, which will be rescheduled for later in the summer.

Corporal Phil Duguay, the Acting Supervisor of the Bow Valley Traffic Unit, discussed traffic trends over the past few years, the history of the amalgamation of the traffic units between the Bow Valley and Cochrane, discussed their coverage area, statistics from March 2026 – June 2026, and the Ice Fields Parkway operation they have planned for July.

Sergeant Mike Buxton-Carr of the Banff RCMP discussed human resource numbers, which sees the detachment still seeking two members, including a candidate for their bilingual position. He discussed the ways in which the FIFA World Cup will see some of their resources temporarily positioned out of the area. He updated Council on a missing person's case, which has seen the body recovered and the case concluded.

d. Lake Louise Fire Department

Chief Amanda Davies updated Council on May call numbers and types, the emphasis on the flood/rain fall event that the department was dealing with and preparing for, as well as upcoming training initiatives that are planned for the members.

6. BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Procedural Bylaw

03-16-06-2026 Councillor Parkinson **MOVED** to give second reading to Bylaw No. 2021-03: Procedural Bylaw (Amendments) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

04-16-06-2026 Councillor Canning **MOVED** to give third and final reading to Bylaw No. 2021-03: Procedural Bylaw (Amendments) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Borrowing Bylaw

Council discussed passing second and third reading of the Borrowing Bylaw, which received no public petitions to reject.

05-16-06-2026 Chair Stelter **MOVED** to give second reading to Bylaw No. 2026-02: Borrowing Bylaw as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06-16-06-2026 Councillor Parkinson **MOVED** to give third and final reading to Bylaw No. 2026-02: Borrowing Bylaw as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CAO & COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

a. CAO Report

Council reviewed the CAO Report as information.

b. Council Roundtable

Chair Stelter provided a verbal report to Council on his attendance at an LLBMSS meeting at the beginning of the month, FCM where he was able to attend sessions on wildfire and flood resilience, technology, and an Indigenous Smudging ceremony.

Vice Chair Schebek provided a verbal report to Council on his attendance at FCM which reiterated how nation-wide many issues that the ID sees are, as well as emphasized the struggles with human capital that we may begin seeing, and he attended a ROAM transit meeting where they discussed not having the ability to bring a bus to the FCM trade show due to current utilization of the fleet.

Councillor Beaulieu provided a verbal report to Council on his attendance at the Bow Valley Regional Housing garden party, which was attended by more than 300 people, and was a successful and informative event.

Councillor Canning provided a verbal report to Council that AMPPE has a new executive director, that she met with Councillors Parkinson, Stelter, and Schebek to discuss the ID9 Stakeholder Advisory Committee membership, and that she met with the Banff Police Advisory Board.

07-16-06-2026 Councillor Canning **MOVED** to appoint David Garcelon, Colin Forsyth, Alison Brewster, Luke Sunderland, and Mike Bruce to the ID9 Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Parkinson provided a verbal report to Council on the Lake Louise Sport and Recreation Society including how they are gearing up for a busy summer of sports, camps, and activities, she will be attending the Lake Louise Low Down this week, and she attended the FCM conference where she was able to get tours of the Edmonton Public Library and the new River Cree Medical Centre.

8. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

08-16-06-2026 Vice-Chair Schebek **MOVED** accept the correspondence and reports as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a. ID9 Regular Council Meeting 1:30pm, Tuesday July 21, 2026 | Rimrock Resort

10. CLOSED SESSION

09-16-06-2026 Vice-Chair Schebek **MOVED** that due to Section 26 & 29 of the *Access to Information Act* that the meeting be taken into Closed Session to discuss some confidential matters of Council business at 2:41pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following people remained in the closed session:

- Danielle Duffy, Chief Administrative Officer
- Cassidy Stevens, Legislative Assistant
- Kurtis Pratt, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

10-16-06-2026 Councillor Parkinson **MOVED** to end the Closed Session at 3:26pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY

11. ADJOURNMENT

11-16-06-2026 Vice-Chair Schebek **MOVED** to adjourn the June 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 3:26pm.
MOTION CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY

Minutes Approved on the 21st of July 2026.

Chair – Jean-Marc Stelter

Chief Administrative Officer – Danielle Duffy

	Fiscal YTD December 2025	2026	2026	2025	2026	2026
	Fund Center	ID 9 - Banff	ID 9 - Banff	ID 9 - Banff	ID 9 - Banff	ID 9 - Banff
	Category	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget to Actual variance	Actual to Actual variance
		Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
G/L Account		CAD	CAD	CAD		
1010101150	CON-CIBC TRUST - Bank Account		16,050,454.09	16,090,634.46	0.00	-40,180.37
1010102120	Cash Clearing-CIBC Collector		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1010102150	Cash Clearing-CIBC Trust		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1010104100	Cash In Transit		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1010201460	Property Tax Receivable		-41,355.76	-9,075.90	0.00	-32,279.86
1010201200	GST Receivable - Direct		2,695.37	1,561.98	0.00	1,133.39
1010201240	A/R Interest		35,920.94	43,333.85	0.00	-7,412.91
1010201110	A/R from General Sources		14,401.04	6,516.75	0.00	7,884.29
1010201270	General receivables		1,732,511.00	682,106.00	0.00	1,050,405.00
1010203110	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1010500100	Prepaid Expenses		18,006.41	41,615.20	0.00	-23,608.79
1010600100	CON-Inter-Entity Zero Balancing Account		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1010600110	Inter-Entity Zero Balancing Account		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1030102100	CON-Buildings		2,247,988.40	2,247,988.40	0.00	0.00
1030102110	Assets Under Construction - Buildings		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1030102120	Buildings		4,490,875.88	4,746,899.74	0.00	-256,023.86
1030106120	Other Capital Assets		400,188.67	400,188.67	0.00	0.00
1030107100	CON-Assets Under Construction		1,441,912.44	340,972.35	0.00	1,100,940.09
2060101100	CON-Accumulated Amortization-Buildings		-280,599.43	-224,388.32	0.00	-56,211.11
2060101110	Accumulated Amortization - Buildings		-2,059,593.56	-2,163,062.97	0.00	103,469.41
2060105110	Accumulated Amortization - Other Capital Assets		-243,267.42	-227,734.79	0.00	-15,532.63
	TOTAL ASSETS	0.00	23,810,138.07	21,977,555.42	0.00	1,832,582.65
2010101110	CON-Accounts Payable		3,991.23	9,849.66	0.00	-5,858.43
2010101180	A/P - General/Other		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010204100	Accrued Liabilities - Other		113,475.50	-210,897.54	0.00	324,373.04
2010205100	GST Payable		3,240.59	1,904.05	0.00	1,336.54
2010205270	Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO)		74,506.69	93,775.55	0.00	-19,268.86
2050000100	Spent Deferred Capital Contributions		1,441,912.44	213,333.07	0.00	1,228,579.37
2040000110	Unearned Revenue		10,242,278.02	10,199,368.06	0.00	42,909.96
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	11,879,404.47	10,307,332.85	0.00	1,572,071.62
3010000100	Operating Reserves		2,853,845.48	2,853,845.48	-2,853,845.48	0.00
3010000110	Net Assets/Liabilities		7,980,109.97	7,948,979.95	-7,980,109.97	31,130.02
3050000100	Capital reserve		3,781,696.00	3,781,696.00	-3,781,696.00	0.00
	TOTAL EQUITY	0.00	14,615,651.45	14,584,521.43	-14,615,651.45	31,130.02
4020200100	Property Taxes	9,307,172.00	0.00	0.00	9,307,172.00	0.00
4050802170	Certificates	350.00	280.00	210.00	70.00	70.00
4050802400	Permits	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
4070701100	Investment Income	275,000.00	198,564.73	253,921.62	76,435.27	-55,356.89
4090200110	Fines Late Payment Penalty	500.00	586.14	0.00	-86.14	586.14
4090801190	Provincial Grants	76,892.00	76,892.00	0.00	0.00	76,892.00
4090801150	Other Grants	0.00	44,450.00	0.00	-44,450.00	44,450.00
4090801230	Other Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
4090801310	Rental Revenue	102,510.00	55,306.97	51,003.44	47,203.03	4,303.53
4090300100	Refund of Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	9,767,524.00	376,079.84	305,135.06	9,391,444.16	70,944.78
6010400120	Employer contributions (CPP)	0.00	2,289.57	-2,328.83	-2,289.57	4,618.40
6010500130	Memberships	21,105.00	18,763.05	12,384.37	2,341.95	6,378.68
6020100110	Employee Travel-Mileage	7,678.00	3,324.71	1,994.43	4,353.29	1,330.28
6020100140	Employee Travel-Meals	8,200.00	1,375.56	885.00	6,824.44	490.56
6020100150	Employee Travel-Lodging	12,000.00	2,061.45	3,992.93	9,938.55	-1,931.48
6020200170	Requisitions	4,977,865.00	1,116,856.54	895,719.20	3,861,008.46	221,137.34
6020100190	EmployeeTravel-Airfare Out of Province	0.00	0.00	1,679.81	0.00	-1,679.81
6020300170	Advertising-Other	1,100.00	381.71	0.00	718.29	381.71
6020400100	Insurance Premiums	56,719.00	25,647.69	0.00	31,071.31	25,647.69
6020500100	Freight, Courier, Postage	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
6020700160	RENTAL OPERATING COSTS & TAXES	22,866.00	7,858.09	10,419.67	15,007.91	-2,561.58
6021000110	Non Board Honoraria	150,000.00	33,505.00	30,515.00	116,495.00	2,990.00
6021400160	Utilities - Other	44,440.00	10,613.76	9,825.64	33,826.24	788.12
6021400190	Protective services	1,893,961.00	1,029,826.71	605,479.16	864,134.29	424,347.55
6021400240	Other Purchased Services	38,665.00	1,119.59	4,987.78	37,545.41	-3,868.19
6021600130	Office And IT Supplies	329,600.00	36,473.35	41,983.36	293,126.65	-5,510.01
6021701140	Legal Fees	8,000.00	412.50	0.00	7,587.50	412.50
6021701230	Assessment Services	30,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	22,500.00	0.00
6021701750	General Contracted Services	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
6030100120	Grants-Operating	1,463,174.00	739,567.13	1,570,975.10	723,606.87	-831,407.97
6030100130	Grants-Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6050100100	Bad Debt Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6040900100	Write Down Of Capital Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6060100100	Amortization - Buildings	0.00	23,421.29	23,421.30	-23,421.29	-0.01
6060100130	Amortization - Other Capital Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6080100100	Capital Assets Acquisitions Transfer	0.00	-104,031.97	-127,639.28	104,031.97	23,607.31
6080100160	Asset Purchase - Building	0.00	104,031.97	127,639.28	-104,031.97	-23,607.31
	TOTAL EXPENSES	9,067,523.00	3,060,997.70	3,219,433.92	6,006,525.30	-158,436.22
	(DEFICIT) SURPLUS	700,001.00	-2,684,917.86	-2,914,298.86	3,384,918.86	229,381.00

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 9 CC 602397
INTEREST EARNED ON GRANTS
As at December 31, 2026

		CCBF Grant			MSI - Capital Grant			LGFF - Capital Grant			Parks Canada Grant			Prepaid Rent		Total Deferred Revenue				
Amount Carried forward from 2025		\$ 560,522.38			\$ 3,433,512.37			\$ 634,296.00			\$ 5,341,841.78			\$ 1,634.91		\$ 9,971,806.44				
Interest		Interest earned	Deposits / Expenditures	Ending Balance	Interest earned	Deposits / Expenditures	Ending Balance	Interest earned	Deposits / Expenditures	Ending Balance	Interest earned	Deposits / Expenditures	Ending Balance	Deposits / Expenditures	Ending Balance	Interest earned	Deposits / Expenditures	Ending Balance	Cash Flow Analysis	
(Receivable)			(283,824.00)	276,698.38		(362,178.00)	3,071,334.37		(634,296.00)	-			5,341,841.78	-	1,634.91		(1,280,298.00)	8,691,508.44		
Payable				276,698.38			3,071,334.37			-			5,341,841.78	-	1,634.91		-	8,691,508.44		
Jan-26	2.65%	622.76	-	277,321.14	6,912.61		3,078,246.98	-		-	12,022.80		5,353,864.58	(163.49)	1,471.42	19,558.17	(163.49)	8,710,903.12		
Feb-26	2.65%	583.89	-	277,905.03	6,481.19		3,084,728.17	-		-	11,272.45		5,365,137.03	(163.49)	1,307.93	18,337.53	(163.49)	8,729,077.16		
Mar-26	2.65%	625.48	-	278,530.51	6,942.75		3,091,670.92	-		-	12,075.23		5,377,212.26	(163.49)	1,144.44	19,643.46	(163.49)	8,748,557.13		
Apr-26	2.65%	606.66	-	279,137.17	6,733.91		3,098,404.83	-		-	12,102.41		5,389,314.67	(163.49)	980.95	19,442.98	(163.49)	8,767,836.62		
May-26	2.65%	628.25	-	279,765.42	6,973.53	(104,031.97)	3,001,346.39	-		-	12,129.65		5,401,444.32	(163.49)	817.46	19,731.43	(104,195.46)	8,683,372.59		
Jun-26	0.00%	-	-	279,765.42	-		3,001,346.39	-		-	-		5,401,444.32		817.46	-	-	8,683,372.59		
Jul-26	0.00%	-	-	279,765.42	-		3,001,346.39	-		-	-		5,401,444.32		817.46	-	-	8,683,372.59		
Aug-26	0.00%	-	-	279,765.42	-		3,001,346.39	-		-	-		5,401,444.32		817.46	-	-	8,683,372.59		
Sep-26	0.00%	-	-	279,765.42	-		3,001,346.39	-		-	-		5,401,444.32		817.46	-	-	8,683,372.59		
Oct-26	0.00%	-	-	279,765.42	-		3,001,346.39	-		-	-		5,401,444.32		817.46	-	-	8,683,372.59		
Nov-26	0.00%	-	-	279,765.42	-	-	3,001,346.39	-		-	-		5,401,444.32	-	817.46	-	-	8,683,372.59		
Dec-26	0.00%	-	-	279,765.42	-	-	3,001,346.39	-		-	-		5,401,444.32	-	817.46	-	-	8,683,372.59		
Receivable (Payable)		-	394,228.00	673,993.42	-	362,178.00	3,363,524.39	-	899,213.00	899,213.00	-		5,401,444.32	-	817.46	-	1,655,619.00	10,338,991.59		
		3,067.04	394,228.00		34,043.99	258,146.03		-			59,602.54	-		(817.45)		96,713.57	1,550,769.58			
		96,713.57		670,926.38			3,329,480.40			899,213.00			5,341,841.78		817.46	10,242,278.02	Check TB Unearned Revenue 2040000110		10,242,278.02	



Issue Brief
2026-07-21

Agenda Item 6a. | Policing Priorities

RCMP Community Priorities Plan (CPP) 2026–2027

Presented to Council: February 17, 2026

Presenters: Sgt. Susan Richter (Lake Louise Detachment) and Cpl. Samuel Boucher [Banff Detachment]

Purpose

To provide Council with an overview of the RCMP's new Community Priorities Plan (CPP) process and the policing priorities for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.

Background

The RCMP has replaced its previous Annual Performance Plan (APP) with a new Community Priorities Plan (CPP). The change is intended to make policing priorities more community-driven by placing greater emphasis on consultation with municipalities, local organizations, businesses and residents.

Rather than the RCMP determining priorities internally, the CPP requires local governments to identify the issues most important to their communities. The resulting plan becomes a shared agreement between the Detachment Commander and community leaders.

Community Priorities Plan Process

The annual planning process consists of five steps:

1. Community Consultation (February): Community leaders engage residents, businesses, partner agencies, schools and other stakeholders to identify policing concerns.
2. Engagement Meeting (March): RCMP and community leaders review consultation feedback alongside local crime statistics to determine where perceptions and trends align.
3. Priority Development: The RCMP analyzes community input, crime data and available resources to develop measurable priorities and objectives.
4. Implementation & Quarterly Review: The plan is implemented beginning April 1 and reviewed every three months. Priorities can be adjusted if community needs change significantly.
5. Sign-Off: The Community Priorities Plan is endorsed by both the RCMP and community leadership.

The RCMP emphasized that future reporting will focus on measurable community outcomes rather than simply reporting enforcement statistics.

Lake Louise Detachment

Previously Approved 2026–2027 Priorities

1. Community Engagement & Police Visibility

Continue building positive relationships with residents, businesses and visitors through:

- Community events
- Crime prevention education
- Regular foot patrols
- Joint initiatives with Parks Canada

2. Traffic Safety

Continue proactive traffic enforcement with emphasis on:

- Speeding
- Distracted driving
- Commercial vehicle enforcement
- Collision reduction

Performance measures will focus on both enforcement activities and improved road safety outcomes.

3. Community Safety Education

The Detachment requested feedback on whether the existing mental health focus should evolve.

Council was asked to consider whether this priority should remain focused on:

Mental health awareness and community supports or transition toward greater education surrounding:

- Domestic violence
- Sexual violence awareness
- Resources available for victims and employers

The RCMP advised they are already working with community partners to improve access to information and support resources for local employers and employees.

Banff Provincial Detachment

The Banff Provincial Detachment presented its proposed policing priorities for the coming year.

Previously Approved 2026–2027 Priorities

1. Traffic Safety

Maintain proactive enforcement to improve road safety throughout the detachment area.

2. Police Visibility & Community Relations

Increase police presence within communities and continue strengthening relationships with residents, visitors and local organizations.

3. Reduce Substance Abuse

Continue education, enforcement and partnerships aimed at reducing substance abuse and its impacts on the community.

Council was asked to consult with constituents and provide feedback on:

- The policing issues residents are most concerned about.
- Whether the proposed priorities reflect current community needs.
- Whether additional or emerging issues should be incorporated into the 2026–2027 Community Priorities Plan.

No additional feedback was received.



Issue Brief
2026-07-21

Agenda Item 6b. | Parks Canada Write Off

Purpose

To obtain Council authorization to write off three historical Parks Canada tax account balances in order to reconcile the municipal tax records and support completion of the 2026 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) application.

Background

During preparation of Improvement District No. 9's 2026 PILT submission, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) identified three tax roll balances that required resolution before the application could be finalized.

The outstanding balances consist of:

228723	His Majesty the King - Canada	(\$0.20)	Historical credit remaining since the 2011 system conversion. Account is no longer active.
313006	His Majesty the King - Canada	(\$0.12)	Historical credit remaining since the 2011 system conversion. Account is no longer active.
311806	His Majesty the King - Canada	\$82.95	Outstanding balance from the 2025 tax year resulting from two Parks Canada buildings being removed prior to taxation. The balance cannot be recovered through the PILT program.

Correspondence with PSPC confirmed that the balance on Roll 311806 resulted from changes to the federal property inventory, while the two credit balances relate to inactive tax rolls that have remained on the accounts since the municipality's 2011 financial system conversion.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that these balances cannot simply be adjusted administratively, as supporting Council authorization is required to satisfy future audit requirements.

Municipal Affairs has confirmed that, because the balances relate to previous tax years, Ministerial approval is not required. Council authorization is sufficient to proceed with the write-offs.

Financial Implications

The total financial impact of the proposed write-offs is \$82.63, calculated as follows:

Write-off of outstanding taxes:	\$82.95
Removal of historical credit balances:	(\$0.32)
Net write-off:	\$82.63

The write-off will be recorded against Property Taxes (GL Account 4020200100).

Administration's Recommendation

Administration recommends that Council authorize the write-off of the three historical Parks Canada tax account balances to reconcile the municipal tax records, satisfy audit requirements, and allow completion of the 2026 PILT process.

Proposed Resolution

That Council **MOVE** to authorize the write-off of the following historical tax account balances relating to Parks Canada properties: Roll 228723 in the amount of a \$0.20 credit, Roll 313006 in the amount of a \$0.12 credit, and Roll 311806 in the amount of \$82.95 outstanding taxes, for a net write-off of \$82.63, with the write-off to be charged to Property Taxes (GL Account 4020200100).



CONFIRMED CORRECTED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

**of the Town of Banff in the Province of Alberta
Tuesday, June 09, 2026, at 02:00 PM**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Corrie DiManno
Councillor Barb Pelham, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Brian Standish, Acting Mayor
Councillor Michelle Backhouse
Councillor David Fullerton
Councillor Marc Ledwidge

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Kaylee Ram

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Kelly Gibson, Town Manager
Lauren Aebig, Director, Corporate Services
Jason Darrah, Director, Marketing and Communications
Darren Enns, Director, Planning and Environment
Pierre-Hugues Gagnon, Acting Director, Engineering
Alison Gerrits, Director, Community Services
Paul Godfrey, Director, Operations
Katherine Severson, Director, Emergency and Protective Services
Jessica LaBonté, Community Development Coordinator
Renée Lavergne, Information Governance Coordinator
Libbey McDougall, Municipal Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Pelham called the June 09, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council to order at 2:01 p.m.

Present in Chamber at Call to Order: (5): Deputy Mayor Pelham, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, Councillor Standish

Absent at Call to Order: (1): Mayor DiManno

Absent for Meeting: (1): Councillor Ram

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

2.1 Agenda for the June 09, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

COU26-164

Moved By Councillor Backhouse

That the Agenda for the June 09, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be confirmed.

For (5): Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse,
Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (2): Mayor DiManno, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 2026 Council Workplan

COU26-165

Moved By Councillor Standish

That Council receive the 2026 Council Workplan for the Corporate Record.

For (5): Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse,
Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (2): Mayor DiManno, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

COU26-166

Moved By Councillor Ledwidge

That the Minutes of the May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Council be confirmed.

For (5): Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse,
Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (2): Mayor DiManno, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Bow Valley Immigration Partnership (BVIP) Update to Council

Mayor DiManno assumed the Chair at 2:11 p.m. and Councillor Pelham returned to her normal seat in Council.

COU26-167

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to Item 4.1, Bow Valley Immigration Partnership (BVIP) Update to Council, the following be adopted:

That Council receive the Bow Valley Immigration Partnership (BVIP) Update to Council, provided by Natasha Lay, BVIP Executive Director, and Tineke Van Der Merwe, BVIP Communications and Engagement Specialist, for the Corporate Record.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON APPROVED AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Written Submissions

No Written Submissions relating to approved Agenda items scheduled as part of this meeting were received.

5.2 Verbal Submissions

No Written Submissions relating to approved Agenda items scheduled as part of this meeting were received.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items of Unfinished Business were scheduled as part of this meeting.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Corrected Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 502 – Amending Bylaw to Schedule B of the Road, Sidewalk and Trail Use Bylaw 16-9 (Amendments to Bus Routes)

A clerical correction was noted to the Cover Report for Item 7.1: Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 502 - Amending Bylaw to Schedule B of the Road, Sidewalk and Trail Use Bylaw 16-9 (Amendments to Bus Routes), on page 2 of 3, point 2.g. by deleting the word "Badget" preceding the words "Street Between Banff Avenue" and substituting with the word "Badger", so that this point reads as follows (emphasis added):

Badger Street between Banff Avenue and Cougar Street.

COU26-168

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to Item 7.1, Corrected Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 502 – Amending Bylaw to Schedule B of the Road, Sidewalk and Trail Use Bylaw 16-9 (Amendments to Bus Routes), the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 502 be introduced and read a first time.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-169

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That with respect to Item 7.1, Corrected Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 502 – Amending Bylaw to Schedule B of the Road, Sidewalk and Trail Use Bylaw 16-9 (Amendments to Bus Routes), the following be adopted, **as amended**:

That Bylaw 502 be read a second time, **as amended by Motion COU26-170**.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

Amendment:

COU26-170

Moved By Councillor Standish

That Bylaw 502 be amended in Schedule B, Bus Route, by including Cougar Street, between Badger Street and Fox Street, and Fox Street, between Cougar Street and Banff Avenue, as a bus route.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-171

Moved By Councillor Backhouse

That with respect to Item 7.1, Corrected Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 502 – Amending Bylaw to Schedule B of the Road, Sidewalk and Trail Use Bylaw 16-9 (Amendments to Bus Routes), the following be adopted, **as amended**:

That authorization now be given to read Bylaw 502, **as amended by Motion COU26-170, a third time.**

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COU26-172

Moved By Councillor Standish

That with respect to Item 7.1, Corrected Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 502 – Amending Bylaw to Schedule B of the Road, Sidewalk and Trail Use Bylaw 16-9 (Amendments to Bus Routes), the following be adopted, **as amended**:

That Bylaw 502 be read a third time, **as amended by Motion COU26-170.**

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-173

Moved By Councillor Ledwidge

That with respect to Item 7.1, Corrected Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 502 - Amending Bylaw to Schedule B of the Road, Sidewalk and Trail Use Bylaw 16-9 (Amendments to Bus Routes), the following Motion Arising be adopted:

That Council direct Administration to return to a future meeting of Council, through the Governance and Finance Committee, no later than Q4 2026, with a review of Bylaw 16-9, the Road, Sidewalk, and Trail Use.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 11-7, The Banff Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw

COU26-174

Moved By Councillor Standish

That with respect to Item 7.2, Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 11-7, The Banff Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 11-7 be introduced and read a first time.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-175

Moved By Councillor Fullerton

That with respect to Item 7.2, Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 11-7, The Banff Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 11-7 be read a second time.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-176

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That with respect to Item 7.2, Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 11-7, The Banff Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw, the following be adopted:

That authorization now be given to read Bylaw 11-7 a third time.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COU26-177

Moved By Councillor Backhouse

That with respect to Item 7.2: Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 11-7, The Banff Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 11-7 be read a third time.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Request for Decision: Reconsideration of the Amended 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar for Meetings Scheduled on June 23, 2026

COU26-178

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That with respect to Item 7.3, Request for Decision: Reconsideration for the Amended 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar for Meetings Scheduled on June 23, 2026, the following be adopted:

That Council, pursuant to Section 9.22 of Procedures Bylaw 44-8, revisit Motion COU26-017, adopted as part of the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council, to approve the Amended 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-179

Moved By Councillor Standish

That with respect to Item 7.3, Request for Decision: Reconsideration for the Amended 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar for Meetings Scheduled on June 23, 2026, the following be adopted:

That Council further amend the amended 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar by:

- Canceling the Tuesday, June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Governance and Finance Committee scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber; and
- Rescheduling the start time of the Tuesday, June 23, 2026, Banff Housing Corporation Shareholders' Annual General Meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-180

Moved By Councillor Backhouse

That with respect to Item 7.3, Request for Decision: Reconsideration for the Amended 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar for Meetings Scheduled on June 23, 2026, the following be adopted, **after amendment:**

That Council approve the Amended 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar, **as further amended by Motion COU26-179.**

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were scheduled as part of this meeting.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council, by way of unanimous consent, received the following Committee Reports for the Corporate Record:

- 9.1 Confirmed Minutes of the April 15, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission
- 9.2 Confirmed Minutes of the May 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Bow Valley Regional Transit Services Commission

10. NEW/URGENT BUSINESS

No items of New/ Urgent Business were included as part of this meeting.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Councillor Backhouse declared a pecuniary conflict of interest with respect to some of the discussions and decisions relating to Confidential Item 11.1, 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations, specifically discussions and deliberations relating to allocating Municipal Wellbeing Grants as she is employed by an organization that applied for funding through this grant. Councillor Backhouse further stated that she would not take part in any confidential discussions, or public deliberations, relating to allocating grants for the Municipal Wellbeing, but that she would participate in discussions and deliberations relating to allocating FCSS Building Bridges Grants and Positive Environment Impact Grants as she has no pecuniary conflict of interest relating to either.

Councillor Backhouse left the meeting at 3:09 p.m. prior to Council moving into its closed meeting discussions and rejoined the closed meeting at 3:45 p.m. after Council had concluded its confidential discussions relating to the Municipal Wellbeing Grants.

COU26-181

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That Council, pursuant to Sections 17 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) and 19 (Confidential evaluations) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, recess to the call of the Chair at 3:09 p.m., to reconvene in a closed meeting, to be conducted in the Council Chamber and a confidential Zoom meeting environment, to consider confidential matters with respect to Item 11.1, Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations.

For (5): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Declared Conflict of Interest (1): Councillor Backhouse

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

Council reconvened in closed meeting at 3:14 p.m. with Mayor DiManno in the Chair.

Council recessed in closed meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Council reconvened in public meeting at 4:39 p.m. with Mayor DiManno in the Chair.

COU26-182

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That Council rise and report on Item 11.1, Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

11.1 Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations

Individuals in attendance during the closed meeting discussions with respect to Item 11.1, Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations:

Members of Administration:

Clerks: L. McDougall (Municipal Clerk)

Advice: K. Gibson (Town Manager), A. Gerrits (Director, Corporate Services), J. LaBonté (Community Development Coordinator)

Councillor Backhouse declared a pecuniary conflict of interest with respect to some of the discussions and decisions relating to Confidential Item 11.1, 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations, specifically discussions and deliberations relating to allocating Municipal Wellbeing Grants as she is employed by an organization that applied for funding through this grant. Councillor Backhouse further stated that should would not take part in any confidential discussions or public deliberation relating to allocating grants for the Municipal Wellbeing, but that she would participate in discussions and deliberations relating to allocating FCSS Building Bridges Grants or Positive Environment Impact Grants as there would be no pecuniary conflict of interest relating to either.

Councillor Backhouse left the meeting at 4:39 p.m. prior to Council moving, debating, and voting on Motion COU26-**183**.

COU26-183

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to Item 11.1, Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations, the following be adopted:

That Council adopt the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee to allocate \$11,660 in Municipal Wellbeing Grants as follows:

Applicant	Project	Amount
Homelessness Society of the Bow Valley	Banff - Canmore Transportation Access Program	\$950
St. George in the Pines Anglican Church	Banff Food & Friends	\$4,460
Rocky Mountain Adaptive Sports Centre	Rocky Mountain Adaptive Summer Staff Training & Certification	\$1,000
The Daycare Society of Banff	Elements Childcare – Start Up Development Support	\$2,000
Bowstrings Heritage Foundation	Banff's Indigenous Experiences School Day Trip	\$1,500
Banff Public Library	Banff Community Women's Health Series: Knowledge, Connection & Care	\$1,000
ACFA Canmore - Banff	Bridging Together & Celebrating Francophone Culture Through Culinary Traditions	\$750
	Total	\$11,660

For (5): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
 Declared Councillor Backhouse
 Conflict of Interest (1):
 Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Backhouse returned to the meeting at 4:41 p.m. after debate and voting on Motion COU26-183 had concluded.

COU26-184

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That with respect to Item 11.1, Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations, the following be adopted:

That Council adopt the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee to allocate \$6,950 in FCSS Building Bridges Grants as follows:

Applicant	Project	Amount
Rundle Women's Hockey League	Rundle Women's Hockey League	\$2,000
Mo Valley	Mo Valley Mile & 5K	\$2,000
Bow Valley Bells	Community Handbell Choir Growth	\$1,250
Flo with Ro	Flowing & Growing Circus Arts & Hula Hoop Lessons	\$1,700
	Total	\$6,950

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-185

Moved By Councillor Ledwidge

That with respect to Item 11.1, Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations, the following be adopted:

That Council adopt the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee to allocate \$16,000 in Positive Environmental Impact Grants as follows:

Applicant	Project	Amount
Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley	Mend in the Mountains Community Workshops	\$7,500
Banff Public Library	Borrow, Lear, Act: Empowering Sustainable Living in Banff	\$2,500
Overheard Media Inc.	Living in Balance: The Future of the Bow Valley	\$6,000
	Total	\$16,000

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-186

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to Item 11.1, Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocation, the following be adopted:

That Council direct that the Confidential Report and closed meeting discussions remain confidential pursuant to Sections 17 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), 19 (Confidential Evaluations), and 24 (Advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-187

Moved By Councillor Fullerton

That with respect to Item 11.1, Confidential Request for Decision: 2026 Town of Banff Grant Allocations, the following Motion Arising be adopted:

That Council direct Administration to return to a future meeting of Council, through the Governance and Finance Committee, no later than Q4 2026, with a review of Council Policy C4005-01, Community Grants, that would include, but is not limited to, a review of the funding amounts and flexibility to reallocate unspent funds between the Municipal Community Wellbeing grant stream and FCSS Building Bridges grant stream.

For (6): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
Absent (1): Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

No items of Correspondence were received for this meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

COU26-188

Moved By Councillor Standish

That the June 09, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 4:44 p.m.

For (6):	Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge
Absent (1):	Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

On Original

Corrie DiManno, Mayor

On Original

Libbey McDougall, Municipal Clerk



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Banff in the Province of Alberta
Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 02:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Corrie DiManno
Councillor Barb Pelham, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Brian Standish, Acting Mayor
Councillor Michelle Backhouse
Councillor David Fullerton
Councillor Marc Ledwidge
Councillor Kaylee Ram

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Kelly Gibson, Town Manager
Lauren Aebig, Director, Corporate Services
Jason Darrah, Director, Marketing and Communications
Darren Enns, Director, Planning and Environment
Adrian Field, Director, Engineering
Paul Godfrey, Director, Operations
Sharon Oakley, Acting Director, Community Services
Michael Hay, Manager, Environmental Services
Dave Michaels, Manager, Planning Services
Shannon Ripley, Environmental Coordinator
Brooke Clark, Planning Technician
Renée Lavergne, Information Governance Coordinator
Kiersten McDonald, Legislative Advisor
Libbey McDougall, Municipal Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DiManno called the June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council to order at 2:04 p.m.

Present in Chamber at Call to Order: (7) Mayor DiManno, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Ram, and Councillor Standish

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

2.1 Revised Agenda for the June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

COU26-189

Moved By Councillor Backhouse

That the Revised Agenda for the June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be confirmed.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 2026 Council Workplan

Council, by way of unanimous consent, received the 2026 Council Workplan, as of June 23, 2026, for the Corporate Record.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Corrected Minutes of the June 09, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

A clerical correction was noted to page 10 of 14 of the document, in the last sentence of this page, by deleting the number "185" following the words "debating and voting on Motion COU26-" and substituting with the number "183".

COU26-190

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That the Corrected Minutes of June 09, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be confirmed, **as further corrected.**

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Bow Valley Waste Management Commission Update to Council

COU26-191

Moved By Councillor Standish

That with respect to Item 4.1, Bow Valley Waste Management Commission Update to Council, the following be adopted:

That Council, by way unanimous consent, receive the Bow Valley Waste Management Commission Update to Council Invited Presentation provided by Andrew Cotterell, Regional Coordinator, and Andrew Calder, Chief Administrative Officer, Bow Valley Waste Management Commission, for the Corporate Record.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON APPROVED AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Written Submissions

Council, by way of unanimous consent, received the following Written Submissions for the Corporate Record:

5.1.1 Catherine Sinclair Smythe and Steve Sinclair, Owners, Tooloulou's Banff; Letter Re: Waiving Outdoor Seating Fees 2026, dated June 16, 2026 (Item 8.1, Notice of Motion: Waiving of 2026 Sidewalk Seating and Outdoor Merchandising Fees for Caribou Street Businesses)

5.1.2 Natsumi Tajina, Banff Sushi Bistro: Online Submission re: Motion to Waive 2026 Sidewalk Seating Fees - June 23, received June 18, 2026 (Item 8.1, Notice of Motion: Waiving of 2026 Sidewalk Seating and Outdoor Merchandising Fees for Caribou Street Businesses)

5.1.3 Kathy and Lucas Johnson, Owners, Coyotes, Southwestern Grill: Letter dated June 17, 2026 (Item 8.1, Notice of Motion: Waiving of 2026 Sidewalk Seating and Outdoor Merchandising Fees for Caribou Street Businesses)

5.1.4 Stephane Prevost, Chef/ Managing Partner, Block Kitchen + Bar: Letter dated June 18, 2026 (Item 8.1, Notice of Motion: Waiving of 2026 Sidewalk Seating and Outdoor Merchandising Fees for Caribou Street Businesses)

5.2 Verbal Submissions

Council, by way of unanimous consent, received the following Verbal Submission presentations for the Corporate Record:

- 5.2.1 Mike Kelly, Executive Director, Banff & Lake Louise Hospitality Association (BLLHA) (Item 7.2, Request for Decision: Scheduled Review of Business Licence Bylaw 22-11 and Response to motion FIN26-065 - Proposed 22-12, the Business Licence Bylaw. and Item 7.3, Request for Decision: Proposed Policy C3003, Parking Cash-In-Lieu)
- 5.2.2 NEW: Daryn McCutcheon, Banff Adventures, (Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension Request)

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No items of Unfinished Business were scheduled as part of this Meeting.

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

7.1 Briefing: Construction, Renovation and Demolition Waste Update

COU26-192

Moved By Councillor Ledwidge

That with respect to Item 7.1, Briefing: Construction, Renovation and Demolition Waste Update, the following be adopted:

That Council receive the Construction, Renovation and Demolition Waste Update Briefing for the Corporate Record.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Corrected Request for Decision: Scheduled Review of Business Licence Bylaw 22-11 and Response to Motion FIN26-065 – Proposed Bylaw 22-12, the Business Licence Bylaw

A clerical correction was noted to the Cover Report for Item 7.2, Request for Direction: Scheduled Review of Business Licence Bylaw 22-11 and Response to motion FIN26-065 - Proposed Bylaw 22-12, the Business Licence Bylaw, on page 1 of 4, by deleting the Submitted By line in its entity and substituting with the following:

Submitted by: Darren Enns, Director, Planning & Environment, and Brooke Clark, Planning Technician

COU26-193

Moved By Mayor DiManno

with respect to corrected Item 7.2, Request for Decision: Scheduled Review of Business Licence Bylaw 22-11 and Response to motion FIN26-065 - Proposed Bylaw 22-12, the Business Licence Bylaw, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 22-12 be introduced and read a first time.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-194

Moved By Councillor Ledwidge

That with respect to corrected Item 7.2, Request for Decision: Scheduled Review of Business Licence Bylaw 22-11 and Response to motion FIN26-065 - Proposed Bylaw 22-12, the Business Licence Bylaw, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 22-12 be read a second time.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

Amendment:

COU26-195

Moved By Councillor Ram

That proposed Bylaw 22-11 be amended by deleting subsection 17. a. vi. in its entirety and renumbering the remaining subsections accordingly.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Ram

Against: (4): Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, and Councillor Ledwidge

MOTION DEFEATED

COU26-196

Moved By Councillor Standish

That with respect to corrected Item 7.2, Request for Decision: Scheduled Review of Business Licence Bylaw 22-11 and Response to motion FIN26-065 - Proposed Bylaw 22-12, the Business Licence Bylaw, the following be adopted:

That authorization now be given to read Bylaw 22-12 a third time.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED UNIMOUSLY

COU26-197

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That with respect to corrected Item 7.2, Request for Decision: Scheduled Review of Business Licence Bylaw 22-11 and Response to motion FIN26-065 - Proposed Bylaw 22-12, the Business Licence Bylaw, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 22-12 be read a third time.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Request for Decision: Proposed Policy C3003, Parking Cash-In-Lieu

COU26-198

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to Item 7.3, Request for Decision: Proposed Policy C3003, Parking Cash-In-Lieu, the following be adopted:

That Council defer Item 7.3, Request for Decision: Proposed Policy C3003, Parking Cash-In-Lieu, to Administration to return to a future meeting of Council in conjunction with the review of Bylaw 388-9, the 2026 Fees and Charges Bylaw.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 Corrected Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension Request

A clerical correction was noted to the Cover Report for Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract, on page 1 of 3, Administrative Recommendations, by deleting the year "2029" in Recommendation 1, following the words "to a new end date of October 15," and substituting with the year "2028" so that Recommendation 1 reads as follows (emphasis added):

1. Direct Administration to undertake the process to extend the Canoe Dock operation contract with Hydra River Guides & Banff Adventures Unlimited Inc. (The Banff Canoe Club) for a one-year period, to a new end date of October 15, **2028**;

COU26-199

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to **Corrected** Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension Request, the following be adopted:

That Council, pursuant to Sections 16 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 19 (Confidential evaluations), 24 (Advice from officials), and 25 (Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, recess to the call of the Chair at 4:11 p.m., to reconvene in a closed meeting, to be conducted in the Council Boardroom, to consider confidential matters with respect to **Corrected** Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension Request.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

Council reconvened in closed meeting at 4:12 p.m. with Mayor DiManno in the Chair.

Council recessed in closed meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Council reconvened in public meeting at 4:28 p.m. with Mayor DiManno in the Chair.

Individuals in attendance during the closed meeting discussions with respect to **Corrected** Item 7.4. Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension:

Members of Administration:

Clerks: L. McDougall (Municipal Clerk)

Advice: K. Gibson (Town Manager), and L. Aebig (Director, Corporate Services)

COU26-200

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to **Corrected** Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension Request, the following be adopted:

That Council rise without reporting.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-201

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to **Corrected** Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension Request, the following be adopted:

That Council:

1. Direct Administration to undertake the process to extend the Canoe Dock operations contract with Hydra River Guides & Banff Adventures Unlimited Inc. (The Banff Canoe Club) for a one-year period, to a new end date of October 15, 2028; and

2. Direct that the confidential Attachment and closed meeting discussions remain confidential pursuant to Sections 16 (Disclosure Harmful to business interests of a third party), 19 (Confidential evaluations), 24 (Advice from officials), and 25 (Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

- 7.5 Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 350-3, the Council Committees Bylaw - Annual 2026 Review of Bylaw 350-2

COU26-202

Moved By Councillor Standish

That with respect to Item 7.5 Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 350-3, the Council Committees Bylaw - Annual 2026 Review of Bylaw 350-2, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 350-3 be introduced and read a first time.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-203

Moved By Councillor Ram

That with respect to Item 7.5 Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 350-3, the Council Committees Bylaw - Annual 2026 Review of Bylaw 350-2, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 350-3 be read a second time.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-204

Moved By Councillor Standish

That with respect to Item 7.5 Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 350-3, the Council Committees Bylaw - Annual 2026 Review of Bylaw 350-2, the following be adopted:

That authorization now be given to read Bylaw 350-3 a third time.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COU26-205

Moved By Councillor Fullerton

That with respect to Item 7.5 Request for Decision: Proposed Bylaw 350-3, the Council Committees Bylaw - Annual 2026 Review of Bylaw 350-2, the following be adopted:

That Bylaw 350-3 be read a third time.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

7.6 Request for Decision: 2026 Board, Committee, Commission, and Corporation Recruitment Questions and Profiles

COU26-206

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That the proposed 2026 Board, Committee, Commission, and Corporation Recruitment Application Questions (Attachment 1) be amended on page 2 of 3, "Proposed Questions: Board, Committee, Commission, and Corporation (BCCC)", by deleting subsection "c) Banff Housing Corporation Board", in its entirety and substituting with the following:

c) Banff Housing Corporation Board:

1. What skills, knowledge, and experience would you bring to the Banff Housing Corporation Board to support effective governance, strategic direction, financial sustainability, and public awareness? Please check all skills that apply to your experience and background. Please add a description of you experience and context to the items they selected.

- Accounting and financial management
 - Audit and risk management
 - Legal and governance
 - Human resources
 - Strategic planning
 - Non-profit leadership
 - Housing and homelessness sector experience
 - Property management and building operations
 - Real estate and development
 - Construction and capital projects
 - Government relations
 - Policy development
 - Community engagement
 - Communications and public relations
 - Fundraising and grant development
 - Indigenous relations and cultural awareness
 - Equity, diversity, and inclusion
 - Lived experience of housing need
 - Environmental sustainability and energy management
 - TEXT BOX
2. What do you see as the role of Banff Housing Corporation in addressing Banff's housing needs, now and in the future?
3. Do you currently own a property or rent a property/ room within the Banff Housing Corporation portfolio?
- Own
 - Rent
 - Not applicable
4. Have you owned or rented a property/room within the Banff Housing Corporation portfolio in the past?
- Own
 - Rent
 - Not applicable

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-207

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That the proposed 2026-2027 Board, Committee, Commission, and Corporation Recruitment Profiles (Attachment 2) be amended in the Banff Housing Corporation Recruitment profile, starting at page 7 of 29 of the overall document, or 1 of 3 of the profile, under the header "Eligibility", by deleting Section 1. in its entirety and substituting with the following to reflect the membership outlined in the Banff Housing Corporation Bylaw 1-5:

1. As per Banff Housing Corporation Bylaw 1-5, the Board consists of a minimum of six (6) to a maximum of seven (7) members comprised of:
 - One (1) senior Town of Banff Administrator;
 - Up to three (3) Town of Banff Council members; and
 - A minimum of three (3) public members:
 - One (1) but no more than two (2) Banff Housing Corporation owners or Banff Housing Corporation renters.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

COU26-208

Moved By Councillor Pelham

That with respect to Item , Request for Decision: 2026 Board, Committee, Commission and Corporation Recruitment Questions and Profiled, the following be adopted, **as amended by Motions COU26-206 and COU26-207:**

That Council:

1. Approve the **amended** 2026 Recruitment Questions for Town of Banff Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Corporations (**amended** Attachment 1); and
2. Approve the **amended** 2026 Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Corporations Recruitment Profiles (**amended** Attachment 2).

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 8.1 Notice of Motion: Waiving of 2026 Sidewalk Seating and Outdoor Merchandising Fees for Caribou Street Businesses

COU26-209

Moved By Mayor DiManno

That with respect to Item 8.1, Notice of Motion: Waiving of 2026 Sidewalk Seating and Outdoor Merchandising Fees for Caribou Street Business, the following be adopted, **after amendment:**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council exempt Caribou Street businesses (Lynx Street to Banff Avenue) from the Sidewalk Seating and Outdoor Merchandise Fees of approximately **\$45,000** for 2026, as set out in the 2026 Fees and Charges Bylaw 388-9, and that the resulting 2026 Operating Budget shortfall to be funded through the **Caribou Street Capital Project Budget**.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council, by way of unanimous consent, received the following Committee Reports for the Corporate Record:

- 9.1 Confirmed Minutes of the March 19, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation
- 9.2 Confirmed Minute of the April 08, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Banff Community Art Committee
- 9.3 Confirmed Minutes of the April 08, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Bow Valley Regional Housing Board of Directors and Associated Documents

10. NEW/URGENT BUSINESS

No items of New/ Urgent Business were included as part of this meeting.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND ATTACHMENTS

11.1 Confidential Attachments

11.1.1 Confidential Attachment 1: Corrected Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension Request

Note: Confidential Attachment 1: Corrected Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession, was included as part of Council's closed meeting discussions for Item 7.4, Request for Direction: Canoe Concession Contract Extension. As directed by adopted Motion COU26-201, Confidential Attachment 1 will remain confidential pursuant to Sections 16 (Disclosure Harmful to business interests of a third party), 19 (Confidential evaluations), 24 (Advice from officials), and 25 (Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

No items of Correspondence were received for this meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

COU26-210

Moved By Councillor Fullerton

That the June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 5:14 p.m.

For (7): Mayor DiManno, Councillor Pelham, Councillor Standish, Councillor Backhouse, Councillor Fullerton, Councillor Ledwidge, and Councillor Ram

MOTION CARRIED

Corrie DiManno, Mayor

Libbey McDougall, Municipal Clerk

Stakeholder update | Airtanker exercise

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Stakeholder update – Parks Canada

June 10, 2026

Airtanker exercise

What's happening?

On June 11, 2026, Parks Canada will participate in an interagency airtanker **training exercise** in collaboration with Alberta Wildfire in the Fairholme/Carrot Creek area of Banff National Park.

As part of the exercise, the Parks Canada Wildfire Management team will simulate a wildfire response scenario, including airtanker flyovers and water drops.

The training exercise is designed to strengthen interagency collaboration between Alberta Wildfire and Parks Canada by improving familiarity with shared procedures, communications, and operational coordination when working with airtankers, helping ensure safe, efficient, and coordinated response during wildfire incidents.

What you need to know

- On June 11, 2026, Alberta Wildfire will dispatch an airtanker in response to a simulated wildfire report in the Fairholme area.
- No burning will occur, this is a simulated training exercise.

- The exercise will take place in the back end of Carrot Creek, away from visitor infrastructure.
- No impacts to surrounding communities are anticipated as a result of this exercise.
- The tanker will conduct water drops within the designated training area. Appropriate mitigation measures have been incorporated to minimize environmental impacts, including risks related to the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Visitors and staff can expect to see helicopters and an airtanker flying overhead in the Fairholme range specifically around the Carrot Creek area.

For more information

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Stakeholder update – Parks Canada

June 12, 2026

Banff Half Marathon and 10km Run 2026

What's happening?

Sunday, June 14, 2026, marks the 13th annual Banff Half Marathon (formerly Banff Marathon). The event format for 2026 consists of a Half Marathon and 10 km run.

Visit <https://www.banffhalf.com/schedule-of-events> for a full schedule of events.

There will be temporary changes to some Parks Canada-administered areas: Vermilion Lakes Drive and the Legacy Trail West (from end of Vermilion Lakes Drive to Bow Valley Parkway) are **closed** to all non-participants from 6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 14.

- The eastern 3 km section of the Bow Valley Parkway (from the east entrance of the Bow Valley Parkway to the west side of the Sheep Split) is **closed** to all non-participants, **including cyclists** from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on June 14.
 - The [Bow Valley Parkway mandatory seasonal travel restriction](#) remains in place from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

- The full cycling offer will resume after 1:30 p.m., when the event has cleared the route.
- Additional road closure details are available at <https://www.banffhalf.com/traffic-implications>

What you need to know:

- Johnston Canyon and Johnston Canyon Campground remain fully accessible from Castle Junction.
- All road closures will be signed in advance and managed by event volunteers and traffic management personnel on race day.
- To ensure safety for both wildlife and participants during the event, the course will be monitored for wildlife by Parks Canada staff and racers will be delayed or redirected if necessary to avoid disturbing wildlife.
- The Banff Half Marathon provides a free community Kids Run on Saturday, June 13, with entertainment from Parka and Parks Canada's Interpretation team: <https://www.banffhalf.com/free-kids-run>
- For more information about the Banff Half Marathon, visit: <https://www.banffhalf.com/>

For more information about Parks Canada's role, contact:

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Stakeholder update | Return of the Minnewanka Park and Ride 2026

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Stakeholder update – Parks Canada

June 25, 2026

Return of the Minnewanka Park and Ride 2026

What's happening?

Parks Canada is bringing back the Minnewanka Park and Ride for the 2026 summer season, providing visitors with a convenient, car-free way to explore the Lake Minnewanka area.

The Minnewanka Park and Ride connects visitors to key sites along the Lake Minnewanka Loop via Roam Public Transit, making it easier to access busy locations without needing to drive. Roam Route 6 also provides a connection to the Town of Banff, offering a stress-free way for visitors to explore the townsite without the hassle of finding parking.

What you need to know

Beginning tomorrow, visitors can park at the Minnewanka Park and Ride (located off the Trans-Canada Highway on Lake Minnewanka Scenic Drive) and travel car-free using Roam Route 6.

- **Season of operation:** Friday, June 26 to Monday, September 7, 2026

- **Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. MST
- **Service frequency:** Approximately every 35 minutes (subject to availability on Roam Route 6)

Route details:

- Roam Route 6 travels eastbound toward Lake Minnewanka and loops back westbound to the Town of Banff.
- There are two bus stops at the Minnewanka Park and Ride:
 - One for trips heading toward the Lake Minnewanka area (lakebound)
 - One for trips heading into Banff (Banff bound)

Fares:

Departures from the Park and Ride are free. Return trips are subject to a per-person fare. Visitors should consult [Roam Public Transit](#) for fare details and full schedule information.

For more information

More details can be found online: [Getting around Banff](#).

Questions?

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Stakeholder update | Mountain Avenue pavement rehabilitation

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Stakeholder update – Parks Canada

June 29, 2026

Mountain Avenue pavement rehabilitation

What's happening?

Parks Canada is currently carrying out road construction improvements on Mountain Avenue. From June until late fall, road construction will take place along Mountain Avenue, from the Town of Banff boundary near the Middle Springs bus stop to the Banff Upper Hot Springs.

Work will be carried out in three phases: early removals and concrete work (complete), a mid-project shutdown for Canada Day from 9am June 27 to July 6 (current phase) , and final paving and finishing activities from July 6 through late fall.

Visitors and stakeholders can expect single-lane alternating traffic from June through late fall, with typical construction delays of up to 10 minutes; however, longer delays are possible during peak visitor periods. Access to the Banff Upper Hot Springs, the Pursuit Gondola, and Rimrock Hotel will be maintained throughout construction. To help reduce congestion, visitors are strongly encouraged to use transit.

Upon completion, the project will deliver a renewed and safer Mountain Avenue corridor. These upgrades will support smoother travel, and a more efficient, durable roadway that improves access while supporting long-term use and safety.

What you need to know

- Roadwork will take place along Mountain Avenue, from the Town of Banff boundary near the Middle Springs bus stop to the Banff Upper Hot Springs from June until late fall
- This project includes several infrastructure upgrades, such as:
 - A bike lane from the Town of Banff to the 30km/h zone
 - Culvert replacement
 - Ditch and drainage improvements
 - Installation of concrete barriers in select locations
 - Road edge improvements
 - Full road resurfacing
 - Upgraded bus stop near the Rimrock including a bus pull off area
 - Sidewalks on both sides of the road to the Hot Springs from the parking lots and bus stop
- Single lane alternating traffic and a speed reduction will be in place during the work. Traffic will be managed by flaggers and traffic lights. **Please respect all traffic control measures in place while this work is occurring.**
- Banff Upper Hot Springs, and the Sulphur Mountain Trail will remain open.
- Transit remains the best way to access the national park, including the Sulphur Mountain area. [Visit here for more information on Roam Public Transit](#) and [carfreebanff.ca](#).
- Paid parking is in effect in the Parks Canada upper and lower parking lots daily from May 15 to October 12, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

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Stakeholder Update: Water levels remain high across region

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Banff, Yoho and Kootenay National Parks

Water levels remain high across region

June 30, 2026

What's happening?

Due to the combination of high snowpack, warm temperatures and forecasted rain, many rivers and streams in the Lake Louise, Yoho & Kootenay Field Unit are flowing at higher-than-normal levels. A flood watch was issued for the Pipestone River, and a High Stream Flow Advisory has been issued for the Bow River. Water levels were expected to peak Monday evening.

Some low-lying areas are experiencing nuisance flooding and staff and visitors may encounter temporary closures of trails and day use areas in impacted areas. Currently, this includes:

- The day use area around the Lake Louise Visitor Centre and trails along the Pipestone River
- Portions of the Bow River Loop trail

Additional closures may occur as needed dependent on conditions.

What you need to know:

Stay well back from the edge of rivers and streams: fast-moving water can erode shorelines and pathways without warning, causing them to collapse. Visitors should closely supervise children when near water. Do not wade, swim in, or paddle on fast flowing rivers and streams.

Conditions can change quickly: creek crossings that may have been passable earlier in the day can become dangerous as melting increases or with rainfall.

Heat and rain increase avalanche risk: Large amounts of snow are still present at higher elevation areas. The heat and rain we are experiencing increases avalanche hazard. Several hikes are exposed to avalanche risk and should be avoided. Information on current trail conditions can be found on the trail conditions reports:

- Banff
- Yoho
- Kootenay

Up to date information of high streamflow advisories and flood watches can be found from the provincial river forecast centres:

- British Columbia
- Alberta

How to stay informed:

- check the trail conditions and important bulletin pages as apart of your trip planning and refer back regularly for updates.
- respect all signage and on-site staff and pay attention to your surroundings.
- leave the area if water flows increase or cease suddenly. Such changes should be reported to Banff Dispatch at 403 760 1470.
- Sign up for receive Voyent Alerts by downloading the Voyent Alert! App or visiting register.voyent-alert.com for critical updates across the Bow Valley.

Questions?

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The Moment: Spots Remain for the AI Workshop

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The Moment

Spots remain for the AI workshop on June 24!



Register for the AI workshop

We're hosting a repeat of our popular AI Workshop: "Boost Your Business Visibility."

This workshop will focus on how Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven search is changing how travellers discover experiences in Banff and Lake Louise.

Join us for this focused, in-person session designed to help you strengthen your digital presence and ensure your business is easily found online.

What you'll gain:

- A clear understanding of AI Generative Engine Optimization (GEO) — how to optimize your content so AI can find, understand, and recommend your business — and its impact on visibility.

- Practical techniques to safeguard your online content and improve discoverability.
- Confidence to experiment with AI-driven tools and take clear next steps.

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Time: 9am – 11:30am

Location: Holt Room, The Otter Hotel

If you're new to AI GEO, this workshop is for you!

[Register](#)

Banff and Lake Louise at Rendez-vous Canada

Last week, Banff & Lake Louise Tourism's Travel Trade team along with President & CEO Leslie Bruce joined industry partners at Rendez-vous Canada, Destination Canada's premier international tourism marketplace in Toronto.

Banff and Lake Louise were well represented, with 28 member businesses participating in the event. The BLLT team completed more than 150 appointments with international tour operators, wholesalers, and online travel agencies that package, promote, and sell Canadian travel experiences.

These relationships help put Banff and Lake Louise in front of high-value international visitors who often stay longer and spend more during their visit.

Excitement is already building for Rendez-vous Canada 2027, which will be held in Calgary from April 28 to May 1! With the event returning to Alberta, Banff and Lake Louise will have new opportunities to welcome international buyers, showcase the destination through familiarization tours, and generate valuable exposure for businesses across the destination.

[Learn More](#)



Making Behaviour Change Simple, Rewarding, and Fun: Inside the Latest Speaker Series with Wonderful Copenhagen

At our latest *Lead Tourism for Good* Speaker Series, we welcomed Wonderful Copenhagen, the destination marketing organization for the Capital of Denmark.

The session explored how Copenhagen is using innovative approaches to tourism, from rewarding sustainable visitor choices to generating global attention through creative storytelling and media strategies.

We've heard that members want opportunities to learn from other destinations, and we're pleased to see this session resonate so strongly. Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed thoughtful questions and lively discussion.

If you couldn't make it, check out the story for key takeaways from the session.

[Learn More](#)

Weekly Snap Poll



Did you know you can access awe-inspiring imagery on the Member Portal to elevate your marketing efforts?

YES | NO

What's New on the Member Portal?

Destination Tourism Indicators

Your interactive dashboard is updated frequently with data on Net Promoter Score, Occupancy, and Park Visitation, providing timely insights to help inform your business decisions and planning.

[Learn More](#)

What's Happening

Join the launch of the Tourism Emergency Preparedness website

The Tourism Industry Association of Canada is hosting a launch webinar of the Tourism Emergency Preparedness website on **June 11 at 2pm**.

The resource center will provide tourism operators and industry organizations the latest research, funding options, and actionable guidance to better protect their businesses, staff, visitors, and communities.

What you'll gain from this webinar:

- An overview of the Tourism Emergency Preparedness Initiative and its findings
- A demonstration of the new website featuring a free searchable library of more than 200 resources
- Information on available tools, resources, and best practices to support emergency preparedness and business continuity
- Opportunities to learn about future phases of the initiative and ongoing sector engagement

[Learn More & Register](#)

Summer intake opens for Banff and Lake Louise Hospitality Mentorship Program

Applications are now open for the Summer/Fall intake of the Banff & Lake Louise Hospitality Mentorship Program, a program designed to connect emerging hospitality professionals with experienced industry leaders from across the Bow Valley.

Created in honour of David M. Bayne's legacy of leadership, professionalism, and mentorship, this program supports personal and professional growth through meaningful one-on-one mentor relationships, skill development, and industry connection.

Both mentor and mentee applications are welcome for the Summer/Fall cohort. Spaces are limited and the application deadline is June 15, 2026.

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Shift into Park Mode in Banff National Park

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Banff and Lake Louise

Plan confidently with insider knowledge and seasonal inspiration from trusted local experts.



Welcome to Park Mode

When you're heading out to Banff National Park this summer, a few small choices can make your time here smoother. *Park Mode* is about moving through Banff and Lake Louise with care for the nature, wildlife, and community. Learn how to travel responsibly and help steward this beautiful place.

[Park Mode](#)

Protect Wildlife, Keep Your Distance

Wildlife sightings are common in Banff National Park, but getting too close puts them and yourself at risk. Carry bear spray, give the animals space, and enjoy the moment without interfering. It keeps everyone safe and makes the experience better.



Respect Wildlife



Park Once, Explore Freely

Parking fills fast and traffic can build quickly, especially on weekends. Park once and get around by shuttle, bike, or on foot. It's the easiest way to see and do more without having to worry about parking.

[Plan Your Route](#)

Pack Out What You Pack In

Simple choices can have a lasting impact in Banff and Lake Louise. Use wildlife-proof waste bins, choose reusables instead of single-use items, and become familiar with the Leave No Trace principles to help protect the park now and for generations to come.



[Reduce Waste](#)

Get Inspired with Trip Ideas

Step into *Park Mode* and experience a deeper connection to people, place, and nature. Get inspired with these itineraries or start building your sustainable getaway in our custom Trip Builder.



[Car-Free Itinerary](#)

6 Days | 20 Experiences



[A Journey Through Banff](#)

6 Days | 22 Experiences

[Trip Builder](#)



Know Before You Go and Explore Safely

The mountains in Banff National Park are breathtaking, but can also be unpredictable. Check conditions ahead of time, bring the right gear, and choose a trail within your limits. A little planning goes a long way - adapt to nature's pace and explore responsibly.

[Be Prepared](#)

What's On

Check out these events happening in Banff and Lake Louise.



Banff Sunshine Summer Skiing

June 20 - July 5, 2026



Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2026

[See More Events](#)

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Special Member Bulletin

Sunday is National Indigenous Peoples Day



Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day in Banff

Sunday, June 21, 2026 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It's a time to recognize and celebrate the traditions, cultures, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis - here in Banff and Lake Louise, and across the country.

National Indigenous Peoples Day takes place on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generations, many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities have celebrated their cultures, languages, and traditions at this time of year. The summer solstice holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous Peoples, marking a time of renewal, connection, and celebration.

There are many opportunities for everyone to celebrate and participate. Here's what's happening in Banff and Lake Louise:

- Indigenous artisans markets

- Cultural activities
- Indigenous performances
- Film screenings
- Kids art activities

...And much more. Visit the [Events & Festivals page](#) on banfflakelouise.com to discover National Indigenous Peoples Day events across the destination, including the Town of Banff's annual celebration on June 21. Share this with your team, community, and guests!



Indigenous tourism in Banff and Lake Louise

In June 2025, Banff & Lake Louise Tourism (BLLT) marked an important milestone with the launch of *Tremendous Beauty*, the Indigenous Tourism Strategy for Banff and Lake Louise. Developed through meaningful engagement with Indigenous Nations and community partners, the strategy supports the growth of Indigenous tourism in what is today known as Banff National Park.

Over the past year, we have begun putting the strategy into action — supporting Indigenous-led experiences, strengthening relationships, and building cultural awareness. We recognize that there is much more to do, and this work takes time and trust.

As we continue to move forward, BLLT remains committed to listening, learning, and supporting the sharing of Indigenous stories, cultures, and traditions in a meaningful and authentic way.

First time hearing about *Tremendous Beauty*? Learn more about the strategy.

[Learn More](#)

Building relationships with Indigenous communities

Back in February, Rise Consulting - a purpose-driven Indigenous-owned national management consultancy supporting Truth and Reconciliation in Canada - delivered a workshop to BLLT members about how to build meaningful, long-term relationships with Indigenous communities, grounded in respect, reciprocity, and relationship.

Participants gained practical insights on trust-building, cultural understanding, and ways to honour the lands and the people who have cared for them since time immemorial.

The recording of this workshop is available on the Member Portal.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Stay Connected

As BLLT members and local businesses, you are an important part of the work to elevate Indigenous tourism. If you're partnering with Indigenous communities or businesses, or developing related experiences, we'd love to hear from you!

Sharing your work helps us showcase your experiences to visitors, build connections across the community, and identify other opportunities to support your business.

[Email Us](#)

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Next newsletter: June 23, 2026

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The Moment

Getting ready for Canada Day



What's going on for Canada Day in Banff?

The iconic Banff Parade is returning on Wednesday, July 1 from 10 am - 11 am. It's going to be popular with visitors and the community, and a busy day in town.

Here's what visitors and your frontline staff need to know:

- The parade is back July 1 from 10 am - 11 am on Banff Avenue, between Fox Street and Buffalo Street.
- It's a busy day! Parking lots will be full by 10 am.
- There will be [road closures](#) in place on July 1 beginning at 9 am.
- Roam Transit will have stop closures and detours. Visit RoamTransit.com for updated schedules and maps.
- Other activities and programming throughout the town include a Canada Day Market, Family Fun Zone, entertainment on the Central Park stage, and soccer-themed activities on the Banff High School Field.
- The [Town of Banff Canada Day page](#) is the best place for information about activities as well as the exact timing, location, and impact of road closures.

Image credit: Craig Douce, Town of Banff

An update on skijoring and the winter ahead

Banff & Lake Louise Tourism's Board of Directors has made the difficult decision not to continue holding a skijoring event in the destination.

The event grew quickly in popularity, and that success brought real pressure on the visitor experience and on safe delivery. We undertook a thorough assessment of whether and how skijoring could continue: modelling three years of attendance, room nights, spend and visitor experience, reviewing numerous alternate sites, and

consulting extensively with members, partners, and emergency services. Having considered the potential return on investment and the weather-dependent nature of the event, the Board determined that proceeding was not viable.

We are grateful to Skijor Canada for the spectacle and energy they brought to Banff Avenue, and we want to see the sport thrive. Skijor Canada is moving ahead with Skijordue '27 in Calgary, and we look forward to what comes next for them.

Our confidence in winter is undiminished. In the first four months of 2026, we attracted 40,300 more room nights year-over-year, a result that was not dependent on the popularity of skijoring. Here is some of what is ahead for 2026/27:

- **Banff Christmas Market.** The festive market that opens the winter season, with local makers, food and entertainment.
- **In Search of Christmas Spirit.** A family holiday experience that brings the season to life across December.
- **SnowDays Festival.** Our January celebration of winter, including the snow sculptures and programming that draw visitors into town.
- **Flying Canoë Volant.** After a successful debut in 2026, the festival returns to bring a unique and immersive cultural experience to Banff and Lake Louise.

Alongside these, we are developing new options to grow winter stays and enhance the visitor experience. We will share more as plans firm up.

If you have questions, please reach out to your BLLT contact. Media enquiries should be directed to media@banfflakelouise.com.



Stay connected with the Frontline Communications Channel

We're happy to see so many members actively using the Frontline Communications Channel, which launched last year.

Designed for all BLLT member businesses, this channel supports the people who connect with guests every day — from concierge and front desk teams to store managers, tour guides, and restaurant managers.

These roles play an important part in championing the visitor experience in Banff and Lake Louise. By staying informed and sharing timely information visitors want, your teams help create the best experience.

Through this channel, staff can access and share real-time updates on events, destination news, and important announcements, as well as connect directly with BLLT Visitor Services.

If your business isn't signed up yet, you can express your interest by completing the form below.

[Express Your Interest](#)

Weekly Snap Poll



Did you know BLLT's priority audience - Perspective Seekers - stay longer and do more?

YES | NO

Help Visitors Find Your Business

Your business listing on banfflakelouise.com is often a visitor's first touchpoint when they're researching trip information. Keeping your details current and submitting in-destination events helps your business appear in relevant searches and supports inclusion in BLLT content throughout the year.

Visit the Member Portal to update your business listing and/or add an event listing to banfflakelouise.com.

[Visit the Member Portal](#)

What's Happening

Complete a short survey to support Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley's Tourism & Hospitality EV Program

The Biosphere Institute is developing a series of electric vehicle (EV) charging education workshops for businesses in the tourism and hospitality sector in the Bow Valley. This short survey will help inform workshop design, content, and delivery.

Complete the survey to be entered into a draw to win a \$50 prepaid credit card.

The deadline is tomorrow, June 25, 2026.

[Complete the Survey](#)

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Things to do in July in Banff National Park

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July delivers the kind of summer days that make you want to stay outside a little longer. With warm temperatures, alpine access, and endless ways to move through the mountains, it's an ideal time to bike, paddle, or take in the views from above. Add in patios drinks and seasonal events, and it's easy to see why it's worth staying a while.

[Things to do in July](#)

Celebrate Canada Day in Banff

Celebrate Canada Day on July 1 filled with energy and community spirit in downtown Banff. The parade brings together marching bands, performers, and creative floats, followed by a day full of live music, markets, and family-friendly activities.



[Festival Schedule](#)



Go Car-Free for Canada Day

Canada Day is popular time to visit Banff, so it's best to plan ahead. Skip the traffic and parking by taking transit or using park-and-ride options, making it easier to get in and out of town. A car-free approach lets you spend more time enjoying the celebrations.

[Where to Leave Your Car](#)

Outdoor Patios With Mountain Views

Dining on a rooftop patio is a well-earned reward after a day of hiking, canoeing, biking, or sightseeing. Settle in, take in the mountain views, and enjoy a cheeky beverage at one of the best spots to unwind.

[Find a Patio](#)





The Best Places to Paddle in Banff National Park

Banff and Lake Louise are home to iconic lakes and rivers fed by snowmelt and alpine glaciers. The water stays cold year-round, so it's best experienced on a kayak, canoe, or SUP. Stay on the water, wear the right protection, and learn how to explore these remarkable places safely and responsibly.

[Plan Your Paddle](#)

What's On

Check out these events happening in Banff and Lake Louise.



One Arc in Colour, Another in Time

July 6, 2026 - January 3, 2027



Tracks Through Time with Parks Canada

July 11, 2026

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AB TOURISM NEWS

TIAA Responds to the Immigration Oversight Act

The Tourism Industry Association of Alberta has submitted a formal letter to Immigration Minister Joseph Schow, sharing critical member feedback regarding the implementation of the Immigration Oversight Act.

While TIAA firmly supports eliminating fraudulent practices, a recent survey of Alberta tourism operators reveals deep concern over redundant red tape and mounting labour force concerns. Between June 1 and June 8 TIAA surveyed the tourism industry receiving 100 responses from all regions

65% of surveyed operators expressed explicit concern about the Act, and

80% identified high operational risks regarding administrative duplication between provincial and federal frameworks.

Alberta's tourism sector is a vital economic engine, employing 1 in 10 Albertans—and it is an especially critical driver for young workers. Youth aged 15–24 comprise over 30% of our workforce, which is more than double the youth share in the general economy.

However, because these young Albertans naturally return to school or transition careers, seasonal flexibility creates a structural paradox. Domestic youth hiring cannot fully fill permanent, year-round, or specialized operational roles. Over 40% of operators warn that missing tight hiring windows due to new provincial delays will force reduced operating hours and corresponding, unrecoverable, revenue losses.

TIAA urges the government to harmonize application steps, protecting the predictable international talent pipelines needed to support our workforce and keep Alberta competitive.

Immigration Oversight Act - Consultation & Response

TIAA Annual General Meeting



Thank you to all the incredible TIAA members who joined us virtually for our Annual General Meeting. Our industry has never been more engaged, and our strength comes directly from your dedication and commitment to growing together.

Celebrating Board Leadership

We extend our deepest gratitude to our departing board members for their outstanding service and leadership:

- **Arlindo Gomes** (Edmonton Convention Centre / Edmonton EXPO Centre) – Thank you for your incredible guidance since 2019! You have left an indelible mark on getting TIAA to where it is today.
- **James Jackson** (Edmonton International Airport) – Your valuable expertise in expanding air transportation and provincial access has been extremely valued by the board.

Welcoming New 2026 Board Members

We are thrilled to welcome two new exceptional leaders to the board this year:

- **Kirstan Jewell, CPHR, MBA, ICD.D** (Calgary Airports)
- **Alyson Robb, CICE** (Calgary TELUS Convention Centre)

They join our existing, passionate board members representing attractions, accommodation, food and beverage, post-secondary, indigenous tourism, and retail sectors across Alberta. [View the Full TIAA Board of Directors](#)

Leadership Report

President and CEO Darren Reeder's annual leadership report highlighted that Alberta's visitor economy continues to not only hold its own in challenging geopolitical climates, it was one of the only provinces to drive increased high-value international and American visitor spending in 2025, marking over 6% growth and driving the total value of Alberta's Visitor Economy to a record \$15.2 Billion.

As the trusted voice for our sector, TIAA's core mission is to ensure tourism is recognized, and supported, as a strategic engine of economic diversification. We know operators are facing high-friction hurdles right now. TIAA is actively engaging governments regarding the policy-made costs weighing on your businesses: from the fallout of the 50% tourism levy hike and new car rental taxes to the administrative red tape of the Immigration Oversight Act that erodes productivity.

"Tourism is no longer the sidecar to Alberta's economic narrative. It's one of its core engines. When we frame it that way to government, to investors, and to our communities, we open the door to bigger, more strategic conversations about where this sector can go."

Darren Reeder

President and CEO

Tourism Industry Association of Alberta (TIAA)

Despite these challenges, the Alberta visitor economy remains incredibly well-positioned to drive yield and new investment as global demand for authentic nature and hospitality experiences soars.

A sincerest thank you to our growing membership!

Learn more about TIAA membership



TIAC Launches Comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Site

With wildfire season underway, proactive crisis planning is vital for Canada's visitor economy as Albertans know first hand, so well. The Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC) launched its Tourism Emergency Preparedness initiative to bridge a severe gap in business readiness.

According to TIAC's national research data, 87% of tourism operators reported experiencing significant operational disruptions in the past five years, but only 27% actually have a formal recovery strategy in place.

TIAC has now established a single point library, with resources from across Canada, for evidence-based guides, risk-reduction strategies, and coordinated emergency communication.

[Start your preparedness planning today →](#)

TIAA MEMBER ADVOCACY



Community and Elected Official Engagement in David Thompson Country

91%

of residents in the David Thompson report that tourism has a positive impact on the local economy

(Resident Sentiment Survey Winter 2025)

TIAA joined Minister Boitchenko and Travel Alberta CEO David Goldstein at a town hall at the beautiful Pine Hill Resort. Some highlights included talking about the value of planned commercial tourism development, the Minister's interest in supporting entrepreneurs alongside the infrastructure and utility challenges they face, and Mr. Goldstein's observations on the tourism and investment potential of the region, which was reflected in his clear admiration for the operators and the beauty of this historic crossroad and access point into the wilds of Alberta.

TIAA observed that many of the concerns regarding high visitor volume look significantly different in the David Thompson; because of the region's distance from major urban centres, it sees far less of the single-day use visitation that has put pressure on other areas of the province during some times of the year. Day use visitors contribute significantly less revenues than overnight visitors to commercial tourism economies.



While local planning processes were topical, the interest by local operators to engage and grow their region was apparent.

Thank you to Sheri Emberg from Travel Alberta, as well as the operators and local leaders who came with plenty of constructive questions and observations.

[Read bi-annual resident sentiment reports here→](#)

[Alberta Visitor Characteristics→](#)

TIAA EVENTS



Early Bird Registration Now Open

Alberta Economic Budget Forum & GRIT Awards Dinner

Early bird registration is now available for the 2026 Alberta Economic Budget Forum & GRIT Awards Dinner taking place Monday, November 16, 2026, at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

Join tourism industry leaders, elected officials, policymakers, and partners from across Alberta for a day focused on advocacy, economic outlook, industry priorities, and the future growth of Alberta's visitor economy heading into Budget 2027–28.



REGISTER
TODAY



Get Your GRIT Award Nominations In

Nominations for the 2026 GRIT Awards are open and we encourage you to help recognize the outstanding individuals and organizations helping shape Alberta's tourism industry.

The GRIT Awards celebrate excellence in:

- Tourism Growth
- Tourism Resilience
- Tourism Inspiration

This is an opportunity to recognize the innovators, leaders, and changemakers creating meaningful impact within Alberta's visitor economy and communities.

There is no cost to submit a nomination.

NOMINATE TODAY

TOURISM NEWS

Fortress Mountain Resort Preliminary Approval

The preliminary approval for the \$3 billion Fortress Mountain Resort project marks a monumental milestone for Alberta's visitor economy. This conditional approval represents a critical first step in a standard, multi-layered regulatory process typical for large-scale tourism developments. While the project must still navigate subsequent provincial and environmental review systems, this announcement signals immense investor confidence.

[Fortress Mountain Resort MDP Summary →](#)

Regional/Rural Employment Challenges

Bow Valley Job Openings Jump 58% Despite Cooling Labour Market

Report finds housing shortages are increasingly limiting workforce growth even as demand for workers remains strong

[Read More →](#)

Rail Master Plan Aligns with Tourism Development Priorities

Key economic activating rail infrastructure prioritized as province commits 15mm for critical Calgary and Edmonton airport to downtown rail connectivity.

[CBC Report →](#)

[Provincial Rail Masterplan →](#)

Quebec Expands Convention Stimulus Through 2028

Quebec is extending its business incentive stimulus fund until 2028 with an additional \$4.5 million injection. This funding aims to attract major international conventions and sporting events. Alberta remains as one of the only large provinces without this type of event and business convention attraction fund.

[Full Article →](#)

Calgary and WestJet Launch New Stopover Program

Tourism Calgary and WestJet have partnered to introduce a new stopover program. This initiative allows passengers flying through Calgary to extend their stay for up to seven days with no additional airfare, encouraging international travelers to explore the city's (and region's) tourism offerings and local businesses creating additional value added visitation from existing access channels. Well done!

[Full Article →](#)

Alberta Targets Growth Obstacles in Agritourism Sector

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) has formed a dedicated working group to tackle critical growth barriers in agritourism, including restrictive building codes and skyrocketing liability insurance. A comprehensive provincial strategy report featuring key recommendations for economic diversification is expected later in 2026.

[Full Article →](#)



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Dear Members of the Tourism Industry Association of Alberta (TIAA):

TIAA is accepting nominations for a seat on its Audit, Finance & Governance Committee (the Committee). This opportunity is

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In accordance with the Committee Terms of Reference, Committee members are appointed for a one year term, ending at the next year's organizing meeting that follows the Annual General Meeting. A committee

open to those with the requisite experience, who hold at minimum, a director or VP level position within their place of employment as well as an accredited accounting or financial designation.

Click the link below for the 2026 TIAA Committee Application Package that provides more details about the nominations process. TIAA Regular members in good standing (annual membership dues are paid) are eligible to nominate a representative from their business.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

HOW TO NOMINATE

Please submit the completed Committee Application Package by email to info@tiaalberta.ca by:

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH, 2026

5:00 PM MST

QUESTIONS?

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member shall not serve more than 9 consecutive years.

COMPOSITION & APPOINTMENTS

The Committee shall consist of four members, appointed by the TIAA Board of Directors, and will include 2 TIAA Board members, and 2 TIAA Regular members, at least one of whom must hold an accredited accounting or financial designation.

The 2 TIAA Board members and 1 TIAA Regular member were appointed at the 2026 organizing meeting, being

- **James Overall**, Dean, School of Business / School of Hospitality & Tourism, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)
- **Theresa Howland**, Executive Vice President - Brand, Market Development & Employee Services, Calgary Stampede
- **Lindsey Galloway**, President & CEO, Heritage Park

QUALIFICATIONS

This Committee member should have: strong accounting and finance skills, proficiency in reviewing and analyzing financial statements to assess risk and support board-level decision making, an active accounting or finance designation, prior board or audit committee experience, high ethical standards and a current occupational role that handles financial risk management and oversight.



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Municipal Government Act Change Summary

Bill 28, *Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026*

Governance and Accountability

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Relevant *Municipal Government Act* sections

- Section 130.1
- Section 146.011(1)
- Section 146.02(1)
- Section 146.021(1)
- Section 146.03(1)
- Section 146.04
- Section 146.05(1)
- Section 146.06(1)
- Section 146.07(1)
- Section 146.08(1)
- Section 146.09(1)
- Section 153
- Section 201.1(1)(b)

Councillor Accountability Framework

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

Since the repeal of councillor codes of conduct in 2025, municipalities cannot pass or continue to implement or enforce bylaws or resolutions related to councillor behavior.

What has changed

A new councillor accountability framework will address unacceptable councillor behaviour including misuse of municipal assets and services, confidentiality of information, and rules regarding egregious or threatening behaviour and improper use of influence.

New provisions in the Act establish rules, processes, and procedures for submitting a complaint, conducting preliminary reviews, investigations, and appeals.

Only councillors are eligible to file a complaint, and a complaint can only be made against a councillor on the same council. The Minister can also initiate an investigation at the local level.

Preliminary reviews and investigations will be conducted by an investigator chosen by council from a roster designated by the Minister. For any complaint filed by a councillor, a preliminary review must occur to determine if the complaint, in whole or in part, is frivolous, vexatious, or out of scope. If the investigator determines that any part of the complaint is frivolous, vexatious, or out of scope, the investigator must end that part of the investigation.

After conducting the preliminary review, the investigator must report the results to the Minister and council and advise if all or a part of the investigation has ended.

If the complaint is potentially valid following the preliminary review, it must proceed to an investigation. Once the investigation is complete, a report is prepared that contains a summary of the investigation, as well as a recommendation as to whether a contravention has occurred and what sanctions, if any, should be applied. It is the council's decision, by resolution, to determine if the framework was contravened and whether to apply sanctions.

The framework establishes an appeal mechanism for council's decisions as to whether there was a contravention and imposition of any sanctions. An appeal commissioner appointed by the Minister hears the appeal and provides recommendations to the Minister on whether to accept, reject, or vary the council's resolution. If the appeal commissioner's recommendations are different from council's decisions, the appeals commissioner must provide reasons.

To conclude the appeal, the Minister, by order, determines if there was a contravention and may apply sanctions. When issuing an order, the Minister must publish the appeal commissioner's recommendations and, if applicable, reasons for the recommendation as well as the Minister's decision. If the Minister's decision varies from the appeals commissioner's, the Minister must include reasons in writing.

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Municipal Transparency

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Relevant *Municipal Government Act* sections

- Section 208
- Section 208.1
- Section 215.1
- Section 215.2
- Section 215.3
- Section 215.4
- Section 215.5
- Section 215.6
- Section 215.7
- Section 334(4)

- employee name;
- position, appointment or classification;
- amount of compensation;
- total value of non-monetary benefits; and
- severance (if applicable).

Municipalities may apply to the Deputy Minister, in writing, to exempt an employee or class of employees from having their information published if it could unduly threaten the safety of the employee or class of employees.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs may aggregate or publish part or all the information received on the Municipal Affairs website.

The Minister may also direct an audit of a municipality to determine compliance. The municipality would be responsible for the cost of the audit.

Municipal Salary Disclosure

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

Salary disclosure for municipal employees was limited to the chief administrative officer (CAO) and an aggregate amount for designated officers, reported through each municipality's Financial Information Return. Disclosure was total compensation and benefits with no threshold amount.

What has changed

Municipalities must now publish employee compensation annually on the municipality's website if the employee's compensation, benefits and severance from the previous year is greater than the threshold established in Section 1(o)(ii) of the *Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act*.

Municipalities must continue to disclose annual compensation for the CAO and designated officers in Financial Information Returns.

What it means

This change aligns municipalities with provincial public sector disclosure and strengthens transparency around how public dollars are used.

Municipalities must publish a list of employees whose compensation is above the threshold, including:

What do municipalities need to do?

Starting in 2027, on or before June 30 of each year, municipalities must publish on their website a list of employees whose total compensation, benefits, and severance received from the municipality during the previous calendar year is greater than the threshold established under Section 1(o)(ii) of the *Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act*.

Municipalities are required to provide the list of compensation information to the Minister prior to publishing it on their website.

If no employees meet the threshold, the municipality shall inform the Minister and publish a notice to that effect on the municipality's website.

The *Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2026* set the salary threshold at \$130,000 for 2026. Future increases will reflect provincial wage settlements published by the Government of Alberta.

Tax Notices – Police Costs

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

The *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) did not enable municipalities to list municipal policing costs as a separate rate or amount on tax notices.

What has changed

Municipalities may now show the portion of the tax rate and/or the amount of tax imposed to pay for RCMP police services on property tax notices. This is under Section 4(1) of the *Police Act* or under an agreement referred to in Section 22(1) of the *Police Act*.

Upcoming changes to the Matters Related to Assessment and Taxation Regulation will establish required wording for displaying policing costs on property tax notices. Municipalities who choose to display policing costs on property tax notices must do so in accordance with the regulation once it is in force.

What it means

Urban municipalities (5,000 or under), rural municipalities, and specialized municipalities with RCMP services under the Provincial Police Service Agreement may display policing costs on property tax notices as a separate line item.

What do municipalities need to do?

Relevant municipalities may choose to list RCMP police service costs on property tax notices as a rate or an amount. This is at the discretion of the municipality and is not a requirement. The policing costs displayed are for information only and do not constitute a separate tax rate established under the municipal tax rate bylaw.

Administrative Accountability

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

The MGA provides municipalities with natural person powers but did not set out rules regarding reporting the use of these powers.

Amendments in 2025 made it a requirement for information requested by a councillor to be provided as soon as practical, and once the information was provided to one councillor it must be shared with all other councillors within 72 hours. If the requested information is personal or confidential, the CAO may

refuse to provide the information considering factors in Section 208.1(2).

What has changed

The Act now requires the CAO to notify council in writing each time natural person powers are used. Notice must be provided at the first council meeting following the use of the natural person power or 14 days after the use of the natural person power, whichever occurs earliest. Notice is not required when the natural person power is used for a matter already approved by bylaw or resolution of council, a personnel matter, a routine operational matter, an emergency response, or when seeking a legal opinion on behalf of the municipality.

Additional amendments provide greater clarification regarding how the CAO responds to councillor requests for information, as well as when and how that information is to be shared with the rest of council.

If the information requested is publicly available, the CAO may, but is not required to, provide it to all other councillors.

A council may establish a bylaw to manage substantial information requests. The bylaw must define a 'substantial information request' and may specify whether a resolution of council is needed before the CAO must provide the information, specific reporting requirements, and any other provisions necessary to carry out the purposes of the bylaw.

If a council does not pass a substantial information request bylaw, Section 208.1 applies. The information request must be responded to as soon as practicable. Once information is shared with one councillor, it must be shared with all other councillors within 72 hours.

What it means

CAOs must be aware of natural person powers reporting exemptions. If the use does not fall under an exemption, the CAO must notify council at the first council meeting following the use of the natural person power or after 14 days, whichever occurs the earliest.

Councillors and CAOs must be aware of amendments related to information sharing including the circumstances and timelines to share information with all councillors.

Municipalities may establish a substantial information request bylaw to manage requests that may take significant administrative time and resources. This is at

the discretion of the municipality and is not a requirement.

What do municipalities need to do?

Municipalities may wish to review their CAO bylaw to ensure alignment with amendments to natural person powers and information requests.

Updates to Privacy Legislation

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

The *MGA* referenced the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)*.

What has changed

Outdated references to *FOIP* in the *MGA* have been replaced with references to the *Access to Information Act* and the *Protection of Privacy Act*, as appropriate in each provision.

What it means

The amendments ensure that the *MGA* correctly references current privacy and access to information legislation.

What do municipalities have to do?

Municipalities must abide by the *Access to Information Act* and the *Protection of Privacy Act* and ensure their bylaws align with provincial legislation.

Effective Date

Amendments in the *MGA* related to municipal transparency to took effect upon Bill 28's Royal Assent on May 14, 2026.

Resources

To learn more, please refer to:

- Amendment summary for Bill 28:
<https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/ma-bill-28-legislation-information-guide.pdf>
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Municipal Government Act Change Summary

Bill 28, the *Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026*

Enabling Growth and Affordable Housing

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Relevant *Municipal Government Act* sections

- Section 297 (2.01) and (2.02)
- Section 297.1
- Section 640 and Section 642
- Section 640.3
- Section 648(1.2) and (2.11)
- Section 671
- Section 683.1 and Section 683.2
- Section 694

Related forthcoming amendments to:

- *City of Calgary Charter, 2018 Regulation, and City of Edmonton Charter, 2018 Regulation*

Automated Permitting Processes and Timeline Reporting

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

The *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) did not contemplate an “automatic yes” framework for approvals, nor did it directly address the use of automated or digital permitting tools.

There were no requirements for municipalities to publish development statistics on their websites.

What has changed

The MGA now allows municipalities to use automated systems to manage applications for development permits and issue development permits.

The Minister may also, by regulation, require municipalities to set processes, timelines, or other requirements to make decisions on applications for development permits and issue development permits. This is known as ‘automatic yes’.

Starting in 2027, municipalities with populations over 15,000 will be required to publish the following development statistics on their website by March 31 each year:

- total number of development permit applications received;
- total number of development permits issued;
- average and median number of days from application receipt to when the application was determined, deemed, or acknowledged to be complete under Section 683.1(1), (4), or (7), or deemed to be refused under section 683.1(8);
- the average and median number of days from when an application was determined, deemed, or acknowledged to be completed under Section 683.1(1), (4), or (7) to when a development permit was issued under Section 642(1) or (2), or refused under Section 642(2) or 684(3), as the case may be; and
- a comparison of timelines against requirements in Sections 683.1(1) and 684(1).

What it means for municipalities

Municipalities have clear authority to use automated and digital tools to review and process development applications and permits. Municipalities can now fast-track simple, low-risk projects and use modern systems to streamline permitting processes.

Municipalities are encouraged to explore “automatic yes” approaches and opportunities for low-risk developments in their community. In the future, the Minister may establish rules and requirements in an “automatic yes” regulation.

Public reporting of timelines increases transparency and supports accountability to residents and developers.

What do municipalities have to do?

Starting in 2027, municipalities with populations over 15,000 must publish the required development statistics for the previous calendar year on the municipality’s website by March 31 each year.

Community Design Codes

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

The *MGA* did not address community design codes or authorize the Minister of Municipal Affairs to establish them.

What has changed

The Minister may establish community design codes by regulation. The Minister may also require a municipality to pass a bylaw adopting a community design code in all or part of the municipality.

What it means for municipalities

Community design codes will provide an option for municipalities and developers to beautify communities and expedite approvals for developments that meet the pre-established land-use and design standards.

What do municipalities have to do?

Details on the processes, rules, requirements, and implementation of community design codes will be included in a forthcoming regulation.

Off-site Levies

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

Municipalities could impose off-site levies to recover eligible capital costs for infrastructure such as water, wastewater, roads, and certain public facilities.

Only school boards were exempt from off-site levies on land developed for school buildings.

What has changed

Off-site levies cannot include:

- operational costs;
- retail or commercial facilities not required to deliver the facility's core services;
- items not permanently affixed to a facility (for example: firetrucks, furniture, equipment); or
- capital costs incurred to build to a standard higher than required under applicable provincial building codes.

These amendments will also apply to Edmonton and Calgary through forthcoming amendments to the City Charters.

Exemptions from off-site levies have been expanded to include land developed for a school building that is

owned or leased by charter or accredited independent schools. This exemption is not retroactive.

What it means

The changes clarify what capital costs can and cannot be included in off-site levies.

Costs such as transit buses and enhanced architectural design and building amenities cannot be included in an off-site levy bylaw.

What do municipalities have to do?

Municipalities should ensure that off-site levy bylaws align with the new off-site levy provisions. In turn, any new off-site levy agreements must comply with these amendments.

Use of Reserve Land

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

The *MGA* did not permit charter schools to use school reserve or municipal and school reserve land.

What has changed

The *MGA* explicitly permits charter schools accredited by Alberta Education and Childcare to use school reserve or municipal and school reserve land for the operation of a charter school.

What it means

Charter schools are now treated more consistently with other publicly funded schools in eligibility to access reserve lands.

Allocation of reserve land and Joint Use Planning Agreement processes, procedures, and requirements have not changed.

Residential Sub-classing

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

Municipalities could establish residential assessment sub-classes based on council criteria.

What has changed

If a council establishes a class 1 residential sub-class that applies to residential property that is not a primary residence and does not meet the requirements of any other class 1 sub-class, that sub-class cannot be applied to residential property wholly or partially owned by one or more persons that reside in Alberta. Property tax sub-classes for other types of vacant or

non-primary residence properties, such as derelict property, are not affected by this change.

An individual resides in Alberta if the person that has lived in Alberta for at least 183 days in the current or previous calendar year and does not have an intention of taking up residence outside Alberta.

What it means

Municipalities cannot apply different sub-classes, and by extension tax rates, to residential properties owned by Alberta residents based on whether the property is or is not a primary residence.

Other class 1 residential sub-classes, such as derelict, undeveloped, or tourist homes are not impacted by this change.

The restriction applies only to residential property owned by individual Albertans and not residential property owned by an Albertan corporation. In the case where a property is jointly owned by an Albertan and a non-Albertan, it shall be treated the same as if the property was solely owned by an Albertan.

What do municipalities have to do?

Municipalities should ensure that their residential sub-classing bylaws comply with the new provision in Section 297(2.01).

If not currently in compliance, municipalities must follow the transitional provisions in Section 297.1.

Bylaws amended in accordance with the transitional provisions apply retroactively and are deemed to have come into force on January 1, 2026.

Effective Date

The amendments to the *MGA* came into force on May 14, 2026, when Bill 28 received Royal Assent.

Resources

To learn more, please refer to:

- Amendment summary for Bill 28:
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If at any point during the preliminary review or investigation, the investigator finds that a complaint, or part of a complaint, pertains to pecuniary interest, the framework establishes a process for mandatory referral to the Court of King's Bench.

What it means

Municipal Affairs will establish, by regulation, further details to implement the councillor accountability framework. The regulation is expected to include types of contraventions, sanctions, fees, timelines for each step, and further guidance on investigator and appeal commissioner rosters.

While the framework includes a process for complaints related to pecuniary interest matters, existing disclosure and disqualification requirements continue to apply. These rules have not changed.

What do municipalities have to do?

It is recommended that municipalities and their councillors review the rules, processes, and procedures regarding the accountability framework established in the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*. Further information and requirements to support implementation will be in a forthcoming regulation.

Viability Reviews – Vote of Electors

Previous *Municipal Government Act* requirements

The *MGA* establishes a municipal viability review process administered by Municipal Affairs. Following a review, electors vote on whether the municipality should dissolve. The Minister could only recommend dissolution of the municipality to Cabinet if electors voted in favour of it.

What has changed

Changes to the *MGA* retain the step for electors to vote on a question of dissolution after a viability review has been completed and before dissolution can occur. However, the results of this vote are no longer binding, though they remain an important consideration in the Minister's decision. This change is in effect immediately.

What it means

This change enables the Minister and Cabinet to consider the results of the vote alongside other considerations when making recommendations and decisions on the dissolution of a municipality.

What do municipalities have to do?

No action is required from municipalities.

Effective Date

The amendments to the *MGA* took effect upon Bill 28's Royal Assent on May 14, 2026.

While provisions in the Act related to the accountability framework are in force, implementation requires the creation of a forthcoming regulation.

Resources

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June 17, 2026

Mr. Jean Marc Stelter
Chairperson
I.D. No. 09 (Banff)
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Dear Mr. Stelter:

I am pleased to confirm the 2026 funding allocations for your community.

For I.D. No. 09 (Banff):

- The 2026 Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital allocation is \$264,917.
- The 2026 LGFF Operating allocation is \$76,892.
- The 2026 Build Communities Strong Fund-Community Stream (BCSF-CS) allocation is \$110,404.

LGFF Capital is a legislated program aimed at providing local governments with advanced notice of their future infrastructure funding. As indicated on the program website, in 2027, your community will be eligible for \$280,062. Information on 2028 LGFF Capital allocations will be shared with local governments this fall, after changes in provincial revenues between 2024/25 and 2025/26 have been confirmed. I would like to also inform you that work is underway to develop a new allocation formula for the LGFF Operating program, which will be announced later this year.

As you may be aware, in 2025, the Government of Canada launched the BCSF, which included a renaming of the Canada Community-Building Fund to the Community Stream under the BCSF. Please note that no program or funding changes are being made apart from the name change.

LGFF and BCSF-CS funding amounts for all municipalities and Metis Settlements are also posted on the Government of Alberta website at www.alberta.ca/municipal-affairs-funding-programs.

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I look forward to working together with you to support your local infrastructure and operating needs, and building strong, vibrant communities across Alberta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Williams', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Danielle Duffy, Chief Administrative Officer, I.D. No. 09 (Banff)

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Key Municipal Dates

July 1 – September 30, 2026

July 1	Last day for municipalities to send assessment notices. (s. 310 <i>Municipal Government Act (MGA)</i>).
July 1	Last day to submit the Municipal Tax Rate Information Return per Ministerial Order No. MSD:079/22.
August 1	Last day for the Registrar to send a notice to an owner of a parcel of land shown on the tax arrears list. (s. 417 <i>MGA</i>).
August 1	Last day for a municipality to send notice to the owner of a designated manufactured home, the manufactured home community, and all lien holders for each designated manufactured home shown on the tax arrears list (s. 436.08 <i>MGA</i>).
August 31	Last day for a council of a summer village to hold an organizational meeting (s. 192(2) <i>MGA</i>).
September 30	Municipalities must submit the third quarterly installment to a board or the Alberta School Foundation Fund (s. 167 <i>Education Act</i>).
Municipal Government Resources Spotlight	An updated 'Preparation of Meeting Minutes' resource has been added to Municipal government resources Alberta.ca, under the 'Bylaws, policy and legislative matters' header. For information on the upcoming October 2026 referendum, please visit Referendum - Elections Alberta and refer questions to Elections Alberta at Contact Us - Elections Alberta. To view the <i>Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026</i> fact sheets, please visit Municipal Government Act change summary - Open Government.

A special note from BCF's Board Chair

1 message

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**A special note from our Board Chair, Barbara McNeil, to
Banff Canmore Foundation's network of community
builders**

I am writing today to share that Laurie Edward will be stepping down from the Executive Director role at Banff Canmore Foundation (BCF) this fall.

This is poignant news for all of us in the community, as we are so very grateful to Laurie for her dedication and outstanding leadership, and excited for her in her next chapter.

Laurie has led BCF through a period of incredible growth and development and has helped position the organization for an even stronger future. She has supported the development of an exceptionally strong team including staff, board, and committee members, which is now strategically positioned to continue the important work of BCF in grantmaking, fund stewardship, research and reporting, and capacity building for community impact.

Laurie will be moving into a new leadership role within the Community Foundation movement. We look forward to opportunities to collaborate in new

ways in the future, knowing that Laurie will continue to be an active supporter of BCF and the Bow Valley community.

The Foundation is in a strong position and will continue to serve community in the many ways we do, even as we begin the search for a new Executive Director. Community Foundations are defined by their resilience, agility, and continuity through time. With BCF now entering its 25th year, we are confident these core characteristics will be evident as we make our way through this period of change and renewal.

We are planning a celebration for September 18, so please hold that date in your calendar to join us in sending Laurie off in style! In the meantime, Laurie and the team will be going strong and setting us up for a smooth transition.

We look forward to stepping into the next phase of Banff Canmore Foundation's work with all of you.

Sincerely,

Barbara McNeil

On behalf of BCF Board of Directors



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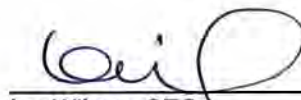
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ALSO PRESENT: Ian Wilson (CEO), Greg Hutchings (Operations Manager), and Jennifer Comighod (Client Services Manager)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chairperson L. Rosvold called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
Motion 26-029: D. Fullerton to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**
Motion 26-030: R. Murray to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - a. **Personnel Committee**
Motion 26-031: D. Beaulieu to take the meeting in camera. Carried unanimously.
Motion 26-032: J. Heath to take the meeting out of camera. Carried unanimously.
5. **CEO REPORT**
 - a. **2026 Municipal Requisition Report:** report provided and discussed.
Motion 26-033: J. Mah to accept the report as information. Carried unanimously.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION**
 - a. **Q1 2026 Strategic Plan Progress Report:** report provided and discussed
Motion 26-034: D. Fullerton to accept the report as information. Carried unanimously.
7. **DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**
 - a. **Regular Meeting of the Board:** June 10, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Bow River Lodge, Canmore
 - b. **Regular Meeting of the Board:** August 26, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Bow River Lodge, Canmore.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion 26-035 R. Murray that the meeting adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Carried unanimously.



Lisa Rosvold, Chairperson



Ian Wilson, CEO

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Jennifer Comighod, Client Services Manager

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June 2026



NEWS, INITIATIVES, AND EVENTS

Rent Supplement Program

The Rent Supplement Program is funded exclusively the Government of Alberta. As one of the key initiatives of their Stronger Foundations affordable housing strategy, they have more than doubled the budget since 2023, allowing us to increase the monthly supplement maximum and help even more families afford to rent in the region.

2026 Municipal Requisitions

Municipal members received their annual requisition information in April, and we are pleased to report that the bulk of these funds have already been received. These resources are critical to the ongoing operation of our seniors lodge program, enabling us to continue providing high-quality, affordable housing and support services to our residents. We greatly appreciate the continued financial support from the ratepayers of the region.

Gas Leak Incident

On June 1, 2026, a gas leak occurred in the nearby neighbourhood, prompting a short evacuation advisory from the Town of Canmore. I was alerted directly by Canmore's Director of Emergency Management, who provided us with a quick alert, timely updates, and confirmation that the situation was resolved and the all-clear was issued within a very short time. From our perspective, this was a good real-world test of our emergency communications with the Canmore Emergency Coordination Centre. The Town handled the situation efficiently, and there was no impact on our residents or operations. We appreciate the prompt and transparent communication from the Town and remain confident in our shared emergency response systems.

PROGRAM OCCUPANCY RATES

Bow River Lodge - SL	100%
Bow River Lodge – CCHTB	97%
Cascade House	95%
Bow River Homes	100%
Mount Edith House	100%
Community Housing	100%
Rent Supplement	100%

SPECIAL PROJECTS

This is Home (Phase 3+)

Our application to Alberta Assisted Living and Social Services' Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP) was not successful in this round. Given the highly competitive nature of the program and the more advanced stage of other projects, this outcome was not unexpected.

We have used this time productively to significantly strengthen the project. Working with a construction and design firm that generously contributed their expertise on a voluntary basis (as part of a case study), we have developed a much more robust business case. This approach has advanced the project to the

point where we are now ready to go to tender for a firm to take us to very near “shovel-ready” status — an approach strongly preferred by the Government of Alberta. This method has also allowed us to save significantly on a typically very expensive process, with estimated savings of \$100,000 to \$200,000 so far. We are also applying to the federal Build Canada Homes program for low-interest financing using this enhanced business case.

We are actively pursuing talks with the Government of Alberta to explore greater collaboration and innovative ways of advancing this project as affordably as possible. If approved, This is Home (Phase 3+) will meaningfully expand our Community and Seniors’ Independent Housing portfolio by introducing new types and levels of affordability in Canmore and potentially other communities. We remain optimistic that the Government of Alberta will support this important opportunity and look forward to collaborating with the Province, the Town of Canmore, and other housing partners to help address the ongoing housing challenges in the Bow Valley.

BOW VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING

Alberta's HMBs were created by the Government of Alberta (GOA) to operate and administer provincially owned social housing facilities and programming. The province holds an extensive portfolio of these facilities through the Alberta Social Housing Corporation (ASHC), serving many needy and vulnerable Albertans. Each HMB is a not-for-profit self-governing corporation under the Alberta Housing Act that manages ASHC assets in their respective region. HMBs may operate various housing programs and own facilities. HMBs function as property managers for the province, often working to address relevant housing needs in their region.

Every municipality in Alberta is a contributing member of their regional HMB and, as such, must have at least one appointee serving on the governing board. HMB board members are responsible for acting in the best interests of the body and the entire region.

HMB operational funding sources can vary. Tenants pay accommodation fees, which are usually subject to affordability limits. These limits typically lead to operating deficits by constraining the ability to collect fees sufficient to cover operations costs fully. Provincial grants and municipal requisitions subsidize seniors' lodge deficits, whereas the province alone funds deficits in independent seniors and community housing programs.

As the HMB for the Bow Valley region, BVRH is responsible for social housing and affordable supportive living accommodation for seniors throughout Kananaskis Country, the Bow Corridor, the MD of Bighorn, and all of Banff National Park.

We are an independent body that collaborates with two provincial ministries, five municipal governments, numerous agencies in our region, and provincial organizations to provide and promote safe and appropriate housing. Please see www.bvrh.ca for contact information.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Bow Valley Regional Housing provides accommodation services, including seniors' supportive living for Bow Valley region residents who struggle to secure and maintain income-appropriate housing.

We provide housing-related programs to approximately 400 residents in the Bow Valley region, delivered through our four programs. These programs are housed across seven properties in Banff and Canmore that contain thirty-four separate buildings, twenty of which are stand-alone houses.

Our projects include the following:

- Seniors' lodges in Canmore and Banff provide room and board to the 140 residents.
 - The Continuing Care Home Type B with Secure Space wing at Bow River Lodge in Canmore delivers 24-hour care accommodations to the region through sixty suites that provide appropriate care and accommodation to our most vulnerable seniors.
 - Cascade House in Banff has four apartments for independent seniors.
- Seniors' self-contained independent housing buildings in Canmore and Banff that include a total of 62 one-bedroom apartments.
- Family housing residences in Canmore include 38 townhouses and 20 houses.
- Employee housing units in Canmore include eight double-occupancy units.
- Rent Supplement Programs currently provide financial assistance to approximately 70 households in the Bow Valley.
- Planning is underway for re-profiling a part of the Bow River Lodge site to increase the number of seniors' self-contained suites while adding other affordable housing options.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Bow Valley Regional Housing collaborates with relevant agencies, ensuring that suitable programming mitigates the housing needs of our client base.

- We make decisions and recommendations using relevant and valid community trends and housing needs data.
- We obtain funding to develop infrastructure that meets identified needs in social and supportive income-appropriate housing programs.
- We embrace principles that incorporate innovation, service excellence, best practices, and energy efficiency.
- We attract, retain, and support highly qualified and caring staff.

The BVRH team includes approximately sixty employees based at Bow River Seniors Lodge in Canmore and Cascade House in Banff. Our Central Administration and Maintenance Teams are based in Canmore and serve all our projects. We have dedicated Housekeeping and Food Services Teams at both lodges.

OUR VALUES



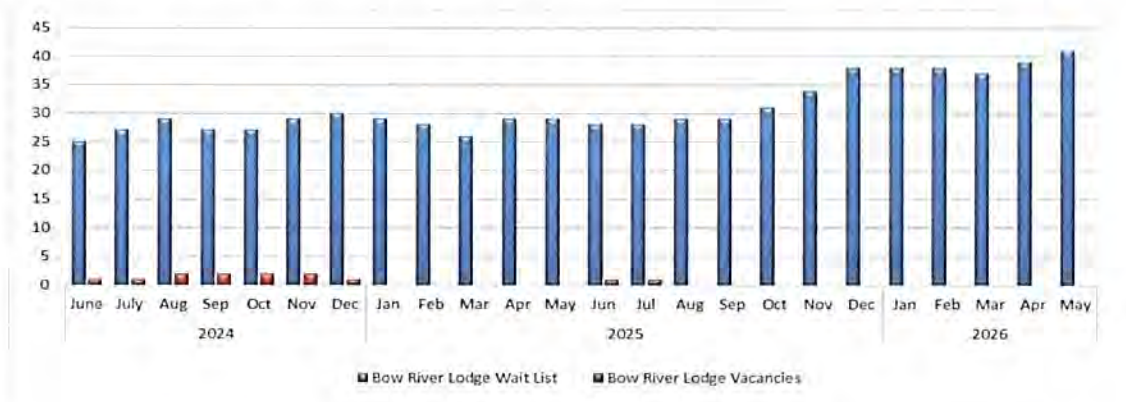
May 2026 Occupancy & Waitlist Report



Bow River Seniors Lodge in Canmore

Occupancy and waitlist as of May 31, 2026:

- The lodge has sixty-three residential suites.
- Of those suites, fifty-seven are occupied.
- The other suites are not available for occupancy. They are not captured in the chart below, but include the following:
 - Three are utilized as storage or amenity space.
 - Three are being rehabilitated.
- 100% of the habitable suites are occupied.
- One lodge resident transferred to the Continuing Care Home Type B program.
- Forty-one candidate households are wait-listed.



Bow River Seniors Lodge – Continuing Care Home Type B (formerly Designated Supportive Living - DSL) in Canmore

Occupancy as of May 31, 2026:

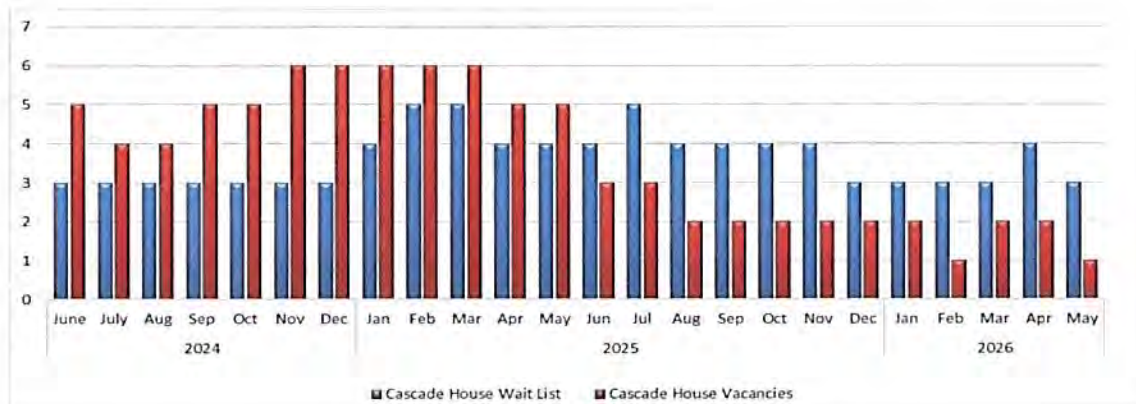
- There are sixty units in Continuing Care Home Type B.
- First floor – Type B - Secure Space has thirty units at 90% occupancy.
- Second floor – Type B (formerly DSL4) has thirty units at 97% occupancy.
- AHS controls the admissions process; we are not privy to the waitlist information.

Cascade House (Seniors Lodge) in Banff

Occupancy and waitlist as of May 31, 2026:

- The lodge has twenty-three residential suites.
- Of those suites, twenty-two are occupied or available for occupancy
- The other suites are not available for occupancy. They are not captured in the chart below, but include the following:
 - One is being rehabilitated.
- 95% of the habitable suites are occupied.
- One moved into the lodge program, and one couple moved into the third- floor apartment.

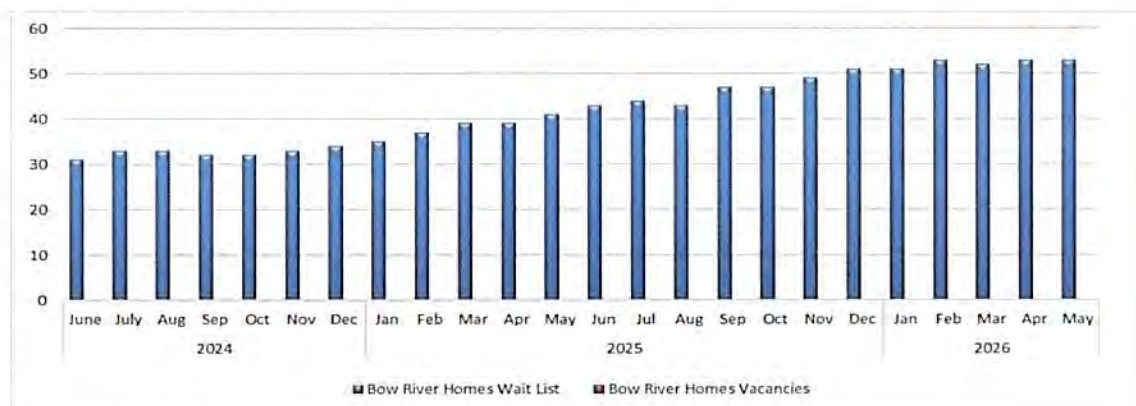
- Three candidate households are wait-listed, and none of them are ready to move in.



Bow River Homes (Seniors Self-Contained) in Canmore

Occupancy and waitlist as of May 31, 2026:

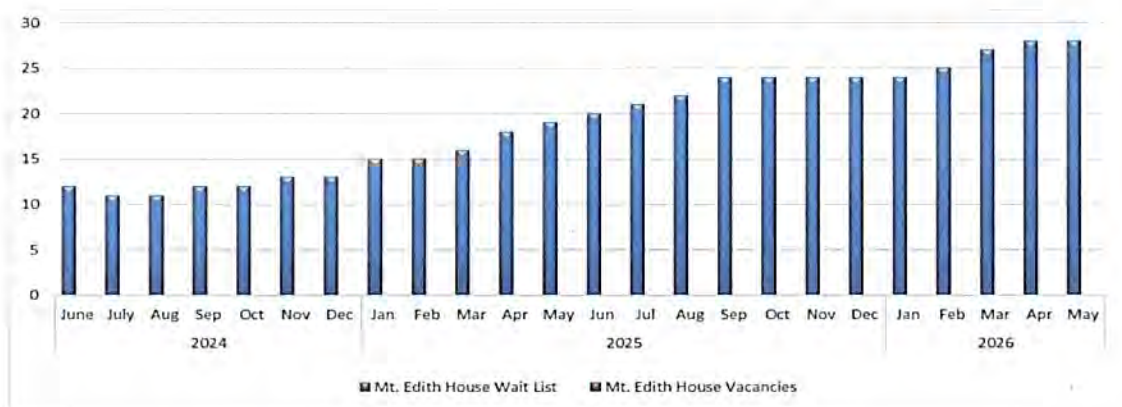
- The project has twenty-eight self-contained residential units.
- 100% of the habitable units are occupied.
- Fifty-two candidate households are wait-listed.



Mount Edith House (Seniors Self-Contained) in Banff

Occupancy and waitlist as of May 31, 2026:

- The building has thirty-four self-contained residential units.
- Of those units, thirty-three are occupied.
- The other unit is not available for occupancy. They are not captured in the chart below, but include the following:
 - One is being rehabilitated.
- 100% of the habitable units are occupied.
- Twenty-eight candidate households are wait-listed.



Community Housing Projects in Canmore

Occupancy and waitlist as of May 31, 2026:

- The portfolio has fifty-eight individual residential units.
- Of those fifty-eight units, fifty-five are occupied or available for occupancy.
- The other units are not available for occupancy. They are not captured in the chart below, but include the following:
 - Three are being rehabilitated.
- 100% of the habitable units are occupied or awarded pending move-in.
- Three households moved in, and two have been awarded and are pending move-in.
- Forty-eight candidate households are wait-listed.



Rent Supplement (RS) Programs in the Bow Valley Region.

Occupancy and waitlist as of May 31, 2026:

- A monthly budget of \$52,967.00.
- Providing financial subsidies to eighty active client households.
- Thirty-three candidate households are wait-listed.
- The monthly subsidy totalled \$47,711.00, averaging \$596.00 per client household.
- Of our active RS client households:
 - 65 live in Canmore
 - 11 live in Banff
 - 4 live in the MD of Bighorn