

# Minutes of the Public Budget Input Meeting

Town of Alberton: Proposed Budget for 2026-2027

The Public Budget Input Meeting was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The following individuals were present at the meeting:

- Mayor MacLeod
- CAO Donna Thomson
- Councillor Chaisson
- Councillor Curtis
- Deputy Mayor Boyce
- Fire Chief Darrell Graham

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for public input regarding the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the Town of Alberton. The CAO went over the draft budget. She explained that the draft Fire Budget was presented to the fire districts with representatives from the Rural Municipality of Greenmount-Montrose, the Community of Northport, and the Alberton Fire District. She said the Fire budget was \$302,194.00.

She then went over the revenues for the 2026-2027 year. It included funding from the Province for equalization and taxes, rural fire dues, funding from the Housing Accelerator Fund, with fines, fees and recreation programs registrations making up the rest. The revenues for the Town for 2026-2027 in the draft budget was \$1,449,620.92.

Following the discussion of revenues, the CAO presented a detailed overview of the Town's expenditures for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. She said funding was designated for fire protection, general government, police protection and public property, parks and recreation. She gave the amounts designated for each category. She went over some of the changes from last year and indicated where there were changes. She noted that she had allowed \$30,000 for the street cameras in the

PPREC budget, but she was advised by the accounting team to move that to the Capital Budget, which meant that \$30,000 needed to be allocated into the PPREC budget. Councillor Chaisson asked if part of that could be used to move the gazebo from the Emma Dr park to the splash pad location and set up a small basketball court with cement in its place. The CAO said she could do that. She also asked if the seniors budget could be increased, as the feedback from the seniors was that they were enjoying the activities into the winter. The CAO said she could make those changes and update the budget. She said that the expenditures were in the amount of \$1,449,620.92, which provided for a balanced budget.

Mayor MacLeod asked if anyone else had any questions. Councillor Curtis asked why telephone had increased under the General Government budget. The CAO explained that was to account for the new radio services for the EMO. He also asked why the Rodent Rebate had decreased. Ms. Thomson said that there had only been one application, so the funds were reduced for the next budget.

The CAO also went over the budget for the Sewer for 26-27. She said that the 5% increase had been added in to the revenue. She said she had allowed for an increase in Repairs and Maintenance due to the aging lines.

She then went over the Capital 1 year and Capital 5-year plans. She said she had added the street cameras into the 1-year plan. She asked if anyone had any questions. No one had any concerns or questions.

Mayor MacLeod expressed gratitude to those present at the meeting and advised the meeting was adjourned.