

**Town of Bon Accord
AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
June 16, 2026 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers
Live streamed on Bon Accord YouTube Channel**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 3.1. June 2, 2026; Regular Council Meeting (enclosure)
- 4. DELEGATION**
 - 4.1. 9:05 a.m. Mike Krim, Tanmar Consulting – Assessments Presentation (enclosure)
 - 4.2. 9:20 a.m. Tim Duhamel, Bloom CME – Strategic Planning Presentation (enclosure)
- 5. DEPARTMENTS REPORT**
 - 5.1. June 2026 (enclosure)
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1. Town of Morinville – Canada Day Invitation (enclosure)
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 7.1. Chinese Heritage Month Initiative (CHMI) (enclosure)
- 8. BYLAWS/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS**
- 9. WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**
- 10. COUNCIL REPORTS**
 - 10.1. Mayor Holden (enclosure)
 - 10.2. Deputy Mayor Bidney (enclosure)
 - 10.3. Councillor Gallant (enclosure)
 - 10.4. Councillor Larson (enclosure)
 - 10.5. Councillor May (enclosure)
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 11.1. Minister of Municipal Affairs – PERC and DIRC Extension Letter (enclosure)
- 12. CLOSED SESSION**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Town of Bon Accord
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
June 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
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**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Mayor Brian Holden
Deputy Mayor Lynn Bidney
Councillor Cindy Gallant
Councillor Timothy J. Larson
Councillor Tanya May

ADMINISTRATION

Bill Rogers – Chief Administrative Officer
Falon Fayant – Corporate Services Manager
Jessica Spaidal – Legislative Services & Communications Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There were no objections to adding item 8.2 Privacy Management Program (PMP) Policy and Acceptable Use & Information Security Policy Amendments to the agenda.

DEPUTY MAYOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council adopt the June 2, 2026, agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-118

PROCLAMATIONS

World Oceans Day
Pride Month
Alberta Seniors' Week
National Indigenous Peoples' Day

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

May 19, 2026; Regular Council Meeting

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council adopts the May 19, 2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-119

DELEGATION

Michael Febraro, Morinville RCMP – Quarterly Report

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council accepts the delegation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-120

BYLAWS/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS

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Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA)

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council approves the Joint Use and Planning Agreement as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-121

Privacy Management Program (PMP) Policy and Acceptable Use & Information Security Policy Amendments

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council approves the Privacy Management Program (PMP) Policy as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-122

COUNCILLOR GALLANT MOVED THAT Council approves the amendments to the Acceptable Use and Information Security Policy as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-123

CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Morinville – State of Morinville Invitation

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council directs administration to register Mayor Holden and Councillor Larson for the State of Morinville event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-124

CLOSED SESSION

Basement Rental Agreement – ATIA Section 29 Advice from officials

COUNCILLOR GALLANT MOVED THAT Council move into closed session to discuss *Basement Rental Agreement – ATIA Section 29 Advice from officials* at 6:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-125

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council come out of closed session at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-126

Basement Rental Agreement – ATIA Section 29 Advice from officials

COUNCILLOR GALLANT MOVED THAT Council direct administration to draft the basement rental agreement for renewal as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-127

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT the June 2, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 26-128

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Mayor Brian Holden

Bill Rogers, Chief Administrative Officer

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Town of Bon Accord

Assessment Presentation

June 16, 2026

Presenter:

Mike Krim, Tanmar Consulting Inc.

Assessment vs Taxation

- Assessment
 - Assigning a dollar value to a property for taxation
 - Value can either be market value or a regulated value
- Taxation
 - Applying a tax rate to an assessment value to determine the property taxes payable
 - Taxation is the primary source of revenue for a municipality
- Although one impacts the other, assessment and taxation are 2 distinct and independent processes

Who governs assessment?

- Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - They provide all of the legislation regarding property assessment and taxation in Alberta
 - Municipal Government Act
 - Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation
 - Matters Relating to Assessment Complaints Regulation
- Municipal Affairs also provides the oversight of the assessment through yearly audits
 - Ensures rules and regulations are followed
 - Ensures fairness and equity in the assessments

Valuation Standards

- There are 2 valuation standards in Alberta
 - 1. Market Value Standard
 - Used for the majority of properties
 - Considered the most fair and equitable method
 - Most taxpayers can relate to the value of their property
 - Easy for assessors to work with
 - 2. Regulated Procedure Standard
 - Used for certain properties that are difficult to assess using market value (rates are provided by Municipal Affairs)
 - Farmland
 - Machinery and Equipment
 - Designated Industrial Property (assessed by Provincial Assessor)
 - Including Linear (wells, pipelines, electric transmission, cable)
 - Properties regulated by the AER, NUB, or AUC

Market Value Standard

- Market Value Defined:
 - 'Market Value' is the price a property might reasonably be expected to sell for if sold by a willing seller to a willing buyer after appropriate time and exposure in an open market
- Key Characteristics
 - It is the most probable price, not the highest, lowest, or average price
 - It assumes a willing buyer and a willing seller, with no advantage being taken by either party
 - It assumes a transaction between unrelated parties in the open market

Market Value Standard (continued)

- Assessments and Sales prices
 - It is sometimes assumed that an assessment should equal a recent sale price. This is an incorrect assumption.
 - The sale might not have occurred in the assessment year or the date on which the property was valued
 - The buyer or seller may have been unduly motivated
 - The sale may have involved a trade, personal property, etc.
 - A sale price is a historical fact. It is an amount that was agreed upon by both the purchaser and seller surrounding a specific sale. Assessors gather information on ranges of sales prices as part of the process for assessing property

Preparing Assessments

- Property that is assessable
 - A parcel of land
 - An improvement (ie: a building)
 - A parcel of land and the improvements to it
- Assessors use ‘Mass Appraisal’
 - This is the process of valuing large groups of properties as of a given date, using common data, mathematical models, and statistical tests
 - The focus is on the larger group, not on a specific property

Preparing Assessments (continued)

- Data Collection
 - Assessors collect data through site inspections, blueprints, written request, etc
- Data Elements
 - Residential properties
 - Land area, building size, location, # of bathrooms, age, basement finish, fireplaces, renovations, etc
 - Non-Residential properties
 - Land area, building size, location, age, fencing, paving, etc
 - Income data

Preparing Assessments (continued)

- How often is property assessed?
 - All properties are adjusted yearly for changes in market value or for changes to the regulated rates (ie: machinery and equipment assessments)
 - 20% of properties are inspected annually (to identify renovations, additions and deletions, etc) – use of RFI (request for information) becoming more popular for gathering data
 - New construction is inspected as it is built and monitored until completion

Assessment Classes

- All properties are assigned an assessment class according to their use
 - Class 1 – Residential
 - Can be divided into subclasses
 - Class 2 – Non Residential
 - Can be divided into subclasses
 - Class 3 – Farmland
 - Class 4 – Machinery & Equipment
- The assessment class determines the tax rate that will be applied to each property

Property owner rights

- Right to assessment information
 - Through direct contact with the assessors
 - Through Tanmar Consulting Website (tanmarconsulting.com)
 - Through Town of Bon Accord
- Right to make a complaint against the assessment
 - Following steps are recommended to the owner
 - Compare assessment with other similar property
 - Talk to the assessor – issues can often be resolved in this fashion
 - If still not satisfied, fill out a complaint form (available at the Town office) and pay the appropriate fee
 - Prepare for and attend an Assessment Review Board (ARB) hearing.

Assessment Review Boards

- Quasi-judicial administrative board
 - Created, empowered and staffed according to the legislation laid out in the Municipal Government Act
 - Like a court – the Board can order something to be done, such as a change to the assessment of a property
- 3 Boards
 - LARB – Local Assessment Review Board (for residential)
 - CARB – Composite Assessment Review Board (for non-residential)
 - LPRT – Land & Property Rights Tribunal (for DI properties)

Property Taxes

- A property's share of taxes will change each year for a combination of 2 reasons
 - There is a change in the annual budget requirements (municipal and/or school)
 - A particular property assessment changed more or less than the average

The Primary Goal

- A level of market value, and fair process, across all properties....not a pin-pointed single appraised value
- If everyone's assessment value is calculated using the same uniform methods and techniques, while using sales within the municipality as a benchmark....then a level of market value will be achieved and the tax distribution should be fair and equitable

Bon Accord Assessment Overview

Important Dates

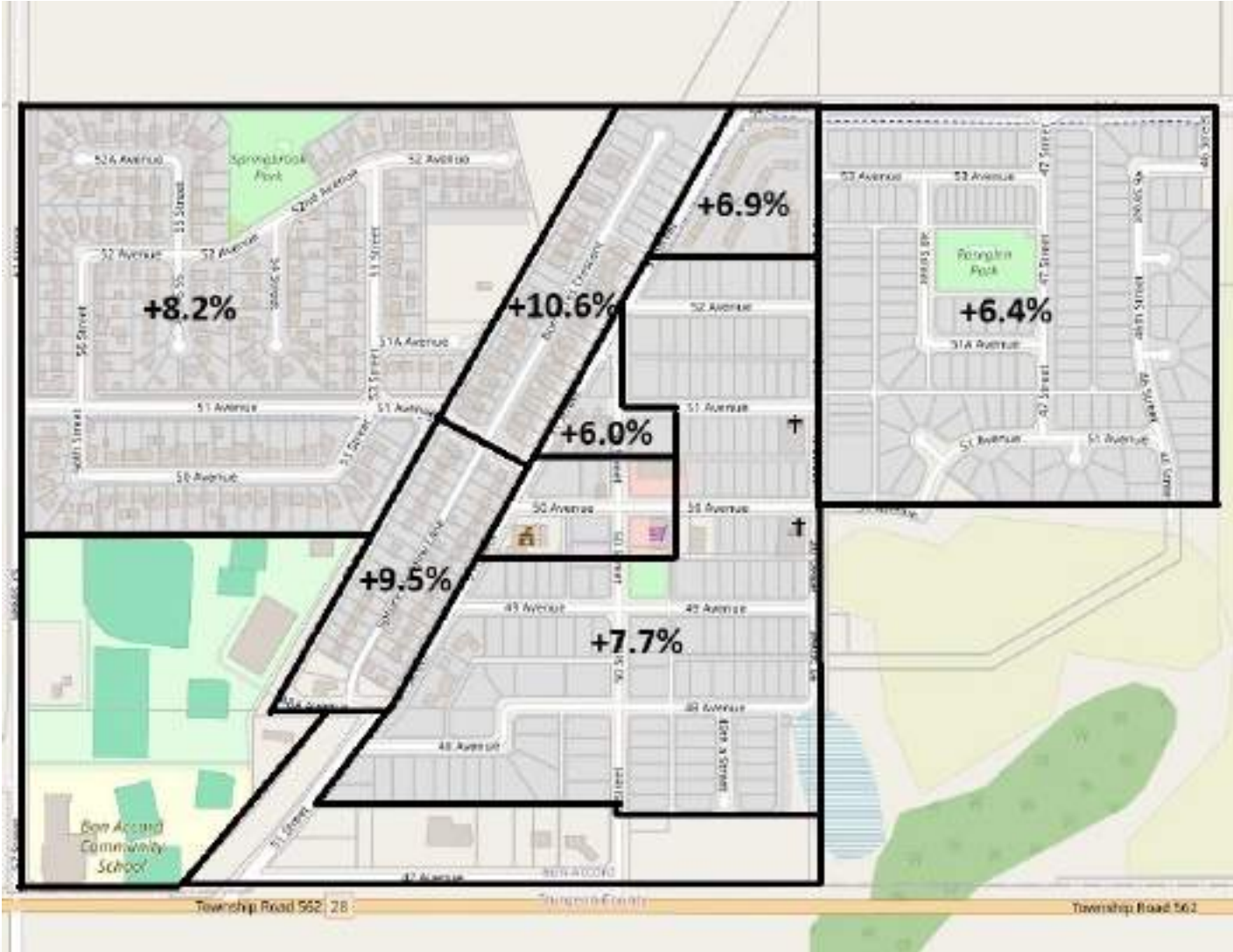
- Valuation Date
 - July 1, 2025 – all properties using the ‘market value standard’ are assessed as of this date
- Condition Date
 - December 31, 2025 – all properties must reflect their physical condition as of Dec. 31, 2025

2025 Assessment Review Area

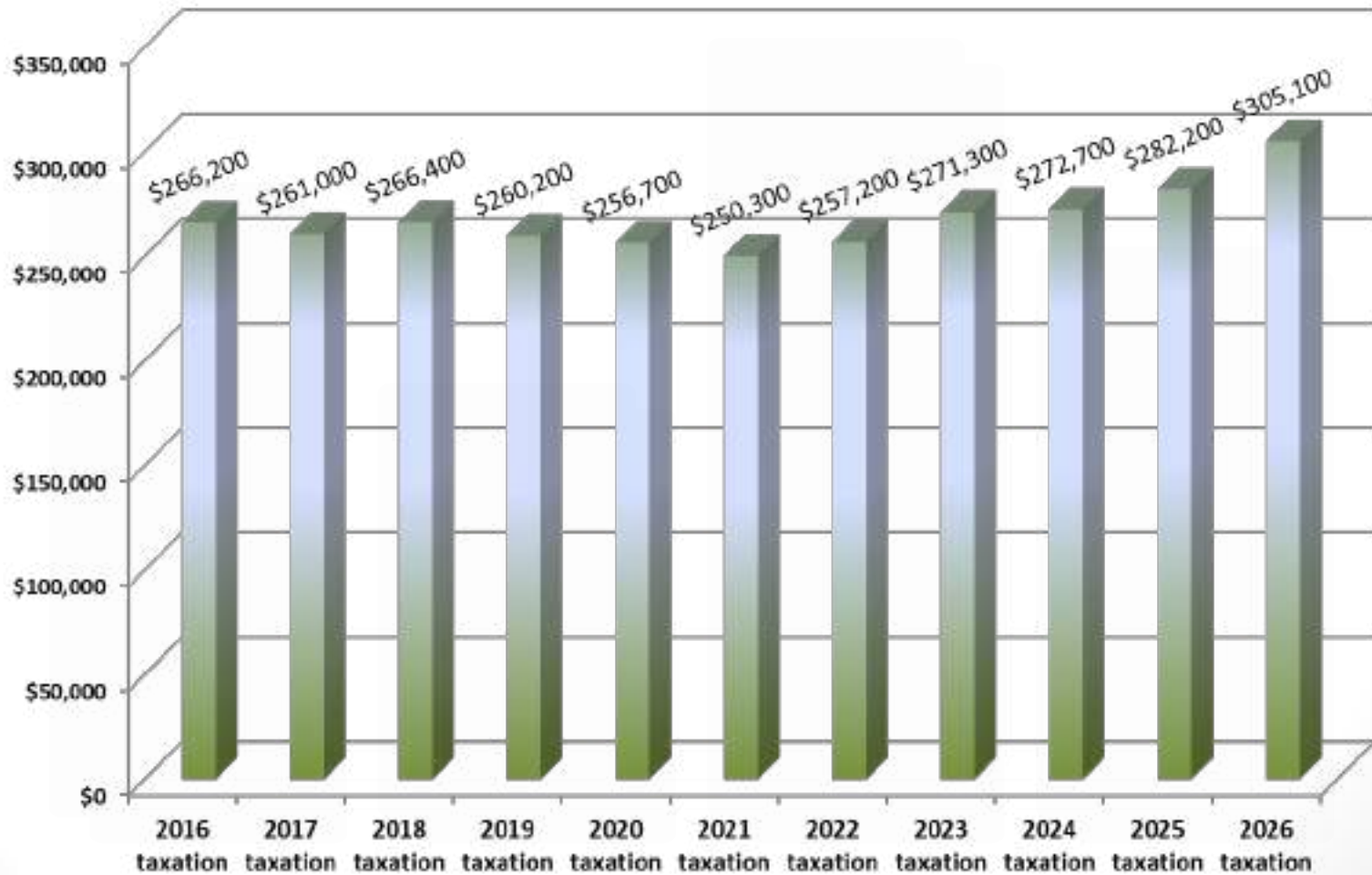


Single Family Dwelling Market Changes

(average +7.9%)



Average Single Family Dwelling Assessment

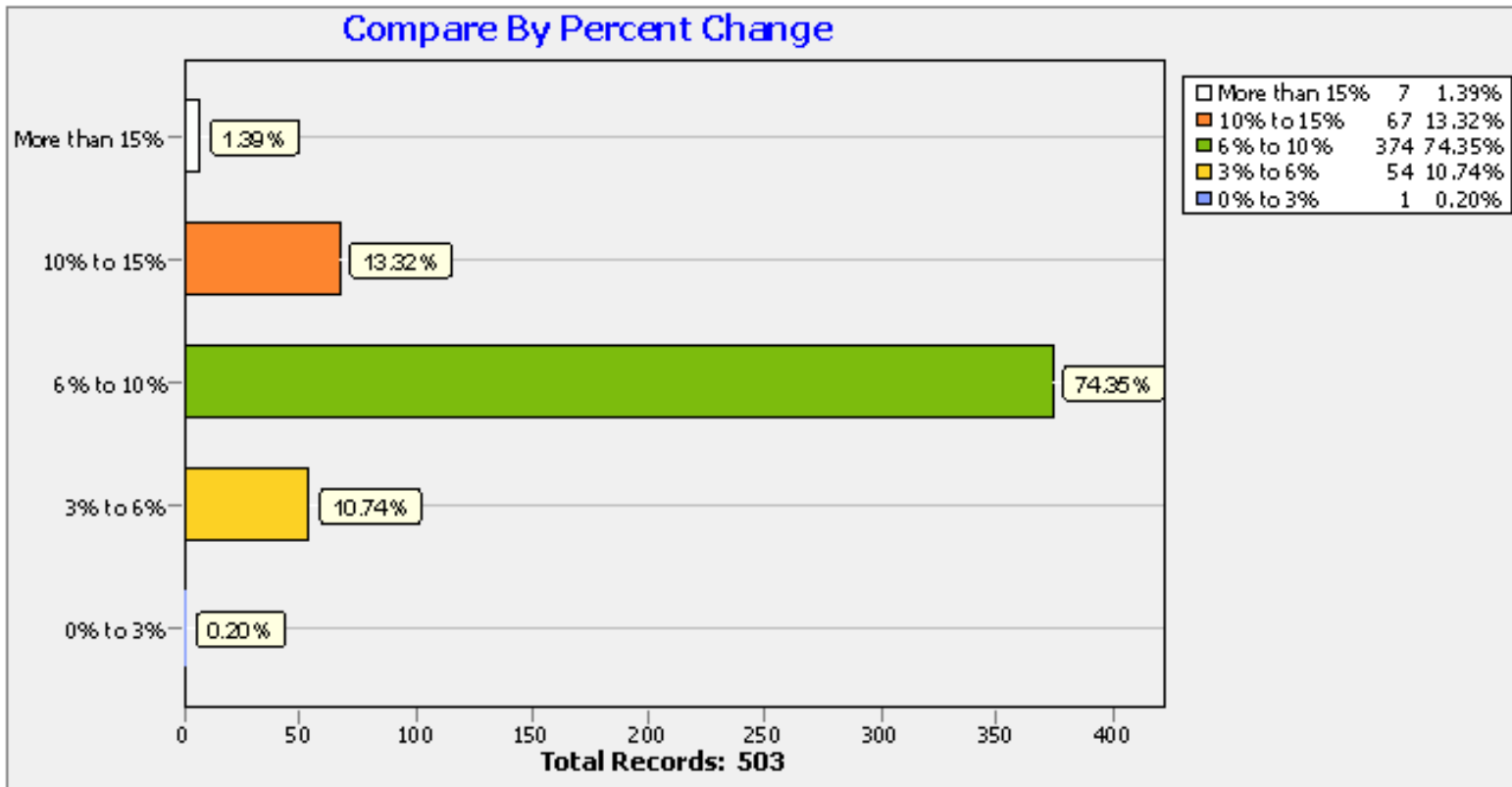


\$305,100 approx. assessment valuewhat it looks like



- 1976 bungalow (988 sf)
- Somewhat renovated
- Basement finished
- Double detached garage

Single Family - Overall



74.35% of single family properties changed between +6% and +10%

Other Municipalities

- Bruderheim

- Single Family (+2.7% market change)
- Avg. asmt \$251,000
- 1970 bungalow with detached garage



- Redwater

- Single Family (+11.1% market change)
- Avg. asmt \$251,000
- 1979 bungalow with detached garage



- Lamont

- Single Family (+6.5% market change)
- Avg. asmt \$236,000
- 1977 bungalow with detached garage



Commercial/Light Industrial

(average +2.4%)



Growth

- Residential

- 1 single family dwelling, still under construction Dec. 31, 2025
- 1 detached garage with secondary upper suite
- Additional growth from assessment review area (renovations)



Growth

- Non-residential
 - New equipment at Circle K/Petro Canada (pumps and tanks)



What's Next?

- Fielding phone calls (questions/concerns)
- Re-assessment inspections
- Assessment review hearings
- Start next assessment cycle

2026 Assessment Review Area



Additional Information

- Website Links
 - “Guide to Property Assessment and Taxation in Alberta”
 - Available at open.alberta.ca/publications/isbn-9781460137079
 - Capital Region Assessment Services Commission (CRASC)
 - www.crasc.ca
 - Tanmar Consulting Inc.
 - www.tanmarconsulting.com



Town of
Bon Accord
building for tomorrow



STRATEGIC PLAN
2026 - 2035

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Town of Bon Accord STRATEGIC PLAN

Enhanced Framework with Priority Focus Areas, Key Themes, Performance Measures, and Draft Action Plan

**Growing with Purpose.
Leading with Pride.**

This strategic plan provides a comprehensive municipal framework to guide decision-making, annual budget discussions, infrastructure planning, service alignment, performance reporting, and long-term accountability.

This enhanced version introduces key themes under each priority focus area so that objectives are more clearly categorized, easier to implement, and better aligned with best-practice strategic planning for municipalities.

Introduction

This Strategic Plan is intended to provide the Town of Bon Accord with a clear, disciplined, and practical framework for decision-making over the coming years. It is designed to help Council and administration align priorities, guide annual budgets, support accountability, and ensure that municipal decisions are made with both immediate needs and long-term sustainability in mind.

A municipal strategic plan should do more than express aspirations. Best-practice strategic planning in municipalities connects community values to practical actions, measurable results, service delivery expectations, infrastructure planning, and long-term financial sustainability. It should guide the organization in answering five essential questions: Where are we today? Where do we want to go? What matters most? How will we get there? How will we measure success?

This enhanced version builds on the existing Bon Accord framework and more clearly organizes each priority focus area through key themes. This structure improves readability, creates stronger strategic alignment, and makes it easier for Council and administration to translate the plan into budgets, work plans, capital priorities, and annual reporting.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Bon Accord is a proud, welcoming, and forward-thinking community that offers the best of small-town living within a strategically connected regional setting. Located near the Edmonton Metropolitan Region, the Town benefits from access to employment, transportation, and regional partnerships while maintaining the safety, character, and strong sense of belonging that residents value.

Defined by its community spirit and commitment to quality of life, Bon Accord provides a close-knit environment, responsive leadership, and an affordable, family-oriented lifestyle. These qualities continue to make it an attractive place to live, invest, and build a future.

The Town has also distinguished itself through leadership in sustainability and innovation. Initiatives such as solar investments, EV infrastructure, LED retrofits, and its nationally recognized Dark Sky Community designation reflect a clear commitment to environmental stewardship and long-term thinking.

Like many municipalities, Bon Accord faces pressures related to growth, infrastructure, and financial sustainability. Its continued success will depend on disciplined governance, strategic investment, and maintaining strong community trust.

With a solid foundation and clear vision, Bon Accord is well positioned for long-term success—growing in a way that is intentional, sustainable, and aligned with its community values.



Council's Message

As Council, we are committed to leading this community with purpose, accountability, and pride. Bon Accord is more than a place—it is a community built on connection, resilience, and a shared belief in a strong and vibrant future. We are deeply committed to preserving what makes our town special while taking bold, thoughtful steps toward what comes next.

This strategic plan reflects Council's leadership and our responsibility to set a clear direction for the future. It is our roadmap—guiding decisions, aligning priorities, and ensuring that every action we take moves Bon Accord forward in a meaningful and sustainable way.

We have focused on what matters most to our community: responsible growth, strong governance, reliable infrastructure, community well-being, and open, meaningful communication. These priorities are not just ideas—they are commitments. Through clear actions and measurable outcomes, Council is taking responsibility for delivering real results.

We know that success will not come from planning alone, but from action and collaboration. As Council, we are committed to working alongside administration, residents, businesses, and regional partners to bring this vision to life.

We believe in Bon Accord. We believe in its people, its potential, and its future. With strong leadership and a shared commitment to excellence, we will continue to build a community that grows with purpose, leads with pride, and inspires those who call it home.



COMMUNITY

-Context-



Bon Accord offers the advantages of small-town life while benefiting from regional access to employment, services, and transportation corridors. Residents value safety, familiarity, relationships, and quality of life. The community's scale allows for local decision-making, strong personal connections, and a governance model that can remain nimble and responsive.

At the same time, Bon Accord must operate within real limitations. Land availability is constrained. Environmental assets such as wetlands require thoughtful protection. Infrastructure and service delivery must be aligned with realistic financial capacity. These realities do not weaken Bon Accord's future; they shape the kind of future the Town should pursue.

Bon Accord's path forward is not about growth at any cost. It is about smart growth, sound governance, strategic infrastructure investment, recreation and well-being, and strong community connection. The Town has also shown leadership through initiatives such as solar investments, EV charging, LED retrofits, and work toward Dark Sky Community designation. These initiatives reflect a broader community identity rooted in stewardship, innovation, and pride.



STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

This Strategic Plan is intended to function as a governing document for Council and administration. It should guide annual budget deliberations, departmental work planning, capital planning and asset management, policy review and development, performance reporting, communication with the public, and major service and development decisions.

For the plan to be effective, it must be treated as a living document. It should be reviewed annually, supported by measurable progress reporting, and periodically updated to reflect changing conditions.



VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

VISION

Bon Accord is a vibrant, sustainable, and welcoming community that grows intentionally, protects what makes it special, and leads with pride, stewardship, and strong local governance.

MISSION

It is the Vision of the Council of the County of Northern Lights, to be a great rural community of natural beauty and prosperity.

CORE VALUES

**ACCOUNTABILITY, SUSTAINABILITY, COMMUNITY PRIDE,
RESPECT, INNOVATION AND STEWARDSHIP.**

• ACCOUNTABILITY

We make decisions responsibly, transparently, and in the long-term interest of the community.

• SUSTAINABILITY

We align growth, infrastructure, services, and finances in a way that can be maintained over time.

• COMMUNITY PRIDE

We care about the identity, appearance, culture, and quality of life of Bon Accord.

• RESPECT

We value residents, businesses, staff, partners, and the natural environment.

• INNOVATION

We remain open to practical new ideas that improve service, efficiency, and community outcomes.

• STEWARDSHIP

Strong financial stewardship is at the core of effective municipal government, both today and into the future.



STRATEGIC PLANNING PRINCIPLES



- **Financial sustainability first.** New initiatives, services, and development should be evaluated for both short-term affordability and long-term cost implications.
- **Growth must pay its way.** Development should strengthen the community rather than create future financial pressure through underfunded infrastructure or service demands.
- **Service excellence is about value, not volume.** The goal is not simply to provide more services, but to provide the right services well and at an appropriate cost.
- **Infrastructure should be planned, not deferred.** Capital decisions should be made in the context of asset condition, risk, growth, and long-term lifecycle cost.
- **Communication builds trust.** Strong governance depends on clear public communication, transparency, and meaningful connection with residents.
- **Community identity matters.** Bon Accord should continue to lean into the features that make it distinctive, including its environmental leadership and local pride.





STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

The following priority focus areas represent the core strategic directions that should guide Council and administration over the life of this plan. In keeping with best practices, each focus area contains a strategic intent statement, contextual rationale, key themes, categorized objectives, performance measures, and draft recommended actions to support implementation.

PRIORITY FOCUS AREA 1: SMART GROWTH

STRATEGIC INTENT

Bon Accord will pursue thoughtful, financially responsible growth that supports community needs, protects environmental features, and strengthens the Town's long-term tax base and service sustainability.

Why This Matters

Municipal growth can create opportunity, but it can also create future liabilities when it is not aligned with servicing capacity, lifecycle costs, and market reality. Bon Accord must be deliberate in identifying where development should occur, what kind of development is most beneficial, and how land use decisions contribute to broader community goals.

KEY THEMES AND OBJECTIVES

Growth Readiness and Land Strategy

Ensuring growth occurs in areas that are serviceable, realistic, and aligned with long-term municipal interests.

- Direct growth toward areas that are serviceable, viable, and aligned with infrastructure capacity.
- Undertake feasibility and readiness work for priority lands and other strategic areas.
- Improve development readiness through clearer municipal information, better process visibility, and more consistent expectations for proponents.

Housing Diversity and Community Needs

Supporting a broader mix of housing so Bon Accord can respond to changing demographics and future market needs.

- Promote housing diversity, including family-oriented, attainable, and senior-supportive housing forms.
- Explore opportunities that support seniors aging in place within the community.
- Assess transportation and mobility needs that may affect residents, including vulnerable populations and those aging in place.

Commercial Opportunity and Assessment Growth

Using growth to build the assessment base and improve local convenience without undermining affordability or sustainability.

- Encourage development that strengthens the assessment base and supports long-term financial resilience.
- Support commercial development that is appropriately scaled and improves day-to-day convenience for residents.
- Develop investor- and builder-facing materials that clearly communicate community strengths, opportunities, and expectations.





KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

THEME	INDICATOR	MEASUREMENT	TIMING/TARGET
Land Strategy	Completion of development readiness or EOI work for priority lands	Project milestone	Short term
Housing Diversity	Number of new housing forms, concepts, or partnerships advanced	Annual count	Annual review
Assesment Growth	Net new taxable assessment growth	Year-over-year trend	Annual budget cycle
Commercial Growth	Commercial inquiries, proposals, or approvals	Tracked activity	Annual review
Mobility and Inclusion	Progress on transportation gap assessment or partnership discussions	Milestone completion	Short to medium term

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- Growth occurs in a way that is financially supportable, well-planned, and aligned with municipal capacity.
- Bon Accord expands housing choice while supporting families, seniors, and long-term residents.
- New development strengthens the assessment base and improves day-to-day amenities for residents.

DRAFT RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

ACTION	PURPOSE	TIMELINE	LEAD	EXAMPLE SUCCESS MEASURE
Complete priority land feasibility and EOI work	Clarify market interest, servicing considerations, and realistic next steps for strategic lands.	Short	CAO /Council	Council receives feasibility results and a clear recommended path forward.
Prepare builder and investor package	Improve development readiness and make opportunities easier to understand.	Short	Administration	Package is completed and used in outreach or discussions.
Advance seniors' housing discussions	Support aging in place and broaden community housing options.	Short-Med	CAO /Council	Partnership discussions occur and concept options are identified.
Assess local transportation gaps	Identify mobility barriers affecting residents and future growth planning.	Short	Administration	Gap assessment or partner discussion summary is completed.





STRATEGIC INTENT

We will responsibly maintain, renew, and expand Bon Accord’s infrastructure to support sustainable growth, quality of life, and long-term community resilience.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Strong governance is foundational to municipal success. It improves decision-making, clarifies roles, supports staff effectiveness, and builds public confidence. In a smaller municipality, governance quality has a direct impact on culture, service outcomes, financial discipline, and long-term organizational health.

KEY THEMES AND OBJECTIVES

Council Leadership and Role Clarity

Maintaining strong leadership, healthy working relationships, and sound governance practices.

- Improve clarity, consistency, and effectiveness in Council and administrative decision-making.
- Support ongoing governance development, role clarity, and respectful working relationships.
- Strengthen the strategic connection between Council priorities, administrative advice, and municipal outcomes.

Policy, Standards, and Accountability

Using formal governance tools to support transparency, consistency, and sound public administration.

- Improve policy alignment between governance, service levels, and financial sustainability.
- Enhance bylaw and community standards capacity where needed.
- Establish a stronger annual reporting approach tied to strategic priorities and organizational performance.

Organizational Performance and Service Alignment

Ensuring municipal services, internal processes, and staffing capacity are aligned with what the community can sustain.

- Build a service culture focused on value for service.
- Strengthen accountability and performance management across the organization.
- Support a healthy workplace and position Bon Accord as an employer of choice.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

THEME	INDICATOR	MEASUREMENT	TIMING/TARGET
Governance	Completion of governance or service delivery review	Milestone	Short term
Performance	Annual strategic progress reporting completed	Report issued	Annual
Workplace	Staff retention, vacancy, or stability indicators	Trend monitoring	Annual
Policy	Number of key policies or bylaws reviewed and updated	Annual count	Annual
Service Value	Number of service improvements or efficiencies implemented	Annual count	Annual

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- Council and administration operate with clarity, professionalism, and strong working relationships.
- Municipal services are better aligned with priorities, capacity, and community expectations.
- Residents experience accountable governance supported by stronger reporting and clearer standards.

DRAFT RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

ACTION	PURPOSE	TIMELINE	LEAD	EXAMPLE SUCCESS MEASURE
Conduct governance and service review	Improve clarity, efficiency, and alignment between service delivery and strategic direction.	Short	Council/CAO	Review is completed with recommendations and implementation priorities.
Create annual strategic reporting framework	Support public accountability and better tracking of strategic progress.	Short	Administration	Council receives a standard annual progress report template and cycle.
Develop policy review schedule	Systematically update policies and bylaws that support governance and service standards.	Med	Administration/ Council	Policy inventory and review calendar are adopted.
Review bylaw and standards capacity	Assess whether community standards enforcement is sufficient and sustainable.	Short-Med	Administration	Capacity review is completed and options are presented to Council.



PRIORITY FOCUS AREA 3: INFRASTRUCTURE

STRATEGIC INTENT

Bon Accord will protect and improve its infrastructure assets through proactive planning, disciplined capital investment, and strategic beautification that supports both service delivery and community identity.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

Infrastructure is one of the largest and most important municipal responsibilities. Roads, utilities, facilities, and public spaces shape how residents live and how the Town is perceived. Good infrastructure planning must balance maintenance, renewal, growth readiness, safety, appearance, and affordability.

KEY THEMES AND OBJECTIVES

Asset Management and Lifecycle Planning

Making capital decisions through a disciplined understanding of asset condition, risk, and long-term cost.

- Advance proactive asset management and infrastructure planning.
- Align infrastructure investments with long-term financial capacity and strategic growth areas.
- Use lifecycle-based decision-making to support capital planning and risk reduction.

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING AND STRATEGIC DELIVERY

Leveraging outside resources and coordinated delivery approaches to maximize capital impact.

- Maximize grant and partnership opportunities to support capital investment.
- Sequence capital work in a way that reflects urgency, readiness, and funding opportunities.
- Integrate infrastructure planning more directly into long-term financial and growth discussions.

ROADS, PUBLIC REALM, AND COMMUNITY IMAGE

Improving visible infrastructure and public spaces that shape daily experience and community pride.

- Prioritize critical road and public realm improvements.
- Improve gateway and highway-facing areas to strengthen community image.
- Improve the visual quality and curb appeal of key public and commercial areas.





KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

THEME	INDICATOR	MEASUREMENT	TIMING/TARGET
Asset Management	Percentage of core assets with current condition information	Coverage rate	Annual target
Capital Planning	Completion of updated capital priorities tied to asset risk	Milestone	Annual budget cycle
Road and Realm	Progress on priority road, streetscape, or gateway projects	Milestone tracking	Annual
Funding	External capital grant funding secured	Dollar Value	Annual
Beautification	Visible public-realm improvement initiatives advanced	Annual count	Annual

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- Infrastructure decisions are better informed by asset condition, risk, and lifecycle cost.
- Residents see visible improvement in roads, gateways, and public-facing spaces.
- Capital investments are more strategic, affordable, and better supported by grants and partnerships.

DRAFT RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

ACTION	PURPOSE	TIMELINE	LEAD	EXAMPLE SUCCESS MEASURE
Advance Asset Management Plan updates	Strengthen lifecycle planning and improve capital prioritization.	Short	Public Works / Administration	Updated condition data and priority capital list are completed.
Develop gateway beautification concept	Improve community image and identify practical enhancement opportunities.	Short-Med	Administration/ Council	Concept, staging, and costing options are presented.
Prioritize key road and public realm projects	Focus resources on the most visible and strategic infrastructure needs.	Med	Public Works / Administration	Priority projects are identified and incorporated into capital planning.
Establish capital grant strategy	Improve readiness to secure outside funding for infrastructure initiatives.	Short	Administration	Grant calendar and target project list are created.



STRATEGIC INTENT

Bon Accord will invest in recreation, parks, trails, and public spaces that support quality of life, inclusion, community health, and long-term community attractiveness.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

Recreation infrastructure and community amenities contribute significantly to resident satisfaction, community pride, and municipal attractiveness. In smaller communities, strong recreational assets can be a major differentiator in attracting and retaining families and supporting social connection across all ages.

KEY THEMES AND OBJECTIVES

Parks, Trails, and Outdoor Connectivity

Building a more connected, attractive, and functional network of outdoor spaces.

- Expand and improve trail, walkway, and outdoor recreation connectivity.
- Integrate natural features and environmental stewardship into recreation planning.
- Improve the usability and attractiveness of public outdoor spaces.

INCLUSIVE QUALITY OF LIFE AND COMMUNITY PRIDE

Improving accessibility, belonging, and community well-being through recreation investment.

- Improve public spaces for all ages and abilities.
- Use recreation investments to strengthen quality of life and community identity.
- Ensure recreation planning considers families, youth, seniors, and inclusive public use.

FACILITIES AND MULTI-USE RECREATION VALUE

Ensuring community assets such as the arena and other spaces provide year-round and flexible value.

- Support recreation facilities that provide flexible, year-round value.
- Assess opportunities for better utilization of existing recreation assets.
- Use recreation investment decisions to strengthen long-term community attractiveness.





KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

THEME	INDICATOR	MEASUREMENT	TIMING/TARGET
Connectivity	Trail or walkway improvements advanced	Kilometres / milestones	Annual
Facilities	Recreation facility upgrades or utilization initiatives completed	Annual count	Annual
Amenities	New or enhanced public amenities added	Annual count	Annual
Accessibility	Accessibility improvements incorporated into projects	Project review	Annual
Quality of Life	Resident feedback on recreation and community amenities	Survey / engagement	Periodic

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- Bon Accord offers stronger and more connected parks, trails, and public spaces.
- Recreation facilities provide better year-round value and community benefit.
- Residents experience a higher quality of life through inclusive and visible recreational investment.

DRAFT RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

ACTION	PURPOSE	TIMELINE	LEAD	EXAMPLE SUCCESS MEASURE
Confirm recreation capital priorities	Align future spending with the most meaningful recreation outcomes.	Short	Council / Administration	Priority recreation list is integrated into budget planning.
Advance trail and outdoor amenity planning	Improve connectivity and the quality of public spaces.	Med	Administration / Stakeholders	Concept plan and phased priorities are completed.
Review multi-use arena opportunities	Maximize year-round value from existing recreation assets.	Med	Administration	Utilization review identifies improvement opportunities.
Explore stormwater park or pond opportunities	Create recreation and placemaking value from natural or infrastructure assets.	Med-Short	Council / Administration	Concept opportunities are identified and assessed.



STRATEGIC INTENT

Bon Accord will strengthen public trust, community pride, and intermunicipal relationships through consistent communication, transparent governance, and a stronger shared story about who the community is and where it is going.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Trust is built when people understand what their municipality is doing, why decisions are being made, and how those decisions connect to broader goals. Strong communication also supports pride, engagement, and community identity. Bon Accord has important stories to tell about its people, projects, environmental leadership, and future direction.

KEY THEMES AND OBJECTIVES

Resident Communication and Transparency

Improving how information is shared so residents better understand municipal projects, priorities, and decisions.

- Improve communication with residents regarding projects, priorities, and municipal operations.
- Increase transparency and public understanding of Council and administration work.
- Develop a more consistent communication rhythm tied to key municipal activities and decisions.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND STORYTELLING

Strengthening pride and connection by communicating what makes Bon Accord distinctive.

- Strengthen civic pride through storytelling, local celebration, and event promotion.
- Leverage Bon Accord's environmental leadership and Dark Sky identity as part of the Town's story.
- Celebrate local achievements, volunteers, and the people who contribute to community strength.

PARTNERSHIPS AND REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Using communication and collaboration to build stronger relationships beyond municipal boundaries.

- Build stronger partnerships with neighbouring municipalities and stakeholders.
- Improve the Town's external positioning through clearer messaging and a stronger civic brand.
- Support intermunicipal collaboration where it advances shared priorities or mutual benefit.





KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

THEME	INDICATOR	MEASUREMENT	TIMING/TARGET
Communication	Frequency of newsletters, updates, or communication outputs	Annual count	Quarterly / annual
Engagement	Resident participation in engagement opportunities	Attendance / response levels	Annual
Identity	Community storytelling or recognition initiatives delivered	Annual count	Annual
Partnerships	Partnership discussions or collaborative initiatives advanced	Project review	Annual
Trust	Resident feedback on communication and transparency	Survey / engagement	Periodic

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- Residents have a clearer understanding of municipal priorities, projects, and decisions.
- Bon Accord tells its story more effectively and strengthens community pride.
- The Town is seen as connected, collaborative, and intentional in how it communicates internally and externally.

DRAFT RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

ACTION	PURPOSE	TIMELINE	LEAD	EXAMPLE SUCCESS MEASURE
Develop municipal communications strategy	Create a practical framework for consistent, transparent communication.	Short	Administration	Strategy and communication calendar are adopted.
Launch storytelling and recognition initiative	Celebrate local people, projects, and achievements to strengthen civic pride.	Short	Administration / Council	Regular features or recognition pieces are published.
Advance Dark Sky and environmental branding	Strengthen Bon Accord's identity through distinctive community positioning.	Med	Council / Administration	Branding concepts or programming ideas are developed.
Create regional relationship plan	Support more intentional intermunicipal and stakeholder engagement.	Med	Council / CAO	Priority relationships and engagement actions are identified.

IMPLEMENTATION

A strategic plan only creates value when it is actively used. To ensure this plan drives meaningful results, Bon Accord should implement a disciplined approach to annual strategic priority-setting, budget alignment, departmental ownership, progress reporting, and regular review.

- **Annual strategic priority setting - Each year, Council should identify which actions are highest priority for the coming budget and operational cycle.**
- **Alignment with the budget - Operating and capital budgets should clearly identify how major expenditures connect to one or more strategic priority areas.**
- **Departmental ownership - Administration should assign lead departments or responsible positions for key actions and milestones.**
- **Progress reporting - Council and the public should receive an annual strategic plan progress report summarizing achievements, challenges, next steps, and performance measure updates.**
- **Review cycle - The plan should be reviewed annually and formally refreshed every three to four years, or sooner if significant conditions change.**



Closing Statement

This Strategic Plan provides Bon Accord with a disciplined and practical roadmap for the future. It is grounded in the reality that strong municipalities do not simply react year by year; they lead with intention, align decisions with long-term outcomes, and measure whether progress is actually being achieved.

Bon Accord's future should be shaped by thoughtful growth, sound governance, responsible infrastructure investment, quality recreation, and strong communication. By focusing on these priorities and holding itself accountable through measurable action, the Town can continue to grow with purpose and lead with pride.





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News | Projects | Events

News

- Thank you to North Parkland Power Co-op for their \$350 donation towards the Bon Accord Summer Programs.
- Thank you to NWR Partnership for their \$2,500 donation towards community programming.

Projects

- Repaving of 50th Avenue, 53rd Street area is expected to start shortly and is anticipated to be completed in about 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. The Town has posted a public notice on the website and socials. Notices will be sent to all residents from the construction company as well.
- Regional Transportation Plan background work is now underway by consultants.
- Joint Use Planning agreement with school boards has been completed.
- Regional drainage planning underway for areas affected by Highway 28-adjacent drainage.

Events & Programs

Recent programs and events:

- May 14th Stuff a Bus event – this year we collected 1499 pounds, compared to 1280 pounds collected last year. Thank you to everyone who donated to support the Bon Accord & Gibbons Food Bank.
- June 8th Seniors BBQ sponsored by the Bon Accord Pharmacy.
- The Canada Day Colouring contest is still accepting entries until June 22.
- The Plant, Grow, Share a Row program is ongoing while supplies last. Stop by the Town office for FREE veggies and herb seeds.
- The Great Sunflower Showdown registrations are closed. Communities in Bloom volunteers will be judging the flowers on September 12, 2026.

Upcoming programs and events include:

- June 30th Music in the Park first performance – Tin Fish
- June 30th Canada Day Flag planting
- July 1st Canada Day programming
- August 8th – 9th Harvest Days
- August 15th Community Field Trip to University of Alberta Botanical Gardens

Conferences, Meetings, and Training

- May 20-21: Canada Voter Summit – attended by 1 staff member

- May 22: Healthy Aging Regional Gathering – attended by 2 staff members
- May 28: Arrow Utilities CAO Breakfast and Presentation – attended by 1 staff member
- June 4-7: FCM Conference - attended by 1 staff member

Department Highlights

Planning | Development

- Meeting with B. Rogers, T. Doerkson, and Magna re: 51 Street drainage project.
- Coordinate with Public Works and developer to resolve interim drainage issues for 51 Street development.
- Coordinate with developer to execute Development Agreement for 51 Street development.
- Research and provide recommendations to J. Spaidal for revisions to Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- Review and issue development permits.
- Review and coordinate installation of new FortisAlberta facilities with Public Works.
- Research information related to 1980 annexation and tax implications;
- Coordinate with potential developer.
- Participate in kickoff meeting for regional transportation plan and provide Town documents to consultant.

Corporate Services

- The Tax Information Return is due to Municipal Affairs by July 1st.

Community Services

- Summer staff are busy preparing the arena mezzanine for the summer programs. Registration has gone out and programs are filling up. Instead of bussing youth to field trips, summer staff have planned multiple programs to visit our youth in Town including a facilitator with an assortment of critters (bugs, spiders, lizards, etc.), a puppet show, a face painter, and the Wonder Dome – a 25” inflatable dome where campers and local seniors can enjoy a few movies inside. Seniors will be included in several camp dates throughout the summer.
- The Community Services Coordinator has moved her office to the arena mezzanine for the summer to help support summer programs.
- The Communities in Bloom judges will be touring the community on July 21st.

- The Communities in Bloom Committee is seeking new members.
- Registration is open for the Harvest Days parade.
- The June 14th Community Field Trip to the Edmonton Riverhawks Game was cancelled due to low registration.
- The Community Services Advisory Board Meeting will be held at the arena mezzanine on June 17th at 4:15 pm.

Operations | Public Works

- Summer maintenance schedule underway. Planters and beds have been planted. Routine mowing/string-trimming of parks and greenspaces has started.
- The replacement of the stonework on the monuments at Veterans' Memorial Park is scheduled for the week of June 8, weather dependent.
- Annual asphalt crack sealing has been completed.
- Line painting on paved roads has been started and should be completed by June 12, weather permitting.
- The pre-construction meeting for the 2026 capital road rehab project (FDR of 50 Avenue) was held. Public notices of the project scope have been posted and delivered to affected residents. The project is expected to start soon and take around 2-3 weeks to complete.
- Met with the engineers to kickstart the Regional Transportation plan.
- New "20 km/hr." speed signs have been installed at the north and south ends of 49 Street, south of 50 Avenue.
- The new "Trucker-brake retarder" sign was purchased and is slated to be installed west of town facing eastbound traffic on June 12.
- Several trees and shrubs around the town and cemetery have been removed and/or pruned.
- The annual water program has commenced. These operations include hydrant inspections, valve exercising, and uni-directional flushing to help maintain the town's water distribution system.
- Continuing to work with engineers, planners, and developers on solutions to the 51 Street/Highway 28 drainage issue.
- Had an open/closing of full grave at cemetery. Working on ideas to spruce up the cemetery grounds and tool/material holding areas.

Attachments

- Chief Administrative Officer:
 - Action Item List
- Corporate Services Manager:
 - Variance Report

CAO Action List

Date: May 19, 2026
Reporting Period: May 16 – June 12, 2026
Submitted by: Bill Rogers, Chief Administrative Officer

Action Item	Status
<p>Proposed Park Renaming Survey Results Council accepts this report as information and directs administration to investigate the cost of signage for said parks.</p>	<p>Cost to be included as part of the 10-year capital plan.</p>
<p>Nature-Based Stormwater Project Council approved engaging Magna Engineering Services to work on a Nature-Based Stormwater Park and to continue working on grant funding opportunities, capital planning, and landowner negotiations as required for this project.</p>	<p>Preliminary work has begun on this project, including Biological Impact Assessments</p>
<p>Resident Concern re: Neighbour Video Surveillance Council directs administration to consult legal and begin to plan for possible bylaw regarding video surveillance and drones.</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>Transport Trucks Council directs administration to look into alternatives to parking for transport trucks along Highway 28 and bring back at the February 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.</p>	<p>To be included as part of the Regional Transportation Study.</p>



Year-to-Date Variance Report (Unaudited)
 for the year ending December 31, 2026
 Reporting period: up to June 10, 2026

DEPARTMENT	REVENUES			EXPENSES			NET	NET	NET	% Change between Actual & Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance Actual-Budget	
General Municipal	2,730,520	2,716,485	14,035	124,720	134,136	(9,416)	2,605,800	2,582,349	23,451	1%
TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$ 2,730,519.96	\$ 2,716,485.00	\$ 14,034.96	\$ 124,719.73	\$ 134,135.75	-\$ 9,416.02	\$ 2,605,800	\$ 2,582,349	\$ 23,451	1%
Election	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Council	-	-	-	52,786	76,542	(23,756)	(52,786)	(76,542)	23,756	-45%
TOTAL COUNCIL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,786	\$ 76,542	-\$ 23,756	-\$ 52,786	-\$ 76,542	\$ 23,756	31%
Administration	16,339	15,365	974	289,192	361,480	(72,288)	(272,854)	(346,115)	73,261	-27%
EV Chargers	89	375	286	1,984	6,325	(4,341)	(1,895)	(5,950)	4,055	-214%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 16,339	\$ 15,365	\$ 974	\$ 289,192	\$ 361,480	-\$ 72,288	-\$ 272,854	-\$ 346,115	\$ 73,261	21%
Fire Services	11,141	11,141	0	35,804	42,576	(6,772)	(24,662)	(31,435)	6,772	-27%
Emergency Services	-	-	-	9,379	10,572	(1,193)	(9,379)	(10,572)	1,193	-13%
Bylaw	1,361	1,525	(164)	23,088	34,273	(11,185)	(21,727)	(32,748)	11,021	-51%
TOTAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$ 12,502	\$ 12,666	-\$ 164	\$ 68,271	\$ 87,420	-\$ 19,149	-\$ 55,769	-\$ 74,754	\$ 18,985	25%
Municipal Planning	4,551	4,250	301	21,670	69,633	- 47,962	(17,120)	(65,383)	48,263	-282%
Economic Development	-	-	-	16,810	65,077	- 48,267	(16,810)	(65,077)	48,267	-287%
Safe Communities	-	60	60	-	320	320	-	(260)	260	#DIV/0!
TOTAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMEN	\$ 4,551	\$ 4,250	\$ 301	\$ 38,481	\$ 134,710	-\$ 96,229	-\$ 33,930	-\$ 130,460	\$ 96,529	74%
Public Works - Roads	50	-	50	172,282	258,966	(86,684)	(172,232)	(258,966)	86,734	-50%
Storm Sewer & Drain	-	-	-	33,727	13,122	20,605	(33,727)	(13,122)	(20,605)	61%
Water	246,909	248,263	1,353	210,747	284,423	(73,676)	36,163	(36,160)	72,322	200%
Sewer	187,260	194,385	7,124	139,708	257,111	(117,403)	47,552	(62,726)	110,279	232%
Garbage	52,239	53,267	1,028	37,357	72,229	(34,872)	14,882	(18,962)	33,845	227%
Cemetery	8,730	4,000	4,730	5,446	7,632	(2,185)	3,284	(3,632)	6,915	211%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 495,189	\$ 499,914	-\$ 4,725	\$ 599,266	\$ 893,481	-\$ 294,215	-\$ 104,077	-\$ 393,567	\$ 289,489	74%
FCSS	14,850	14,924	74	39,255	62,732	- 23,477	(24,405)	(47,808)	23,403	-96%
TOTAL FCSS	\$ 14,850	\$ 14,924	-\$ 74	\$ 39,255	\$ 62,732	-\$ 23,477	-\$ 24,405	-\$ 47,808	\$ 23,403	49%
Parks	74,281	67,848	6,433	50,674	86,609	(35,935)	23,607	(18,761)	42,368	179%
Arena	151,650	173,769	22,119	153,719	200,051	(46,331)	(2,069)	(26,282)	24,213	-1170%
Recreation	214,478	205,083	9,395	37,484	68,498	(31,014)	176,994	105,272	71,723	41%
TOTAL REC & COMMUNITY SERVIC	\$ 440,409	\$ 241,617	-\$ 6,291	\$ 241,876	\$ 355,157	-\$ 113,280	\$ 198,532	\$ 60,229	\$ 138,304	230%
Library	-	-	-	62,818	65,793	(2,975)	(62,818)	(65,793)	2,975	-5%
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,818	\$ 65,793	-\$ 2,975	-\$ 62,818	-\$ 65,793	\$ 2,975	5%
Total Excl. General Municipal	\$ 983,840	\$ 788,736	-\$ 9,979	\$ 1,391,945	\$ 2,037,313	-\$ 645,367	-\$ 408,106	-\$ 1,248,577	\$ 840,471	-206%
Total Incl. General Municipal	\$ 3,714,360	\$ 3,505,221	\$ 4,056	\$ 1,516,665	\$ 2,171,448	-\$ 654,783	\$ 2,197,694	\$ 1,333,772	\$ 863,922	

Variance Report Notes

Reporting Period: up to June 10, 2026

Municipal:

Penalties collected on taxes are \$4,221 over budget.
Franchise fee revenues are currently under budget by \$3,322 and investment revenue is \$11,879 over budget.

Administration

Sales of goods and services are over budget by \$437.
Consultants is over budget by \$52,500 for temporary CAO services, but this is offset by wages and salaries. Consultants was not budgeted for.

Roads, Water & Sewer:

Water sales are under budget by \$4,683.
Bulk water sales are under budget by \$6,449.
Penalties are over budget by \$1,391.
Sewer sales were under budget by \$7,099.
Revenues in water and sewer fluctuate throughout the year;
Bulk water sales can fluctuate based on seasons.
Garbage sales are under budget by \$1,027. This can fluctuate throughout the seasons as well, often due to landfill usage (i.e. residents dropping items off at the landfill and incurring charges on their utility bill.)
Expenses overall are currently under budget for water, wastewater, and garbage services.

Storm Water

Expenses for contracted services are for the 51st street drainage project.
Revenues for this project are approved from reserves.
Reserve transfers are completed at year-end.

Economic Development & Planning:

Planning permits and licenses are over budget by \$940, and business licenses are under budget by \$390.

FCSS & Community Services:

The first quarterly payment of the FCSS grant has been received, \$11,099.
Rentals and program fees are under budget by \$1,074, mainly due to timing.

Cemetery:

Plot sales are over budget by \$1,450 and open and close fees are over budget by \$3,280.

Recreation, Parks & Arena

The Sturgeon Recreation Funding Grant has been received, a total of \$352,256 which includes \$60,000 towards capital. The operating funds are allocated between parks, recreation, and the arena. The budgeted amount for the grant was \$350,791.
Funding of \$12,500 for the community needs assessment has been received.



You are invited to join us in Morinville
for a variety of free entertainment
and activities at our

Canada Day Celebration

Wednesday, July 1, 2026
12 to 3 p.m.

Ray McDonald Sports Grounds
9908 104 Street, Morinville

There will be a short formal program at 1 p.m.



TOWN OF BON ACCORD
REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date:	June 16, 2026
Prepared by:	Bill Rogers, Chief Administrative Officer & Jessica Spaidal, Legislative Services and Communications Supervisor
Title:	Chinese Heritage Month Initiative (CHMI)
Agenda Item No.	7.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

Mayor Holden recently met with Ms. Hong (May) Han, who followed up with correspondence regarding potential Town of Bon Accord support for the Federal declaration of a National Chinese Canadian Heritage Month. In the attached correspondence, Ms. Han outlines the Chinese Heritage Month Initiative.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

In the email, 3 prominent points are made:

1. Chinese Heritage Month complements Canada’s existing Asian Heritage Month
2. Many municipalities across Canada have proclaimed this Chinese Heritage Month at the municipal level
3. Alberta’s support is growing with more than 70 Calgary-area cultural, community and educational organizations showing support.

The correspondence notes that a bill for Ukrainian Heritage Month (Bill S-210) was given second reading in February 2026 and “will more than likely to be enacted in 2026.” The CHMI is hoping that with enough advocacy, a similar bill for Chinese Heritage Month will be brought forward at the federal level as well.

OPTIONS

Administration has prepared several options for Council’s consideration:

- Council could direct administration to draft a letter to Michael Cooper, MP, and the Honourable Dale Nally, MLA, in support of declaration of Chinese Heritage Month in Canada.
- Council could direct administration to add Chinese Heritage Month to the Special Days, Weeks and Months Policy and bring forward at a future meeting for approval.

- Council could choose to direct administration to invite Hong (May) Han to an upcoming Council meeting as an in person or virtual delegate.
- Council could accept the correspondence as information with no further action required.
- Council could give other direction to Administration.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Value Statement of COLLABORATION

Discussion is welcome from all levels of government, neighbouring municipalities, residents and businesses in the Town, the place we call home.

COSTS/SOURCES OF FUNDING

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator)

THAT Council direct administration to draft a letter to Michael Cooper, MP, and the Honourable Dale Nally, MLA, in support of declaration of Chinese Heritage Month in Canada AND FURTHER THAT Council direct administration to add Chinese Heritage Month to the Special Days, Weeks and Months Policy and bring forward at a future meeting for approval.

From: [May Han](#)
To: [Brian Holden](#)
Subject: Nice to meet at FCM 2026 and the Chinese Heritage Month Initiative
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 3:22:36 PM

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Dear Hon. Brian Holden Mayor of Bon Accord,

I Hope you've been back to your city, And I wonder if we could have the pleasure meeting with you at Calgary Stampede at around July 3?

Thank you for the kind conversation at the Edmonton Mayor's Reception. Please allow me also to discuss about the Chinese heritage month Initiative CHMI with better information as follows:

As this country is actively pursuing a "new strategic partnership" with China to diversify Canada's trade and boost exports by 50% by 2030. Chinese Foreign affairs ministers has just finished his Canada visit from May 28-30 2026. At such historical moment , We would be grateful for an opportunity to meet with you and your team at your convenience to discuss this initiative further and provide any additional information that may assist your review. **With our former communication with both Edmonton & Calgary, Edmonton city councilor, Ms. Keren Tang, a councilor with Chinese Heritage will discuss with Mayor Jeromy Farkas from Calgary regarding a motion at both city hall to urge the House of Commons to enact the Chinese Heritage. Month. And an accomplishment our CHMI BC team has made is to have A BC MLA Teresa Wat to proclaim at the Legislative Assembly enact Chinese heritage month in BC on May 28 right after our national press conference. Our **Edmonton chapter also contacted their local NDP MLA Nathan IP who joined the national CHMI national press conference on May 27, is willing to submit a motion soon --- I was again reminded by Calgary community friends that we'd better have a UCP MLA to proclaim it.****

Firstly, while Canada proudly celebrates Asian Heritage Month each May, Parliament and provincial legislatures have also recognized the value of dedicated heritage months for specific communities. Canada already celebrates Korean Heritage Month and Filipino Heritage Month nationally starting 2024/2025, and a Ukrainian Heritage Month initiative is expected to proceed through the House of Commons in June 2026. These recognitions complement, rather than compete with, Asian Heritage Month by highlighting the unique histories, contributions, and experiences of individual communities.

Secondly, support for Canadian Chinese Heritage Month has expanded rapidly across the country. Since March 27, 2026, when the national campaign was launched in Montreal by United Against Hate Canada, **19 municipalities and regional governments have proclaimed support for this initiative including but not limited to the following:**

- City of Guelph
- City of Vaughan
- City of Markham
- York Region
- Municipality of Clarington
- Durham Region
- City of Stratford
- City of Toronto
- City of Brampton
- Town of Parry Sound
- City of Nanaimo
- Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- City of Richmond Hill
- Town of Whitby

In addition, Ontario officially established Chinese Heritage Month in 2024. Most recently, on May 28, 2026, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia advanced the first reading of a Chinese Heritage Month bill, following the National Chinese Heritage Month Initiative press conference held on May 27. Here in Alberta, we're earnestly waiting for a **MLA, especially a UCP MLA of Chinese Heritage , like MLA Tany Yao to make the proclamation at the Assembly Legislature to urge Alberta Legislature Assembly to enact a Chinese Heritage month in Alberta,** which, as the Alberta Premier's Chinese Advisory group , the first such advisory group in Canada, is a good timing . zd

Thirdly, community support within Alberta continues to grow significantly. More than 70 Calgary-area cultural, community and educational organizations have joined a broad Alberta alliance supporting this initiative and advocating for formal recognition of the historical and contemporary contributions of Chinese Canadians.

Chinese Canadians have helped build Alberta, and Canada for more than 170 years. A motion supporting Canadian Chinese Heritage Month at your city hall would send a meaningful message of inclusion, historical recognition, and appreciation for the contributions of generations of Chinese Canadians.

Attached please find the updated associations supporting

- 70+ CHMI in Calgary area ,
- supporting letters from 3 level government officials (way more coming after FCM)
- Letter to MP or MLA

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued leadership in fostering an inclusive and welcoming Canada.

Warm regards.

Hong (May)Han

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18hVZWLNTB/>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 10:24 PM

To: May Han <pearluk07@gmail.com>

Subject: National PressConference 11AM May 27 Wed. Inviation - Campaign for a Canadian Chinese Heritahe Month ZOOM Call - Wednesday, May 27

Dear Elected Officials, Community Leaders and Media

FYI. On behalf of Mr **Marvin Rotrand** , the initiator of CHMI Canada , a 39-year in service City Councilor of Montreal , We are writing to invite you to join the Campaign for a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month National Online Press Conference ZOOM Call - Wednesday, May

AN INVITATION

CAMPAIGN FOR A CANADIAN CHINESE HERITAGE MONTH (CHM)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

2 PM ATLANTIC / 1 PM EASTERN/ 11 AM MTD

NOON CDT / 11 AM MDT / 10 AM PDT

There is a great deal to report as the campaign has really taken off. Several new municipalities are now offering concrete support at their Councils and we are beginning to receive calls from across the country.

Background :

1) Ontario has proclaimed CHM in 2024

2) Canada proclaimed national

Korean /Filipino Heritage Month in 2025/2025 , despite the Asian Heritage Month. Ukraine Heritage Month shall be proclaimed in June 2026.

3) mayors and city councilors in 8 cities has proclaimed at city hall to urge the House of Commons to enact CHM since March 20 2026 when we launched this campaign.

Your attendance is importance in growing our movement and convincing Parliament to move forward by enacting a heritage month.

We will be inviting elected officials onto the call and your presence will be very encouraging. We hope to generate press coverage and attract new sponsoring organizations. The campaign comprises 29 organizations at the moment.

JOIN OUR ZOOM CALL - WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 - 1 PM EDT / 10 AM PDT

Topic

Campaign for a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month

Time. May 27, 2026 11:00 AM MDT

Meeting ID. 849 2159 5491

Passcode. 915725

Invite Link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84921595491?pwd=N5wheHtBOKke3FczjHVaS1kD6e7Hn7.1>

Hong (May) Han

Cell 587 969 3688

CHMI Alberta Chapter

Marvin Rotrand

Director General

United Against Hate Canada

marvinrotrand2@hotmail.com



April 17, 2026

Attention: Ms. Hong (May) Han

Re: Chinese Heritage Month Initiative

I am writing in support of the Chinese Heritage Month Initiative in Alberta which will be an important step in recognizing and acknowledging the foundational contribution made by Chinese Canadians in settling and building this great province.

Chinese settlers have been an integral part the Alberta story for well over a century. Arriving under challenging and often discriminatory conditions, early Chinese settlers played a crucial role in building the economic and social foundations of Alberta and Western Canada. From the critical role immigrants played in building the Canadian Pacific Railway to enriching our communities with business and community ventures across Alberta, all while facing exclusionary laws and systemic barriers, serves as an important lesson for all Albertans of perseverance and the power of commitment to a dream.

The Chinese community has enriched Alberta in countless ways. Chinese Albertans are leaders in business, academia, healthcare, public service, arts, and innovation. Their achievements reflect how a deep respect for cultural heritage in concert with a forward-looking spirit has contributed to Alberta's diversity and prosperity. Festivals, language, cuisine, and traditions have become an integral part of Alberta's cultural fabric, fostering understanding and connection across a broad cultural mosaic.

Chinese Heritage Month will be more than a celebration—it will be an opportunity for reflection, and also an opportunity to educate and to celebrate the remarkable contributions that have too often gone unrecognized. It also provides a platform to amplify voices, share stories, and inspire future generations to appreciate the importance of inclusion, diversity, and mutual respect. Alberta will be affirming its commitment to honouring the people and communities that have helped build this province. It sends a clear message that the contributions of Chinese Albertans are valued and that their history is an essential part of our shared identity.

I wish you every success in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Al Duerr', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Al Duerr



Calgary

Office of the Councillors

April 20, 2026

Attention: Chinese Heritage Month Initiative, CMHI Alberta Chapter

Re: Chinese Heritage Month Initiative

Every day, Ward 4 recognizes the meaningful contributions that Canadians of Chinese heritage make to the communities and organizations that shape its cultural foundation. Chinese Canadian leaders strengthen our city and our ward in countless ways, enriching its social, economic, and cultural life.

For these reasons, it is both appropriate and important that these contributions be formally recognized through the proclamation of Chinese Heritage Month. Such recognition affirms that Chinese Canadians and their history are valued, and that in a multicultural society like ours, Canadian and Chinese cultures can be celebrated together in harmony and with mutual respect.

Sincerely,

Ward 4 Councillor DJ Kelly

Chinese Heritage Month Initiative

Recommendation to Parliament for a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month

Dear Member of Parliament,

We have had the pleasure of contacting several of you over the past weeks as to a growing movement that is urging Parliament to enact a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month. The campaign was formally launched at a press conference on March 20 and last week we created a coordinating committee calling itself the National Campaign for a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month.

We have now grown to 23 organizations that are sponsoring this request to Parliament.

Canada has 68 heritage months and commemorative days and will later this year adopt Senator Kutcher's bill (S-210) to create a Ukrainian Heritage Month. We believe it is a glaring oversight that the Chinese community numbering 1.8 million persons and whose history in Canada predates Confederation do not have a heritage month that is nationally recognized.

Our message is simple - Asians have contributed enormously to Canada's success. According to the Census, over 8 million people in Canada, approximately a fifth of our population, reports having Asian origins, making it one of the largest population groups in the country.

However, the appellation Asian does not mean that the diverse groups who trace their origins to Asia have much in common with each other. This fast-growing, diverse population is driven largely by immigration, with South Asian and Chinese groups being the largest, followed by Filipinos. However, these groups can also point to a presence in Canada dating back to Confederation.

Canada celebrates many important commemorative months and days each year including May as Asian Heritage Month. Chinese Canadians feel that while that month is marked by annual declarations from the Government of Canada, it seems to attract less attention than other heritage months including from within the Asian community.

That may be due to certain heritage months also being recognized for specific Asian groups. For example April is Sikh Heritage Month and June is Filipino Heritage Month. Both these months receive significant attention in these two communities and are much more widely celebrated than is Asian Heritage Month.

While not specific to Asians, Parliament has also recognized October as Canadian Islamic History Month and November as Hindu Heritage Month. These months are meaningful to many people of Asian heritage.

Accordingly, we seek a heritage month similar to those already recognized by Parliament.

You may be aware that responding to community demands, that the Government of Ontario adopted Bill 183 in 2024 recognizing February as Chinese Heritage Month in its territory. You can consult Bill 183 here: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-183> In our discussions with provincial and municipal elected officials, several provinces have expressed an interest in emulating Ontario. Preferably, though, what is needed is a heritage month that is celebrated nationally based on an act of Parliament and thus we seek champions among you to table a motion that will begin the process toward a heritage month recognizing the long history and significant contributions of the Chinese community to Canada's well being and success.

We leave the month to choose in your hands. **The majority feeling is that February should be the month given its connection to the lunar new year and the fact that it has already been recognized by Ontario and many municipalities.** Others however suggest July as that coincides with the coming into force of the Chinese Exclusion Act on July 1 1923 and is deemed the "Day of Humiliation"

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Between 1885, when Canada first imposed a head tax on Chinese migrants, until 1947, when Parliament revoked the discriminatory Chinese exclusion act, the Chinese have confronted barriers in Canada faced by no other ethnic or racial group. Despite official discrimination, the Chinese put down deep roots in Canada, persevered and have contributed to Canada's growth.

We seek your active support for this request. Please be advised that municipal partners are expressing their support for the campaign and that you will likely receive a number of motions and letters of support in the coming months such as this motion adopted yesterday by York Regional Council in Ontario:

<https://yorkpublishing.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=775b769b-de1a-4030-b245-ccb4f30c3d78&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=10&Tab=attachments>

As signatories, our coordinating is mandated to write on behalf of all member groups of the National Campaign for a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month.

Yours truly,

Marvin Rotrand
Director General
United Against Hate Canada

Adrian Mar	Okanagan Chinese Canadian Association Campaign Coordinator for British Columbia
Helen Chang	Campaign Coordinator for British Columbia Chinese Cultural Society of Saskatchewan
May Han	Now Youth Campaign Coordinator for Alberta
Jimmy Chan	Montreal Chan Associations Campaign Coordinator for Saskatchewan
David Foster	St. Lucia Canada Foundation Campaign Coordinator for Civil Society

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P.S.

Here is the link to Bill S-210 which creates a Ukrainian Heritage Month and which was tabled in the Senate in first reading by Senator Stan Kutcher on May 28, 2025 :

[https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/45-1/bill/S-210/first-reading?col=2#:~:text=du%20patrimoine%20ukrainien%20».-,SUMMARY,as%20"Ukrainian%20Heritage%20Month"](https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/45-1/bill/S-210/first-reading?col=2#:~:text=du%20patrimoine%20ukrainien%20».-,SUMMARY,as%20).

The bill was approved in second reading in February of this year and thus more than likely to be enacted in 2026.

Clearly, with political will and a champion either in the Senate or House of Commons, bills like this have a clear path to adoption. I can only believe that a similar bill to create a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month would also lead to its ultimate adoption.

A question that comes up often, is can one month serve as a heritage month for more than one ethnic/racial or religious group. The answer is yes it can.

I) Here is the list of official recognized events & for May and June:

May:

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Asian Heritage Month

- Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- Polish Heritage Month
- **May 5** Ukrainian Heritage Day
- **May 17** International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- **May 24** Victoria Day
- **Starting the last Sunday of May** National Accessibility Week

June:

- National Indigenous History Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Launch of Pride Season
- **June 21** National Indigenous Peoples Day
- **June 23** National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
- **June 24** Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day
- **June 27** Canadian Multiculturalism Day

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II) The list of organizations that support our heritage month request

- Antigua and Barbuda Association
- Black Coalition of Quebec
- Canadians for Coexistence
- Chin Wing Chung Tong Association
- Chinese Association of Montreal
- Chinese Cultural Society of Saskatchewan
- Cornucopia Association of Canada
- Federation of Filipino Canadian Associations of Quebec
- Filipino Family Services
- Filipino Heritage Society
- Gee Hok Oak Tin Association
- Grenada Nationals of Montreal
- Jamaica Association of Montreal
- Kahirup (Hiligaynon) Association of Quebec
- Montreal Chan Associations
- Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
- Now Youth - Alberta
- OCCA Communities Association
- Philippine Legacy and Cultural Alliance (PLACA)
- Playmas Caribbean Cultural Association
- St. Lucia Canada Foundation
- United Against Hate Canada
- West Island Black Community Association
- West Island Tamil Cultural Association



April 16, 2026

**A MESSAGE FROM MARVIN ROTRAND, DIRECTOR GENERAL
UNITED AGAINST HATE CANADA
CAMPAIGN FOR A CANADIAN CHINESE HERITAGE MONTH
INTRODUCING MAY HAN COORDINATOR FOR ALBERTA**

Dear Friends,

On March 20 United Against Hate Canada and the Montreal Chan Associations launched a national campaign to urge Parliament to enact a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month.

We've now grown to 20 organizations backing the campaign. Our work notes that Canada has 68 heritage months and commemorative days and will later this year create a Ukrainian Heritage Month. We believe it is a glaring oversight that the Chinese community numbering 1.8 million persons and whose history in Canada predates Confederation do not have a heritage month that is nationally recognized.

Our recent national ZOOM call drew many elected officials from coast to coast, and several municipalities have tabled motions to support the campaign. Those will be adopted in the weeks to come. Several Members of Parliament have also pledged to work toward a motion to be tabled later this year.

We're truly encouraged. Yet much work needs to be done. Allow us thus, for those wanting to know more in Alberta, to introduce May Han our coordinator in the province.

May is co-founder of Now Youth. Many of you will already know May as she currently serves as a Senator at the University of Calgary and has contributed her expertise as a former member of the Calgary Police Service Asian Advisory Board and as a committee member of the City of Calgary Tomorrow's Chinatown advisory group.

he Chinese Cultural Society of Saskatchewan (CCSS). The organization is an extremely active not-for-profit cultural organization registered with the province of Saskatchewan with branches in Regina and Saskatoon. The CCSS supports many community cultural events, in particular, the Society had supported the organization of the Chinese Pavilion at Mosaic and has a formal affiliation with the Regina Phoenix Dancer and the Chung Wah Kung Fu Centre.

The CCSS also engages in activities that promote Chinese heritage as part of Canada's ethnocultural mosaic and provides a forum for promoting better relationship and understanding between Chinese Canadian and others in Canada through cultural exchange and language training.

May is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Medal and Government of Alberta Stars of Alberta Award in Breaking Barriers and Anti-Racism Category.

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Canada also recognizes a Canadian Islamic Heritage Month and a Hindu Heritage Month. While these months are not exclusive to Asians, they are meaningful to many in Canada's diverse Asian diasporas.

Chinese Canadians are rightly now asking for a recognized heritage month of their own and we trust you will be able to help convince Parliament to act. Between 1885, when Canada first imposed a head tax on Chinese migrants, until 1947, when Parliament revoked the discriminatory Chinese exclusion act legislated in 1923, the Chinese have faced barriers in Canada faced by no other ethnic or racial group. Despite official discrimination, the Chinese put down deep roots in Canada, persevered and have contributed to Canada's growth.

While we will support the celebration of Asian Heritage Month, we believe that Parliament needs to add to the list of recognized heritage months. Please count on May providing you with further information and his invitation for you to join this national campaign.

If you prefer, please reach out to May at: pearluk07@gmail.com.

Yours truly,



Marvin Rotrand
Director General
United Against Hate Canada

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TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Mayor's Report – for period May 13, 2026 – June 10, 2026

- May 19, 2026 Participated in meeting with AB Munis David Sharun Director, Towns East and Krista Gardner Director, Towns West. A great time to discuss where Bon Accord is going and some of our roadblocks.
- May 20, 2026 Presented Volunteerism Award to Sharon Blais at Golden Gems Jewel Box. A well-deserved award for Sharon after many years of giving to both the Golden Gems and our Town.
- May 23, 2026 Participated at the Rainmaker Rodeo in St. Albert. Always a great event. After the parade there is a BBQ. A time to meet with mayors of the region as well St. Albert's new mayor, Scott Olivieri.
- May 27, 2026 Attended presentation at the Jewel Box by Lawrence, our pharmacist. This is something that Lawrence tries to do a couple of times a year and is very much appreciated by the seniors.
- May 31, 2026 Attended Rooted in Wellness. Tam Anderson of Prairie Gardens had a great presentation regarding Prairie Gardens, as well as some good gardening tips for everyone.
- June 2, 2026 Chaired Regular Meeting of Council
- June 4 – 7, 2026 Attended Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference and Trade Show. A great time to network with elected officials from across the country. My conference began with a Study Tour (Supporting Progressive Urban Planning). There were presentations by several participants, such as MP Scott Aitchison, NDP Leader Avi Lewis, and Green Party's Elizabeth May who was awesome as usual. Also, plenaries such as Local Governments in Canada's Sovereignty and Defence, and workshops such as How to Pay For Growth.

I heard this at FCM as well. I found it interesting and sad at the same time:

Varme Energy is warning that recent federal reductions to the industrial carbon price have made its waste-to-energy projects financially unviable, with the price set at \$60 per tonne against a capture cost of \$118 per tonne. A Pembina Institute analysis estimates that \$40 billion of investment in low carbon projects could be at risk without further government assistance.

Mayor Brian Holden

TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Deputy Mayor Report – May 13 – June 9, 2026

- May 14 Dropped by the Stuff a Bus campaign for the food drive. Despite the horrible weather residents stepped up and donated much needed items to the local food bank!
- May 19 – 21 Attended ARROW Utilities annual workshop. There were some good discussions and relationship building. The workshop set the stage for building a new Strategic Plan which should be completed by early fall.
- May 19 Attended the Regular Meeting of Council virtually.
- May 28 Attended the CAO breakfast for ARROW Utilities. This is an annual event now to help member municipalities plan for next budget cycle.
Attended the Homeland Housing Board meeting.
- June 2 Attended the Regular Meeting of Council.
- June 4 Attended the Seniors Barbeque.
- June 4 – 7 Attended the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) conference. Focus of the conference was housing, climate, and the different levels of government collaborating to get initiatives completed. There were many workshops to choose from, and several different plenaries. I enjoyed Elizabeth May's (Green Party) address, and Local Governments in Canada's Sovereignty, Security and Defence plenary. Major-General Krista Brodie, Canadian Joint Operations Chief of Staff, and Mr. Solomon Awa, an Inuit resident from Iqaluit, provided an eye-opening discussion about arctic expansion and sovereignty.

Lynn Bidney
Deputy Mayor
Town of Bon Accord

TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Councillor Report – for period May 13 to June 10, 2026

May 29,2026 Attended Bill 28 Zoom presented by Alberta's Public Libraries presented by the Coalition of Alberta. Learnings of the impact for the smaller communities is going to be difficult at best to manage

June 4-7 2026 Attended FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show. The learnings for me were amazing and I spent most of my free times for study halls in ones with environment and fundings.

June 9 2026 Attended Bon Accord Public Library meeting. They have proactively developed a post card that can quickly be filled out by residents to show opposition to Bill 28. They are trying to figure out, with no guidance under the law, what and where to put the books deemed inappropriate.

Note: Had been away for 2 weeks so my report reflects the absence.

Cindy Gallant
Councillor
Town of Bon Accord

TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Councillor Report – for period May 13-June 9, 2026

May 19, 2026	Attended Regular Meeting of Council
May 19, 2026	Met with AB Munis Directors Towns East: Councilor David Sharun (Town of Bonnyville) Towns West: Mayor Krista Gardner (Town of Calmar). Had an exceptionally polite conversation about concerns with downloading to the municipalities (including policing cost)
May 25, 2026	Attended (CRNWSC) Capital Regional Northeast Water Service Commission Board Meeting. On going progress for policies and bylaws
June 1, 2026	Attended (CRNWSC) Capital Regional Northeast Water Service Commission Sub-committee
June 2, 2026	Attended Regular Meeting of Council
June, 3-7, 2026	<p>Attended the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) This was a good conference for meeting our counterparts and discussing similar problems and trying to find solutions to them. I attended many workshops and study groups at the conference; all were very informative. Here are a few sessions out of many that we attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thinking beyond the market, about affordable housing. This session was very informative and highlighted important considerations I had not previously thought about.• Introduction to machine learning exploration. This session was good for me in learning the diverse ways machine learning could be utilized with the operations of the town.• Regional members meeting Prairies & Territories provided updates in advocacy efforts, and on-going priorities.• Annual General meeting. We have a new president of the FCM, Tim Tierney. <p>Good conference for information and collaboration</p>

Timothy Larson
Councillor
Town of Bon Accord

TOWN OF BON ACCORD
May 14 – June 10, 2026

- May 19 Regular Meeting Council.
- May 19 Attended AB Munis Directors meeting with the Town of Bon Accord.
- May 29 Attended NLLS Meeting.
Looking at a 1.5 increase for next year as previously planned.
Discussed the problems for the library with the new Bill 28.
- June 2 Regular Meeting of Council.
- June 4-7 Attended FCM Annual Conference.
I found this conference to be quite interesting. Some very good discussions as well as panelist. There were different courses offered throughout the Conference. These were the courses I attended:
- Addressing homelessness in your community.
 - From risk to resilience.
 - Building the future.
 - Regional Meeting Prairies and Territories.
 - Plenaries / Keynote Speakers.
 - Future Proofing Communities.
 - Making Municipalities work for women.
 - Closing with the Elder.
 - International municipal cooperation.

Note:

Tanya May
Councillor
Town of Bon Accord



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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Peace River*

AR122263

May 26, 2026

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

While most oil and gas companies pay their property taxes promptly, the Government of Alberta recognizes the ongoing challenges unpaid oil and gas property taxes pose for municipalities, particularly in rural areas.

In response, the Government of Alberta recently partnered with the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and municipal and industry stakeholders through the Property Tax Accountability Strategy (PTAS) Working Group to develop recommendations to address this issue. The final report was released on March 16, 2026, and is available at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/property-tax-accountability-strategy-final-report>.

Alberta is taking the report's recommendations under consideration with the intent of responding with an actionable set of regulatory, administrative, and system-level improvements to promote oil and gas industry property tax compliance and municipal tax recovery.

As part of these considerations, I am pleased to announce the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) and the Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC) programs are approved for a three-year extension through 2028. This extension aligns with recommendation 12 of the PTAS report and will provide continued support to municipalities, while PTAS recommendations are examined.

Key details of the program extension include:

- continued eligibility of uncollectable education property taxes and designated industrial requisition amounts retroactive to the 2015 tax year, with credits to be considered up to and including the 2028 tax year; and
- an increase in the annual PERC program cap to \$7 million, reflecting the growing level of claims in recent years.

Our government is committed to a practical and balanced approach and will continue to work collaboratively with municipalities, industry, and partners to identify opportunities to streamline the PERC/DIRC programs, strengthen tax recovery tools, and improve program delivery.

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Thank you for your continued collaboration and partnership as we work together to address the challenges created by uncollectable property taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Williams', written over a horizontal line.

Dan Williams, ECA
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers