



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council Chambers, Irricana Centennial Centre, 222 2 Street

Date: April 20, 2026 Time: 7:00PM

A. ATTENDANCE

B. CALL TO ORDER

C. AGENDA

D. PRESENTATIONS

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Item D2: Pioneer Acres – Overview and Sponsorship Opportunity

Item D3: Mayoral Proclamation – National Volunteer Week (2026)

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H. OLD BUSINESS

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K. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

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Item D2

Pioneer Acres – Overview and Sponsorship Opportunity

Pioneer Acres Museum

2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Preserving the Pioneer Era of Alberta's History

F E A T U R E D E V E N T

Alberta's Pioneer Steam Power Festival

56th Annual Show • August 7, 8 & 9, 2026

Pioneer Acres Museum • Irricana, Alberta

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Township Road 274, Irricana AB T0M 1B0 | www.pioneeracres.ab.ca

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Your partnership makes it possible to keep history alive.



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STRAIGHT FLUSH RENTALS
"ALWAYS A SAFE BET"



Westcan Appraisals Ltd.



Acme NAPA Auto Parts

Bert Montgomery

Cruz Lite Trucking

Greg Monteith Farms

Hudson Lazy H Ranch



April 2026

Dear Valued Partner,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and 280 dedicated member volunteers of Pioneer Acres of Alberta, we are honoured to present our 2026 Sponsorship Package — and to extend a personal invitation for your organization to partner with us during what promises to be an exceptional season.

Pioneer Acres is a Canadian Registered Charity situated on 50 acres just outside Irricana, Alberta — approximately 40 minutes northeast of Calgary. For 56 years, our Club has preserved and actively demonstrated the equipment, craftsmanship, and stories of the men and women who built this province between 1900 and the late 1950s. Starting with a small but passionate group with a common interest in the restoration, preservation and demonstration of vintage agricultural machinery and practices, this passion has transferred down through the years and across generations providing the life blood of our Club today, which is the heart of everything we do. Our collections span over a dozen buildings of artifacts, working machinery, and immersive exhibits — including the Alberta Grain Academy, relocated from the BMO Centre in Calgary in 2020 and now housed in its own dedicated facility on our grounds.

Our 2026 season is anchored by a once-in-a-generation headline event: Alberta's Pioneer Steam Power Festival, the theme for our 56th Annual Show on August 7, 8, and 9. In collaboration with Reynolds Museum (Wetaskiwin), Coyote Flats Pioneer Village (Picture Butte), South Peace Centennial Museum (Beaverlodge), and the Heritage Boiler Association of Alberta, we are assembling the largest operational collection of historical steam traction engines to gather in this province in living memory. This includes one of only three surviving Case Steam Rollers in the world — the only one in Canada — alongside rare engines from Case, George White, Sawyer Massey, and Waterloo. Visitors will witness full-scale plowing, threshing, and sawmill demonstrations powered by these century-old machines on authentic agricultural land.

Beyond the Annual Show, our 2026 season features an exceptional calendar of events: the Spring Tractor Pull and Model Toy Show (May 23–24), Kids Days (June 2–4), the Second Annual Chore Team Competition (June 20–21), the return of Out West Truck Fest for its 5th Annual edition (July 4–5) — Western Canada's largest custom truck show — and the 1st Annual Summer Tractor Pull (July 17–19), designed to become the premier gathering of competitive pullers from across the Prairies.

We are proud to report that Pioneer Acres is on a strong growth trajectory, with a strategic goal of doubling our annual attendance over the next three years. Sponsorship partners who invest now will grow with us as our audience, digital reach, and community impact expand. Our current digital footprint already connects us to more than 290,000 quarterly views across Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok — predominantly reaching audiences across Alberta from Calgary to Edmonton.

This year, for the first time, our sponsorship program includes dedicated social media content creation and brand exposure — meaning your organization's story reaches our audience directly through professionally crafted posts, spotlights, and video features, not just passive logo placement.

We invite you to review the opportunities outlined in this package and select the partnership tier that best aligns with your objectives. Our team welcomes the opportunity to discuss tailored arrangements that meet your organization's specific goals.

With sincere appreciation,

Ken Hervey

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Chris Wood

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ABOUT PIONEER ACRES

OUR MISSION

Pioneer Acres and its dedicated volunteers actively preserve, display, and demonstrate the equipment and artifacts used by the pioneers of Western Canada — making history come alive for every generation.

BY THE NUMBERS

50 acres of heritage grounds
280 member volunteers
12+ exhibit buildings & collections
9,000+ visitors anticipated in 2026
56 years of continuous operation

Situated 40 minutes northeast of Calgary on Township Road 274, Pioneer Acres is one of Alberta's most distinctive heritage destinations — a fully operational living museum where visitors don't just observe the past, they experience it. From working blacksmith and wheelwright shops to interactive tractor and steam engine demonstrations, every visit offers an authentic connection to the pioneering era that built this province.

THE ALBERTA GRAIN ACADEMY

Relocated from its long-time home in Calgary's BMO Centre in 2020, the Alberta Grain Academy has found a permanent home at Pioneer Acres in its own dedicated facility adjacent to the Ron Carey Building. The Academy's interactive exhibits trace the story of grain agriculture in Alberta — from breaking the sod to modern harvesting — and represent a major addition to our interpretive programming.

OUR GROWING DIGITAL REACH & AUDIENCE

Facebook	Instagram	TikTok
230,000 quarterly views	32,000 quarterly views	31,000 quarterly views
Primarily reaching Calgary, Airdrie, Olds, Drumheller, High River & Edmonton	Growing engagement with heritage, agricultural & family audiences	Expanding reach with younger demographic audiences across Alberta

Pioneer Acres operates Thursday through Monday, 9 AM – 5 PM, with Tuesday and Wednesday visits available by appointment. Our grounds are open for overnight camping during the Annual Show.

Check us out on our website: [Pioneer Acres - Where History Comes Alive](#)

Or here on Youtube: [2025 Pioneer Acres celebrates Caterpillar Milestone, Pioneer Acres Annual Show 2025](#)

And on Facebook: [Pioneer Acres](#)

2026 SEASON CALENDAR

Pioneer Acres opens for the 2026 season on May 16th. The calendar below represents an unprecedented array of events — each offering distinct sponsorship visibility and audience engagement opportunities.

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
May 16	Season Opening	<i>Museum opens to the public for the 2026 season</i>
May 23–24	Spring Tractor Pull & Model Toy Show	<i>Season-opening pull event with collector toy displays</i>
June 2–4	Kids Days	<i>Family programming and hands-on pioneer experiences</i>
June 20–21	2nd Annual ChoreTeam Competition	<i>Draft horse members host the regional working competition</i>
July 4–5	Out West Truck Fest — 5th Annual	<i>Western Canada's largest custom truck show returns</i>
July 17–19	1 st Annual Summer Tractor Pull	<i>Premier prairie-wide competitive pull; replaces former Calgary Stampede venue</i>
August 7–9	56th Annual Show — Alberta's Pioneer Steam Power Festival Feature	<i>Headline event of the season — see full feature section</i>
Fall	Fall Antique Tractor Pull	<i>Season-closing competitive pull event</i>

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

Throughout the season, Pioneer Acres delivers daily immersive programming including working demonstrations from our Blacksmith, Wheelwright, and Stationary Engine member groups. Guided tours, the Alberta Grain Academy exhibits, Pioneer World, the Women's World Gallery, and the ongoing restoration of the 1913 Pioneer Tractor — built in Calgary and a centerpiece of our long-term preservation mission — all contribute to a visit that rewards repeat attendance and multi-generational family engagement.

Pioneer Acres is strategically positioned on Highway 9 north of Irricana with a digital billboard on Highway 2 southbound at Innisfail — generating approximately 27,000 impressions per week — providing sponsors at select tiers with high-frequency roadway visibility to Alberta's busiest travel corridor.

Alberta's Pioneer Steam Power Festival

56th Annual Show • August 7, 8 & 9, 2026 • Pioneer Acres, Irricana

This year's Annual Show is a critical preservation milestone: the largest cooperative assembly of operational steam traction engines in Alberta's recent history. In partnership with three of the province's most respected agricultural museums and the Heritage Boiler Association of Alberta, Pioneer Acres is creating a living historical tableau that would be a rare treasure to enjoy in Canada.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM PARTNERSHIPS

Reynolds Museum (Wetaskiwin), Coyote Flats Pioneer Village (Picture Butte), and South Peace Centennial Museum (Beaverlodge) are each contributing one or more operational steam engines to the Festival. This unprecedented inter-museum collaboration produces a collective exhibition unmatched in the region — and directly drives cross-provincial tourism to all participating institutions.

THE ENGINES — A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION COLLECTION

ENGINE	PROVENANCE / SOURCE	SIGNIFICANCE
Case Steam Roller (10-ton)	Pioneer Acres / Private collection	One of only 3 worldwide; the only one in Canada
Case 65 HP Traction Engine (1915)	Pioneer Acres Museum (Provincial collection)	On-site centrepiece; registered in AB Oct. 30, 1915
110 HP Case Traction Engine	Reynolds Museum, Wetaskiwin	Currently under full restoration for this event
1899 Case 6 HP Portable Engine	Reynolds Museum, Wetaskiwin	Over 125-year-old Alberta survivor
1880 Waterous 8 HP Fireproof Champion	Reynolds Museum, Wetaskiwin	Documented first steam engine in Alberta
50 HP Case Traction Engine	Coyote Flats Pioneer Village, Picture Butte	Southern Alberta prairie workhorse
30 HP Waterloo Traction Engine	South Peace Centennial Museum, Beaverlodge	Peace Country heritage contribution
80 HP Case Traction Engine	Robin Reding, Beiseker	Private heritage collection
28 HP George White Traction Engine	Robin Reding, Beiseker	Rare Canadian manufacturer
68 HP Sawyer Massey Traction Engine	Ethan Harty, Strome	Canadian-built prairie icon

Technical operations are managed entirely by the Heritage Boiler Association of Alberta — 80 certified steam enthusiasts who provide the expert knowledge and safety protocols required to operate these irreplaceable high-pressure antique systems.

PIONEER ACRES' RESIDENT STEAM ENGINES

While partner institutions are contributing remarkable engines from across the province, Pioneer Acres also contains two extraordinary stationary residents to the Festival — each with a story that anchors our collection in the history of Canadian industry.

E. Leonard & Sons Stationary Steam Engine London, Ontario

E. Leonard & Sons was one of Canada's most prominent steam engine and boiler manufacturers, founded in London, Ontario in 1838 by Elijah Leonard Jr. — the man credited with assembling what was reportedly the first steam engine in Canada in 1842. Reorganized as E. Leonard & Sons in 1875 when his sons Frank and Charles joined the partnership, the firm became a leading supplier of **stationary power for sawmills, waterworks, and early electrical plants. Pioneer Acres' Leonard engine is a rare surviving example of this foundational Canadian manufacturing heritage — a working artifact from the era that powered the nation's early industrial growth.** This unique unit is rated at 190-200 HP

Robb-Armstrong High-Speed Engine Amherst, Nova Scotia

The Robb Engineering Company of Amherst, Nova Scotia was among the most prestigious industrial manufacturers in pre-Confederation Canada. Founded in 1848, the firm rose to prominence under the Robb family, who transformed it into a powerhouse of precision **engineering for Nova Scotia's booming coal and lumber industries.** Their flagship product — the Robb-Armstrong engine, introduced in 1891 and rated at 120 HP — was purpose-built to solve the two defining challenges of the early electrical industry: speed regulation and vibration control. Where slow-speed engines caused flickering lights in hotels and factories, the Robb-Armstrong's high-speed precision eliminated the problem entirely, making it the engine of choice for the emerging electrical grid. Pioneer Acres' Robb-Armstrong is a remarkable cross-country survivor — **a testament to the national scope of Canada's industrial revolution.**

Together, Pioneer Acres' Leonard and Robb-Armstrong engines represent both the eastern and western threads of Canada's industrial story — brought to life on an Alberta heritage site, operating alongside the most significant assembly of traction steam power this province has seen in living memory.



A 68 hp Sawyer Massey like this one will be coming to Irricana from Ethan Harty at Strome.



This Case Steam Roller is one of three still in existence. The only one in Canada will appear at Pioneer Acres at the Alberta's Steam Heritage Festival.

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDE:

Full-scale plowing demonstrations on fall rye stubble • Dual antique threshing machine operations • Steam powered demonstration; Stationary and Wheeled • Daily engine parades featuring the complete collection • Steam 101 educational programming • Draft horse and horse-drawn implement exhibits • Blacksmith, Farrier, and Wheelwright demonstrations

2026 SPONSORSHIP TIERS & BENEFITS

Pioneer Acres offers seven annual and event-based sponsorship tiers, each designed to deliver meaningful brand exposure and community impact. All contributions — cash, goods, services in kind, and qualifying volunteer commitments — are recognized through this program.

BENEFIT	LEGACY \$25,000+	FRONTIER \$10,000– \$24,999	PRAIRIE \$5,000– \$9,999	TOWNSHIP \$3,000– \$4,999	HOMESTEAD \$1,500–\$2,999	CABIN \$900– \$1,499	CLAIM \$400– \$899	FRIEND 8-Year Partner
Stage & PA Announcement Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo & Name: Website, Print Programs & Museum Signage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Event Perimeter Fence Signage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Annual Perimeter Fence Signage (full season)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	†A	†A	—
Bleacher Face Signage — South Grandstand	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	†D
Country 105 Paid Advertisement Inclusion & Media Release	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Hwy 2 Digital Billboard — 27,000 impressions/week	†B	†B	†B	—	—	—	—	—
Show / Event Admission Tickets	6	6	4	4	2	2	—	—
Trade Fair Exhibitor Booth (show weekend)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—
One Corporate Membership (1 year)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Sponsor Appreciation Dinner Invitation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VIP Address at Annual Member Windup	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Press Conference / Announcement Event Invitation	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	—
Social Media: Sponsorship Acknowledgement Posts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Social Media: Main Feed Posts	4/qtr	2/qtr	4/yr	2/yr	—	—	—	—
Social Media: Company Spotlight Stories	12/yr	9/yr	4/yr	—	—	—	—	—
30-Second Social Media Brand Video Feature	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social Media Mentions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓

†A Claim & Cabin Sponsors may purchase annual perimeter fence signage for an additional \$300/current year (2026 only).

†B Highway 2 southbound digital sign at Innisfail — 27,000 impressions/week based on 4-second rotations.

†D Friends of Pioneer Acres (8+ consecutive years) are permanently recognized on the Heritage Wall in the Alberta Grain Academy. Annual signage and additional partnership opportunities are available — contact the Sponsorship Committee for details.

SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL BRAND EXPOSURE

For the first time in our sponsorship program, Pioneer Acres is offering dedicated social media content creation as a formal partner benefit. Our growing digital community represents a highly engaged, Alberta-centric audience of heritage enthusiasts, families, agricultural professionals, and collectors — a premium demographic for sponsors aligned with Alberta's values and heritage.

OUR PLATFORMS AT A GLANCE

<p>Facebook 230,000 quarterly views 75,000 avg. monthly <i>Reach: Calgary, Airdrie, Olds, Drumheller, High River, Edmonton</i></p>	<p>Instagram 32,000 quarterly views 11,000 avg. monthly <i>Engaged visual storytelling audience</i></p>	<p>TikTok 31,000 quarterly views 10,500 avg. monthly <i>Growing reach with younger Alberta audiences</i></p>
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SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT BENEFITS BY TIER

<p>LEGACY \$25,000+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 branded posts per quarter on main social media feed • 12 Company Spotlight Stories per year • 30-second branded social media video commercial feature • Ongoing sponsorship acknowledgement posts • Dedicated social media mentions across all platforms
<p>FRONTIER \$10,000–\$24,999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 branded posts per quarter on main feed • 9 Company Spotlight Stories per year • Ongoing sponsorship acknowledgement posts • Social media mentions
<p>PRAIRIE \$5,000–\$9,999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 branded posts per year on main feed • 4 Company Spotlight Stories per year • Ongoing sponsorship acknowledgement posts • Social media mentions
<p>TOWNSHIP \$3,000–\$4,999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 branded posts per year on main feed • Ongoing sponsorship acknowledgement posts • Social media mentions

Homestead and Cabin Sponsors receive social media mentions. Legacy and Frontier Sponsors are additionally included in Country 105 paid advertising and media releases. Legacy, Frontier, and Prairie Sponsors also receive inclusion in the Highway 2 digital billboard rotation at Innisfail.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT

Pioneer Acres is a federally recognized charitable non-profit organization. Sponsorship contributions — whether cash, goods and services in kind, or qualifying volunteer commitments — are formally recognized through this program. Tailored partnership arrangements beyond the tiers presented here are available and welcomed; we encourage prospective partners to contact us to discuss objectives specific to your organization.

ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE OPPORTUNITIES

OPPORTUNITY	INVESTMENT
Annual South Perimeter Fence Signage (full calendar year)	\$300 / current year (add-on)
South Bleacher Face Signage (show season)	Included: Legacy, Frontier, Prairie, Claim
Pioneer Tractor Restoration — Naming / Dedication Sponsorship	Inquire for details

HOW TO INVEST

E-transfer sponsorship funds to: treasurer@pioneeracres.ab.ca

Complete and return the Sponsorship Form (following page) along with your company logo to begin your partnership or renew your valued annual commitment.

SPONSORSHIP ENQUIRIES

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Sponsorship Committee

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2026 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

56th Annual Show & Season • Pioneer Acres of Alberta

DATE

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION NAME

CONTACT NAME	TITLE / POSITION
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MAILING ADDRESS

CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
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PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
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SELECTED SPONSORSHIP TIER	SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT \$
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ANNUAL FENCE SIGNAGE (Add \$300) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	TOTAL E-TRANSFER AMOUNT \$
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COMPANY LOGO

Please attach your logo file (high-resolution PNG or vector preferred) to your returned form.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

Empty text area for organization information.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS OR PARTNERSHIP IDEAS

Empty text area for additional requests or partnership ideas.

Return completed form to:
Ken Hervey | sponsorships@pioneeracres.ab.ca | Text: 403-826-0272 |
Fax: 403-935-4375
E-transfer to: treasurer@pioneeracres.ab.ca • www.pioneeracres.ab.ca



Item D3

Mayoral Proclamation – National Volunteer Week (2026)



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www.irricana.com | irricana@irricana.com

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

In this milestone year — recognized globally as International Volunteer Year (IVY 2026) — people in Canada are invited to *Ignite Volunteerism* through a year-long effort to elevate the role of civic participation, rebuild volunteer infrastructure, and celebrate volunteer stories. This National Volunteer Week (NVW), we are recognizing the people and organizations that fuel positive change.

WHEREAS, 73% of Canada contributes their time through formal and informal volunteer roles, giving approximately 4.1 billion volunteer hours annually, strengthening belonging, well-being, equity, and resilience; *and*

WHEREAS, volunteers in Irricana ignite impact every day — mentoring youth, supporting isolated residents, welcoming newcomers, advancing equity, caring for community spaces, responding to emergencies, and building strong neighbourhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, volunteers in Irricana continue to demonstrate generosity, compassion, creativity, and leadership, strengthening the social fabric and advancing efforts toward a more just, inclusive, and connected community; *and*

WHEREAS, the volunteers of Irricana represent diverse ages, backgrounds, cultures, identities, and lived experiences, each bringing unique energy and perspective that ignites meaningful change; *and*

WHEREAS, the collective contributions of volunteers ensure that Irricana remains a welcoming, connected, and thriving place to live, work, learn, and play; *and*

WHEREAS, volunteers in the Town of Irricana play a vital role in delivering community events, supporting recreation and social programs, and strengthening the connections that make the community a vibrant and welcoming place to live; *and*

WHEREAS, volunteer-involving organizations throughout the Town of Irricana — including those supporting recreation, culture, social services, and community events — rely on the dedication and enthusiasm of volunteers to deliver essential programs and supports; *and*

WHEREAS, we encourage people in Irricana to explore ways of giving back, to find your thing, and to engage in creating a strong and resilient community through volunteer action; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colleen MacLeod, Mayor of Irricana, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as National Volunteer Week, and further proclaim 2026 as International Volunteer Year in Irricana. I encourage all residents to celebrate and thank the people whose dedication ignites meaningful change and strengthens our community.

Item G1

Community Futures Wild Rose (2025-2026 Impact Report)

CFWR 2025-26 IMPACT REPORT

OUR IMPACT SINCE 1989

35,257

Jobs Created
or Maintained

\$39,821,044

in Loans

51,097

Business Coaching
Sessions

102,602

Client Services
Delivered

\$54,708,765

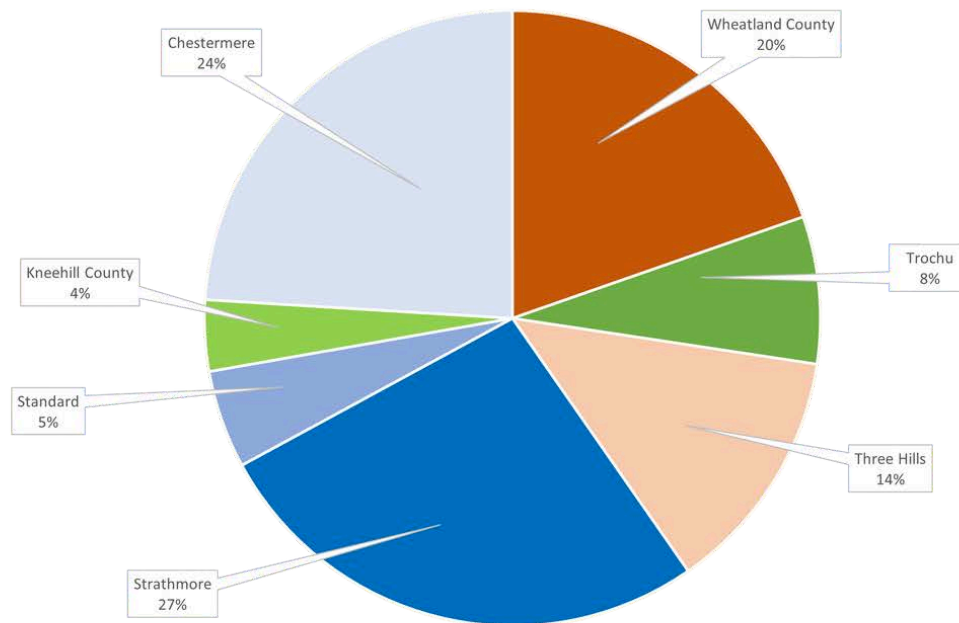
Leveraged Funds
into our Communities

28,377

Business Training
Participants

THIS FISCAL APRIL 1, 2025 - MARCH 31, 2026

Loans by Region



Approved Loans: \$1,552,000
Leveraged Funds: \$1,423,241
Entrepreneurs Trained/Coached: 702
CED Projects: 6

CFWR 2025 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

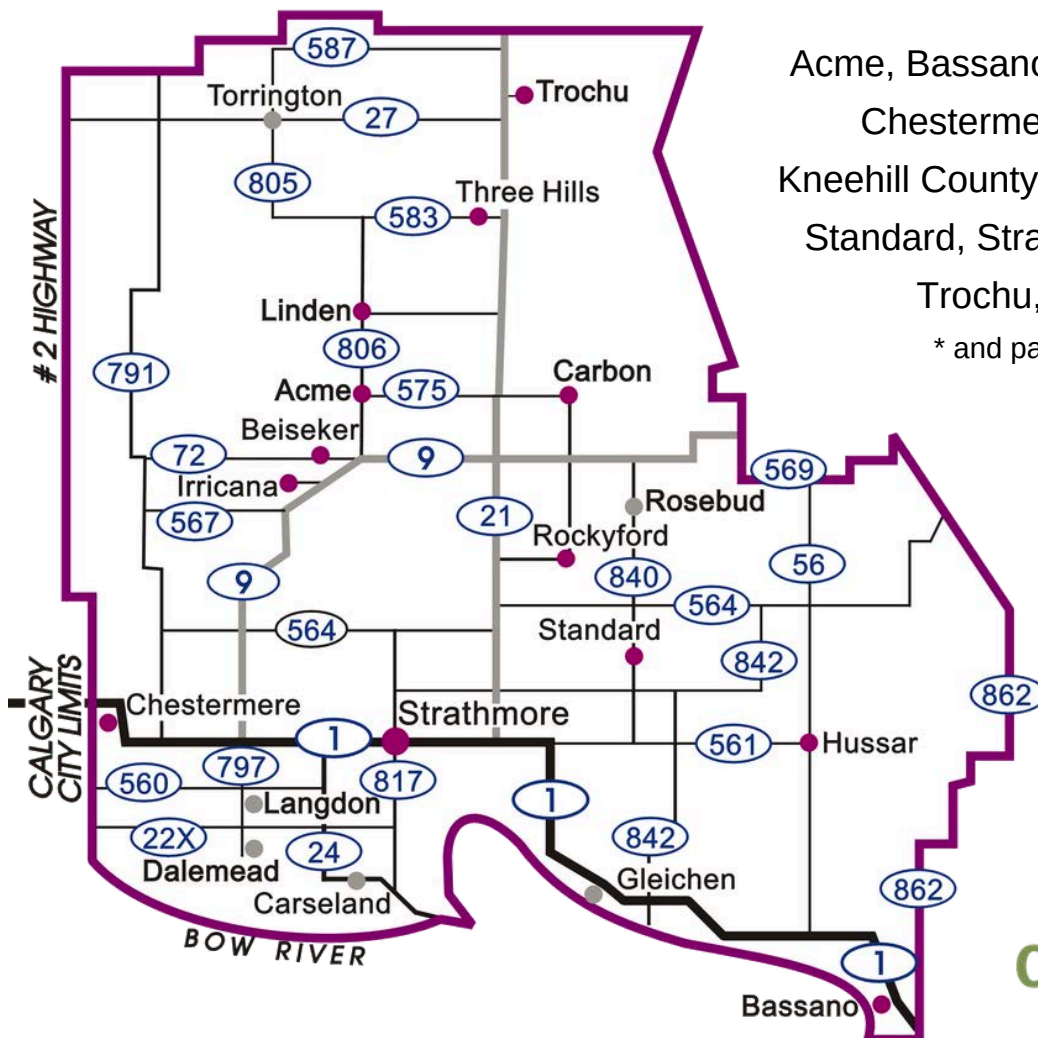
THIS QUARTER

- Training Programs offered:
 - Five-part Digital Marketing Series
 - Temporary Foreign Worker Session
 - HR: Interview Skills/Difficult Conversations
- Heart of Our Community Campaign Update:
 - Total # of nominations: 192
 - Q4 Winner: Langdon Community Petco
- **WINNER: Nonprofit of the Year, Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce, Business Excellence Awards**
- Hosted Regional EDA CIR Workshop
- Completed CIR Primer Reports in 5 municipalities



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COMMUNITIES WE SERVE



Acme, Bassano, Beiseker, Carbon, Chestermere, Hussar, Irriana, Kneehill County, Linden, Rockyford, Standard, Strathmore, Three Hills, Trochu, Wheatland County.
* and parts of Rocky View County



Council Report

To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: April 20, 2026
Purpose: Request For Decision
Subject: SRNA Working Group Appointments

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to present Council with recommended public member appointments to the Social and Recreation Needs Assessment (SRNA) Working Group, and to facilitate the appointment of a Council Member as Chair and a Council Member as Vice-Chair, in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference.

Background and Discussion:

The Town of Irricana is undertaking a Social and Recreation Needs Assessment to better understand current and future community needs related to recreation, culture, and social services, and to guide planning and investment decisions. The assessment will be led by a consultant and supported by local input through the SRNA Working Group.

The Social and Recreation Needs Assessment (SRNA) Working Group has been established to support the consultant-led assessment process by providing local knowledge, community perspective, and feedback throughout the project. The Working Group is advisory in nature and will play a key role in ensuring that the assessment reflects Irricana's context, priorities, and lived experience.

In alignment with the Council Strategic Plan, this initiative supports a "*Thriving Community Culture*", including the goal of increasing local volunteerism. The establishment of the SRNA Working Group represents a practical step in fostering community participation and engaging residents in shaping the future of recreation and social services within the Town.

Administration undertook an open recruitment process for public members, including promotion through municipal communication channels such as social media, the

Town's volunteer platform (Communal), and the Gateway Gazette. Based on this process, Administration is recommending the appointment of the following individuals (*listed alphabetically by last name*):

- Annette Culp
- Maddy Glass
- Danika Kaminsky
- Camille Keim
- Anamaria Muresan

In addition to public member appointments, Council is required to appoint two (2) Members of Council to the SRNA Working Group, who will serve as Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Following Council's appointments, Administration will begin coordinating the inaugural SRNA Working Group meeting. The initial focus will be on bringing members together, establishing a shared understanding of the Working Group's role, and preparing the group to begin work in support of the consultant-led assessment process, including outlining the work plan for the balance of 2026 and establishing a regular meeting schedule.

Analysis

The recommended appointments establish a complete Working Group in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference and provide a foundation for effective community engagement throughout the assessment process.

The ability to form a full Working Group reflects a meaningful level of community interest and willingness to participate in shaping the future of recreation and social services in Irricana. In a community of this size, assembling a group of this scale is a positive outcome and reinforces the Town's capacity to support collaborative, community-driven initiatives.

The inclusion of both public members and Council representatives ensures that the Working Group reflects a balance of community perspective and governance oversight, while maintaining its advisory role. With appointments in place, the Working Group can begin supporting the assessment in a timely and coordinated manner.

Financial Implication(s):

There are no direct financial implications associated with this item. Costs related to the Social and Recreation Needs Assessment are managed within the approved Town budget.

Recommendation:

That Council form the SRNA Working group in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference by:

1. Appointing Annette Culp, Maddy Glass, Danika Kaminsky, Camille Keim, and Anamaria Muresan to the SRNA Working Group;
2. Appointing a Member of Council as Chair of the SRNA Working Group; and
3. Appointing a Member of Council as Vice-Chair of the SRNA Working Group.

Recommendation Motion(s):

Option #1:

Motion #1: **THAT** Council appoint Annette Culp, Maddy Glass, Danika Kaminsky, Camille Keim, and Anamaria Muresan to the Social and Recreation Needs Assessment Working Group.

Motion #2: **THAT** THAT Council appoint _____ as Chair of the Social and Recreation Needs Assessment Working Group.

Motion #3: **THAT** THAT Council appoint _____ as Vice-Chair of the Social and Recreation Needs Assessment Working Group.

Option #2:

As determined by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

“Doug Hafichuk”

Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A



Council Report

To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: April 20, 2026
Purpose: Request For Decision
Subject: Kathryn School – Aggie Days Donation

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to present a request for financial support from Kathryn School for the 2026 Aggie Day event, and to seek Council direction regarding a municipal contribution.

Background and Discussion:

The Town has received a request from Kathryn School seeking support for the 2026 Aggie Day event, scheduled for June 11, 2026. The event brings together students from Kathryn and surrounding communities for an educational and interactive experience focused on Alberta's agricultural industry.

Aggie Day provides students with hands-on learning opportunities related to topics such as farming practices, environmental stewardship, rural safety, and the origins of the food supply. The event is supported through a combination of community sponsorship, volunteer involvement, and local partnerships.

The Town has supported this event in previous years, providing a \$500 contribution in both 2024 and 2025. Administration is recommending that Council continue this level of support for 2026.

Analysis

The requested contribution represents a modest and consistent level of support for a well-established regional initiative that aligns with the Town's broader interest in supporting youth engagement, education, and community partnerships.

While the event is hosted outside of Irricana, it reflects the Town's role within a broader rural region and supports programming that benefits area youth and families.

Continuing support at the established level provides consistency and reinforces the Town's ongoing commitment to community-based initiatives.

Administration notes that contributions of this nature have historically been accommodated within general operating budgets. As part of future budget processes, Council may wish to consider formalizing similar community support contributions to provide additional clarity and consistency.

Financial Implication(s):

The proposed \$500 contribution can be accommodated within the Town's general operating budget.

Recommendation:

That Council approve a \$500 donation to Kathryn School in support of the 2026 Aggie Day event.

Recommendation Motion(s):

Option #1:

Motion #1: **THAT** Council approve a \$500 donation to Kathryn School in support of the 2026 Aggie Day event.

Option #2:

As determined by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

"Doug Hafichuk"

Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 'A' – Letter from Kathryn Aggie Days Organizing Committee

Item 12

Attachment 'A' – Letter from Kathryn Aggie Days Organizing Committee



KATHYRN SCHOOL



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To Whom It May Concern,

We are excited to announce the 3rd Kathryn School Aggie Day, scheduled for **Thursday June 11, 2026**. This event will bring together over 300 students from kindergarten to grade 8 from both Kathryn and Beiseker schools for an educational and interactive experience highlighting the importance of Alberta's agricultural industry.

The success of past Aggie Day events has truly been a community effort, made possible by generous supporters like your organization. We sincerely hope you will join us again this year, as your involvement plays a vital role in creating a meaningful and memorable experience for our students.

As in previous years, we are seeking monetary sponsors, exhibitors, and small corporate donation items for student "swag bags." Monetary contributions will help cover the costs of food, advertising, supplies, and activities, while exhibitors will host interactive stations where students can engage with experts and learn firsthand about various aspects of agriculture. All sponsors and exhibitors will be recognized on our social media platforms, on event signage, and in the *Rocky View Weekly*.

Agriculture plays a significant role in Alberta, and our goal is to provide students with hands-on, engaging, and educational experience that underscores its importance. Through this event, students explore topics such as the history of the land, ecosystem conservation, farming practices and equipment, rural safety, livestock, and the origins of our food supply.

Your support is essential in helping us deliver this unique learning opportunity. We would welcome the chance to discuss this event with you further.

Please feel free to contact us at agdaykathyrn@gmail.com at your convenience.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your positive response.

Warm regards,
Kathyrn Aggie Day Organizing Committee
Quincy Shierman
Joanna Doucette
Rachelle Brundige
Megan Rusnack
Cassandra McKinnon



Council Report

To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: April 20, 2026
Purpose: Request For Decision
Subject: Tri-Community Peace Officer Agreement Renewal

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's preliminary direction on continued participation in the Tri-Community Peace Officer Program and to confirm Administration's ability to work with partner municipalities to refine and bring forward a renewed agreement for an additional term, reflecting learnings from the initial three-year term, in advance of the agreement's expiry in June 2026.

Background and Discussion:

The current Tri-Community Peace Officer Agreement between the Town of Irricana, the Village of Beiseker, and the Village of Acme is set to expire in June 2026.

In preparation for potential renewal, the respective Chief Administrative Officers met to review the performance of the program over its initial three-year term and to discuss potential refinements moving forward. Overall, the program is now operating much closer to the model originally envisioned and is delivering consistent value to the participating communities.

Key observations from this review include:

- The program has matured through its initial implementation period, with operational adjustments improving service delivery and overall effectiveness.
- The current service model and allocation framework are functioning well and do not require fundamental changes.
- There are no significant concerns related to community perception, and the program appears to enjoy general support across all three municipalities.
- Opportunities exist to enhance the program through relatively minor refinements, including the development of standardized reporting, improved scheduling

visibility, and continued emphasis on maintaining a visible enforcement presence within each community.

Based on these discussions, all three administrations have indicated their intent to recommend continuation of the program to their respective Councils, with a renewed agreement reflecting operational lessons learned over the initial term.

To support improved alignment with municipal planning and budgeting cycles, the partner municipalities have also discussed transitioning future agreement terms to align with the calendar year. As a result, the next agreement may be structured as an approximately 30-month term rather than a standard three-year period.

Analysis

The Tri-Community Peace Officer Program represents a collaborative approach to delivering enforcement services that would be difficult to achieve independently. The program has re-established a consistent enforcement presence within Irricana following a period without local service and has evolved into a stable and effective model for all participating municipalities.

The initial term of the agreement has provided an opportunity to test the model, identify operational challenges, and implement improvements. With those refinements now in place, the program is well-positioned to continue delivering value through a renewed agreement.

Renewal of the agreement also supports Council's Strategic Plan, specifically the objective of strengthening intermunicipal collaboration, by maintaining a shared service arrangement that leverages regional partnerships and resources.

Providing Administration with direction to proceed ensures that sufficient time is available to work collaboratively with partner municipalities, finalize updated agreement terms, and return to Council with a proposed renewal in advance of the June 2026 expiry.

Financial Implication(s):

Costs associated with the program are expected to remain consistent with the current agreement and are accommodated within the approved operating budget.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends continuation of the agreement, and that direction be provided to proceed with preparation of a revised Tri-Community Peace Officer Agreement between the partner communities, and to bring forward a proposed

agreement for Council consideration prior to the current agreement's expiry in June 2026.

Recommendation Motion(s):

Option #1:

Motion #1: **THAT** Council direct Administration to proceed with the renewal of the Tri-Community Peace Officer Agreement and to bring forward a proposed agreement for Council consideration prior to the current agreement's expiry in June 2026.

Option #2:

As determined by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

"Doug Hafichuk"

Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A



Council Report

To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: April 20, 2026
Purpose: **Provided for Information**
Subject: Transition from Mutual Aid Agreement with Rocky View County

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of transitional matters related to the Town's evolving approach to regional emergency management, and to provide context demonstrating that the Town is well positioned within a broader regional mutual aid framework, with the previous bilateral agreement with Rocky View County effectively superseded by the South Central Mutual Aid Agreement.

Background and Discussion:

The Town has received formal written notice from Rocky View County advising of the termination of the existing one-to-one Regional Emergency Management Agreement between the two municipalities.

While the agreement was scheduled to expire in August 2026, the decision to terminate reflects the evolution of emergency management arrangements since the execution of the original agreement. The Town is now a participant in the broader South Central Mutual Aid Agreement (SCMAA), which provides a more comprehensive and coordinated regional framework for mutual aid and emergency response.

As a result, the original one-to-one agreement between Irricana and Rocky View County has become largely redundant, with the SCMAA now serving as the primary mechanism for coordinated emergency response, training, and mutual aid across a wide range of jurisdictions. As illustrated in supporting materials, the SCMAA includes a significant number of municipal and regional partners across South Central Alberta.

The termination of the existing agreement is therefore best understood as an administrative transition, reflecting the continued effort to ensure that legacy

agreements are appropriately aligned with current operational frameworks and regional partnerships.

Analysis

The transition away from the legacy agreement aligns with the Town's broader approach to emergency management, which has increasingly emphasized regional coordination, preparedness, and capacity building.

Participation in the SCMAA ensures that the Town remains connected to a comprehensive network of partner municipalities capable of providing support during emergency events. More broadly, the agreement connects the Town to a full and integrated emergency support ecosystem, extending beyond municipal partners to include a range of supporting agencies and service providers involved in emergency response and recovery.

This includes access to coordinated emergency social services such as accommodation, food services, and sheltering, along with other specialized supports that are activated during complex incidents. This integrated, multi-agency approach significantly enhances the Town's overall response capacity and represents a level of coordination that would not be achievable through standalone or bilateral agreements.

At the local level, Administration has made significant progress in strengthening the Town's emergency management capacity over the past several years, including:

- Completion of required training, including Basic Emergency Management (BEM) and Incident Command System (ICS) training at multiple levels.
- Participation in regional emergency exercises, including a major live exercise in late 2025
- Ongoing alignment with provincial requirements through the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), including the recent completion of the Town's annual audit. Based on preliminary feedback, no material findings are anticipated, consistent with previous recent audit outcomes
- Advancement of key emergency management initiatives identified within the 2026 Work Plan, including updates to municipal emergency plans, development of facility-specific procedures, and preparation of an updated Emergency Management Bylaw
- Planned establishment of a Council Committee to provide oversight and governance for emergency management matters

Together, these efforts reflect a sustained and intentional investment in emergency preparedness, positioning the Town to operate effectively within a regional mutual

aid framework. The transition from the legacy agreement with Rocky View County does not represent a reduction in service or support, but rather signals the Town's progression to a more coordinated, capable, and resilient emergency management model supported by both strengthened internal capacity and participation in a broader regional system.

Financial Implication(s):

There are no direct financial implications associated with the termination of the existing agreement. Emergency management activities and participation in regional frameworks are accommodated within the approved operating budget.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that this report be received for information.

Recommendation Motion(s):

Option #1:

Motion #1: **THAT** Administration's report be received for information.

Option #2:

As determined by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

"Doug Hafichuk"

Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 'A' – Letter from Rocky View County (March 26, 2026)

Item I4

Attachment 'A' – Letter from Rocky View County (March 26, 2026)



March 26, 2026

Doug Hafichuk
Chief Administrative Officer
P.O Box 100
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Regional Emergency Management Agreement – Notice of Termination

I am writing to provide formal notice regarding the *Regional Emergency Management Agreement* currently in place between Rocky View County and the Town of Irricana. In accordance with the terms of the agreement, this letter provides Rocky View County's required 30-day notice to terminate the agreement.

Although the agreement is scheduled to expire on August 16, 2026, it is appropriate to transition at this time, as both Rocky View County and the Town of Irricana—along with other regional partners are now signatories to the South Central Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement provides a broader framework for mutual support and reflects our current approach to regional collaboration.

Rocky View County emergency management values the strong working relationship we have established with the Town of Irricana. We remain committed to ongoing collaboration, including participation in training, exercises, and coordinated response efforts through the South Central Mutual Aid framework.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this transition further, please contact Ken Hubbard, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management at 403-520-3986 or by email at khubbard@rockyview.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Henderson'.

Brian Henderson
Chief Operating Officer
Rocky View County
403-520-1196
bhenderson@rockyview.ca



Council Report

To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: April 20, 2026
Purpose: **Provided for Information**
Subject: Sanitary Utility Billing Adjustment and Correction

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding a recent adjustment to sanitary utility billing, including the identification and correction of a rate calculation error, and to outline Administration's approach moving forward.

Background and Discussion:

Sanitary utility billing within the Town is based on a percentage of metered water consumption. As wastewater discharge cannot be directly measured, the Town – consistent with standard municipal practices – uses a portion of water usage as a proxy for sanitary flows. In Irricana, this has historically been set at 90%, recognizing that a portion of water consumption (e.g., irrigation, evaporation) does not return to the sanitary system.

This approach is widely used across the municipal sector. For example, the City of Calgary applies a similar methodology, using a 90% return rate for commercial properties and a slightly lower rate (88%) for residential customers. The Town adopted this approach in early 2023 following a comprehensive review of utility billing practices, and it has been consistently applied since that time as part of a broader move toward a cost-recovery-based rate structure supported by simplified billing.

The Town's Master Rates Bylaw is structured around this 90% assumption. However, due to limitations within the Town's current financial system, water consumption cannot be automatically adjusted to reflect a reduced sanitary volume. Instead, the full water consumption is applied, and the sanitary rate is adjusted to achieve the intended outcome.

A discrepancy in the calculation of the adjusted sanitary rate was recently brought to Administration's attention by a utility customer. Upon review, it was confirmed that an error had occurred in calculating the rate required to achieve the intended 90% billing equivalency. As a result, sanitary charges were set higher than intended for the January, February, and March 2026 billing periods.

Analysis

The financial impact to residents has been modest but meaningful:

- The average residential customer has been overbilled by approximately \$9.40 per month
- This equates to approximately \$28 over the three billing periods
- The majority of customers fall within a range of \$6 to \$19 per month, depending on usage

While not insignificant, this level of impact remains relatively modest and will be fully corrected through the upcoming billing cycle.

Administration has already begun calculating account-level adjustments, and a credit will be applied to each affected account to fully correct the overbilling. The correction will be fully implemented in the next billing cycle.

In the short term, Administration will continue to apply the adjusted rate approach, corrected to reflect the intended 90% methodology, ensuring that customers are billed in accordance with the bylaw intent, and in alignment with Council's intended rate structure.

Looking ahead, Administration is currently reviewing options to simplify the billing model in a way that aligns more directly with both the Town's rate structure and system capabilities, including options that better align the bylaw, billing system, and operational practices. This may include transitioning to a 100% consumption-based model with a corresponding rate adjustment. Administration will bring forward a recommendation for Council's consideration at a future date.

Financial Implication(s):

The application of credits will offset the overbilled amounts. Utility revenues will remain aligned with the intended cost recovery model established through the Master Rates Bylaw.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that this report be received for information.

Recommendation Motion(s):

Option #1:

Motion #1: **THAT** Administration's report be received for information.

Option #2:

As determined by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

"Doug Hafichuk"

Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A



Council Report

To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: April 20, 2026
Purpose: **Provided for Information**
Subject: Chief Administrative Officer Report

Summary:

This report provides Council with a strategic update on Administration's current activities, progress on key initiatives, and emerging matters requiring Council awareness as execution of the 2026 Work Plan continues.

Background and Discussion:

The Chief Administrative Officer provides regular updates to Council to support situational awareness, transparency, and informed governance. This report continues the refined reporting approach established earlier in 2026, emphasizing narrative updates tied to the Work Plan, emerging matters, and key operational milestones.

Administration has transitioned from early-year planning into active execution across a range of operational, financial, and strategic priorities. Moving into the second quarter of 2026, the organization continues to demonstrate a disciplined, intentional approach to service delivery, with a focus on strengthening core systems, advancing priority projects, and maintaining alignment with Council's strategic direction.

2026 Work Plan – Current Progress & Key Milestones

Work under the 2026 Work Plan has moved into active execution, with several foundational initiatives now materially advanced.

Work related to the 2024 audit has progressed significantly following the completion of a comprehensive reconciliation effort. As the audit advanced, the volume and complexity of routine accounting inconsistencies (e.g., duplicate entries, missed entries, and coding issues) reached a level that made it impractical to resolve them in isolation. Administration made the decision to step back and undertake a full multi-

year rebuild of payroll, revenues, expenses, and borrowing activity to ensure accuracy and clarity across all financial records.

This work is now complete, and updated trial balances have been provided to MNP LLP to allow the audit to resume and move toward finalization. In consultation with the audit team, Administration has also recommended an additional round of testing at more stringent materiality thresholds to ensure a high level of confidence in the final financial statements. While this approach has extended the audit timeline significantly, it reflects a deliberate and governance-focused decision to prioritize accuracy and long-term reliability over speed.

Assessment season has also concluded, with no formal complaints filed under the Municipal Government Act. The Town's Assessor has characterized the year as particularly routine, reflecting overall stability within the assessment roll.

Preparation for spring budget finalization is underway, including development of the tax rate bylaw and associated adjustments. Administration remains on track to bring forward final budget materials for Council consideration at the May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Community & Recreation

The municipal campground has now been successfully launched for the 2026 season, representing a significant operational milestone. The Campspot reservation system was brought online March 20, with the campground officially opening May 15 and operating through September 13.

Early uptake has exceeded expectations, with 68 reservations totaling 229 nights and approximately \$8,000 in revenue already secured, excluding group bookings. This strong early performance provides confidence in the underlying projections used in the 2026 budget.

Importantly, the transition to a municipally operated model was achieved with minimal disruption to existing users, maintaining continuity of service while introducing new systems and operational supports. Overall, the campground is functioning well and reflects a successful implementation of a complex new service.

More broadly, Founders Park is now fully active, with baseball season underway and tournament bookings contributing to a high utilization throughout 2026. Recruitment is also underway for Junior Recreation Leaders, supporting youth engagement and the delivery of summer programming at the Irricana Recreation Center.

Preparations for Irricanarama are underway, with Administration adopting a more structured, project-based approach to planning and delivery. As one of the Town's signature community events, early coordination is critical to ensuring continued growth and success. External engagement and communications will continue to ramp up in advance of the September 12 event.

The Town has also received several community contributions, including \$1,500 from RBC in support of volunteer participation at the Easter event, \$1,000 from Fortis for Irricanarama programming, and \$500 from Blues Food Truck. These contributions, alongside direct volunteer involvement, reflect strong community and corporate support for local initiatives.

Annual FCSS reporting has been completed and submitted, reflecting another strong year for programming. A detailed administrative report will be brought forward to Council in June.

Planning & Development

Development activity continues to demonstrate steady momentum.

A pre-application meeting has been completed for Lot 11 within the Pioneer Industrial Park, representing the final undeveloped lot pursuing a development permit. The proposed use involves relocation of a structural steel business from Calgary, representing a meaningful addition to the Town's industrial base.

Development Permit D2026:002 ("The Yard") has also been approved, supporting the establishment of a storage facility for recreational vehicles and personal storage.

At 309 – 3 Avenue, environmental testing has been completed and remediation work is now mobilizing. The site is expected to be cleared within the coming weeks, with all associated costs to be added to the 2026 tax roll as part of the Town's enforcement process.

A Stop Order was issued in relation to unpermitted development at the local gas station. Following issuance, the property owner has engaged constructively with Administration and is working toward achieving compliance. This represents a positive step forward in resolving both recent and longstanding matters.

Additional development discussions are ongoing, including early-stage exploration of a potential light industrial subdivision and pre-application engagement on a residential redevelopment project involving potential densification.

The Irricana Hotel redevelopment has also advanced, with the property owner engaging a professional planning firm to support the project. This represents a substantive step forward and reflects a more structured and coordinated approach to advancing the development.

At a broader level, preliminary discussions have been initiated with the Town's planning consultant in preparation for the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) review, with a formal kickoff anticipated in the coming weeks.

Operations & Infrastructure

Operations is currently transitioning from winter response into full spring and summer maintenance activities.

A Request for Proposals for solid waste and recycling services has recently closed, with five submissions received. This represents a strong market response and provides a solid foundation for evaluating future service delivery options. Proposal evaluation is currently underway.

The Town also continues to monitor regional water supply conditions, including recent transmission line repairs within the Aqua 7 system. Throughout these events, Administration executed its established response protocols, focusing initially on monitoring system conditions and escalating only if required. The Town's planning assumptions and operational response were validated through this process, and communication from regional partners was both timely and effective.

Seasonal operational activities are now underway, including greenspace inspections and maintenance, catch basin clearing and stormwater system review, and preparation for rodent and weed control programs. These efforts build on enhanced focus in recent years to improve the condition, safety, and overall presentation of parks and public spaces.

Looking ahead, core spring and summer maintenance activities will continue, including pothole repair, street sweeping, line painting, sports flooring installation at the recreation facility, and seasonal beautification initiatives along Main Street and public facilities.

Organizational Capacity

Administration continues to strengthen internal capacity and organizational depth. The Communications Coordinator position has been filled through an internal promotion, reflecting continued development of internal talent. Recruitment is currently underway to backfill the Resident Services Clerk position, with a strong pool of candidates identified and interviews expected shortly.

Labour Management Committee meetings have been held with CUPE Local 37, supporting ongoing coordination and preparation for collective bargaining in August 2026.

Financial Implication(s):

No financial implications. The report is provided for information only.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that the report be received for information.

Recommendation Motion(s):

Option #1:

Motion #1: **THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer Report be received for information.

Option #2:

As determined by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

"Doug Hafichuk"

Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

Item J1

RCMP Quarterly Reporting



February 16, 2026

Mayor and Council
Town of Irricana
Irricana, AB

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for the Town of Irricana. It outlines staffing, financial information, and crime trends for the Airdrie Integrated Rural Detachment, and supports our commitment to transparency and ongoing collaboration with our community partners.

Through both provincial and municipal policing contracts, the RCMP serves roughly 40% of Albertans across 95% of the province, including your community. That is why it is so important that our work is centered on people — the frontline members serving your community, the support teams behind the scenes, and the Albertans who rely on us every day.

The Government of Alberta's Police Funding Model (PFM) has strengthened our ability to meet those needs. With your contributions, we have added 279 police officers, 136 directly to detachments, along with 242 civilian staff, including 77 supporting detachment operations. These investments have also enabled the development of a Real-Time Operations Centre to support frontline officers, the expansion of our drone program, enhanced investigative capacity, and the addition of a third specialized Emergency Response Team.

These resources, along with the dedication of our employees and the support of your community, have helped bring Alberta's crime rates to their lowest point in five years — and we are committed to building on this progress together.

I welcome continued conversations about your community's policing priorities and any ideas that can help us strengthen our service. Working collaboratively is essential to maintaining this forward progress, and I encourage you to reach out at any time with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely, *Lauren Weare*

Inspector Lauren Weare (M.O.M)
Officer in Charge
Airdrie/Beiseker Detachments

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Commanding Officer
Alberta



Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Commandant
de l'Alberta

February 4, 2026

Good day,

As we begin a new year, I would like to take the opportunity to share an update on the work the Alberta RCMP is doing to support safe, resilient communities across the province.

Like you, and the communities you serve, crime remains a primary concern for the Alberta RCMP. We recognize the significant impacts crime has on residents, businesses, and overall community well-being. Policing in Alberta presents unique and real challenges, including vast geographic areas, long response distances, and a relatively small number of repeat offenders who cause a disproportionate amount of harm. Addressing these challenges requires responses that are intelligence-led, fiscally responsible, and built on strong partnerships.

We remain focused on addressing crime through continual reassessment of operational approaches, responsible deployment of resources, and close collaboration with municipal and community partners. We also recognize the significant cost of policing for communities and remain committed to ensuring available resources are deployed strategically and efficiently to deliver effective policing services to Albertans.

As part of this commitment, we are investing in modernization initiatives, including the development of the Real-Time Operations Centre, the expansion of the Emergency Response Team, increased investigative capacity and resources focused on working in partnership with communities and government on prevention initiatives and address the root causes of crime.

I want to highlight for you some of the initiatives we have underway, some of the results we've realized and some of the opportunities we remain focused on.

Despite fiscal pressures, we continue to focus resources where they will have the greatest impact. One of our key strategies is concentrating on the relatively small number of offenders responsible for the greatest harm across the province through tracking and prioritizing the Top 100 offenders. Using data compiled from RCMP and municipal police services across Alberta our Strategic Research and Analysis Unit, has assessed nearly 100,000 unique offenders and ranked them to identify those causing the most significant harm. This intelligence directly informs the work of Crime Reduction Units located across the province that can be deployed where and when emerging crime trends demand to target those offenders causing the most harm. These units work in close coordination with local detachments and partner agencies, including municipal police services and Alberta Sheriffs.

We have countless examples of successful operations targeting property crime offenders across Alberta where significant seizures of stolen property including vehicles, ATV's heavy construction equipment, and copper wire, have been recovered and offenders have been arrested to face prosecution. This includes well coordinated investigations involving teams of investigators located strategically throughout the four districts working in concert and utilizing sophisticated investigative techniques and tools including the leveraging of cutting-edge surveillance assets from our federal RCMP partners.

We know that addiction to illicit drugs is a huge driver of the types of crime that victimize Albertans. To that end, we have also utilized enhanced investigative resources to compliment local detachments in combatting the drug trade in communities across the province. We have made significant seizures of fentanyl, methamphetamines, cocaine and illegal firearms in numerous investigations across the province. These successes impact the availability of these harmful drugs through disruption of supply and act as a deterrent by holding accountable those who are profiting from the distribution of substances that deprive Albertans of their safety and security.

We are embracing technology to make policing more effective, efficient, and safer for both the public and police. The policing landscape is changing; yesterday's solutions won't solve today's challenges. As such, modern policing requires that frontline officers be supported by layers of expertise, coordination, and technology. The Real-Time Operations Centre does exactly that and is a critical component of police modernization. Operating twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Real-Time Operations Centre provides operational support to every Alberta RCMP officer in the province. It enhances officer and public safety, coordinates specialized resources, and ensures informed decision-making during complex and evolving incidents. For our officers, the Real-Time Operations Centre ensures they are never working alone, regardless of location. For Alberta communities, this means every officer on their street is supported by a robust network of specialized units ready to respond at any moment. Ratepayers aren't funding just one uniformed member, but a comprehensive system of expertise and technology working behind that officer to keep their community safe.

Advanced investigative resources and practices represent another essential component of modernized policing as do resources such as the Emergency Response Teams. Emergency Response Teams are teams of highly skilled and trained individuals, bringing together experienced members, specialized tactics, advanced technology, and trained negotiators as a complete operational package, essentially bringing the right resource to the most volatile and dangerous calls. Their role is to safely resolve high-risk incidents involving armed or barricaded individuals, hostage situations and high-risk arrests. By deploying the appropriate expertise, equipment, and techniques, Emergency Response Teams have consistently led to safer outcomes for community members, suspects, and police officers. Demand for these specialized responses has increased significantly, with a sixty-one per cent increase in calls requiring Emergency Response Team involvement over the past four years. In response we have increased our capacity in this area enhancing overall public safety throughout the province. These specialized units place the Alberta RCMP on the leading edge of modern policing in Canada and directly support community safety. Combined with the dedication of our employees and the partnership of the communities we serve, these efforts have helped reduce crime rates in Alberta to the lowest in five years.

We recognize that police visibility and staffing levels remain key concerns for our clients and stakeholders. We continue to focus on recruiting Albertans to serve Albertans, strengthening experienced police officer recruitment. Since April 1, 2024, we have seen 5,450 applications in Alberta and 22 Experienced Police Officers have joined the Alberta RCMP since April 1, 2025. While these recruiting numbers are encouraging, we recognize the ongoing urgency to fill vacancies which is why we continually look inward at our hiring processes to remove barriers, find efficiencies and ensure the most qualified applicants are finding their way to service in communities across Alberta as quickly as possible.

Like all police services, we experience short-term human resource pressures at frontline detachments and have developed several strategies that enable a flexible response to these pressures. We have established a Relief Team based out of Leduc and Cochrane that is comprised of 30 members who

support detachments throughout the province. Since the start of 2026, the Relief Team has deployed 34 times to various detachments in the province. In addition, we currently have 33 Reservists who are retired police officers available as and when required to deploy where the greatest needs are. This provides another option of flexible deployment of highly experienced resources.

We are continually assessing our service delivery models to ensure our resources are deployed in the most effective and efficient way. This includes assessing resource levels at detachments, monitoring our response times, reviewing and adapting our policies and piloting initiatives to improve member visibility in communities. Just recently, we approved a pilot project that leverages technology to reduce the administrative burden placed on our front-line members, so that they can spend more time engaged in proactive patrolling and community engagement.

We continually engage in consultation with our community partners and stakeholders to identify whether changes to service delivery are needed. We assess and discuss impacts with our stakeholders and prioritize flexibility to ensure we are responsive to community priorities and needs.

Municipal leadership plays a critical role in advocating for safer communities. Your collective voice—grounded in firsthand knowledge of how crime affects residents, businesses, and community well-being—is essential in advancing meaningful change related to bail practices and court capacity.

I would like to highlight some of the broader challenges we encounter in this space.

First, let me share an example of a single prolific offender whose repeated releases resulted in significant harm across multiple communities:

- In February 2025, he committed a firearm-related robbery and stole a vehicle containing a one-year-old child, receiving a 90-day sentence.
- In June 2025, he was sentenced to 21 days time served after being located in a stolen vehicle.
- In July 2025, he was arrested again in a stolen vehicle, charged with 11 offences, and released on bail with conditions.
- In September 2025, he pled guilty to theft under \$5,000 and served 30 days.
- In November 2025, he rammed an unmarked police vehicle with a stolen vehicle and was taken into custody.
- He now faces 11 charges, including failure to comply and assaulting a police officer with a weapon, and remains in custody.

This individual committed offences across Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Parkland County, Lac Ste. Anne County, and Sturgeon County. His apprehension was the result of coordinated efforts between the Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit, a Community Response Team, and Parkland Detachment resources.

Examples such as this are not isolated. They demonstrate how a single prolific offender, repeatedly released back into the community, can cause significant harm to multiple municipalities in a short period of time. These cases underscore rural Albertans' concerns around repeat offending, bail, and court capacity.

We work closely with Crown Prosecutors to address repeat offending by ensuring priority offenders are supported by comprehensive bail packages that clearly outline criminal history, risk to public safety, and the broader community impacts of continued release. We also actively support the use of Community

Impact Statements, which allow communities and municipal leaders to articulate the cumulative harm crime causes beyond individual victims.

We remain compassionate toward individuals experiencing mental health challenges, addictions, and social vulnerability, and we continue to support partnerships that improve access to treatment and recovery services. This requires that adequate treatment be available and accessible. At the same time, there *are* individuals whose repeated, violent, or high-risk behaviour necessitates incarceration. Some people simply need to go to jail in order to protect the public and prevent further victimization.

Court capacity remains a significant challenge across the province, especially in rural Alberta. Limited court time, shortages of judges and clerks, and resulting delays undermine the effectiveness of the justice system. We will continue to advocate for improvements through multiple forums, consistently raising the impacts these pressures have on victims, communities, and frontline policing.

When policing data, operational experience, and municipal advocacy align, they provide a powerful foundation for justice system reform. Effective crime reduction cannot be achieved by policing alone. Long-term success depends on strong partnerships with municipalities, community organizations, government, and social service providers. We value our relationship with you and those you represent and recognize the essential role you play in shaping community safety priorities.

Modernization, fiscal responsibility, and collaboration will continue to guide our efforts. We are committed to leveraging technology, applying best practices, and deploying the right resources in the right places to support shared public safety goals.

Effective policing depends on strong partnerships, and I want to assure you that we remain committed to working closely with elected officials, municipal administrators, and community leaders to ensure policing services align with local priorities and needs. That is why I encourage you to reach out to your local Detachment Commander to discuss your policing services and explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration in support of your community priorities.

Sincerely,

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

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Town of Irricana - Beiseker Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to December: 2022 - 2025

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

January 7, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2022 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.3
Sexual Assaults		2	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.6
Other Sexual Offences		1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Assault		4	8	4	6	50%	50%	0.2
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.4
Criminal Harassment		4	2	3	1	-75%	-67%	-0.8
Uttering Threats		0	2	5	0	N/A	-100%	0.3
TOTAL PERSONS		11	12	13	9	-18%	-31%	-0.5
Break & Enter		2	1	3	2	0%	-33%	0.2
Theft of Motor Vehicle		4	1	1	1	-75%	0%	-0.9
Theft Over \$5,000		0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Theft Under \$5,000		8	6	3	4	-50%	33%	-1.5
Possn Stn Goods		2	0	0	2	0%	N/A	0.0
Fraud		2	8	8	5	150%	-38%	0.9
Arson		0	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.2
Mischief - Damage To Property		2	6	1	9	350%	800%	1.6
Mischief - Other		4	7	1	2	-50%	100%	-1.2
TOTAL PROPERTY		24	30	19	26	8%	37%	-0.5
Offensive Weapons		1	0	0	9	800%	N/A	2.4
Disturbing the peace		1	2	2	5	400%	150%	1.2
Fail to Comply & Breaches		2	3	0	9	350%	N/A	1.8
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		1	0	2	1	0%	-50%	0.2
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		5	5	4	24	380%	500%	5.6
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		40	47	36	59	48%	64%	4.6



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Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.3
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.3
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
TOTAL FEDERAL		0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.3
Liquor Act		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.3
Cannabis Act		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mental Health Act		N/A	N/A	14	13	N/A	-7%	1.9
Other Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	8	6	N/A	-25%	-1.2
Total Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	22	19	N/A	-14%	0.4
Municipal By-laws Traffic		N/A	N/A	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.3
Municipal By-laws		N/A	N/A	2	7	N/A	250%	1.2
Total Municipal		N/A	N/A	2	8	N/A	300%	1.5
Fatals		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		0	1	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.5
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		N/A	N/A	2	5	N/A	150%	0.3
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		N/A	N/A	4	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
TOTAL MVC		N/A	N/A	6	7	N/A	17%	0.8
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		N/A	N/A	1	1	N/A	0%	0.4
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		N/A	N/A	11	22	N/A	100%	-1.7
Other Traffic		0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.4
Criminal Code Traffic		0	2	2	2	N/A	0%	0.6
Common Police Activities								
False Alarms		N/A	N/A	3	5	N/A	67%	-0.6
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		N/A	N/A	1	2	N/A	100%	0.2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		N/A	N/A	9	10	N/A	11%	0.2
Persons Reported Missing		N/A	N/A	2	2	N/A	0%	0.7
Search Warrants		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0



Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Beiseker Provincial - Irricana

Detachment Commander

Inspector Lauren Weare

Report Date

February 16, 2026

Fiscal Year

2025-26

Quarter

Q3 (October - December)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Rural Crime – Crime Reduction**Updates and Comments:**

Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural, using Project AIROW, had been monitoring 5 subjects in the rural area. Checks on the subjects monitored by Project AIROW had shown them to be mostly compliant. During this period, some subjects have been removed and new ones added.

There were 28 checks conducted during this reporting period and all but 2 were compliant. The subjects were breached in both instances for not abiding by their conditions.

The Crime Reduction Unit resources remained on the frontlines due to continued frontline policing shortages. Ongoing investigations were being monitored and source recruitment/target identification remained a priority.

The Crime Reduction Unit resources returned to their substantive positions and roles in January 2026.

Priority #2: Rural Crime - Community Engagement**Updates and Comments:**

The Airdrie/Beiseker Integrated Rural Unit is very engaged in each of the 5 communities and the two counties they police, with a Detachment member meeting with various schools regularly and delivering presentations such as bullying and school safety. Sgt. Ian PATEY has assigned specific rural members to each community school to conduct regular visits, patrols and presentations.





Priority #3: Rural Crime – Road Safety

Updates and Comments:

Members of the Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural detachment area conduct regular patrols and enforce traffic laws as applicable. In this quarter there have been at least 164 traffic enforcement activities which include tickets and warnings.

Members of the Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural detachment area conducted 25 impaired driving related investigations, with 17 of those investigations resulting in impaired sanctions and/or suspensions.

The Integrated Traffic Unit which operates in the Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural detachment area conducted 7 impaired driving related investigations in this area, with 4 of those investigations resulting in impaired sanctions and/or suspensions.





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
October 25, 2025	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
Irricana Monster Mash	
Notes/Comments:	
Members attended the Irricana Monster Mash at the Lions Community Hall	

Consultation #2

Date	Meeting Type
December 5, 2025	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
Irricana Christmas Events	
Notes/Comments:	
Members attended the Irricana Christmas Events Evening	



Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	5	5	0	0
Detachment Support	2	2	0	0

Notes:

1. Data extracted on December 31, 2025 and is subject to change.
2. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments:

Police Officers: Of the five established positions, all are filled, with no soft or hard vacancies.

Detachment Support: There are two established positions that are currently filled. There no soft or hard vacancies

