

# COUNTY CONNECTIONS

➤ **SPRING 2026**



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## Reeve's Message



Spring always brings a sense of renewal and anticipation across the County of Grande Prairie. As the days grow longer, our community begins to prepare for another busy season of events, construction, and connection. It is also a time to reflect on the progress we are making together and the opportunities ahead for residents, businesses, and families who call the County home.

### Budget

County Council has approved the 2026 budget, focused on supporting growing communities while continuing to deliver the services residents rely on every day.

The 2026 budget takes a balanced approach to growth and essential services. It includes targeted investments while remaining mindful of the financial impact on taxpayers, with funding directed to priorities such as water and wastewater systems and road infrastructure to support long-range planning.

As property tax notices are issued, residents are reminded that a portion of collected taxes is directed to the province for education and to the Grande Spirit Foundation for seniors' housing.

For questions about the provincial portion of your tax notice, connect with the Government of Alberta Education Property Tax Line at 780-422-7125 or [taxprogramdelivery@gov.ab.ca](mailto:taxprogramdelivery@gov.ab.ca).

Council remains committed to making decisions that support the County now and into the future. Read more about the budget starting on page 4.

### Regional Growth

Our region continues to experience remarkable growth. Earlier this year, we announced that the Grande Prairie–Greenview Corridor is leading Alberta in housing growth outside of the Edmonton and Calgary metropolitan areas.

The region recorded 579 housing starts in 2025, representing an increase of more than 60 per cent compared to the previous year. The County of Grande Prairie continues to be a place where people come to build a career, earn a good living, and enjoy an exceptional quality of life.

### Community Safety

Results from the recent Citizen Satisfaction Survey show continued confidence in the County as a safe place to live. Ninety-two per cent of residents agree the region is safe, up from 89 per cent in 2023.

Residents also reported strong awareness of the County's wildfire preparedness and prevention efforts. Programs such as FireSmart™, the County's Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, and the work of the Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership (GPREP) help residents stay informed and prepared. Fire safety tips and homeowner checklists remain among the most widely recognized resources. If you haven't reviewed them yet, you can find them at [www.countygp.ab.ca/FireSmart](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/FireSmart).

As another layer of preparedness, the County encourages residents to sign up for Voyent Alert, our subscriber-based notification system. Our County staff use this tool to deliver alerts to residents during emergencies. You can also opt-in to receive day-to-day communication such as notices about fire bans, road construction, and more. Download the app or subscribe to receive notifications by email, text, or landline. Learn more or register at [www.countygp.ab.ca/alerts](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/alerts).

### Join us at the County's 75th Anniversary Celebration

One milestone we are especially proud to celebrate this year is the County's 75th anniversary. For generations, residents have helped shape the strong and resilient community we enjoy today.

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Celebrate 75 years of community pride with the County of Grande Prairie at the TARA Centre in Evergreen Park. The milestone celebration features two days of family-friendly activities, local vendors and live entertainment for all ages.

Join the festivities Friday and Saturday, August 21–22, 2026, at Evergreen Park, 55051 Township Rd. 710, County of Grande Prairie.

Events begin Friday at noon with a ceremonial cake cutting, followed by an afternoon and evening of programming. Wagon rides, face painting, a roaming puppet show, and more continue through to 8 p.m.

The celebration carries on Saturday with a pancake breakfast at 10 a.m., followed by a full day of entertainment and hands-on activities. Live performances run throughout the day, leading up to the main stage act at 8 p.m. The evening concludes with a drone show.



# 75

**Celebrate with us!**

**Friday, August 21**

**12 noon**

- ★ Activities begin
- ★ Cutting of the 75th Anniversary cake

**12 noon to 8 p.m.**

- ★ Outdoor main stage entertainment throughout the day featuring local community groups and performers
- ★ Market with Peace Region vendors
- ★ Museum old-fashioned carnival games and activities
- ★ Classic car show, county vehicle display, and fire truck demonstrations
- ★ Touch-a-Tractor display
- ★ Horse wagon rides
- ★ Face painting from 1 to 6 p.m.
- ★ Roaming puppet entertainment
- ★ Indoor bouncy castle
- ★ Bee Diagnostic Centre activities
- ★ Food trucks

[www.countygp.ab.ca/75Years](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/75Years)



## Saturday, August 22

Kick off the day with community traditions, then stay for an evening of live entertainment and a drone show.

**10 a.m.**

- ★ Opening ceremony
- ★ Pancake breakfast

**10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

- ★ Outdoor main stage entertainment featuring local community groups and performers
- ★ Market with Peace Region vendors
- ★ Performances by Generations Theatre
- ★ Classic car show, county vehicle display, and fire truck demonstrations
- ★ Touch-a-Tractor display
- ★ Horse wagon rides
- ★ Face painting from 1 to 6 p.m.
- ★ Roaming puppet entertainment
- ★ Food trucks
- ★ Indoor bouncy castle
- ★ Bee Diagnostic Centre activities

**8 p.m.**

- ★ Mainstage musical act on the outdoor stage

**10:30 to 10:50 p.m.**

- ★ Drone show



**Touch a Tractor**



**Draft Horse Rides**



**Car Show & Fire Trucks**



**Puppet Shows**



**Face Painting**



**Market Vendors**

Follow us on socials for ongoing updates  

We invite you to take part in the celebrations. View the schedule on pages 2 and 3, and watch for ongoing updates on the County's website and Facebook page.

### Stay Connected

As we move into the warmer months, I encourage residents to stay engaged with the County by attending local events, participating in community conversations and connecting with Council and staff. Whether it is joining us at upcoming County open houses, celebrating our 75th anniversary, or simply enjoying the many opportunities this region offers, your involvement makes our community stronger.

Thank you for your continued commitment to making the County of Grande Prairie a vibrant and welcoming place to live. I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year as we celebrate our history and continue building for the future.



# County of Grande Prairie 2026 Budget Focuses on Investing in Critical Infrastructure, Regional Partnerships, and Public Safety

County of Grande Prairie Council has approved the 2026 budget, prioritizing infrastructure and services to support a growing region while maintaining its focus on long-term sustainability and a competitive tax rate.

The budget includes a 2.9 per cent municipal tax rate increase, equal to \$5.29 per month, or \$63.48 annually, for an average residential property valued at \$510,000.

A significant portion of the taxes shown on County tax notices are provincial, not municipal taxes. The County is required to collect education property taxes on behalf of the Government of Alberta, as well as the levy for seniors' lodging for the Grande Spirit Foundation. This money is sent directly to the province and the Grande Spirit Foundation and does not fund County services.

For 2026, the province increased the amount for education by \$5.5 million or 19 per cent.

The total budget is \$208.5 million, including \$129.1 million for general operations, \$38.3 million for capital investments, and \$41.1 million from 2025 capital project carry-overs.

The budget allocates \$51.7 million for road improvements, supporting continued economic growth and maintaining core infrastructure. It also includes a mandated \$4.3 million transfer to the provincial government for RCMP costs.

"Council's 2026 budget reflects a balanced approach to managing

growth while supporting the services residents rely on," says Reeve Amanda McDonald. "We are making targeted investments while remaining mindful of the financial impact on taxpayers, including funding for water and wastewater systems and roads that will support long-range planning for our communities."

Through intermunicipal cost-sharing agreements, the County continues to partner with neighbouring municipalities to deliver shared services, including recreation.

Highlights of some of the services, programs and projects Council approved for 2026 include:

- Approximately 68.5 per cent of the capital budget is going toward road and bridge projects.
- An estimated \$8.5 million in intermunicipal cost-sharing agreements with other municipalities, including the City of Grande Prairie and the towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, and Wembley.
- \$8.9 million in community grant funding to various organizations for recreation, health, community, culture, seniors and special needs transportation, and libraries.
- \$4.3 million in mandated transfers to the provincial government for RCMP and other policing costs.
- \$4 million for gravel road rehabilitation
- \$3.1 million for a snow storage site
- \$2.4 million for the ongoing Hythe sewer replacement project



# Budget Highlights

- \$1.3 million to the City of Grande Prairie for the revenue sharing agreement, which has the purpose of fostering regional development (share of municipal tax revenue—20 per cent from the co-generational facility and 10 per cent on any new commercial/industrial development in areas serviced by Aquatera). Learn more about highlights of the 2026 final operating and capital budgets in the budget highlights.

## Where Your HOME PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO



**ABOUT 61% GOES TO YOUR COUNTY MUNICIPAL TAX**



**ABOUT 38% GOES TO THE PROVINCE FOR EDUCATION**



**ABOUT 1% GOES TO SENIORS' LODGING GRANDE SPIRIT FOUNDATION**



### Capital Budget

Approximately \$54.4 million is being invested in capital road and bridge projects.

Capital Grant funding is estimated at \$17.4 million, including an estimated \$5.4 million Canada Community Building Fund, an estimated \$6.8 million in funding from the Local Government Fiscal Framework Grant, an estimated \$3.6 million Alberta Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Grant, and \$1.6 million in other provincial grants.

Some of the highlights of the capital budget include:

- \$14.5 million for surfaced road rehabilitation, including 50 km of resurfacing and seal coating
- \$11.2 million for fleet replacement
- \$4 million for gravel road rehabilitation
- \$3.1 million for a snow storage site. This project will be funded over two years, with \$300,000 in 2026 and \$2.8 million in 2027.
- \$2.4 million for the Hythe sewer replacement project
- \$595,000 in additional funding for the Hythe recreation facilities water well supply project
- \$460,130 for the J.D.A. County Sportsplex ice-making fluid cooling system. This project will be funded over two years, with \$159,800 in 2026 and \$300,330 in 2027.
- \$300,000 addition for the roadside brushing program
- \$265,000 for 113 Avenue roundabout lighting in Clairmont
- \$200,000 for Hythe Wellhouse 1 Water Treatment Plant waterproofing project

### Operating Budget

The approved operating budget for 2026 includes:

- \$8.9 million in community grant funding to various organizations for recreation, health, community, culture, seniors and special needs transportation, and libraries.
- \$5.7 million in intermunicipal cost-sharing agreements with other municipalities, including the City of Grande Prairie and the towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, and Wembley.
- An additional \$2.8 million in intermunicipal cost-sharing as a one-time capital contribution to the City of Grande Prairie under the Multisport Dome Capital Contribution Agreement.
- An estimated \$1.3 million to the City of Grande Prairie for the tax sharing agreement, to be allocated to projects fostering regional development (share of municipal tax revenue—20 per cent from the co-generational facility and 10 per cent on any new commercial/ industrial development in areas serviced by Aquatera).
- \$852,408 for the County of Grande Prairie Library Board grant
- \$700,000 for storm sewer cleaning and condition assessment
- \$650,000 for decommissioning the Teepee Creek water treatment system and providing nine active wells and treatment units for existing individual lot owners.



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# MAKING SENSE 2026 BUDGET



## READING YOUR PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

Your property tax notice includes more than municipal taxes—it also includes taxes for education and seniors lodging. The Province of Alberta and the Grande Spirit Foundation determine the financial amounts, and the County is required to collect and send these funds to each of them, respectively.

County of Grande Prairie No. 1  
10001 - 84 Avenue  
Clairmont, AB T8X 5B2

**2026 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICE**  
DUE DATE: June 30, 2026

Date Mailed: **May 7, 2026**  
Notice of Assessment Date: **May 15, 2026**  
Final Date of Complaint: **July 14, 2026**

ASSESSMENT CLASS	LAND	IMPR	OTHER	NET
32 - RESIDENTIAL MARKET VALUE	127,500	382,500	0	510,000
<b>Assessment Totals</b>	<b>127,500</b>	<b>382,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>510,000</b>
<b>Separate School Support</b>				<b>510,000</b>
<b>% Public School Support</b>				<b>100%</b>
Provincial School Taxes are collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta. The Tax rate is determined by the Province.				<b>510,000</b>

DESCRIPTION	PERIOD OF TAXATION	RATE	AMOUNT
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL	Jan 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2026	4.41833	2,253.35
GRANDE SPIRIT FOUNDATION	Jan 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2026	0.10471	53.40
PROVINCIAL SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL	Jan 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2026	2.74569	1,400.30
<b>TOTAL CURRENT TAX LEVIES</b>			<b>3,707.05</b>

	<b>MUNICIPAL TAXES</b> County of Grande Prairie	<b>\$2,253.35</b> GOES TO YOUR COUNTY	<b>= 60.79%</b>
	<b>SENIORS' LODGING</b> Grande Spirit Foundation	<b>\$53.40</b> GOES TO SENIORS' HOUSING	<b>= 1.44%</b>
	<b>EDUCATION TAX</b> Province of Alberta	<b>\$1,400.30</b> GOES TO EDUCATION	<b>= 37.77%</b>

\*Based on the above sample notice

**DUE DATE: JUNE 30, 2026**

<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>
\$3,707.05

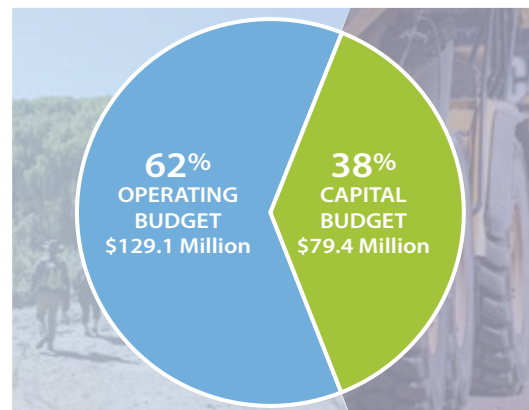
<b>TO THE PROVINCE FOR RCMP COSTS</b>	<b>\$42.81</b>	<b>= 1.9%</b>
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## BUDGET BASICS

Every program and service in the County has a cost. Each year, Council makes financial decisions to provide money for each program and service in the Operating and Capital budgets. **The total budget for 2026 is \$208.5 million.**

**OPERATING BUDGET:** The County's operating budget is for day-to-day costs to keep everything running smoothly. This includes enforcement and fire services, parks and recreation facilities, road maintenance, including snow removal, and waste management.

**CAPITAL BUDGET:** The County's capital budget funds major assets, including machinery and equipment, vehicles, buildings, major road construction projects, and debt repayments.



## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

Funding for the County's programs and services comes from several sources, with most coming from property taxes.

**52.4%**  
MUNICIPAL TAXES  
Your Property Taxes

**28.4%**  
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES\*  
Savings Set Aside For Specific Projects

**7.9%**  
GRANT REVENUE  
From Other Orders of Government

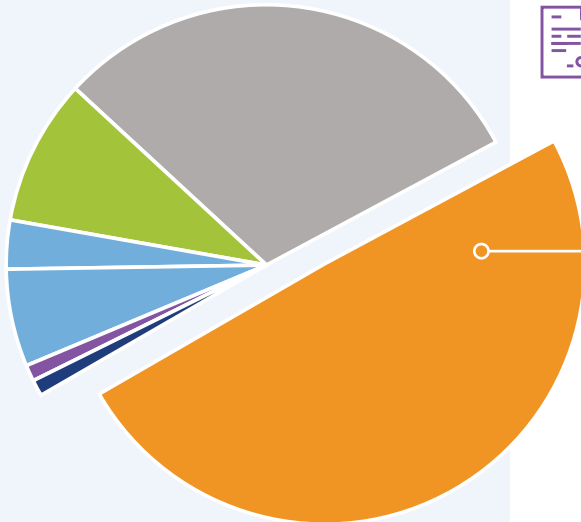
**2.2%**  
DEBT FUNDING

**5.9%**  
USER FEES, SALE OF GOODS,  
LEVIES & MISC. REVENUES  
For Example, Equipment Rental,  
Animal Reclaim, Garbage Collection

**1.2%**  
RETURN ON INVESTMENT  
Earnings On County Investments

**2.0%**  
LEVIES, FINES & PENALTIES  
For Example, Development Levies

\*A portion of municipal taxes are put into reserve accounts, similar to savings accounts. Money is transferred from reserves when needed for critical capital and operational projects. Reserve accounts provide additional funding for the County as interest builds up on a large portion of the balance.



## MUNICIPAL TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Wondering how much of our sample residential property tax bill went towards County operational and capital expenses? The municipal tax portion of \$2,253.35 is broken down as follows:

### TRANSPORTATION NETWORK



\$1,187.52

- 31.6% Road Construction & Bridge Program
- 12.1% Road Maintenance, Signage & Construction
- 7.6% Fleet & Maintenance
- 1.4% Transportation & Utilities Administration

### COMMUNITY, RECREATION, CULTURE & SAFETY



\$549.82

- 1.9% Regional Enforcement Services
- 1.9% Provincial Policing
- 6.9% Regional Fire Services
- 0.1% Emergency Preparedness
- 7.0% Recreation and Culture
- 2.7% Community Grants
- 1.9% Agriculture Services
- 2.0% Family and Community Support Services

### RUNNING THE MUNICIPALITY



\$295.18

- 13.1% Assessment, Asset Management, Communications & Marketing, County Manager's Office, Economic Development, Financial Services, People & Organizational Development, Information Technology, Insurance & Risk Management, Legislative Services, Procurement

### WATER AND WASTE

Recycle & Waste Management;  
Water Supply & Distribution, and  
Wastewater Collection & Treatment



\$173.51

- 3.7% Water Supply And Distribution
- 1.6% Recycling & Waste Management Facilities & Services
- 2.4% Wastewater Collection & Treatment

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

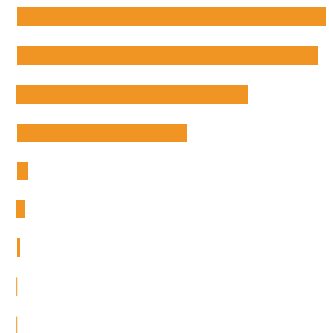


\$47.32

- 2.1% Land Use, Planning, Zoning & Development

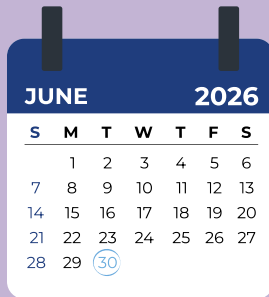
## SOURCE OF MUNICIPAL TAX PORTION

- 29.70% Designated Industrial Properties
- 29.20% Linear
- 22.31% Commercial Property
- 16.79% Residential Property
- 0.85% Farmland Property
- 0.83% Industrial Property
- 0.26% Machinery And Equipment
- 0.05% Grants In Lieu
- 0.01% Minimum Tax



# Pay Your Property Taxes by the End of June

Property owners are encouraged to pay their property taxes on or before the last business day of June to avoid late penalties. The County of Grande Prairie collects property taxes to help pay for services, facilities, and projects in the County. Your property tax notice includes municipal taxes along with taxes for education and seniors lodging as determined by the Province of Alberta and the Grande Spirit Foundation. To learn more about how your tax dollars are used, read 'Making Sense of the Budget' on pages 6-7.



# MyProperty

Convenient access to your utility and property tax information

## Key features:

- **Online access:** Easily view your utility and property tax information online.
- **Online payments:** Conveniently pay your utility and tax bills online.
- **E-billing:** Sign up for e-billing to get notified when your utility bill and property tax notice are available.
- **System access:** Create a profile to access the system.
- **Account access:** Add your utility and property tax accounts to your MyProperty profile after setting up your profile.



For more information and step-by-step instructions, visit <https://myproperty.countygp.ab.ca>.



# Property Assessment Appeal

If you have questions about your assessment, we encourage you to first speak with one of our local assessors. They can be reached at 780-513-3952 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Find information about assessment appeals, including the County's deadline, at [www.countygp.ab.ca/assessment](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/assessment). To avoid penalty charges, you must pay your taxes by the deadline, **even if you intend to file an appeal**. For more information about the appeal process, contact Legislative Services at 780-532-9722.

# Join Us at a County Open House!

County councillors and staff look forward to meeting with residents during three County Open House events this June. Drop in between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. to connect with neighbours, enjoy light refreshments and learn more about County programs, services and upcoming initiatives.

Visit the location most convenient for you—attend one or all the events:

- 📍 **Hinton Trail Hall**  
702002 Highway 722, Elmhurst  
Monday, June 15
- 📍 **Clarkson Hall, Evergreen Park**  
55051 Township Road 710,  
County of Grande Prairie  
Wednesday, June 17
- 📍 **Webster Hall**  
52081 Township Road 744A,  
Sexsmith  
Thursday, June 18



# Economic Development: Supporting Businesses and Showcasing the County

Your Economic Development team delivers on its commitment to supporting our local businesses, strengthening regional partnerships, and promoting the people and industries that make our County thrive. This spring, businesses will see a continuation of programs born out of the Annual Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) Survey, while residents will get a behind-the-scenes look at Agriculture in the County.

## BR+E Survey, Infrastructure Technology Grant Supporting Local Business

The County's BR+E Survey returned in April as part of our continued effort to better understand the needs of our local businesses.

Through this annual survey, the Economic Development team connects with County businesses to learn about the opportunities and challenges they are experiencing. The survey gathers insights on topics such as workforce needs, infrastructure priorities, business supports, and ways the County can help companies continue to grow and succeed.

The Business Retention and Expansion – Infrastructure Technology Grant will continue in 2026. Originally launched in response to the 2025 survey results, the grant supports small- and medium-sized businesses in the County by helping them address infrastructure-related technology gaps. Eligible businesses can apply for matching funding of up to \$2,000 per year.





For more information on the grant and how to apply, visit [www.middleofeverywhere.ca/business-grants-and-incentives](http://www.middleofeverywhere.ca/business-grants-and-incentives)



Join the County of Grande Prairie and communities across Alberta in recognizing Economic Development Week, May 4-8, 2026.

Economic development often happens behind the scenes, but plays an important role in supporting jobs, attracting investment, and strengthening the local economy.

Throughout the week, the County will be sharing a fun and educational social media series highlighting what economic development is, the work happening within the department, and the initiatives that support business growth and regional collaboration.




Follow along on  

## Rooted in the County

In February, the County's Economic Development team launched the first episode of Rooted in the County, a 17-episode video series celebrating the people, passion, and pride behind the agricultural businesses that are deeply rooted in our community. The series highlights County businesses that help feed our region, support our economy, and shape our identity. Filming began in the spring of 2025, ranging from Agri-tourism experiences to dedicated producers working behind the scenes.

We are incredibly grateful to the producers who opened their doors and shared their stories. It has been a privilege to get to know them and showcase the work happening across our County.

Tune in every Friday on our County Facebook or LinkedIn and follow the full series on our YouTube channel @CountyofGP

Follow along on   



# 2026 Road Work Key Projects and Improvements



Roads and road safety continue to be a key priority for County residents. Council considered findings from the 2025 Citizen Satisfaction Survey when approving the 2026 Final budget that allocated \$51.7 million for road improvements and 68.5 per cent of the capital budget going toward road and bridge projects.

The 2025 Citizen Satisfaction Survey found that road conditions and road maintenance remain a priority for residents; road infrastructure is one of the most visible ways residents see value from their tax dollars.

Forty projects are scheduled for the 2026 construction season, which runs from May through November, depending on weather conditions.

A detailed construction project list and interactive map for the 2026 construction season is available online at [www.countygp.ab.ca/RoadConstruction](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/RoadConstruction). When a construction project is about to begin, the work and potential traffic impacts are announced on the County's social channels and Voyent Alert—the County's official notification system.

Residents can receive email, text, or landline (text-to-voice) updates on road construction projects by signing up for Voyent Alert at [www.countygp.ab.ca/alerts](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/alerts). Find information about the system on page 15.

## Grading

Grading involves the use of construction equipment to reshape, rebuild, and improve existing gravel roads. Both the roadway surface and adjacent ditches are carefully reworked to create a smooth, durable driving surface with appropriate sloping to ensure proper drainage and effective water management along the roadway.

For the 2026 season, 15 grading projects are scheduled on nearly 70 km of roads. Some of this year's grading projects include:

Range Road 125 between Township Roads 732 and 742 (Project Code C10554)

Range Road 110 and Township Road 733 (Project Code C10540)

## Base Pave

Base paving is the process of upgrading an existing road to prepare it for a new paved surface. Crews begin by inspecting the road for soft or damaged areas and repairing them to ensure a strong foundation. Layers of specialized gravel are then added and compacted to improve strength and stability. Protective sealants may be applied, followed by the final layer of asphalt. This stepped process creates a smooth, hard surfaced road, designed to handle traffic with a lifespan of 15-20 years.

Some of this year's base pave projects include:

Township Road 744 (Project Code 10408) and Range Road 50 (Project Code C10541)

Range Road 53, south of Township Road 712 (Project Code C10409)

Range Road 92 and Township Road 730 (Project Code C10524)

Range Road 74 to Township Road 720 (Project Code C10703)

## Paved Road Maintenance

Paved road maintenance includes overlays, seal coats, and micro-surfacing. These processes are used to rehabilitate and refresh old pavement, smooth existing road surfaces and repair potholes, rutting, and cracking. Paved road maintenance is also used to repair areas that have settled overtime due to underground utilities.

Some paved road maintenance projects scheduled for 2026 include:

Range Road 82 between Township Road 702 and 713 (Project Code C10620)

Township Road 712 and Range Road 51 (Project Code C10734)

Township Road 714 between Highway 722 and Range Road 103 (Project Code C10719)



## Seasonal Road Maintenance

Many smaller-scale road projects take place during favourable weather. Ongoing maintenance helps extend the life of the County’s roads and infrastructure. These projects include pothole repairs, crack sealing, line painting, roadside and ditch mowing, weed spraying, sign maintenance, bridge and street cleaning, and applying dust control.

## Closing the Gap



The County of Grande Prairie’s road network and infrastructure supports residents and industry and plays an integral part in our economy. The County also has unique infrastructure needs as rural municipality. That’s why we continually advocate for and share messaging from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA). Earlier this year, their campaign, entitled ‘Closing the Gap’, highlighted rural infrastructure funding deficits and the need for continued partnership and collaboration with the province to address the unique needs of rural municipalities.

## Bridges & Culverts

The County maintains 249 bridge structures, ranging from large traditional bridges over rivers to smaller crossings that use culverts. Bridge construction can include a full bridge replacement, minor repairs and rehabilitation and/or replacing culverts.

Four bridge projects are scheduled for 2026 on Range Road 80 (Project Code C10706), Range Road 114 (Project Code C10707), Range Road 132 (Project Code C10709), and Range Road 83 (Project Code C10442-1011).



# Water, Sewer and Garbage Services Across the County



Municipal utilities include water, sewer, garbage, and recycling. These services and their maintenance vary by location across the County and are typically provided to residents through property taxes or billed directly to residents.

## Urban Area Utilities

For residents in the Clairmont area and other urban areas, water and sewer are provided and billed by the County's regional partner, Aquatera. Aquatera provides treated water from their plant in Grande Prairie and distributes it by regional water lines that run to select subdivisions, the Hamlet of Clairmont, and the towns of Sexsmith, and Wembley.

Prairie Disposal provides curbside garbage and recycling collection to select subdivision and hamlets. All County residents including urban residents, can access the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management, also known as the County Landfill, for any additional garbage or recycling disposal. Apply for a waste card allowing up to 1,000 kg of waste per year at [www.countygp.ab.ca/RecyclingandGarbage](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/RecyclingandGarbage). There is no cap on recycling.

## Rural Hamlet Utilities

All water provided by the County is tested regularly and meets provincial drinking water standards. County water is also treated according to the Government of Canada's Guidelines for Canadian Drinking water.

The County provides water and sewer to some households in the hamlets of Bezanson, Hythe, La Glace, and Teepee Creek, and sewer service in Valhalla. The water provided to rural hamlets is groundwater supplied by water wells which is treated with chlorine disinfection.

Groundwater naturally carries minerals and gases, and can contain sediment, odours and may discolour fixtures.

In rural hamlets, sewer is held in lagoons—large, shallow, outdoor ponds

where wastewater is pumped and safely stored to be naturally cleaned by sunlight, air, and bacteria.

Some residents in rural hamlets may also have their own privately-owned water wells while still using the County's sewer systems. County-owned water and sewer services are funded partly by capital investment, property taxes, and directly billing customers. This approach keeps rates affordable, ensures consistency across all hamlets, and maintains fairness throughout the County.

## 10-Year Capital Plan

Council is committed to responsible long-term planning and investment in the County's water and sewer systems. Regular upkeep and planned improvements ensure everything is working properly to avoid costly emergency repairs. To do this, Council approved a \$30 million 10-Year Capital Plan for County-owned water and sewer systems in 2025. This capital investment sets aside money to maintain and upgrade systems in the rural hamlets and will help manage future costs, ensuring residents continue to receive reliable, high-quality services.

## Rural Properties

Many rural residents live on unserved or 'off-grid' properties. This means the property is not connected to municipal utilities like water and sewer but may still be connected to gas and electrical grids. Some may also use alternative heating sources such as propane, wood, solar, or a mix. These properties, which can include acreages, cabins, homesteads, or farms, are typically responsible for their own garbage, water and sewer services, including costs, testing, and maintenance.

They might have drilled wells or cistern and approved septic systems that consist of tanks, fields, mounds or closed treatment systems.

## Rural Infrastructure Needs

As a rural municipality, the County of Grande Prairie has unique infrastructure needs. The County's priority remains on sustaining the services and infrastructure residents and businesses rely on. That's why we continually advocate the province for support, most recently by sharing messaging from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and their Closing the Gap campaign published in January and February 2026. RMA's important work highlights rural infrastructure funding deficits and the need for continued partnership and collaboration with the province to address the unique needs of rural municipalities.

## Tips to Keep Sewer and Septic Systems Running Properly

Flushing or discarding of improper materials harms sewer and septic systems and causes costly emergency repairs. To keep these systems working well, never dispose of these items down sink drains or toilets:

- Cooking grease
- Cigarettes
- Cat litter
- Feminine products or any hygiene products
- Dental floss
- Baby or cleaning wipes of any kind
- Paper towel or napkins
- Hair
- Condoms
- Disposable gloves
- Fish
- Prescriptions or drugs of any kind

# Growing Good Food: First Nature Farms and The Homestead Take 2026 Farm Family Title

First Nature Farms and The Homestead have been named the 2026 Farm Family of the Year for their leadership in organic, community-centred agriculture. At First Nature Farms, Jerry Kitt oversees a regenerative operation known for grass fed cattle and Berkshire pigs raised on pasture, all rooted in a soil-first philosophy that prioritizes healthy food and healthy land. Beside him, Donovan and Lisa Kitt run The Homestead, producing organic vegetables, microgreens, and pastured poultry for local households and markets. Together, they nourish the region with real, good food.

Jerry Kitt from First Nature Farms, along with Donovan Kitt and Lisa Kitt from The Homestead were awarded the 2026 Farm Family of the Year during the Farm Family Banquet on March 20, 2026. The event took place during the Peace Country Classic Agri-Show. They received a \$500 cheque from the County, and a Suzanne Sandboe painting.



## Sharing the Road Safely: Give Farmers and County Workers Room to Work



With warmer weather arriving, both rural farmers and County agricultural crews are moving equipment back onto local roads. Tractors, sprayers, graders, and other large machinery may travel slowly or make frequent stops as fieldwork and County operations increase. Please stay alert, reduce your speed around all large equipment, and avoid passing unless it is safe. Respect the space and limitations of farming vehicles and County units to help keep everyone safe this season.

## County Roadside Vegetation Management

As part of the County's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach, the Agriculture Department will soon begin targeted herbicide application on County-owned ditches, shoulders, and utility corridors.

This spot spraying typically occurs from late May through October and targets noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds, and unwanted brush. Managing vegetation in these areas helps maintain safe, clear roadsides while reducing long-term weed pressure for nearby landowners.

For more information about County vegetation management, visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/weeds](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/weeds).



# Planning Before the Crisis: Agricultural Producers and Livestock Owners Play a Leading Role in Emergency Preparedness



An emergency is not a single moment. It's a chain reaction, where each decision narrows the options that come after it.

Wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters can hit without warning, and for agricultural producers and livestock owners, the stakes are high. Animals depend on their owners to make the right decisions under pressure.

To support this, the County offers an opt-in Livestock Emergency Response Plan (LERP). This program supports livestock owners and farmers during emergencies by promoting preparedness well before evacuations or road closures occur.

## Understanding the Role of the County

During a declared emergency, the County's role is to coordinate response efforts, share reliable information, and support residents when possible. What it can't do is anticipate individual circumstances without input from those directly affected.

The LERP database helps bridge that gap by allowing County Agriculture staff to understand where livestock may be impacted and how best to communicate with owners during an emergency. That understanding helps reduce confusion and supports safer decision making for everyone involved, including first responders.

Through the program, residents receive:

- A phone call from Agriculture staff when a disaster is declared
- Regular updates during evacuation orders
- Access to emergency preparedness resources

- Streamlined re-entry permit process for livestock care during evacuation orders, when safe to do so

In fast-moving situations, clarity matters. Knowing which areas have livestock, and being able to reach owners directly, helps emergency responders plan their actions and avoid unnecessary risk.

## Connecting a Community

LERP is not only about communication between the County and farmers and livestock owners; it also helps connect residents with one another. The program includes resources offered by community members who are willing and able to assist during an emergency, whether that means providing equipment, transportation, or other forms of support.

This community-based approach reflects the realities of rural life, where neighbours often play a crucial role in emergency response. LERP provides a structure that helps those informal networks function more smoothly when time and safety are critical.

## Planning Beyond Evacuation

While evacuating animals is often the focus during emergencies, it is not always possible. Seasonal factors, animal health, or the speed at which a situation develops can make moving livestock unsafe or unrealistic for owners.

Livestock shelter-in-place tips include:

- When possible, providing access to a watering source that does not require power
- Ensuring animals have enough food and water to sustain them for three days
- Opening any cross fencing to provide animals more room to move

## LERP: Ease of Mind While Keeping Privacy at the Forefront

When signing up, all your information remains private and is only accessed when an emergency is declared for the purposes of notification and community aid. The database is a secure system that helps the County connect livestock owners with other community members when they need help most.

### A Proactive Step Toward Readiness



LERP is ultimately about readiness. It does not eliminate risk, and it cannot prevent emergencies. What it can do is help ensure that when something does happen, livestock owners are not starting from scratch.

Registering with the program is simple:



Visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/LERP](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/LERP)



The webpage includes a link to enroll in LERP



Complete the questionnaire



Finally, be prepared! The webpage offers other helpful emergency planning information and resources.

In a region where agriculture is woven into daily life, shared responsibility matters. LERP offers a framework, but its effectiveness depends on you—livestock owners and farmers—and your willingness to participate. By planning ahead and registering with the program, you are helping ensure you're as ready as possible when the unexpected happens.

# Community Effort Puts Sunnybrook on the FireSmart Map

The County of Grande Prairie is celebrating Sunnybrook as its first formally recognized FireSmart™ Neighbourhood Recognition Program (NRP) community.

Residents plan to mark the milestone by unveiling a FireSmart sign, standing as a symbol of their shared effort. The recognition reflects months of coordinated work by neighbours within the Sunnybrook subdivision who committed to reducing wildfire risk together.

When you walk through Sunnybrook, it looks like your typical neighbourhood. But the FireSmart principles are apparent—lawns are trimmed a little shorter, woodpiles sit far from houses, and old debris that once collected behind garages is gone.

Even more apparent is the vegetation management work involving the removal of thick trees and dense forest fuels bordering the inside of their neighbourhood, showcasing what a community can achieve when it works together.

According to Caleb Laing, Regional FireSmart Coordinator with the County, the program is a way to show community pride. Preventing wildfires from spreading is a joint effort, which means it's not just one person reducing the risk—it's the entire neighbourhood.

The NRP helps residents take collective action to reduce risk. Rather than focusing on individual properties separately, the program emphasizes coordination, shared responsibility, and consistent practices across an entire neighbourhood.

## How it works

Each participating community selects an ambassador to help guide the process and bring neighbours on board. Once the required steps are completed, Alberta Wildfire formally recognizes the area as part of the program, marking the achievement with an official FireSmart sign. In addition, the province awards the community \$500 to go towards their fire prevention efforts.

Learn more about the FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition Program at [www.countygp.ab.ca/FireSmart](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/FireSmart).



# Knowing You'll Be Notified



Peace of mind is hard to come by during an emergency, but preparation can make all the difference. In the County of Grande Prairie, one of the simplest ways residents can prepare ahead of time is by signing up for Voyent Alert.

Voyent Alert is the County's official notification system, designed to provide residents important updates when conditions change. Rather than scrambling for information during a crisis, registered users receive critical messages directly based on the locations they choose to follow.

## Through Voyent Alert, residents can:

- Choose how they want to receive alerts, whether by text message, email, landline (text-to-voice), or mobile app
- Select the locations that matter most, such as a home, workplace, or a family member's address
- Know alerts will be sent when conditions change in those areas

During emergencies, County staff use the system to share updates such as evacuation orders, wildfire and flood advisories, road closures, utility outages, and other safety-related instructions. These notifications help residents understand what is happening, how it may affect them, and what actions to take.

Residents can also set preferences for day-to-day communication on topics such as:

- Fire bans and advisories
- Major projects
- Roads, including snow removal, construction, and closures
- County service disruptions such as facility closures, waste collection disruptions, and water line maintenance and repairs
- Engagement opportunities, including land use planning/ Plan Your County, Open Houses, and public hearings

There are two ways to use Voyent Alert: download the app, or sign up to receive notifications by email, text message, or voice call. Learn more at [www.countygp.ab.ca/alerts](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/alerts).

# Take Back Control This Wildfire Season with a FireSmart Home Assessment

Early-season wildfire threats persist, but a FireSmart™ Home Assessment strengthens your defences.

Home assessments are free, and provides property owners with a clear, customized report identifying areas where fire risk is highest. This can include:

- How much debris is on your property, which provides natural fuel for fires
- Types of flammables outside your home, such as firewood or jerry cans leaning against an exterior wall
- Tips on creating a non-combustible barrier around your property
- Suggestions on material upgrades to make your property more fire-resistant

Recommendations from the report are practical and realistic, and most can be completed with basic tools and an afternoon of work. These strategies also reduce the chances a home will ignite during a fast-moving ember shower.

## Why Get a Home Assessment?

Last year reminded residents how quickly conditions can escalate, even early in the season. The Deer Ridge Estates fire in May 2025 led to evacuations within hours, and crews worked intensively to keep flames from reaching homes.

Only a few weeks later, the Kiskatinaw River wildfire pushed across the border, triggering evacuation orders and alerts for rural areas, keeping residents on standby until conditions improved.

Events like these highlight the reality that wildfire doesn't wait for peak summer. With another hot year forecasted ahead, and drought still affecting vegetation, the path to preparedness begins long before smoke appears on the horizon.

Call 780-532-9727 or find the form by visiting, [www.countygp.ab.ca/FireSmart](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/FireSmart).

## ATCO Cadet Program: Build Skills, Earn Credits, Discover Your Future



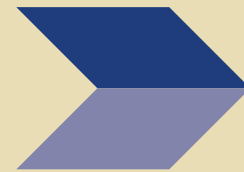
High school students in the County of Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, and Wembley can jumpstart a future in emergency services through the ATCO Cadet Program.

This semester-long course gives students the opportunity to learn directly from experienced firefighters while earning high school credits at the same time.

Learn:

- How to operate firefighting tools and equipment
- How to navigate an emergency scene
- Understand fire behaviour
- Basic emergency medical response

Find out more about the ATCO Cadet program at [www.countygp.ab.ca/cadets](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/cadets)



## Become a Paid Rural Responder

The County Regional Fire Service is recruiting paid responders to support our rural fire stations. This is more than fighting fires. The County is also calling for driver operators, medical co-responders, station officers, and technical team members who want to make a frontline difference in their community.

Applicants must live within 15 km of fire stations in Bezanson, Hythe, La Glace, Teepee Creek, Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, or Wembley. Learn more at [www.countygp.ab.ca/PaidResponders](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/PaidResponders).

# Safety Starts Here



Picture a place where neighbours wave, roads feel orderly, and nights end the way they should: quiet and uneventful. That calm is not luck. It is the result of the steady, everyday contributions from the people who live, work, and play in the County of Grande Prairie, as well as the dedicated County services you can count on.

Part of keeping our community feeling safe and connected is credited to Regional Enforcement Services. Our frontline staff are laser-focused on improving community wellbeing, which includes patrols to watch problem areas and respond when needed, and bylaw officers who resolve issues early and keep problem properties in line.

The County also offers animal control services that protect pets, livestock, people, and community services that provide wraparound supports to address the underlying roots that lead to crime. By working together, the County is dedicated to enhancing the safety and security felt by residents across our community.

The 2025 Citizen Satisfaction Survey backs these efforts: 92 per cent of residents agree the County is a safe region overall. Those numbers sit in the background, but you can feel them in your neighbourhood.

In addition, most people said they feel safe during the day (94 per cent) and during the night (75 per cent). These numbers are significant, and the County of Grande Prairie is proud to be a safe place to live.

Visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/enforcement](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/enforcement) to learn more about Regional Enforcement Services.

# Design Your Yard with Security in Mind

Summer landscaping is around the corner, and the County is here to help sprout some safety into your plans.

Along with mapping out paths, plants, and paving, book a free Property Safety and Security Assessment. Our Community Safety Coordinator will evaluate your home and recommend practical tips to enhance the protection of your property.

Tips include:

- Keeping shrubs trimmed to improve sightlines
- Planting prickly vegetation outside windows
- Securing access points and improving surveillance

Enhance the safety of your property without sacrificing curb-appeal.

Book today at [www.countygp.ab.ca/security](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/security).

- 1 Ensure doors are locked and don't hide a spare key on your property
- 2 Keep garage door locked
- 3 Remove valuables from vehicle
- 4 Maintain clear sightlines with the 6'2" rule: trim tree branches 6ft above ground and keep shrubs under 2ft tall
- 5 Install lighting at entryways and walkways, using motion-activated fixtures for full perimeter coverage
- 6 Install cameras
- 7 Keep windows locked
- 8 Make your address visible at night for first responders
- 9 Do not leave expensive equipment accessible
- 10 Fences create natural barriers
- 11 Don't leave packages on your front step
- 12 Keep your yard clean and maintained



## 24PetConnect: Guiding Pets Back to Their Families

24PetConnect is an online platform that helps reunite lost pets with their owners faster than ever. Through the platform, users can:

- See animals at the Grande Prairie Regional Pound
- Create online posts about missing and found pets
- Design a flyer about your lost pet
- Sign up for email alerts on your lost pet

Learn more at [www.countygp.ab.ca/LostPets](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/LostPets).



# Recreation and Culture in Numbers

Ever wonder how your taxes improve the wellbeing of residents in the region? Recreation and Culture remain important areas for the County to invest in, and with residents reporting strong satisfaction with parks, trails, and campgrounds, the numbers show people are enjoying our spaces more than ever!



## 2025 Campground Report Showed

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**160** people participated in annual The Bezanson Bog, organized by the Bezanson Recreational Society
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In 2025, Pipestone was **93%** full every weekend in July through August
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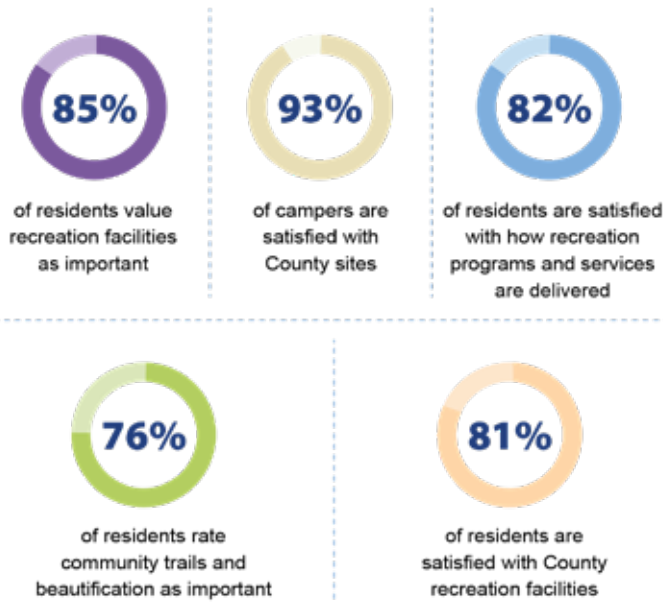
In 2025, campground revenue increased by **6%** across all sites
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At Demmitt Campground, revenue increased by **60%** in 2025
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Pipestone and Hythe Municipal Campground upgraded their sites to include two sets of horseshoe pits

## The 2025 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

### Indicated:



Want to experience recreation and culture?  
Explore County sites at [www.countygp.ab.ca/campsites](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/campsites).

# June is Parks and Recreation Month

Explore our campsites and compete for two chances to win!

- Enter our Parks and Recreation Month photo contest by submitting your best recreation memories at <https://engagecountygp.ca/ParksPhotoContest>
- Participate in our County campsite passport program throughout the year! Learn more at [www.countygp.ab.ca/Campgrounds](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/Campgrounds).

## Get Active, Get Involved: Join the Community Challenge This June!

June is Parks & Recreation Month, and we're celebrating by rallying our community to move, play, explore—and work together toward an exciting goal: becoming the most active community in Canada!

This year, the County will be taking part in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge to promote physical activity across our communities. We are encouraging residents of all ages and abilities to move more, get outside, and take part in activities that support healthy, active living.

Residents, schools, community groups, and local organizations are encouraged to get involved by hosting activities, joining existing programs, or simply being active in everyday life—whether that's walking, biking, playing, or enjoying time outdoors. Every minute of movement counts toward a more active and connected County.

## How to Participate

Residents can join the ParticipACTION Community Challenge by creating a free account through the ParticipACTION app or website and logging their physical activity minutes throughout June. Minutes are automatically counted toward your local community based on postal code—no additional registration is required. Schools, community groups, and organizations can also support the challenge by promoting activity or registering group participation through

[www.participaction.com/programs/community-challenge](http://www.participaction.com/programs/community-challenge)

To stay up to date on June activities, visit the County of Grande Prairie Recreation webpage at

[www.countygp.ab.ca/RecreationPrograms](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/RecreationPrograms)

Excluding County of Grande Prairie residents who answered Don't Know or Not Applicable.

# From Drawings to a Community: Creating the Future Windsor Neighbourhood



Have you ever wondered how an area is chosen for development? Years before shovels touch the ground, municipal planners are hard at work mapping out what future developments and residential neighbourhoods might look like.

First, planners consider the projected growth needs of an area, weighing them against the importance of protecting agriculture, wetlands, and environmental reserves. These types of land, and areas that aren't ideal for development, are outlined in broader planning framework documents like the County's Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

Together, the County's Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) and MDP create the long-term overall planning framework that manages growth in a sustainable way to create safe, connected communities. They identify where development should occur, how services and infrastructure will connect, and how future communities will grow.

Developing an area between two existing neighbourhoods is one of the most efficient ways a community can grow. Planners look at nearby infrastructure; the ability to extend services that are needed now and in the future like roads, water and sewer while connecting people to existing amenities like trails, parks, schools, and recreation facilities to create more supported and complete communities.

Expansion within existing serviced areas also supports local businesses, the real estate economy, and creates convenient, livable communities. Having access to amenities like pharmacies, daycares, gyms, trails, parks, and schools close to home ensures residents enjoy a higher quality of life.

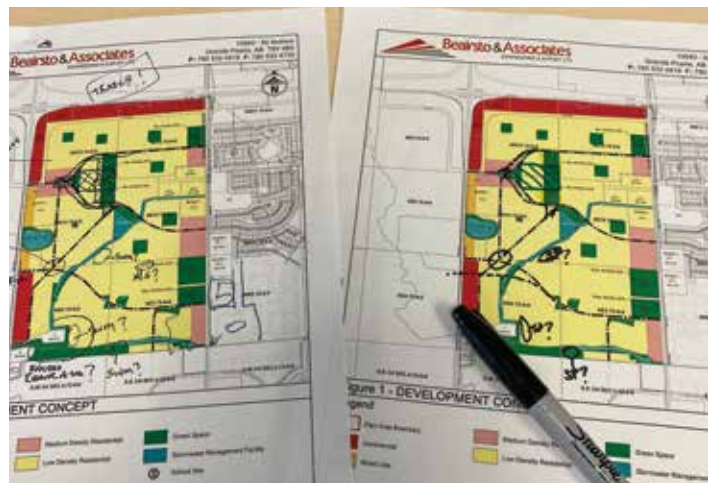
The future Windsor area covers 388 hectares immediately south of Highway 43, nestled next to the existing neighbourhoods of Whispering Ridge and Westlake Village. This comprehensively

planned residential community will offer ample public and recreational spaces designed to encourage social interaction and community well-being.

Development of the Windsor area will be guided by the Windsor Area Structure Plan (ASP), which was crafted over several years and shaped by extensive community engagement. The plan outlines how this area will grow as part of the Clairmont Urban Area and includes a mix of housing types to support residents at all stages of life. This variety encourages people to put down roots and fosters long-term neighbourhood connections.

The ASP also identifies important commercial areas and future roadways designed to move heavy traffic away from residential areas. This approach helps ensure Windsor develops as a well-served, connected community that aligns with existing neighborhoods and supports current and future residents for years to come. Follow this plan at

[engagecountypg.ca/Windsor-Area-Structure-Plan](http://engagecountypg.ca/Windsor-Area-Structure-Plan)



## Hythe and Area Community Programming

### Service Canada Outreach Clinic – Free

Held bi-monthly, on the second Tuesday of the month. Upcoming clinics will be held in May, September, and November  
Drop in from 1 to 3 p.m.  
Hythe & Area FCSS Office,  
10011-100 Street

### Free Seniors' Intergenerational Lunch

Monday, June 1  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Hythe Regional School  
Call 780-933-7212 or email  
agreene@countygp.ab.ca to register

### Home Alone Safety – Cost: \$10

Friday, September 25  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ages 9 to 11  
Hythe & Area FCSS Office

### Babysitter Basics – Cost: \$40

Friday, October 23  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Hythe & Area FCSS Office

### Facts & Snacks – Scam Prevention Presentation & Digital Device Support – Free

Thursday, November 5  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Hythe & Area FCSS Office

## Wellington Resource Centre (WRC) Community Programming

### Seniors' Week Celebrations – Free Intergenerational Luncheon

Tuesday, June 2  
Doors open 11 a.m.  
Clairmont Community School  
Register by May 25: call 780-567-2843 or email [wrc@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:wrc@countygp.ab.ca)

### Seniors' Bi-Annual Tea – Free

Wednesday, June 3  
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Register by May 27  
Call 780-532-9722 ext. 2400

### Home Alone Safety – Cost \$10

Friday, June 12  
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ages 9 to 11  
Bezanson Community Event Centre

For more information, contact the WRC at [www.countygp.ab.ca/wrc](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/wrc) or 780-567-2843.

### Service Canada Outreach Clinic – Free

Friday, June 26  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Wellington Resource Centre

### Sexsmith and Area Foodbank

Wednesday | noon to 2 p.m.  
By appointment only, call 780-567-2843

### Seniors' Walk and Talk – Free

Tuesdays  
October 6, 2026 to May 4, 2027  
10 a.m. to noon  
Bezanson Community Event Centre  
  
Thursdays  
October 8, 2026 to May 6, 2027  
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
J.D.A County Sportsplex

### Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – Free

Year-round help to prepare and file your tax return. Open to students, seniors, families, or single parents with a modest income and simple taxes. For more information, contact the WRC at [www.countygp.ab.ca/wrc](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/wrc) or 780-567-2843.

### Tentative Dates

#### Babysitter Basics – Cost \$40

Friday, October 23  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 11 to 15  
Bezanson Community Events Centre

#### Babysitter Basics – Cost \$40

Friday, November 20  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 11 to 15  
Whispering Ridge Community School

#### Babysitter Basics – Cost \$40

Friday, December 11  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 11 to 15  
Clairmont Community School



## An Afternoon of Connection: Bi-Annual Seniors' Tea Returns!

Looking for an afternoon that feels like a breath of fresh air? Our Bi-Annual Seniors' Tea on Wednesday, June 3 is the perfect way to enjoy Seniors' Week.

From 12:30 to 3 p.m., Evergreen Park will come alive with conversation, light refreshments, and plenty of opportunities to connect. It's a relaxed gathering that brings seniors together to share stories, enjoy good company, and celebrate the connections that make our community strong. Learn more at [www.countygp.ab.ca/events](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/events).

# Home Support: Here for Those Who Need It Most

The County's Home Support program boosts residents' capacity to manage day-to-day life.

It is designed to support pre- and post-natal parents, seniors needing a little extra help, someone struggling with limited supports or mobility, a family juggling home management, or a resident navigating emotional stress impacting their ability to function.

Delivered by Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), the program provides practical, non-medical support that keeps daily life steady when routines are knocked off course.

"Home Support can be a lifeline for people who need it the most," says FCSS Director Melodie McCracken. "Particularly with seniors, this service can help residents live independently for longer and provide companionship to prevent feeling isolated and alone."

In 2025, Home Support Workers helped 227 clients, drove 6,120 kilometers for appointments or shopping, and spent 14,455 hours in client homes providing direct Home Support Services, totalling 6,600 visits.

Different than Home Care, which provides medical support such as nursing or personal health services, Home Support focuses on everyday tasks that keep a household safe, orderly, and livable.

Home Support provides:

- Basic and light housekeeping
- Meal preparation
- Transportation to appointments and shopping
- Help with home organization and budgeting
- Companionship
- Information or referrals to community programs

To learn more about the Home Support Program, email [fcss@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:fcss@countygp.ab.ca).



MISSION POSSIBLE:



## BUILDING AN ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES - TOGETHER!



Alberta

## Community Groups Corner

### Save the Date: Community and Non Profit Training Series

Community groups, board members, and volunteers are invited to take part in two upcoming trainings designed to strengthen nonprofit organizations and support sustainable, volunteer driven communities.

#### Mission Possible: Building an Organizational Plan

Wednesday, May 20

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Grovedale Community Hall

An evening session focused on practical ideas, tools, and templates to help organizations build a strong, usable organizational plan.

#### Building Better Communities—Together!

Saturday, October 24

Evergreen Park

A full day, community-focused training event featuring expert presenters, rural success stories, and interactive sessions.

This training series is a partnership between the County of Grande Prairie, MD of Greenview, and the Government of Alberta, aimed at helping community organizations work smarter, build capacity, and turn vision into action.

#### Who Should Attend?

- Community groups, cemetery groups, agricultural societies
- Non-profit boards
- Volunteers
- Anyone passionate about strengthening local organizations

More details at

[www.countygp.ab.ca/Parks-Recreation-Community/Events-Calendar](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/Parks-Recreation-Community/Events-Calendar)

The J.D.A. County Sportsplex has a Program for Everyone!

780-830-7407 | [info@cgpsportsplex.com](mailto:info@cgpsportsplex.com) | [www.jdacountysportsplex.com](http://www.jdacountysportsplex.com)

## KIDS SUMMER CAMPS

Kids aged 5 to 12 can enjoy seven weeks of fun activities at our camps this summer. Learn to participate, work as a team, build confidence, independence, and communication skills. Camps run from July 6 to August 21 with a new fun theme every week.

Registration fees are per week. Participants should bring a water bottle, snacks for two breaks per day, lunch, change of clothes, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, ice skates & helmet (optional), and appropriate outdoor wear. Drop-off is from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and pick-up is from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. To register, visit [www.jdacountysportsplex.com/register](http://www.jdacountysportsplex.com/register) or call 780-830-7407.

## SUMMER CAMPS 2026

### DINO WEEK

Week 4 | July 27 to July 31  
\$250



### SUPERHERO SUMMER

Week 1 | July 6 to 10  
\$250



### FAIRYTALE FANTASY

Week 5 | August 4 to 7  
\$200



### UNDER THE SEA

Week 2 | July 13 to 17  
\$250



### NATURE EXPLORERS

Week 6 | August 10 to 14  
\$250



### SAFARI WEEK

Week 3 | July 20 to 24  
\$250



### HAWAIIAN LUAU

Week 7 | August 17 to 21  
\$250





PHILIP J. CURRIE  
DINOSAUR MUSEUM

**SUMMER  
PROGRAMMING**

**UNCOVER OUR PREHISTORIC PAST**

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum offers unforgettable experiences for all ages. This summer, step beyond the museum walls and join us at the bonebed or along the Wapiti River for a truly memorable adventure.

**DINO-RIFFIC DAILY PROGRAMS**

We're open Wednesday to Sunday with public programs all day long, including:

- Lab Tours: noon and 2 p.m.
- Gallery Tours: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- The Mack & Peanut Reptile Show: Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.
- Family Movie Matinees in our theatre: 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**PALAEONTOLOGIST FOR A DAY-HOME OF BIG SAM**

Become a paleontologist for a day, working shoulder-to-shoulder with researchers at one of the densest bonebeds in North America, home to Big Sam! Uncover 72-million-year-old mysteries of a world lost to time. Ages 12+ with an adult.



**SECRETS OF THE WAPITI RIVER FLOAT**

No other museum offers an adventure like this. Journey beyond the exhibits into the heart of the ancient past as you drift down the breathtaking Wapiti River, stopping to prospect at many of Northern Alberta's most remarkable fossil sites.

**DINO SUMMER CAMPS**

Sign up your dino enthusiast for an immersive, fun science camp with day and overnight options. Our camps are for kids aged 4 to 12+ and run through July and August. Your camper will learn about dinosaurs, science, and nature as they explore our museum, Pipestone Creek Park, and Saskatoon Island.

**COME FACE TO FACE WITH 'BIG SAM'**

Weighing in at over 1,000 pounds, come see one of the largest *Pachyrhinosaurus lakustai* skulls ever discovered, excavated from the Pipestone Creek bonebed in September 2024.

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Come experience our two-day science festival, August 8-9, featuring food and drinks, carnival games, dino-riffic activities and games, and experts from around the world. Ask questions, have fun, and discover the world of dinosaurs!



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