COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2025

9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

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- 2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
- ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - A. Regular County Meeting September 16, 2025
- 4. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
 - A. Legislative/Office of the CAO Verbal
 - B. Corporate Services
 - C. Environmental Services
 - D. Community Services
 - E. Protective Services
 - F. Public Works
- 5. BUSINESS
 - A. RFD: County Protective Services Truck Light Upgrade
 - B. RFD: Release of Natural Gas Customer within the Hamlet of Halkirk Boundary
 - C. RFD: Broken Window from Roadside Mower
 - D. 2025 BRAIN Conference Donation
 - E. Parkland Regional Library System 2026 Budget
 - F. Damages Windshield Repair Cost
- BYLAWS
- A. Bylaw 726-24 Road Closure Road Plan 892 2526 NE 3 TWP 38 Range 14 W4M
- COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Verbal Reports.

- 8. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. None.

9. DELEGATIONS

A. Rick DeZutter — 9:00 a.m.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 2025 Agricultural Forum
- B. AGA All Stars Archery Championship Thank You Card

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Access To Information Act, R.S.A. 2024, Chapter A-1.4: Part 1, Div 2, Section 19(1)(a)(i)(b).

12. ADJOURNMENT

<u>Upcoming Council Meeting Dates</u> — November 4 and 25, December 9, 2025. Council Meeting dates are subject to individual change and commence at 9:00 a.m.

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

The Regular meeting minutes of the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 held in Council Chambers in the municipal office on September 16, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Reeve: Stan Schulmeister

Councillors: Terry Vockeroth, Sandy Shipton, Diane

Elliott, George Glazier, Dale Norton,

Maurice Wiart

Chief Administrative Officer: Barbara Kulyk Assistant Chief Administrative Officer: Lana Roth Director of Environmental Services: Jeff Cosens Director of Protective Services: Colm Fitz-Gerald Legislative Clerk: Courtney Algot

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Schulmeister called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

09.16.25.408

Regular Council Meeting Agenda September 16, 2025 — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of September 16, 2025, as amended.

5. C Policy HR 002 5. D Policy LE 002

Carried

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

09.16.25.409 Regular County Council Meeting Minutes September 3, 2025 — MOVED by

Councillor Norton that the Previous Regular County Council Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

09.16.25.410 Legislative & Office of the CAO Report — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart to

approve the legislative & office of the CAO's Report as presented.

Carried

09.16.25.411 Corporate Services Report — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to approve the

corporate services report as presented.

Carried

09.16.25.412 **Environmental Services Report** — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth to approve the environmental services report as presented. Carried 09.16.25.413 Protective Services Report — MOVED by Councillor Norton to approve the protective services report as presented. Carried **BUSINESS:** 09.16.25.414 RFD: Castor Firetruck Upgrades — MOVED by Councillor Elliott that the Castor Firetruck Upgrades request be approved and that the County provide \$15,767.50 to bring the water truck up to rural standards, funded from the 2025 operating budget. Carried 09.16.25.415 Karve Surface Rent Review — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County that the Karve Surface Rent Review is approved as presented and that administration proceed with sending the communication to Karve. Carried 09.16.25.416 Revision to County Policy HR 002 Councillors/Administrative Staff Accident Insurance — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the proposed revised County Policy HR 002, with the addition of the Director Protective Services and removal of Director Corporate Servies and Community Peace Officer, be approved and adopted. Carried 09.16.25.417 Revision to County Policy LE 002 Councillor Remuneration, Expenses and Benefits — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the proposed revised County Policy LE 002, with the addition of number 7. A through F, be approved and adopted. Carried **BYLAWS:** None. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS:** 09.16.25.418 Councillor Reports — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart to adopt the verbal Councillor Reports as information. Carried **PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

DELEGATIONS:

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Recess — The meeting recessed at 9:58 a.m.

Reconvene — The meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

09.16.25.419 <u>RMA District Update</u> — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the correspondence from RMA regarding the district update be received and filed as information.

Carried

09.16.25.420 <u>U15 Teir 1 3C's Coyotes Hockey Team Thank You Card</u> — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the correspondence from the U15 Teir 1 3C's Coyotes Hockey Team be received and filed as information.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION:

09.16.25.421 <u>Closed Session</u> — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County move to closed session at 10: 16 a.m. to discuss items under the *Access to Information Act*, R.S.A. 2024, Chapter A-1.4: Part 1, Div 2, Section 19(1)(a)(i)(b).

Carried

Carried

09.16.25.423

<u>RFD: Halkirk Senior Centre Roof</u> — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County approve the use of funds from building reserves up to \$75,000.00 to complete the Senior Centre roof repairs in the Hamlet of Halkirk.

Carried

09.16.25.424

Regular Council Meeting October 7, 2025 — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that the County hold a regular council meeting on October 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Carried

<u>Recess</u> — the meeting recessed at 11:36 a.m. to allow return of the public.

<u>Reconvene</u> — the meeting reconvened at 11:57 a.m. with no public present.

09.16.25.425

<u>Closed Session</u> — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the County move to closed session at 11: 57 a.m. to discuss items under the *Access to Information Act*, R.S.A. 2024, Chapter A-1.4: Part 1, Div 2, Section 19(1)(a)(i)(b).

Carried

09.16.25.426 <u>Closed Session</u> — MOVED by Councillor Elliot that the County return to an open meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Carried

| <u>Recess</u> — the meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. to allow return of the public. |
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| <u>Reconvene</u> — the meeting reconvened at 12:04 p.m. with no public present. |
| ADJOURNMENT: |
| Reeve Schulmeister adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m. |
| These minutes approved this day of, 20 |
| Reeve |
| Chief Administrative Officer |

Meeting Date: October 7, 2025



CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Property Tax

The second Tax Penalty deadline (September 30) has now passed. With the current mail strike we are expecting to receive some payments that were mailed prior to September 30 at a much later date. If this happens, and the tax payment has been postmarked prior to September 30, Corporate Services will reverse the penalty that was applied to the accounts.

Natural Gas Utility – Halkirk

September 23 meeting with Outsource Solutions regarding the County of Paintearth Emergency Response Plan. Outsource Solutions works with Paintearth Gas Co-op and many other gas co-ops to help create ERP and SLMS. The County of Paintearth will be in further discussions with Outsource Solutions for assistance in reviewing the current operating agreement with Paintearth Gas Co-Op for possible enhancements that would potentially allow the County to defer to the Paintearth Gas Co-op SLMS (and all policies and program directives, etc. contained within), as well as their ERP, where operations of your distribution system are concerned.

Legislative Services

Corporate Services staff attended Election Training on September 29 at the County Office. Corporate Services staff will be working at the Advance polls in Halkirk October 15 as well as Election Day, October 20 at the County Admin Office.

Budget

Work continues on preparing the 2026 budget document. Over the next month department heads will prepare operating and capital budgets that will be presented to council later this fall for their review.

MPE

Time spent reviewing ICMS billing for the Crowfoot Liftstation. September 30 meeting with MPE, Director of Environmental Services and CAO to discuss the Crowfoot Liftstation activities and billing.



Director's Report

Department: Environmental Services

Meeting: Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

Utilities

- Crowfoot Lift Station: Commissioning is done and now just trying to settle the bills.
- Crowfoot Sewer Line: Had United Utilities clean out the line. Our steamer couldn't put out enough water to fully clean out the line. There was still some sediment that we couldn't push down the line that United could along with another blockage.
- Castor Extension: Have hired Airforced Daylighting as the primary contractor just waiting for them to receive their bond.
- **Castor Lift Station**: Just waiting on the building to be completed and Whitson will move it in. Building is coming from Edmonton.
- Halkirk Infastructure: United Utilities completed the water and sewer line replacement on Alberta Avenue and the sewer line on RRD 160. They will then move to Railway Avenue where they will replace the water and sewer lines from Main Street to the Reservoir.

Agricultural Service Board (ASB)

- Clubroot Inspections: No clubroot was found in our inspections.
- Mowing: Has been completed and the mowers have been cleaned and put away.
- County of Stettler Resolution: Stettler put forward the combined resolution that we both
 participated in and the County will just have to second it in Caroline asking for funding of
 distribution water lines.

Prepared By: Jeff Cosens

Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

County of Paintearth

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Planning & Development

Please see the list of development permits to date, as well as subdivisions and their progress.

Road Closure package for the portion of RR142 Marquart driveway access 2nd and 3rd Readings today under Bylaws

Recruitment of successor – 1st set of interviews held recently as of yesterday.

Attended Sept 23-26 the annual conf of ADOA – AB Development Officers Association. Many interesting developments occurring around the province including SMR in MD BV, 10MW off grid power gen for Data Center park in MD Greenview, and other stories of note.

Industry Liaison

Please see the attached report showing project notices, and all related activities to date

Emergency Mgmt

Zoom mtg on HARP program last week, and next two days in Lloydminster at the Bordering on Disaster conf with Fitz. AEMA and Lloyd (East Central AHIMT) run a good event with current issues and providers.

Parks & Recreation

Parks are now shut down, mowers back in and repairs/servicing on them. AED's and pay terminals all returned for winter storage, and caretakers have signed off on contract renewals for next two years as per our increased offer from a month ago. Halkirk – Long term bookings for construction workers still going to end of Oct

Paintearth Wind Community Benefit Fund Scholarships

We've received four applications (3 new, 1 repeat) for the 2 - \$2000 scholarships for students going to STEM post secondary programs. In discussion with Potentia, all 3 were considered for \$1333 each. It is recommended that the County top up the 3 to the full \$2G each, thus costing us \$2G extra.

Prepared By: Todd Pawsey, Director of Community Services

2025 Development Report

 As of Sept 30

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2025 Subdivision Report

As of Sept 30

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| # Applicant 1 Jamle Marquart 2 Amet-Davidson 3 Robert Preston 4 Castor Goff Club 5 Paintearth Regi Waste Mgmt 8 7 8 9 10 11 | Land Location SW2-38-14 SE21-36-13 SW8-38-9 NW26-37-14 Lot 1 Blk 2 Plen 0521408 | File # 18-344 18-343 18-345 18-346 17-017 | New Parcel(s) 1 1 2 1 0 | 11 9 20.95 & 36.1 2.5 & 15 | acreage creation acreage separation multi lot acreage creation | Date Approved 26-Nov 26 Nov 15-Jul | Progress completed completed completed croudation conditions approved | Pian # 2521772 2520339 2521699 | Regis Date 21-Aup 08-Feb 06-Sep |
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2025 Industry & Utilities Report

As of Oct 1 2025

| Approaches and Access | | | | | | |
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| # Applicant | Land Location | Date Applied | Existing | New Constr. | Culvert? | Date Approved |
| 1 InterPipeline Ltd | NW18-38-9 | 11-Mar | | у | n | 14-Маг |
| 2 Karve Energy | SE7-38-11 | 14-Mar | | у | у | 17-Mar |
| 3 InterPipeline Ltd | NW19-38-9 | 07-May | у | | | 11-Jun |
| 4 InterPipeline Ltd | NE34-36-10 | 07-May | у | | | 11-Jun |
| 5 InterPipeline Ltd | SE15-36-10 | 07-May | у | | | 11-Jun |
| 6 Karve Energy | NE34-38-12 | 21-May | | у | n | 27-May |
| 7 InterPipeline Ltd | 34-35-10 | 16-Jun | у | | | 16-Jun |
| 8 NGTL | NW18-36-15 | 01-Aug | у | | | 06-Aug |
| 9 Karve Energy | SW34-37-12 | 01-Oct | | у | у | |
| 10 Karve Energy | SE8-39-11 | 02-Oct | | у | | |
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| Pipeline Crossings | | | | | | |
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| Applicant | Land Location | Date Applied | Open/Bored | Weed Ctrl? | Profile Rec'd | Date Approved |
| 1 karve energy | NW7-38-11 to NE12-38-12 | 08-Apr | bored | | | 25-Apr |
| 2 Paintearth Gas Co-op | NE10 to NW11-37-11 | 22-Apr | bored | | | 25-Apr |
| 3 Paintearth Gas Co-op | NE11 to NW12-37-11 | 22-Арг | bored | | | 25-Арг |
| 4 Paintearth Gas Co-op | NW12 to SW13-37-11 | 22-Apr | bored | | | 25-Apr |
| 5 Paintearth Gas Co-op | NW34-38-10 to SE3-39-10 | 27-May | bored | | | 28-May |
| 6 Paintearth Gas Co-op | NE7 to NW8-36-13 | 22-Aug | open cut | | | 25-Aug |
| 7 | NE8 to NW9-36-13 | 22-Aug | open cut | | | 25-Aug |
| 8 | SE9 to SW10-36-13 | 22-Aug | bored | | | 25-Aug |
| 9 | NE3 to NW2-36-10 | 22-Aug | bored | | | 25-Aug |
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| Proximity Requests | | | |
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| Applicant | Land Location | Date Applied | Date Approved |
| 1 Karve Energy | SE18-38-11 | 12-Mar | 14-Mar |
| 2 Karve Energy | NE34-38-12 | 13-Mar | 14-Маг |
| 3 Karve Energy | SE7-38-11 | 14-Mar | 17-Маг |
| 4 Interpipeline Ltd | SW3-36-10 & NW34-35-10 | 21-Apr | 25-Apr |
| 5 Interpipeline Ltd | NW18-38-9 | 17-Apr | 25-Арг |
| 6 Interpipeline Ltd | SE15-36-10 | 07-May | 12-May |
| 7 Interpipeline Ltd | SE34-36-10 | 07-May | 12-May |
| 8 Interpipeline Ltd | NW19-38-9 | 07-May | 12-May |
| 9 Interpipeline Ltd | NE34-36-10 | 28-May | 11-Jun |
| 10 Interpipeline Ltd | SE34-36-10 | 28-May | 11-Jun |
| 11 Interpipeline Ltd | SE15-36-10 | 28-May | 11-Jun |
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| Utility Applications | Land Location | Project | Notified | Approved |
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| 1 ATCO Electric | SE13-37-11 | powerline to prop | 31-Jan | 21-Feb |
| 2 ATCO Electric | NE11-37-11 | powerline extension | 31-Jan | 21-Feb |
| 3 ATCO Electric | NW5-35-12 | salvage of equip | 18-Feb | 21-Feb |
| 4 ATCO Electric | east up 123 | replace 1 ph w 3 ph lines | 13-Mar | 14-Mar |
| 5 ATCO Electric | NE18-38-9 | replace 2 poles add transformer | 18-Mar | 27-Маг |
| 6 Telus | E11-40-16 | new copper lines in 855 ditch | 26-May | n/a |
| 7 ATCO Electric | NE34-39-15 | salvage equip H2 laydown yard | 02-Jun | 10-Jun |
| 8 ATCO Electric | NE7-38-11 | line to service Karve site | 10-Jun | 10-Jun |
| 9 ATCO Electric | SW5-36-9 | new karve site service | 21-Jul | 21-Jul |
| 10 ATCO Electric | SE2-39-13 | volt regulator install on line | 13-Aug | 19-Aug |
| 11 Fortis Alberta | NE13-40-10 | salvage of line | 20-Aug | n/a |
| 12 ATCO Electric | SW27-35-10 | transformer install | 22-Aug | 25-Aug |
| 13 Fortis Alberta | SE24-40-10 | salvage of equip | 29-Aug | n/a |
| 14 ATCO Electric | 36 to 24-36-16 RR161 | pole extensions | 22-Sep | 23-Sep |
| 15 ATCO Electric | various in 37-14 | pole replacements | 15-Sep | 01-Oct |
| 16 ATCO Electric | various in 35-13 | pole replacements | 15-Sep | 01-Oct |
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| RUA Projects | Land Location | Roads | Date Entered |
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| 1 Veren Energy Inc | SW32-38-12 | RR125 | 28-Apr |
| 2 IPL - maint digs | various 38-9, 36-10 | | 07-May |
| 3 IPL - maint digs | 27-35-10 | RR103 | 19-Aug |
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| | D56 & Other Notices | | | |
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| | Exploration/Development | Notices of Intent | Intent Notice | |
| | Applicant | Land Location | Compl. Notice | Purpose |
| | Battle River Energy | 36-36-14 | 19-Dec | pipeline abandonment |
| | Battle River Energy | SW26-38-10 | 20-Dec | wellsite abandonment |
| | Battle River Energy | SE34-37-9 | 20-Dec | wellsite abandonment |
| | Battle River Energy | NW4-39-10 | 20-Dec | wellsite abandonment wellsite abandonment |
| | Battle River Energy Battle River Energy | SW32-39-10 SE26-37-10 | 20-Dec 20-Dec | wellsite abandonment |
| | Battle River Energy | E15-37-10 | 20-Dec 20-Dec | wellsite abandonment |
| | Battle River Energy | NE35-36-10 | 20-Dec 20-Dec | wellsite abandonment |
| | Karve Energy | SE22-39-14 | 14-Jan | rec certificate issued |
| | Karve Energy | NE4-38-14 | 14-Jan | rec certificate issued |
| | Karve Energy | SW18-37-14 | 14-Jan | rec certificate issued |
| | Karve Energy | NE33-37-14 | 14-Jan | rec certificate issued |
| | Karve Energy | NE2-38-14 | 14-Jan | rec certificate issued |
| 14 F | Karve Energy | SW26-39-10 | 17-Jan | rec certificate issued |
| 15 H | Karve Energy | SW18-38-14 | 17-Jan | rec certificate issued |
| 16 k | Karve Energy | NW32-38-12 | 23-Jan | rec certificate issued |
| 17 (| Canadian Natural | 10 to 3-37-14 | 24-Jan | pipeline abandonment |
| | Canadian Natural | 5-36-11 | 13-Feb | pipeline abandonment |
| | Karve Energy | NE11-38-14 | 25-Feb | rec certificate issued |
| | Cenovus Energy | 39-13 leases | 05-Feb | assets transfer |
| | Karve Energy | SW5-36-9 | 05-Mar | new multiwell padsite |
| | Karve Energy | SE18-38-11 | 12-Mar | additional wells on exist padsite |
| | Karve Energy | NE34-38-12 | 13-Mar | additional wells on exist padsite |
| | NGTL_ | NW11-39-16 | 25-Mar | meter station abandonment |
| | Karve Energy | SW7-38-11 | 20-Mar | new multiwell padsite |
| | JSK Consulting | 22-34-11 | 01-Apr | pipeline abandonment |
| | Karve Energy Karve Energy | 5-36-9 7-38-11 to 12-38-12 | 02-Арг 08-Арг | oil effluent and salt water pipelines salt water pipeline |
| | Karve Energy | 34-38-12 | 06-Арг 09-Арг | oil effluent pipelines |
| | EP Resources Corp | NE13-40-10 | 28-Арг | additional wells on exist padsite |
| | Karve Energy | SW17-39-12 | 05-May | rec certificate issued |
| | Karve Energy | SE18-39-12 | 05-May | rec certificate issued |
| | Karve Energy | NE18-39-12 | 05-May | rec certificate issued |
| | Veren Energy | NE1-40-15 | 16-Jun | approach release |
| | Whitecap Resources | SE12-40-14 | 27-Jun | wellsite & pipeline abandonment |
| 36 (| Ovintiv | NW5-36-13 | 25-Jul | rec certificate issued |
| 37 | TC Energy | Halk North Meter Station | 01-Aug | meter station abandonment |
| 38 F | Karve Energy | SE8-38-12 | 30-Sep | new multiwell padsite |
| 39 H | Karve Energy | SW34-37-12 | 30-Sep | new multiwell padsite |
| | Karve Energy | SE8-39-11 | 02-Oct | new multiwell padsite |
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PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting Meeting Date: October 07, 2025

Bylaw complaints:

Monday: Water/sewer line Alberta Ave moving along fine. One minor issue arose but was unfounded by investigation. Company will be moving on to Railway Ave very soon.

Tuesday: Council meeting, Ceto line construction beginning Sept 15/2025

Wednesday: Meeting with RCMP, weekly info session, court obligations.

Thursday: Check Halkirk traffic as well 400.

Friday: Admin work, patrols.

Weekends: Sunday September 21 all day dealing with another Roadata and Ryker(Rig movers).

RCMP report: Awaiting meeting date with the 'brass' during RMA.

Emergency Management: Upcoming conferences, October 8th in Lloydminster and education on going, some dates yet to be determined.

Capital Budget reporting: The capital expenditure was the Halkirk Fire Truck. Other expenses to bring the truck up to fire fighting standards. Ongoing expenses: fire retardant foam (16 jugs- 8 already used) cost \$5,217.00).

Note that everyday writer will deal with these events on a consistent basis, they are road permits, fire permits, intel and Halkirk, weights/overloads.

Respectively,

Colm Fitz-Gerald
Director of Protective Services



Director's Report

Department: Public Works

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

Public Works

- New grader shop has been completed. Final inspection this week. Backfilling around building and graveling the yard also completed. Move in Date Nov 1 or before if things work out.
- Twp 380 has been finished gravel, topsoil placed, and all culverts installed.
- Finished gravelling out of Horn in Div 7. Summer graveling program has been completed. Stockpiling has started Clark to Paintearth school 20,000 T.
- Brushed 2 mile and back sloped 2 miles of fence line
- Applied ½ mile dust control for Atco on Twp 400.
- Built new or widened 9 approaches
- Gravel testing starting October 14-24

PW Mechanic and Welding Shops

- Grader services 1-250 hr 1- 500 hr 1-1000hr 1-200hr
- Service 250hr D6
- CVIP on 3 trucks
- Blower fan replaced in 2500
- Side shift cylinder on 2400 repaired rebuilt
- Built blade racks for the main yard, repaired mowers, pins on gates on belly dump 7053, built gas meter stand for senior center and rack for tractor weight to sit on.

Halkirk

- Started siding on the Senior Center
- Put in a new walk-in door in village office garage. Removed old one due to heaving in the winter.
- Roof work on Senior Center has been awarded to C&H Roofing Ltd. Came in under budget. Completion date November 12.

Safety

 Monthly safety meeting with all department in PW were held. Emergency drills preformed with fire extinguishers for an equipment fire.

Maintenance

- Put in a new walk-in door in village office garage. Removed old one due to heaving in the winter.
- Replaced seals on bay doors weld shop, cold storage.
- Repaired leaks in cold storage roof.
- Built lockers for new shop
- Aeration pumps at Huber

Prepared By: Bryce Cooke



Request for Decision

Title: County Protective Services Truck Light Upgrade

Meeting: Council Meeting Date: October 07, 2025

Issue/Background:

I'm the Director of Protective Services which now includes the Director of Emergency Management (DEM) position and the County Fire Administrator. This requires an upgrade to the emergency lights package on the protective services truck. This will entail removing the yellow lights and replacing them with red and rear facing blue lights. This will upgrade the truck to an emergency vehicle status. It will mitigate risk, provide emergency status, the driver's safety and will advise people to get out of the way. It was will also prove functionable for other duties, if necessary.

Financial:

The complete cost including install is \$6, 214.51.

Policy/Legislation:

N/A

Recommendations:

- 1. The County grant the expenditures of approximately \$6, 214.51 to bring the Protective Services truck up to DEM and Fire standards to be funded from the 2025 operating budget.
- 2. Council direct Administration accordingly.

Prepared By: Colm Fitz-Gerald

Director of Protective Services



WCI Whyte Communications Inc WCI 5919 91 St NW Edmonton, AB T6E 6A7 Phone: 780-435-4702

QUOTATION 104000260

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Bill To:

CASH Client

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CASH Client

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Date: 09/10/2025 Customer Rep: House

Terms: Due upon Receipt

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Description

Unit Price

Extended

I will become the new DEM (Disaster Emergency Management) for the county of Paintearth. So, that being said, I would be looking at red light package on top, front and back. Also blue lights on the back of the head rack holding the red and amber mini bar and directional bar.

Fitz

Colm Fitz-Gerald Director of Protective Services County of Paintearth #18 403-882-3211 (office) 403-740-2997 (work cell)

Truck ('23 Ram 1500 Sport) previously upfitted with amber by WCI, operated on one switch (not TA, has own switches), with the following:

MPS6-A grille lights (2) MPS6-A tailgate lights (2) MPS6-A lights in outer top corners of headache rack MPSW9-A under mirrors SL8-A 8-segment TA

Need to replace the MPS6 and W9 with Red, with the exception of the ones in the corners of the head ache rack, they need to be red and blue with the blue activated from an added switch

25SEP15 Astenson: Spoke with Fitz. Needed to confirm this vehicle does NOT have a siren speaker. It does not. WCl is suggesting a simple controller amp with siren because of the important use and function of this vehicle. Fitz requested that these items be added to quote under "Recommended equipment"

Sent to Fitz

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Customer Vehicle

Customer Owned Vehicle License Plate RFY-390 VIN 1C6SRFVT1PN668947 Unit Number 18C1 Year 2023 Make DODGE Model RAM

C\$0.00

C\$0.00



WCI Whyte Communications Inc

WCI

5919 91 St NW

Edmonton, AB T6E 6A7 Phone: 780-435-4702

QUOTATION 104000260

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Service Bin:

Bill To: Ship To:

CASH Client CASH Client

, AB , AB

| Date | : 09/10/2025 | Customer Rep | : House | Terms: | Due upon F | Receipt |
|------|--------------|----------------|---|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Qty | ltem | | Description | | Unit Price | Extended |
| | | | Trim SPORT 1500 | | | |
| 6 | MPS62U-RB | | Micro Pulse Ultra Red/Blue Surface Mount Lighthead, Red/Blue, 6 LED | | C\$211.05 | C\$1,266.30 |
| | | | Grille set red only Tailgate set red only Headache rack set red, with blue on separate swit | ch | | |
| 2 | MPSW9-R | | MicroPulse 9 LED Red Wide Angle Surface Moun Lighthead, Red, Wide Angle | t | C\$340.20 | C\$680.40 |
| | | | Mirror lights | | | |
| 1 | Shop1 | | Shop Supplies Level1 Shop Supplies for simple emerg install | | C\$24.99 | C\$24.99 |
| 1 | HL15PC-R | | Mini Highlighter Elite, single colour, Red LEDs, cle dome, perm mount Mini Highlighter Elite, RED, Perm mount | ear | C\$538.96 | C\$538.96 |
| 1 | 780988 | | Install - LH - Grille Light set (2) | | C\$199.00 | C\$199.00 |
| 1 | 780088 | | Install - LH - Mirror Beams (2) | | C\$599.00 | C\$599.00 |
| 1 | 780971 | | Install - LH - Tailgate set (2) | | C\$299.00 | C\$299.00 |
| 1 | 780108 | | Install - Lightbar, Mini | | C\$299.00 | C\$299.00 |
| 1 | DISCOUNT | | Discount Discount | | (C\$500.00) | (C\$500.00) |
| 1 | Note | | Suggested equipment and services | | | |
| | | | 4, | | | |
| 1 | PW100S4 | | Pathway light/siren controller with 4 button contro 100W Light/Siren Controller | ller, | C\$977.66 | C\$977.66 |
| 1 | ES100C | | Siren Speaker 100 watts Siren Speaker 100 watts *SEE NOTES* | | C\$488.76 | C\$488.76 |
| 1 | WCI-Siren Mo | ount Universal | Bracket Universal Siren Siren Mount Universal | | C\$47.50 | C\$47.50 |
| 1 | 780038 | | Install - Controller w/ Electrical Interface BASIC | | C\$799.00 | C\$799.00 |
| 1 | 780155 | | Install - Siren Speaker | | C\$399.00 | C\$399.00 |



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Service Bin:

Bill To:

CASH Client

Ship To:

CASH Client

, AB

, AB

Date: 09/10/2025 Customer Rep: House

Qty ítem

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DISCOUNT

Description

Discount Discount Terms: Due upon Receipt

Unit Price

Extended

(C\$200.00)

(C\$200.00)

Subtotal: Tax:

C\$5,918.57 C\$295.94

Total Quote:

C\$6,214.51

County of Paintearth

Request for Decision

Title: Release of Natural Gas Customer within the Hamlet of Halkirk boundary

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

Issue/Background:

A property within the Hamlet of Halkirk boundary has requested a new natural gas service to their property. With the location of this property being on the edge of the Halkirk boundary, Paintearth Gas Co-Op is advising that it is not feasible for a line to come from the Halkirk system. Paintearth Gas Co-op has a line approximately 250M away from the property, so it would be more economical for their new service to come off of the Paintearth Gas Line. Usually in this situation the County, would release the customer to Paintearth Gas, and they would then become a customer/member of Paitnearth Gas Co-op.

Paintearth Gas Co-Op has contacted Rural Utilities regarding this matter, as it is time sensitive, for approval. If Council is agreeable to this we are required to sign the release and forward it to Rural Utilities.

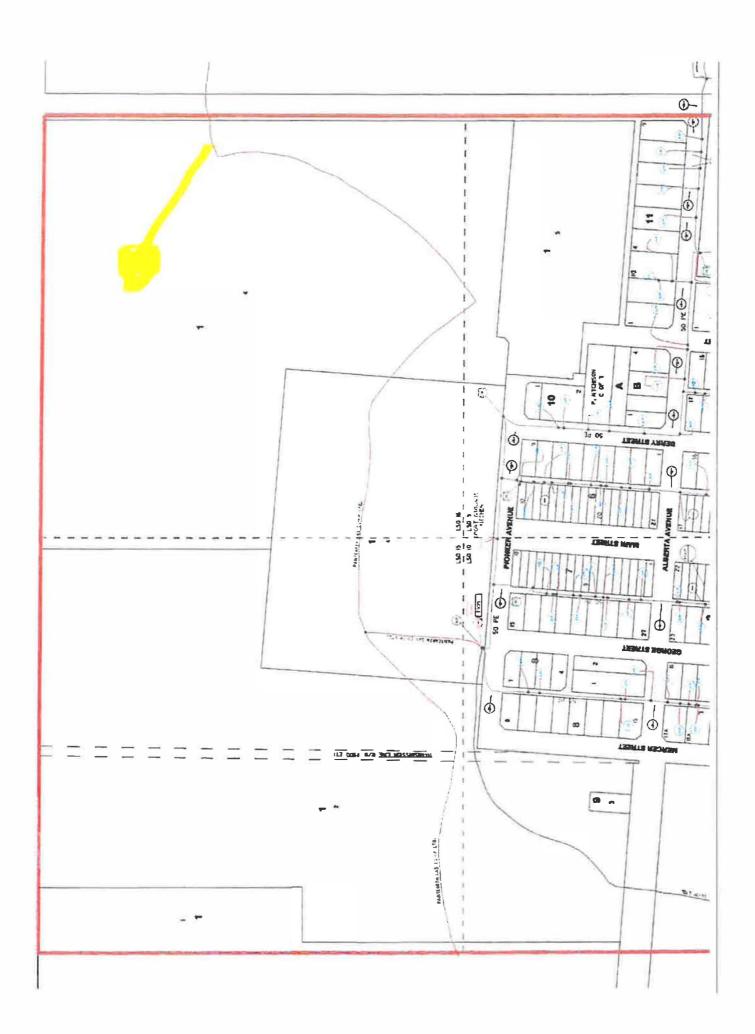
Financial:

Policy/Legislation:

Recommendations:

- 1. That the County of Paintearth agrees that Paintearth Gas Co-op Ltd. may provide natural gas services to this single rural residential location, 16-24-38-16 W4, within the County of Paintearth Rural Gas Franchise Area.
- 2. Council provides further direction or required changes/amendment

Prepared By: Lana Roth, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer





Request for Decision

Title: Broken Window

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting Date: September 30, 2025

Issue/Background:

The Roadside Mower was mowing on RRD 133 North of Secondary Highway 599 when me and Trevor got a text from Bryce saying we broke the window at the East Castor Gas Plant. The mower had the deck up due to the fire hazard and the chain skirts are in good condition.

The incident happened around 10:30 am and that is when the mower happened to be going by the gas plant.

Financial:

TBD

Policy/Legislation:

Following the same procedures if a windshield is replaced.

Recommendations:

- Administration recommends that Council pay for the broken window in the amount of and / or
- 2. County Council directs the Administration accordingly.

Prepared By: Jeff Cosens



Association for Life-wide Living (ALL) of Alberta BATTLE RIVER BRAIN Conference and Centre Battle River Arts, Innovation and Neuroscience

Box 1581, Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X4. www.battleriverarts.ca

DATE: September 25, 2025

TO:

Reeve Schulmeister, Councillors and Staff, Paintearth County

Cc:

Dr. Russell Schnell

FROM:

Jane Ross for ALL and BRAIN Conference 2025 Team

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support!

We greatly appreciated your donation of \$1,000.00 for the 2024 BRAIN Conference. Your assistance in so many ways in more than a decade has been wonderful in ways supporting regional Culture, Creativity, Place – and People!

We hope you will support us again this year. As you will see from the attached program, BRAIN conference 2025 has come together very well with promise again of being a great help to many people. Information is attached. We hope you can attend!

Given the success of BRAIN 2024, we know BRAIN 2025 at Reynolds Museum, Wetaskiwin on October 2025 will be every bit as enjoyable and valuable.

Our other really good news is that the Mobility Improvement Centre is taking shape. The Rehabilitation Medicine Faculty has agreed to help us, and Neurogym, Ottawa has committed to help us set up the centre/clinic. Stellar progress has also occurred at Maskwacis in establishing a general health and the BRAIN centre to serve Indigenous and nonindigenous alike.

With warm wishes,



Inspiring creativity for health through our landscape, our communities and the arts.



Proposed BUDGET 2026

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM Proposed 2026 Budget

| Proposed | d 2026 Budget | Present | Proposed |
|--------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Budget | Budget |
| | L | 2025 | 2026 |
| 1.1 | Income Provincial Operating Grant | 1,045,242 | 1.045.243 |
| 1.2 | On Reserve, On Settlement Grant | 156,647 | 1,045,242 156,647 |
| 1.3 | Membership Fees | 2,178,075 | 2,234,174 |
| 1.4 | Alberta Rural Library Services Grant | 452,928 | 452,928 |
| 1.5 | Interest income | 67,500 | 50,000 |
| | TOTAL Income | 3,900,392 | 3,938,991 |
| | TOTAL MODILE | 3,500,352 | 3,330,331 |
| | Support Materials & Services Direct to Libraries | 1 1 | |
| 2.1 | Alberta Rural Library Services Grant | 452,928 | 452,928 |
| 2.2 | Allotment Funds Issued to Libraries | 251,794 | 253,392 |
| 2.3 | Computer Maint.Agree. Software licenses | 236,627 | 242,398 |
| 2.4 | Cooperative Collection Fund | 30,000 | 25,000 |
| 2.5 | eContent Platform fees, Subscriptions | 66,850 | 73,000 |
| 2.6 | On Reserve, On Settlement Grant expenses | 84,756 | 84,756 |
| 2.7 2.8 | Freight Internet Connection Fees | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| 2.9 | Library Services Tools | 11,025 6,700 | 9,600 8,000 |
| 2.10 | Marketing/Advocacy | 20,000 | |
| 2.10 | Member Library Computers Allotment | 66,608 | 20,000 67,092 |
| 2.12 | Outlets - Contribution to Operating | 800 | 600 |
| 2.13 | Periodicals | 1,000 | 0 |
| 2.14 | ILL Postage for libraries | 2,300 | 2,300 |
| 2.15 | Supplies purchased Cataloguing/Mylar | 19,000 | 26,600 |
| 2.16 | Vehicle expense | 58,000 | 58,000 |
| 2.17 | Workshop/Training expense | 14,000 | 16,000 |
| | PRLS Circulating Collections | 1 | |
| 2.18 | Audio Book | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 2.19 | eContent | 75,000 | 85,000 |
| 2.20 | Large Print | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| 2.21 | Programming Kits | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 2.22 | Professional Development Materials (formerly reference) | 2,600 | 3,600 |
| | TOTAL Support Materials & Services Direct to Libraries | 1,423,188 | 1,451,466 |
| | Cost of Services | 1 1 | i I |
| 3.1 | Audit | 25,000 | 23,500 |
| 3.2 | Bank expenses | 1,500 | 1,200 |
| 3.3 | Bank Investment Fees | 4,700 | 4,700 |
| 3.4 | Building-Repairs/Maintenance | 27,250 | 27,250 |
| 3.5 | Dues/Fees/Memberships | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| 3.6 | Insurance | 26,500 | 26,500 |
| 3.7 | Janitorial/Snow removal/Outdoor maintenance expense | 37,600 | 38,000 |
| 3.8 | Photocopy | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| 3.9 | Salaries | 1,828,510 | 1,844,451 |
| 3.10 | Salaries - Employee Benefits | 387,644 | 391,024 |
| 3.11 | Staff Development | 20,000 | 18,000 |
| 3.12 | Supplies/Stationery/Building | 29,000 | 21,400 |
| 3.13 | Telephone Travel | 9,000 | 11,000 |
| 3.14 3.15 | Trustee expense | 3,500 26,000 | 3,500 |
| 3.16 | Utilities | 34,000 | 26,000 34,000 |
| 3.10 | Strices | 34,000 | 34,000 |
| | TOTAL Cost of Services | 2,477,204 | 2,487,525 |
| TOTAL Exper | nses (library materials & cost of service) | 3,900,392 | 3,938,991 |
| | Surplus/Deficit | 0 | 0 |
| | AMOUNT PER CAPITA REQUISITION | 9.81 | 9.99 |

Notes for the Parkland Regional Library System Budget 2026

Parkland's budget is developed according to Board policy and the constraints imposed by the Parkland Regional Library System Agreement. According to clause eight of the agreement

Library System Budget

- 8.1 The PRLS Board shall prior to November 1 of each year submit a budget to the Parties to this Agreement and an estimate of the money required during the ensuing fiscal year to operate the library system. [Reg. s.25 (1)(f)]
- 8.2 The budget and estimate of money required referred to in clause 8.1 above, shall be effective upon receipt by the PRLS Board of written notification of approval from two-thirds of the Parties to this Agreement which must represent at least two-thirds of the member population; and thereupon, each Party to this Agreement shall pay to the PRLS Board an amount which is the product of the per capita requisition set out in Schedule "B" and the population of the Parties to the agreement. Payments shall be made on or before the dates set out therein.
- 8.3 The population of a municipality that is a Party to this Agreement shall be deemed to be the most recent population figure for the municipality as published by Alberta Municipal Affairs.
- 8.4 Municipalities which join the library system after January 1, 1998 shall pay a signing fee as determined by the PRLS Board.
- 8.5 The PRLS Board shall apply to the Government of Alberta for all library grants for which it is eligible, in accordance with the Department of Community Development Grants Regulation 57/98.
- 8.6 Notwithstanding Clause 17.1.c., any increase in the requisition requires written notification of approval from two-thirds of the parties to this agreement which must represent at least two-thirds of the member population.

Generally speaking, PRLS budgets are prepared with conservative estimates. Revenue is estimated at its minimum level and expenditures are estimated at their maximum level. For 2026, there is an eighteen-cent cent increase to the municipal per capita requisition to \$9.99. This amounts to a \$0.18 or 1.84% increase in the requisition.

The budget was built around the assumption that the Government of Alberta system operating grant will remain at the 2024 rate of \$4.75 per capita and the rural library services grant will remain at \$5.60 per capita, with both being issued based on the 2019 Municipal Affairs Population List.

Points within the budget to note include:

- Overall, expenditures are anticipated to increase by 0.99% in 2026.
- For 2026, seventeen expense lines are projected to remain unchanged from 2025, thirteen will see increases, and eight will decrease.
- The budget for 2026 is based on a new population figure of 223,641.
- Interest income is down because of a sharp decline in interest paid on Parkland's current bank account (line 1.5).
- The Cooperative Collection has been reduced by \$5,000 to pay for additional eContent (line 2.4).
- eContent platform fees have been increased by \$6,150 to cover cost increase for existing products (line 2.5).
- Internet connection fees are also down. Parkland's network infrastructure department had set aside funds for an increase in bandwidth it does not judge as necessary (line 2.8).
- Library Services tools have increased slightly due to an increase in the cost of one of Parkland's frequently used survey tools (line 2.9).
- Outlet contributions have dropped slightly since by 2026. The library in Nordegg will no longer be a Parkland service point (line 2.12).
- Line 2.13 has been eliminated with the funds added to line 2.22.
- The Workshop and Training lines have been increased slightly to cover the increased costs for Parkland's in-person conference which was reinstated in 2024 (line 2.17).
- eContent has been increased by \$10,000 due to requests made by a few libraries for more eContent. (line 2.19).
- Audit fees are down slightly because 2024 had a Local Authorities Pension Plan audit in addition to Parkland's regular audit LAPP audits only occur every third year (line 3.1).
- The salaries line (3.9) has increased to accommodate eligible employees moving up a step on the salary grid.
- The Supplies/Stationery/Building line (line 3.12) has been reduced by \$7,600 and Supplies Purchased (line 2.15) increased by the same amount to reflect the inventory items purchased for member libraries.
- The Telephone line (line 3.13) has increased due to the number of staff who now require
 multi-factor authentication as part of their job with Parkland. Staff receive a \$50 per
 month subsidy towards their phone plan.
- Provincial grants amount to approximately 41% of PRLS' total income (lines 1.1, 1.2, 1.4).

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At the end of the budget, is the Budget Supplement. In this section the board pre-approves purchases from reserves for the upcoming year and known transfers between reserves. In 2026, Parkland will be purchasing at least one new vehicle (estimated at \$65,000). By approving the budget, the board is approving these transfers to and from Parkland's reserve fund accounts.

Included is a Return on Municipal Levy document based on the projected budget comparing the amount of requisition/municipal levy to items of direct financial benefit to member libraries. Based on budget amounts, an equivalent of 91% of the 2026 levy is returned in tangible form. This return is before considering services provided by Parkland or taking into account the costs of running the Parkland system headquarters.

Parkland Regional Library System



Return on Municipal Levy

| | Based on 2026 Budgeted Amou | unts | 2026 |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------|
| Materials Allotment for Libraries | (Books, DVD's, audiobooks, etc.) | \$ | 253,392 |
| Cooperative Collection Fund | | \$ | 25,000 |
| Technology | (Hardware – budget plus reserves) | \$ | 161,092 |
| Postage | (Reimbursement for Interlibrary Loan) | \$ | 2,300 |
| Software | (For computers, ILS, etc.) | \$ | 242,398 |
| Rotating Collections | (Large Print, Audiobooks, Programming Kits, etc.) | \$ | 25,600 |
| Internet | (Connectivity provided to member libraries) | \$ | 9,600 |
| eContent | (Platforms & Purchases of eBooks, eAudiobooks, etc.) | \$ | 158,000 |
| Vehicle Expense | | \$ | 58,000 |
| Marketing/Advocacy | | \$ | 20,000 |
| Workshop/Training | \$ \$ (\$200 each for Brownfield, Spruce View and Water Valley) | | 16,000 |
| Cataloguing Supplies | | | 34,600 |
| Contribution to Outlet Libraries* | | | 600 |
| Materials Discount | (34% in 2024) | \$ | 224,997 |
| Additional Services/Funding Av | ailable to Parkland Libraries: | | |
| Rural Libraries Services Grant | (Given to PRLS and distributed directly to libraries) | \$ | 452,928 |
| SuperNet | (Fiber Optic connection provided by GOA) | \$ | 370,022 |
| Sub-Total Requisition | | 2,054,529 2,234,174 | |
| Difference Betwe | en Levy & Direct Return | \$ | 91% 179,645 |

Parkland Regional Library System Requisition Comparison for 2026 TO PREVIOUS 2025 YEAR

| г | 2026 | | 20 | Requisition change | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | billing | per capita | billing | per capita | based on 9.99 | |
| | population | 9.99 | population | rate \$9.81 | 2025 to 2026 | |
| ALIX | 783 | 7,822.17 | 774 | 7,592.94 | 229.23 | |
| ALLIANCE | 166 | 1,658.34 | 166 | 1,628.46 | 29.88 | |
| AMISK | 219 | 2,187.81 | 219 | 2,148.39 | 39.42 | |
| BASHAW | 848 | | 848 | 8,318.88 | 152.64 | |
| | | 8,471.52 | | | | |
| BAWLF | 412 | 4,115.88 | 412 | 4,041.72 | 74.16 | |
| BENTLEY | 1,042 | 10,409.58 | 1,042 | 10,222.02 | 187.56 | |
| BIG VALLEY | 331 | 3,306.69 | 331 | 3,247.11 | 59.58 | |
| BIRCHCLIFF SV | 211 | 2,107.89 | 211 | 2,069.91 | 37.98 | |
| BITTERN LAKE | 216 | 2,157.84 | 216 | 2,118.96 | 38.88 | |
| BLACKFALDS | 11,415 | 114,035.85 | 10,470 | 102,710.70 | 11,325.15 | |
| BOWDEN | 1,280 | 12,787.20 | 1,280 | 12,556.80 | 230.40 | |
| CAMROSE | 18,772 | 187,532.28 | 18,772 | 184,153.32 | 3,378.96 | |
| CAMROSE COUNTY | 8,504 | 84,954.96 | 8,504 | 83,424.24 | 1,530.72 | |
| CARSTAIRS | 5,313 | 53,076.87 | 4,898 | 48,049.38 | 5,027.49 | |
| CASTOR | 803 | 8,021.97 | 803 | 7,877.43 | 144.54 | |
| CLEARWATER M D* | 12,335 | 123,226.65 | 11,865 | 116,395.65 | 6,831.00 | |
| *Plus population of Carolin | ne | | | HALL THE | | |
| CLIVE | 775 | 7,742.25 | 775 | 7,602.75 | 139.50 | |
| CORONATION | 868 | 8,671.32 | 868 | 8,515.08 | 156.24 | |
| CREMONA | 437 | 4,365.63 | 437 | 4,286.97 | 78.66 | |
| CZAR | 248 | 2,477.52 | 248 | 2,432.88 | 44.64 | |
| DAYSLAND | 789 | 7,882.11 | 789 | 7,740.09 | 142.02 | |
| DELBURNE | 919 | 9,180.81 | 919 | 9,015.39 | 165.42 | |
| DIDSBURY | 5,070 | 50,649.30 | 5,070 | 49,736.70 | 912.60 | |
| DONALDA | 226 | 2,257.74 | 226 | 2,217.06 | 40.68 | |
| ECKVILLE | 1,014 | 10,129.86 | 1,014 | 9,947.34 | 182.52 | |
| EDBERG | 126 | 1,258.74 | 126 | 1,236.06 | 22.68 | |
| ELNORA | 288 | 2,877.12 | 288 | 2,825.28 | 51.84 | |
| FLAGSTAFF COUNTY | 3,660 | 36,563.40 | 3,694 | 36,238.14 | 325.26 | |
| FORESTBURG | 807 | 8,061.93 | 807 | 7,916.67 | 145.26 | |
| GULL LAKE | 226 | 2,257.74 | 226 | 2,217.06 | 40.68 | |
| HALF MOON BAY SV | 65 | 649.35 | 65 | 637.65 | 11.70 | |
| HARDISTY | 548 | 5,474.52 | 548 | 5,375.88 | 98.64 | |
| HAY LAKES | 456 | 4,555.44 | 456 | 4,473.36 | 82.08 | |
| HEISLER | | | 135 | 1,324.35 | 24.30 | |
| | 135 | 1,348.65 | 213 | | | |
| INNISFAIL | 213 | 2,127.87 | | 2,089.53 | 38.34 | |
| | 7,985 | 79,770.15 | 7,985 | 78,332.85 | 1,437.30 | |
| JARVIS BAY SV | 213 | 2,127.87 | 213 | 2,089.53 | 38.34 | |
| KILLAM | 918 | 9,170.82 | 918 | 9,005.58 | 165.24 | |
| LACOMBE | 14,258 | 142,437.42 | 14,258 | 139,870.98 | 2,566.44 | |
| LACOMBE COUNTY | 10,283 | 102,727.17 | 10,283 | 100,876.23 | 1,850.94 | |
| LOUGHEED | 225 | 2,247.75 | 225 | 2,207.25 | 40.50 | |
| MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNT | 12,981 | 129,680.19 | 12,981 | 127,343.61 | 2,336.58 | |
| NORGLENWOLD SV | 306 | 3,056.94 | 306 | 3,001.86 | 55.08 | |
| OLDS | 9,209 | 91,997.91 | 9,209 | 90,340.29 | 1,657.62 | |
| PAINTEARTH COUNTY | 1,990 | 19,880.10 | 1,990 | 19,521.90 | 358.20 | |
| PARKLAND BEACH SV | 168 | 1,678.32 | 168 | 1,648.08 | 30.24 | |
| PENHOLD | 3,484 | 34,805.16 | 3,484 | 34,178.04 | 627.12 | |
| PONOKA | 7,331 | 73,236.69 | 7,331 | 71,917.11 | 1,319.58 | |
| PONOKA COUNTY | 9,998 | 99,880.02 | 9,998 | 98,080.38 | 1,799.64 | |
| PROVOST | 1,900 | 18,981.00 | 1,900 | 18,639.00 | 342.00 | |
| PROVOST MD | 2,071 | 20,689.29 | 2,071 | 20,316.51 | 372.78 | |
| RED DEER COUNTY | 19,933 | 199,130.67 | 19,933 | 195,542.73 | 3,587.94 | |
| RIMBEY | 2,470 | 24,675.30 | 2,470 | 24,230.70 | 444.60 | |
| ROCHON SANDS SV | 97 | 969.03 | 97 | 951.57 | 17.46 | |
| ROCKY | 6,765 | 67,582.35 | 6,765 | 66,364.65 | 1,217.70 | |
| ROSALIND | 162 | 1,618.38 | 162 | 1,589.22 | 29.16 | |
| SEDGEWICK | 761 | 7,602.39 | 761 | 7,465.41 | 136.98 | |
| STETTLER | 5,695 | 56,893.05 | 5,695 | 55,867.95 | 1,025.10 | |
| STETTLER COUNTY | 5,666 | 56,603.34 | 5,666 | 55,583.46 | 1,019.88 | |
| SUNBREAKER COVE SV | 131 | 1,308.69 | 131 | 1,285.11 | 23.58 | |
| SUNDRE | 2,672 | | 2,672 | 26,212.32 | 480.96 | |
| JUNDIL | 2,072 | 26,693.28 | 2,012 | | | |
| CVI VAN I AKE | 16 275 | 162 507 25 | 15 005 | 156 010 05 | | |
| SYLVAN LAKE WHITE SANDS | 16,275 174 | 162,587.25 1,738.26 | 15,995 174 | 156,910.95 1,706.94 | 5,676.30 31.32 | |

Brief Notes – September 2026

INCOME

- 1.1 The Provincial Operating grant remains the same, as per notification from statements from the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) calculated at \$4.75 per capita
- 1.2 The On Reserve, On Settlement grant for reserve residents is calculated at \$10.35 per capita
- 1.3 Estimated requisition to municipalities to balance budget increase to \$9.99 population is based on 2024 Alberta Municipal Official Population List
- 1.4 Based on notifications from PLSB and calculated at \$5.60 per capita
- 1.5 Decreased reflects the changes in interest rates and estimated returns on investments

SUPPORT MATERIALS & SERVICES DIRECT TO LIBRARIES

- 2.1 Estimate, based on statement from PLSB see 1.4 above
- 2.2 Reflects materials allotment rate of \$1.13 per capita
- 2.3 Line increased due to higher costs for software maintenance agreements and subscriptions for Polaris (the Integrated Library System), Microsoft, Sitecore (website platform), and a few others that renewed at higher rates. This line covers, but is not limited to, cybersecurity software, wireless management software, server software, backup software, and small non-capital peripheral items such as monitors and barcode scanners
- 2.4 Cooperative Collection Fund funds to allow Parkland staff to purchase physical materials (e.g., books and DVDs) for placement in member libraries with the intent of reducing interlibrary loans and improving the system-wide collection. Reduced by \$5,000 to pay for additional eContent (line 2.19)
- 2.5 This line increased by \$6,150 to cover cost increase for existing products
- 2.6 This line is for the expenses of the On Reserve, On Settlement grant provided through a provincial government grant program calculated at \$5.60 for library service to the indigenous residents of Parkland's six First Nations Reserves
- 2.7 Held at 2025 level for vendor freight costs for library materials, in-house collections, IT equipment and shipment of computers for repairs and/or replacement parts
- 2.8 Line reduced as bandwidth increase is deemed unnecessary
- 2.9 Increased slightly to \$8,000 Tools to assist with cataloguing library materials
- 2.10 Held at 2025 level used to provide tools for marketing, advocacy and other initiatives for member libraries and PRLS
- 2.11 Increased slightly as this is based on current population at \$0.30 per capita
- 2.12 Decreased to \$600 operating funding provided to PRLS' three outlet libraries (Nordegg no longer a Parkland service point)
- 2.13 Line eliminated with funds added to line 2.22
- 2.14 Held at 2025 level includes both Inter Library Loan postage reimbursement to libraries and Inter Library Loans sent from HQ for libraries
- 2.15 Increased by \$7,600 with funds from line 3.12 to reflect support materials from inventory previously charged to cost of services used for purchasing library material

- processing items such as laminated book covers, cataloguing records, library cards and multimedia cases
- 2.16 Held at 2025 level for the operation of three cargo vans and two staff vehicles anticipated maintenance costs for five vehicles and fuel, using an estimate of actual costs and considering variances for fuel costs
- 2.17 Increased by \$2,000 with funds taken from line 3.11 to cover increased cost for Parkland's in-person conference - includes costs for all workshops, conferences, projects, and training activities for library managers, staff, and boards

PRLS CIRCULATING COLLECTIONS

- 2.18 Held at 2025 level \$5.000
- 2.19 Increased \$10,000 due to demands by libraries and renewal of license agreements. Some funds coming from line 2.4 -includes allotment for eBooks, eAudiobooks and other eContent agreements
- 2.20 Held at 2025 level \$12,000
- 2.21 Held at 2025 level \$5,000
- 2.22 Increased to \$3,600 from funds from eliminated line 2.13

COST OF SERVICES

- 3.1 Decreased as no LAPP audit required in 2026
- 3.2 Reduced slightly to \$1,200 covers the cost of enhanced electronic banking services and cheques
- 3.3 Held at 2025 level of \$4,700 based on review of actual over a three-year period
- 3.4 Held at \$27,250 actual costs reviewed plus an estimated increase in the building requiring more service calls
- 3.5 Held at 2025 level \$13,000 to cover PRLS' cost to belong to membership organizations (e.g., The Alberta Library (TAL), Alberta Library Trustee Association (ALTA), etc.)
- 3.6 Held at \$26,500 based on actual and anticipated increases covers five vehicles, cyber insurance, and new building
- 3.7 Increased slightly to \$38,000 for janitorial building maintenance including carpet and window cleaning also includes outside building maintenance and snow removal
- 3.8 Held at 2025 level reflects fees for photocopiers and based on estimated usage
- 3.9 Reflects current staff levels includes new salary grid and compensation policy implementation
- 3.10 Reflects predicted costs for staff benefits based on current staff levels
- 3.11 Decrease \$2,000 based on actual expenses
- 3.12 Decreased \$7,600 going to line 2.15 to reflect inventory items that were for library support based on a five-year review
- 3.13 Increase to \$11,000 based on review includes line charges, toll free number, mobile telephones, long-distance costs, staff phone reimbursement

- 3.14 Held at 2025 level since Parkland started running two staff vehicles, mileage reimbursement has dropped in addition to reallocation of food expenditures when doing offsite training or workshops based on 5-year review of actual expenses
- 3.15 Held at 2025 level of \$26,000 includes Executive and Advocacy committee meetings, external meetings for trustees, and to support trustee activities using virtual and in person meetings as established
- 3.16 Held at 2025 of \$34,000 based on review of actual costs and estimated increases

At the end of the budget documents, you will find the Budget Supplement which indicates planned purchases from reserves. The largest planned purchase is for computer hardware from the Technology Reserve, most of which is for member libraries. Expenditures are projected to be valued at \$169,250. Parkland will also need to replace at least one vehicle in 2026 which is reflected by a planned expenditure of \$65,000 from the Vehicle Reserve. By approving the budget, the board is approving these transfers to and from Parkland's reserve fund accounts.

Also included is a "Return on Municipal Levy" document. It is based on comparing the amount of the municipal levy to items of direct financial benefit to member libraries. For 2026, it is projected an equivalent of 91% of the levy is returned in tangible form. This return is before considering the services provided by Parkland or taking into account the cost of running Parkland's system headquarters.

Another document has been included comparing the change in requestion paid by each municipality in 2025 and 2026.

Complete Notes to the 2026 Budget

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Proposed 2026 Budget

| Income | |
|--------|--|
|--------|--|

- **1.1** Provincial Operating Grant
- **1.2** On Reserve, On Settlement Grant
- **1.3** Membership Fees
- **1.4** Alberta Rural Library Services Grant
- **1.5** Interest Income

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| Present | Proposed |
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| Budget | Budget |
| 2025 | 2026 |
| 1,045,242 | 1,045,242 |
| 156,647 | 156,647 |
| 2,178,075 | 2,234,174 |
| 452,928 | 452,928 |
| 67,500 | 50,000 |
| 3,900,392 | 3,938,991 |

Income – Line Details

1.1 Provincial Operating Grant

for budgeting purposes, the provincial operating grant rate is based on information from the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) - for regional systems it will be calculated using 2019 population statistics at \$4.75 per capita - this rate is potentially subject to change annually

1.2 On Reserve, On Settlement Grant

The On Reserve, On Settlement grant from the PLSB is calculated at \$10.35 per capita based on First Nations reserve populations found within Parkland's service area. The grant is to enable library services to FN reserve residents. This is composed of two grants; the \$4.75 system operating grant and the \$5.60 per capita operating grant. The \$4.75 is used to fund operations of the regional system, the \$5.60 per capita is to fund various First Nations service initiatives. See line 2.6

1.3 Membership Fees

\$9.99 per capita requisition to municipalities to

balance the budget, an eighteen-cent increase per capita using

the 2024 Municipal Affairs Population List

1.4 Alberta Rural Library Services Grant

grant received from Alberta Municipal Affairs for service to rural residents. Based on the PRLS membership agreement for those municipalities and municipal districts who do not appoint a library board, the grant is dispersed entirely to libraries as directed by these municipalities and municipal districts. Based on information from the PLSB, the grant will be calculated using 2019 population statistics at \$5.60 per capita – see line 2.1 under Support Materials

& Services Direct to Libraries

1.5 Interest Income

reduced in 2026 - estimate based on the returns from the RBC Dominion investment program, any short-term investments, and current bank account; the budgeted amount is reflective of the anticipated return on investments

Support Materials & Services Direct to Libraries

| | | 2025 | 2026 |
|------|--|-----------|-----------|
| 2.1 | Alberta Rural Library Services Grant | 452,928 | 452,928 |
| 2.2 | Allotment Funds Issued to Libraries | 251,794 | 253,392 |
| 2.3 | Computer Maint. Agree. Software licenses | 236,627 | 242,398 |
| 2.4 | Cooperative Collection Fund | 30,000 | 25,000 |
| 2.5 | eContent Platform fees, Subscriptions | 66,850 | 73,000 |
| 2.6 | On Reserve, On Settlement Grant expenses | 84,756 | 84,756 |
| 2.7 | Freight | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| 2.8 | Internet Connection Fees | 11,025 | 9,600 |
| 2.9 | Library Services Tools | 6,700 | 8,000 |
| 2.10 | Marketing/Advocacy | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 2.11 | Member Library Computers Allotment | 66,608 | 67,092 |
| 2.12 | Outlets - Contribution to Operating | 800 | 600 |
| 2.13 | Periodicals | 1,000 | 0 |
| 2.14 | ILL Postage for libraries | 2,300 | 2,300 |
| 2.15 | Supplies purchased Cataloguing/Mylar | 19,000 | 26,600 |
| 2.16 | Vehicle expense | 58,000 | 58,000 |
| 2.17 | Workshop/Training expense | 14,000 | 16,000 |
| | PRL Circulating Collections | | |
| 2.18 | Audio Book | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 2.19 | eContent | 75,000 | 85,000 |
| 2.20 | Large Print | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| 2.21 | Programming Kits | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 2.22 | Reference | 2,600 | 3,600 |
| | | | |
| | TOTAL | 1,423,188 | 1,451,466 |

Support Materials & Services Direct to Libraries - Line Details

2.1 Alberta Rural Library

Services Grant

a \$5.60 per capita provincial grant received by PRLS for municipalities and municipal districts that do not have library boards but are members of the system – per membership agreement, the grant is passed back to the libraries as mandated by the municipalities – see line 1.4 under income

2.2 Allotment Funds Issued

to Libraries reflects materials allotment rate of \$1.13 per capita – using 2024

Municipal Affairs Population

2.3 Computer Maint. Agree.

Software Licenses Line increased due to higher costs for software maintenance

agreements and subscriptions for Polaris (the Integrated Library System), Microsoft, Sitecore (website platform), and a few others that renewed at higher rates. This line covers, but is not limited to, cybersecurity software, wireless management software, server software, backup software, and small non-capital peripheral items

such as monitors and barcode scanners

2.4 Cooperative Collection decreased by \$5000 - designed to give Parkland staff a budget

line for the purchase of physical materials (e.g., books, DVDs) for placement in member libraries with the intent of reducing interlibrary loans and augmenting the collections of member libraries. By using interlibrary loan and collection assessment data, Parkland can target spending so member library collections better reflect patron needs and improve the system-wide collection

2.5 eContent Platform fees

and Subscription fees increased by \$6150 – to pay for platform fees for CloudLibrary and

Overdrive, and subscriptions for Ancestry Library Edition along with CloudLinking, Niche Academy, Cypress Resume, Grant

Connect, and eMagazines

2.6 On Reserve, On

Settlement Grant Exp funding provided through a provincial government grant program

calculated at \$5.60 per capita for library service to the indigenous

residents of Parkland's six First Nations reserves

2.7 Freight vendor freight costs for library materials, in-house collections,

computers, IT equipment and shipment of computers for repairs

and/or replacement parts - held at 2025 level

2.8 Internet Connection

Fees estimated as five-year contract will need to be renewed and

because of performance demands by libraries - for internet service

provision to member libraries and HQ

2.9 Library Services Tools in

increased, based on increase in actual costs – includes tools for Parkland's cataloguing staff (RDA tool kit, Web Dewey, BookWhere) as well as Audio Cine, Survey Monkey, Loomly, and LibraryData

2.10 Marketing/Advocacy

amount held at the same level as 2025 – used to provide tools for marketing, advocacy and other initiatives for member libraries and PRLS

2.11 Member Library Computers

slight increase based on system population - income collected for transfer to the Technology Reserve for the purchase of computers and peripherals for member libraries in the year the funds are collected. Calculated at thirty cents per capita

2.12 Outlet - Contribution

to Operating

decrease to \$600 - funds for Parkland's three outlet libraries, amounts set by board policy, up to \$200 annually, if a local library outlet's sponsoring society provides matching funds.

2.13 Periodicals

line eliminated; funds added to line 2.22

2.14 ILL Postage Reimbursement

for Libraries

held at 2025 level - based on actual and estimates – reimbursement for items interlibrary loaned (ILL) by member libraries and ILLs sent for libraries from Parkland

2.15 Supplies purchased Cataloguing/Mylar

increased by \$7,600 with funds from line 3.12 to reflect support materials from inventory previously charged to cost of services funds for direct support items being included here – based on review of 3-year actual, line for purchasing library materials processing, laminated book covers, cataloguing records, and multimedia cases, barcodes, barcode label protectors, new plastic patron membership cards supplied to public libraries

2.16 Vehicle Expense

held at 2025 level – estimates for fluctuation in fuel prices, also includes anticipated maintenance and repair costs for the operation of five vehicles (3 cargo and 2 staff vehicles). Also includes tire replacements

2.17 Workshop/Training increased by \$2000 with funds coming from the Staff

Development line (3.11) - includes costs for all workshops,

conferences, projects, and training activities hosted or planned by PRLS staff for member libraries regardless of whether they are held

at PRLS or other locations

PRLS Circulating Collections

2.18. Audiobook Materials held at 2025 level – used to support the physical audiobook

collection

2.19 eContent increased 10,000 due to demands for additional content by

libraries and renewal of license agreements - includes allotment eBooks and eAudiobooks through CloudLibrary and Overdrive,

and potentially other eContent

2.20 Large Print Books held at 2025 level to help refresh the collection

2.21 Programming Kits held at 2025 level - to build new programming kits and replace

consumables in current kits for programming in member libraries

2.22 Reference Materials increased by \$1000 due to line 2.13 being eliminated – to

purchase limited amounts of reference material for use by member libraries and PRLS staff, and periodicals. eResources for

reference and professional development purposes can also be

purchased using this budget line

Cost of Services

| | | 2025 | | 2026 |
|------|---|-----------|----|-----------|
| 3.1 | Audit | 25,000 | | 23,500 |
| 3.2 | Bank expenses | 1,500 | | 1,200 |
| 3.3 | Bank Investment Fees | 4,700 | | 4,700 |
| 3.4 | Building-Repairs/Maintenance | 27,250 | | 27,250 |
| 3.5 | Dues/Fees/Memberships | 13,000 | | 13,000 |
| 3.6 | Insurance | 26,500 | | 26,500 |
| 3.7 | Janitorial/Snow removal/Outdoor maintenance | 37,600 | | 38,000 |
| 3.8 | Photocopy | 4,000 | | 4,000 |
| 3.9 | Salaries | 1,828,510 | 1 | 1,844,451 |
| 3.10 | Salaries - Employee Benefits | 387,644 | | 391,024 |
| 3.11 | Staff Development | 20,000 | | 18,000 |
| 3.12 | Supplies/Stationery/Building | 29,000 | | 21,400 |
| 3.13 | Telephone | 9,000 | | 11,000 |
| 3.14 | Travel | 3,500 | | 3,500 |
| 3.15 | Trustee expense | 26,000 | | 26,000 |
| 3.16 | Utilities | 34,000 | | 34,000 |
| | TOTAL | 2,477,204 | 1: | 2,487,525 |

Cost of Services – Line Details

| decreased - three-year quote for audit services with MNP - no LAPP audit required this year, includes costs for an annual letter from PRLS' lawyers required for the audit process |
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| decreased based on actual - to cover the cost of enhanced electronic banking services and cheques |
| fee for management of the RBC Dominion investment program – based on review of actual charges – held at 2025 level. |
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3.4 Building-Repair/

Maintenance held at 2025 level – based on actual costs as reviewed

3.5 Dues/Fees/

Memberships held at 2025 level - for Parkland's membership in professional

organizations; may include, but not necessarily be limited to: The Alberta Library (TAL), Alberta Library Trustee Association (ALTA), Alberta Association of Library Technicians (AALT), Public Library Associations (PLA), Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), and

American Library Association (ALA)

3.6 Insurance held at 2025 level - includes the building, HQ's contents, PRLS'

outlet libraries contents, five vehicles, general liability, cyber, bond and crime, employee drivers abstracts, and personal vehicles insurance reimbursement for personal vehicle use - based on a

review of actual 3-year costs

3.7 Janitorial/Outdoor Maint. Expense

increased slightly to \$38,000 - for janitorial building maintenance

including carpet and window cleaning, outside building

maintenance, and snow removal

3.8 Photocopy reflects fees for photocopiers and estimated usage, based on 3-

year average costs

3.9 Salaries reflects current staffing levels and includes a step up the grid for

qualifying staff

3.10 Salaries-Employee

Benefits reflects predicted costs for employer contributions and staff

benefits based on current staff levels and being provided full benefits including, but not limited to, LAPP, Blue Cross, WCB

3.11 Staff Development funds PRLS staff to attend and travel to continuing education

activities such as seminars, conferences, technology/training courses, first aid training, along with staff performance and

support items and activities-reduced to \$18,000

3.12 Supplies/Stationery/

Building reduced - direct library supplies costs moved to line 2.15- includes,

but not limited to, book processing-related supplies, building and

stationery supplies

3.13 Telephone increased slightly - includes line charges, toll free number, mobile

telephones, long-distance costs, and mobile phone

reimbursement for staff. Based on actual costs.

3.14 Travel

held at 2025 level - based on 5-year review of consulting travel to public libraries, administrative travel, annual IT visits, and staff travel to workshops and conferences (includes reimbursement at \$0.57 per km to staff when they are unable to use the PRLS staff vehicles)

3.15 Trustee Expense

accounts for a 10-member Executive Committee and a 6-member Advocacy Committee meeting 7 times a year, costs for other ad hoc or working group meetings, includes \$100 half day/\$200 full day honorarium and mileage for mixed committee meetings where members can meet digitally and/or in person (includes meetings the board members attend on PRLS' behalf) – held at 2025 level

3.16 Utilities

held at 2025 level - based on multi-year review of actual expenses

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Proposed 2026 Budget

| | Present | Proposed |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | Budget | Budget |
| | 2025 | 2026 |
| TOTAL Income | 3,900,392 | 3,938,991 |
| TOTAL Support Materials & Services Direct to Libraries | 1,423,188 | 1,451,466 |
| TOTAL Cost of Services | 2,477,204 | 2,487,525 |
| TOTAL Expenses (library materials & cost of service) | 3,900,392 | 3,938,991 |
| Surplus/Deficit | 0 | 0 |
| AMOUNT PER CAPITA REQUISITION | 9.81 | 9.99 |
| | | |

Budget Supplement

Explanation points to the 2026 Budget dealing with Capital Assets, Amortization, and Reserves

Staff make all applicable computer and vehicle purchases directly from reserves.

For IT purchases, PRLS has a very detailed Technology Replacement Schedule as it relates to maintaining our current IT infrastructure and the purchase of computers for member libraries. Based on PRLS' Technology Replacement Schedule, items being identified as needing to be replaced or newly acquired will have their costs estimated with the funds required for purchase included in the notes section of the Budget Supplement document. This amount will be shown as coming from the Technology Reserve. The amortization expense for IT purchases will be allocated and the residual value set aside in the Amortization Reserve.

Parkland will be purchasing at least one new vehicle in 2026 (estimated at \$65,000). The amortization expense for vehicle purchases will be allocated and the residual value set aside in the Amortization Reserve.

In passing the budget, Board members are approving the movement of funds between reserves and operating as defined on the following pages and based on policy.

Parkland Regional Library System

Budget Supplement - Movement of Funds - 2026

Explanation points to the 2026 Budget dealing with Capital Assets, Amortization and Reserves. In passing the budget you agree to the movement of funds between reserves and operating as defined below and based on policy.

Capital assets will be purchased from reserves.

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| | \$169,250 |

| | Vehicle Reserve | | |
|---|---|-----------|----|
| | Proceeds from the sale of vehicles | \$10,000 | C |
| | (actual amounts will be based on exact selling price in the year) | | |
| | Technology Reserve | | |
| | Budgeted for member library computers | \$67,092 | |
| | | | |
| | | \$209,342 | ă. |
| | | | |
| 4 | CAPITAL ASSET EXPENSE ALLOCATION | | |
| | Amortization expense anticipated w/o building | \$89,810 | A |
| | (actual amount will be affected by asset disposals during the year) | | |
| | Amortization expense anticipated for building | \$78,939 | |
| | (actual amount will be affected by asset disposals during the year) | | |
| | | \$168,749 | |



Request for Decision

Title: Damaged Windshield Repair Cost

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

Issue/Background:

On the August 29 one of our county gravel trucks met a vehicle traveling south on hi way 599 approximately 1:40 pm. When the vehicle was meeting our gravel truck, a rock hit the front window damaging it. GPS and our driver confirm the timelines are accurate.

Owner of the vehicle then called me. I confirmed with GPS and our truck driver we were in this location at that time. The owner that reported the incident then sent pictures of the damaged window, replaced window, and the invoice cost for the repair.

Financial:

Cost to repair windshield \$330.75

Policy/Legislation:

There is no policy. In the past we have paid for most windshields or damages caused by our road conditions or equipment to maintain good relations with the public.

Recommendations:

- 1. Administration recommends reimbursing the vehicle owner for the replacement of the damaged windshield at the cost of \$330.75.
- 2. Council directs Administration to investigate a policy to formalize when the County would pay for replacement of windshields, vehicle damage, etc.; and/or
- Council directs Administration.

Prepared By: Bryce Cooke, Director of Public Works

BYLAW NUMBER 726-24

OF THE COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

A BYLAW OF THE COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING TO PUBLIC TRAVEL AND DISPOSING OF PORTIONS OF PROVINCIAL ROAD ALLOWANCE RIGHT-OF-WAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, CHAPTER M-26, REVISED STATUTES OF ALBERTA 2000, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the portions of lands hereafter described are no longer required for public travel; and

WHEREAS, application has been made to Council to have the portion of Road Allowance ROW closed; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 deems it expedient to provide for a bylaw for the purpose of closing to public travel certain roads or portions thereof, situated in the said municipality, and thereafter disposing of same; and

WHEREAS, notice of intention of Council to pass a Bylaw has been given in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, does hereby close to public travel and disposing of the following described portion of the Government Road Allowance, subject to rights of access granted by other legislation:

Meridian 4, Range, 14, Township 38

All that portion of original government road allowance lying within Plan 252 0933, as surveyed by KB Drake, ALS, on the date of January 16th, 2025, and containing 0.697 ha, more or less, excepting thereout all mines and minerals.

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| | Chief Administrative Officer | |
| | Approved this 15th Day of September, 20 25. | |
| For: | Minister of Transportation Vand Economic Corridors | |
| | Received Second Reading thisDay of, 20 | |
| | Received Third Reading and Finally Passed this Day of, 20 | |
| | Signed by the Chief Elected Official and Chief Administrative Officer this Day of | 20 |
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| | Chief Administrative Officer | |

THE BRAED REGION PRESENTS:

2025 AGRICULTURAL FORUM

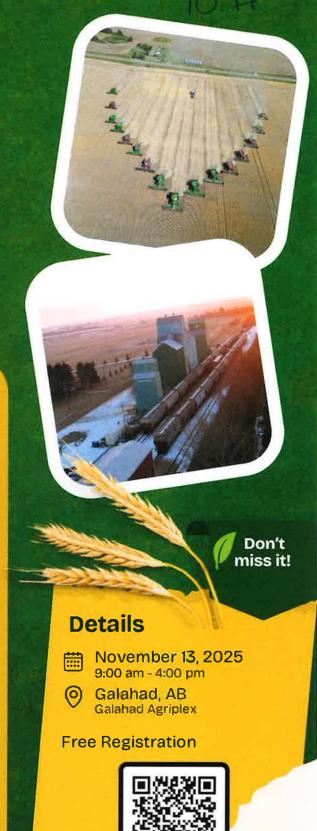
This isn't your average ag forum. It's a one-day event built for producers, featuring hands-on research, bold economic insights, and practical tools to strengthen your farm — today and into the future.



Agenda Highlights

- Economics That Matter to You

 Angus Watt will dive into how inflation, tariffs, and trade are shaping your bottom line and what to prepare for next. Straight talk, realworld data, and actionable insights.
- Smarter Farming with Olds College
 Explore cutting-edge research on autonomous equipment, precision sensors, and regenerative agriculture from the Olds College Smart Farm.
 This is your chance to get ahead of the tech curve without the sales pitch.
- Strong Mind, Strong Farm
 Lesley Kelly, mental health champion and cofounder of Do More Ag, brings tools and
 conversation that reduce stigma and boost
 resilience. Because your farm needs you at your
 best and you're not in this alone.











2025 AGRICULTURAL FORUM AGENDA

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

| 8:00 - 8:45 AM | Registration & Coffee - Grab a coffee, connect with fellow producers, and explore the mini tradeshow before we kick off. |
|----------------|---|
| 9:00 AM | Welcome to the Forum – Opening remarks and an overview of the day's speakers, sessions, and opportunities to connect. |
| 9:30 AM | Smart Farming, Smarter Future – Olds College Smart Farm – Discover how cutting-edge ag tech, data-driven decisions, and hands-on research are reshaping the future of farming. |
| 10:15 AM | Coffee Break – Refill your cup and network with producers, innovators, and ag professionals. |
| 10:30 AM | On the Right Track – Battle River Railway – From grain to growth: how cooperatives strengthen communities, open new markets, and keep rural economies moving forward. |
| 11:15 AM | Strong Minds, Strong Farms –Lesley Kelly & local supports – Real talk about the pressures in farming, practical strategies for resilience, and why mental health matters as much as yield. |
| 12:15 PM | Lunch – Refuel and keep the conversations going at your table or in the tradeshow area. |
| 1:00 PM | Economics That Matter to You – <i>Angus Watt</i> – How inflation, tariffs, and trade are shaping your bottom line—and what to prepare for next. Straight talk, real-world data, and actionable insights. |
| 2:00 PM | Provincial Crop Markets Update - <i>Neil Blue</i> - Market signals to watch and implications for pricing and risk management. |
| 2:15 PM | Afternoon Coffee Break – A quick recharge before diving into the final sessions. |
| 2:30 PM | Innovation in the Field – Battle River Research Group – See what local trials and research are revealing about crops, inputs, and practices for better yields and profits. |
| 3:00 PM | Kochia Control & Funding Opportunities – Prairie Shore Agronomy – Tackle one of agriculture's toughest weeds with proven strategies, and discover government programs that can help your bottom line. |
| 3:30 PM | Closing Remarks – Final takeaways, thank-yous, and what's next for agriculture in our region. |
| 3:45 PM | Open Forum: Future of Ag in the Region – A chance to interact with today's speakers, networking with fellow producers, and time to connect with mini tradeshow vendors for solutions you can use. |

Thank You

Thank you for your support of our trip to Africa to compete in the AGA All Stars Archery Championship.

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