



Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2026

9:00 am

#2 Erickson Drive, Sylvan Lake

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Development Updates:

New Notices of Development

683 Fox Crescent

Discretionary Use - Operation of a Tourist Home

21-Day Appeal Period

[Supporting Documents \(PDF\)](#)

1303 Birch Road

Permitted Use - Dwelling Covered Deck

(DP#257092 Amendment)

21-Day Appeal Period

[Supporting Documents \(PDF\)](#)

New Notices of MPC Decision

1130 Breakers Way

Variance Requests - Deck & Woodshed

21-Day Appeal Period

[Supporting Documents \(PDF\)](#)

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for appeal questions.

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NEWS

Council attended the ASVA Conference in Edmonton in October.

All members of Council attended the recent Alberta Summer Villages Association (ASVA) Conference and found it to be a productive and worthwhile event. Representatives from nearly all Alberta Summer Villages were in attendance, along with professional speakers, industry partners, and ASVA Board members.

This conference is an important opportunity for Summer Villages across Alberta to receive education, share common goals and challenges, and ensure that local perspectives are heard. It also allows feedback from municipalities like ours to be shared with organizations and governing bodies that advocate on behalf of Summer Villages at the provincial and federal levels.

All conference presentations are available [online here](#) for you to view.

Council attended the Local Authority Elected Officials Course in November.

Members of Council attended the Local Authority Elected Officials (LAEO) Course held in Lacombe County in November. This training is designed for elected officials and delegates across Alberta and provides a strong foundation in emergency management.

The course covers the fundamentals of emergency preparedness and response, introduces key emergency management partners, and outlines the responsibilities of elected officials under Alberta's Emergency Management Act and related regulations, using Alberta-based examples.

This collaborative training strengthens Council's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency situations, helping to ensure the safety and resilience of our community. All councillors successfully completed the course and received their LAEO certificates, which are required to serve in their roles as Council representatives.

Alberta Municipalities

Alberta Municipalities 2025 Convention was held in the City of Calgary in November. Councilor Dylan Bressey of the City of Grande Prairie was elected President. Mayor Brian Waterhouse of the Summer Village of Sundance Beach was elected Director for Villages and Summer Villages. The meeting resulted in many resolutions passed as well as several presentations. Reference should be made to the Alberta Municipalities website.

Muni committee appointments were made at the end of January and announced in early February. Mayor Bruni was appointed to the Municipal Governance Committee. The committee will be dealing with both provincial and local matters from, among other things, a governance perspective including any recommended amendments to the Municipal Government Act. This is an exciting opportunity to have input on many fronts. Meetings have been scheduled for the first half of 2026.

The Mayors of Central Alberta met in Red Deer in December to share matters of concern and interest for their Municipalities and for central Alberta. This ongoing relationship is positive for all of these municipalities.

Stormwater Drainage Project

The Stormwater Drainage Project has been completed on Breakers Way between Larch and Poplar, thank you for your patience during construction.

Council will ensure all disturbed ditches are reseeded or sodded in the spring.

We are looking forward to monitoring the new drainage system and determining its success in directing storm water from the green space behind Marine Drive over to the green space between Larch and Poplar have a successful spring and summer run off.

Help us monitor the projects success over the upcoming seasons by directing any comments regarding this project to the Summer Village office.



Land Use Bylaw (LUB)

On March 6th, following the Public Hearing, LUB #205-25 was given final reading by Council. The draft LUB provided in advance of the public hearing was amended only to incorporate recommendations of Alberta Health Services to align with current legislation.

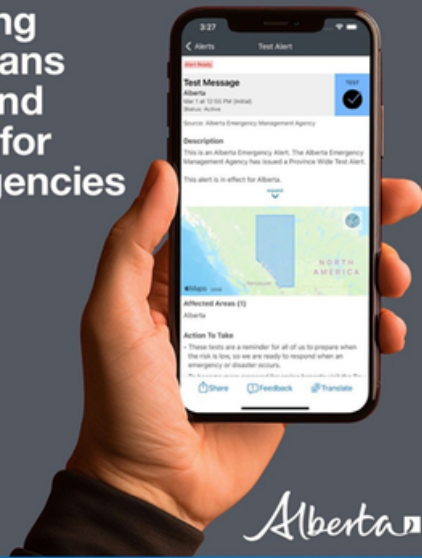
The LUB is an important bylaw that establishes regulations to regulate how land is used and developed, containing procedures for submitting, processing, and deciding upon subdivision and development applications. Although amendments to the LUB will undoubtedly occur, this completes the process that will be summarized in the Mar 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes which was initiated late 2024.

Land Use Bylaw|Bylaw 205-05

Renewed Alberta Police Funding Model

The province will be reallocating RCMP costs to municipalities, which significantly impact the 2026 Operating Budget and Plans we approved in Dec 2025. Some cost projections are presented in the March agenda package, where the percentage values reflect the portion being allocated to municipalities. Sunbreaker Cove's share for the 2026-27 and 2029-30 periods, for instance, are expected to be about \$9,700 and \$22,100 higher, respectively, than we had budgeted/planned for in Dec. To put the impact in perspective, funding the RCMP cost increase solely through increasing taxation would require 2026 and 2029 taxation to increase 2.3% and 4.7% over what we had budgeted/planned for in Dec, respectively. Prior to approving the 2026 mill rate, Council will need to deliberate how the increased RCMP cost expectations will be funded, with consideration given to reserves availability, alternate revenue sources and lowering other expenses, and update both the 2026 operating and capital budget/plans.

Keeping Albertans safe and ready for emergencies



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A note from the Red Deer Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) and Annual Report | Water connects us all

Council approved another year of financial support of the RDRWA.

Dear S.V. of Sunbreaker Cove,

Thank-you for your ongoing support of the Red Deer Watershed Alliance (RDRWA), the designated Watershed Planning and Advisory Council for the Red Deer River Basin (RDRB). Water is the foundation for the health and prosperity of local communities and the RDRWA recognizes the S.V. of Sunbreaker Cove is an important land and water use decision-maker and community leader. Below is a brief update on the RDRWA's activities and information on ways you can help us achieve our shared watershed planning goals and participate in our 2026-2027 funding process.

Who We Are

The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance was established in 2005 and is one of 11 Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) which partner in the delivery of Alberta's Water for Life Strategy. We are a science-based, multi-sector, not-for-profit organization that facilitates watershed management.

Our vision is that the watershed will be healthy, dynamic, and sustainable through the efforts of the entire community. Our renewed WPAC mandate and roles agreement (Environment and Protected Areas and RDRWA 2022) specifies RDRWA will lead and ongoing collaborative process to:

- report on the state of the watershed,
- further develop and implement the Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP),
- inform, educate and engage on water literacy and watershed stewardship, and
- serve as a convenor and collaborator on watershed issues.

An Ongoing relationship

The S.V. of Sunbreaker Cove plays a key role in the RDRWA both as a watershed partner and funder. We rely on funding from municipalities (50 cent per capita funding), and together, municipalities contribute over 20% of the RDRWA's annual funding. Our records show that the S.V. of Sunbreaker Cove has been a longstanding supporter of the RDRWA, and we hope to see that relationship continue in 2026-2027. Consistent core funding from our partners is integral to our operations and helps to directly support our ability to lead projects with adequate staff and resources.

[Full document from RDRWA here.](#) - DOCUMENT MISSING The link in the TEST email did not work

[Learn more and view Annual Report here](#)

Public Works Fall Clean Up | Before & After



MR9 Walkway tree clean up around power lines



Figure 7- Before Brushing and Tree Removal



Figure 8- After Brushing



Figure 9- Before Brushing





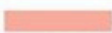
Pathway brush and tree clean up



Porta Potty Pad

Radon Potential Map Alberta

Relative Radon Hazard*

-  Zone 1 High
-  Zone 2 Elevated
-  Zone 3 Guarded

*Important

All dwellings need to be tested for radon; a wide spectrum of radon readings can occur in all three zones.

In this map, regions depicted reflect geologic conditions. Higher radon readings may be found in Zone 1 versus Zone 2 and Zone 3 respectively.



Radon in Alberta

Radon is a significant concern in Alberta, with high levels of the naturally occurring, odourless, and radioactive gas found in homes across the province, particularly in certain rural areas. Exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second leading cause overall. Testing is essential as every home is different, and levels can be high in both new and old homes.

Test your home with approved radon tests for accurate readings. 1 in 9 Amazon purchased tests failed in official testing.

Learn more about how to irradiate Radon from your home using a Pump & Fan and how to properly test your homes Radon levels at lung.ca

[Visit lung.ca for approved radon tests](http://lung.ca)

[Visit radongoneleth.ca for more AB radon information](http://radongoneleth.ca)



Shoreline

The shoreline and retreating water levels continue to be a concern and were a key focus of discussions at this year's Alberta Summer Villages Association (ASVA) Annual Meeting.

In Alberta, shorelines are legally defined as provincial Crown land. They are sensitive ecosystems that require protection and are regulated under both provincial and federal legislation, particularly with respect to activities such as modification or alteration.

We ask residents and visitors to please respect the newly exposed shoreline and its delicate ecosystem. If you notice debris along the shoreline, kindly help by picking it up and disposing of it responsibly.

More information will be shared in the coming months on how we can collectively navigate and protect the shoreline during the upcoming summer season.

Contact Public Works

Fallen tree, hazard, questions?
Contact our public works team with any concerns or requests in and around our community.

[Public Works](#)

Garbage Pick Up
Schedule

[View schedule here](#)

Do you have an after hours sewer back up or emergency?

The following contractors can be contacted to close the municipal valve at your property. (Contractors will invoice residents directly for services performed)

Drain Doctor 403-343-6778

Xandal Backhoe 403-396-4108

DNA Plumbing & Heating 403-887-4461

Urban Dirtworks 403-887-2288

Fonda's Plumbing & Heating 403-347-4848



Feeding birds in Sylvan Lake, Alberta, during the winter is a common and encouraged practice, provided it is done responsibly to support the birds' health and prevent attracting unwanted wildlife. High-energy foods like black oil sunflower seeds, suet and peanuts are essential for birds to survive the cold. Keeping feeders clean and well-maintained.

Black Oil Sunflower Seeds:
The top choice for most birds, these seeds have high oil content and thin shells that are easy for small birds like chickadees and nuthatches to crack open.

Suet: A great source of energy and fat. Suet cakes (plain or mixed with nuts and fruit) are excellent for woodpeckers, nuthatches, and chickadees.

Peanuts: Unsalted, shelled peanuts attract jays, nuthatches, and woodpeckers. Ensure they are kept dry to avoid mold and aflatoxins.

Other options: Safflower seeds, nyjer seeds, and cracked corn can attract a variety of species.



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