

Agenda



Regular Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Town of Stony Plain Council Chambers
4905 – 51 Avenue

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Public Input Session**
4. **Presentations and Delegations**
 - 4.1 St John Paul II Grade 6 Social Studies Democracy
5. **Statutory Public Hearing - NIL**
6. **Adoption of Council Minutes**
 - 6.1 Regular Council Meeting – March 9, 2026
7. **Council Board & Committee Minutes**
 - 7.1 Growth & Commerce Committee – December 17, 2025
 - 7.2 Culture and Tourism Roundtable – January 14, 2026
 - 7.3 Community and Social Development Roundtable – February 4, 2026
8. **Bylaws - NIL**
9. **Business Items**
 - 9.1 Strategic Plan 2026-2029
 - 9.2 Post Election Update
 - 9.3 Citizen-at-Large Board Appointment
10. **Council Discussion**
11. **Closed Meeting - NIL**
12. **Adjournment**

Public Input Session

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

The intent of the Public Input Session is to allow the public to address Council on matters of interest that are not already being addressed in the Council meeting or other boards and commissions of which Council is a member.

The Public Input Session will run from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., following the adoption of the agenda.

It is strongly recommended that people pre-register for this session.

Procedure for Pre-registration

Members of the public wishing to address Council during the Public Input Session may:

1. register online prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting by filling out the registration form online on the Town of Stony Plain website:
<https://www.stonyplain.com/en/town-hall/address-council.aspx>.



Presentations & Delegations

**PRESENTATION
PUBLIC SESSION****REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING****MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2026**SUBJECT:** St John Paul II Grade 6 Social Studies Democracy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grade 6 student curriculum includes learning related to democracy and government. Students are provided an opportunity to gain initial knowledge and understanding of local governments in Alberta through projects related to analyzing their structure and functions.

BACKGROUND

To support students in learning about local government, St John Paul II School Grade 6 teacher Lynda Radke would like to provide the students an opportunity to connect with Stony Plain Town Council members to experience public engagement at the local level. It is anticipated the students would connect with members of Council in mid to late April. The interaction with the Council members will be transacted into a class presentation to share their experience and learnings. Ms. Radke would like to provide Council a short explanation of the curriculum, explain the student project and give a brief idea of questions the kids may ask.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT & KEY ACTIONS

Stony Plain Strategic Plan 2025-2028:

- Community Development
 - Fostering a sense of community belonging and inclusion.

COMMUNICATION

This item will be included in the Council Highlights news release.

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Presentation

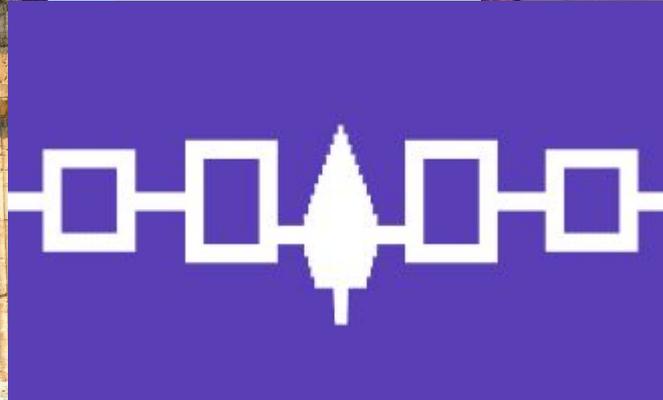
Prepared by: Teresa Olsen, Manager, Legislative Services

Reviewed by: Ann Laing, General Manager, Corporate Services

Approved by: Tom Goulden, Chief Administrative Officer

Grade 6 Social Studies

Democracy



Specific Outcomes: Knowledge and Understanding



Students will:

6.1.4 - analyze the structure and functions of local governments in Alberta by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:

- How are representatives chosen to form a local government (i.e., electoral process)? (PADM)
- What are the responsibilities of local governments (i.e., bylaws, taxes, services)? (PADM)
- How are local governments structured differently in rural and urban settings? (PADM)
- What role is played by school boards (i.e., public, separate, Francophone) within local communities? (PADM)

One of the underlying principles in our curriculum is to teach how democracy is an inclusive process. It involves citizens being actively involved, and we start by showing them this process.

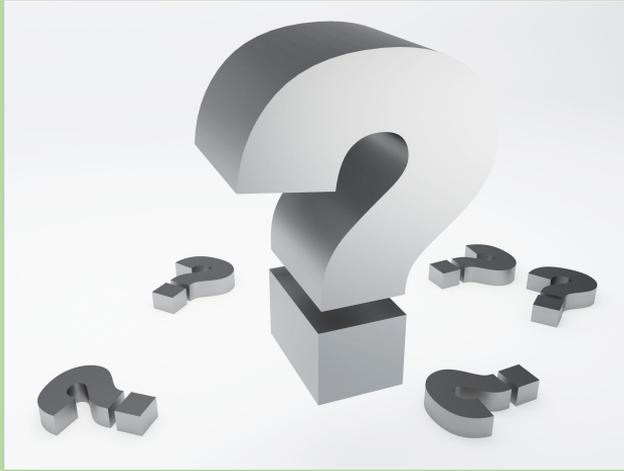
Research a councilperson



-To complete this project we brainstorm questions they might ask.

-They then write an email to share their requests.

-They create a presentation for the rest of the class on their councilperson and your responses.



Possible Questions:

- What is your other job?
- What does a day look like in a councilors life?
- Why did you become a councillor?
- What are your goals in politics?
- What is the best part of you job

END OF ITEM



Statutory Public Hearing

Adoption of Council Minutes

**TOWN OF STONY PLAIN
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
MARCH 9, 2026 MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN OF STONY PLAIN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor:	William Choy
Deputy Mayor:	Justin Laurie
Councillors:	Justin Anderson
	Melanie Loyns
	Miranda Niebergall
	Harold Pawlechko

Chief Administrative Officer:	Tom Goulden
General Manager, Community & Protective Services:	Karl Hill
General Manager, Community & Social Development:	Lisa Gilchrist
General Manager, Corporate Services:	Ann Laing
General Manager, Planning & Infrastructure:	Brett Newstead
General Manager, Strategic Services:	Brenda Otto
Manager, Financial Services:	Teri Stewart
Manager, Legislative Services:	Teresa Olsen
Legislative Officer:	Christina Michaud

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Councillor:	Eric Meyer
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William Choy called the March 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda Adoption
26/03/26/SP

Moved that Town Council adopt the March 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**4. PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS – NIL****5. STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARING – NIL**

6. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2026

RCM Minutes
27/03/26/SP

Moved that Town Council approve the February 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. COUNCIL BOARD & COMMITTEE MINUTES

7.1 Tri Municipal Leisure Facility Corporation Board – November 20, 2025

7.2 Stony Plain Library Board – January 21, 2026

TLC and SPLB
Minutes
28/03/26/SP

Moved that Town Council receive the Council Board and Committee minutes for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. BYLAWS – NIL

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

9.1 Canadian Award for Financial Reporting

The Manager of Financial Services gave an overview of the report.

Canadian Award
for Fin Report
29/03/26/SP

Moved that Town Council accept the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for the Town of Stony Plain 2024 Annual report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 2025 Year End Operating Results

The Manager of Financial Services gave an overview of the report.

Year End
Operating Results
30/03/26/SP

Moved that Town Council:

1. approve the distribution of the 2025 operational surplus to the Tax Levy Stabilization Reserve;
2. transfer \$930,202 to Tax Levy Stabilization Reserve for the purposes of the Recreation Center;
3. transfer debenture surplus for Public Works Facility in the amount of \$165,837 for project funding and reduction of debenture;
4. fund capital shortfall from Community Center Life Cycle in the amount of \$81,134;
5. fund capital shortfall from Roads Capital Reserve in the amount of \$97,457;
6. fund capital shortfall from Trail reserve in the amount of \$14,594;
7. approve transfer of the 2025 Water surplus of \$144,296 to the Wastewater Capital Reserve;
8. approve debenture surplus transfer of \$404,086 to the Water Capital Reserve for Meridian Reservoir project funding and debenture reduction;
9. approve the 2025 Wastewater surplus of \$206,465 to the Wastewater Capital Reserve;
10. transfer debenture surplus for Central Trunk in the amount of \$131,035 to the Wastewater Capital Reserve for the purpose of project funding and reduction of debenture;
11. approve the 2025 Storm surplus of \$184,339 to the Storm Capital Reserve; and
12. approve the 2025 Waste Management surplus of \$224,456 to the Utility Rate Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

11. CLOSED SESSION – NIL

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor William Choy declared the March 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Mayor William Choy

Ann Laing
General Manager, Corporate Services

END OF ITEM



Council Board & Committee Minutes

**TOWN OF STONY PLAIN
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
DECEMBER 17, 2025 MINUTES OF THE
GROWTH & COMMERCE COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AT 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chair:	Tom Goulden
Councillor:	Justin Anderson
Councillor:	Eric Meyer
Manager, Economic Development:	Michelle Levasseur
Legislative Officer:	Christina Michaud

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Councillor:	Harold Pawlechko
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the December 17, 2025 Growth & Commerce Committee to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda Adoption
23/12/25/GCC

Moved that the December 17, 2025 Growth & Commerce Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – August 20, 2025

GCC Minutes
24/12/25/GCC

Moved that the August 20, 2025 Growth & Commerce Committee Minutes be accepted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE AND PRESENTERS

The Manager of Economic Development gave an overview of recommended 2026 meeting dates and presenters.

2026 Meeting
Schedule
25/12/25/GCC

Moved that the 2026 Growth and Commerce Committee meeting dates presentation be accepted for information and the 2026 Growth and Commerce Committee meetings be scheduled from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on:

- February 25
- April 15
- June 24
- August 26
- October 21
- December 16

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Manager of Economic Development provided an update on the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan Highlights.

Ec. Dev, Strategy &
Action Plan
26/12/25/GCC

Moved that the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan Highlights presentation be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **2026 EVENTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Manager of Economic Development provided an update on Economic Development events and professional development planned in 2026.

2026 Events & Prof.
Development
27/12/25/GCC

Moved that the 2026 Events and Professional Development presentation be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **DISCUSSION**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the December 17, 2025 Growth & Commerce Committee meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:
February 25, 2025
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers



Tom Goulden, Chair



Christina Michaud, Legislative Officer

END OF ITEM



**TOWN OF STONY PLAIN
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
JANUARY 14, 2026 MINUTES OF THE
CULTURE AND TOURISM ROUNDTABLE
HELD IN THE RED BRICK COMMON, PERC
ROOM 18 AT 4:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Public Representative, Chair	Judy Bennett
Public Representative, Vice-Chair	Sheri Minard
Parkland Potter's Guild:	Marian Majeau
Stony Plain Public Library Representative:	Bonnie Daley
Red Brick Common:	Melissa Hartley
Stony Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum	Heather Monahan
Greater Parkland Regional Chamber:	Norman Leach (4:30-5:50pm)
Public Representative:	Brenda Reeve
Public Representative:	Brian Baker
Public Representative:	Kelsey McEwan
Public Representative:	Tammy Mackay
Staff Liaison, Culture & Tourism Development Officer:	Chantelle Laberge

EXCUSED ABSENSE:

Councillor:	Melanie Loyns
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Staff Liaison called the January 14, 2026 Culture and Tourism Roundtable meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

2. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS, ICEBREAKER**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Agenda
Adoption
01/01/26/CTR

Moved that the January 14, 2026 Culture and Tourism Roundtable agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**4.1 Chair**

The Staff Liaison called for nominations for election of chair.

Marian Majeau nominated Judy Bennett for Chair.

The Staff Liaison called for nominations a second time.

The Staff Liaison called for nominations a third and final time.

Cease of Chair
Nominations
02/01/26/CTR

Moved that the nominations for Chair cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Staff Liaison declared Judy Bennett Chair by acclamation.

4.2 Election of Vice-Chair

Sheri Minard nominated herself for Vice-Chair.

The Chair called for nominations a second time.

The Chair called for nominations a third and final time.

Cease of Vice-
Chair
03/01/26/CTR

Moved that nominations for Vice-Chair cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair declared Sheri Minard Vice-Chair by acclamation.

5.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes
Adoption
04/01/26/CTR

Moved that the November 12, 2025 Culture and Tourism Roundtable minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 COMMITTEE ORIENTATION and CHAIR TRAINING PRESENTATION

7.0 VERBAL REPORT ROUNDTABLE

8.0 CULTURE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Culture & Tourism Development Officer gave an overview of the:

- Destination Guide new format, submission method, and deadline.
- Culture Days – Whole month of September with the 19th being the focus day. Pioneer Museum will be the lead on the grant, which is due March 15.
- New Branding and Marketing, Communications, Stakeholder Relation Plan.
- Blueberry Music Festival Announcement.
- Culture and Tourism Master Plan updates will be happening in 2026/27.
- Midsummer Thursdays and Summer Sessions dates, sponsorship, vendors.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

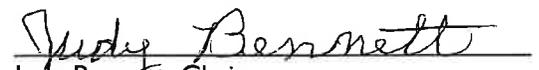
The Chair declared the January 14, 2026 Culture and Tourism Roundtable meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Next Meeting:

March 11, 2026

Red Brick Common, PERC Room 18

4:30 p.m. – Call to Order



Judy Bennett, Chair



Jessica Marsden,
Legislative Clerk

END OF ITEM



**TOWN OF STONY PLAIN
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
FEBRUARY 4, 2026 MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE
4905-51 AVE, STONY PLAIN
AT 5:15 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair:	Crystal Johnson
Vice-Chair:	Rozanna Bennett Dawn Horne Lonnie Stewardson Frank Florkewich Tony McKee
Councillor:	Melanie Loyns

OTHERS PRESENT:

General Manager, Community and Social Development, Staff Liaison:	Lisa Gilchrist
Community Development Officer:	Deanna Butz
Program Assistant:	Pam Armitage
Manager, Legislative Services:	Teresa Olsen
Legislative Clerk:	Jessica Marsden

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Sector representative for mental wellness:	Alicia Hockett
Sector representative for education:	Meg Miskolzie
Sector representative for people with disabilities:	Wendy Fuglsang Erin Wagstaff Renee Keough

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the February 4, 2026 Community and Social Development Roundtable meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. WELCOME**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Agenda Adoption
04/02/26/CSD

Moved that the February 4, 2026 Community and Social Development Roundtable agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

CSD Minutes
05/02/26/CSD

Moved that the November 26, 2025 Community and Social Development Roundtable minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STAFF LIAISON UPDATE

Staff Liaison, Lisa Gilchrist, provided an update on:

- Roundtable Annual Report
- Roundtable Evaluation

6. NEW BUSINESS**6.1 Council Committee Orientation and Chair Overview**

The Manager of Legislative Services provided the Roundtable with Committee Orientation.

The Legislative Clerk provided the Roundtable with Chair training.

6.2 Election of Chair

The Staff Liaison called for nominations for election of Chair.

Crystal Johnson nominated Rozanna Bennett for Chair.

The Staff Liaison called for nominations a second time.

The Staff Liaison called for nominations a third and final time.

Chair Nom.
06/02/26/CSD

Moved that nominations for Chair cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Staff Liaison declared Rozanna Bennett Chair by acclamation.

6.3 Vice-Chair

The Staff Liaison called for nominations for election of Vice-Chair.

Rozanna Bennett nominated Crystal Johnson for Vice-Chair.

The Staff Liaison called for nominations a second time.

The Staff Liaison called for nominations a third and final time.

Vice-Chair Nom.
07/02/26/SD

Moved that nominations for Vice-Chair cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Staff Liaison declared Crystal Johnson Vice-Chair by acclamation.

6.4 Chair and Vice Chair Term

Moved that the Chair and Vice-chair positions be appointed for a two-year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Introduction to Department and Year Plan

Community Development Officer, Deanna Butz provided a presentation on the Community and Social Development department and year plan.

7. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

Community Development Officer, Deanna Butz provided an update on upcoming activities throughout the region.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the February 4, 2026 Community and Social Development Roundtable meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:
March 4 at 5:15 p.m.


Rozanna Bennett, Chair


Pam Armitage, Program Assistant

END OF ITEM



Bylaws

Business Items

**REQUEST FOR DECISION
PUBLIC SESSION****REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING****MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2026**SUBJECT:** Strategic Plan 2026-2029

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council establishes the Strategic Plan 2026-2029 to provide a renewed understanding of the priority commitments and key actions required to advance Stony Plain towards our long-term community vision.

RECOMMENDATION

That Town Council approve the Strategic Plan 2026-2029.

BACKGROUND

The Strategic Plan is built on the vision and values outlined in the Municipal Development Plan. The commitments and key actions identified will ensure progress continues towards achieving this vision. The format of the Strategic Plan has been developed to create a clear and concise framework of priorities communicated to the public and community stakeholders.

The Strategic Plan is constructed and considered an evolving plan; it is reviewed annually by Council and serves to direct Administration in the development of the Corporate Plan. The Strategic Plan provides broad direction for the development of the Corporate Plan while acknowledging that the Town is prepared to adapt to changing realities. These shifting realities can be brought forward by the community through Council, Administrative recommendations and through changes in provincial or federal government priorities. To support the agile nature of the Strategic Plan, its progress is monitored by Administration and reported to Council quarterly.

The Strategic Plan 2026-2029 is focused on the overarching themes of intentional growth and meaningful connection. Council is directing the implementation of key actions in support of commitments to civic responsibility, collaborative leadership, community building, and economic opportunity.

The Strategic Plan ensures the organization and community continue to progress towards the vision of Uniquely Stony Plain Municipal Development Plan. It is also acknowledged that during 2026-2027 there will be an opportunity for the community to review and update, and Council to consider and approve, the Municipal Development Plan.

Relevant Statutes/Master Plans/Documents

Municipal Development Plan 2024

Strategic Plan 2025-2028

Corporate Plan 2026-2028

Corporate & Long-Term Planning Policy C-FS-056

STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Strategic Plan 2026-2029 incorporates the priorities and needs of Stony Plain, flowing from and as directed through Council's engagement following the municipal election in the fall of 2025 and during a planning retreat held in January 2026.

COMMUNICATION

A communication plan will be executed to support informing the public through social media, the Town website, at upcoming events, and including in the Council meeting highlights. The approved Strategic Plan will also be shared directly with community partners and stakeholders, where appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Strategic Plan 2026-2029
2. Presentation

Prepared by: Brenda Otto, General Manager, Strategic Services

Approved by: Tom Goulden, Chief Administrative Officer

STRATEGIC PLAN

2026-2029



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APPROVED MARCH 2026



stonyplain.com

WELCOME TO STONY PLAIN

The Town of Stony Plain acknowledges and honours the fact we are situated on the traditional indigenous land of Treaty 6 peoples.

Located 17 kilometres west of the provincial capital with direct access to major highways and trade routes, Stony Plain is a prosperous urban community in the Edmonton metropolitan region.

Stony Plain can clearly be described as proud, flourishing, and welcoming. Over the past 15 years, the community has seen steady growth of nearly 31% and currently boasts a population of 20,000 people. Even with growth in residents and businesses, Stony Plain values and celebrates its pioneer roots and thriving diversity.

Those who live in Stony Plain appreciate its charming downtown, beautiful outdoor spaces, and contribute to its cultural and social fabric.

Residents have access to a level of services that rival those of metropolitan areas, coupled with an array of exciting events, high-quality amenities, competitive tax rates, and a thriving economic sector made up of over 1100 businesses catering to local and regional needs.

It is an ongoing commitment to ensure all those who call Stony Plain home can be connected and have the opportunity to fulfill their potential. As a steward of the community, the Town continuously collaborates with local partners, and neighbouring municipalities, to share resources, maximize efficiency, and improve programs and services. These ongoing efforts and the benefits created are felt by those a part of Stony Plain now and for generations to come.



Councillor
Justin Laurie

Councillor
Eric Meyer

Mayor William Choy

Councillor
Melanie Loyns

Councillor
Miranda Niebergall

Councillor
Harold Pawlechko

Councillor
Justin Anderson

(LEFT TO RIGHT)



YOUR COUNCIL

As we begin a new four-year term of Council and a new chapter for Stony Plain, this is an opportunity to reflect on the current state of Stony Plain, confirm what is important to our growing and connected community, and commit to the actions needed to ensure we continue to offer a place residents value while supporting intentional community growth. Leading our community is both humbling and exciting.

During the fall of 2025, each member of Council dedicated time to connecting with and listening to residents and community stakeholders about their concerns, hopes, and needs for Stony Plain. We heard from you about public safety and the value of our businesses and organizations. We heard about the need for recreation spaces and the opportunity for local jobs. We also heard from you about concerns of affordability, the importance of taking care of our roads, sidewalks and parks; and so much more. We are so grateful to all those who shared what we can do to make Stony Plain even better.

Following the municipal election in October 2025, we came together as a new team of Council and began working with Town staff on what we heard from residents and how we can address it.

From this early work as your new Council, we are proud to share our Strategic Plan. Our plan reflects what you shared with us and what we know we need to do to move Stony Plain forward. We believe everyone will be able to identify, understand, and support aspects of our Plan that are important to them. Our Plan will provide the deliberate and measured approach to both preserve the unique identity of Stony Plain and provide a healthy community for generations of residents and businesses.

Our Strategic Plan, and the decision framework it provides, is guided by the needs of those who call Stony Plain home. We will deliver valued services, build and maintain critical infrastructure, and enhance the spaces and amenities where people can gather, celebrate, and create community.

We, as Council, are committed to work hard as a team and with Town staff, our partners, and our residents and businesses to deliver all aspects of our Strategic Plan. Let's get started, together.

STONY PLAIN... INTENTIONAL GROWTH & MEANINGFUL CONNECTION



Over the past four years Stony Plain has continued to grow. 20,000 people now call our town home. New homes are being constructed, new businesses are opening and new facilities are being built. Together, we will continue our journey to a community of 30,000 people.

A connected community of 30,000 people will stand strong on the foundation provided by the many community builders that have walked that journey. This foundation was created by those who chose to make a difference in our community. They chose to create our many community groups, they chose to give their time freely in service of others, and they chose to shape the community in which we now live.

Stony Plain has a foundation of community service, our people come together in many ways to support their neighbours, their community groups and this community. They come together in town facilities, schools, restaurants and coffee shops. They plan and organize projects and events for others.

As we grow, we will need to continue to support each other and come together around the idea of community service.

Stony Plain has a foundation of community safety. A sense of community safety comes from more than just policing services. This sense comes from knowing your neighbors, seeing recognizable faces and the comfort of familiarity. Feeling safe crossing a busy street, feeling confident that a child will grow up with a secure sense of place and being connected to others all contribute to a sense of safety.

As we grow, planning for community safety through policing and emergency services will require attention, as will ensuring the conversations we have together about what makes our community safe.

Stony Plain has a foundation of vital infrastructure. Our trail system, our utility systems, our community facilities, and our roadway systems benefit us all and provide the basic necessities of our connected community.

As we grow, we will be mindful of maintaining these critical systems and make sure our planning and construction match our growth.

Stony Plain has many outdoor spaces where memories are made and our community comes together. Some of these spaces have been here for generations while others have been recently added.

As we grow, our outdoor spaces will need to grow with us. Creating active outdoor spaces, providing amenities for people to connect with each other and maintaining our current outdoor spaces will ensure a future that is proud and vibrant.

Stony Plain has a foundation of supporting our youngest citizens. An active sport community, various youth focused community groups and partnerships with our school programs have created a community where young people can thrive.

As we grow, supporting youth-focused community groups and seeking ways to ensure active and healthy young people are opportunities for us all to embrace.

Stony Plain has a foundation of which we can all be proud. Our shared history shows that a connected community is the result of hard work by many, by people who believed in the idea of “community” and made a difference through community service.

As we grow, strengthening our shared commitment to community service will allow Stony Plain to grow other aspects of our community. A Stony Plain where all 30,000 people feel safe, benefit from well planned and maintained community infrastructure, have access to outdoor spaces for connection and where young people can see a future, is a vision that everyone can contribute to achieving.

As we grow, Town Council welcomes the community to find a way to contribute, to make a difference and to participate in shaping the future of our unique and connected community.

COMMITMENTS & ACTIONS





Our Commitment to... **Civic Responsibility**

Civic responsibility reflects our shared ownership in community development, where people feel safe, supported, and proud to belong. It begins with a dedication to public safety, ensuring that individuals can live, work, and gather in environments that are secure, welcoming, and resilient. Through collaboration, proactive planning, and preventive services, we create the opportunity for community well-being.

Civic responsibility also means embracing environmental responsibility. This includes understanding the natural ecosystems we live in, mitigating our impact through planning and decision making, and providing programs and services that support a healthy, vibrant, and resilient Stony Plain for future generations.

A responsible community is anchored by fiscal sustainability, making thoughtful, forward-looking decisions that balance affordability with long-term stewardship. By using resources wisely and planning strategically, we maintain financial stability while continuing to meet the needs of Stony Plain.

At the heart of civic responsibility is a commitment to municipal service excellence. By delivering high-quality, reliable, and people-centered services we strengthen trust, support daily life, and enable the community to thrive.

Together, this commitment reflects what it means to be a responsible community—working collectively to create a safe, sustainable, financially sound, and well-served Stony Plain for all.

KEY ACTIONS

- Complete an update of the Municipal Development Plan that reflects and connects the community long-term vision and values with land use planning policies to guide decisions for future growth and transformation
- Deepen inclusion and social cohesion across the community with programs and supports to improve mental wellness, healthy relationships, volunteerism, and reduce poverty
- Ensure public safety service levels are responsive to emerging areas of concern and meet the needs of the community
- Guide emergency preparedness to ensure safe, cohesive, and timely action in the event of a community disaster
- Enhance outdoor spaces to support community health and wellness, addressing the key role Old Town South and South Business Park areas play in Stony Plain's future
- Strengthen our organizational excellence and workforce effectiveness through investment in and commitment to improved service efficiency
- Embrace fiscal responsibility, priority investment, and performance measurement, linking our strategic vision and decision-making processes

Our Commitment to... **Collaborative Leadership**

Collaborative leadership is essential to building a vibrant, resilient, and maturing Stony Plain. By bringing together diverse perspectives—residents, local organizations, valued stakeholders, Indigenous partners, businesses, and government—we create a shared basis for decision-making rooted in mutual respect, transparency, and collective problem-solving.

Through intentional engagement and relationships, we strengthen our capacity to respond to emerging challenges, seize new opportunities, and align our efforts toward common goals. This approach encourages creativity, builds cohesive trust, and ensures community voices are heard and understood in the development of policies, responsible use of resources, and long-term planning.

By fostering strong governance and partners we cultivate our community to its optimal state, support economic opportunities and social well-being, and create a legacy of thoughtful stewardship.

KEY ACTIONS

- Advance Stony Plain's priorities through regional services, programs, and infrastructure with strengthened partnerships among the Tri Municipal and Edmonton regional municipalities
- Open, accessible, and direct communication between Council and residents, local businesses, organizations, and stakeholders to enhance the understanding of issues, perspective, and solutions
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- Involve youth and future generations as valued members of our community
- Pursue partnerships and advance relationships with local and regional First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples



Our Commitment to... **Community Building**

Stony Plain thrives when residents feel connected, supported, and empowered to participate in shaping the places where they live, work, and gather. A truly resilient and inclusive community is nurtured through intentional relationships and the deliberate development of supportive infrastructure —physical, social, digital, and organizational. Supportive infrastructure forms the backbone of a vibrant community. It includes accessible public spaces, well-functioning transportation networks, and reliable utilities.

Equally important are the “third places” that enhance our social systems—such as community organizations, local partnerships, cultural and creative networks, and opportunities for meaningful engagement—that create a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

By investing in both the physical assets that bring the people of Stony Plain together and the social fabric that help them thrive, we create environments where individuals feel valued, connected, and able to contribute. This approach to community building not only strengthens relationships but also enhances well-being, supports economic opportunity and ensures long-term sustainability for everyone.

KEY ACTIONS

- Accelerate the planning for the next phases of the Community Recreation Facility
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Our Commitment to...

Economic Opportunity

As the western gateway to the Edmonton metropolitan region, Stony Plain's economic prosperity is built on the strength of good governance and partners. Planning, implementing, and collaborating for business growth among the Town, local developers and businesses, community organizations, regional partners, and residents will continue to shape our future. Attracting new and supporting existing business is a shared commitment for long-term and balanced community well-being.

By working together, we will continue to offer the conditions where businesses can thrive – whether in our downtown and Old Town South, North Business Park, adjacent highway commercial nodes, or from residential homebases. This means fostering a vibrant community with diverse economic opportunities, supporting entrepreneurs and innovators, and ensuring our policies, infrastructure, and service levels evolve alongside our community's growth.

When we combine economic development with community development, we build a place where businesses are not just profitable—they are valued partners in creating a resilient, connected, and healthy Stony Plain. Through collaboration, shared vision, and a commitment to sustainable growth, we will continue to be a community where businesses choose to invest.

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- Cultivate partnerships, advance planning, and construct infrastructure to continue the redevelopment and growth of Old Town South
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- Guide the continued build out of employment lands and occupancy of available commercial properties with targeted investment attraction, in collaboration with Edmonton Global, and business retention and expansion efforts
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VISION & STRATEGIC THEMES

Our Strategic Plan is not a beginning or an end but rather represents steps along a path toward our long-term vision. Our long-term vision and strategic themes are grounded in Uniquely Stony Plain: Municipal Development Plan (MDP). The MDP is a comprehensive roadmap to lead, maintain, and build our community for the next 30 years. Beginning in 2026, MDP will be reviewed and updated with purposeful community engagement, thoughtful consideration by the Town, and leadership from Council.

A connected community...
embracing the future.

A champion of **progress** and **community values** in a metropolitan region.

Our vision for Stony Plain reflects a stage in our development. We are boasting of a population of 20,000 residents and we must continue to plan and prepare for persistent growth. Our vision also recognizes the placement of our community among a growing and competitive region, offering the opportunity for support, collaboration, and strength. Finally, our vision reflects a commitment to celebrate and nurture connection among residents now and as we look to the next generation.

The strategic planning process illuminated the overarching theme of guiding community growth. We recognize there are both opportunities and challenges related to growth. We strive to plan and take action to shape our community in the context of our vision and priorities. This means careful consideration of what is required for the planned growth related to each of our strategic themes. Our strategic themes capture the deeper values and desires of the community. They tell the story of who we are and what is important for a healthy Stony Plain.





Community Development

We want residents of all ages and income levels to have access to diverse housing, interconnected transportation choices, and local amenities to ensure a healthy and sustainable community. We have areas of stability, areas undergoing positive transition, and areas experiencing new growth. There are facilities for community gatherings and places for recreational, cultural, institutional, and commercial interactions. We also have an abundance of natural areas and parks that are protected and cherished. Recreational spaces must be designed to suit the climate and the environment to maximize use and enjoyment of these spaces throughout all four seasons.

Economic Opportunity

Economic development is critical to achieving fiscal sustainability. Facilitating commercial, industrial, and institutional employment opportunities provides the balance to support appropriate service levels, both now and in the future. Economic development means local jobs, shorter commute times, and convenient service provision for residents and businesses.

Environmental Responsibility

We pay careful consideration to environmental sustainability as we recognize the interconnectivity of our natural environment and our quality of life. Our quality of life depends on the environment's health, including the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we use to grow food. We strive to protect, preserve, and enhance natural systems and environmentally significant areas while promoting a greener way of living.

Governance & Partners

Community development requires input and contribution from many different constituents. We work closely with our regional neighbours, stakeholders, and development community to set direction for service delivery and development. Open and inclusive discussion enables cohesive representation and leadership. Good governance is critical to meeting our residents' needs.

Supportive Infrastructure

Infrastructure maintenance and improvement is an essential component of how our community functions. Traditionally, the design of new areas was based on automobile transportation, but the desire to improve health and air quality means placing greater emphasis on other modes of transportation. Integrating safe and accessible infrastructure for transit, cyclists, and pedestrians will foster an increase in use of a variety of transportation options.

STRATEGIC PLAN FRAMEWORK

How we will use this Plan

The Strategic Plan takes an ambitious approach to achieving our vision for Stony Plain. It outlines the commitments and key actions we will address over the next few years. As we move forward, this plan will be used to mobilize strategies, actions, and resources.



MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Uniquely Stony Plain: Municipal Development Plan is the leading document identifying our long-term vision and the strategic themes to achieve Stony Plain's future state. These themes guide our strategic planning process, providing a foundation for the determination of commitments and key actions.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Council reviews and updates the Strategic Plan annually. This allows for a renewed consideration of what has been accomplished and to contemplate what new strategic commitments and key actions are required to reach Council's vision for the community. This also allows for adjustment and nimbleness to evolving or new challenges and opportunities.



CORPORATE PLAN

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2026–2029

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2026-2029
Strategic Plan

Approval March 2026





Stony Plain can clearly be described as proud, flourishing, and welcoming. Over the past 15 years, the community has seen steady growth of nearly 31% and currently boasts a population of 20,000 people. Even with growth in residents and businesses, Stony Plain values and celebrates its pioneer roots and thriving diversity.



We are proud to share our Strategic Plan. Our plan reflects what you shared with us and what we know we need to do to move Stony Plain forward.

We believe everyone will be able to identify, understand, and support aspects of our Plan that are important to them.

YOUR COUNCIL

STONY PLAIN... INTENTIONAL GROWTH & MEANINGFUL CONNECTION



As we grow, we will...

- support each other and come together
- plan for community safety through policing and emergency services
- make sure our planning and construction match our growth
- provide outdoor spaces to grow with us
- support youth focused community groups and seek ways to ensure active and healthy young people
- strengthening our shared commitment to community service

As we grow, Town Council welcomes the community to participate in shaping the future of our unique and connected community

OUR COMMITMENTS

Civic Responsibility

Supporting a safe, sustainable, and financially responsible community while delivering high-quality municipal services

Collaborative Leadership

Working with residents, businesses, community organizations, and regional partners to make informed decisions and address shared priorities

Community Building

Investing in infrastructure, amenities, and public spaces to strengthen connections and support a vibrant, inclusive community

Economic Opportunity

Supporting local businesses, attracting new investment, and creating the conditions for economic prosperity





Civic Responsibility

- Complete an update of the **Municipal Development Plan** that reflects and connects the community long-term vision and values with land use planning policies to guide decisions for future growth and transformation
- **Deepen inclusion and social cohesion** across the community with programs and supports to improve mental wellness, healthy relationships, volunteerism, and reduce poverty
- Ensure **public safety service levels are responsive** to emerging areas of concern and meet the needs of the community
- Guide emergency preparedness to **ensure safe, cohesive, and timely action** in the event of a community disaster
- Enhance **outdoor spaces to support community health and wellness**, addressing the key role Old Town South and South Business Park areas play in Stony Plain's future
- Strengthen our organizational excellence and workforce effectiveness through **investment in and commitment to improved service efficiency**
- Embrace fiscal responsibility, priority investment, and performance measurement, **linking our strategic vision and decision-making processes**



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Next Steps

- Communications and stakeholder engagement to support awareness
- Municipal Development Plan 2026–2027
- Corporate Plan 2027–2029



END OF ITEM





REQUEST FOR DECISION PUBLIC SESSION

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Post Election Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Municipal elections support the democratic process of electing public officials through a fair and transparent process. The Post Election Update provides an overview of the conducting of the 2025 municipal and school board election outlining key successes and challenges experienced. Additionally, election candidates are required to file campaign disclosure statements on or before March 1st of the year following the election. This update confirms that all candidates have met their campaign disclosure and financial statement requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

That Town Council accept the Post Election Update for information.

BACKGROUND

In Alberta, Municipal and School Board elections are held every four years in October regulated by the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* which sets out the framework for conducting elections. Initial planning for Stony Plain's 2025 municipal election commenced in Q2 of 2024 and included considerations related to voter experience, accessibility & inclusion, communication, regulatory compliance, and budgetary constraints. The Town's Election team ensures the integrity of the election through a variety of means including policies and procedures, comprehensive election worker training, a voting station support model and ensuring all technology and processes are tested to meet best practices and security standards. Although some challenges were experienced implementing the new regulatory requirements, overall the election was successful.

When nominations closed on September 22, the position of mayor and both school board trustees were acclaimed resulting in an election for only the position of Councillor; with six eligible positions to be filled. Fifteen candidates submitted nomination forms for the position of Councillor.

Voter turnout during the 2025 Stony Plain municipal election was 19.6% or 2,796 of 14,239 eligible electors. Although turnout was down from 2021 by 11.1%; this was consistent with many communities across the province.

Legislated Changes

Legislation through Bill 20 and Bill 50 resulted in significant changes to election processes. Many of these changes resulted in substantial process amendments, testing, training, and resource allocation.

These included changes to the voter experience, both negative and positive:

- **Prohibition of automated voting equipment** resulting in the requirement for each race to be on a separate ballot, and the counting of votes by hand which delayed the release of election results.
- **Establishing a permanent electors register (PER)** requiring early engagement with voters to confirm they were on the register and resulting in additional time at the voting station to confirm electors were on the register and/or to be added.
- **Expanded use of special ballots** providing an opportunity for any eligible voter to cast their ballot without attending a voting location.

Changes with respect to filing and reporting also impacted candidates:

- **Notice of intent** was an additional requirement to the filing of nomination forms. It is a requirement for candidates to file to run as a candidate in the election prior to accepting contributions or incurring campaign expenses.

- **A preliminary campaign disclosure statement** was required on or before September 30 for Candidates who received contributions to their campaign between January 1 and July 31 of the election year.

Key Successes

Early election planning in the year prior to the election provided the ability to be fluid and shift as significant legislative changes were introduced by the Province throughout 2024 and 2025. This planning allowed for strategic development and testing of counting methods for the establishment of the most efficient and accurate manner to tally votes. Enhanced training materials and multiple training opportunities were provided for election workers, which resulted in workers feeling confident and prepared for their duties which promoted a positive and efficient voter experience. This resulted in the ability to release election results at the earliest possible times and 100% accuracy during the recount conducted.

Enhanced communication was provided to candidates through an updated candidate handbook, a regional candidate information session held in March, a Town of Stony Plain prospective candidate information session held in June, and shared resources and videos on the Town's election webpage. To ensure equitable information sharing, the Returning Officer responded to candidate questions by ensuring all candidates were copied on information. Additionally, appointment-based meetings with candidates allowed for clear information sharing to prepare potential candidates for the election process and respond to questions. Continued communication updates between nomination day and election day ensured all candidates received consistent information related to the election.

A proactive **public awareness** approach was taken to inform the community of the changes to the election process. Members of the election team attended several community events between June to August to bring awareness to the upcoming election and to assist voters with checking if they were on the PER, and to help them add or amend their information. As a result of these awareness events, many residents were able to confirm they were on the PER and over 140 residents were added or amended their information.

Voter experience was top of mind when planning for the vote locations. Voting location layouts were designed to keep voter traffic flow moving while maintaining secrecy of the vote. Greeters welcomed voters, provided guidance and ensured they had proper identification prior to entering the voting area. Election workers facilitated voter registration and completed forms on behalf of the voters to accelerate the registration process. When requested, election personnel assisted voters with disabilities through the voting location. Overall, election workers provided a welcoming, accommodating and efficient environment to promote a positive voter experience. Council also approved the use of both Special Ballots and Institutional Voting in the election, allowing for additional accessibility and voter convenience. Facilities selected as voting locations included accessibility considerations, parking availability, connectivity and voter access. **"I voted" & "Future Voter" stickers** provided acknowledgment of voting and continues to be a hit with voters of all ages. Many voters expressed enthusiasm with the opportunity to exercise their democratic right and demonstrate their participation by wearing a sticker.

Youth engagement was a new initiative in 2025. The Town invited youth aged 16 and 17 to apply to work positions at the voting locations. Each youth was partnered with a worker over the age of 18 to work collaboratively to fulfill their duties. Seven youth positions were available, with Stony Plain youth being prioritized to fill the available positions. Youth workers attended all applicable training, attended at least one advance voting location and worked on Election Day. The youth were engaged, performed their duties efficiently and feedback from their experience was positive.

External recruitment was strong, with Town residents showing interest in working for the municipal election with over 200 worker applications received. All available public election worker positions were filled with very few workers dropping out prior to their assigned days. **Internal staff engagement** allowed for the utilization of Town staff throughout the election planning and execution which provided increased corporate alignment and improved process delivery.

Key Challenges

The **legislated amendments** to the LAEA, adopted in close proximity to the election, required substantial process changes that resulted in additional resources and significant staff overtime (i.e. hand-counting procedures and development of an elector register). Provincial regulatory forms delay due to the amendments were not released until well into the nomination period. This created backlog in relation to both information provision and process development.

Due to the **Canada Post strike** the Town was unable to send out voter information cards directly to residents. To address this, enhanced advertising was circulated through social media, print media and signage. Candidates also actively shared voting location and times during their campaign activities and on their websites.

Election costs were another challenge. The 2025 election budget was developed taking into consideration the changes related to the legislative amendments made to the LAEA. Based on consultations with Alberta municipal colleagues the proposed changes, which included hand counting votes, establishing a PER and expansion of special ballots, were anticipated to double the cost of elections across the province. As the scope of the changes were new to Alberta elections, benchmarking costs were not available. Preliminary cost estimates were used to develop a budget in consideration of substantial staffing increases, additional supplies, and technology needs.

Utilizing a combination of internal and external resources assisted in keeping the election expenses within the allocated budget, ultimately coming under budget. Although internal resources are at an overall cost to the municipality, they do not result in additional out-of-pocket expenses. The chart below indicates the total cost of running the 2025 municipal election while breaking down the actual expenses incurred by taxpayers. Expenses for the election are funded through reserve.

2025 Budget	Total Cost (direct/indirect)	2025 Expenditures	2021 Expenditures
\$108,000	\$89,313.98	\$79,640.23	\$52,035.21

Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure

The *Local Authorities Election Act* requires all candidates to file campaign disclosure statements on or before March 1st of the year following the election. Failure to file results in a report to Council, the candidate being subject to a mandatory \$500 late filing fee and the report being published on the municipal website.

All 2025 municipal election candidates have met the requirements and filed their Campaign Disclosure Statement and Financial Statements.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT & KEY ACTIONS

Stony Plain Strategic Plan 2025-2028:

- Governance & Partners
 - Cultivating a strong organizational structure and the processes that deliver effective and efficient services.

Relevant Statutes/Master Plans/Documents

Local Authorities Election Act
Municipal Government Act
 Election Bylaw 2715/G/25

STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Both internal and external election workers were invited to participate in a post-election worker experience survey. Key Town business units were consulted in relation to process achievements and future improvements.

COMMUNICATION

This item will be included in the Council Highlights news release.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Town includes a transfer to reserves annually to fund the municipal election. In 2025, \$79,640.23 was transferred from reserves to fund the election.

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Presentation

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Reviewed by: Ann Laing, General Manager, Corporate Services
Approved by: Tom Goulden, Chief Administrative Officer



Post Election Update



A photograph of a park with a paved path, green pillars, and a building in the background. The path is made of reddish-brown bricks and leads towards a building with a white facade and a green roof. There are green bushes and trees in the foreground and background. The sky is overcast.

Legislative Changes

Bill 20 & Bill 50 amendments to the *Local Authorities Election Act*

Voter Impact

Prohibition of Automated Voting Equipment

Establishing a Permanent Election Register (PER)

Expanded Use of Special Ballots

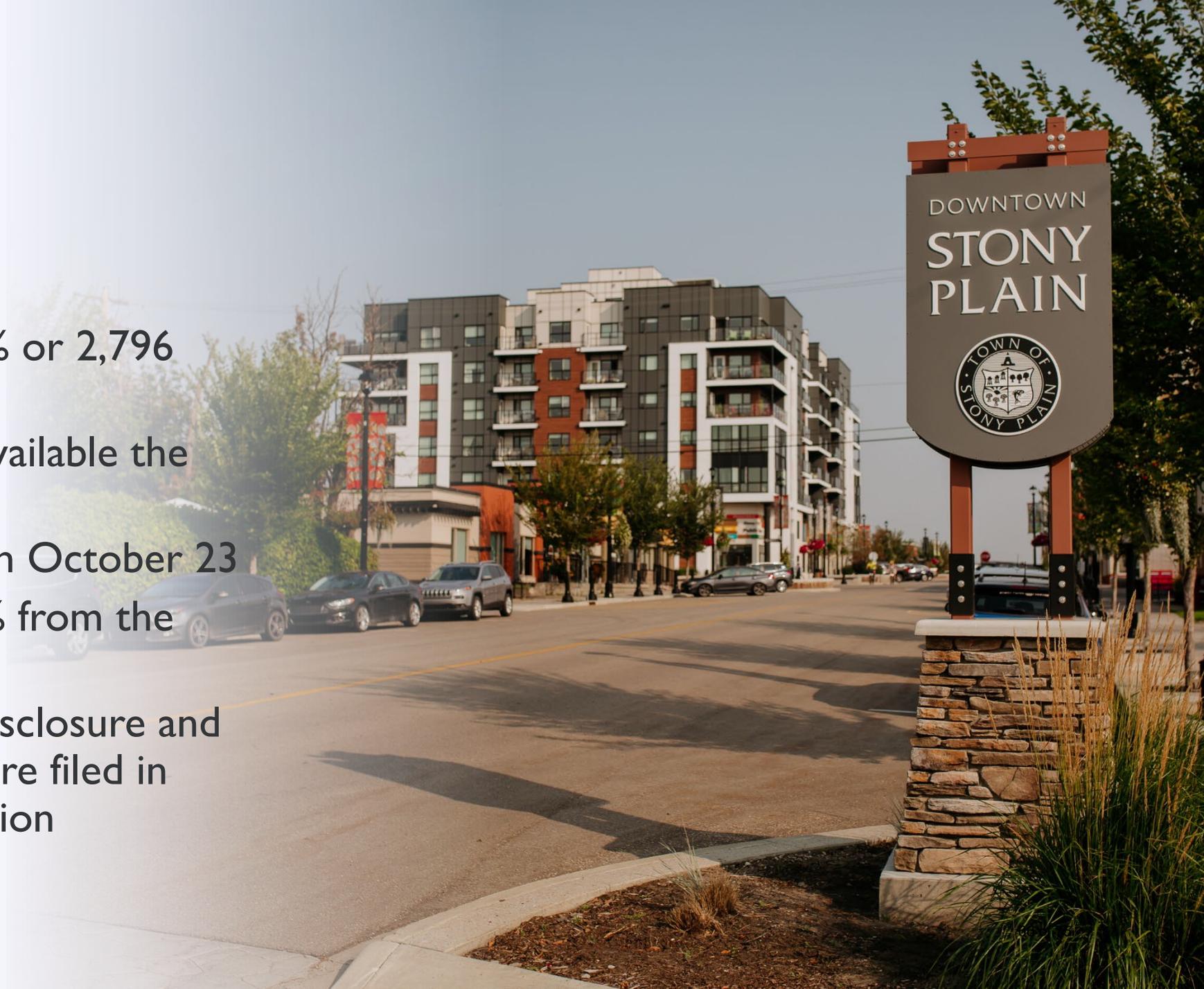
Candidate Impact

Notice of Intent

Preliminary Campaign Disclosure Statements

Election Results

- Voter Turnout was 19.6% or 2,796 voters
- Election Results were available the same night
- A recount conducted on October 23
- Expenses increased 52% from the 2021 election
- Candidate Campaign Disclosure and Financial Statements were filed in accordance with legislation



Community Impact & Successes

- Candidate Engagement
- Community Awareness
- Voter Experience
- Youth Engagement

Timelines and Next Steps



Questions



END OF ITEM





**REQUEST FOR DECISION
PUBLIC SESSION**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Citizen-at-Large Board Appointment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Stony Plain Library Board and Culture and Tourism Roundtable are recommending Citizen-at-large board appointments.

RECOMMENDATION

That Town Council appoint Paul Befus to the Stony Plain Library Board, and Pat Hansard to the Culture and Tourism Roundtable.

BACKGROUND

At the end of 2025, a member of the Stony Plain Library Board resigned. During the 2025 recruitment process, the library received several applications. As returning members were reappointed, the Board had a strong pool of qualified candidates and did not feel it was necessary to repost the vacancy.

Following interviews with selected applicants, the Board is recommending the appointment of Paul Befus.

Applicant	Term	Expiry
Paul Befus	1 Year Term – 1 st Term	December 31, 2026

The Culture and Tourism Roundtable recently had a vacancy for its Public Representative from the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce. In accordance with the Culture and Tourism Roundtable Bylaw, the Chamber Board put forward a nominee to fill the vacancy. The Staff Liaison is recommending the appointment of Pat Hansard.

Applicant	Term	Expiry
Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce Pat Hansard	1 Year Term – 1 st Term	December 31, 2026

Relevant Statutes/Master Plans/Documents

Committees Governance Framework Bylaw 2684/G/24
Culture and Tourism Roundtable Bylaw 2701/G/24

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT & KEY ACTIONS

Stony Plain Strategic Plan 2025-2028:

- Governance & Partners
 - Engaging with our residents and stakeholders to ensure integrated decision-making and collaborative leadership.
- Community Development
 - Enhance civic engagement opportunities through volunteerism, neighbourhood development, and leadership opportunities.

COMMUNICATION

This item will be included in the Council Highlights news release. A complete list of all Board and Committee members can be found on the Town website.

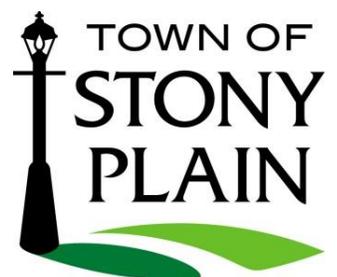
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Council Discussion

Closed Meeting