

# TOWN OF WHITECOURT QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT



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#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Bank Balances

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Opening Balance Jan 1, 2025

#### **TOWN OF WHITECOURT**

Financial Summary

for the month ended June 30, 2025

Savings

32,006,141

858,108

\$

\$

Bank

General

14,315,395

33,571,567

(31,968,291)

48.35%

\$

\$

\$

Total

46,321,536

34,429,674

(31,968,291)

4,241,126

\$

\$

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Transfer from Investments	\$	(5,461,657)	\$	5,461,657	\$ -
Transfer to Investments	\$	-	\$		\$ -
Closing Balance June 30, 2025	\$	27,402,592	\$	21,380,328	\$ 48,782,920
CURRENT SHORT TERM RECE	IVABLE	S			
	-	Current Arrears		Arrears	
General Receivables	\$	225,225	\$	1,042,460	
Utility Receivables	\$	795,091	\$	96,139	
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION  Current Taxable Assessment 2024 Supplemental Assessment				\$ 1,968,227,880 1,080,991	
		Levy % Collected		Outstanding	
Arrears Jan 1/25 Current Year Municipal	\$	1,183,912 15,348,781 *	2	34.20% 81.54%	\$ 779,027 2,832,792

8,211,888

Payment Plan



<sup>\*</sup> includes Jan 1 Penalty

### QUARTERLY OPERATING REPORT

## TOWN OF WHITECOURT OPERATING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	Variance	Budget Spent	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
	\$	\$	\$	96	\$	\$
REVENUES						
Operational Revenues						
Property Taxes	23,344,295	23,390,892	44,392	100.2%	22,152,665	22,184,224
Less: Education Requisition	(5,491,895)	(2,506,012)	2,985,883	45.6%	(5,014,146)	(2,509,943)
Less: Seniors Requisition	(463,556)	(347,205)	116,351	74.9%	(469,569)	(352,160)
Less: Industrial Property Requisition	(21,369)	-	21,369	-	(21,982)	-
Net Municipal Taxes	17,367,475	20,537,675	3,167,995	118.3%	16,646,968	19,322,121
Sales and User Charges	11,481,564	4,180,551	(7,301,012)	36.4%	11,067,250	5,191,328
Licenses and Permits	616,650	97,644	(519,006)	15.8%	762,430	186,163
Government Transfers	14,328,334	1,237,055	(13,091,279)	8.6%	7,897,566	862,414
Penalties and Costs on Taxes	217,584	216,650	(934)	99.6%	217,584	174,594
Franchise and Concession Contracts	2,251,500	1,062,079	(1,189,421)	47.2%	2,066,766	931,710
Investments Income	1,147,293	1,127,803	(19,490)	98.3%	1,557,000	1,425,874
Rentals	529,014	268,405	(260,610)	50.7%	515,879	307,975
Other Revenues	301,016	162,360	(138,656)	53.9%	238,510	197,745
Net Operational Revenues	48,240,430	28,890,222	(19,352,413)	56.8%	40,969,952	28,599,922
Non-operational Revenues						
Plus Transfers from reserves	5,381,285	145,040	(5,211,245)	2.7%	3,957,570	145,950
TOTAL REVENUES	53,621,715	29,035,262	(24,563,658)	51.0%	44,927,522	28,745,872



## TOWN OF WHITECOURT OPERATING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	Variance	Budget Spent	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
•	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
EXPENDITURES						
Operational Expenditures						
Legislative	533,986	249,221	(284,766)	46.7%	515,329	210,836
General Government Administration	2,355,127	923,805	(1,431,322)	39.2%	2,308,395	922,367
Other General Government Services	792,795	287,707	(505,088)	36.3%	797,874	339,516
Police Protection	3,126,512	833,550	(2,292,961)	26.7%	3,113,741	696,294
Fire Protection	3,422,120	1,843,330	(1,578,790)	53.9%	1,884,956	869,543
Emergency Management	5,353,567	247,785	(5,105,782)	4.6%	1,590,135	109,026
By-law Enforcement/Animal Control	567,157	268,284	(298,873)	47.3%	522,597	226,790
Common Services	956,696	777,237	(179,459)	81.2%	820,238	603,204
Road Transport	7,144,899	1,298,540	(5,846,359)	18.2%	5,285,816	1,228,400
Airport	44,163	-	(44,163)	0.0%	44,326	-
Transit	675,145	316,375	(358,770)	46.9%	646,547	335,665
Storm Sew ers	235,329	57,568	(177,761)	24.5%	229,236	107,064
Water Supply and Distribution	2,868,882	1,311,539	(1,557,343)	45.7%	2,728,180	1,361,434
Wastew ater Treatment and Disposal	2,265,460	1,096,100	(1,169,360)	48.4%	2,050,400	953,908
Waste Management	1,783,031	184,148	(1,598,883)	10.3%	1,717,981	185,234
F.C.S.S	1,638,415	755,889	(882,526)	46.1%	1,499,257	687,373
Cemetery	78,643	31,918	(46,725)	40.6%	75,902	34,834
Planning and Development	1,449,695	513,622	(936,073)	35.4%	1,089,203	355,522
Economic Development	986,807	349,769	(637,038)	35.4%	923,996	314,849
Land Sales & Rental Revenue	397,016	90,417	(306,599)	22.8%	412,559	100,222
Parks and Recreation	8,825,823	3,924,309	(4,901,514)	44.5%	8,348,193	3,748,663
Library	980,979	447,403	(533,575)	45.6%	941,487	621,493
Total Operational Expenditures	46,482,246	15,808,517	(30,673,729)	34.0%	37,546,348	14,012,235
Non-operational Expenditure	s					
Debt Repayment (Principal)	757,257	373,820	(383,437)	49.4%	731,330	362,974
Transfers to Reserves	6,382,212	2,199,925	(4,182,287)	34.5%	6,649,844	2,140,292
Total Non-operational Expenditures	7,139,469	2,573,745	(4,565,724)	36.0%	7,381,174	2,503,266
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	53,621,715	18,382,262	(35,239,453)	34.3%	44,927,522	16,515,502



### **VARIANCE HIGHLIGHTS - REVENUE**

Net Municipal Taxes (118.3%)	<ul> <li>Taxes have been levied for 2025, less three quarterly foundation requisitions, and two quarterly (public and separate) school requisition payments.</li> </ul>
Sales and User Charges (36.4%)	<ul> <li>Water and Sewer sale amounts are anticipated to be lower than budget by approximately \$75,000, which will be offset by reduced expenditures and contributions to the Sustainability Reserve. Bulk sales are anticipated to be higher by approximately \$25,000. Waste disposal sales are forecasted to be down \$25,000, that will be offset by operational savings.</li> <li>Land sales for \$1.0 million have not been realized by the end of June.</li> <li>Recreation membership and fitness program revenue will be lower than budget. This decrease will be partially offset by increased admissions and fieldhouse rentals.</li> </ul>
Licenses, Permits and Fines (15.8%)	<ul> <li>Police fines reflect five months of revenue, and are anticipated to be lower than budget by approximately \$100,000.</li> <li>Bylaw electronic based ticketing started in late April; revenue collection is approximately three months behind due to training and equipment delays.</li> <li>Automated Traffic Enforcement revenue is anticipated to be lower than budget due to transitioning to a new contract, and implementation of the new system.</li> </ul>
Government Transfers (8.6%)	<ul> <li>Government grants for the Street Improvement Program, policing and County cost sharing are recorded as part of the year end process.</li> </ul>
Penalties and Costs on Taxes (99.6%)	• Penalties are anticipated to be higher than budget due to an increase in January 1 penalty revenue for outstanding taxes at the end of 2024.
Franchise Revenue (47.2%)	<ul> <li>Franchise Fee revenue reflects five months of revenue, and is anticipated to be on budget for the gas franchise and lower for the power franchise by approximately \$100,000. This could change depending on consumption/weather.</li> </ul>
Investment Income (98.3%)	• Interest revenue is anticipated to be on budget. Interest revenue is reduced at year end for an allocation of interest (34.0% estimated at \$390,080) to prepaid grants and reserves.
Rentals (50.7%)	<ul> <li>Rental revenue is anticipated to be on budget for 2025.</li> </ul>
Other Revenues (53.9%)	<ul> <li>Donations are anticipated to be on budget for 2025.</li> </ul>
Reserve Transfers	Most reserve transfers are generally completed at year end.
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## VARIANCE HIGHLIGHTS - EXPENDITURES

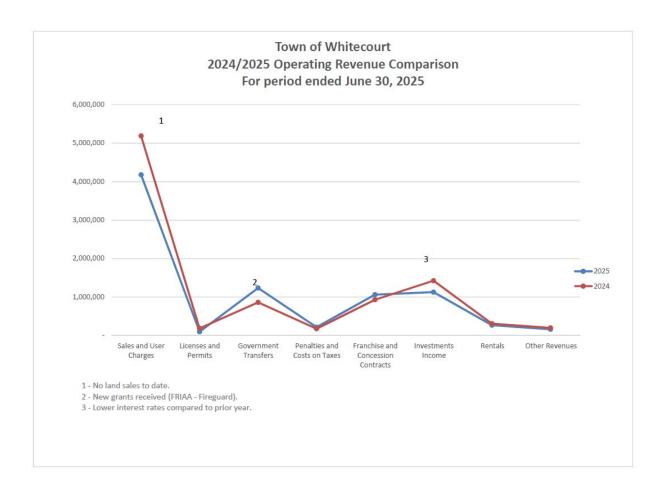
General Government Administration (39.2%)	• IT modernization project, annual software, and computer purchases to be completed by the end of this year.
Other General Government Services (36.3%)	<ul> <li>Asset management project to be completed by the end of 2026.</li> <li>2025 election costs to be incurred in the fall.</li> </ul>
Police Protection (26.7%)	<ul> <li>Federal contract costs lower, as only one quarterly invoice has been processed to date. Contracting fees for photo radar anticipated to be lower due to contract starting later.</li> </ul>
Emergency Management (4.6%)	<ul> <li>2023 flood event damage assessments and Phase 1 projects are underway, expected to be completed by end of 2026. Athabasca River spur rock replacement and watershed restoration projects are pending grant approval.</li> <li>Mitigation projects to be completed in 2026, engineering underway in 2025.</li> </ul>
Common Services (81.2%)	<ul> <li>Costs higher for unplanned vehicle and equipment repairs and parts.</li> <li>Only five months credit for equipment charges are included.</li> </ul>
Road Transport (18.2%)	<ul> <li>Street Improvement Program (\$4.27 million) for various projects are anticipated to be completed by the end of the year or deferred to 2026.</li> <li>Annual road maintenance, curbs and sidewalks, snow removal, and Christmas light expenditures, etc. are anticipated by year end.</li> </ul>
Airport (0.0%)	Annual grant of \$44,163 to be recorded by year end.
Storm Sewers (24.5%)	Catch basin repair program to be completed by year end.
Waste Management (10.3%)	<ul> <li>Only five months of garbage collection contract recorded. The annual requisition for operation of the Regional Landfill Authority for \$1.32 million is completed at year end, and contributes to the variance.</li> </ul>
Planning and Development (35.4%)	<ul> <li>Transportation Master Plan project awarded, Offsite Levies Bylaw 1532 review is underway, and permitting/licencing software in testing stage; projects to be completed by end of year.</li> </ul>
Economic Development (35.4%)	<ul> <li>Hospice and Habitat for Humanity grants (\$90,000) developer and external committee driven. Economic Development grants to be issued before year end. Business Development projects and SCOP grant projects underway for 2025 to be completed by year end.</li> </ul>



Land Sales and Development (22.8%)	<ul> <li>No cost incurred for sale of land to date.</li> <li>Resource Plan &amp; Geotech provincial approval application underway.</li> <li>Gravel Reclamation works underway to be completed in 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Debt Repayment</b>	Debenture payments are on track.
Reserve Transfers	<ul> <li>Most reserve transfers completed at year end once projects have been finalized.</li> </ul>

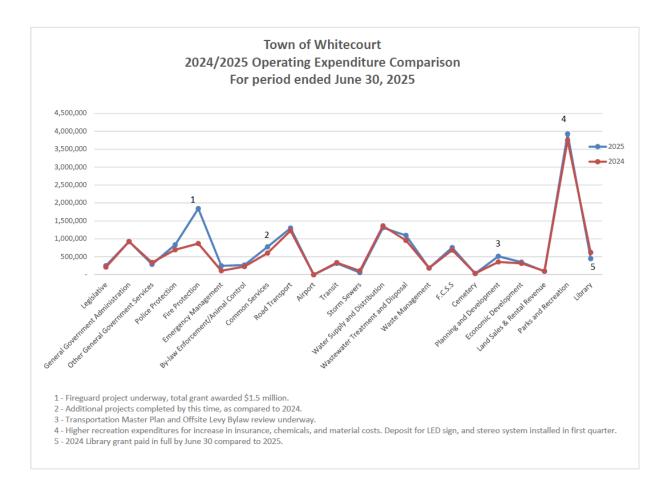


### 2024/2025 REVENUE COMPARISON GRAPH





## 2024/2025 EXPENDITURE COMPARISON GRAPH





#### **KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ✓ Planning for the 2025 Municipal Election is underway. Administration has brought forth election requirements for the use of special ballots, offering institutional voting, and the timing for advance vote opportunities that Council has approved.
- ✓ The Wastewater Treatment Plant Study has been completed to review and provide options for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to address both current issues, and to provide upgrades to allow for future growth within the community. The feasibility report provides recommendations for phased upgrades to meet the capacity and treated effluent requirements over the next 25+ years.
- ✓ The Utilities Department completed several major maintenance and equipment replacement projects:
  - Replaced all wet well piping at the Southland Lift Station;
  - o Performed repairs on curb stop systems and main valves;
  - Replaced pump at Park Circle Lift Station;
  - Repaired three manholes on 48 Avenue;
  - Repaired the raw water intake roof;
  - Installation of the third valve at the intake (out of four) and plan to replace the fourth next year;
  - Replaced the pressure reducing valve at Hilltop Reservoir;
  - o Replaced digester valves at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and,
  - Completed annual lagoon cleaning, trucking, and spreading of sludge on adjacent lands for 2025.
- ✓ At the annual Council Planning Session, Council participated in a facilitated workshop to develop a new format for the 2025 Strategic Plan. The 2025 Strategic Plan was adopted by Council.
- ✓ The Community Fireguard project is 90% completed with hydro seeding expected to be complete in July.
- ✓ The Whitecourt Fire Department has hosted several training initiatives that include training of 11 new firefighters and an Operations Support Officer. Members completed a Heavy Vehicle Rescue Course (funded from the Fire Services Training Grant), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1002 Pump Operator Course, and the Department hosted quarterly facilitated leadership workshops with Officers and Senior Firefighters.
- ✓ Council and staff hosted the annual Budget Public Information Open House on February 26, 2025
  to provide information to the public on the interim budget, and provide the opportunity for
  community engagement and feedback.
- ✓ Deployment of the firefighters and equipment to support structure protection efforts at both the Swan Hills and Red Earth wildfire complexes.
- ✓ Implementation of a new Fire Services Bylaw with new fire permit types, and the Fees, Rates, and Charges Bylaw was amended to reflect these changes to Fire Services Bylaw.
- ✓ Hired FireSmart Summer Crew members, and awarded the contract for vegetation management wildfire mitigation project with funding from the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA).
- ✓ Lead an extrication scenario and breakout sessions during the RISK program for Grade 9 Students



- ✓ Hosted the S3 Wellness Symposium that brought over 110 attendees from 80 different agencies from across the province together to discuss psychological wellness for first responders.
- ✓ Received provincial approval of nine additional Automated Traffic Enforcement locations, with enforcement expected to start in July.
- ✓ Emergency Management training included hosting an ICS-200 course for Incident Management team members and regional partners; and, several Incident Management team members attended role-specific emergency management training.
- ✓ Council adopted a new five-year power franchise fee rate plan for 2026 to 2030 that predetermines the revenue amounts required that eliminates the impact for increasing distribution and transmission charges.
- ✓ The Street Improvement Program is underway for the 2025 construction season.
- ✓ Updated Fire Department Rules and Regulations and completed the Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan with Alberta Wildfire for 2025-2028.
- ✓ Council adopted the Authorized General Enforcement for Nuisances and Trespassing (AGENT) Program that is designed to enhance community safety while also supporting local businesses.
- ✓ Contract signed with Parkland County 911 to perform dispatch services and after-hours calls for Municipal Enforcement Services.
- ✓ Transitioned to a new Canadian-based reporting software for Municipal Enforcement.
- ✓ Hired a Health and Safety Coordinator to enhance the effectiveness of safety programs, ensure comprehensive compliance with evolving regulations, and improve risk management throughout the municipality.
- ✓ Roll out of the following RCMP programs:
  - RAVE, a web based communication platform that RCMP officers are mandated to fan out real time alerts to community members in Alberta; and,
  - CAPTURE, the Community Assisted Policing Through Use of Recorded Evidence, a new program where residents and businesses with video surveillance can sign up to allow police officers to use the footage to assist during ongoing criminal investigations.
- ✓ Amendment to Council Committees Bylaw 1570 Schedule K: Protective Services Committee to align with new legislation.
- ✓ Public Works has completed several major maintenance and equipment replacement projects:
  - Festival Park water slide base and liner repair completed;
  - o Mowing for the new road that will be constructed at the Mountain Bike Park;
  - Refurbished the shed to provide for additional storage;
  - Purchased and installed a new broom for small front mounts used for pathway maintenance; and,
  - Fleet purchases are underway for replacement trucks (one has arrived and parts ordered for the outfitting), loader, Zamboni and tandem truck as well the tender has been issued to replace three busses and the Dial-a-Bus
- ✓ West end ditch cleaning for the Highway 43 drainage has been completed in preparation for the Vitalization Plan for tree planting at the entrance to Riverboat Park and Highway 43.
- ✓ Landscaping of the washroom area at Festival Park has been completed, and the sunshade replacement has been installed.
- ✓ Basketball Court rehabilitation at JDA Place has been completed, as well as the installation of fence line ball netting for the baseball diamonds at Graham Acres.



- ✓ Another successful Party In The Park celebration was held on June 13 and 14, 2025. Corporate sponsorship hit exceptional levels allowing the Party In The Park to bring in talented artists, and provide many opportunities for family fun.
- ✓ This year's Enhancement Grant was oversubscribed. Five community groups were awarded funding for their projects.
- ✓ Run 4 Fun set new records this year with a total of 494 participants!
  - o 23 Half Marathon
  - o 69 10K
  - o 216 5K
  - o 186 Kids Marathon
- ✓ Strategy development for Invest Whitecourt was completed to enhance investment attraction through online presence/new webpage platform telling the "Whitecourt Story" focusing on user experience, investment data, and updated content to attract and support business growth.
- ✓ Hosted a Professional Development & Business Resource Summit in partnership with Woodlands County, Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures Yellowhead East, and the Alberta Government providing resources, information, and strategic guidance for businesses and new entrepreneurs to help grow their businesses.
- ✓ The Business Market Analysis Attraction & Retention Strategy is underway to support ongoing marketing and economic development strategies. To date, the project has identified trade areas for current consumers, future growth potential, and retail investment opportunities best fit for balanced and sustainable economic growth. The project outcomes will enhance the investment strategy and guide the economic development plan updates.
- ✓ Residential Development Prospectus was completed to enhance marketing aimed at showcasing opportunities for residential development and promoting the community for investment.
- ✓ The Municipal Reserve (MR) designation was removed from the former Southlands school site (Lot 15MR, Block 10, Plan 982 2153) in response to the School Boards confirming that the site was no longer required for school purposes. The site was also rezoned from U-S, Urban Services to UD-F, Future Urban development, to allow for other development opportunities on the vacant parcel.
- ✓ An agreement was reached with Canadian Fiber Optics for non-exclusive use of the Town's municipal rights-of-way for the purposes of constructing and operating a fiber optic network in the Whitecourt area.
- ✓ An agreement was reached with Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. and Canfor (Whitecourt) Forest Products Ltd. for the purposes of allowing a combined fire protection and private water service.
- ✓ Whitecourt Launch provides additional financial support for business development projects that stimulate business retention, growth and expansion. Whitecourt Manual Osteopathy was successful in receiving funding through the program to expand its services supporting chronic pain management with the addition of a cryotherapy machine.
- ✓ A major shutdown of the Pembina Gas Infrastructure (PGI) Aquatic Centre for pool maintenance was completed, which included resealing the lap pool gutter, floor repairs in the leisure pool, upgrades to the lap pool crosses, and numerous other maintenance projects.



- ✓ The Home Supports Program on-boarded a Home Supports Lead and Home Supports Worker. Clientele is consistently increasing each month that the program is operating, with 23 individuals accessing the program to date.
- ✓ Food Banks Alberta has recognized Whitecourt as one of the hubs for the area for when there is an emergency. Reorganization of the warehouse was completed to accommodate emergency kits provided by Food Banks Alberta for those who have been displaced from their homes during evacuations.
- ✓ The 2025 Spirit of Youth Celebration was held on May 22, 2025. Approximately 200 people, including nominators, nominees and family/friends came out to celebrate.
- ✓ Pickleball has grown to approximately 80 individuals participating throughout the year.

#### **INNOVATIONS & EFFICENCIES**

- ✓ Utilities Department highlights include:
  - Requested quotes and examined options to install transfer switches and plugs for generator power at lift stations to improve outage response.
  - o Installed a new communications system to replace the unreliable underground landline, enhancing call-out and phone line operations.
  - Shut off approximately 100 bleeders in residential and non-residential where there is lower water consumption, reducing the amount of water loss and improving water quality.
- ✓ Implemented a new payment option, Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT), that offers a more efficient and cost effective method to make payments for Accounts Payable invoices.
- ✓ Utilizing one of the buses as a "parts bus" to keep transit buses running for peak service, as replacement parts are taking up to seven months to arrive.
- ✓ The set up and take down for the Canada Day and Party In The Park events process went smoothly.
- ✓ Upgraded and replaced aspects of the overhead sound and public address system at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre to improve safety and guest experience.
- ✓ Converted one of the fieldhouse change rooms in to a space for the delivery of wellness services.
- ✓ ISL Engineering and Land Services has been retained to complete a Transportation Master Plan for the Town of Whitecourt. This Plan will provide a strategy for the orderly, timely, and economical development of roadways systems in the Whitecourt area to serve the future growth of the community. Traffic counts and analysis of the existing roadway systems has been completed, and work is underway to forecast the Town's traffic model based on future growth areas. Cost estimates and implementation recommendations are anticipated to be complete by the end of the year.
- ✓ A comprehensive review and update to Offsite Levy Bylaw 1532 is underway. This review will ensure that the offsite levy methodology meets current legislation and best practices, and that new developments contribute equitably towards growth. A list of projects that will be essential for accommodating growth over the next 25 years has been compiled, along with updated cost



- estimates. Levy calculations and models are now being developed for review with Council and public stakeholders.
- ✓ The Planning and Development Department has been transitioning to a new 'Permitting & Licencing' software which will give users the ability to apply and pay for permits online. The platform is now in the testing stage, and an electronic signature policy has recently been adopted to allow for acceptance of electronic signatures. It is anticipated to be rolled out to the public in the fall/winter of 2025.
- ✓ Implementation of an online FireSmart Advanced Home Assessment Booking system for the public to register.
- ✓ Organizational structure change to Fire Department to improve overall effectiveness and efficiency of the department.
- ✓ Participation at regional training opportunities, including WUI-M, Hazmat, Rope Rescue, and Engine Company Operations training programs.
- ✓ Enhanced versatility of the training room space with modern furnishings, and an enhanced webconferencing camera.
- ✓ Combined members and recruits needing NFPA 1001 Level 1, eliminating duplication of training that results in reduced costs and resources required for hosting.
- ✓ Organizational structure change for Detachment Services Clerks, Crime Prevention Liaison and the creation of a Detachment Services Coordinator to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of the RCMP department.
- ✓ Moved to electronic-based ticketing for Municipal Enforcement to improve system efficiency.
- ✓ The Family Support Program (FSP) has got creative with delivering parent education. The FSP Diversion Team produced a 15-minute intermission/parent education series on the "Deep Sea of Communication;" an introduction to communication styles and skills for families using the characters from Finding Nemo. There were 46 community participants in attendance.
- ✓ A transit route and stop study has been completed to improve transit services.
- ✓ Restructured the maintenance team to provide for greater efficiencies and to serve additional facilities now and in the future.

#### **UNFORESEEN EVENTS & EMERGENCIES**

- ✓ Utilities Department encountered the following unplanned repairs/events for following:
  - Muffin Monster grinder at Wastewater Treatment Plant;
  - Addressed a voltage spike causing a standby malfunction at Hilltop Reservoir (replaced voltage regulator relay); and,
  - Cleared a blockage in the sludge line at Plant 1 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by disassembling piping and pump.



- ✓ Emergency repair required for the membrane rack at the Water Treatment Plant during high water demand; engaged contractor and coordinated water usage reduction with Millar Western and Canfor.
- ✓ Emergency repair completed for the water main break on the fire line at 48 Street and 54 Avenue.
- ✓ Hosted Swan Hills during evacuations. Approximately 1160 people registered as evacuees.
- ✓ Replaced the Jumbo Jumper due to an unrepairable tear that postponed public use.
- ✓ Fence repair was required at Riverboat Park.
- ✓ Part delays for Transit buses.
- ✓ Unplanned repairs required for Fire Engine E2 panel electrical issues and Mark-III forestry pump failure.
- ✓ Loss of local authorized dealer to service the department's gas monitoring equipment. Researching options is underway to replace current equipment to allow for timely servicing.
- ✓ Experiencing Provincial delays in access to registry information for issuance of automated traffic enforcement tickets that is currently being addressed.
- ✓ Court system glitch resulted in violation tickets not being designated correctly to the Town has been rectified.
- ✓ Multiple vehicle repairs and parts ordered for the units such as radiator, pumps, seals, bearings, frame for the grader (0511) moldboard, impellers and the mounting plate on snow blower.

#### **GRANT & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- ✓ The Rotary Club of Whitecourt continues its sponsorship of the Rotary Summer Unplugged and 2.0 programs. (\$8,000 expected.)
- ✓ The Whitecourt & Woodlands Performing Arts Society, in partnership with the Town, received \$53,000 in monetary sponsorship and more through in-kind donations for Party In The Park.
- ✓ Canadian Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program Local Festivals Grant for the Party In The Park Festival: \$19,900.
- ✓ Sponsorship received from CNRL for this year's Run 4 Fun event (\$1,000).
- ✓ Received a ParticipACTION grant (\$1,000) to increase and promote active community opportunities.
- ✓ Awarded a Celebrate Canada Grants Canada Day (\$9,000) and National Indigenous Peoples Day (\$1,000).
- ✓ Received a donation of sand from Wayfinder Big Molly to complete landscaping around the Jumbo Jumper at Festival Park.
- ✓ In partnership with the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce, received funding through the Tourism Enhancement Grant Program to host the Western Canadian Ribfest Tour.
- ✓ An application for funding was submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for the first phase of the Highway 43 Vitalization planting project. This phase includes plantings along both sides of Highway 43, between 53 Avenue and Riverboat Park Road.



- ✓ An application to the Northern and Regional Economic Development program for a Utility Master Plan was recently approved for funding. This Plan will look at existing and future capacities of the Town's water, sanitary, and storms systems and provide recommendations for the future servicing and development of lands within the Whitecourt area. A request for proposals for consulting services to complete this project will be issued this fall.
- ✓ TC Energy Build Strong Grant Awarded grant for Hazardous Materials Responder training support.
- ✓ FRIAA FireSmart Coordinator Awarded grant funding to support a two-year contract position that will provide the capacity to raise awareness, increase education and understanding, and engage local residents through grassroots FireSmart education.
- ✓ Unsuccessful in receiving the following grants: FRIAA Grant to update the FireSmart Community Protection Plan; the INTACT Financial Corporation Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant for the purchase of a Type 6 Engine; and, the Alberta Emergency Management Agency Grant for a provincially funded Wildland Urban Interface Team.
- ✓ Applied for a Forest Resource Improvement Program grant to enhance Whitecourt's forest network through new facilities and increased public education to raise awareness about the multiple values and functions of the forest, while promoting responsible human interaction with these natural spaces.
- ✓ Awarded a Fire Services Training Grant for \$19,300 to offset the cost of training members.
- ✓ Awarded a FortisAlberta Tree Planting grant for \$2,500 to enhance the surroundings by planting trees on the east access boulevard to Festival Park and the Culture & Events Centre.
- ✓ Received a \$5,521 Capacity Grant through Food Banks Alberta for purchase of carts, boxes, community garden tools, and equipment, plus part-time staffing costs.
- ✓ Received \$15,286 from Foodbanks Canada to assist with accreditation costs.
- ✓ Received \$1,000 from Men's Shed to start a local shed for the community.
- ✓ Received \$5,000 from Pembina Pipeline to support POWER with the Elephant Project.
- ✓ The Whitecourt & Woodlands Performing Arts Society, in partnership with the Town, applied for the Community Facility Enhancement Grant for Theatre equipment for the Culture & Events Centre.
- ✓ McMan Youth and Family Community Services, in partnership with the Town, have applied for funding through the Taking Action on Family Violence Grant Program to continue Family Violence services, supports, and programming that is currently being offered, as the current funding expires at the end of August.
- ✓ Applied for the Powering Efficiency with Energy Star grant through Fortis for components of the kitchen equipment at the Culture and Events Centre. The application was unsuccessful.
- ✓ Received an extension on the boiler change out at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) Community Energy Conservation Program.
- ✓ Received an extension for the Municipal Energy Manger position funded through MCCAC Municipal Energy Manger Program.

