



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.
IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Barrhead....a quality community....giving a quality lifestyle

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of Agenda (Additions - Deletions)
3. Confirmation of Minutes
 - (a) Regular Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2026
4. Public Hearings
 - (a) None
5. Delegations
 - (a) Michelle Jones, Community Futures Yellowhead East
6. Old Business
 - (a) None
7. New Business
 - (a) AFRRCS Communications Update
 - (b) Aquatic Stairs Repairs
 - (c) Public Works Update
 - (d) Request for Funding for 2026 LIFT Business Conference
 - (e) Monthly Bank Statement Ended March 31, 2026
8. Reports
 - (a) Council Reports

9. Minutes

(a) None

10. Bylaw

(a) None

11. Correspondence Items

(a) Falun Dafa Proclamation Request

12. For the Good of Council

13. Tabled Items

(a) None

14. Closed Session

(a) Municipal Collaboration

Advice from officials: As per Section 197 of the MGA and Section 29(1) of the ATIA

15. Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD
TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026,
IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT Mayor Assaf, C. Botros, D. Kluin, A. Oswald, and D. Sawatzky,

ABSENT D. Smith and S. Fylyshtan

Officials: Collin Steffes, CAO, Jenny Bruns, Director of Planning, Economic Development & Legislative Services; Jennifer Mantay, Director of Corporate Services; and Jodie Lyons, Municipal Coordinator.

OTHERS CALL TO ORDER Barry Kerton, Barrhead Leader, Dawn McCoy, and Brenda Robinson
Mayor Assaf called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was reviewed.

121-26 Moved by Cr. Oswald that the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of March 24, 2026, were reviewed.

122-26 Moved by Cr. Botros that the Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of March 24, 2026, be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Jodie Lyons, Municipal Coordinator, presented a request to Council from the Public Library Services Branch, Alberta Municipal Affairs to make changes to the Library Board Appointments made in 2025 and in January of 2026.

123-26 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that Council rescinds the following motions: 191-25, 325-25, and 016-26.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

124-26 Moved by Cr. Kluin that Council table the motion to appoint individuals to later in the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY PER CAPITAL FUNDING INCREASE

Jennifer Mantay presented to Council to seek Council's direction regarding a request from Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) to increase the municipal per capita funding contribution effective 2027.

125-26 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that Council approves the increase of \$0.75 per capital to Yellowhead Regional Library effective 2027.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Jenny Bruns, Director of Planning, Economic Development and Legislative Services presented to Council to consider proclaiming Economic Development Week on May 4-8, 2026

126-26 Moved by Cr. Botros that Council proclaims Economic Development Week on May 4-8, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL
REPORTS**

The following Reports to Council as of April 14, 2026, were reviewed:

- (a) Attended Minister's Meeting – Cr. Botros
- (b) AB Munis' Bill 28 Info Session – Cr. Botros
- (c) Twinning Meeting – Cr. Botros
- (d) Community Futures Meeting – Cr. Botros
- (e) Physicians Meeting – Cr. Botros
- (f) Participated in the CARES pancake breakfast – Cr. Botros, Cr. Kluin, Cr. Oswald, Cr. Sawatzky, Cr. Fylyshtan, and Mayor Assaf.
- (g) Yellowhead Regional Library Board orientation – Cr. Botros.
- (h) BARC Coalition – Cr. Kluin
- (i) Accessibility Coalition – Cr. Kluin
- (j) Barrhead Exhibition Association Agricultural Society – Cr. Oswald

127-26 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that the following Reports to Council as of April 14, 2026 be accepted as information:

- (a) Attended Minister's Meeting – Cr. Botros
- (b) AB Munis' Bill 28 Info Session – Cr. Botros
- (c) Twinning Meeting – Cr. Botros
- (d) Community Futures Meeting – Cr. Botros
- (e) Barrhead Attraction/Retention Committee Meeting – Cr. Botros
- (f) Participated in the CARES pancake breakfast – Cr. Botros, Cr. Kluin, Cr. Oswald, Cr. Sawatzky, Cr. Fylyshtan, and Mayor Assaf.
- (g) Yellowhead Regional Library Board orientation – Cr. Botros.
- (h) BARC Coalition – Cr. Kluin
- (i) Accessibility Coalition – Cr. Kluin
- (j) Barrhead Exhibition Association Agricultural Society – Cr. Oswald

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES TO
COUNCIL**

The following Minutes to Council were reviewed:

- Community Futures Yellowhead East Board Meeting – February 19, 2026

128-26 Moved by Cr. Botros that the Minutes to Council be accepted as information and as presented.

- Community Futures Yellowhead East Board Meeting – February 19, 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW

**PROPERTY TAX BYLAW
BYLAW 05-2026**

Jennifer Mantay, Director of Corporate Services presented Council to pass all three readings to Bylaw 05-2026, the Property Tax Bylaw, for the 2026 taxation year.

129-26 Moved by Cr. Oswald that Bylaw 05-2026, the Property Tax Bylaw be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

130-26 Moved by Cr. Oswald that Bylaw 05-2026, the Property Tax Bylaw be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

131-26 Moved by Cr. Kluin that Bylaw 05-2026, the Property Tax Bylaw be presented for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

132-26 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that Bylaw 05-2026, the Property Tax Bylaw be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TABLED ITEM

133-26 Moved by Cr. Kluin that Council appoint the following individuals to the Barrhead Library Board for the specified terms:

- Councillor Charmaine Botros, term expiring on October 28, 2026
- Cheyenne Tischer, term expiring on December 31, 2026, and
- Patricia Noble, term expiring on December 31, 2028.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence to Council was reviewed:

- Barrhead Regional Fire Services Report - March

134-26 Moved by Cr. Botros that the correspondence to Council is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FOR THE GOOD
OF COUNCIL**

Cr. Kluin thanked Barrhead CARES Coalition and the school for letting Council participate in the pancake breakfast.

Mayor Assaf added his gratitude to CARES Coalition and the school and mentioned it was nice to have conversations with the students.

Cr. Oswald recognized the Indigenous Committee's gathering that saw a good turnout of approximately 75 attendees.

Cr. Oswald congratulated the County of Barrhead for their successful Open Skies Event and congratulated all of the award winners.

Cr. Oswald reported the success of the recent food drive for FCSS that has received 2500 pounds of donations and counting.

Mayor Assaf gave kudos to Footworks Dance Academy by recognizing the incredible talent of dancers aged 4 to 18 in our community.

ADJOURN

135-26

Moved by Cr. Oswald that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOWN OF BARRHEAD

Mayor, Ty Assaf

CAO, Collin Steffes

COUNCIL DELEGATION REQUEST

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REPRESENTING
(BUSINESS, COMMITTEE, GROUP, OR BOARD) COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST
PLEASE INDICATE THE DATE YOU WISH TO PRESENT TO THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL <i>Note: In the event of several delegations, please indicated an alternate date or you will be assigned to the next available meeting</i>
28 April 2026 OR _____ (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR) (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)
PURPOSE OF THE DELEGATION IS TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING: (A COPY OF ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOPIC MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION) To provide scheduled update to Council.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION SHARING <input type="checkbox"/> REQUEST FOR ACTION, FUNDS, OR CONSIDERATION. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (PROVIDE DETAILS)
HAVE YOU REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE DELEGATION REQUIREMENTS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DOES THE DELEGATION REQUIRE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT (POWERPOINT, PROJECTOR, ETC.)? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE WHAT IS REQUIRED:
<i>Please note: Where the subject matter of a delegation pertains to legal matters, personnel, and/or private property issues, the Town of Barrhead reserves the right not to hear such delegations.</i>
I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONLY THE ABOVE MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE DELEGATION.
_____ SIGNED DATE (MM/DD/YY) 04/24/2026 SIGNED DATE (MM/DD/YY)
<i>The personal information collected on this form is to process your delegation to Council. This collection is authorized by Section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act. For questions about the collection of personal information, contact jlyons@barrhead.ca or 780-665-8226 or at 4406 - 62A Avenue, Barrhead, AB. T7N 1A2</i>

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDED TO AGENDA	IN CAMERA: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REFERRED TO:
OTHER DEPARTMENTS REQUIRED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE?		
APPROVED: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	CAO'S APPROVAL As per delegation schedule	MAYOR'S APPROVAL
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/NOTES:		
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APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL AS A DELEGATION

1. Persons or organizations wishing to appear before Council as a delegation must submit this completed form at least 5 business days prior to the date of the requested Council meeting.
2. Include all pertinent background and related documents. This information will be included in the Council agenda package for consideration. The information provided should clarify the purpose of the delegation for Council.
 - a. Delegation Request Form and related documents become part of the public record, however, only your name will be made available, and the other contact information (sensitive information will be excluded).
3. Delegations are limited to fifteen (15) minutes.
4. Delegations are to present information to Council. Council will not debate with the delegations; however, Council may have questions regarding the presentation.
5. Following your presentation, Council may choose to:
 - a. Respond directly to you if they believe they have enough information, or
 - b. Schedule Council discussion later in the same meeting or a future meeting, or
 - c. Refer the topic to a committee or to administration for additional information.

PROTOCOL WHILE AT COUNCIL

1. When asked to come forward, sit at the table provided, facing Council.
2. State your name, who you are representing and your position (i.e. manager, resident).
3. Address all remarks to the Mayor using the following phrase(s):
 - a. Your Worship
 - b. Your Worship through to Councillor (last name)
 - c. Mayor (last name)
4. You only answer to the Mayor and take questions at the permission of the Mayor.

MAKE IT A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE

1. Be consistent in your message.
2. Be patient with the process and be respectful of the formality of the process and the time allotted.
3. Be prepared for a non-answer. Council may request more information if you have not been thorough.
4. Indicate the date and time you require support, and any pertinent deadlines in relation to your request.
5. Ask about next steps.
6. Once a decision has been made, you will be contacted by the Town.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Completed applications may be submitted electronically to info@barrhead.ca, in person or by mail to Box 4189, 5014 50 Ave, Barrhead AB T7N 1A2. Please direct any questions to the Municipal Coordinator's office @780-674-3301 or to jlyons@barrhead.ca



Annual Review 2026

**SUPPORTING BUSINESS GROWTH &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION**

46 Communities Served

Within 10 Municipalities



Alberta Beach - Barrhead - Benbow - Birch Cove -
Bloomsbury - Blue Ridge - Camp Creek - Castle Island
- Cherhill - Darwell - Fallis - Fort Assiniboine - Fox
Creek - Glenevis - Greencourt - Gunn - Hurdy - Kaybob
- Knight - Lake Isle - Lisburn - Lombell - Lone Pine -
Manola - Mayerthorpe - Neerlandia - Onoway - Pass
Creek - Rich Valley - Rochfort Bridge - Ross Haven -
Sandy Beach - Sangudo - Silver Creek - Silver Sands -
Southview - Sunrise Beach - Sunset Point - Swan Hills
- Tiger Lily - Val Quentin - Vega - West Cove -
Whitecourt - Windfall Junction - Yellowstone



CFYE is Part of Canada's Largest Rural Economic Development Network

We support:

- small business growth
- entrepreneurs
- community economic development
- regional collaboration
- access to capital
- training and advisory services



WHAT WE DO:

CFYE provides:

- business loans
- business coaching and advisory support
- training and workshops
- economic development projects
- regional initiatives
- support for non-profits and community groups
- facilitate strategic planning

HOW WE DO IT:

- local decision-making
- regional partnerships
- practical supports for small communities
- leveraging provincial and federal funding
- collaboration across municipalities

CFYE Board of Directors

- **Serena Lapointe**, Chairperson (*Whitecourt*)
- **Patricia MacNeil**, Vice Chair (*Woodlands County*)
- **Esther Sonnenberg**, Treasurer (*Mayerthorpe*)
- **Charmaine Botros**, - Secretary (*Barrhead*)
- **DecolynneJo Burns** (Barteski), IRC Chair (*Alberta Beach*)
- **Terry Kuyek**, IRC Vice Chair (*Swan Hills*)
- **Grant Johnson**, Director (*Onoway*)
- **Tyson Bergsma**, Director (*Barrhead County*)
- **Edward Gifford**, Director (*Lac Ste. Anne County*)
- **Kerri Hudson**, Director (*Fox Creek*)



CFYE Staff

- **Michelle Jones**, Executive Director
- **Matthew Hartney**, Business Analyst
- **Ian Butler**, Digital Tech Service Advisor
- **Kyrin Doyohim**, Small Business Administrator & Commissioner for Oaths
- **Tara Zeller**, Regional Investment & Attraction Marketing Strategist
- **CED**, Project Coordinator (Currently Vacant)



CFYE Regional Economic Development

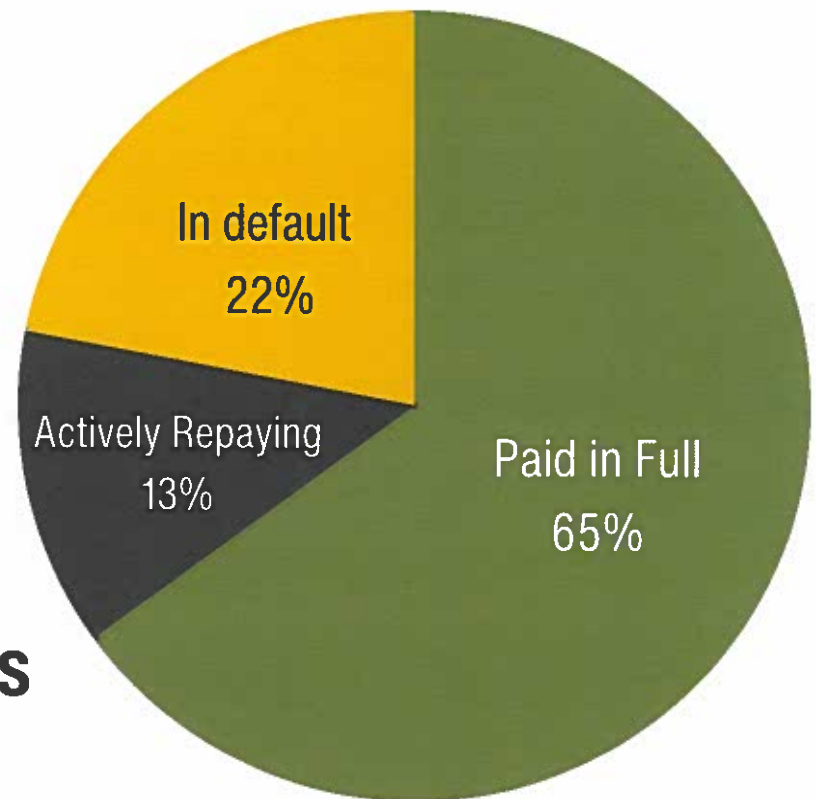
Investment Outcomes:

Regional Relief & Recovery Fund (RRRF)

78 Loans Approved

\$2,560,278

Invested into Regional Businesses





Other Loan Programs

CFYE provides multiple lending programs supporting entrepreneurs.

- 1** X Women's Loan Program
- 4** X Youth Loans
- 2** X Lines of Credit
- 9** X Regular Term Loans



CFYE Annual Lending Results:



Annual Economic Diversification Results

Loan distribution across sectors:



Arts, Entertainment, Recreation & Tourism (4)



Other Services (Oil & Gas Service Businesses) (3)



Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (4)



Accommodation & Food Services (5)

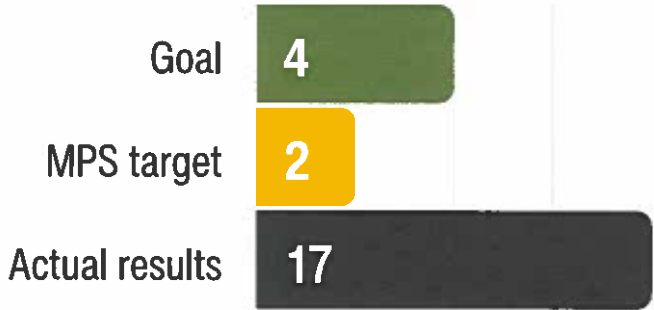


127 jobs created

Community Based Projects

MPS Performance Indicators:

of New community based projects:



Recent Projects Supported

- **LIFT Small Business Conference** (Barrhead) - 12 small business support & resources booths + 80 participants
- **Aspire Women in Business Conference** - 40 participants
- **Systems Business Coach Certification** - 3 x CFYE staff trained & licensed. 150 Licenses purchased for new business training / Part of RIAMS
- **Small Business Lunch & Learns** – 4 sessions completed in Barrhead / Barrhead County
- **Strategic Planning** facilitation for 2 organizations
- **Lemonade Day** Youth Entrepreneurship Program (40 registered to date in 10 host communities)
- **Sangudo Entrepreneur Bootcamp** (upcoming)



RIAMS



REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND ATTRACTION
MARKETING STRATEGY

Strengthening the Region's Local Economy

Building the foundation communities need to attract and support investment

Small Communities Are Facing New Pressures



Rising costs



Small staff teams



Seasonal economy

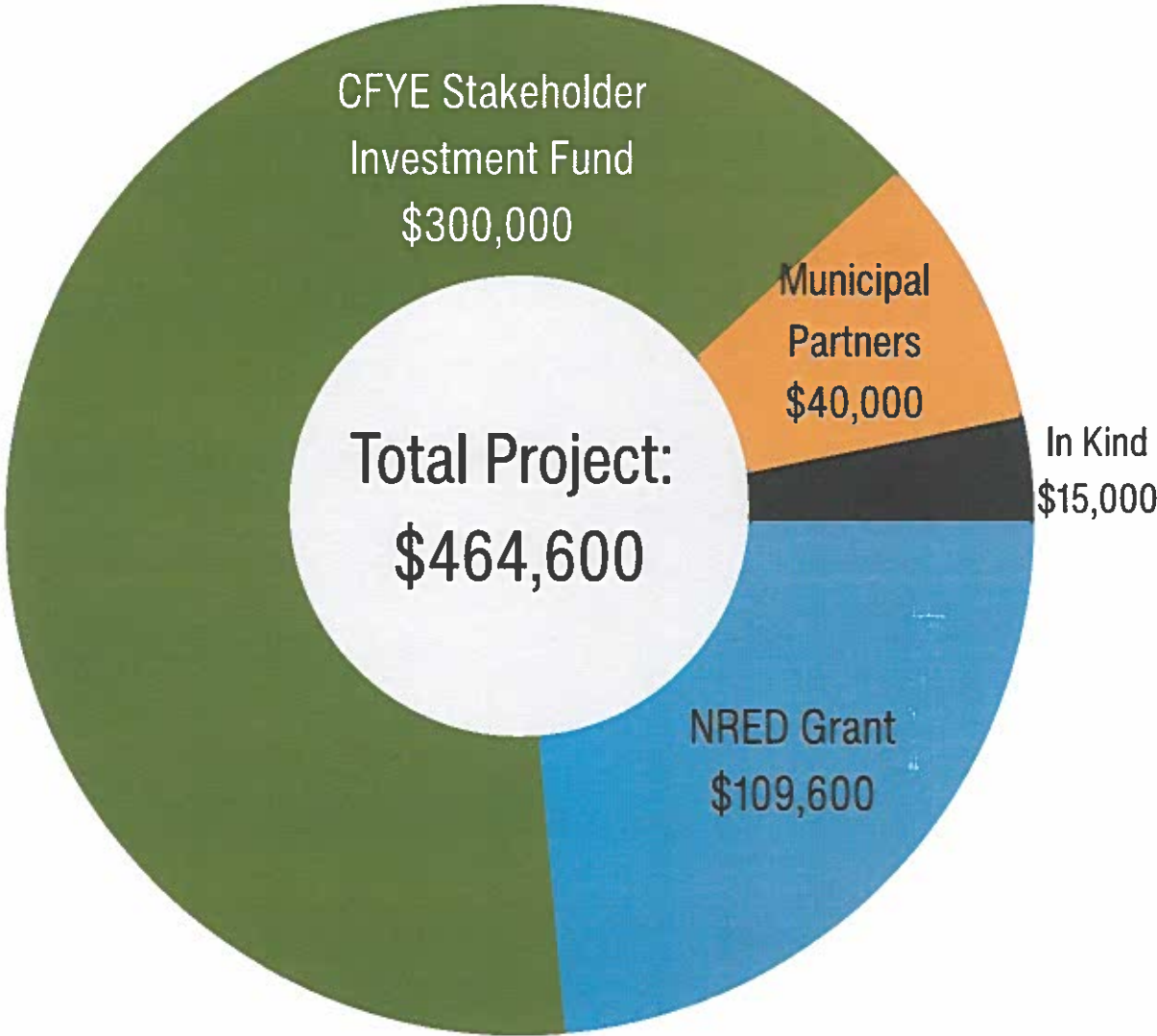


Business challenges



Limited tax base

RIAMS Financial Investment



9

Municipal Partners



Where we are at Today:

Completed:

- 9 Community Investment Readiness (CIR) assessments
- Local Intel data tools secured (regional & municipal)
- Regional collaboration established
- Monthly newsletters and communications
- Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) project initiated



In progress:

- Regional website
- Municipal investment readiness workbooks
- Business training & engagement activities



Regional Support System



CFYE supports rural communities by:

- helping small businesses
- providing tools and programs
- strengthening local economies



RIAMS is a partnership of 9 municipalities working together for:

- business support
- investment readiness
- regional marketing
- economic intelligence
- collaboration between communities

By Utilizing our Supports, Municipalities can access:

Business support

Access to shared resources

Expertise

**Better understanding of
your local economy**

Tourism support

Investment readiness

Research + Data Tools

Marketing support



Why Support your Local Businesses?

The first priority of economic development is not attraction - it is supporting existing businesses.

Why?

Because:

- 80% of job growth comes from existing businesses
- local businesses keep money in the community
- strong businesses support the tax base





1

Protect your Tax Base

Healthy businesses = stable revenue

2

Reduce Budget Pressure

A stronger economy reduces strain on your municipality

3

Support Local Businesses

They are the backbone of your community

The Opportunity

You've already invested. Now it's about using it.

- stronger relationships with local businesses
- better understanding of the local economy
- improved investment readiness
- attracting new small businesses
- supporting the tourism economy
- protecting and strengthening your tax base
- support the growth of your community



What's Next:

Upcoming:

- continued business engagement
- implementation of CIR priorities
- regional website launch
- training and tools for municipalities
- continued collaboration across region

Future regional initiatives:

- Aspire Conference 2027 (hosted by CFYE)
- CFNA Conference Whitecourt 2027
- Continued project development



BRIEFING NOTE

To: Town Council

From: Gary Hove, BRFS Fire Chief

Date: April 28, 2026

Re: Town and County Alberta First Responder Radio Communication System

1.0 **BACKGROUND:**

Barrhead Regional Fire Services is in the process of transitioning its emergency communications system to the Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System to align with Alberta Health Services and the emergency services of neighboring communities.

Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System advised Barrhead Regional Fire Services that the Town and County agencies should be consolidated under the County agency in order to eliminate duplication of emergency communication systems and improve access for Barrhead Regional Fire Services to both Town and County emergency communications. Direction was also provided that the Regional Fire Chief be designated as an Agency Administrator, jointly under both municipalities. Within our mutual aid partnership area, we are the only emergency services department not using AFRACS at this time.

2.0 **ACTIONS TO DATE:**

- The Town agency administrator (Regional Fire Chief) has given notice to Alberta AFRRCS to join the two agencies together.
- The Regional Fire Chief has been made the administrator over the County of Barrhead agency.
- All assets will be listed under the one agency, nothing will change with the CPO communications or dispatch arrangements.
- BRFS has purchased; 2 dual band hand held AFRRCS radios, 1 AFRRCS single band hand held radio

3.0 **ALTERNATIVES:**

If Barrhead Regional Fire Services were to continue using the digital communication system, members would continue to deliver emergency services subject to the following limitations and adverse impacts:

- Communications would remain segregated from the RCMP, regional Community Peace Officers, other emergency responders, and Alberta Health Services;

- The cost of equipping responders with current radios would remain higher;
- Ongoing maintenance costs for current radios would remain higher; and
- The geographical range of communication would be reduced when radios are patched to other fire departments.

4.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Preliminary quotes on equipment needed; however, it is estimated financial implications will include:

Timeframe	Volume	Proposed Upgrade	Total
2026-27	3	AFRRCS single band mobile radios (Captains)	\$10,000.00
2027	16	hand AFRRCS single band hand-held radios	\$45,000.00
2027	9	mobile AFRRCS single band truck-mounted radios	\$40,000.00
2027	1	Base Station at the hall	\$4,000.00
2027	50	Transferrable licences BEON Harris AFRRCS phone app for members	\$25,000.00

Plan could be extended to 2028 if required in capital budgeting.

5.0 **INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- BRFS will work with the Finance department to prepare budget plan for the above proposed upgrades.
- BRFS will operate a dual AFRRCS and digital system for a year while the transition is taking place.
- In 2026, the 2 agencies will join. This will require programming of existing radios and planning.
- 2027 full switch over to AFRRCS for BRFS. Operations will only be on AFRRCS, digital is available only for Chief command positions.

6.0 **SENIOR GOVERNMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

None anticipated.

7.0 **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Supporting these upgrades demonstrates Councils commitment to providing top-level emergency response to our residents and their support to equipping our members with the tools required to provide those services.

Improved communications system will:

- Improved interoperability
- Improved mutual aid communications
- Broader and more reliable emergency communications, and
- Lower long-term operating costs.

8.0 ATTACHMENTS:

None.

9.0 RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept this briefing as information and for consideration during 2027 budget planning.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Town Council
From: Shallon Touet, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: April 28, 2026
Re: Aquatic Stairs Repair or Replacement

1.0 PURPOSE:

To seek Council direction regarding the repair or replacement of the portable aquatic pool access stairs, which are showing significant structural deterioration and present increasing operational and safety concerns.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The portable aquatic pool access stairs are an essential piece of equipment used to provide safe access in and out of the competition pool for patrons. The stairs are constructed of fiberglass and include attached handrails.

In September, staff removed the stairs from the pool for regular maintenance. At that time, all bolts were tightened, the unit was cleaned, and no visible structural concerns were identified.

Since that maintenance review, operational demands have changed significantly due to the swim club's revised use of the facility. Previously, the stairs were typically removed from the pool approximately twice per year. Under the current operating model, staff are now required to remove and reinstall the stairs a minimum of four times per week to accommodate the swim club's need for full-pool access.

This substantial increase in handling and movement appears to have accelerated wear on the stairs. Staff have now identified:

- At least two cracks in the fiberglass stair structure; and
- Cracking in the handrail / railing system.

To address the immediate concern and reduce the risk of further damage, staff have temporarily reinforced the most significant crack using ½-inch puck board bolted on both sides of the damaged area. This temporary repair is intended only to help distribute weight and reduce further splitting while a long-term solution is determined.

A second crack has also been identified laterally in the handrail. This area is currently being monitored; however, due to the nature and location of the damage, there is limited opportunity for effective temporary reinforcement.

Given the ongoing structural deterioration and the increased frequency of equipment movement, staff are concerned about the long-term reliability and safety of the existing stairs.

Current Condition of Pool Stairs:

- Existing fiberglass stairs have cracked in at least two locations.
- Handrails / railing system are also cracked.
- Increased operational handling is contributing to accelerated wear.
- Temporary repairs are in place, but these are not considered a long-term solution.
- Continued use without permanent repairs or replacement may result in equipment failure, operational disruptions, and increased liability risk.

3.0 ALTERNATIVES:

3.1 Council may choose to adopt short-term repairs to the existing stairs.

- Estimated fiberglass repairs: \$3,000
- Estimated replacement of railings: \$3,300

Total repair cost: \$6,300

This option may extend the useful life of the stairs in the short term. However, there is no guarantee how long repairs will last, particularly given the frequency of removing and reinstalling the stairs. With this option the stairs will be out of service for a minimum of 3 weeks while repairs and curing of fiberglass takes place. This option may only delay the need for full replacement

3.2 Council may choose to direct Administration to purchase a new stair unit.

- Supplier: Automated Aquatics
- New stair unit cost: \$10,254
- Estimated shipping: approximately \$450
- Total replacement cost: \$10,700
- Estimated time of arrival: 4-8 weeks from day of order

This option provides a long-term solution that addresses safety concerns, reduces operational risk, and ensures continued reliable access for pool users

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The repair option has a lower initial cost but may result in future repair expenses if the stairs continue to deteriorate.

Aquatic stairs are currently in the 10-year capital plan for 2027 replacement; however, it is recommended that they be purchased in 2026.

5.0 INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Aquatics Department will continue daily inspections and monitoring of the stairs until a permanent solution is implemented. Public Works staff may also be required to assist with installation or removal of replacement equipment.

6.0 SENIOR GOVERNMENT IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct senior government implications associated with this matter.

7.0 POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS:

Ensuring safe public access to the aquatic facility is important for public enjoyment, confidence and patron safety. Failure to address the deteriorating condition of the stairs may increase the risk of injury, operational disruption, and result in negative public perception.

8.0 ATTACHMENTS:

- 8.1 Draft supplier quote from Automated Aquatics for replacement stairs
- 8.2 Repair estimate for fiberglass stair structure
- 8.3 Repair / replacement estimate for railings
- 8.4 Photos of the damages

9.0 RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends the purchase of a new aquatic pool access stair unit to ensure safe and reliable access for pool users.

RECOMMENDED MOTION (Public):

That Council approve the purchase of a new aquatic pool access stair unit in the amount of \$10,700 to replace the existing deteriorated unit to be funded by the Aquatic Centre Capital Reserve.

(original signed by the CAO)
Collin Steffes
CAO

Soumission vente SV024654

N° document externe

2026-03-02

Devise :

Item 7(b) - i



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	ATT: MIKE BRYANT				
	mbryant@barrhead.ca				
HD-99020	STEP ADA EASY STAIR	1	Each	8,792.00	8,792.00
SHIP	SHIPPING AND HANDLING	1	Each	1,213.62	1,213.62
Sous-total					10,005.62
GST					500.28
				Total \$	10,505.90

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Montant assujéti à la taxe de vente	10,005.62
Montant exonéré de la taxe de vente	0.00

Aquatic Stairs Repair

Repair Estimate:





15442 - 131 Avenue NW
 Edmonton AB T5V 0A1
 Ph. (780) 468-3261 Fax (780) 465-5398
 office@automatedaquatics.com

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Quote

Q0012392-0

Date April 10, 2026
 Customer BAR001

Bill To: Town of Barrhead
 P.O. Box 4189
 Barrhead AB T7N 1A2

Ship To: Barrhead Aquatic Centre
 5609-47 Street
 Barrhead AB T7N 1A2

Ph. (780) 674-2532

PO Number	FOB	Salesperson	Order Date	Order Number
Mike	Our Warehouse	AJ Beard	April 10, 2026	Q0012392-0
Ship Via		Payment Terms	Reference	
Red Lion Express - Collect		Net 30 days		

Part Number	Description	UOM	Ordered	Shipped	B/O	Tax	Unit Price	Extended Price
9999	5 Step Handrails For Easy Ladder		1	0		G	2,151.80	2,151.80
FRT-001	Freight Charges- Inbound from US Manufacturer	EA	1	0		G	995.50	995.50
This Quote is valid for 30 days								
							Net Amount	3,147.30
R100348408							G.S.T.	157.37
							Total Due	3,304.67

Aquatic Stairs: Current Condition

Photos:



BRIEFING NOTE

To: Town Council

From: Sheldon Flett, Director Public Works

Date: April 28, 2026

Re: Public Services Update: November 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026

1.0 UPDATE:

- **Sewer Line maintenance** at 2 locations that require repair from service to main once frost is out of the ground.
 - 4310-54 Ave and 5615-55 Street (snaked line monthly since end of December).
 - 5615-55 Street (snaked weekly since the end of January).
 - Plan to dig both lines up within the next couple of weeks.
- **Water Treatment Plant Access Road Culvert Replacement:**
 - Temp bridge was approved by DFO (Dept of Fisheries/Oceans) March 30, 2026.
 - Temp bridge installed.
 - Contractors are still waiting for Line Locates to cut the remaining culvert out, to prevent debris from causing any back up/flooding.
 - Due to run-off and impact on fish, no work is allowed near the river from April 15 to July 1, 2026.
 - Within ten days prior to July 1, we must renew permit to be able to resume work.
 - Weather permitting, plans are to begin first week in July with an estimated completion date of August 30, 2026.
- **Hillcrest Water Break** Delayed Snow Removal. Assisted contractor with excavation and replacement of 2” municipal tubing on Hillcrest property (December 23/24, 2025).
- **Water Break at 4312-54 Ave** (Jan 24, 2026). Assisted contractor with excavation and replaced rotten saddle at the main.
- **Water Valve repair on 54 Ave** (Jan 26, 2026). Assisted contractor with excavation to repair leaky valve.

- **Snow Removal** November 1, 2025 – March 30, 2026:
 - Main Street was cleared 12 times
All residential areas were cleared 3 times
 - Parking Lots, Firehall, RCMP, Town Office, Museum, Keir Care, Arena
 - Sidewalks for RCMP, Lift Stations, Town Office, Walking Trail and all other sidewalks that Town is responsible for were shoveled, sanded and/or cleared by Skid Steer.
 - Alleys were cleared 4 times
 - Highways were cleared for La Prairie 3 times

- **Overlay Project on 50 Avenue** between 58 Street and 60 Street update
 - Surveying beginning April 20, 2026.
 - Tenders will be coming in around end of May (approx.)
 - Approximate cost \$530,000

- **Mehden Road Engineering Update**
 - Preliminary Survey.
 - Approximate cost \$30,000.

- **Concrete Crushing**
 - half of the existing holding area for asphalt and concrete
 - \$65,000.

- **Future budget items for consideration:**
 - One-ton pick-up truck
 - Gravel truck
 - Garbage truck
 - Bridge inspection - \$6,000
 - Snow dump testing x 3 - \$22,285.50
 - Seasonal Road work

2.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

External contractors brought in for assistance with blading, snow removal and hauling - approx. \$36,000

3.0 ATTACHMENTS:

None.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the Public Works update as information.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Town Council

From: Jenny Bruns

Date: April 28, 2026

Re: Funding Request for 2026 LIFT Business Conference

1.0 PURPOSE:

For Council to consider financially contributing to the 2026 LIFT Business Conference to be held tentatively October 22, 2026.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

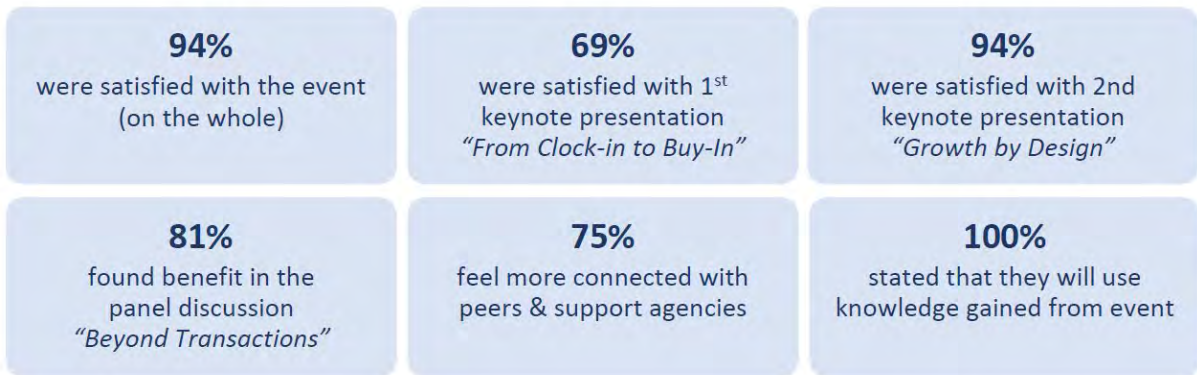
In 2024, the County of Barrhead hosted the LIFT Business Conference & Trade Show, with funding provided through the Small Communities Opportunities Grant. The event was well-attended, drawing approximately 115 business leaders and representatives from business support agencies, including Community Futures Yellowhead East, Barrhead & District Chamber of Commerce, Business Link, Barrhead Employment Services, Travel Alberta, and Invest Alberta.

For the 2025 conference, the County approached the Town of Barrhead and Community Futures Yellowhead East to assist in organizing the event. Town Administration committed to participate in the planning committee and represent the Town. The event hosted 97 participants representing 54 businesses and two keynote speakers. Along with the business conference they hosted a business support showcase which was very successful, and a panel discussion on the value of community engagement.

Participating business support agencies included:

- County of Barrhead Ec Dev Team
- Town of Barrhead Ec Dev Team
- Community Futures YE
- Jobs, Economy & Trade
- Careers Next Generation
- Business Link
- Barrhead Employment Center
- Barrhead Community Adult Learning
- Barrhead Chamber
- Alberta Treasury Branch

Following the event, participants were asked to fill out an anonymous survey. 52 attendees provided a response. Of those that responded:



The 2026 format has not been finalized, however a date and general set up has been discussed, as well as targets for speakers based on feedback from the event survey.

With the County, Town, CFYE and a Labor Market Partnership Grant, the event was held with roughly a \$20,000 budget, the Town contributed \$5000 from the Grants to Community Organizations fund. The committee will look for all available grants and should they be successful, the Town and County contribution will not be requested.

Given the Town's role in supporting local business development and participating on the planning committee, Administration is recommending that Council consider a financial contribution of up to \$5,000 toward the 2025 LIFT Business Conference. Funding could be allocated from the Grants to Community Organizations – Miscellaneous Fund and demonstrate Town support for economic development and business retention initiatives.

3.0 ALTERNATIVES:

- 3.1 Council may approve the full expenditure or a portion of.
- 3.2 Council may table and ask for further information.
- 3.3 Council may decline the expenditure.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Reduces the amount available for other community organizations, however in the past these funds were undersubscribed.

5.0 INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

6.0 SENIOR GOVERNMENT IMPLICATIONS:

None.

7.0 POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS:

Collaboration between municipal and agency partners, as well as adding value and education to our community businesses creates a stronger economic environment.

8.0 ATTACHMENTS:

8.1 Event Photos

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends Council approve funding of \$5,000 for the 2026 LIFT Business Conference.

10.0 RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the funding request of \$5,000 for the 2026 LIFT Business Conference with the funding to come from Grants to Community Organizations - Miscellaneous fund.

(original signed by the CAO)
Collin Steffes, CAO

LIFT Conference

Event Photos:



Business Support Showcase



Conference

REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Town Council
From: Jennifer Mantay, Director of Corporate Services
Date: April 28, 2026
Re: Monthly Bank Statement to March 31, 2026

1.0 PURPOSE:

For Council to accept the Monthly Bank Statement to March 31, 2026, as presented.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

It has been the practice of Administration to provide Council with Monthly Bank Statements as financial information to provide some insight on the Town's financial activities.

3.0 ALTERNATIVES:

- 3.1 Council receives the Monthly Bank Statement to March 31, 2026, as information.
- 3.2 Council instructs Administration to provide additional information to the Monthly Bank Statement to March 31, 2026, and report back to the next Council Meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

5.0 INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

6.0 SENIOR GOVERNMENT IMPLICATIONS:

None

7.0 POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS:

Not Applicable

8.0 ATTACHMENTS:

8.1 Monthly Bank Statement March 31, 2026

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that Council accepts the Monthly Bank Statement, to March 31, 2026, as information.

10.0 PROPOSED MOTION:

That Council accepts the Monthly Bank Statement, to March 31, 2026, as information.

(original signed by the CAO)
Collin Steffes
CAO

**TOWN OF BARRHEAD
MONTHLY BANK STATEMENT
FOR MONTH ENDED MARCH 31, 2026**

PER TOWN OF BARRHEAD:	SERVUS GENERAL ACCT	TERM DEPOSITS
Net Balance - Previous Month	4,524,676.60	5,000,000.00
Receipts	3,060,085.77	
Interest	12,192.43	
Transfers from/to Term Deposits		2,000,000.00
Cancelled Cheques		
SUBTOTAL	7,596,954.80	7,000,000.00
Disbursements	3,036,569.39	
Debentures/Interest	145,284.50	
School Requisition	396,250.60	
Transfers from/to General	0.00	2,000,000.00
NSF/Returned Cheques or Transfers	0.00	
Postdated Cheques	0.00	
NET BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	4,018,850.31	5,000,000.00

PER BANK:		
Balance at end of month	4,060,304.95	5,000,000.00
Outstanding Deposits	27,190.86	
SUBTOTAL	4,087,495.81	5,000,000.00
Outstanding Cheques	68,645.50	
NET BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	4,018,850.31	5,000,000.00

**TERM DEPOSIT SUMMARY
FOR MONTH ENDED MARCH 31, 2026**

<u>Financial Institution</u>		<u>Term Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Term Started</u>	<u>Investment Details</u>
Servus	\$	3,000,000.00	2.76	09-Feb-26	Maturity Date May 10, 2026
Servus	\$	2,000,000.00	2.82	25-Mar-26	Maturity Date June 23, 2026

From: Falun Dafa Edmonton <fldfedmonton@gmail.com>
Sent: April 22, 2026 8:17 PM
To: Ty Assaf <TAssaf@barrhead.ca>
Cc: Town of Barrhead <town@barrhead.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Celebrating 34th Falun Dafa Month Anniversary, Request for Greeting Letter/Proclamation

You don't often get email from fldfedmonton@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Mayor Ty Assaf,

In commemoration of the 34th Falun Dafa Day on May 13th, 2026, for celebrating Falun Dafa spreading to the public, we respectfully request a recognition in the form of a greeting letter/video/proclamation. This annual occasion pays tribute to the contributions of the Falun Dafa community in Canada with practitioners from different ethnic backgrounds, such as Chinese, Persian, Vietnamese, Korean, Ukrainian, many other Canadians et. al.

Falun Dafa (AKA Falun Gong) teachings have been translated into more than 56 languages in the world. All are free to download on internet. In addition, many of Chinese practitioners arrived here as refugees fleeing the persecution in China. Here in Canada, Falun Gong volunteers have taught [free meditation exercises](#) that has helped thousands of Canadians improve their mental, moral and physical wellbeing, contributing to a more healthy and harmonious society.

In 2025, we were very glad to have had Canadian cities raising flags or lighting-up the landmarks to celebrate our Falun Dafa Day. We also received around 100 supporting letters and/or proclamations from Canadian MPs, MPPs/MLAs, Mayors, and City Councillors.

Originated from the autocratic communist China 34 years ago, along with 27 years' brutal persecution even with the horrific organ harvesting, [facing the intensified transnational repression](#), the Falun Dafa community has endured, persevered and flourished peacefully. At the same time, Canadian Falun Dafa practitioners are proud to build our communities across the country and call Canada home. The fight for freedom and integrity continues, as community members courageously fend off intimidation, threat, and dis-information campaign by the long-arm operation of China's communist regime that has infiltrated many aspects of Canadian politics and social life.

We are genuinely grateful for the freedom, diversity and compassionate support received across the society. Year to year, the Falun Dafa communities have garnered worldwide

recognition, including greetings and proclamations. By raising flag, sending a greeting letter/video/proclamation to mark the 34th Falun Dafa Anniversary, you help greatly to affirm Canada's commitment to the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, and to the upholding of human rights and freedom of conscience.

For the greeting/video/proclamation messages, it will be greatly appreciated if you could send it to us by May 13th, 2026. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

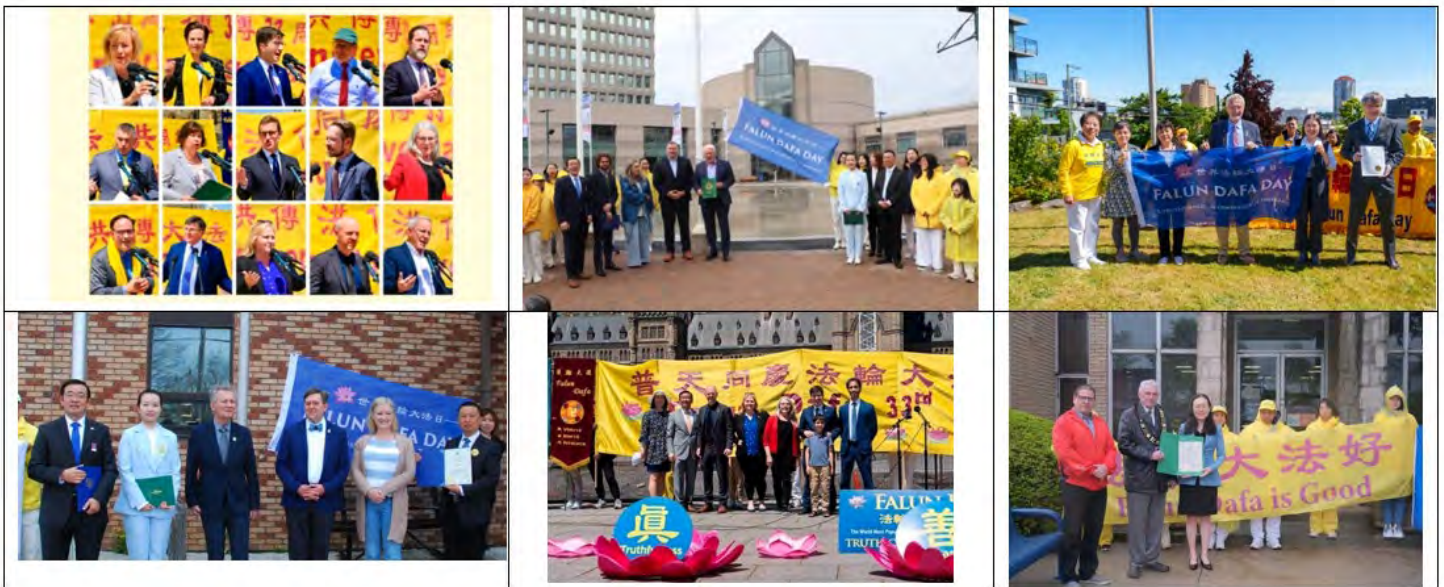
Minnan Liu, Ph.D., P.Eng.
on behalf of Falun Dafa Association of Edmonton
Tel: 587-920-7550 Email: minliu201603@gmail.com

4 enclosures below:

1. 14 Parliament Members Join 2025 World Falun Dafa Day Celebrations

<https://en.minghui.org/html/articles/2025/5/31/228309.html>

2a. Flag Raisings and 14 MPs joined Ottawa Rally in 2025:



2. A short video of 'An Introduction to Falun gong' (6:35 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ-A6xY47jc>

For more information, please visit <https://faluninfo.net/>

3. Sample greeting excerpts for the 2025 Falun Dafa Month celebration:

“On behalf of our new prime minister and the Government of Canada, I welcome you here to Parliament Hill on this beautiful, sunny day as we celebrate the 33 years of Falun Dafa, which has touched the lives of millions of people, and that means millions of people here in Canada as well, that come out and practice Falun Dafa on a daily basis” **-Hon. Judy Sgro, co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, 2025 Celebration Speech**

“I’m always proud to add my voice to yours. I’m proud to stand with you....I know that the Falun Dafa movement, everything that you are a part of, adds to each and every one of our communities, not only with volunteerism ... but by the tolerance and the benevolence and the forbearance, “ **-MP Melissa Lantsman, Deputy leader of the Conservative Party, 2025 Celebration Speech**

“This Week I was pleased to address Falun Gong practitioners on Parliament. I continue to call for an end to the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners by the Chinese communist Party.”- **MP Garnett Genuis, co-chair of the FalunGong Parliamentary Friendship Group, 2025 Celebration Speech**

“What’s important is that people come out for a worthy cause. Falun Gong practitioners convey two very strong messages. One is the importance of people’s spiritual well-being, reflected in the millions around the world who practice Falun Gong; the other, from my personal perspective, highlights the importance of human rights—something I believe politicians of all political stripes aim to support through actions that protect those rights.” - **MP Kevin Lamoureux, 2025 Celebration Speech**

“ I hope the events for Falun Dafa Day provide a welcome opportunity to celebrate together. Please accept my very best wishes as you honour your history and commitment to Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance..- **Premier Danielle Smith, Letter of Greetings, 2025 Falun Dafa Day**

We received greetings from:

MPs: Judy Sgro; Melissa Lantsman; Andrew Scheer; Elizabeth May; Kevin Lamoureux; Garnett Genuis; Scott Reid; James Bezan; Michael Cooper; Claude Guay; Dan Muys; Rhonda Kirkland; Cathay Wagantall; Costas Menegakis; Yvan Baker; Michael Guglielmin; Anita Vandenberg; John Brassard; Greg McLean; Ziad Aboultaif

MPPs/MLAs: Danielle Smith; Stephen Lecce; Carla Beck; Sam Oosterhoff; Andrea Khanjin; David Piccini; Doug Downey; Eric Douchard; Anna Kindy; Brent Chapman; Rudy Cuzzetto; France Gelinis; Ron R. Schuler; Brain Riddell; Rick Burns

Mayors’ Proclamation/Greetings: Ottawa; Calgary; Winnipeg; Fredericton; Regina; Sudbury; Kingstons; Barrie; Red Deer; Banff; Pincher Creek; Coaldale; Kelowna; Port Coquitlam; White Rock; West Vancouver; Duncan; Whitby; North Bay; Mississippi Mills; Sarnia;

Springwater; Tecumseh; LaSalle; New Tecumseth; Riverview; County of Kings; Belleville; Quinte West; Brighton; Cambridge; Orangeville; Orillia; Amherstburg; Brock; Cornwall

***Councillors:** Mike Duggan; Gian-Carlo Carra; Andre Chabot; Matt Mahoney; Brad Bradford; James Pasternak; Brad Butt*

Three sample greetings are attached for your reference.

4. About Falun Dafa:

[Falun Dafa](#) (also known as Falun Gong) is a spiritual practice rooted in the ancient schools of cultivation in China. It consists of meditative exercises, and a moral philosophy aimed at the promotion of virtue. At the core of Falun Dafa's teachings are the tenets of "Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance." Practitioners of Falun Dafa aim to live in accord with these principles, taking them as a guide for daily life and practice.

Since Falun Dafa's public introduction in 1992, hundreds of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries, including Canada, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the [free teachings](#) help people improve their mental, moral, and physical wellbeing and contribute to a more healthy and peaceful society.

On 20 July, 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a campaign to eradicate Falun Gong. For the past 27 years, major human rights organizations, the United Nations, the U.S. government, and NGOs, etc. have extensively documented the nation-wide campaign of hatred, mass imprisonment, forced slave labours, torture, and killings of people who practice Falun Gong in China.

Millions of Falun Gong practitioners and their families have been torn apart. Countless practitioners have been killed for their vital organs that are being sold by the state. International legal experts say that crimes against humanity, and possibly genocide, have occurred. Practitioners and supporters in Canada continue to experience various kinds of intimidation and harassment and vilification by the CCP.

The Falun Dafa community, both within China and abroad, have endured over two decades of unimaginable adversity with resolute non-violence and persistence to uphold freedom and the universal values. This has garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments and officials.

Sample 1:**A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR XXX**

I am pleased to extend congratulations to the Falun Dafa Association of xxx as you commemorate the 34th anniversary of Falun Dafa Day!

This annual celebration provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Falun Dafa practitioners to our city and across Canada. The core principles of Falun Dafa—Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance—are values that resonate deeply in communities that seek peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

XXX is proud to be home to people of diverse spiritual, cultural, and philosophical traditions. It is through this diversity that our city becomes stronger, more compassionate, and more connected.

As you gather in celebration and reflection, I commend your commitment to peace, perseverance, and the betterment of society. On behalf of XXX City Council, please accept my best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

Sample 2:**MLA XXX**

On behalf of our community and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I extend my warmest wishes to all those celebrating Falun Dafa Day. This day is a meaningful opportunity to recognize the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance that Falun Dafa practitioners uphold and share with the world.

Your dedication to peace, spiritual growth, and cultural harmony enriches our society and inspires many. May this day be filled with reflection, unity, and joy.

Happy Falun Dafa Day! MLA XXX, XXX

Sample 3:**Message from MP XXX**

The guiding principles of Falun Dafa, Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance are three of the things that Canadians have strongly believed in since our country's beginning. Our society was built on those ideas.

But they are more than just abstract ideas. They are values that are part of who we are as Canadians. Those who practice Falun Dafa see the application of those principles as part of a spiritual discipline. Spiritual disciplines are universal, transcending cultural and ethnic boundaries and creating new communities.

That idea can be threatening to those who are unwilling to grow. As individuals and as a society, Falun Dafa practitioners in China know that their disciplines come with a cost. Their beliefs are misunderstood by those who don't share their values. They persevere, because they truly believe.

Thank you for your contributions to Canadian society. May this annual celebration be a time of joy.

14.0 In-Camera item

Topic: Municipal Collaboration

IN-CAMERA ITEM: Advice from officials: As per Section 197 of the MGA and Section 29(1) of the Access to Information Act