



**AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE OF BEISEKER**

March 10 2025, 2024 700 1st Avenue, Beiseker AB T0M 0G0 7:15 pm

1. **Call to Order**
Treaty 7 Acknowledgment
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes**
 - a) *Minutes of the February 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting*
4. **Delegation**
None
5. **Staff Report**
 - a) *Fire Department*
 - b) *CAO Report*
6. **Financial Reports**
 - a) *Cheque Listing to March 05 2025*
 - b) *Bank and Loan Report November 2024*
7. **Business Arising From Minutes (Old Business)**
 - a) *Animal Licence Fees (RES#2024-300 November 25, 2025)*
8. **New Business**
 - a) *Rockyview Foundation – Request for Letter of Support – Amend Board Composition*
 - b) *Approval for Increase to Budget – Security/Fire Panels*
 - c) *Boil Water Advisory and Water Shut Off Emergency Procedures*
 - d) *2025 ASFF Requisition School Taxes*
9. **Council Reports**
 - a) *Mayor David Ledoyen*
 - b) *Deputy Mayor Nikki King*
 - c) *Councillor Warren Wise*
 - d) *Councillor Trevor Snyder*
 - e) *Councillor Les Spurgeon*
10. **Closed Session**
None
11. **Adjournment**



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF BEISEKER
HELD ON February 24, 2025
At 7:15 pm Online and 700 1st Avenue, Beiseker AB T0M 0G0**

PRESENT

Mayor, David Ledoyen
Deputy Mayor, Nikki King
Councillor, Warren Wise

Councillor Les Spurgeon
Councillor Trevor Snyder
CAO, Heather Leslie

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ledoyen called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Treaty 7 Acknowledgement

2. Agenda

Res#2025-043

Mayor Ledoyen made motion to approve the Agenda of the February 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting as amended:

Add: Additional Information Item 8a)

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Previous Minutes

a) Minutes of the February 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Res#2025-044

Councillor Wise made motion to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. Delegations

None

5. Staff Reports

Deputy Mayor King arrived: 7:20 pm

a) Fire Department – Verbal Report

b) CAO Report – Written Report

Res#2025-045

Councillor Snyder made motion to accept the staff reports as presented.

CARRIED

6. Financial Reports

a) Cheque Listing to February 20, 2025

Res#2025-046

Mayor Ledoyen made motion to approve the Cheque Listing to February 20, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED

b) 2024 Operations Budget Overages (Final)

Res#2025-047

Mayor Ledoyen made motion to approve the 2024 Operating budget overages (over \$500.00) as presented.

CARRIED

Res#2025-048

Councillor Wise made motion to have all interest earned on the proceeds of the airport sale be recorded as Reserves for Roads and Streets.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Minutes (Old Business)

None



8. New Business

a) Bi-Weekly Staggered Garbage Collection

Councillor Wise requested a Recorded Vote on Item 8a) Bi-Weekly Staggered Garbage Collection.

Res#2025-049

Deputy Mayor King made motion to approve the proposed Bi-Weekly Staggered Garbage Collection as presented for a three month trial starting April 1, 2025

	CARRIED
AGAINST	Ledoyen
AGAINST	Wise

b) RCMP Q3 Reporting – 2024

Res#2025-050

Councillor Spurgeon made motion to accept the RCMP 2024 Q3 reporting as presented. CARRIED

9. Council Reports

- a) **Mayor Ledoyen – Verbal Report**
- b) **Deputy Chief King – Verbal Report**
- c) **Councillor Wise – Written Report**
- d) **Councillor Snyder – Verbal Report**
- e) **Councillor Spurgeon – Verbal Report**

Res#2025-051

Mayor Ledoyen made motion to accept the Council Reports as presented.

CARRIED

10. Closed Session

None

11. Adjournment

Mayor Ledoyen adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Mayor, David Ledoyen

CAO, Heather Leslie

ACME MEETING

Summary of meeting with CAO/Mayor's of Acme and Beiseker were provided to Council on March 3 2025.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEETING – BOIL WATER ADVISORY AND WATER SHUT OFF PROCEDURES

Staff met on March 4 to update procedure after water break at the arena in late February. Council has been provided a copy of the policy.

RECYCLING PROCESSES

We are working with e-360, Circular Materials and internally to be set up for recycling changes for the EPR program. This includes determining a plan and cost for the continuation of commercial recycling both curbside and at the depot.

SCHOOL TAX 2025

Notification to Council regarding the increase in School Taxes imposed by the Provincial Government and collected by municipalities was sent on March 03. For Beiseker, this results is a 20% increase for residential properties and 8% for commercial properties according to the data that was provided by the Province. A pamphlet outlining an explanation of school taxes, the Senior's benefit and other information (provided by the Government of Alberta) has been posted on social media and will be sent with the April utility billing.

Along with the other major increases in costs for the Village of Beiseker, this is going to have a significant impact on property tax rates and costs in 2025.

BUDGET 2025

The next couple of months will be (and have been) focused on the 2025 operating budget. We are already seeing considerable cost increases with electricity, insurance, security systems and fuel (including carbon tax).

I have asked departments that typically source parts and other purchases from the US to find Canadian alternatives if possible, due to the tariffs that were announced on March 4th.

MICROSOFT

The switchover from Gmail to Microsoft was performed on March 5, 2025. We are still recording issues with utility bill receipts by email (2 recorded in February – 1 was a mis-report).

WATER/WASTEWATER EXPANSION PROJECT

I have met with MPE (Engineering firm) twice in the last couple of weeks to develop a plan to deal with the capacity issues we are facing with both the lagoon and the water reservoir. As mentioned in previous correspondence with Council, once The Junction is completely developed, it is estimated that we will be at capacity with both of these facilities (to be verified, but that is the information we have currently).

There are a series of grants available that we will present to Council as a plan to research options, engineer design and come to estimation of construction costs. We are hoping that this 'plan' can be implemented as soon as possible so we can provide information to any new developers interested in Beiseker.

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VILLAGE OF BEISEKER

Cheque Listing For Council

2025-Mar-5
10:06:11AM

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20250115	2025-02-27	BB SERVICES	0225008	THAW FROZEN STORM LINES	956.82	956.82
20250116	2025-03-11	ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES	20230225 20230226	FEBRUARY PREMIUMS MARCH PREMIUMS	5,633.98 5,633.98	11,267.96
20250117	2025-03-11	BEISEKER MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	2025 FCSS	FCSS FUNDING AFTER SCHOOL	1,650.00	1,650.00
20250118	2025-03-11	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP (CAN)	AB286651 AB287346 AB287735	SUPPLIES ARENA WATER BREAK SUPPLIES	73.44 447.20 72.72	593.36
20250119	2025-03-11	CLOSER TO HOME COMMUNITY SERVICES	FCSS 2025	FCSS FAMILY CARNIVAL	1,767.00	1,767.00
20250120	2025-03-11	DR HYDROVAC	11172	ARENA WATER BREAK	2,023.88	2,023.88
20250121	2025-03-11	G & D LIGHT HAUL LTD	2976	WATER SAMPLE DELIVERY	78.76	78.76
20250122	2025-03-11	GOLDEN YEARS TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB	FCSS 2025	FCSS FUNDING FOR SENIORS	1,200.00	1,200.00
20250123	2025-03-11	Government of Alberta	L743302	LAND TITLES	10.10	10.10
20250124	2025-03-11	JOCK WILSON CONTRACTING LTD.	5004	ARENA WATER BREAK	2,677.50	2,677.50
20250125	2025-03-11	KNIBB DEVELOPMENTS LTD.	11802 11803	JUNCTION LIFT STATION MAINTENANCE RES 1 MAINTENANCE	3,538.50 2,425.50	5,964.00
20250126	2025-03-11	ZOLL MEDICAL CANADA INC	326910	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	664.93	664.93
20250127	2025-03-11	HORIZON TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	1189	SECURITY CAMERA	367.50	367.50
20250128	2025-03-11	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS	0000130754	RECYCLING	1,483.83	1,483.83
20250129	2025-03-11	LINDE CANADA INC	48088383 48348759	MEDICAL OXYGEN TANKS CYLINDER RENTAL	499.05 42.66	541.71
20250130	2025-03-11	VINCOVI TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	52340 52460	FEBRUARY MARCH MICROSOFT 365	1,522.50 145.61	1,668.11
20250131	2025-03-11	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	9701	MARCH	1,115.63	1,115.63
20250132	2025-03-11	STEPHENS, LINDA	FCSS 2025	CONCESSION FOR FAMILY SKAT	245.00	245.00
20250133	2025-03-11	ACME FARM & BUILDING CENTRE	2502-283856 2502-284313	WATER REPAIR WATER REPAIR	36.74 8.39	45.13
20250134	2025-03-11	SUPERIOR SAFETY CODES INC.	21573	GAS PERMIT	52.08	52.08
20250135	2025-03-11	UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA COOP	115988200	FUEL	2,040.74	2,040.74

Total 36,414.04

*** End of Report ***

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Nov-24									601070219790	723110350938	723111001571	723113724907	723113157009
		General Account 2024	General Account 2023	General Reserves*	Shares	LGFF	CCBF	Airport Proceeds (15 month starting October 2023)					
GENERAL LEDGER													
Net Balance at End of Previous Month		188,362.74	574,258.27	361,212.35	5,138.87	82,623.59	145,513.52	0					
Deposits		145,500.25	177,872.20	1,172.70	257.63	183.18	334.19	494,795.00					
Sub-Total		333,862.99	752,130.47	362,385.05	5,396.50	82,806.77	145,847.71	494,795.00					
LESS:---													
Disbursements for the Month		- 204,023.19	- 147,862.39	-									
Net balance at the end of November 2024		133,113.15	604,268.08										
BANK STATEMENT													
Balance at the end of November 2024		179,772.57	659,760.24	-									
Add outstanding deposits		6,300.79	6,179.03										
Sub-Total		186,073.36	665,939.45										
Less Outstanding Cheques		- 52,960.21	- 61,671.37										
Net Balance at End of Month		133,113.15	604,268.08										
Outstanding deposits in GL - Not in Bank		-		Difference GL to Bank									
* General Reserves - Adjustments for 2023 AEMA funds and fire department expenditures, other deposits for new home builds													
				-									
				0.00									

VILLAGE OF BEISEKER
 OUTSTANDING LOANS
 as at November 30 2024

Item 6b

CONNECT FIRST CREDIT UNION				
DESCRIPTION	Oct-24	Principal Paid Nov 2024	November 30 2024 Balance	Completion Date
LOAN #2 @ 4.5 OPERATING LOANS	\$21,450.51	(\$2,656.71)	\$ 18,793.80	June 1 2025
LOAN #1 @ 4.5 CAPITAL LOANS	\$12,633.63	(\$1,564.74)	\$11,068.89	June 1 2025
LOAN #3 @ 5% OPERATING LOAN	\$79,433.43	(\$1,371.20)	\$78,062.23	Dec 1 2028
LOAN #4 @ 4.190 MSI Cap Loan	\$102,388.24	(\$1,487.22)	\$100,901.02	*8941
LOAN #5 Road Construction	\$664,097.02	(\$1,839.03)	\$662,257.99	Dec 31 2046
LOAN #6 Garbage Truck & Bins	\$40,791.62	(\$2,359.92)	\$38,431.70	March 1 2026
FD Mini Pumper	\$79,385.45	(\$1,613.89)	\$77,771.56	May 1 2028
PW Truck	\$18,790.12	(\$533.35)	\$18,256.77	723113587395
TOTAL	\$1,000,179.90	(\$13,426.06)	\$987,287.19	

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Council notes – FEES AND SCHEDULES BYLAW 2024-03 - March 10, 2025

From November 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Res#2024-300 *Mayor Ledoyen made motion to table the revisions to animal licensing fees to the March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.* CARRIED

The following notes were provided to Council at the November 25, 2024 meeting to bring animal license fees in line with other municipal fees since they had not increased since 2003. We requested this at the November 25, 2024 meeting in order to show the increase for 2025, but Council voted against the increase at that time.

- **Animal License fees for 2026.**

The current animal license fees have not changed since 2003. The following is a comparison of other municipal fees associated with animal licensing

ANIMAL LICENSE COMPARISONS					
MUNI	DOGS	DOGS	DOGS	CATS	CATS
	ALT	UNALT	VIC	ALT	UNAL
AIRDRIE	45	77	250	29	57
STRATHMORE	30	55	150	20	25
THREE HILLS	15	40		15	30
CROSSFIELD	25	40	150		
ACME	20	35	200		
IRRICANA	20	30		20	30
CALGARY	44	70	310	21	43
CARBON	20	30	300	20	30
ROCKYFORD	25	50	500		
Average	27.11	47.44	265.71	20.83	35.83
Beiseker Current	15	30	250	15	30
RECOMMENDED	20	40	300	20	40
No change to other fees related to animal control					

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COUNCIL NOTES – ALBERTA PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES ACT – LETTER FROM MINISTER
MCIVER – March 10 2025

Please see attached letter announcing the passing of the Provincial Priorities Act. We have not been provided with the process (expected in March), however, this means that as a municipality, we cannot enter into any agreement with the federal government without prior approval from the Provincial Government. This pertains to anything valued under \$100,000 and in-kind agreements, but we still have to submit these agreements to Municipal Affairs. In Beiseker's case, this would include the Federal Capital Money received annually (CCBF typically \$50,000).

It is concerning that depending on volume and the expediency of the Province to provide approvals, this may be another step that slows down processes for grant applications. Otherwise, and only to my knowledge, this shouldn't affect Beiseker too much.

Rather than copy the Act for these Council notes, it can be accessed at:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/p35p5>

Please provide a motion with your direction or to accept as information.



ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

AR118277

February 26, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Officials/Associations/Library Boards/Regional Services Commissions/Municipally Controlled Corporations:

In May 2024, our government passed the *Provincial Priorities Act* to establish a process for provincial oversight of agreements between provincial entities and the federal government. The *Act* will come into force on April 1, 2025, and will ensure Ottawa is not undermining the province's jurisdiction to make decisions about what is best for Alberta and Albertans. Under the *Act*, provincial entities, such as municipalities, are required to obtain prior approval from the Alberta government before entering into, amending, or renewing an agreement with the federal government.

Throughout last summer, Alberta's government led a comprehensive stakeholder engagement with provincial entities to inform the supporting regulations. The Provincial Priorities Regulation (attached), which also comes into force on April 1, 2025, designates additional municipal entities that are subject to the *Act*. These entities include library boards, regional services commissions, municipally controlled corporations, and any entity that is established by bylaw, with the exception of business improvement areas. In addition, the regulation sets out the approval process for proposed intergovernmental agreements and includes some exceptions for the municipal sector where no provincial approvals will be needed. Examples of these exceptions include agreements under \$100,000, agreements that are in-kind contributions only, agreements with the Canadian Armed Forces, and agreements for disaster response and assistance; these will not require provincial approval.

Effective April 1, 2025, municipalities and municipal entities will be required to submit information on all new agreements with the federal government, agreement amendments and agreement renewals, along with a copy of the agreement, to Municipal Affairs, regardless of the monetary value of the agreement. Information on agreements eligible for an exception must also be submitted to Municipal Affairs in order for the exception to apply. Additional details on the process for submitting required information on federal agreements to Municipal Affairs will be shared in March.

I am looking forward to working together with you to ensure Alberta municipalities maintain access to federal dollars while protecting areas of provincial jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers

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COUNCIL NOTES – ROCKYVIEW FOUNDATION – REQUEST LETTER OF SUPPORT – Amend
Board Composition– March 10 2025

See attached requesting a letter of support from the Village of Beiseker to amend the
Ministerial Order to add an additional seat by the City of Airdrie to the RVF Board.

Please provide your motion accordingly.



Chris Rowe
CAO, Rocky View Foundation
#103, 58 Gateway Drive Ne
Airdrie, Alberta
crowe@rockyviewfoundation.org

February 28, 2025
Heather Leslie
CAO, Village of Beiseker
PO Box 349 700, 1st Ave
Beiseker, Alberta
beiseker@beiseker.com

Request for Amendment to Ministerial Order for Board Composition

Dear Heather Leslie,

On behalf of the Rocky View Foundation (RVF) Board of Directors, we are writing to formally request a letter of support from your municipality to amend the Ministerial Order governing RVF's Board composition. Specifically, RVF's Board seeks to allocate a second seat to the City of Airdrie to reflect its significant growth and contribution to the Foundation's annual requisition.

Rocky View Foundation was established in 1964 as a Housing Management Body to serve seniors across our region. The original governance structure assigned seven representatives from participating municipalities: Rocky View County (2 seats), Airdrie (1 seat), Crossfield (1 seat), Cochrane (1 seat), Irricana (1 seat), and Beiseker (1 seat). In 1994, RVF was formally incorporated under the Alberta Housing Act and has maintained the same board composition as originally established.

Since RVF's incorporation, Airdrie has experienced substantial growth, with a population growing from 14,500 in 1994 to over 85,000 and will continue to grow. The city contributes approximately 32% of the total annual requisition, demonstrating its significant role in supporting RVF's operations. Recognizing this, the City of Airdrie has enquired with Minister Nixon regarding the process for increasing its representation on the RVF Board.

The Government of Alberta has advised RVF that any changes to the Board composition require a letter of support from all participating municipalities to update the ministerial order.

Considering Airdrie's considerable population growth and financial contribution, RVF's Board believes that increasing Airdrie's representation from one to two seats is fair and necessary to ensure balanced governance.

This adjustment will strengthen regional collaboration and ensure that the needs of all municipalities served by RVF are adequately represented.



We request your municipality's response to this proposed amendment of RVF's Board composition by April 16th, 2025, so that we may be able to respond to this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris Rowe

Chris Rowe
CAO, Rocky View Foundation

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COUNCIL NOTES – APPROVAL FOR INCREASE TO BUDGET – SECURITY /FIRE PANELS – March 10 2025

Supreme Monitoring has advised us that we require an upgrade in order to meet the certification for our fire panels and we are we need to update to LTE Cellular communications on all panels before June 2025.

The cost increase (across departments including the Arena, Office/Museum, Library Shop, Reservoir and Lift Station) are as follows:

2025 Upgrade \$9660.00

Plus

Annual Monitoring – Increase of 600.00

Total costs for 2025 are approximately \$14,860 unless any other repairs are required.

After 2025 approximately \$5200 per year.

This exceeds the 2024 approved budget by \$10,248.00. We are requesting a council motion to approve this increase.



**COUNCIL NOTES – BOIL WATER ADVISORY AND WATER SHUT OFF EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES – March 10 2025**

The attached procedures were updated after the Water Break at the Arena (February 2025).

Council requested to see a copy.

The only document not provided in this package the Emergency Contact list which shows emergency numbers for major institutions/businesses in the event an incident affects them directly (ie: school, arena, playschool, restaurants, etc.)

The list and procedure are available for staff/council in the shared folder with all other Emergency Management plans and documents.

**BEISEKER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
WATER SHUT OFF/BOIL WATER ADVISOR PROCEDURES.**

Mar 2025

Direction from Public works that water is either to be shut off, or a boil water advisory has been invoked by Alberta Environment. Confirm location of affected areas.

1. Village Map

Map to be marked with affected areas for notifications

2. Examples of Notifications – **Areas in () to be modified based on incident.**

- a. Notice of Water Shut Off
- b. Notice of Boil Water Advisory
- c. Notice of Lifting of Boil Water Advisory
- d. Instructions for both Boil Water Advisory and after Advisory has been lifted

3. During each transition notifications will be distributed as follows:

- a. Information to Council (CAO or delegate)
- b. Instagram and Facebook Postings
- c. Posting on the Website
- d. Posting on Electronic Board (Village Wide only)
- e. Door to Door postings for affected areas

This is resource dependent. If there is not enough manpower to provide door to door notifications, documents will need to be revised accordingly, and we will rely on other modes of notifying residents.

Contact the Beiseker Fire Department for assistance if needed. **Use a map of the VOB to direct each person to the area to be notified. Speaking to each person is an effective way to communicate direction (if time permits)**

f. Email distribution

Mail Chimp – This will provide notification to any resident that receives monthly newsletter

g. AEA (Alberta Emergency Alert)

For Village Wide incident

4. Phone calls to major institutions

- a. Copy of the Emergency Contact List

5. Ensure we have consistent messaging to the public when they call, visit or email. These instructions should come from the CAO or their delegate after discussion with public works

VILLAGE OF BEISEKER

IMPORTANT NOTICE

(EMERGENCY/SCHEDULED) WATER

SHUT OFF

(DATE)

(Due to a water break or Direction
from Alberta Environment)

**Water (MAY/WILL) BE SHUT OFF IN THE FOLLOWING
LOCATIONS:**

(LOCATION)

(IF NOT VILLAGE WIDE: Potable water can be accessed at the Village Office for drinking and cooking if needed between the hours of 8am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8am to 12 pm Fridays)

Once water is restored, a Boil Water Advisory will be in effect until we notify you

Notifications that the Boil Water Advisory is lifted (will be posted on your door) and on the Village of Beiseker Facebook, Instagram pages and Website www.beiseker.com

BOIL WATER ADVISORY INSTRUCTIONS

<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/Boil-water-advisory-how-to-use-water-safely.aspx>

Please contact the Village Office at 403-947-3774 or email beiseker@beiseker.com if you have any questions or concerns

We apologize for any inconvenience.

VILLAGE OF BEISEKER

IMPORTANT NOTICE

BOIL WATER ADVISORY IN EFFECT

(DATE)

(Due to a water break OR direction
from Alberta Environment)

LOCATION

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if you have any questions or concerns

We apologize for any inconvenience.

VILLAGE OF BEISEKER

IMPORTANT NOTICE

BOIL WATER ADVISORY LIFTED

(DATE)

(LOCATION)

Here's how to flush, clean, and sanitize areas that have contact with water after the boil water advisory ends:

- Turn on all taps and flush water lines for at least 5 minutes (10 minutes if you live in an apartment building).
- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for flushing, cleaning, and sanitizing cisterns (containers that store drinking water), water filters, and ice and water dispensers.
- Drain and refill hot-water tanks that are set below 45°C. You also need to drain and refill hot-water tanks if there was a loss of power or gas to the tank for an extended period of time.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.

More information

Learn more about safety during a boil water advisory from Alberta Health Services [Environmental Public Health](#).

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We apologize for any inconvenience.

Water Safety

Using water at home during a boil water advisory

When there's a boil water advisory, your tap water isn't safe to drink or use as usual. The following information tells you how to be careful with water during an advisory and what to do when the advisory ends. See [Boiling and storing water](#) to learn how to make your water safe to drink.

Drinking water and preparing food

During a boil water advisory, take these precautions:

- Don't use tap water for drinking, preparing food (including washing vegetables and cooking rice), making juice, or preparing baby formula.
- Don't use any ice, filtered water, drinks, or food that was made with tap water. Throw it all away.
- Don't use a home water filter to try to make your water safe. Home water filters can't safely treat contaminated water.
- Don't give your pets tap water to drink.
- Don't use tap water for a pod-style coffee maker.
- Use a drip coffee maker **only** if it heats water to high temperatures.

Cleaning surfaces and washing dishes

During a boil water advisory, any surfaces that touch food—such as counters, dishes, and cutting boards—must be washed with soap and water, rinsed, and then sanitized.

To sanitize counters after you wash them, add 5 millilitres (1 teaspoon) of unscented liquid chlorine bleach (5.25%) to 1 litre of bottled or cooled boiled water. Use the mixture to spray or wipe the counter.

To sanitize dishes after washing them:

1. Add 10 millilitres (2 teaspoons) of liquid unscented chlorine bleach (5.25%) to 5 litres of tap water in an empty sink. Don't add soap.
2. Soak the dishes for 2 minutes.
3. Take the dishes out of the sink and let them air dry.

It's safe to use tap water for laundry and cleaning surfaces that don't touch food, such as walls or floors. It's also safe to use a dishwasher on either the high-heat setting or the sanitize cycle.

Bathing and cleaning your body

Here's what to know about bathing and cleaning yourself during a boil water advisory:

- Don't use tap water to brush your teeth—use bottled water or boiled water instead.
- You can use tap water to shower and bathe. Watch small children closely to make sure they don't drink the water. But **don't** use tap water to fill a wading pool, play areas, or water play tables.
- You can use tap water to wash your hands. Always use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol after you wash your hands with soap and tap water.

Taking precautions after the advisory ends

Here's how to flush, clean, and sanitize areas that have contact with water after the boil water advisory ends:

- Turn on all taps and flush water lines for at least 5 minutes (10 minutes if you live in an apartment building).
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- Drain and refill hot-water tanks that are set below 45°C. You also need to drain and refill hot-water tanks if there was a loss of power or gas to the tank for an extended period of time.
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More information

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COUNCIL NOTES – 2025 ASFF REQUISITION – SCHOOL TAXES – March 10 2025

As reported on the news, the Provincial Government has increased school taxes (collected with municipal property taxes and requisitioned by the GoA) in 2025.

The end result for Beiseker is as follows:

Requisition for 2024 - \$313,429.89

Requisition for 2025 - \$363,588.15

Total increase \$50,158.26

The province advises that the Residential/Farmland properties are being taxed 20% higher than 2024. Non-Residential is being taxed 8% higher.

From the GoA

Requisition Highlights

Budget 2025 will see an increase to the education property tax rates after being frozen in 2024-25. The higher rates, along with rising property values and increased development, are expected to raise the education property tax requisition from \$2.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$3.1 billion in 2025-26.

The share of education operating costs funded by the education property tax will increase to 31.6 per cent in 2025-26, following historic lows of about 28 per cent in 2023-24 and 29.5 per cent in 2024-25.

In 2025, the education property tax will be calculated at a rate of \$2.72 per \$1,000 of the total residential/farmland equalized assessment value. The non-residential rate will be set at \$4.00 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment value.

We were provided a copy of the attached brochure that we will be distributing with the April utility bills. Note that the brochure does not provide information regarding the increase. ASFF taxes will be included on the Property Tax/Assessment notices in June 2025 with the current 2025 mill rates (adjusted for Beiseker Assessments). We will provide information on the increase in our information sheet when the notices are sent out.

Alberta Seniors Benefit:

This program provides monthly cash benefits for eligible seniors with low income. It provides support in addition to the federal benefits received including Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Learn more about this program and find out if you are eligible at: <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-seniors-benefit.aspx> or call the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992.

Can I direct my education property tax to a private school?

No. By provincial law, money collected through the education property tax can only be used to fund the public education system, which includes public and separate schools. Private school funding comes from three sources: provincial general revenues, tuition or instruction fees paid by parents, and private fundraising.

Why are property owners asked to declare their faith?

In Alberta, the Constitution guarantees Roman Catholic citizens' minority rights to a separate education system. In communities with separate school jurisdictions, property owners can declare they are of the Roman Catholic faith so their education property tax dollars can be directed to those separate school jurisdictions.

For more information

Contact your municipality regarding:

- the assessed value of your property;
- market value assessment;
- declaration of school board support; or
- monthly tax installment plans.

Seniors - Contact Alberta Supports Contact Centre:

toll-free at 1-877-644-9992, or visit the website at <https://www.alberta.ca/seniors-community-and-social-services> for more information on:

- the Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program;
- the Alberta Seniors Benefit; or
- other provincial programs and services for seniors.

Contact the Government of Alberta education property tax line:

780-422-7125 (toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000)

Education funding information:

Details of the Alberta School Foundation Fund are published in the Alberta Education Annual Report, available online at: <https://www.alberta.ca/government-and-ministry-annual-reports.aspx>

Overall education funding information can be found online at: <https://www.alberta.ca/k-12-education-funding-model.aspx>

Education property tax

Facts and information

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Facts

An accessible, quality education system is a priority for this government, and for all Albertans. Funding to the K-12 education system incorporates two revenue sources – general provincial revenues and education property taxes. Using two revenue streams provides stability for education funding.

In 1994, the Government of Alberta established the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF). This fund makes certain that the education property tax is accounted for separately from general revenues.

F.A.Q.S

What does the education property tax pay for?

The education property tax supports all public and separate school students. The education property tax helps pay for instructional costs including teacher salaries, textbooks, and other classroom resources.

How is my share of the education property tax calculated?

Your share is based on the assessment value of your property and the local education property tax rate.

A decrease in the local education property tax rate can help lessen the impact of assessment value increases on your individual tax bill.

Where does the education property tax go?

The money collected from the education property tax goes to fund Albertans' priorities in education. The education property tax is pooled into the ASFF and then distributed among Alberta's public and separate school boards on an equal per-student basis.

All separate school boards in the province have opted-out of the ASFF, which means they requisition and collect property tax money from the municipalities directly. Any difference between what an opted-out board collects and what they are entitled to receive is adjusted for so there is no financial gain to a school jurisdiction that opts out of the ASFF.

How does the province collect the education property tax?

Every year the province calculates, based on assessment value, the amount each municipality must contribute towards the public education system.

Municipalities collect the education property tax from ratepayers and then forward it to the province for deposit into the ASFF.

Why is education partially funded through property tax?

The education property tax provides Alberta's education system with a stable and sustainable source of revenue. Pooling the education property tax in the ASFF ensures that students receive a quality education regardless of their municipality's assessment wealth.

Does everyone pay the education property tax?

All property owners pay the education property tax (with some exceptions, such as some non-profit organizations and seniors' lodge facilities). People who rent or lease property may also contribute indirectly through their monthly rent or lease payments. As the education system benefits all Albertans, people without children in school also pay the education property tax.

Every Albertan benefits from a quality education system. The education property tax supports an education system that is producing the workforce of tomorrow.

Do seniors have to pay the education property tax?

The education tax is a tax on property assessment; therefore, seniors who own property must pay the education property tax. The Government of Alberta has implemented programs to assist seniors.

Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program

The Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program allows eligible senior homeowners to defer all or part of their property taxes through a low-interest home equity loan with the Alberta government. The government then pays the property taxes on behalf of the eligible homeowner. The loan does not have to be repaid until the property is sold or sooner if they so choose. For more information, please visit www.alberta.ca/seniors-property-tax-deferral-program.aspx