



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADDED ITEMS

- a) Mill Rate Discussion to **New Business** 8.c
- b) Removal of **Delegation** 6.d

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adoption of agenda of March 9, 2026
Motion: To adopt the agenda of March 9, 2026

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- a) Adoption of the Public Hearing minutes of February 23, 2026 (addendum 4.a)
Motion: To adopt the Public Hearing minutes of February 23, 2026



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- b) Adoption of the Regular Council minutes of February 23, 2026 (addendum 4.b)
Motion: To adopt the Regular Council minutes of February 23, 2026



5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6. DELEGATIONS

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- a) MNP LLP-2025 Audit
- b) Municipal Assessment Services Group-Travis Horne
- c) Hope 4 Mountain View Kids-Lisa Nicholson (addendum 6.c)



- d) ~~Dog Concern-Susan Rankin~~

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

8. NEW BUSINESS

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- a) Quarterly Community Policing Reports (addendum 8.a)



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- b) Tax Assessment Notice Insert (addendum 8.b)



- c) Mill Rate Discussions

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) POLICIES & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
Next Meeting March 9, 2026
- b) MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WASTE COMMISSION
- c) MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION
- d) MOUNTAIN VIEW SENIORS HOUSING

10. COUNCILOR REPORTS

- a) COUNCILOR BALL
- b) COUNCILOR FRICKE
- c) COUNCILOR ROBERTS
- d) COUNCILOR SELANDERS
- e) COUNCILOR TOLLEY
- f) COUNCILOR WILCOX
- g) MAYOR ALLAN

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. CAO'S REPORT

13. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

15. CLOSED MEETING

Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act requires that Council and Council Committees conduct their meetings in public unless the matter to be discussed falls under one of the exceptions to disclosure outlined in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Access to Information Act (AITA), including but not limited to matters related to business interests, personal privacy, individual or public safety, confidential evaluations or law enforcement. (Sections 19 to 34).

- a) *Section 19-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a Third-Party*

16. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
BYLAW NO. 2066 – MANDALAY PHASE 2
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

ATTENDEES: Mayor Allan, Councilors Ball, Fricke, Roberts, Selanders, Tolley & Wilcox; Director of Legislative & Corporate Services Shannon Allison; Deputy CAO and Director of Planning & Development Kirk Williscroft; CAO Rick Blair & Executive Assistant Kayleigh Van Es

ABSENT: Nil

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Allan called the Public Hearing of Monday, February 23, 2026, to order at 7:01 p.m.

PURPOSE: **1. Bylaw No. 2066 – Mandalay Phase 2**
The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive and consider to redesignate the land to R1 in order to develop Phase 2 of Mandalay Estates which includes developing single family residential in the Mandalay subdivision. This Land Use Redesignation is needed to accommodate subdivision application (SD-26-02) to subdivide the plan area into 60 lots. The existing plan area includes pockets of land that are designated as R3, R2 and PFR. In order to process the subdivision, this Land Use Redesignation is required.

DELEGATIONS: Nil

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: Nil

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adjourn the Public Hearing meeting of February 23, 2026, at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Dean Allan, Mayor

Rick Blair, CAO

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ABSENT: Nil

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Allan called the meeting of Monday, February 23, 2026, to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADDED ITEMS: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion 053/26 Motion by Councilor Ball to adopt the Regular Council Agenda of February 23, 2026, as presented. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
Motion 054/26 Motion by Councilor Roberts to adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, as presented. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: **1. Bylaw No. 2066 Mandalay Phase 2**
K. Williscroft spoke to the Bylaw and the Subdivision report for Phase 2 of the Mandalay Subdivision.

Councilor Fricke asked if this phase would include a roundabout to the Highway 581, K. Williscroft stated that it will be included in the next phase.

Motion 055/26 Motion by Councilor Fricke to give second reading of Bylaw No. 2066 Mandalay Phase 2, as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion 056/26 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to give third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2066 Mandalay Phase 2, as presented. **CARRIED**

Administration recommended that Council approve the subdivision with the following conditions: **1.** That the applicant/owner prepare and follow Residential Design Guidelines to the satisfaction of the Town of Carstairs; **2.** That subdivision is carried out by means suitable to the Registrar of the Land Titles Office per Section 81 and 89 of the Land Titles Act; **3.** That prior to endorsement, it is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the submission of a Plan of Survey, including CAD file, the Owner's Consent to Register, and the Surveyor's Affidavit are received by the Town of Carstairs; **4.** That prior to plan endorsement, all existing or newly required access rights-of-way, easements, overland drainage rights-of-way and agreements that are to be registered shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Town of Carstairs; **5.** That prior to endorsement all outstanding property taxes be paid, or satisfactory arrangement for payment thereof, to the Town of Carstairs (per Section 654 (1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act); and; **6.** That the applicant/owner enter into a development agreement with the Town of Carstairs to include, but not be limited to, the construction of roads and sidewalks, the installation of municipal services, and boulevard landscaping.

Motion 057/26 Motion by Councilor Tolley to approve the Subdivision Report for Mandalay Phase 2, subject to the conditions listed in Section 7.0, Decision and Conditions of Subdivision, Option D. **CARRIED**

2. Bylaw No. 2067 Borrowing Bylaw-2025 Jacobsen Mower
S. Allison advised that it is more cost-effective to borrow funds for the mower rather than lease the equipment.

Mayor Allan asked if there was an option to pay off the loan early. S. Allison confirmed that there is.

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Motion 058/26 Motion by Councilor Ball to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2067 Borrowing Bylaw-2025 Jacobsen Mower, as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion 059/26 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to give second reading of Bylaw No. 2067 Borrowing Bylaw-2025 Jacobsen Mower, as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion 060/26 Motion by Councilor Selanders to move to third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2067 Borrowing Bylaw-2025 Jacobsen Mower, as presented. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion 061/26 Motion by Councilor Roberts to give third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2067 Borrowing Bylaw-2025 Jacobsen Mower, as presented. **CARRIED**

DELEGATIONS: Nil

BYLAWS & POLICIES: **1. Bylaw No. 1062 Traffic Bylaw**
The Bylaw was reviewed at the last Policies & Priorities Committee meeting, with recommendation for adoption.

Councilor Selanders noted the document had not been corrected following changes made at the last P&P meeting. Administration acknowledged the error and confirmed that the correct version will be signed.

Motion 062/26 Motion by Councilor Fricke to give first reading of Bylaw No. 1062 Traffic Bylaw, as amended. **CARRIED**

Motion 063/26 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to give second reading of Bylaw No. 1062 Traffic Bylaw, as amended. **CARRIED**

Motion 064/26 Motion by Councilor Selanders to move to third and final reading of. Bylaw No. 1062 Traffic Bylaw, as amended. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion 065/26 Motion by Councilor Roberts to give third and final reading of Bylaw No. 1062 Traffic Bylaw, as amended. **CARRIED**

2. Policy No. 11-029-26 Appeal Policy
The Policy was reviewed at the last Policies & Priorities Committee meeting, with recommendation for adoption.

Motion 066/26 Motion by Councilor Ball to adopt Policy No. 11-029-26 Appeal Policy, as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Policy No. 11-030-26 Swearing-In Ceremony Policy
The Policy was reviewed at the last Policies & Priorities Committee meeting, with recommendation for adoption.

Motion 067/26 Motion by Councilor Tolley to adopt Policy No. 11-030-26 Swearing-In Ceremony Policy, as presented. **CARRIED**

4. Policy No. 12-041-26 Communications & Social Media Policy
The Policy was reviewed at the last Policies & Priorities Committee meeting, with recommendation for adoption.

Motion 068/26 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt Policy No. 12-041-26 Communications & Social Media Policy, as presented. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS: **1. January 2026 Financials**
S. Allison presented December 31,2025 Year End Financials as well as January 2026 Financial Statements.

Councilor Fricke commented that the new layout makes financials much easier to understand.

Councilor Tolley asked for clarification on unrestricted versus restricted funds and deferred revenue.

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CAO Blair stated that Administration will be looking at a Capital Reserve Capacity Bylaw.

Motion 069/26

Motion by Councilor Tolley to accept January 2026 and 2025 Financial Discussions as information.

CARRIED**2. Fleet Summary 2022 & 2025**

CAO Blair provided a breakdown of the Town's fleet inventory and tracking, including light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles. The report identifies any anomalies and provides explanations on variances. He advised that this information will be brought to Council on a regular basis for ongoing monitoring and transparency.

Motion 070/26

Motion by Councilor Ball to accept Fleet Summary from 2022 & 2025 as information.

CARRIED**3. MPC Appointment-Tom Humphrey**

Motion 071/26

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to appoint Tom Humphrey to the Municipal Planning Commission for a 2-year term.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****1. Policies & Priorities Committee**

- Minutes of the February 17, 2026, meeting were attached. Next meeting March 17, 2026.

2. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission

- Next meeting April 2026.

3. Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission

- Councilor Roberts provided a verbal report of February 10, 2026. Next meeting AGM April 8, 2026.

4. Mountain View Seniors' Housing

- Councilor Fricke provided a verbal report. The Board participated in an all-facility site tour in Sundre, Cremona, Didsbury, Carstairs, and Olds on February 13, 2026. The Board met on February 19, 2026. Asset transfer for Carry Manor was approved by the Government of Alberta, and ownership will be transferred to MVSH. The Board reviewed several policies. Received presentations from the Director of Operations and Director of Maintenance. Attrition rate since the new CAO assumed the role has been reduced by 74%. Next meeting March 19, 2026.

Motion 072/26

Motion by Councilor Tolley to accept all Committee Reports as information.

CARRIED**COUNCILOR REPORTS:****1. Councilor Ball**

- Provided a verbal report.
- February 17, 2026, attended Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting.

2. Councilor Fricke

- Provided a verbal report.
- February 13, 2026, MVSH Board Site Tours of all properties in Sundre, Cremona, Didsbury, Carstairs, and Olds.
- February 17, 2026, attended Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting.
- February 19, 2026, attended MVSH Board meeting.

3. Councilor Roberts

- Provided a verbal report.
- February 10, 2026, attended Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission meeting.
- February 17, 2026, attended Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting.

4. Councilor Selanders

- Provided a verbal report.
- February 17, 2026, attended Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting.

5. Councilor Tolley

- Provided a verbal report.

6. Councilor Wilcox

- Provided a verbal report.
- February 17, 2026, attended Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting.
- February 19, 2026, attended Regional Parkland Representatives Board Meeting.

7. Mayor Allan

- Provided a verbal report.

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- February 17, 2026, attended Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting.
- February 20, 2026, along with MP William Stevenson, presented Canadian Citizenship Certificates to Carstairs residents.

Motion 073/26

Motion by Councilor Selanders to accept all Councilor Reports as information.

CARRIED**CORRESPONDENCE:****1. Airdrie BMX Donation Request**

Council reviewed the request.

Councilor Selanders asked if there is a policy for donation requests. CAO Blair clarified that there is not due to the number of request Council receives.

Motion 074/26

Motion by Councilor Ball to accept Airdrie BMX Donation request as information.

CARRIED**2. Imagine Gymnastics**

Council reviewed the request.

Motion 075/26

Motion by Councilor Ball to accept Imagine Gymnastics Donation request as information.

CARRIED**3. PAMZ**

Council reviewed the letter from Parkland Airshed Management Zone.

Motion 076/26

Motion by Councilor Roberts to accept the Parkland Airshed Management Zone request as information.

CARRIED**4. HSS Scholarship request**

Council reviewed the request.

Motion 077/26

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to maintain the current funding model for Hugh Sutherland School Scholarships.

CARRIED**CAO'S REPORT:**

- February 11, 2026, MVRWSC Supply line construction meeting.
- February 12, 2026, meeting with IJD Inspections.
- February 12, 2026, water reservoir construction meeting.
- February 17, 2026, Policies & Priorities Committee meeting.
- February 18, 2026, Carstairs Feeder Main meeting.
- Upcoming February 24, 2026, meeting with Urban Systems regarding IDP/Annexation.
- Upcoming February 26, 2026, meeting with RCMP regarding detachment.
- Reviewing invoices for E360 for clean-up charges for the hydraulic fluid leak.
- Debenture for the Water Service line came in.
- Annual neighborhood party has been turned over to the Chamber of Commerce to a Tradeshow on April 17, 2026.

Motion 078/26

Motion by Councilor Ball to accept CAO's Report as information.

CARRIED**COUNCILOR COMMENTS: 1. Councilor Ball**

- Commended Operations crews for the great job done on snow removal.

2. Councilor Fricke

- Commended once again J. Lockert and staff at the Carstairs Community Golf Club for great reputation and being a great location for large event/tournaments.

3. Councilor Selanders

- Received a concern regarding snow removal and distance to the curb and gutters.

Motion 079/26

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to accept Councilor Comments as information.

CARRIED**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:****1. Rose Warden**

- Wanted to express admiration for the hard work Council does. She also noted that, when upgrading Elk's Park, consideration be given to keeping the teeter-totters as they are well utilized.

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1. Section 20-Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy

Motion 080/26 Motion by Councilor Selanders that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy, as per Section 20, of the ATIA, at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Councilor Selanders recused herself from discussion and voting due to a pecuniary interest at 7:49 p.m.

Motion 081/26 Motion by Councilor Fricke to come out of the closed meeting session at 8:14 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion 082/26 Motion by Councilor Tolley to revise the encroachment agreement as requested.

DEFEATED

Councilor Selanders re-entered the open meeting at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion 083/26 Motion by Councilor Ball to adjourn the meeting of February 23, 2026, at 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Dean Allan, Mayor

Rick Blair, CAO



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2025



Hope 4 MVC Kids Society
hope4mvckids.org

Chair Report For Financial Year End 1st November 2024 - 31st October 2025

A message from the founder Lisa Nicholson:

As we approach the close of this financial year, I am proud to reflect on 12 years of supporting local families with children facing medical challenges across Mountain View County.

This year alone, we have had the privilege of assisting 41 children and their families, providing a total of \$78,088.65 in support. Since our founding in 2013, we have fulfilled 201 child applications, delivering \$401,941 in program support to local families in need.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated board members. Our organization operates entirely on a volunteer basis, and it is their commitment, generosity, and passion for building community that allow our programs to thrive.

I also wish to thank our financial supporters and everyone who contributes by sharing our mission, attending our events, or volunteering in any capacity. Your generosity ensures that we can continue to bring hope and tangible support to families who need it most.

We are truly blessed to be part of such a compassionate and giving community.

Lisa Nicholson

Founder



A message from the Chair Katie Dunn

Another year of being a part of this amazing organization has come to a close and to say it was a big year personally as well as organizationally, is an understatement.

This year was a big one for me in terms of learning and growth. Not only did I officially step full time into the chair role and all that comes with learning the specific duties involved there but I was tasked with onboarding three new board members. Each new board member brings enthusiasm and great qualities to our existing group of board members. I also had the pleasure of training a couple ladies who moved into my old role as application directors.

Whether we were ready for it or not, we dove head first into planning for an office space, which is greatly needed for our continued growth. It was also time to shift our focus on planning for another event, even though most of us felt like we just had our decade celebration. However, this time around we decided to partner with the Rotary Club of Olds instead of competing against each other for donations and support as we have our annual events around the same time every two years. There was a lot of time spent collaborating and planning for both organizations. All our efforts paid off as it was an extremely successful event!

I am eager to see what next year will bring and how much more growth we will see in our organization; as well as the continued impact we can make for our local families. To be a part of something that means so much to many, has been incredibly fulfilling and life changing.

Katie Dunn

Chair



Our Mission

Our mission is based on a foundation of compassion. We strive to 'pay it forward' by providing support to those families with children in medical need across Mountain View County

Our Vision

Our Vision is supporting families with children in medical need.

Program Overview

Program 1: offers assistance to local children who are hospitalized. This includes support for parking, meals, fuel, and sibling care. For long-term hospital stays, additional help may be available, including rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.

Program 2: provides support for local children needing adaptive equipment for home or school, which is not covered by other funding sources.

Program 3: assists children who require home modifications due to illness or disability, also not covered by other resources.

Program 4: helps local children needing therapeutic services, such as counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, mental health support, or alternative therapies that are not covered by health insurance.

Program 5: extends assistance for prescription medications that aren't covered by health insurance.

Program 6: offers support, advocacy, and information to families navigating a child's illness or diagnosis. With the personal experiences of our board members, we understand the challenges faced and can guide families to additional resources and support.

Program 7 – Assessment Support (Launched January 15, 2024): Assists children requiring assessments, including psychoeducational evaluations, psychological assessments, and IQ tests. This program is offered on a limited basis as funds allow.

Chair's Report – Program & Community Impact Summary Bringing Hope to Mountain View Families

Number of applications per town this financial year:

6 Carstairs, 11 Olds, 1 Sundre, 12 Rural Mountain View County, 9 Didsbury, 2 Cremona

Individual program breakdown this financial year:

Program 1 Hospital supports ~ 8

Program 2 Adaptive Equipment ~ 3

Program 3 Home adaptation ~ 0

Program 4 Therapy ~10

Program 5 Prescription ~2

Program 7 Assessment ~ 18

Total Applications this financial year: 41

Total amounts given per town this financial year:

Carstairs: \$13,144.90

Olds: \$34,791.81

Sundre: \$617.88

County: \$9,410.75

Didsbury: \$19,336.32

Cremona: \$786.99

Grand total to families via programs this financial year: \$78,088.65

Number of applications per town since we began:

37 Carstairs, 71 Olds, 8 Sundre, 50 Rural Mountain View County, 33 Didsbury, 2 Cremona

Total amounts given per town since we began:

Carstairs: \$65,588

Olds: \$138,351

Sundre: \$16,589

County: \$101,592

Didsbury: \$78,034

Cremona: \$787.00

Total Amount provided to families since inception: \$401, 949

Chair's Report Continued Bringing Hope to Mountain View Families

Individual program breakdown since we began:

Program 1 Hospital supports ~ 72
Program 2 Adaptive Equipment ~ 36
Program 3 Home adaptation ~ 10
Program 4 Therapy ~ 28
Program 5 Prescription ~ 20
Program 7 Assessment ~ 35

Total program uses since inception: 201

Summary:

This year reflects a strong and steady need across all communities in Mountain View County, with 41 families supported and over \$78,000 distributed through our programs. Since our charity began, we have supported 201 applications and distributed over \$401,000 directly to families with children in medical need.

Our programs continue to meet critical gaps in care, especially in:

- Hospital transportation and accommodation support
- Therapy and developmental supports
- Psychoeducational assessments
- Medical equipment and adaptive tools

We remain committed to reducing financial hardship for families during some of their most challenging moments.

Program 7 Spotlight

Year 12 (2025)

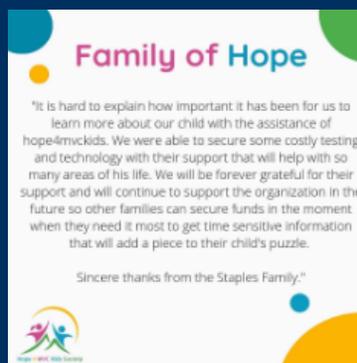
In 2025, Hope 4 MVC Kids Society reintroduced Program 7 – Assessments to address the continuing need for timely and accessible developmental and psychological evaluations for children within our region. Persistent wait times, averaging up to three years, along with the high cost of private assessments, have created substantial barriers for families seeking timely support for their children. Program Delivery and Funding Applications reopened on January 15, 2025, and were accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the annual allocation was fully distributed. A total of \$49,488.31 in assistance was provided, supporting 18 children through this program. Eligible families could receive up to \$3,000 including GST, after application of any private health care coverage. Required documentation included a professional recommendation for the assessment and a formal cost estimate.

Community Reach

Program 7 served families across multiple areas within the region:

- Olds: 9 applications
- County: 5 applications
- Carstairs: 3 applications
- Didsbury: 1 application

Applications may originate from any community at any time, based on need and available resources.



Program 7 Spotlight

Impact and Importance

Early access to developmental and psychological assessments is essential for ensuring children receive appropriate support at home, in school, and within the broader community. These assessments are often required to access educational accommodations, therapeutic programs, and government-funded services. Without timely evaluations, children may experience delays in development, increased emotional and mental strain, and barriers that affect long-term outcomes.

Challenges and Advocacy

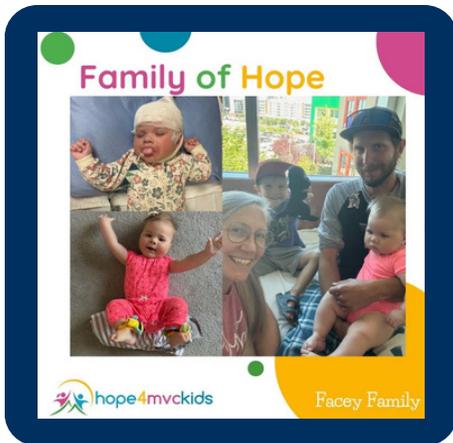
Hope 4 MVC Kids Society remains committed to continuing this limited program to meet ongoing community needs. However, efforts to secure local grant funding were unsuccessful. Municipal funders indicated that health care funding and service delivery fall under the jurisdiction of the provincial government and therefore lie outside municipal mandate.

While this position reflects governmental structure, it does not address the significant and complex challenges faced by families in our communities—particularly those who cannot wait years for assessments that are essential to their children’s well-being. This gap highlights the urgent need for collaborative solutions and sustainable funding models to ensure that children receive timely and appropriate evaluations.

Conclusion

Program 7 continues to play a critical role in bridging service gaps for families facing long wait times and high assessment costs. Hope 4 MVC Kids Society remains dedicated to supporting children’s developmental and emotional well-being and will continue advocating for funding mechanisms that reflect the realities and needs of the families we serve.

Families of Hope Highlights 2024



Read their full stories on our website & social media pages

Introducing “Home for Hope”

Community Lending Shelf
- Located on 2nd floor

The **Home for Hope** is envisioned as a safe, inclusive, and accessible community hub for families caring for children with medical needs across the Mountain View region.

While we previously explored establishing the Home for Hope in a specific leased space, we have since determined that location was not operationally viable for our organization. Our commitment to creating the Home for Hope, however, remains strong.

Our updated goal is to secure a **right-sized, accessible space** that aligns with our capacity as a volunteer-run charity and allows us to open our doors to families in a sustainable and timely way.

What the Home for Hope Will Be

The Home for Hope will provide families with:

- A welcoming, dignified place to meet privately with our team
- Support navigating medical, financial, and emotional challenges
- Connections to other lifespan, health, and community-based resources
- A calm and supportive environment during some of life's most difficult moments

For over **13 years**, Hope 4 MVC Kids Society has supported families wherever we could — in coffee shops, parking lots, and public spaces — far from ideal when families are facing medical crises. A dedicated space will allow us to serve families with greater privacy, consistency, and care.

What We Are Looking For

We are actively seeking:

- **One accessible room** to serve as the Home for Hope
- **An additional office at the same location**, to be used as a boardroom and/or future staff workspace (if available)
- **Access to a bathroom** (shared facilities are suitable)

The space may be donated or offered at a reasonable nonprofit rate. Utilities can be covered by our organization.

Community Impact

The Home for Hope will:

- Provide a centralized, accessible point of support for families with medically complex children
- Improve coordination of family, health, and community resources
- Strengthen family resilience and community connection
- Support long-term sustainability and volunteer engagement

Ways You Can Help

- **Donate** via our website (please note “Home for Hope” in the comments)
- **Offer Space** — donated or low-cost facilities are critical to making this vision possible
- **Share Our Story** — help us reach partners who may have space available

Together, we can find a **Home for Hope** — a lasting symbol of compassion, connection, and community.

To get involved:

✉ info@hope4mvckids.org

Volunteer Spotlight

Hope 4 MVC Kids simply could not thrive without the dedication of our extraordinary volunteers. They are the heart of our mission—strengthening our capacity, extending our reach, and reducing costs for both our organization and the families we serve. Their commitment not only elevates our visibility in the community but also ensures we can continue providing vital support to those who need it most. Each volunteer brings unique strengths, skills, and passion, and together, they form the foundation of our success.

Our Board of Directors is currently composed of 11 exceptional volunteers who give generously of their time, expertise, and compassion. Many contribute well beyond traditional expectations, with some offering up to 20 hours per week. Their unwavering dedication and belief in our mission allow Hope 4 MVC Kids to continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of local families.

Our Board:

- **Lisa Nicholson**, Founder – *12 Years Volunteering*
- **Suzanne Young**, Co-Founder – *12 Years Volunteering*
- **Jamie Austin**, Secretary – *12 Years Volunteering*
- **Katie Dunn**, Chair – *6 Years Volunteering*
- **Richard Nicholson**, Volunteer Director – *6 Years Volunteering*
- **Bobbi Bartek**, Treasurer – *5 Years Volunteering*
- **Jennifer Forscutt**, Assessments Application Director – *5 Years Volunteering*
- **Kendra McReadie**, Family Applications Director – *3 Years Volunteering*
- **Joy Cavin**, IT Director – *3 Years Volunteering*
- **Shaylene Doucette**, Co-Chair – *1 Year Volunteering*
- **Jennifer Snelgrove**, Marketing Director – *1 Year Volunteering*
- **Sue Smyth**, Corporate Engagement Director – *1 Year Volunteering*

Honorable mention and goodbyes to:

Jen Forscutt-For the past five years, **Jennifer Forscutt** has generously volunteered in multiple key roles within our organization, beginning as Volunteer Director, then transitioning to Grants Director, and most recently serving as Assessments Application Director. Her compassion, empathy, and unwavering commitment to families in need have been evident in everything she does.

Jennifer's presence—and her remarkable heart—will be greatly missed. We extend our sincere gratitude for her years of service and wish her all the best as she enjoys some well-deserved time with her grandson.



Danielle Cheeseman - For the past several years, Danielle Cheeseman has generously contributed her time and talents to Hope 4 MVC Kids, initially joining the board in October 2021 as Grants Director. After a brief hiatus to focus on her family, Danielle returned in October 2023 as Marketing Director, bringing her creativity and expertise to enhance our social media presence and strengthen our outreach.

Danielle left her 2 year term early in August 2025. Danielle's energy, innovation, and has been invaluable to our organization. Her presence—and her remarkable talents—will be greatly missed. We extend our sincere gratitude for her service and wish her all the best as she focuses on her business and family.



The Heart of Hope 4 MVC Kids

Given the sensitive nature of the work we do, it is essential to focus on retaining, nurturing, and supporting our volunteers. We remain deeply committed to preventing burnout, fostering personal growth, and promoting the mental well-being of all our volunteers. By prioritizing their support, we ensure that they can continue to serve effectively and confidently.

This year, we were grateful to receive a grant from FCSS Olds, Mountain View County, Olds, and Didsbury, which enabled us to host a mental health support day for our board members. Highlights of the day included:

- Alicia Carignan, who guided the group through strategies for building resilience and supporting families through trauma and mental health
- Debbie Unger, who led a meaningful craft activity to honor the sacrifices of our troops for Remembrance Day and to spread a message of hope in the Town of Olds
- Natale Stubber, who facilitated a restorative yoga session and guided sound bath to promote mindfulness and well-being

We also sincerely thank Amy Lee from Olds Town Square for providing her beautiful studio and delicious beverages, and RC Eats for a nutritious and thoughtfully prepared lunch that enhanced the day's experience.

Through initiatives like these, we continue to invest in the well-being, growth, and resilience of our volunteers—the heart of Hope 4 MVC Kids.

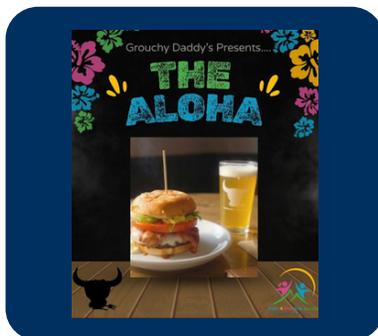
We are also fortunate to have many additional community volunteers who lend their time and energy during our events, and we are deeply grateful for their ongoing support.



Fundraisers/Supporters Highlights 2025

Thank you to:

1. Grouchy Daddies in Olds for your support of our cause with Octobers 'Burger of the month'
2. The Rotary club of Olds for your 'Dragons Den' evening. It was great to share the evening with other amazing local groups
3. Mountain View Colts Jr for Hope 4 MVC Kids Night
4. Barley's Pub Carstairs – Customer Appreciation Turkey Dinner donations
5. Western Financial Group – “Buy a Block” walking fundraiser
6. Eagle Beef and Multi 4-H Club for donating Steer Mountie and Lamb Hope at their Annual Achievement Day
7. AltaGas Harmatten Gas Plant for their Charity Golf Tournament
8. Mountain View County Social Club
9. Velocity Garage for hosting a car show with proceeds to Hope 4 MVC Kids



Fundraisers/Supporters Highlights 2025



Grants:

- FCSS Carstairs – \$1,000
- FCSS Didsbury – \$250
- FCSS Olds – \$1,300
- FCSS Mountain View County – \$1,300
- Mountain View County – Reoccurring Programs Grant: \$15,000

Your support enables us to continue providing vital programs and services to children and families across our communities.

Cardel Ride of a Lifetime – September 12, 2025

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Cardel Homes and Rocky Mountain Motorsports for hosting our Hope families at the unforgettable Cardel Ride of a Lifetime on September 12, 2025.

It was a spectacular day filled with fast cars, big smiles, and lasting memories. Eight of our Hope families had an incredible experience on the track, and several of our dedicated volunteers even got the chance to take a spin! The public also participated, helping to make the event even more exciting.

Thanks to the generosity and community spirit of Cardel Homes and Rocky Mountain Motorsports, the event raised \$15,000 for Hope 4 MVC Kids and \$15,000 for Make-A-Wish, totaling \$30,000 in support for children and families in our community. We are truly grateful for your continued commitment to making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

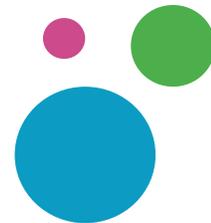


Awards

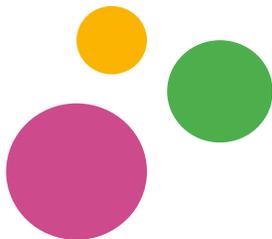
Hope 4 MVC Kids Society was honored as Best Local Cause in 2025 at the Albertan Annual Readers' Choice Awards.



Founder Lisa Nicholson was recognized on International Women's Day 2025, receiving the Women in Business – Not-for-Profit Award at the Second Annual Mountain View & Neighbors Women in Business Awards.



Lisa Nicholson, Founder, and Joy Cavin, IT Director, were recognized as Citizen Volunteers of the Year by the Town of Olds.



Financial Statement



Hope 4 MVC Kids Society
Financial Statements
Year Ended October 31, 2025

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2025	2024
Assets:		
Cash Deposits	\$ 120,751	\$ 140,360
Accounts Receivable	\$ 3,889	\$ 1,933
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,050	\$ 2,040
Total Net Assets / Closing Surplus	\$ 123,590	\$ 140,253

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues:		
Donations	\$ 52,911	\$ 47,266
Grants	\$ 24,100	\$ 21,902
Event Income	\$ -	\$ 22,933
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 11,070
Interest	\$ 1,148	\$ 2,346
Total Revenues	\$ 78,159	\$ 105,517
Expenditures:		
Advertising and Promotion	\$ 651	\$ 911
Bank Service Fees	\$ 516	\$ 694
Event Supplies	\$ 178	\$ 13,139
Fundraising Supplies	\$ 373	\$ 1,230
Insurance	\$ 1,699	\$ 1,912
Office and Administrative	\$ 4,825	\$ 3,670
Professional Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Volunteer Expenses	\$ 1,732	\$ 1,348
Assistance to Families	\$ 83,848	\$ 115,415
Total Expenditures	\$ 94,822	\$ 140,319
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (16,663)	\$ (34,802)


 Signature
 Shaylene Doucette
 Name
 vice chair
 Position
 Nov 11'25
 Date


 Signature
 Suzanne Young
 Name
 Co founder
 Position
 Nov 11'25
 Date

**Budget
November 1, 2025 -
October 31, 2026**

November 1st 2025 to October 31st 2026:

Promotion and Advertising - **\$782**
Event Supplies - **\$214**
Fundraising Supplies - **\$2000** (swag to sell)
Insurance - **\$2039**
Meals and Travel - **\$0**
Office and Administrative cost - **\$5790**
To Families(50,000 for assessments) - **\$100,618**
Home for Hope - **\$30,000**
Gst Paid - **\$1200**
Professional Fees - **\$1200**
Volunteer Expenses (Include mental healthday/training/recruitment)
- **\$5078**
Bank Charges and interest - **\$619**

Total Budget Disbursements = \$149,540

Budgeted Revenue November 1st 2025 to October 31st 2026

Donations - **\$43,493**
Event Income - **\$40,000**
Grants **\$50,000**
Fundraising - **\$0**
Gst refund - **\$2000**
Interest - **\$1378**
Funds from surplus **\$12,169**

Total Anticipated Revenue = \$149,540

Strategic Goals and Progress Review

In April 2024, the board dedicated a full day to outlining our strategic goals for the next five years. Our key focus areas and progress to date are as follows:

Volunteers

- Develop a volunteer handbook, name tags, and T-shirts – Handbook completed, name tags and T-shirts - **Completed**
- Follow up with volunteers from family applications – **Not completed**
- Conduct presentations with schools, community services, emergency services, and local councils – **Not completed**
- Enhance the volunteer sign-up process – **Not completed**

Transition to Paid Positions

- Begin planning for future paid roles to support the organization’s ongoing growth – **In progress**
- Establish a dedicated space (“Home for Hope”) to support operational needs – **Space to be acquired - New avenues to be pursued in 2026**

Without these steps, relying solely on volunteer hours would risk operational strain given our growth and community demands.

Supporting Growth

- Appoint a second Applications Director to alleviate unsustainable volunteer hours – **Completed**
- Explore additional funding streams to sustain Program 7 – **Tried but not secured; new avenues to be pursued in 2026**
- Complete an annual report to share with supporters and the community – **Completed**

Funding

- Increase corporate sponsorship opportunities – **Not completed**
- Select a donation platform to support organizational growth – **Not completed**
- Establish clear spending priorities – **Ongoing**

Training and Development

- Implement buddy training and cross-role support for board members – **Not completed**
- Create an onboarding guide for new board members – **Not completed**
- Provide mentorship from the Chair and Vice Chair – **Not completed**
- Seek funding opportunities for board training and development – **Mental health funding day grant completed; continuing to explore for 2026**

Proactive planning remains critical to ensuring the sustainability of Hope 4 MVC Kids. While some priorities are still in progress, significant steps—such as looking for a viable “Home for Hope” and the addition of a second Applications Director—have strengthened our foundation for future growth. We welcome any questions about these priorities and look forward to building on our achievements in 2026.

For more information about our cause and any questions about this report don't hesitate to contact:

Katie Dunn at Chair@hope4mvckids.org.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and supporters.

A special thanks to *The Albertan* and 96.5 CKFM - Olds for their ongoing support and for helping us share updates about our cause.

For more information about our cause and any questions about this report don't hesitate to contact:

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11th February 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Hope 4 MVC Kids Society, I am writing to respectfully request an opportunity to present at the Town of Carstairs Council meeting scheduled for **March 9, 2026**.

The purpose of this presentation is to share our organization's **Annual Report**, provide an update on our ongoing work supporting families caring for children with medical needs across the region, and to outline our current initiative to secure a suitable space for our **Home for Hope** project.

As part of this discussion, we would also like to respectfully request Council's consideration of **municipal funding support in the amount of \$10,000**, allocated as follows:

- **\$5,000 toward Program 7**, to assist in sustaining this essential program and ensuring continuity of support for families currently accessing services; and
- **\$5,000 toward the Home for Hope project**, supporting the development of a welcoming, accessible space where families can connect with resources, receive support, and access community services.

Hope 4 MVC Kids Society has operated for over **13 years as a fully volunteer-run organization**, supporting families facing significant medical and financial challenges. During that time, we have focused primarily on direct family support and have not previously requested program funding at this level. However, increasing community need and growing program demand have made it necessary for us to seek sustainable funding partnerships to ensure services can continue.

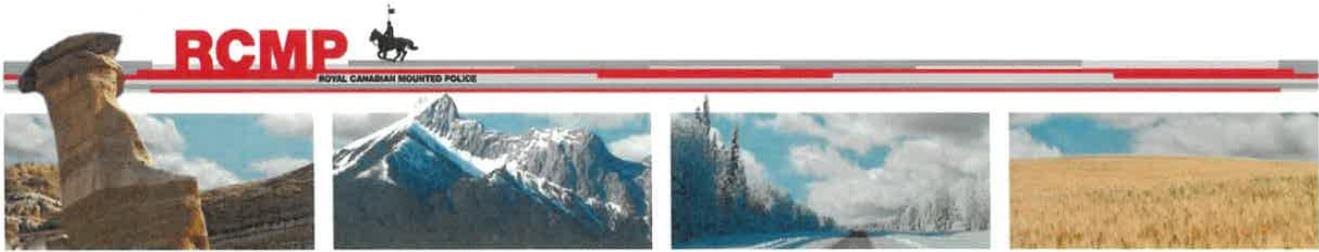
We would be grateful for the opportunity to provide Council with further information about our work, the impact within the community, and how municipal partnership could assist in maintaining and strengthening supports for local families.

Thank you for your consideration. We would be pleased to provide any additional information required in advance of the meeting.

Kind regards,

Lisa Nicholson
Founder
Hope 4 MVC Kids Society
info@hope4mvckids.org





February 10, 2026

Dean Allen
Mayor
Town of Carstairs

Dear Mayor, Allen

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for October 1st to December 31, 2025. It outlines staffing, financial information, and crime trends for the Didsbury Detachment, and supports our commitment to transparency and ongoing collaboration with our community partners.

Through both provincial and municipal policing contracts, the RCMP serves roughly 40% of Albertans across 95% of the province, including your community. That is why it is so important that our work is centered on people — the frontline members serving your community, the support teams behind the scenes, and the Albertans who rely on us every day.

The Government of Alberta's Police Funding Model (PFM) has strengthened our ability to meet those needs. With your contributions, we have added 279 police officers, 136 directly to detachments, along with 242 civilian staff, including 77 supporting detachment operations. These investments have also enabled the development of a Real-Time Operations Centre to support frontline officers, the expansion of our drone program, enhanced investigative capacity, and the addition of a third specialized Emergency Response Team.

These resources, along with the dedication of our employees and the support of your community, have helped bring Alberta's crime rates to their lowest point in five years — and we are committed to building on this progress together.

I welcome continued conversations about your community's policing priorities and any ideas that can help us strengthen our service. Working collaboratively is essential to maintaining this forward progress, and I encourage you to reach out at any time with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,


Sergeant Shane O'Neill
Acting Detachment Commander
Didsbury Detachment

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Commanding Officer
Alberta



Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Commandant
de l'Alberta

February 4, 2026

Good day,

As we begin a new year, I would like to take the opportunity to share an update on the work the Alberta RCMP is doing to support safe, resilient communities across the province.

Like you, and the communities you serve, crime remains a primary concern for the Alberta RCMP. We recognize the significant impacts crime has on residents, businesses, and overall community well-being. Policing in Alberta presents unique and real challenges, including vast geographic areas, long response distances, and a relatively small number of repeat offenders who cause a disproportionate amount of harm. Addressing these challenges requires responses that are intelligence-led, fiscally responsible, and built on strong partnerships.

We remain focused on addressing crime through continual reassessment of operational approaches, responsible deployment of resources, and close collaboration with municipal and community partners. We also recognize the significant cost of policing for communities and remain committed to ensuring available resources are deployed strategically and efficiently to deliver effective policing services to Albertans.

As part of this commitment, we are investing in modernization initiatives, including the development of the Real-Time Operations Centre, the expansion of the Emergency Response Team, increased investigative capacity and resources focused on working in partnership with communities and government on prevention initiatives and address the root causes of crime.

I want to highlight for you some of the initiatives we have underway, some of the results we've realized and some of the opportunities we remain focused on.

Despite fiscal pressures, we continue to focus resources where they will have the greatest impact. One of our key strategies is concentrating on the relatively small number of offenders responsible for the greatest harm across the province through tracking and prioritizing the Top 100 offenders. Using data compiled from RCMP and municipal police services across Alberta our Strategic Research and Analysis Unit, has assessed nearly 100,000 unique offenders and ranked them to identify those causing the most significant harm. This intelligence directly informs the work of Crime Reduction Units located across the province that can be deployed where and when emerging crime trends demand to target those offenders causing the most harm. These units work in close coordination with local detachments and partner agencies, including municipal police services and Alberta Sheriffs.

We have countless examples of successful operations targeting property crime offenders across Alberta where significant seizures of stolen property including vehicles, ATV's heavy construction equipment, and copper wire, have been recovered and offenders have been arrested to face prosecution. This includes well coordinated investigations involving teams of investigators located strategically throughout the four districts working in concert and utilizing sophisticated investigative techniques and tools including the leveraging of cutting-edge surveillance assets from our federal RCMP partners.

Canada

We know that addiction to illicit drugs is a huge driver of the types of crime that victimize Albertans. To that end, we have also utilized enhanced investigative resources to compliment local detachments in combatting the drug trade in communities across the province. We have made significant seizures of fentanyl, methamphetamines, cocaine and illegal firearms in numerous investigations across the province. These successes impact the availability of these harmful drugs through disruption of supply and act as a deterrent by holding accountable those who are profiting from the distribution of substances that deprive Albertans of their safety and security.

We are embracing technology to make policing more effective, efficient, and safer for both the public and police. The policing landscape is changing; yesterday's solutions won't solve today's challenges. As such, modern policing requires that frontline officers be supported by layers of expertise, coordination, and technology. The Real-Time Operations Centre does exactly that and is a critical component of police modernization. Operating twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Real-Time Operations Centre provides operational support to every Alberta RCMP officer in the province. It enhances officer and public safety, coordinates specialized resources, and ensures informed decision-making during complex and evolving incidents. For our officers, the Real-Time Operations Centre ensures they are never working alone, regardless of location. For Alberta communities, this means every officer on their street is supported by a robust network of specialized units ready to respond at any moment. Ratepayers aren't funding just one uniformed member, but a comprehensive system of expertise and technology working behind that officer to keep their community safe.

Advanced investigative resources and practices represent another essential component of modernized policing as do resources such as the Emergency Response Teams. Emergency Response Teams are teams of highly skilled and trained individuals, bringing together experienced members, specialized tactics, advanced technology, and trained negotiators as a complete operational package, essentially bringing the right resource to the most volatile and dangerous calls. Their role is to safely resolve high-risk incidents involving armed or barricaded individuals, hostage situations and high-risk arrests. By deploying the appropriate expertise, equipment, and techniques, Emergency Response Teams have consistently led to safer outcomes for community members, suspects, and police officers. Demand for these specialized responses has increased significantly, with a sixty-one per cent increase in calls requiring Emergency Response Team involvement over the past four years. In response we have increased our capacity in this area enhancing overall public safety throughout the province. These specialized units place the Alberta RCMP on the leading edge of modern policing in Canada and directly support community safety. Combined with the dedication of our employees and the partnership of the communities we serve, these efforts have helped reduce crime rates in Alberta to the lowest in five years.

We recognize that police visibility and staffing levels remain key concerns for our clients and stakeholders. We continue to focus on recruiting Albertans to serve Albertans, strengthening experienced police officer recruitment. Since April 1, 2024, we have seen 5,450 applications in Alberta and 22 Experienced Police Officers have joined the Alberta RCMP since April 1, 2025. While these recruiting numbers are encouraging, we recognize the ongoing urgency to fill vacancies which is why we continually look inward at our hiring processes to remove barriers, find efficiencies and ensure the most qualified applicants are finding their way to service in communities across Alberta as quickly as possible.

Like all police services, we experience short-term human resource pressures at frontline detachments and have developed several strategies that enable a flexible response to these pressures. We have established a Relief Team based out of Leduc and Cochrane that is comprised of 30 members who

support detachments throughout the province. Since the start of 2026, the Relief Team has deployed 34 times to various detachments in the province. In addition, we currently have 33 Reservists who are retired police officers available as and when required to deploy where the greatest needs are. This provides another option of flexible deployment of highly experienced resources.

We are continually assessing our service delivery models to ensure our resources are deployed in the most effective and efficient way. This includes assessing resource levels at detachments, monitoring our response times, reviewing and adapting our policies and piloting initiatives to improve member visibility in communities. Just recently, we approved a pilot project that leverages technology to reduce the administrative burden placed on our front-line members, so that they can spend more time engaged in proactive patrolling and community engagement.

We continually engage in consultation with our community partners and stakeholders to identify whether changes to service delivery are needed. We assess and discuss impacts with our stakeholders and prioritize flexibility to ensure we are responsive to community priorities and needs.

Municipal leadership plays a critical role in advocating for safer communities. Your collective voice—grounded in firsthand knowledge of how crime affects residents, businesses, and community well-being—is essential in advancing meaningful change related to bail practices and court capacity.

I would like to highlight some of the broader challenges we encounter in this space.

First, let me share an example of a single prolific offender whose repeated releases resulted in significant harm across multiple communities:

- In February 2025, he committed a firearm-related robbery and stole a vehicle containing a one-year-old child, receiving a 90-day sentence.
- In June 2025, he was sentenced to 21 days time served after being located in a stolen vehicle.
- In July 2025, he was arrested again in a stolen vehicle, charged with 11 offences, and released on bail with conditions.
- In September 2025, he pled guilty to theft under \$5,000 and served 30 days.
- In November 2025, he rammed an unmarked police vehicle with a stolen vehicle and was taken into custody.
- He now faces 11 charges, including failure to comply and assaulting a police officer with a weapon, and remains in custody.

This individual committed offences across Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Parkland County, Lac Ste. Anne County, and Sturgeon County. His apprehension was the result of coordinated efforts between the Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit, a Community Response Team, and Parkland Detachment resources.

Examples such as this are not isolated. They demonstrate how a single prolific offender, repeatedly released back into the community, can cause significant harm to multiple municipalities in a short period of time. These cases underscore rural Albertans' concerns around repeat offending, bail, and court capacity.

We work closely with Crown Prosecutors to address repeat offending by ensuring priority offenders are supported by comprehensive bail packages that clearly outline criminal history, risk to public safety, and the broader community impacts of continued release. We also actively support the use of Community

Impact Statements, which allow communities and municipal leaders to articulate the cumulative harm crime causes beyond individual victims.

We remain compassionate toward individuals experiencing mental health challenges, addictions, and social vulnerability, and we continue to support partnerships that improve access to treatment and recovery services. This requires that adequate treatment be available and accessible. At the same time, there *are* individuals whose repeated, violent, or high-risk behaviour necessitates incarceration. Some people simply need to go to jail in order to protect the public and prevent further victimization.

Court capacity remains a significant challenge across the province, especially in rural Alberta. Limited court time, shortages of judges and clerks, and resulting delays undermine the effectiveness of the justice system. We will continue to advocate for improvements through multiple forums, consistently raising the impacts these pressures have on victims, communities, and frontline policing.

When policing data, operational experience, and municipal advocacy align, they provide a powerful foundation for justice system reform. Effective crime reduction cannot be achieved by policing alone. Long-term success depends on strong partnerships with municipalities, community organizations, government, and social service providers. We value our relationship with you and those you represent and recognize the essential role you play in shaping community safety priorities.

Modernization, fiscal responsibility, and collaboration will continue to guide our efforts. We are committed to leveraging technology, applying best practices, and deploying the right resources in the right places to support shared public safety goals.

Effective policing depends on strong partnerships, and I want to assure you that we remain committed to working closely with elected officials, municipal administrators, and community leaders to ensure policing services align with local priorities and needs. That is why I encourage you to reach out to your local Detachment Commander to discuss your policing services and explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration in support of your community priorities.

Sincerely,



Trevor Daroux
Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer Alberta RCMP

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Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Didsbury

Detachment Commander

Sgt. Shane O'Neill

Report Date	Fiscal Year	Quarter
February 4, 2025	2025-26	Q3 (October - December)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Increased Visibility & Traffic Safety

Updates and Comments:

During Q3, Cst. Walkey continued duties of the Enhanced Police Officer position for the Town of Carstairs, October to December. Cst. Walkey was able to attend multiple community events and the Schools in the Mountain View County area. Presentations and Community events such as, Halloween Parade, Candy Cane drive, No stone left alone, etc. were attended and expounded by Cst. Walkey in the Town of Carstairs and Didsbury. Cst. Walkey had 50 calls for service in Carstairs, 104 in total. Cst. Walkey conducted approx. 96 proactive patrols, 12 foot-patrols, 6 license premises compliance checks within the Town of Carstairs. Cst. Walkey issued 4 ticket in the Town of Carstairs with multiple warnings given. Didsbury members in total had 202 calls for service in Carstairs. Didsbury members conducted 296 proactive patrols, 8 foot-patrols, 8 license premises compliance checks within the Town of Carstairs.

Priority #2: Youth Interaction

Updates and Comments:

Carstairs Enhanced Policing Officer attended the following events in Carstairs for October 2025 to December 2025:

- October there was not school.
- October 31 - Halloween Parade (300+ students)
- November 5 - No stone let alone (60+ students) Remembrance Day event
- November 6 - Remembrance Day ceremony (300+ students)
- November 11 - Remembrance Day ceremony (200+ community)
- December 2 - Candy Cane Drive (100+ cars)



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December 5 - Crazy Christmas (200+ community)
December 9 - Forensic Presentation (30+ students)
December 19 - High School Hockey game (300+ students and community)

Priority #3: Crime Enforcement

Updates and Comments:

During Q2, there were three (4) criminal investigations which resulted in charges within the Town of Carstairs for Cst. WALKEY:

2025-12-04	Assault with a Weapon	1 Adult Male charged
2025-11-09	Possession - Schedule 1	1 Adult Male charged
2025-11-04	Fail to Comply	1 Adult Male charged
2025-11-03	Sexual Assault	1 Adult Male charged





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
October 31, 2025	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
Education	
Notes/Comments:	
Members participated in Halloween activities in the Carstairs area. Members spoke with kids and passed out Halloween candy. Members ensured safety of participants.	

Consultation #2

Date	Meeting Type
November 11, 2025	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
Education	
Notes/Comments:	
Members were present and participated in this years Remembrance Day activities in the Carstairs Area. One member participated in the parade and was present during the ceremony dressed in Red Serge.	





Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	10	10	1	0
Detachment Support	3	2	0	1

Notes:

1. Data extracted on December 31, 2025 and is subject to change.
2. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments:

Police Officers: Of the ten established positions, ten officers are working and one is on special leave (Parental leave). There is one position that has two officers assigned to it. There are no hard vacancies at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the three established positions, two resources are currently working, and none is on special leave. There is one hard vacancy at this time.





**Didsbury Provincial Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
October - December: 2021 - 2025**

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

January 13, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.2
Robbery		1	0	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		3	2	1	1	2	-33%	100%	-0.3
Other Sexual Offences		0	1	4	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.3
Assault		26	19	17	9	10	-62%	11%	-4.2
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.4
Extortion		0	2	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	-0.1
Criminal Harassment		9	5	4	8	3	-67%	-63%	-0.9
Uttering Threats		8	6	11	7	4	-50%	-43%	-0.7
TOTAL PERSONS		47	35	37	30	23	-51%	-23%	-5.3
Break & Enter		15	5	9	3	11	-27%	267%	-1.0
Theft of Motor Vehicle		9	5	5	3	7	-22%	133%	-0.6
Theft Over \$5,000		3	2	1	1	2	-33%	100%	-0.3
Theft Under \$5,000		21	8	12	20	6	-71%	-70%	-1.8
Possn Stn Goods		2	4	0	5	2	0%	-60%	0.1
Fraud		10	12	11	17	9	-10%	-47%	0.3
Arson		0	0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Mischief - Damage To Property		15	4	13	12	12	-20%	0%	0.2
Mischief - Other		13	6	8	2	24	85%	1100%	1.8
TOTAL PROPERTY		88	46	60	63	74	-16%	17%	-1.1
Offensive Weapons		8	4	2	6	1	-88%	-83%	-1.2
Disturbing the peace		3	0	4	4	5	67%	25%	0.8
Fail to Comply & Breaches		12	13	2	8	6	-50%	-25%	-1.7
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		6	8	10	4	10	67%	150%	0.4
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		29	25	18	22	22	-24%	0%	-1.7
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		164	106	115	115	119	-27%	3%	-8.1



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Crime Statistics (Actual)
October - December: 2021 - 2025**

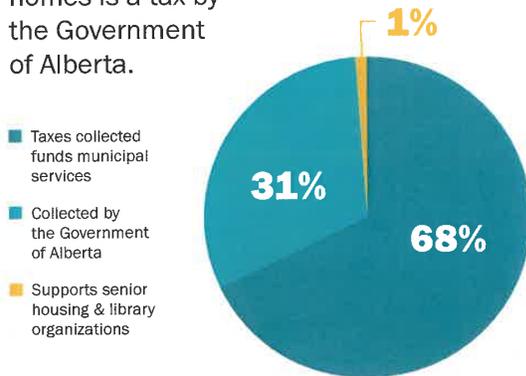
All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

January 13, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		0	1	1	2	4	N/A	100%	0.9
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		1	1	2	5	1	0%	-80%	0.4
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Total Drugs		1	2	3	8	5	400%	-38%	1.4
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		0	0	2	3	0	N/A	-100%	0.3
TOTAL FEDERAL		1	2	5	11	5	400%	-55%	1.7
Liquor Act		4	3	4	6	3	-25%	-50%	0.1
Cannabis Act		6	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-1.2
Mental Health Act		26	21	8	22	10	-62%	-55%	-3.1
Other Provincial Stats		27	27	16	20	30	11%	50%	-0.1
Total Provincial Stats		63	51	28	48	43	-32%	-10%	-4.3
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	2	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.2
Municipal By-laws		4	3	1	2	2	-50%	0%	-0.5
Total Municipal		4	5	1	2	2	-50%	0%	-0.7
Fatals		0	1	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.1
Injury MVC		14	7	14	11	15	7%	36%	0.6
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		110	129	129	85	81	-26%	-5%	-10.2
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		12	31	12	10	17	42%	70%	-1.1
TOTAL MVC		136	168	156	106	114	-16%	8%	-10.6
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		7	3	6	8	5	-29%	-38%	0.1
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		1	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Total Provincial Traffic		633	291	321	447	309	-51%	-31%	-49.2
Other Traffic		1	2	1	3	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Criminal Code Traffic		4	14	14	19	15	275%	-21%	2.7
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		17	8	11	9	5	-71%	-44%	-2.3
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		4	8	9	11	5	25%	-55%	0.5
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		33	23	19	16	44	33%	175%	1.5
Persons Reported Missing		1	3	3	4	3	200%	-25%	0.5
Search Warrants		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		34	30	25	30	9	-74%	-70%	-5.0
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	3	2	7	1	N/A	-86%	0.6



Here's a look at how property taxes on homes are allocated. On average, almost 1/3rd of property taxes on homes is a tax by the Government of Alberta.



Your local government and council has no control over the provincial property tax but is required to collect the tax and then transfer it to the Government of Alberta for their use. The Government of Alberta decides how much money it wants to collect from property taxes to help cover the costs of Alberta's K-12 schools and are choosing to increase that tax by almost \$1 billion over the next three years.

If you have questions about your provincial property tax and why it's increasing, contact your provincial Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). If you have questions about your municipal property tax, contact your local government office or council.



Provincial property taxes are going up

DID YOU KNOW?

Your property tax bill has two main taxes. A tax set by your municipal (local) government council and a tax set by the Government of Alberta.



In 2025, the Government of Alberta increased its tax on homes and property by 14%. Another 10% increase in provincial property tax is planned in 2026.

The provincial property tax is collected by your local government through your property tax bill. Your bill may refer to the provincial property tax as "education tax", "Alberta School Foundation Fund", "ASFF", or another name.

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