

AGENDA
MUNICIPALITY OF ACME
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2026
6 p.m. Acme Village Office

1. CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 2.1 Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- 2.2 Approval of Agenda

3. DELEGATIONS

- 3.1 Burt Jackson and Lucy Ann Daubert – Re: Acme Cemetery
- 3.2 Jerica Filanti, MNP – 2025 Audited Financial Statements

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4.1 Adoption of August 24, 2026, Regular Council Minutes

5. BUSINESS

- 5.1 Acme Fireworks

6. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

- 6.1 Bylaw 2002-9 Business License Bylaw

7. INFORMATION

- 7.1 Kneehill Regional Grant Writer – August Report
- 7.2 RCMP Community Reports Q1 (April – June)
- 7.3 Kneehill Regional FCSS – Family Wellness Worker Annual Report

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION AND PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS

8. FINANCIAL

- 8.1 Accounts Payable
- 8.2 Fortis 2027 Franchise Fee
- 8.3 Atco 2027 Franchise Fee

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 9.1 Council Reports
- 9.2 CAO Report

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Olds – Didsbury – Three Hills Highway 806/575 Correspondence

11. COURSES AND MEETINGS

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| September 22, 2026, | Communikit Presentation 1:30 pm |
| September 24, 2026 | Meeting with Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors |
| September 25, 2026 | AB Munis AGM |
| September 23-25, 2026 | AB Munis Convention |

12. IN CAMERA**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MUNICIPALITY OF ACME
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 24, 2026
6:00 p.m. Acme Village Office**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Jason Bates
Rhonda Laking
Bruce McLeod
David Simmons
Doreen Ternowetsky

Administrative Advisor

Mike Haugen

1. CALL TO ORDER CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

167-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor Ternowetsky that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

Additions:

5.5 Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Letter

Deletions:

None

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 July 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

168-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday July 13, 2026, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation Request

169-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that Council accept the Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation funding request for information.

CARRIED

5.2 Town of Penhold Parade Invitation

170-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor Ternowetsky that Council accept the Town of Penhold Parade Invitation for information.

CARRIED

5.3 CAO Retirement

171-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor Simmons that Council accept the retirement notice of Chief Administrative Officer, Gary Sawatzky, effective August 31st, 2026.

CARRIED

172-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that Council extend the temporary appointment of Colleen Herrera as Deputy CAO to November 30th, 2026.

CARRIED

5.4 Solid Waste Contractor Exploration

173-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that Council directs Administration to explore solid waste collection options including contracted collection as part of 2027 Budget discussions.

CARRIED

5.5 Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Letter

174-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor Simmons that Council authorizes the mayor to send a letter to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors expressing safety concerns on Highway 806/575 bordering the Village of Acme.

CARRIED

6. BYLAWS and POLICIES

6.1 First Readings – Draft Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaws

175-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor Simmons that Council give first reading to proposed Bylaw 2026-10, the Municipal Development Plan.

CARRIED

176-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor Ternowetsky that Council authorize a public hearing be held for Bylaw 2026-10, the Municipal Development Plan, on September 28, 2026, at 6:10 p.m. at the Acme Village Office, to allow any person who claims he/she will be affected an opportunity to be heard by Council.

CARRIED

177-2026 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Laking that Council give first reading to proposed Bylaw 2026-11, the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED

178-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that Council authorize a public hearing be held for Bylaw 2026-11, the Land Use Bylaw, on September 28, 2026, following the public hearing for Bylaw 2026-10 at the Acme Village Office, to allow any person who claims he/she will be affected an opportunity to be heard by Council.

CARRIED

7. INFORMATION

Council acknowledged receipt of the information items listed on the agenda.

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION AND PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS

None

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 Accounts Payable

179-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that Council approve payment of the Accounts Payable listing of August 24, 2026, in the amount of \$423,575.71.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Council Reports

9.2 CAO Report

180-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor Simmons that the Council and CAO Reports be approved as presented.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Council acknowledged receipt of the Correspondence Items listed on the agenda

11. COURSES AND MEETINGS

September 14, 2026, Regular Council Meeting
September 22, 2026, Communikit Presentation 1:30 pm
September 23-25, 2026, AB Munis Convention

12. IN CAMERA

181-2026 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Laking that Council go IN CAMERA at 6:48 pm for the following reasons:

1. To Discuss a matter that may be harmful to business interests of a third party as per ATIA Section 19
2. To Discuss a matter that may be harmful to business interests of a third party as per ATIA Section 19

CARRIED

182-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor Simmons that Council come out of In Camera at 7:17 pm

CARRIED

Council allowed time for any members of the public to return to the meeting.

Motions arising from IN CAMERA

183-2026 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that Council engage the services of Davies Consulting Group for the purposes of recruiting a Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

184-2026 **MOVED** by Mayor Bates to Adjourn the meeting at 7.20 pm.

CARRIED

These minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Mayor
Jason Bates

Deputy CAO
Colleen Herrera

Subject: **Annual Fireworks Display**
 Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2026
 Presented By: Mike Haugen, Advisor
 Link to Strat Plan: Recreational Opportunities

Recommended Motion:	That Council direct Administration to prepare a draft policy for Council review clarifying responsibilities for the Village's annual fireworks display.
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Background/ Proposal	Each year the Village applies for a federal grant for the purposes of promoting Canada Day celebrations. Traditionally, this display takes place during the Acme Sports Day. The grant is accessed by the Village and the display is currently organized by Village staff. The broader Sports Day event is organized by a group of community entities.
Discussion/ Options/ Benefits/ Disadvantages:	This year, the display was postponed due to inclement weather. From the point that decision was made, there has been confusion and concern about the responsibility for determining a new date. Administration is seeking clarity from Council regarding the Sports Day fireworks event and is proposing the following options for Council's consideration: <u>Option 1: Village Ownership</u> The Village applies for the grant, organizes the event with the contractor, fire department, etc., and determines and postponements/rescheduling. The Village accounts for the grant and makes payment. <u>Option 2: Sports Day Committee Ownership</u> The Village applies for the grant. The Committee works directly with the contractor, fire department, etc., and handles the organizing – including setting any postponement dates. The Village handles grant accounting. Whichever option Council chooses, Administration is recommending that a policy be put in place to codify the arrangement. Administration would then create a draft policy for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
Financial Implications:	The Village budgets \$4000.00 annually in addition to grant funding of approximately \$1500.00
Council Options:	1. Council may opt to designate the event as a Village event. 2. Council may opt to designate the event as a Sports Day Committee event. 3. Council may opt to design a hybrid option.
Recommended Engagement:	Information Only

REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM #

Business

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Attachments:	None
Follow-up Actions:	Administration will draft a policy in alignment with Council's decision.

Approval:
Mike Haugen, Advisor

Subject: **Business License Bylaw Review**

Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2026

Presented By: Mike Haugen, Advisor

Link to Strat Plan: Aligns with Vision and Mission

Recommended Motion:	That Council direct Administration to draft an updated Business License Bylaw for Council consideration at a future meeting.
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Background/ Proposal	A Business Licence Bylaw provides a framework for regulating businesses operating within the Village and helps ensure business activities are conducted in a manner that protects the public interest. Through licensing, the Village can maintain an accurate record of local businesses, communicate regulatory requirements, and support compliance with applicable municipal bylaws and provincial legislation. It also provides a mechanism for addressing complaints, monitoring compliance, and taking enforcement action when necessary. Additionally, a Business Licence Bylaw supports fairness and accountability by applying consistent standards to businesses operating within the community. Licence fees may also assist in recovering a portion of the costs associated with administering and enforcing the municipality's business regulation framework if they are charged. A copy of the Village's Business License Bylaw is attached.
Discussion/ Options/ Benefits/ Disadvantages:	In reviewing the Bylaw, Administration is suggesting that Council give feedback on the following items so that an updated draft Bylaw can be written: <u>Cost</u> Currently, a business license is \$5.00 annually. Council can maintain this rate, but could also consider upping the fee or eliminating the fee. Raising the fee would result in additional revenue for the Village but would likely reduce the incentive for businesses, particularly home-based businesses, to obtain a license. Eliminating the fee would encourage more people to obtain the licence which would provide better data regarding business activities within the Village, but would eliminate revenue. If Council opted to charge a fee, Administration will seek feedback regarding a differentiated fee structure. For example, will Council look to have a fee for

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Policy
6.1

	local based businesses and a different fee for door to door solicitors, or charge a common flat fee? <u>Requirement</u> What entities will require a business license? And for what activities? For example, will all home based businesses require a license? Would Council consider daily license requirements for door to door marketers vs ½ and annual? Will outdoor markets or food trucks require licenses? Should licenses be required to assist with planning enforcement? <u>Penalties</u> Currently, there is no monetary penalty for not getting a business license. The only penalty is that there will be no advertisement in the Village's business directory. Council may wish to consider a monetary penalty, though should also consider the enforceability of any such penalty.
Financial Implications:	To this point in 2026 the Village has received revenues of \$165.00 from Business Licenses. Of this amount \$60.00 was received from non-local Direct Sales activities (door to door marketers).
Council Options:	1. Council may provide direction to Administration. 2. Council may opt to preserve the current Bylaw.
Recommended Engagement:	Information Only
Attachments:	Bylaw 2002-9 Business Licenses
Follow-up Actions:	Administration will draft an updated Business License Bylaw based on the feedback received from Council.

Approval: _____
Mike Haugen, Advisor

BYLAW # 2002-9

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF ACME IN THE PROVINCE
OF ALBERTA DEALING WITH THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS
LICENSES.**

PART 1

General Licensing Provisions

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as "The Business License Bylaw"

2. INTERPRETATION

- a) "Applicant" means a person who applies for a license or renewal of a license required by this Bylaw
- b) "Door to Door Solicitors" means any individual or company that travels throughout the municipality selling goods or services by door to door soliciting.
- c) "Home Based Business" means any person who operates a business out of their residence whether the building is open to the public or not.
- d) "Store Front Business" means any business who operates within the Village whereby their building is open to the public.

3. LICENSES NOT REQUIRED

- a) No license shall be required by the Village of Acme, their employees or Council for business carried on or operated by the Village or at a location operated by an official or employee of the Village acting on behalf of the Village in his capacity as such official or employee;
- b) No license shall be required of a business carried on by the Governments of the Province of Alberta or Canada nor shall a license be required by any person or business if any statute of Canada or the Province of Alberta exempts such person or business from requirements of municipal licensing.

4. LICENSES REQUIRED

- a) Door to Door Solicitors – Upon payment of a fee and a license being issued a registered business may sell legitimate goods and services by going door to door within the Village. (see schedule "A" for fee)

- b) Home Based Business – Upon payment of a registration fee and a license being issued a Home Based Business will be advertised in the Village of Acme Community Resource Directory and also on the Business Attraction and Information System Network. (see Schedule “A” for fee)
- c) Store Front Business – Upon payment of a registration fee and a license being issued a Store Front Business will be advertised in the Village of Acme Community Resource Directory and also on the Business Attraction and Information System Network. (see Schedule “A” for fee)
- d) Upon application and payment of the registration fee the administration of the Village will include the name of the business to a current business registry maintained at the Village Office.
- e) Any license issued to a home based business will be issued in accordance with Land Use Bylaw #96-2.
- f) All information in possession of the Village of Acme will be held according to the Freedom on Information and Privacy Act.

5. **LICENSE YEAR**

- a) The term “license year” means the period from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
- b) A business or individual is required to renew the license each year by January 1st.
- c) Every license shall bear on its face the date on which it was issued and the date on which it will expire.

6. **OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

- a) There is no penalty for failure to obtain a business license to operate within the Village of Acme for Home Based Business or Store Front Business. Only businesses with current licenses will be published in the Community Resource Directory and on the Business Attraction and Information System Website.
- b) All businesses located within a residential area are required to make application for a development permit to ensure the type of business being operated complies with Land Use Bylaw #96-2.
- c) For Door to Door Solicitors who fail to obtain a license to carry on business within the Village shall be contacted and requested to cease solicitation until a

business license is obtained. Failure to do so will result in the RCMP being requested to assist.

7. **SCHEDULE**

- a) Schedule "A" being the listing of fees shall form part of this Bylaw.
- b) Schedule "B" being the Business License Form shall form part of this Bylaw.
- c) All changes to Schedule "A" or "B" may be completed by a resolution of Council with a simple majority.

THIS BYLAW COMES INTO EFFECT ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2003.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2002.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2002.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2002.


MAYOR


C.A.O.

BYLAW # 2002-9

SCHEDULE "A"

FEES

Door to Door Solicitors	Annual (Jan – Dec)	\$50.00
	½ year (July – Dec)	\$30.00
Home Based Business	Annual (Jan-Dec)	\$ 5.00
Store Front Business	Annual (Jan-Dec)	\$5.00



VILLAGE OF ACME

BUSINESS LICENSE "SCHEDULE B"

This is to certify that _____ authorized to operate a business
(owners name)
known as _____ and located within the limits of the VILLAGE OF ACME
(name of business)
at _____ from January 1, _____ to December 31, _____
(Street Address)

unless this license is sooner suspended or forfeited.

“ This license is non transferable.”

“Business License’s issued by the Village of Acme are subject to all bylaws, rules and regulations
that are now, or hereafter may be in force.”

Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____ , _____ .

Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Acme

Fee: _____

BAIS _____ yes _____ no

Receipt #: _____

RESOURCE DIRECTORY _____ yes _____ no

Other Information required:

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Contact Person if Different than licensee: _____

Information gathered from this form is intended for use by the Village of Acme. Please be advised that the Village of Acme is a member of the Business Attraction Information System and publish Business information on the BAIS website as well as our Local Community Resource directory. If you agree to have your business published, please advise the Village Office, otherwise your business will not be included with the Village of Acme Business Listing on either the BAIS website or the Community Resource Directory.

Kneehill Regional Grant Writer Monthly Report For August 2026

Grants Applied For

Grant Name	Organization & Details	Hrs.	Grant Amount
Central Alberta Co-Op	Trochu Seniors Housing Society	6	\$ 50,000.00
ACE Energy Green Community Fund	Trochu Seniors Housing Society	2	\$ 4,000.00
CN Community Fund	Trochu Seniors Housing Society	5	\$ 25,000.00
		13	\$ 79,000.00

Approved Grants

Grant Name	Organization & Details	Grant Amount
Kneehill County Grant	Trochu Drop In Centre	\$6,000.00
Kneehill County Grant	Prairie Christian Academy	\$7,500.00
Total		\$13,500.00

Declined Grants

Grant Name	Organization & Details	Grant Amount
Canada Post Community Fund	Friends of the Three Hills School	\$5,000.00

Tasks Related to Grant Writing

		Hrs. Worked
Regional Newsletter		2
Research as requested	Trochu Seniors Housing, ThreeHills Skating Club, Trochu Golf Course	
	Three Hills Men's Shed, Trochu Ag Society	25
Meetings & Phone Call Meetings	Trochu Golf Course, Men's Shed	1
Webinar - Grant Info		1
Total Hours		29

All Pending Grants

Grant Name	Organization & Details	Grant Amount
CFEP Small	Trochu & District Hall Development Society	29,864.00
Walmart Community Grant	Seniors Outreach	2,000.00
CFEP Small	Trochu Library Board	17,387.00
RME Right by You	Trochu Seniors Housing Society	10,000.00
New Horizons for Seniors	Seniors Outreach	50,000.00
TC Energy	Trochu Fire Society	25,000.00
ACE Energy Green Community Fund	Trochu Seniors Housing Society	4,000.00
CN Community Fund	Trochu Seniors Housing Society	25,000.00
Central Alberta Co-Op Comm Spaces	Trochu Seniors Housing Society	50,000.00
Total Pending Grants		\$ 213,251.00

Other

Networking/Community Engagement	Details		Hrs Worked
Kms Travelled	Location		
Tools for School			2.5
Discovery Night Prep			2



August 28, 2026

Mayor and Council
Village of Acme
Acme, AB

Dear Mr./Ms./Mayor and Council,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for the period of April 1st to June 30th, 2026. This report provides an overview of human resources, financial information, and crime statistics for the Airdrie Integrated Rural Detachment and reflects the ongoing priorities identified by the community we serve.

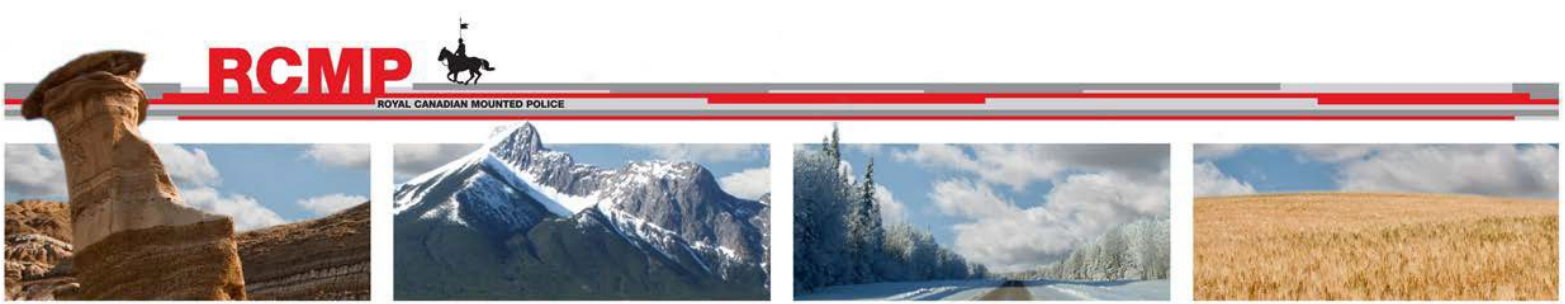
In addition to the information contained in the attached report, the Alberta RCMP is also advancing the rollout of the newly approved black-and-white General Duty vehicle design. This redesign is not simply cosmetic. It reflects a commitment to being a modern, professional, and approachable police service while maintaining a clear connection to the RCMP's history.

The updated look features white doors on a black base, along with high-visibility, reflective graphics to ensure the vehicles can be easily recognized in all conditions—day or night, in rural or urban settings, and across Alberta's diverse climates. This ensures RCMP vehicles are clearly identifiable as law-enforcement vehicles while remaining visually distinct as the RCMP.

Provinces, territories, and municipalities will be able to include local identifiers based on regional requirements. These variations allow for local flexibility and help demonstrate our connection with the communities we serve, while preserving a consistent, recognizable national RCMP identity.

Given the size and operational demands of the fleet, full conversion to the new design will take place gradually. Vehicles will transition to the new design as part of the natural replacement cycle, allowing older units to be retired without creating unnecessary incremental costs. This phased approach supports fleet consistency and modernization over time.

This modernization effort reflects the RCMP's ongoing commitment to ensuring members have the appropriate tools and training to serve their communities safely and effectively. Investments in equipment such as this are essential to maintaining high standards of policing and adapting to evolving operational demands.



We remain committed to transparency and to keeping our municipal partners informed of significant developments that impact policing services in your community. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this initiative further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Ian Patey
NCO i/c Airdrie/Beiseker Detachments



Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Beiseker Provincial - Acme

Detachment Commander

Inspector Lauren Weare

Report Date

August 25, 2026

Fiscal Year

2026-27

Quarter

Q1 (April - June)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Rural Crime - Crime Reduction**Updates and Comments:**

During this reporting period, the Airdrie Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) worked on 13 files in the rural area. These files included:

- Assisted with a search warrant at a rural property where 15 stolen vehicles were recovered valued at \$150,000.00;
- High value Break and Enter into a Jewelry Store at the New Horizon Mall. Approximately \$1 Million in goods stolen. Suspects tracked back to Ontario and are under investigation by law enforcement there for similar offenses. Believed to be part of an organized crime group;
- Stolen vehicle tracked and recovered, 3 subjects arrested, 14 criminal code charges laid and the stolen BMW valued at \$80,000 was recovered;
- Assisted with surveillance and recovery of a \$75,000 BMW out of Sylvan Lake RCMP;
- Assisted with arrest of 2 robbery suspects out of Calgary, subjects fled but located and arrested after a short foot pursuit. Subjects and vehicle turned over to Calgary Police;
- Arrest of 2 suspects wanted out of Edmonton Police Service. Combined total of 98 charges on outstanding warrants.

Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural, using Project AIROW, had been monitoring 5 subjects in the rural area. Checks on the subjects monitored by Project AIROW had shown them to be all compliant. During this period, some subjects have been removed and new ones added. There were 44 checks conducted during this reporting period and all subjects were compliant. The subjects were breached in both instances for not abiding by their conditions.





Priority #2: Rural Crime - Community Engagement

Updates and Comments:

The Airdrie/Beiseker Integrated Rural Unit continues to be engaged in each of the 5 communities and the two counties they police. During this reporting period, we saw another school year come to an end. RCMP members continued to liaison with the different schools in each of the communities and assisted with presentations and any other issues that the schools required. This has been a very busy summer with RCMP members attending numerous community events, such as community rodeos, parades and fireworks. The RCMP appreciates receiving invitations to these events and being involved and engaged in the communities they police.

Priority #3: Rural Crime – Road Safety

Updates and Comments:

Members of the Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural detachment area conduct regular patrols and enforce traffic laws as applicable. In this quarter there have been at least 359 traffic enforcement activities which include tickets and warnings. 153 of these investigations were speed related.

Members of the Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural detachment area conducted 22 impaired driving related investigations, with 12 of those investigations resulting in impaired sanctions and/or suspensions.





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
April 13, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
Q3 Crime Stats	
Notes/Comments:	
Sgt. PATEY attended the ACME Council Meeting to discuss the Q3 Crime Stats.	

Consultation #2

Date	Meeting Type
June 3, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
Media Release	
Notes/Comments:	
Media Release sent for distribution to their local social media platform of an information ALERT regarding increased occurrences of Fraud and Scams.	

Consultation #3

Date	Meeting Type
June 20, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
Acme Sports Day	
Notes/Comments:	
Members attended and participated in/led the parade for Acme Sports Day.	





Consultation #4

Date	Meeting Type
June 22, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
Q4 Crime Stats	
Notes/Comments:	
Sgt. PATEY attended the ACME Council Meeting to discuss the Q4 Crime Stats.	





Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Temporary Absences	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	5	5	0	0
Detachment Support	2	2	0	0

Notes:

1. Data extracted on June 30, 2026 and is subject to change.
2. Temporary Absences 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 five established positions, there are no hard or soft vacancies.

Detachment Support: There are two established positions that are currently filled. There are no hard or soft vacancies.



Village of Acme - Beiseker Detachment

Crime Statistics (Actual)

January to June: 2023 - 2026

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

July 8, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 2023 - 2026	% Change 2025 - 2026	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		1	0	1	1	0%	0%	0.1
Other Sexual Offences		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Assault		1	1	1	2	100%	100%	0.3
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Harassment		3	0	2	6	100%	200%	1.1
Uttering Threats		2	1	1	3	50%	200%	0.3
TOTAL PERSONS		7	2	5	12	71%	140%	1.8
Break & Enter		1	2	0	2	100%	N/A	0.1
Theft of Motor Vehicle		0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Theft Over \$5,000		0	4	1	0	N/A	-100%	-0.3
Theft Under \$5,000		4	0	2	0	-100%	-100%	-1.0
Possn Stn Goods		1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Fraud		0	3	1	2	N/A	100%	0.4
Arson		0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Mischief - Damage To Property		1	1	1	1	0%	0%	0.0
Mischief - Other		4	1	1	1	-75%	0%	-0.9
TOTAL PROPERTY		11	12	7	7	-36%	0%	-1.7
Offensive Weapons		0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Disturbing the peace		4	2	1	3	-25%	200%	-0.4
Fail to Comply & Breaches		1	1	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.3
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		0	0	1	3	N/A	200%	1.0
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		5	3	4	6	20%	50%	0.4
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		23	17	16	25	9%	56%	0.5

Village of Acme - Beiseker Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
January to June: 2023 - 2026

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

July 8, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 2023 - 2026	% Change 2025 - 2026	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.4
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.4
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
TOTAL FEDERAL		0	1	1	2	N/A	100%	0.6
Liquor Act		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Cannabis Act		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mental Health Act		N/A	N/A	11	5	N/A	-55%	0.2
Other Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	4	1	N/A	-75%	-1.1
Total Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	15	6	N/A	-60%	-0.9
Municipal By-laws Traffic		N/A	N/A	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.3
Municipal By-laws		N/A	N/A	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.0
Total Municipal		N/A	N/A	2	2	N/A	0%	0.3
Fatals		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		1	2	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.4
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		N/A	N/A	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.7
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		N/A	N/A	1	1	N/A	0%	0.4
TOTAL MVC		N/A	N/A	2	1	-67%	-50%	-0.7
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		N/A	N/A	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.6
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		N/A	N/A	9	8	167%	-11%	1.7
Other Traffic		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Code Traffic		0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.4
Common Police Activities								
False Alarms		N/A	N/A	0	10	N/A	N/A	1.3
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		N/A	N/A	2	5	N/A	150%	1.7
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		N/A	N/A	5	3	N/A	-40%	-0.6
Persons Reported Missing		N/A	N/A	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.5
Search Warrants		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0



August 25, 2026

Re: Kneehill Family Wellness Program 2025/2026 Annual Report

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2025/2026 Annual Report for the Kneehill Family Wellness Program. A more detailed version of the report is available upon request.

This report represents the 6th year the program has been operating in this format in our region. During the 2025/2026 year, the two Family Wellness Workers provided services throughout the communities of Acme, Carbon, Kneehill County, Linden, Three Hills, and Trochu, supporting children, youth, families, and adults through short-term social/emotional support, preventive education, and information and referral.

Throughout the year, Family Wellness Workers continued to respond to social and emotional needs identified by individuals, families, schools, and community partners. Emotional regulation remained a key area of need, while preventive education focused on building social-emotional skills, including emotional regulation, problem solving, conflict resolution, and positive peer relationships.

The continued support and partnership of our participating municipalities help make these preventive services accessible to residents in the Kneehill area. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the Kneehill Family Wellness Program and to the well-being of individuals and families in our communities.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding the report or the Kneehill Family Wellness Program, please contact our office at 403-443-3800.

Thank you for your continued support of the Kneehill Family Wellness Program.

Sincerely,

Angie Stewart, Director
Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services

Kneehill
Family Wellness Program

Annual Report

2025
2026



Overview

Partnership

The Kneehill Family Wellness Program (KFWP) was created August of 2020 by Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services (KRFCSS), in partnership with Golden Hills School Division (GHSD) to provide year-round social and emotional supports to Kneehill area residents with a primary focus on children, youth and families.

The program is comprised of two Family Wellness Worker (FWW) positions, with office locations in all GHSD schools in the Kneehill area and the KRFCSS office in Three Hills.

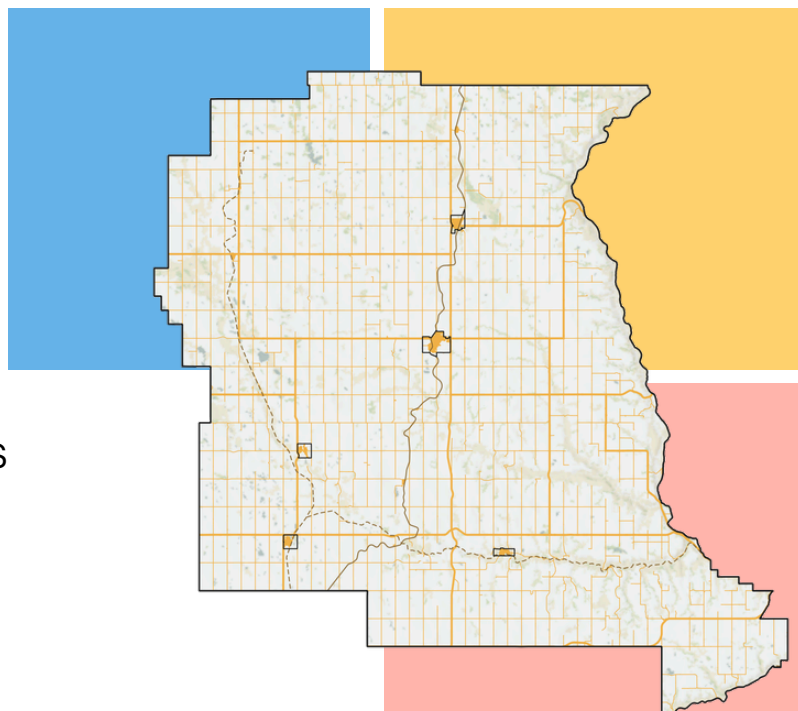
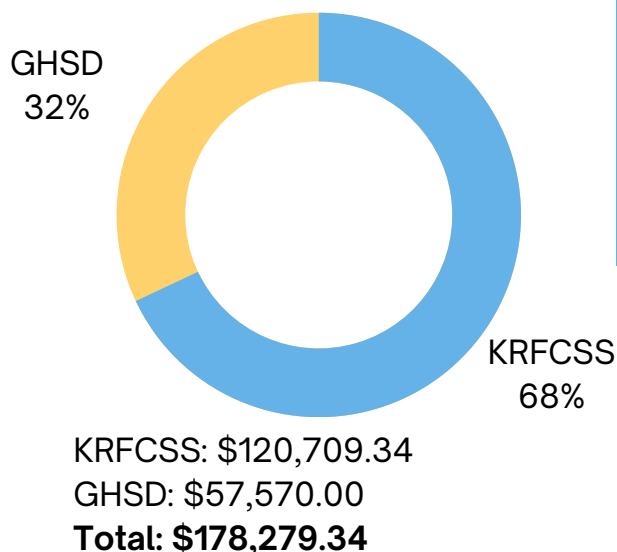
Core Objectives:

- Individual social and emotional support
- Preventive education information
- Resource and referral connections



Financial

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025



2025 - 2026 Trends

01 — EMOTIONAL REGULATION IMPACTS SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Challenges with emotional self-regulation had implications on peer relationships and attentiveness. Both individual client support and preventive education focused on supporting emotional regulation and social skills with children, youth, families and teachers.

02 — CASE LOAD

Individual client support increased by 20%, rising from 117 clients in 2024-2025 to 140 clients in 2025-2026.

Preventive education sessions were impacted by time constraints and the effects of the Alberta teachers' labour disruption.

03 — ANXIETY & STRESS

Anxiety and stress management continued to be an area of need and support for all ages.

04 — SUICIDE IDEATION COMPLEXITIES

Suicidal ideation occurred alongside complex personal and/or family histories of on-going mental health challenges. Individuals had been and/or were currently connected with specialized medical and mental health services.

05 — UNIQUE NEEDS

Addressing complex needs required a coordinated approach that combined specialized supports with ongoing social and emotional assistance.

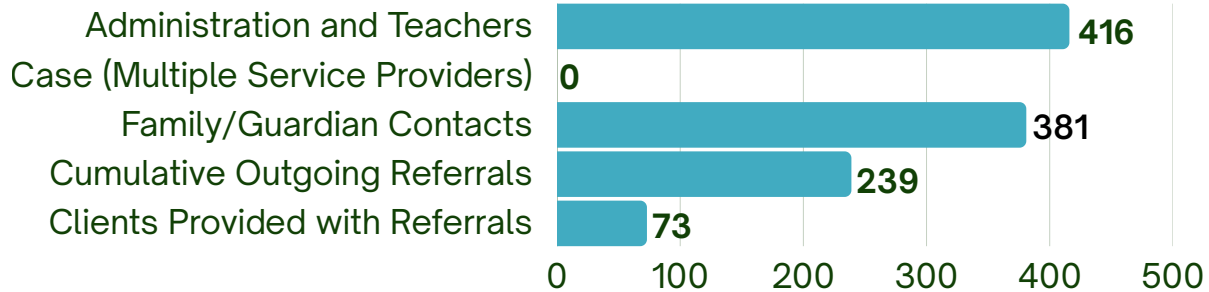


Statistics and Numbers

Total Clients



FWW Consultations & Referrals



Top Client Issues

Child & Youth Single Session

Anxiety/Stress Management, **35%**
 Peer Relations/Social Skills, **15%**
 Separation/Divorce, **12%**

Child & Youth Ongoing

Peer Relations/Social Skills, **29%**
 Emotional Regulation, **21%**
 Anxiety/Stress, **16%**

Adult Single Session

Parenting Strategies, **83%**

Adult Ongoing

Parenting Strategies, **69%**



Impact of Social and Emotional Support

Child and Youth Survey Comments

"I think the KFWP helped me solve problems easier and work things out better with my friends."

"The [FWW] is helping me feel more open about myself, and that I can tell my family about everything and not have to keep it in. The [FWW] is making me feel more happy about myself."

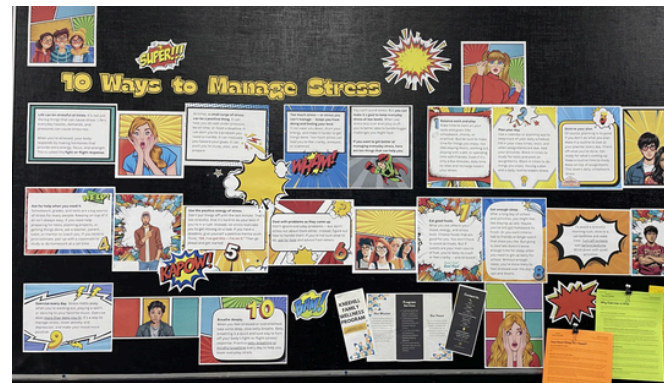
"They helped me with my anger problem and how to control it."

Adult Survey Comments

"[FWW] was very helpful to assist with my families' challenges. [FWW] followed up promptly and made sure we had many different resources to assist with our unique roadblocks."

"Thank you for all the help you gave both of us, it has helped a ton!"

- 99%** Of child/youth/adult report that overall, they found this **program easy to access**
- 98%** Of child/youth report they have **learned healthy ways to manage stress**
- 90%** Of child/youth/adult reported that overall, they are **satisfied with the program**
- 90%** Of child/youth report they **feel better about themselves**





Preventive Education & Community Outreach Impact

GROUPS

1 In-School Series
8 Sessions, 2 Participants
Total Attendance: 13

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

26 Preventive Education Events
67 Sessions, 485 Participants
Total Attendance: 2,470

BULLETIN BOARD DISPLAYS

4 Family Wellness Program Information
6 Prevention of Family Violence
2 Ten Ways to Manage Stress
6 The Great Kindness Campaign
12 Mental Health Awareness Week
2 WorryWoo Monsters

COMMUNITY EVENTS

1 Community Discovery Night
1 Flapjack Fiesta
1 Kneehill Early Years Fair
1 Men, Kids & Mayhem Event
1 Rainbows Summer Camp
2 No School Camps

KNEEHILL AREA CAMPAIGNS

1 The Great Kindness Challenge
1 Prevention of Family Violence

KNEEHILL REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

1 Functional Emergency Social
Services Reception Center
Exercise

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Sharing of Community and/or School-Based Preventive Education Events,
Activities & Supports with Children & Youth

118 Occurrences with 2,851 Participants

Preventive Education

Ongoing Child and Youth Preventive Education Survey Comments

This program...

- *“helped me with my worries.”*
- *“helped me understand that it’s okay to have feelings.”*
- *“helped me to become more confident.”*
- *“[had] lots of little things we did that I used and it helped, like I stopped getting anxious and mad all the time.”*

Family Survey Comments

- *“A really great program to help little minds understand big feelings and that they are normal and natural things to experience but given tools to work through them in a healthy way.”*
- *My 5 and 7 year old both did it this year and talk about the WorryWoos all the time. It’s a very fun way for kids to learn how to understand and name their emotions. Watching my daughter explain to my 2 year old how to calm down with a “hand on your heart and one on your stomach” shows the program is working.”*

Teacher Survey Comments

- *“This program is very relatable to the students. They remember the monsters and the feelings they represent. Taking the time to do some of the extra activities helped to reinforce the concepts.”*
- *“The stories were amazing and the stuffies helped them make a connection that was stronger. I love the parent communication piece. Thank you for your flexibility with the location and scheduling. The kids loved the volcano. It was a great illustration for emotions and strategies.”*

98%

of
child/youth/adult
report they have
learned new
things



Our Partnership

Family Wellness Workers recognize and appreciate the invaluable support and collaboration provided by GHSD during the sixth year of the Kneehill Family Wellness Program. Through our continued partnership, we have achieved meaningful positive outcomes for children, youth, adults, families, and communities throughout the Kneehill area.



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM Financial 8.1

Subject: **Accounts Payable**
Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2026
Presented By: Administrative Advisor
Link to Strat Plan: Level of Service

Recommended Motion:	That Council approve payment of the Accounts Payable listing of September 14, 2026 in the amount of \$837,639.25.
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Background/ Proposal	The Accounts Payable listing of September 14, 2026 has been circulated for Council's information.
Discussion/ Options/ Benefits/ Disadvantages:	NA
Financial Implications:	Expenses are incurred according to the approved Operating and Capital Budgets.
Council Options:	Council may accept the listing for information.
Recommended Engagement:	
Attachments:	NA
Follow-up Actions:	NA

Approval:
Mike Haugen, Advisor

Subject: **FortisAlberta 2027 Franchise Fee**
 Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2026
 Presented By: Mike Haugen, Advisor
 Link to Strat Plan: Aligns with Vision and Mission

Recommended Motion:	That Council proceed with an increase to the FortisAlberta franchise fee from 3% to 5% for 2027.
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Background/ Proposal	A franchise fee, which may show up on your electric bill as a “local access fee”, is a charge paid by utility providers to municipalities for the use of municipal road rights-of-way and other public lands to construct, operate, and maintain utility infrastructure. Municipalities may enter into franchise agreements with utility providers, such as FortisAlberta, which establish the terms and conditions for access to municipal property and set the franchise fee rate that may be collected from customers within the municipality. The primary purpose of a franchise fee is to compensate the municipality for the utility's use of public infrastructure and rights-of-way, and to recognize the administrative and operational impacts associated with managing utility access within municipal boundaries. Franchise fee revenues become part of the municipality's general revenues and may be used to support municipal operations, services, and infrastructure. The franchise fee is typically calculated as a percentage of the utility's distribution charges and is collected by the utility provider on behalf of the municipality through customer utility bills. The rate is set by the municipality each year and for this specific agreement may not exceed 20%. The Village's current rate for FortisAlberta is 3%. In 2027 it is estimated that this will generate approximately \$16,400.00 in revenue for the Village. Changes to the rate must be advertised by the Village and approved by the AUC. FortisAlberta pays a property tax bill in addition to the franchise fee.
Discussion/ Options/ Benefits/ Disadvantages:	Franchise fees are sources of revenue for municipalities. As they are determined by municipalities they are also often viewed as an indirect tax, given that the provider passes this cost through to the customer. Administration notes that this fee is applied to all customers of the utility, including entities such as schools, churches, and others that may otherwise be tax exempt. Administration is asking for Council to advise if they would like to alter or maintain the rate. A sheet depicting 2026 rates in effect in other municipalities is attached for Council's information.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM #

Financial

8.2

Financial Implications:	Based on the 2027 estimates, each 1% change in the current rate would result in a corresponding increase/decrease of approximately \$5,467, which would be spread across village customers over the course of 2027. The recommended motion would increase 2027 expected revenues by \$10,934.00.
Council Options:	1. Council may choose to maintain the current rate of 3%. 2. Council may choose to increase or decrease the rate.
Recommended Engagement:	Information only
Attachments:	FortisAlberta Municipal Rate Sheet – July 2026
Follow-up Actions:	Administration will advise FortisAlberta accordingly.

Approval:
Mike Haugen, Advisor

FortisAlberta Inc.
Rates, Options and Riders Schedules

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEE RIDERS

Approved in AUC Decision: Decision 30236-D01-2025; Decision 30454-D01-2025;
Decision 30673-D01-2026; Decision 30711-D01-2026;
Disposition 30673-D02-2026

Effective Date: May 1, 2026

Availability

Effective for all consumption, estimated or actual, on and after the first of the month following Commission approval, the following franchise fee riders apply to each rate class.

Price Adjustment

A percentage surcharge per the table below will be added to the total distribution tariff, including both the transmission and distribution charges, and excluding any Riders, calculated for every Point of Service within each Municipality and will be billed to the applicable Retailer.

FortisAlberta will pay to each Municipality each month, in accordance with the franchise agreements between FortisAlberta and the Municipalities or an agreement with a non-municipality, the franchise fee revenue collected from the Retailers.

Municipality Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective	Municipality Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective
03-0002	Acme	3%	2013/07/01	03-0041	Boyle	20%	2021/01/01
01-0003	Airdrie	20%	2021/04/01	03-0042	Breton	20%	2015/01/01
03-0005	Alix	8.50%	2019/01/01	01-0043	Brooks	17%	2026/04/01
03-0004	Alberta Beach	8%	2021/01/01	02-0044	Bruderheim	4%	2024/04/01
03-0007	Amisk	0%	2014/01/01	02-0047	Calmar	20%	2013/07/01
02-0011	Athabasca	20%	2024/01/01	01-0048	Camrose	18%	2025/04/01
04-0009	Argentia Beach	0%	2017/01/01	02-0050	Canmore	18%	2026/01/01
03-0010	Arrowwood	12%	2015/07/01	03-0054	Carthagay	15%	2021/01/01
02-0387	Banff	8%	2025/01/01	03-0055	Caroline	12%	2021/01/01
07-0164	Banff Park	8%	2026/01/01	02-0056	Carstairs	10%	2015/01/01
03-0363	Barnwell	15%	2025/01/01	03-0061	Champion	15%	2015/04/01
03-0013	Barons	5%	2015/04/01	03-0062	Chauvin	11%	2016/01/01
02-0014	Barrhead	16%	2026/04/01	01-0356	Chestermere	11.50%	2014/01/01
02-0016	Bashaw	2%	2021/01/01	03-0064	Chipman	0%	2016/01/01
02-0017	Bassano	14.40%	2019/01/01	02-0065	Claresholm	9%	2026/01/01
03-0018	Bawlf	9%	2025/01/01	03-0066	Clive	11%	2023/01/01
01-0019	Beaumont	17.25%	2020/01/01	03-0068	Clyde	18%	2024/01/01
03-0022	Beiseker	3.50%	2019/01/01	02-0069	Coaldale	20%	2025/04/01
02-0024	Bentley	10%	2019/01/01	02-0360	Coalhurst	7.5%	2023/01/01
04-0026	Betula Beach	0%	2017/01/01	02-0070	Cochrane	17%	2020/01/01
03-0029	Bittern Lake	9%	2026/01/01	03-0076	Coutts	3%	2017/01/01
02-0031	Blackfalds	20%	2013/10/01	03-0077	Cowley	5%	2016/01/01
02-0034	Bon Accord	19%	2022/01/01	03-0078	Cremona	10%	2016/01/01
02-0039	Bow Island	17%	2024/01/01	02-0079	Crossfield	17%	2023/01/01
02-0040	Bowden	15%	2017/01/01	09-0361	Crowsnest Pass	16%	2016/01/01

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Municipality Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective	Municipality Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective
04-0080	Crystal Springs	0%	2016/01/01	01-0194	Lacombe	17.63%	2024/01/01
03-0081	Czar	5%	2013/10/01	04-0196	Lakeview	2%	2016/01/01
02-0082	Daysland	12%	2026/01/01	02-0197	Lamont	7.50%	2020/01/01
02-0086	Devon	20%	2026/01/01	04-0378	Larkspur	3%	2020/04/01
02-7662	Diamond Valley	10%	2023/01/01	01-0200	Leduc	18%	2026/05/01
02-0088	Didsbury	17%	2016/01/01	02-0202	Legal	20%	2024/01/01
02-0091	Drayton Valley	13.40%	2025/01/01	06-0204	Lethbridge County	5%	2026/04/01
03-0093	Duchess	15%	2018/01/01	06-0204	Lomond	20%	2026/01/01
02-0095	Eckville	10%	2015/01/01	03-0207	Longview	17%	2017/01/01
03-0096	Edberg	13%	2021/01/01	03-0208	Lougheed	9%	2026/01/01
03-0097	Edgerton	15%	2022/01/01	03-0209	Magrath	15%	2023/01/01
02-0100	Edson	6.70%	2026/01/01	02-0211	Ma-Me-O Beach	0%	2016/01/01
03-0109	Ferintosh	11%	2016/01/01	04-0210	Mayerthorpe	14.75%	2025/01/01
03-0112	Foremost	7%	2016/01/01	02-0215	Mewatha Beach	2%	2016/10/01
02-0115	Fort Macleod	15%	2018/10/01	04-0359	Milk River	12%	2017/01/01
01-0117	Fort Saskatchewan	0%	2013/10/01	02-0218	Millet	19%	2026/01/01
02-0124	Gibbons	10%	2013/01/01	02-0219	Milo	20%	2017/01/01
03-0128	Glenwood	5%	2022/04/01	03-0220	Morinville	20%	2013/07/01
04-0129	Golden Days	0%	2017/01/01	02-0224	Nakamun Park	0%	2013/10/01
02-0135	Gratum	0%	2024/02/01	04-0230	Nanton	10%	2026/01/01
04-0134	Grandview	0%	2016/01/01	02-0232	Nobleford	5%	2023/01/01
04-0138	Gull Lake	0%	2016/01/01	02-0236	New Norway	6%	2009/01/01
04-0358	Half Moon Bay	0%	2021/01/01	03-0233	Norglenwold	5%	2015/01/01
02-0143	Hardisty	9.50%	2021/01/01	04-0237	Norris Beach	0%	2016/01/01
03-0144	Hay Lakes	9%	2021/01/01	04-0385	Okotoks	20%	2021/01/01
02-0148	High River	20%	2015/07/01	02-0238	Olds	20%	2025/01/01
03-0149	Hill Spring	5%	2014/01/01	02-0239	Onoway	10.50%	2024/01/01
02-0151	Hinton	11.73%	2022/01/01	02-0240	Parkland Beach	0%	2015/01/01
03-0152	Holden	4%	2016/01/01	04-0374	Penhold	19%	2014/01/01
03-0153	Hughenden	5%	2016/01/01	02-0248	Picture Butte	11%	2022/01/01
03-0154	Hussar	12.50%	2017/01/01	02-0249	Pincher Creek	20%	2024/01/01
02-0180	Innisfail	18%	2025/04/01	02-0250	Point Alison	0%	2017/01/23
03-0182	Irma	20%	2015/01/01	04-0253	Poplar Bay	0%	2016/01/01
02-0183	Irricana	8%	2023/05/01	04-0256	Provost	20%	2015/01/01
04-0185	Island Lake	0%	2016/01/01	02-0257	Raymond	16%	2022/01/01
04-0186	Itaska Beach	0%	2017/10/01	02-0261	Redwater	12%	2026/04/01
04-0379	Jarvis Bay	0%	2015/10/08	02-0265	Rimbey	20%	2022/01/01
04-0187	Kapasiwin	0%	2018/04/01	02-0266	Rocky Mtn House	16.80%	2025/01/01
02-0188	Killam	10%	2024/01/01	02-0268	Rockyford	7%	2024/01/01
				03-0270	Rosemary	15.50%	2023/01/01
				03-0272			

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04-0273	Ross Haven	0%	2016/01/01	02-0310	Sylvan Lake	18%	2023/01/01
03-0276	Ryley	3%	2016/01/01	02-0311	Taber	18%	2020/07/01
04-0279	Seba Beach	4%	2014/01/01	02-0315	Thorsby	20%	2014/01/01
02-0280	Sedgewick	13%	2026/01/01	02-0318	Tofield	5%	2015/01/01
04-0283	Silver Sands	3%	2018/01/01	04-0324	Val Quentin	0%	2016/01/01
04-0369	South Baptiste	0%	2005/05/01	02-0326	Vauxhall	10%	2026/01/01
04-0288	South View	5%	2026/01/01	02-0331	Viking	8%	2013/01/01
03-0099	Spring Lake, V.	0%	2025/04/01	02-0333	Vulcan	20%	2013/10/01
01-0291	Spruce Grove	20%	2016/01/01	03-0364	Wabamun	10%	2017/01/01
01-0292	St. Albert	15%	2023/01/01	02-0335	Wainwright	14.5%	2026/01/01
03-0295	Standard	4%	2024/04/01	07-0159	Waterton Park	8%	2018/10/01
02-0297	Stavely	6%	2021/01/01	03-0338	Warburg	10%	2015/01/01
03-0300	Stirling	12%	2019/01/01	03-0339	Warner	7%	2024/01/01
02-0301	Stony Plain	20%	2013/01/01	04-0344	West Cove	3%	2025/01/01
15-0523	Strathcona County – Sherwood Park	0%	2026/01/01	02-0345	Westlock	16.25%	2024/01/01
02-0303	Strathmore	20%	2020/07/01	01-0347	Wetaskiwin	17%	2026/01/01
03-0304	Strome	9%	2022/01/01	04-0371	Whispering Hills	5%	2016/10/01
02-0307	Sundre	12%	2024/01/01	02-0350	Whitecourt	7.09%	2026/01/01
04-0386	Sunrise Beach	0%	2018/01/01	04-0354	Yellowstone	13%	2025/01/01
04-0308	Sunset Point	10%	2017/01/01				



REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM Financial 8.3

Subject: **Atco Gas 2027 Franchise Fee**
Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2026
Presented By: Mike Haugen, Advisor
Link to Strat Plan: Aligns with Vision and Mission

Recommended Motion:	That Council seek a decrease of the Atco Gas franchise fee from 20% to 16% for 2027, contingent upon not using the franchise fee in lieu of taxes.
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Background/ Proposal	A franchise fee, which may show up on your electric bill as a “local access fee”, is a charge paid by utility providers to municipalities for the use of municipal road rights-of-way and other public lands to construct, operate, and maintain utility infrastructure. Municipalities may enter into franchise agreements with utility providers, such as Atco Gas, which establish the terms and conditions for access to municipal property and set the franchise fee rate that may be collected from customers within the municipality. The primary purpose of a franchise fee is to compensate the municipality for the utility’s use of public infrastructure and rights-of-way, and to recognize the administrative and operational impacts associated with managing utility access within municipal boundaries. Franchise fee revenues become part of the municipality’s general revenues and may be used to support municipal operations, services, and infrastructure. The franchise fee is typically calculated as a percentage of the utility’s distribution charges and is collected by the utility provider on behalf of the municipality through customer utility bills. The rate is set by the municipality each year and for this specific agreement may not exceed 35%. The Village’s current rate for Atco Gas is 20% (referred to as Rider A). In 2027 it is estimated that this will generate approximately \$46,000.00 in revenue for the Village, with an estimated \$11,300.00 of that amount being applied to taxes. Changes to the rate must be advertised by the Village and approved by the AUC. Atco Gas does not pay a property tax bill in addition to the franchise fee.
Discussion/ Options/ Benefits/ Disadvantages:	Franchise fees are sources of revenue for municipalities. As they are determined by municipalities they are also often viewed as an indirect tax, given that the provider passes this cost through to the customer. Administration notes that this fee is applied to all customers of the utility, including entities such as schools, churches, and others that may otherwise be tax exempt. Administration is asking for Council to advise if they would like to alter or maintain the rate. A sheet depicting 2026 rates in effect in other municipalities is attached for Council’s information.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM #

Financial

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	Administration notes that while the Village and Atco have historically had the understanding that this fee would be paid in lieu of taxes, it does not appear that this understanding has been codified. Administration is recommending that the Village work with Atco to codify the arrangement with Atco for future clarity. Should Council wish to maintain the current fee level from a revenue perspective, this may actually occur as a decrease to the current 20% rate (Rider A) and a new fee (Rider B) of 4% or 5% added to account for property taxes, thus keeping the overall rate and revenue approximately the same. If Council wished to maintain the current rate (Rider A) and add the property tax component (Rider B), this would increase the overall rate to approximately 25% and result in increased revenue of approximately \$11,300.00 annually.
Financial Implications:	A forecast sheet has been attached for Council's information.
Council Options:	1. Council may choose to maintain the current rate of 20%. 2. Council may choose to increase or decrease the rate.
Recommended Engagement:	Information only
Attachments:	Atco Gas Municipal Rate Sheet – July 2026 Atco Gas 2027 Forecasts
Follow-up Actions:	Administration will advise Atco Gas accordingly.

Approval:
Mike Haugen, Advisor

Effective June 1, 2026, by AUC Disposition 30753-D01-2026

ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD. – SOUTH RIDER "A" MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEE TO ALL RATES AND ANY OTHER RIDERS THERETO

All charges under the Rates, including any charges under other Riders, to Customers situated within the communities listed on this Rider "A" Municipal Franchise Fee are subject to the addition of the percentage shown. The percentage shown is to be applied as an addition to the billings calculated under the Rates including charges as allowed under other Riders in effect.

Method A. - Applied to gross revenues*.

Method C. - Applied to gross revenues* and Rider "E".

<u>Effective</u>			<u>Effective</u>			<u>Effective</u>		
<u>Municipalities –</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Municipalities</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Municipalities –</u>		<u>Date</u>
<u>Method A</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>yymmdd</u>	<u>Method A</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>yymmdd</u>	<u>Method C</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>yymmdd</u>
Acme	20.00	04/03/10	Foremost	21.00	04/01/21	Calgary**	11.11	25/03/01
Airdrie	35.00	26/06/01	Fort Macleod	12.50	01/10/02			
Banff	35.00	24/02/01	Gasoline Alley	19.50	20/05/01			
Banff Ntl Park	35.00	25/01/01	Glenwood	10.00	23/03/01			
Barnwell	13.00	01/01/18	Granum	0.00	24/02/01			
Barons	14.97	00/08/21	High River	20.00	19/05/01			
Bassano	25.00	13/01/01	Hill Spring	5.00	10/03/25			
Beiseker	16.00	19/01/01	Hussar	27.50	22/02/01			
Big Valley	12.00	16/03/01	Innisfail	28.00	25/04/01			
Bow Island	20.00	25/08/01	Irricana	14.18	23/01/01			
Bowden	22.00	07/02/16	Lethbridge	27.00	12/02/15			
Brooks	22.50	26/04/01	Linden	15.23	04/07/09			
Burdett	15.00	20/04/01	Lomond	25.00	15/12/01			
Canmore	35.00	24/01/01	Longview	20.00	16/01/01			
Carbon	16.00	22/01/01	Magrath	15.00	10/01/18			
Cardston	20.00	23/02/01	Milk River	30.00	04/12/14			
Carmangay	5.00	25/01/01	Nanton	20.00	26/01/01			
Carstairs	25.00	07/08/01	Nobleford	7.50	23/01/01			
Champion	15.00	10/03/02	Okotoks	35.00	24/01/01			
Chestermere	17.00	14/01/01	Olds	35.00	26/04/01			
Claresholm	15.00	26/01/01	Penhold	25.00	18/09/01			
Coaldale	25.00	25/04/01	Picture Butte	18.00	16/09/01			
Coalhurst	12.45	24/01/01	Raymond	15.00	20/10/07			
Cochrane	20.00	16/01/01	Rockyford	30.00	12/01/01			
Coutts	20.00	08/09/09	Rosemary	17.00	23/01/01			
Cowley	13.79	02/08/23	Springbrook	10.50	23/04/01			
Cremona	23.00	23/01/01	Standard	4.00	23/01/01			
Crossfield	25.00	26/01/01	Stavely	11.00	21/01/01			
Crowsnest Pass	25.00	13/01/17	Stirling	12.00	19/01/01			
Delburne	21.60	07/04/10	Strathmore	35.00	21/04/01			
Diamond Valley	15.00	23/01/01	Taber	18.00	20/07/01			
Didsbury	25.00	10/01/01	Taber*	33.00	20/07/01			
Duchess	15.00	21/01/01	Trochu	20.00	15/12/01			
Elnora	16.00	04/05/27	Vauxhall	12.00	24/01/01			
			Vulcan	35.00	14/01/01			

* Applied to High Use.

** Exemption available on Rider "E" portion of natural gas feedstock quantities used by an electrical generation plant whose primary fuel source is natural gas, for the commercial sale of electricity or used by a district energy plant for combined heat and power production, if deemed by the City of Calgary to be a qualifying facility.

ATCO Gas & Pipelines Ltd.

Historic and Forecast Franchise Fee and Property Tax Information for the Village of Acme

Historic Information

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	Five <u>Year Average</u>
Franchise Fees	\$37,033	\$46,164	\$41,389	\$43,038	\$42,831	\$42,091
Average Annual Franchise Fees Per Average Residential Customer Using 105 GJ's per Year	\$101.89	\$119.63	\$104.76	\$113.22	\$112.80	\$110.46
Franchise Fee Percentage	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	
Company Delivery Tariff Revenue	\$185,156	\$230,796	\$206,952	\$215,208	\$214,156	

Forecast Information*

Franchise Fee (Rider A)	Municipal Income			Impact on Average Residential Customer			Estimated 2027 Company Delivery Tariff Revenue	Estimated 2027 Delivery Tariff Revenue Per Average Residential Customer Using 105 GJs / year
	Estimated 2027 Annual Franchise Fee Total **	Estimated 2027 Property Tax Total	Estimated 2027 Annual F. Fee + Tax Total	Estimated 2027 Annual Franchise Fee Average Residential	Estimated 2027 Annual Property Tax Average Residential	Estimated 2027 Annual F. Fee + Tax Per Average Residential		
5.00%	\$11,450	\$11,328	\$22,778	\$28.50	\$28.20	\$56.70	\$229,000	\$570.04
10.00%	\$22,900	\$11,328	\$34,228	\$57.00	\$28.20	\$85.20		
15.00%	\$34,350	\$11,328	\$45,678	\$85.51	\$28.20	\$113.70		
20.00%	\$45,800	\$11,328	\$57,128	\$114.01	\$28.20	\$142.21		
25.00%	\$57,250	\$11,328	\$68,578	\$142.51	\$28.20	\$170.71		
30.00%	\$68,700	\$11,328	\$80,028	\$171.01	\$28.20	\$199.21		
35.00%	\$80,150	\$11,328	\$91,478	\$199.51	\$28.20	\$227.71		

<----- current franchise fee rate is 20%

The maximum franchise fee allowed by the AUC is 35%.

Estimated property tax recovery (Rider B) percentage: 4.95%

* The forecast information is provided solely as an estimate for planning purposes; it is not a guarantee of future performance.

** Franchise fee percent multiplied by Company Delivery Revenue forecast.

CAO Report – Council Meeting – September 14th, 2026

Infrastructure Update

Pumphouse construction is nearing completion.

Normal work is occurring and the Village is looking to make connections for several properties prior to colder temperatures setting in.

Development

The Village continues to field normal development related questions.

The arranged meeting with OTI did not occur and this meeting is currently being rescheduled.

Legislative

The Village is seeking legal advice on several items and will advise Council when information is available.

Recruitment of a new CAO has been initiated and will continue over the next couple of months.

Some minor activities are occurring as some forms and templates are being developed (such as a new Council Delegation form).

Administration will soon begin the budget process.

COMMUNITY

The office has responded to several resident concerns including tree issues, dog waste pick-up and others.

Initial meetings with local municipalities regarding shared bylaw enforcement have taken place and are proceeding. Once additional details have been determined, the proposal will be brought to Council for consideration.

From: Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills <OldsDidsbury.ThreeHills@assembly.ab.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2026 11:51 AM
To: Accounting <accounting@acme.ca>
Subject: RE: Letter from Mayor Bates, Village of Acme

Good morning Colleen

Sorry for the late response, I have been away.

Our office has spoken with Minister Dreeshen's office earlier this month regarding both Hwy 575 and 806N and Hwy 575 and 806S intersections. His office informs us that the department will complete a safety review of both intersections, which will likely be completed late fall of this year.

I'm sure Minister Dreeshen's office will respond with more details. We appreciate being cc'd on this.

Kind regards,



Brenda Berreth

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