



# REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

Meeting: December 8, 2025

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## 2026 Interim Operating and Capital Budget

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Administration has prepared the attached copy of the proposed 2026 Interim Operating and Capital Budgets, following consultation and meetings with all of the Town Department Managers, the Facility and Infrastructure Planning Committee (FIPC), and the Audit and Finance Committee. The Audit and Finance Committee met on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and FIPC met on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Upon review, questioning and discussion of the draft budgets, both the FIPC and Audit and Finance Committees made recommendations to have the 2026 Interim Operating and Capital Budgets presented to Council for their approval.

The budgets presented are Interim budgets, which allow the Town to continue to operate and plan in the beginning of the new year as Administration cannot operate without an approved budget as per section 248(1) of the MGA:

Expenditure of money

248(1) A municipality may only make an expenditure that is

- (a) included in an operating budget, interim operating budget or capital budget or otherwise authorized by the council,
- (b) for an emergency, or
- (c) legally required to be paid.

The 2026 budget discussions will continue in the new year as the Town receives additional information from the province and other organizations on potential grants or additional revenues and expenditures invoiced as well as some funding requests. The 2026 Final Budget will be passed in the spring of 2026 in conjunction with receiving the final property tax assessments and setting of the 2026 tax rates.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the 2026 Interim Operating Budget as presented.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the 2026 Capital Budget as presented.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1.) 2026 Interim Operating and Capital Budget Plan

### **APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:**

- 1.) Section 248(1) of the Municipal Government Act

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney – CAO

DATE: December 4, 2025

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