

Mayor's Message - Year in Review



2025 was a year of both progress and responsibility for Crossfield. While rising costs and aging infrastructure presented real challenges, Council and Administration remained focused on

strengthening the foundations of our community and planning carefully for the future. Overall, it was a year of momentum – one that balanced thoughtful decision-making with meaningful progress.

Throughout the year, Council advanced key initiatives, including the adoption of an updated Municipal Development Plan, strong planning and development activity, and the decision to move forward with a new wastewater polishing treatment system. We also made practical operational improvements, invested in community amenities, strengthened fiscal responsibility through new financial policies, and enhanced transparency through quarterly public reporting and the launch of the Crossfield Connect online portal.

Community amenities were a top priority in 2025. The completion of the Amery Park Outdoor Rink provides residents with an improved, accessible recreational space that supports active living and year-round community use.

To help residents stay informed, the Town officially launched the 2025 Annual Report at its January 21, 2026 Council meeting. The report provides highlights of the Town's activities in 2025, along with a brief overview of capital projects and financials. I encourage residents to take a moment to review the report to see how the Town's work over the past year supports both current services and long-term sustainability. [\[2025 Annual Report\]](#)

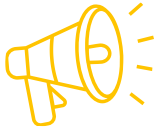
As we look ahead to 2026, much of the groundwork laid in recent years will begin to take visible shape as the Town continues to focus on infrastructure renewal, community safety, and responsible growth.

Thank you to our residents, businesses, volunteers, and staff for your engagement, patience, and pride in Crossfield. Together, we are building a strong, welcoming, and resilient community.



Crossfield Releases 2025 Annual Report

We're excited to share the Town of Crossfield's first-ever Annual Report! It celebrates the progress we've made together, showcases our community's spirit, and highlights how Council, Town Administration, and community partners have worked hand in hand to make Crossfield a vibrant and resilient place to live.



2025 Highlights

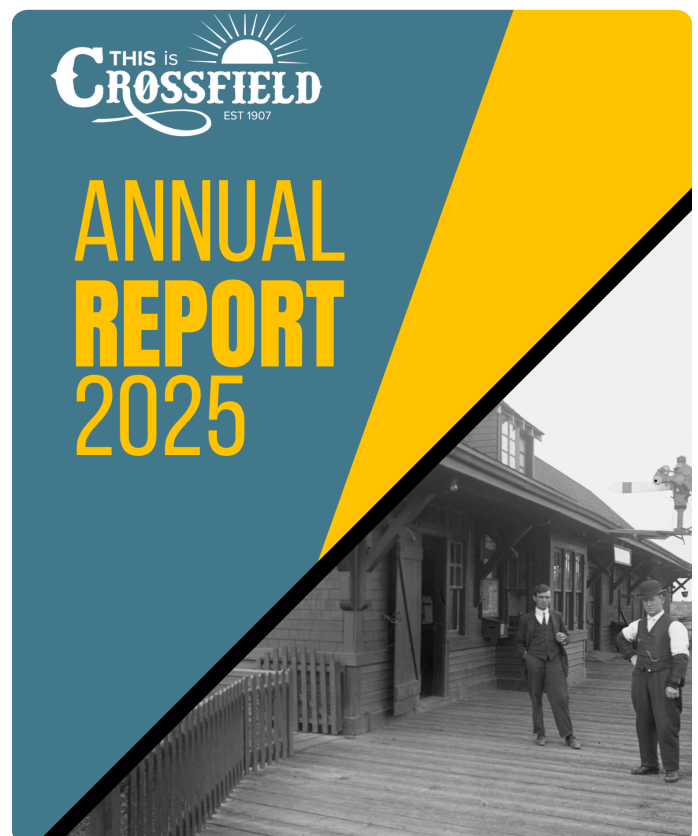
- **Community Growth:** Crossfield's population is estimated at 4,300, reflecting 22.8% growth over the past five years. The Town continues to balance development with maintaining its small-town character.
- **Governance & Engagement:** A successful municipal election in October welcomed a mix of returning and new councillors, with ongoing Council meetings, public hearings, and community consultations ensuring transparency and resident involvement.
- **Infrastructure & Public Safety:** Major projects included wastewater system upgrades, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, and enhanced snow and ice management. A new fire engine and emergency preparedness exercises strengthened community safety.
- **Parks & Recreation:** Investments in park signage, pathway maintenance, Amery Park rink upgrades, splash park repairs, and a new arena score clock improved recreational facilities for residents of all ages.
- **Social Programs:** The Town hosted 69 programs supporting youth, families, and seniors, while community services such as food banks and wellness initiatives saw increased participation.
- **Financial Stewardship:** The Town implemented new financial policies, strengthened reserves, and carefully managed capital projects totaling \$2 million, ensuring responsible use of public funds.
- **Communication & Digital Services:** The launch of the Crossfield Connect portal, various community surveys, and increased social media engagement helped residents access services and provide feedback on town planning initiatives.

Looking Ahead:

Crossfield continues to plan for sustainable growth, improved infrastructure, and expanded programs and services to enhance quality of life. Residents are encouraged to stay connected through newsletters, social media, and the Town's website for updates on projects and events.

Explore the full 2025 Annual Report online:

crossfieldalberta.com





Monthly Utility Billing Begins March 2026

Beginning in March 2026, the Town of Crossfield will transition from bi-monthly to monthly utility billing. Instead of receiving one bill every two months, residents will receive a utility bill each month. This change is designed to help households budget more easily by aligning utility bills with other regular monthly expenses.

Utility bills will continue to be issued on the 25th of each month, with payment due on the 15th of the following month. Each bill will cover a one-month billing period and will be based on actual meter readings where available, or on the estimation processes currently in place.

Moving to monthly billing will improve the Town's ability to manage accounts in a timely and effective manner and aligns Crossfield with the billing practices of many other Alberta municipalities.

Benefits to the Town's financial management processes include:

- Reduced risk of large unpaid balances
- Earlier follow-up on overdue accounts
- Improved cash flow stability

This transition supports the Town's ongoing efforts to strengthen and streamline financial management while continuing to deliver essential municipal services.

Monthly billing will also enhance the Town's commitment to water sustainability. More frequent billing allows for earlier identification of leaks or unusually high water consumption, helping residents address potential issues sooner than under the bi-monthly system.

An FAQ is available on the Town's website with additional details about this change and how it will affect Crossfield residents. As new questions are received, the FAQ will be updated accordingly. Residents are encouraged to reach out with questions by email, phone, or in person.

Contact
Us



Give Us A Call
403-946-5565



Email
town@crossfieldalberta.com



In Person
Town Office
1005 Ross Street
Monday to Friday 8:30 am. - 4:30 p.m.

2026 Utility Rates Changes

Below are the 2026 Utility Rates as approved by Town Council at its December 6, 2025 meeting. For reference, the 2025 rates are also shown, with the new monthly billing rates displayed in the right-hand columns. Utility rate increases will take effect with the **March 2026 billing cycle**, at which time monthly utility billing will begin.

Residential/Commercial Minimum Bill			
	2025	2026	
	*bi-monthly	**bi-monthly	*monthly
Basic Water	\$57.16	\$67.88	\$33.94
Basic Sewer	\$42.87	\$50.91	\$25.46
Basic Garbage	\$31.75	\$31.75	\$15.87
Curbside Recycling	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$3.50
	\$138.78	\$157.54	\$78.77
Residential/Commercial Consumption Over Minimum Volume			
Water	\$3.95		\$4.69
Sewer	\$2.96		\$3.52

Industrial Minimum Bill			
	2025	2026	
	*bi-monthly	**bi-monthly	*monthly
Basic Water	\$70.60	\$83.84	\$41.92
Basic Sewer	\$67.07	\$79.65	\$39.82
Recycling Fee	\$10.65	\$10.65	\$5.32
	\$148.32	\$174.13	\$87.06
Industrial Consumption Over Minimum Volume			
Water	\$4.40		\$5.23
Sewer	\$4.18		\$4.96

*Bi-monthly billing is based on water and sewer consumption of 22.7 m³

*Monthly billing is based on water and sewer consumption of 11.35 m³

**2026 Bi-monthly values included for comparison purposes only

Note: A 15% increase to the water rate has been passed on from increased cost to purchase water from Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission (MVRWSC)

TIPP

Tax Installment Payment Plan

The convenient way to pay your property taxes!

While this is program runs January to December, property owners are welcomed and encouraged to sign up at any point during the year.
Sign up information is below.

The Tax Installment Payment Plan divides your annual property taxes into monthly sums that are automatically withdrawn from your bank account. There are no fees or interest charged when enrolling in the TIPP program.

How TIPP Works:

- Payments will be withdrawn from your bank account on the first day of the month. If the first day of the month is not a regular business day, the payment will be withdrawn on the following business day.
- The plan runs from January to December.
- Payments are recalculated in January and July of each year.
- The first six (6) payments are based on the previous year's taxes levied. The payment amount for the last six (6) months of the year will change due to an increase or decrease to the annual levy.
- Participants will be notified of the new installment amount in the annual taxation notice which is sent in May every year.
- The Town does not charge for this service, however, normal bank service fees may apply.
- Read more on the website: [How to Pay Your Tax Bill](#)
(Departments > Assessment and Taxation > How to Pay Your Tax Bill)

WIPP

Water Installment Payment Plan

WIPP is the Town's Water Installment Payment Plan service. It allows Water and Sewer customers to pay their bills automatically through direct debit.

To sign up, or for more information:

Visit the Town's website: crossfieldalberta.com or contact our office by emailing the Town or call us at 403-946-5565.

Sign up for **E-BILLS** & save money

- Get your utility bills straight to your inbox—no delays, no waiting!
- Keep all your important documents organized and clutter-free.
- Save \$2 on every bill while helping the environment by reducing paper and envelope use.

Signing up is easy! Complete the E-Bill Utility Service Agreement online or stop by the Town Office to enroll today.

Did you know the Town of Crossfield offers automatic withdrawals from your bank account for both utility and monthly tax payments?
Never forget another payment again!





Changes to Property Tax Payments

Credit Cards no longer accepted effective January 1, 2026

Important Notice! As of January 1, 2026, the Town of Crossfield will no longer accept credit card payments for property taxes.

We encourage everyone to sign up for TIPP the Tax Installment Payment Plan.

- TIPP helps you spread large annual property tax bills into smaller monthly payments. It will also make budgeting easier.
- This change is made to save money spent on expensive credit card processing fees.
- By no longer accepting credit cards for property tax payments, the Town estimates this change will save taxpayers approximately \$17,000 in processing fees in 2026 alone.

Find more information on the Town's website:

[Departments/Assessment and Taxation/How to Pay your Tax Bill.](#)

Upcoming Meetings Meetings now begin at 6 pm



February 3 & 17, 2026
March 3 & 17, 2026
April 7 & 21, 2026
May 5 & 19, 2026

**Crossfield Community Center
900 Mountain Avenue, 6 p.m.**

PERFECT FOR INCOME TAX SEASON!

Crossfield
Connect
ONLINE SERVICE PORTAL

Access your Utility Bills, Tax & Assessment Notices, and account history all in one place.

Register today on our website:
[Residents/CrossfieldConnectOnline Portal](#)

Need help logging in or registering?
We're here to help.

Contact us at:

 **town@crossfieldalberta.com**

 **403-946-5565**

 **1005 Ross Street**

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of council summer recess held in August.

Council meetings are open to the public and can also be watched live on the Town of Crossfield YouTube page.

If you have an item you would like placed before Council, please email admin@crossfieldalberta.com with your request.



W.G. Murdoch School Grade 6 Citizens Participating in Decision Making



Grade 6 students from W.G. Murdoch School have been actively participating in their unit on government and politics. As part of their learning, students held a mock election, where their peers voted to elect their own Mayor, six Councillors, and a Chief Administrative Officer.

To better understand how municipal government works, the newly elected Grade 6 Council's participated in mock council meetings on January 20 and February 3 with Crossfield Town Council. During these sessions, students practiced making motions, reviewing administrative reports for consideration, and asking questions of Town Administration, gaining hands-on experience in how local government decisions are made.



Students then attended a public council meeting, where they delivered presentations to

Council and observed the formal proceedings.

This experience allowed them to see firsthand how municipal decision-making and governance operate.



Join the 2026 Census team!

APPLY NOW:

census.gc.ca/jobs

Statistics Canada is hiring enumerators and crew leaders for Canada's largest survey, the #2026Census.



Help collect the information that shapes programs and services that support employment, education, public transit, health care, and more.

Apply now: census.gc.ca/jobs.



FAMILY DAY WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Town of Crossfield is excited to invite residents to celebrate Family Day week (Feb. 16-19) with a variety of fun, active, and creative programs for all ages. Join us throughout the week for skating, games, crafts, and exciting outings—there's something for everyone!



REGISTER NOW

To register for any of the Family Week activities click [here](#).

FAMILY DAY SKATE

MON. FEB 16

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pete Knight Arena

Kick off Family Day with a free public skate for the whole family.

Enjoy time on the ice followed by a complimentary hot dog lunch.

No registration required.



APPLE CREEK ARCADE

**TUE.
FEB. 17**

12:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

This off-site trip is designed for participants ages 8 and up and includes transportation by bus.

Cost: \$20.00 per participant

Transportation: Bus departs from the Pete Knight Arena parking lot

Registration is required



SPLAT ATTACK

**WED.
FEB. 18**

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy an action-packed afternoon of gellyball games and group activities at Splat Attack. This event is for participants ages 8 and up and includes transportation.

Cost: \$20.00 per participant

Transportation: Bus departs from the Pete Knight Arena parking lot

Registration is required

CRAFT & ACTIVITY DAY

**THURS.
FEB. 19**

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Crossfield Community Centre
Join us for a relaxed afternoon of crafts, games, and hands-on activities suitable for all ages.

Note: Children 7 and under must be accompanied by a supervisor aged 14+

Free to attend

Registration is required





“STARS OF CROSSFIELD” AWARDS

Nominations are Now Open!

The Town of Crossfield is accepting nominations for the following four categories:

- Volunteer of the Year,
- Volunteer Group of the Year,
- Community Champion, and
- Mentor of the Year!



Nominate a deserving individual or group today!

The Town of Crossfield is pleased to accept nominations for the 2026 Stars of Crossfield Volunteer Awards. The following categories are open for nominations:

- 1. Volunteer of the Year:** This award recognizes a dedicated individual who has made outstanding contributions to the Crossfield community through their volunteer work.
- 2. Volunteer Group of the Year:** This award recognizes a dedicated group who has made outstanding contributions to the Crossfield community through their volunteer work.
- 3. Community Champion:** This award recognizes an individual who with a generous disposition and compassion has touched the lives of others in the Crossfield community; through friendship, help, advocating, and/or guidance.
- 4. Mentor of the Year:** This award recognizes an individual who is a trusted tutor, coach, counselor or guide to others in the Crossfield community as a role model and leader in their chosen field.

Everyone is invited to nominate someone who they feel deserves recognition for their service to the community.

- Please note: The nominee must sign indicating acceptance of the nomination.
- **Nomination forms are due by 3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2026.**
- Those nominated will be invited to the Stars of Crossfield Awards Gala in April where winner's will be announced.

Winners are selected through a voting process by a Selections Committee. The Selections Committee will individually review the nomination forms and fill out a score sheet for each category, determining the winner by score.

Nominations are open until March 13, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.



Click the button for the fillable form, or visit the website:
[Department > Community Services > FCSS](#)



Community Programs & Events

Please note, the Town of Crossfield is not directly connected with all the programs, services or content provided by the organizations or programs presented below and as such are not responsible for the content of these programs and services. Thank you for sharing!

THE 5th Annual CROSSFIELD FEB FOOD FEST RUTABAGA BOWL

FEB 28
LOCATION
900 MOUNTAIN AVE



REGISTRATION 11 AM
KIDS TURNIP TOSS 11:30 AM
ADULT BOWL 12 PM
Chances are great schedule will go awry

RULES: JUST CUS**
MUST HAVE'S TO PARTICIPATE:
🥕 Bring your throwing arm. Must throw under hand, no over head hurling.
🥕 Hand carved Ruta's welcome or one will be supplied.
🥕 One Ruta throw per person (more if you make the finals) Bring your sense of humor.
🥕 Bring your appreciation for all things Ruta and referee-y!
🥕 Caught cheating! Ref's will slice off some of your Ruta to make for a wobbly re-bowl.
🥕 No swearing at the refs unless they deserve it
🥕 A fortunate coincidence of the timing of the Rutabaga Bowl is that the cooler temps allows competitors to dress warmly in a wide variety of imaginative attire to either:
- impress the referees - garner crowd support, or - intimidate the competition.
🥕 **PRIZE:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medallions and trophies will be awarded and the honorable distinction of winning the FIFTH ANNUAL Crossfield February Food Fest Rutabaga Bowl
🥕 **AS WELL AS** the coveted super prize, Worst Rutabaga Bowler of the year!
OUTDOOR EVENT - FEB. FOOD FEST FARMER'S MARKET INSIDE THE COM CENTRE



FEBRUARY
FOOD FEST
AND
5TH ANNUAL
RUTABAGA BOWL

FEB 28
10-4

CROSSFIELD
COMMUNITY CENTRE
900 MOUNTAIN AVE

Sponsored by the
Crossfield AG Society



Have a community event or program you'd like to share?

Email the details to media@crossfieldalberta.com to be considered for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter or on the Town's communication channels.

Check out the
Crossfield Library!

Community Programs & Events



**MIXED
MEDIA
Lab**

TEEN

fcss Crossfield Municipal Library

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
3:45–5:45PM
Upstairs at the library

For Youth in
Grades 7–12

Learn more & sign up at
crossfieldlibrary.ca/Events

Crossfield Municipal Library

**HOMESCHOOL
ZONE**

@ the Library

TUESDAYS
10AM–12PM

Drop-in space
Winter 2026

More information: www.crossfieldlibrary.ca



A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION EVENT

Join us for an evening to discuss community needs and gather insight on how best to address them. This information will help the library and FCSS plan to serve the community.

February 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

Crossfield Municipal Library

REGISTER



403-946-4232



Crossfieldlibrary.ca



Multiple puzzle stations,
including a speed puzzle
challenge!

PUZZLING EVENT

A PUZZLE SWAP WITH MORE!



Feb 17 @ 5–7 p.m.



ALL AGES & DROP-IN

Visit crossfieldlibrary.ca for more details

PARENT AND TOT PLAYGROUP

Coffee is provided for the parents and toys are provided for the tots! This program is a great way to meet other parents in the community!



This is a FREE playgroup for parents and their tots (ages 0-5). Registration is not required.



DETAILS

Location: Crossfield Community Center

Dates: Tuesdays - January 6th to March 24

Time: 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Note: No groups Feb 3, 17 and March 10



JUST FOR SENIORS



FREE

Ages 55+

Senior's Indoor Walking Group



Join the Town of Crossfield at the Community Center for our Senior's Indoor Walking Group!

Dates: This group runs on Tuesdays from January 6 to March 24

Time: 10:30 to 11:30 am

The main hall will be open for seniors to use to walk while listening to music.

This program is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program.

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Community Links

STRONG INDIVIDUALS STRONG FAMILIES STRONG COMMUNITIES

Community Links Programs – February 2026

Community Links is a non-profit registered charity that serves the North Rocky View Region including Airdrie, Beiseker, Crossfield, Irricana, Balzac, Kathryn and the surrounding areas in the County of North Rocky View. Our programs support people across their lifespan starting with pregnancy/birth and through all ages up to and including seniors. Visit the website to learn more: www.mycommunitylinks.ca

View Current Community Links Programs: Click below!

Children



Parents



Adults



Rural



Are you looking for counselling, family resources, support services, day home information, rural services and more?

Click the Services link for a full list.

Services



Are you facing challenges and are looking for support to get connected to programs and services?

Our Information and Referral Program can help. This Program can be accessed in-person by appointment at the Airdrie Office during business hours.

Phone service is available by calling toll free to 1-866-945-3905.



We provide outreach services in Beiseker, Crossfield and Irricana. Support Services will be partnering with various community groups in Crossfield with the goal of increasing in-person services to you.

Support Services staff provide information, supported referrals, and advocacy to help community members connect to services and programs within Community Links, within your community, or from Government. The program is designed to empower community members to identify their specific needs and build knowledge and problem-solving skills to address challenges now and in the future.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

In partnership with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, community members with a modest income and simple tax situation can have their income tax completed at no cost.

For more information, visit our website at www.mycommunitylinks.ca or contact us at 403-945-3900, 1-866-945-3905 or email info@nrvc.ab.ca