

Reminder

**MARCH 8 - SPRING FOWARD**  
**TURN YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR**



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## Crossfield Families Enjoy Family Day on the Ice



February 16, saw parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and little ones bundling up and joining the Town’s annual Family Day Skate and Hot Dog Lunch.

About 100 people came out to celebrate the February holiday and enjoy time with friends and neighbours.

The Town provided a free hot dog lunch prepared with help from volunteers from the Crossfield Fire Department, using a barbecue generously donated by Cooper Rentals in Airdrie.

Crossfield Library was in also in attendance collecting information on their Communitiy Needs Survey.

We sincerely thank the community for their continued support of these events!



# Tax Notices



**2026 Annual Taxation Notice and Property Assessment Notices will be issued in May. For more informaiton, please visit the “Assessment and Taxation” page on our website.**

# 2025 Q4 Report Released

The Corporate Quarterly Report is published each quarter to share updates on major corporate activities, progress on Council’s strategic priorities, and the Town’s financial position.

The final months of 2025 were marked by vibrant community engagement and important municipal developments. From a lively election season to festive events that brought residents together, the Town showcased strong civic spirit and an ongoing commitment to growth, safety, and thoughtful governance.

Residents came together for events such as Family Movie Night, the Pumpkin Hunt, Winter Wonderland, Twinkle-fest, and the New Year’s Eve Celebration, drawing hundreds of participants. Strategic investments, grant funding, and reserve allocations have positioned the Town well for initiatives planned in 2026.

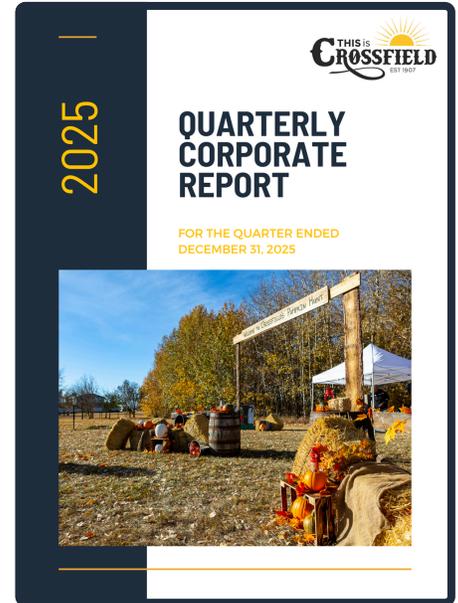
Social programs continued to thrive, with increased participation in youth and family programs. There was also a 36% rise in food bank access compared to the same period last year.

Financially, Crossfield closed the year with a preliminary operating surplus of approximately \$1 million\*, driven by a combination of higher-than-expected operating revenues and operating expenditure savings.

Savings were also realized in capital projects as many projects, including the safe roads improvement program, Ball Diamond 2 fence upgrades and the annual pathway replacement project were completed under budget.

Overall, the final quarter of 2025 reflected both strong community activity and solid municipal performance. Council accepted the Q4 report at the February 17 Council meeting. [\[Q4 Report\]](#)

*\*based on preliminary un-audited operating resultst*



## Council Strategic Planning



On February 10, Town Council participated in a strategic planning session, facilitated by an external consultant, to begin shaping its 2026–2029 Strategic Plan, with support from Senior Leadership.

The Strategic Plan will serve as a roadmap for Council’s priorities and investment decisions over the next four years. This work reflects Council’s commitment to setting clear, long-term priorities that support a strong and sustainable future for our community.

For residents and businesses, this means greater clarity around where the Town is headed, more consistent decision-making, and thoughtful investment in the services, amenities, and infrastructure that matter most to the community.

The finalized 2026–2029 Strategic Plan will be shared with the public once it has been formally adopted.



## 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](mailto:admin@crossfieldalberta.com) with your request.

### Upcoming Meetings

Meetings now begin at 6 pm

**March 3 & 17, 2026**

**April 7 & 21, 2026**

**May 5 & 19, 2026**

**June 2 & 16, 2026**

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

# Monthly Utility Billing Begins March 2026

The Town of Crossfield is transitioning from bi-monthly utility billing to monthly utility billing, beginning in March 2026. 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 Billing Schedule

Billing Period	Utility Bill Mailing Date	Last Day to Pay Before Penalties are applied
January 26 - March 25	March 25, 2026	April 15, 2026
March 26 - April 25	April 24, 2026	May 15, 2026
April 26 - May 25	May 25, 2026	June 15, 2026
May 26 - June 25	June 25, 2026	July 15, 2026
June 26 - July 25	July 24, 2026	August 17, 2026
July 26 - August 25	August 25, 2026	September 15, 2026
August 26 - September 25	September 25, 2026	October 15, 2026
September 26 - October 25	October 23, 2026	November 16, 2026
October 26 - November 25	November 25, 2026	December 15, 2026
November 26 - December 25	December 23, 2026	January 15, 2027



**Online banking**



**Preauthorized Withdrawal**

Sign up for WIPP  
Water Installment Payment Plan



**Front Door Mail Slot**



**By Mail**

PO Box 500  
Crossfield, AB, T0M 0S0



**In Person**

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

How to  
pay:



# Changes to Property Tax Payments

**Credit Cards no longer accepted for property tax payments effective January 1, 2026**

**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.](#)

## TIPP

### Tax Installment Payment Plan

**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 convenient way to pay your property taxes!**

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)

# PROTECT YOUR HOME AND COMMUNITY FLUSH WISELY



The Town of Crossfield recently experienced a serious sewer blockage caused by wipes being flushed down toilets. This blockage resulted in a sewage backup into a resident’s basement, causing significant property damage and costly cleanup.

Our Water and Wastewater Operations Department reminds residents that products labeled “flushable wipes” do not break down like toilet paper. Despite marketing claims, these wipes stay intact in the sewer system and can create serious problems for both homeowners and municipal infrastructure.

When flushed, wipes can:

- Cause sewer backups into homes
- Tangle and damage wastewater lift station pumps
- Lead to equipment failures and expensive repairs
- Increase maintenance costs paid by taxpayers

Please dispose of wipes ,even those labeled “flushable” in the garbage, not the toilet.

Your cooperation helps prevent costly damage and keeps our wastewater system operating safely and efficiently.

## Remember the Three P’s Before You Flush

Help keep our wastewater system running properly. Only flush the Three P’s: 

- Pee
- Poop
- Paper (Toilet)

Everything else belongs in the trash.

Flushing anything beyond the Three P’s can clog pipes, damage pumps, and harm the Town’s sewer system.

How You Can Help:

- Teach children and family members to only flush the Three P’s
- Keep a small garbage can next to every toilet
- Never flush wipes, even if they say “flushable”!

## Fats, Oil & Grease (FOG) — A Major Problem

Fats, oil, and grease (FOG) can seriously damage our wastewater system. When poured down drains, FOG cools and hardens, restricting flow and eventually causing blockages.

Grease buildup can lead to sewage backups and costly damage to both private plumbing and municipal infrastructure.

**Remember:** Cool it. Scrape it. Bin it.

- Let grease cool
- Scrape it into a container
- Throw it in the garbage

Protecting our wastewater system protects our homes, our environment, and our community resources.

## What Should **NEVER** be flushed



Item	Impact on the System
Kitty litter, tampons, pads, cotton swabs/pads, hair	Clump together and clog pipes and pumps
Cleaning products, medication, cigarettes	Contaminates the water, harm aquatic environments, and kill beneficial bacteria
Paper towels, tissues, “flushable” wipes, baby wipes	Too thick and durable — build up and cause blockages
Bandages, dental floss, gum, condoms	Not biodegradable; stick to pipes and other debris

# FIRE HYDRANTS- KEEP THEM CLEAR

The **Crossfield Fire Department** would like to ask all residents and business owners to be mindful to not block or obstruct fire hydrants when clearing snow.



For your safety and the safety of your neighbours, it is important to keep hydrants clear and unobstructed so they can be used by the Fire Department in case of an emergency.

If there is a fire hydrant in front of, or adjacent to your property, please ensure the hydrant is clearly visible and unobstructed.

Help yourself, your neighbours, and your town by ensuring it is always kept free and clear of snow and ice.

The Fire Department appreciates your assistance.

## Airdrie RCMP warns property owners of paving scams

Airdrie RCMP warns property owners of ongoing paving scams and fraudulent contractor services. Recent incidents have involved illegitimate, out-of-town companies offering discounted asphalt-paving services to residents in smaller towns and rural residences.

Contractors claim to have leftover materials from previous jobs and offer to pave driveways and parking lots at reduced pricing. Companies may use business names that suggest they are affiliated with a government road maintenance department and typically provide false addresses or contact information. After contractors collect payment and disappear from the area, customers discover the materials used are poor quality and the work is unprofessional. Victims are sometimes left unable to contact the scammers and face expensive asphalt repairs or in other incidents, the contractors attempt to intimidate the customer into paying after the work is completed for poor product and services.

Your Alberta RCMP in Airdrie and surrounding rural areas recommends exercising caution when retaining contractor services.

Keep the following tips in mind to avoid falling victim to a scam:

- Ask for names of previous customers and verify that they were satisfied with the work.
- Research the company through the Better Business Bureau in Alberta, the Consumer Investigations Unit, your local Rural Crime Watch, or on social media.
- Obtain a written quote that includes the full business name, address, phone number, GST number, as well as provincial and municipal license numbers, if applicable.
- Quotes should specify the quantity and quality of materials being offered. Be skeptical if contractors decline to provide this information.
- Seek estimates from reputable companies to compare costs.
- Do not agree to a contract if you feel pressured or if the contractor refuses to take “no” for an answer.
- Be leery of unsolicited offers. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Do not pay for services upfront, before the work is done.

If you, or anyone you know, suspect a paving-contractor scam, please contact your local RCMP detachment at 310-RCMP (7267) or make a report to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre by calling 1-888-495-8501



# “STARS OF CROSSFIELD” AWARDS

## Nominations Close March 13!

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.

## CROSSFIELD COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### Color Me Mine!

Friday April 10, 2026

7-9 p.m.

Crossfield Community Center

\$15/person



create 6x6 tiles featuring affirmations or family/personal crests

**REGISTER NOW**

Register by April 1 Email: [crossfieldwellnessnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:crossfieldwellnessnetwork@gmail.com)

## SPRING MARKET



April 18  
10-4



CROSSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

900 MOUNTAIN AVE

Sponsored by the Crossfield AG Society



Join the 2026 Census team!

APPLY NOW:

[census.gc.ca/jobs](https://census.gc.ca/jobs)



Job alert!

Statistics Canada is hiring approximately 32,000 people across Canada

for the #2026Census.

These jobs offer competitive pay, valuable experience, flexible short-term work, and the chance to support an important effort that directly impacts your community.

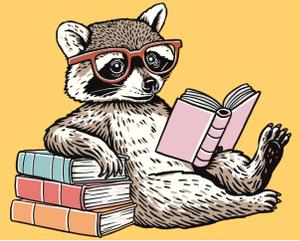
Apply now: [census.gc.ca/jobs](https://census.gc.ca/jobs).

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

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



# Check out the Crossfield Library



Multiple puzzle stations, including a speed puzzle challenge!

## PUZZLING EVENT

A PUZZLE SWAP WITH MORE!



### March 3 @ 5-7 p.m.



### ALL AGES & DROP-IN

Visit [crossfieldlibrary.ca](http://crossfieldlibrary.ca) for more details

## FAMILY EVENT



# HOMESTEADING: IN THE GARDEN

Join us for an afternoon exploring the wonderful world of gardening.

### Mar 21 11 am - 1 pm

### Featuring:

- garden themed storytime
- tips and tricks
- plant a seed to take home
- our seed library & garden tool collection

[crossfieldlibrary.ca/events](http://crossfieldlibrary.ca/events)



# Community Needs Survey

You could WIN!!

## SCAN HERE



[crossfieldlibrary.ca/news/community-needs-survey](http://crossfieldlibrary.ca/news/community-needs-survey)



# 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 – March 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](http://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?

[Services](#)

Click the Services link for a full list.

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](http://www.mycommunitylinks.ca) or contact us at 403-945-3900, 1-866-945-3905 or email [info@nrvc.ab.ca](mailto:info@nrvc.ab.ca)