AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2026, AT 6:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS #400-10 STREET BEAVERLODGE

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1.0	**CALL TO ORDER:** *Town of Beaverlodge's Legislative Meetings are being live streamed effective June 12, 2023, via Council resolution #145-2023-05-23.*	
2.0	**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**	PP 2
3.0	**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**	
4.0	**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** 4.1 October 13, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes	PP 3-5
5.0	**DELEGATIONS**: 5.1 West Peace Medical Centre – Dr Camellia Presley & Etienne Kuhn	PP 6-16
6.0	**OLD BUSINESS:** 6.1 Maskwa Medical Center Request 6.2 Town & Country News Request	PP 17 PP 18
7.0	**NEW BUSINESS:** 7.1 Minister Ellis, Deputy Premier and Public Safety & Emergency Services meeting follow-up 7.2 West Peace Medical Centre Request	n/a n/a
8.0	**CORRESPONDENCE:** 8.1 Oct 15, 2026 Special Council Minutes	PP 19,20
9.0	**COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:** 9.1 Action List 9.2 Manager Reports	PP 21 PP 22-25
10.0	**CLOSED SESSION:**	

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS #400 – 10 ST. BEAVERLODGE, ALBERTA

COUNCIL	Mayor Gary Rycroft	Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus
	Councillor Trevor Bartsch, online	Councillor Hugh Graw
	Councillor Jen Wolan	Councillor Tyke Longmore, online
	Councillor Richard Lappenbush	
STAFF	Jeff Johnston, CAO	Tina Letendre, Deputy CAO, absent
		Nichole Young, Legislative Services

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order. **6:00 PM**

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

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3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#222-2026-10-13 Councillor Jen Wolan
CARRIED: That Council approves the agenda with the addition to New Business of 7.6 Aquatera Water Main Line.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

4.1 September 28, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes
#223-2026-10-13 Councillor Hugh Graw
CARRIED: That Council adopts the Minutes of the September 28, 2026 Council meeting.

5.0 DELEGATIONS:

5.1 Michelle Takala-Grocholski – Satin Slippers Dance Studio
#224-2026-10-13 Councillor Hugh Graw
CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

Councillor Tyke Longmore joined the meeting online ***6:10 PM***

6.0 OLD BUSINESS:

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Town & Country News Request
#225-2026-10-13 Councillor Richard Lappenbush
CARRIED: That Council tables this item until all Council members are present.

7.2 South Peace Centennial Museum Sponsorship Request
#226-2026-10-13 Councillor Hugh Graw
CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.3 South Peace Centennial Museum Halloween Request
#227-2026-10-13 Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus
CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.4 South Peace Centennial Museum Christmas Village Request
#228-2026-10-13 Councillor Hugh Graw
CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.5 Community Center Basement Update
#229-2026-10-13 Councillor Jen Wolan
CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.6 Aquatera Water Main Line
#230-2026-10-13 Councillor Richard Lappenbush
CARRIED: That Council directs Administration to initiate a discussion with Aquatera and shareholders on a water transmission line to Beaverlodge.

Councillor Trevor Bartsch joined the meeting online ***6:45PM***

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 September Bylaw Report
#231-2026-10-13 Councillor Jen Wolan
CARRIED: That Council accepts this report for information.

9.0 COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Action List
#232-2026-10-13 Councillor Richard Lappenbush
CARRIED: That Council accepts the Action Item List for information.

9.2 Council Reports
#233-2026-10-13 Mayor Gary Rycroft
CARRIED: That Council accepts the Council Reports for information.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION:

11.0 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the meeting. **7:00 PM**

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Mayor Gary Rycroft

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Jeff Johnston, CAO

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DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Name of Delegates(s): Dr Camellia Presley
Etienne Kuhn

Representing: Physicians/NP at West Peace Medical Centre

Phone Number: 780-354-3044

Email: westpeacemedical@borealispcn.ca

Topic: Request for Financial Support for operating expenses - to aid in recruitment + retention of physicians

Staff Familiar with topic: Jeff Johnson

Attached Information:

Notes: Limit presentation to 15 minutes

Delegate Signature:

Date: October 21, 2026

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If you have materials/documentation to be included in the Agenda, they must be received by 1:00pm the Tuesday before the meeting you are scheduled to appear before Council.
Any documentation submitted (including this Delegate Application) is considered "Public Information" and will appear in a Council Agenda.

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Date and Time of Council Meeting to attend: Oct 26, 2026 - 6pm

Approved to Present by: J. Johnston Date: 2026-10-22

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West Peace Medical Centre

PRESENTS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST

– Town of Beaverlodge, AB -



Presentation created October 2026

Who we are ?

- 8 practitioners (6 Doctors, 1 Nurse Practitioner, 1 permanent locum- providing shared practice with Dr Crowe)



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Medical Centre

What we provide:

- **Emergency Room coverage** and scheduling (Drs Scrutton, Kuhn, Zenner, and Presley)
- **Coverage of the seniors homes in Hythe**- including home visits to Hythe Pioneer Home, Pearson Place, and Hythe Continuing Care centre
- **Inpatient care** (Currently 16 beds, Mountview Health Complex will double this to 32 planned beds)
- **Family Medicine** - clinics both in the community of Beaverlodge and Hythe
- **Indigenous Health Care**- monthly at the Horselake Community Health Centre.
- **Procedures** such as Therapeutic botox for migraines and TMJ dysfunction, removal of precancerous and cancerous skin lesions, insertion of IUD/ Nexplanon contraceptives, and some joint injections.
- **Teaching** at both the resident and medical student level as well as mentorship of premed students. Currently we are looking into opening an integrated community clerkship- which would involve two 3rd year medical students living and training approximately 1/2 of their year in Beaverlodge

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Medical Centre

Our Patients

- Our patient panel includes over 5,800 residents spanning the entire AHS North Zone, including the communities of Beaverlodge, Hythe, Horse Lake, Demmit, Bezanson, Manning, Grande Prairie, Grande Cache, Sexsmith, Spirit River, and Valleyview.

- Currently our clinic has 2196 patients with a PO Box in Beaverlodge (38%)

- 2025: 11 972 Emergency Department visits
  - Patients with Beaverlodge PO Box Address: 4079 (34%)

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What are other communities doing ?

Financial support from towns is offered to most medical clinics in surrounding communities:

- **Spirit River**
  - **Clinic building is owned by the town – physicians cover a symbolic part of the rent**
- **Sexsmith**
  - **Clinic owned by the town – rent is subsidized and taxes are covered, housing is provided for locum use.**
- **Wembley**
  - **Rent is covered**
  - **Internet, phone, fax, EMR are covered by the town**
  - **Wages for 1-2 support staff covered by the town**
- **Valleyview**
  - **Rent is Subsidized by the Town for the clinic adjacent to the hospital**

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Medical Centre

Importance of Supporting our Clinic

WHEN WE LOSE A PHYSICIAN. WE LOSE MORE THAN A DOCTOR.

When local healthcare becomes unsustainable, the entire community feels the consequences.

- **Protect care close to home:**
  - **Preserve access to family medicine, chronic disease management, urgent assessments and follow-up care.**
- **Protect continuity of care:**
  - **Physician departures disrupt patient relationships, increase backlogs and create barriers for vulnerable residents.**
- **Safeguard rural healthcare capacity:**
  - **Stable local medical practices support the wider hospital and emergency-care system.**
- **When we Lose a ER rotational duty Doctor:**
  - **We lose access to approxamatedly 6-8 Emergency Room Shifts each month, putting strain on the remaining physicians which inevitably leads to disruption in services and ED Closures**

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Importance of Supporting our Clinic - cont

OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP THE PHYSICIANS WE HAVE and ATTRACT THE PHYSICIANS WE NEED.

Financial stability is a foundation for long-term healthcare stability.

- **Retention before replacement:**
  - **Funding helps preserve established practices, experienced physicians and existing patient relationships.**
- **Compete for new physicians:**
  - **Clinic overhead assistance, relocation support and mentoring opportunities can strengthen Beaverlodge's recruitment offering.**
- **Prevent burnout and service reductions:**
  - **More sustainable operating costs help physicians maintain manageable workloads and consistent services.**
- **Build a lasting workforce:**
  - **Established doctors mentor students and residents, strengthening future recruitment opportunities.**
- **West Peace Medical Centre's Physicians are currently the only local Physicians taking care of ED rotational duty shifts, Hospital In Patients care, and our elderly patients both in Long term care and assisted living facilities in Hythe.**

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Our Request to the TOWN of BEAVERLODGE

1. Support Operational Costs in the form of subsidized rent at the WPMC with $75 000 per year or $6250 per month for the next 5 years, starting in January 2027.

   a. Our Intention is to have our full Annual rent of $ 145 000 for Beaverlodge and $48 000 for Hythe covered by the Town of Beaverlodge and County of Grande Prairie.
   (Our Hythe location is being subsidized temporarily by the Hythe Pioneer Home),

Our Total monthly ask between both would be $ 16 000 per month (39% from town, 61% from county)

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Our Request to the TOWN of BEAVERLODGE

2. Renew coverage of Property Tax relief for our Clinic at 1030 First Ave, Beaverlodge for an additional 5 years, starting in 2027

3. Investigate options to supply accommodation for locum or out of town physicians to stay in Beaverlodge while providing care in community. This would include future ICC Students (Integrated Community Clerkship, 3rd year medical students) and hospitalists providing inpatient care on a rotational basis.

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Questions ?

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Nichole Young

From: nyoung@beaverlodge.ca
Subject: Re: Support for the Maskwa Medical Center

Thank you for your response! I've included some examples in hopes to provide more clarification for exploring how the Town of Beaverlodge may be able to support the Maskwa Medical Center and the Northern Alberta Medical Program.

1. Raising Awareness of NAMP

There are several ways the Town could help raise awareness of NAMP within the community, including:

- Connecting with local junior high teachers interested in introducing students to the program that is being offered in our region and, if schedules permit, arranging for a NAMP representative to present to students.
- Sharing information through the Town's website, social media, and other community communication channels. I can send a shared folder of promotional materials already developed that I would be happy to provide.
- Sharing information through local community organizations, businesses, and events where opportunities arise.

We are flexible and would welcome any opportunities that fit the Town's existing communication and community engagement activities.

2. Community Champion

We are open to a community champion from any background, including an elected official, Town Administration, healthcare professional, business owner, or community leader. Ideally, this would be someone connected to the community who is passionate about regional healthcare and supporting not-for-profit organizations. Your suggestions were great!

The role would primarily involve sharing Maskwa's mission through community conversations and existing connections, helping build awareness, and introducing the initiative to potential partners or supporters when opportunities arise. There are many organizations and areas within our region that still are unaware of Maskwa and its mission. By raising awareness and having others share, this is extremely helpful! As the project progresses, there may also be opportunities to assist with future fundraising through introductions and community engagement.

Thank you again for your consideration and willingness to explore ways to support these important regional healthcare initiatives. We appreciate the opportunity to work together with council to strengthen awareness and community support! If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Warm regards,

Alise Rombs (She/Her) MSN, RN
Nursing Instructor - Nursing Education & Health Studies NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHNIC

6.1

Nichole Young

From: nyoung@beaverlodge.ca
Subject: 2027 ad offer/Town & Country News

From: Rebecca Dika <rebecca@nextchapterpublishing.ca>
Subject: Re: {External}2027 ad offer/Town & Country News
Hi Jeff,

It's time.

It's time the Town of Beaverlodge got behind their local community newspaper.

We just welcomed Birch Hills County as a municipal partner with an aggressively price subscription/ad package. They join Saddle Hills County and the Town of Sexsmith who have similar partnerships with us, and have had for years.

The County of Grande Prairie has had a full page black and white ad in every edition for several years.

As Beaverlodge is home to Town & Country News, the town has an obligation to regularly support one of the few community newspapers left in Northwestern Alberta.

I know council is committed to the production of the newsletter so I am offering these rates for consideration in your upcoming budget talks for 2027.

With Town & Country News, the town can reach beyond Beaverlodge boundaries to all of their neighbours: Let them know about pool schedules, upcoming events, town services and more.

I have quoted black and white rates to offer the most cost-efficient way to round out your communications toolbox.

Weekly full page ad: $904.50 discounted to $588: ***35% discount.*** *Annual cost $30,576*
Weekly half-page ad: Regular price $631.50 discounted to $410: ***35% discount.*** *Annual cost $21,320*
Bi-weekly full page ad: $904.50 discounted to $678: ***25% discount.*** *Annual cost $17,628*
Bi-weekly half page ad: Regular price $631.50 discounted to $473: ***25% discount.*** *Annual cost $12,298*

To be frank, I can tell you that without some consistent level of support from the Town of Beaverlodge in 2027, we will be forced to move the business out of Beaverlodge. I hope you and council will see your way clear to join the other South and Central Peace municipalities in supporting community journalism.

Council should consider the coverage we have supplied through the years, on local people and organizations, the hospital replacement, arena, firehall and much.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your consideration.

Rebecca Dika
Publisher - Town & Country News/GP Regional News
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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400-10 ST, BEAVERLODGE

COUNCIL	Mayor Gary Rycroft	Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus
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	Councillor Jen Wolan	Councillor Tyke Longmore
	Councillor Richard Lappenbush	
STAFF	Jeff Johnston, CAO	Tina Letendre, Deputy CAO - absent
		Nichole Young, Legislative Services - absent

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**: Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order. **6:00 PM**

2.0 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

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3.0 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#008-2026-10-15 Councillor Jen Wolan
CARRIED: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

4.0 **DELEGATION:**

5.0 **OLD BUSINESS:**

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**

9.0 CLOSED SESSION:

#009-2026-10-15 Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus **6:01 PM**
CARRIED: That Council moves into Closed Session for item 9.1 Personnel – Confidential Evaluations – CAO (*Access to Information act Part 1 Division 2 Section 22*)

#010-2026-10-15 Councillor Trevor Bartsch **7:03 PM**
CARRIED: That Council moves out of Closed Session.

#011-2026-10-15 Councillor Tyke Longmore
CARRIED: That Council directs Administration to proceed as discussed.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the Special Council Meeting. **7:13 PM**

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Mayor Gary Rycroft

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Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

Item Number	Subject	Requested On	People Responsible	Item Notes	Status	Target Date of Completion
1	Fixed Income Tax Rebate	27-Apr-26	CAO/Admin	Investigate and research alternative frameworks that may exist for a Property Tax Rebate Program for fixed income residents.	In progress	
2	Aquatera	13-Oct-26	CAO/Admin	Initiate discussion with Aquatera & shareholders regarding a water transmission line to Beaverlodge	In progress	
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Current: October 26, 2026

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Monthly Report to Council

Date: October 22, 2026

From: *Reanna Stockman*
FCSS Program Coordinator

Department: FCSS

Project/Event	Highlights/Concerns
Food Bank	September saw 118 clients for Food Bank with $2,510 handed out in gift cards. Christmas Hamper applications open November 4, 2026.
Transportation	September had a total of 74 riders. (16 x Monday riders, 20 x Tuesday riders, 27 x Wednesday Riders, and 11 x Thursday riders.) Total of 31 trips were for medical purposes. 11 new riders in September and 10 Hythe riders. We have two private bus bookings for October.
Meals on Wheels	September served 67 meals to 4 clients with all deliveries made by CRAVEE.
Fall Programming	• Service Canada **October 13** • Futureworks **October 15** • Teen Skills-SPFX Make-Up **October 23** • CSW Camp – **October 23** • Teen Skills – Self Defense **November 6** • CSW Camp – **November 6** • Community Scam Presentation **November 10** • Futureworks **November 17** • Mary Lambert Children's Concert **November 19** • Home Alone **November 20**
ESS Training	ESS Shelter Module Training November 12.
FCSSAA Conference	I will be attending the annual FCSSAA Conference in Edmonton November 24-27.

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Monthly Report to Council

Date: October 2026

From: Tanya Harvey

Department: Recreation

Project/Event	Highlights/Concerns
NuVista Energy Centre	Aquatics: • November/December Swim lessons were released to the public on October 15th. • The annual aquatics shutdown is scheduled for October 19 – November 3, 2026. We will complete routine maintenance on the pool basins and mechanical components. • Members can provide their membership at the Eastlink Centre in order to receive 20% off their drop-in • School lessons have begun. • Lifesaving Sport Club is open for registration! • We offered the Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion course. This is the first of three courses needed to become a certified Lifeguard.
Community Kitchen & Gym	• Pickleball rents the gymnasium twice weekly. • Rental requests for Club Volleyball running December – May have begun.
Community Center/Multipurpose Room	• Pickleball runs daily in the Community Centre. • Elections Alberta rented the Community Centre for 9 days. • A Corporate training event was held in the Community Centre – they began their day with a team-building event at the Arena. • C.S.W. day camps are hosted in the Community Centre. • The South Peace Farmers Market held the Pumpkin Market in both spaces on October 24th.
Arena	• An adult hockey team has booked in for many Sunday evenings. • St. Mary Catholic School booked ice for a Junior High options class every Friday afternoon. • Several electrical upgrades and repairs were completed.
Community Programs	• The Recreation Centre has partnered with FCSS to offer C.S.W. Day Camps for the school year.

BEAVERLODGE FIRE SERVICES

September 2026 Fire Service Review

For the month of September, Beaverlodge Fire Services responded to a total of 20 incidents. In comparison to 2025, there was a 23.08% decrease in call volume.

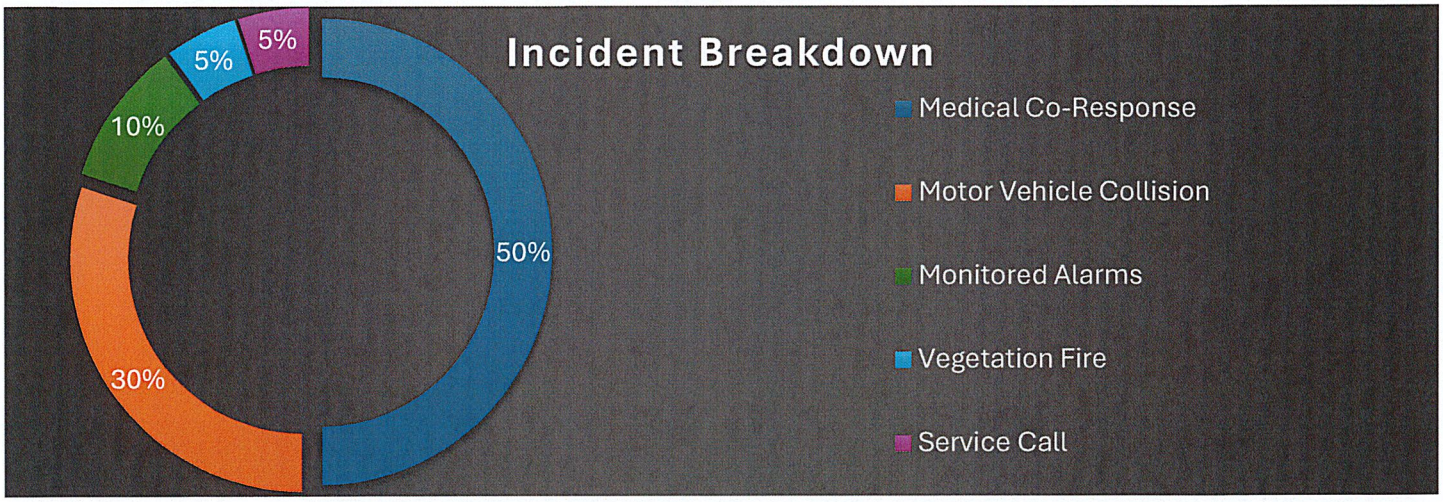
Within town limits: 11 Incidents (55% total incident response)

- 8 Medical Co-Response
- 2 Monitored Alarm
- 1 Service Call

Within the County of Grande Prairie & mutual aid districts: 9 Incidents (45% total incident response)

- 2 Medical Co-Response
- 1 Vegetation Fire
- 6 Motor Vehicle Collision

Member average for incident response: 2.45
Daily incident average for the month: 0.67 per day



September Highlights:

- Three members successfully completed the NFPA 1001 Level II examination.
- Two members completed a week-long High-Performance Teams Leadership and Development training program.
- Beaverlodge Fire Services responded to 20 incidents in September, with 55% occurring within town limits and 45% in the County of Grande Prairie and mutual aid districts.
- Medical co-response calls accounted for half of all September incidents, with 10 responses recorded across the service area.

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Monthly Report to Council
Date: Oct 2026

From: Nick Kebalo Department: PW/H&S

Project/Event	Highlights/Concerns
Health and Safety committee	Had meeting continuing to work through new safety manual
Culverts and ditches	. 11th ave ditch work has started with the removal of trees and brush on the east side of the east ditch, once this work is complete the ditch will be widened based on Helix engineering guidance. Ditch is currently being widened to engineers specifications.
Street sweeping/crack sealing	Fall street sweeping Has started, will continue until complete.
Arena	Old glycol heating system is starting to fail, will need to look at options for replacement in Summer 2027.
Sidewalks and curb concrete work	complete
Pool leak	Pipe was repaired but gut a plug stuck in the line. The contractor had to buy new equipment to grind out this plug. They tell me they will be back on site the first week on November to grind the plus out so we can test the new liner. Until this time we cant fill with water to test as the plug covers 98% of the opening and water will not drain.
Road rehab	Complete