



The City of
**SPRUCE
GROVE**

Mid-Year Report

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Livability & Belonging

How residents live, work, get around, and experience their community

Skating Season Offered More Opportunities for Residents

The City's outdoor skating season officially began on December 12 and concluded on February 26, providing residents with a variety of opportunities to stay active and enjoy winter recreation.

Throughout the season, the City maintained several outdoor skating facilities that were free to use and available without scheduled bookings, making it easy for residents to enjoy spontaneous skating sessions. To help plan visits, residents could check whether the skating surface was open or closed online before heading out.



This season also featured expanded public skating opportunities indoors. In addition to outdoor ice surfaces, residents had access to public skating, adult shinny, and Seniors' Skate programs at Heavy Metal Place—including the Cst. Brett Ryan Community Arena and Thompson Family Arena—as well as at the Agrena's Stu Barnes Arena.



Seniors were able to take advantage of a dedicated Seniors' Skate every Wednesday at Heavy Metal Place, where participants could enjoy free coffee in the Decker Properties Atrium following their skate. No registration was required,

making the program both accessible and welcoming for older adults looking to stay active and connect with others.

Additional public skating opportunities were offered on "no school" days throughout February and March, giving students and families extra chances to enjoy time on the ice during school breaks and professional development days.

By offering a mix of outdoor and indoor skating options, the City continued to provide accessible recreation opportunities throughout the winter season, helping residents stay active, connect with their community, and make the most of winter months.

Staying Active Outdoors: Winter Walk Day

The City marked Winter Walk Day on February 4, joining communities across Alberta in promoting the physical and mental health benefits of outdoor activity during the winter months.



Winter Walk Day is an annual initiative that encourages residents to embrace the season by spending time outdoors and incorporating walking into their daily routines. The event highlights the importance of staying active year-round and supports overall well-being through accessible physical activity.

Since its beginnings in 2006, Winter Walk Day has grown into a province-wide tradition. Each year, more than 800 organizations and approximately 100,000 individuals participate in activities that celebrate winter and encourage healthy lifestyles.

Search For the Elusive Golden Goose

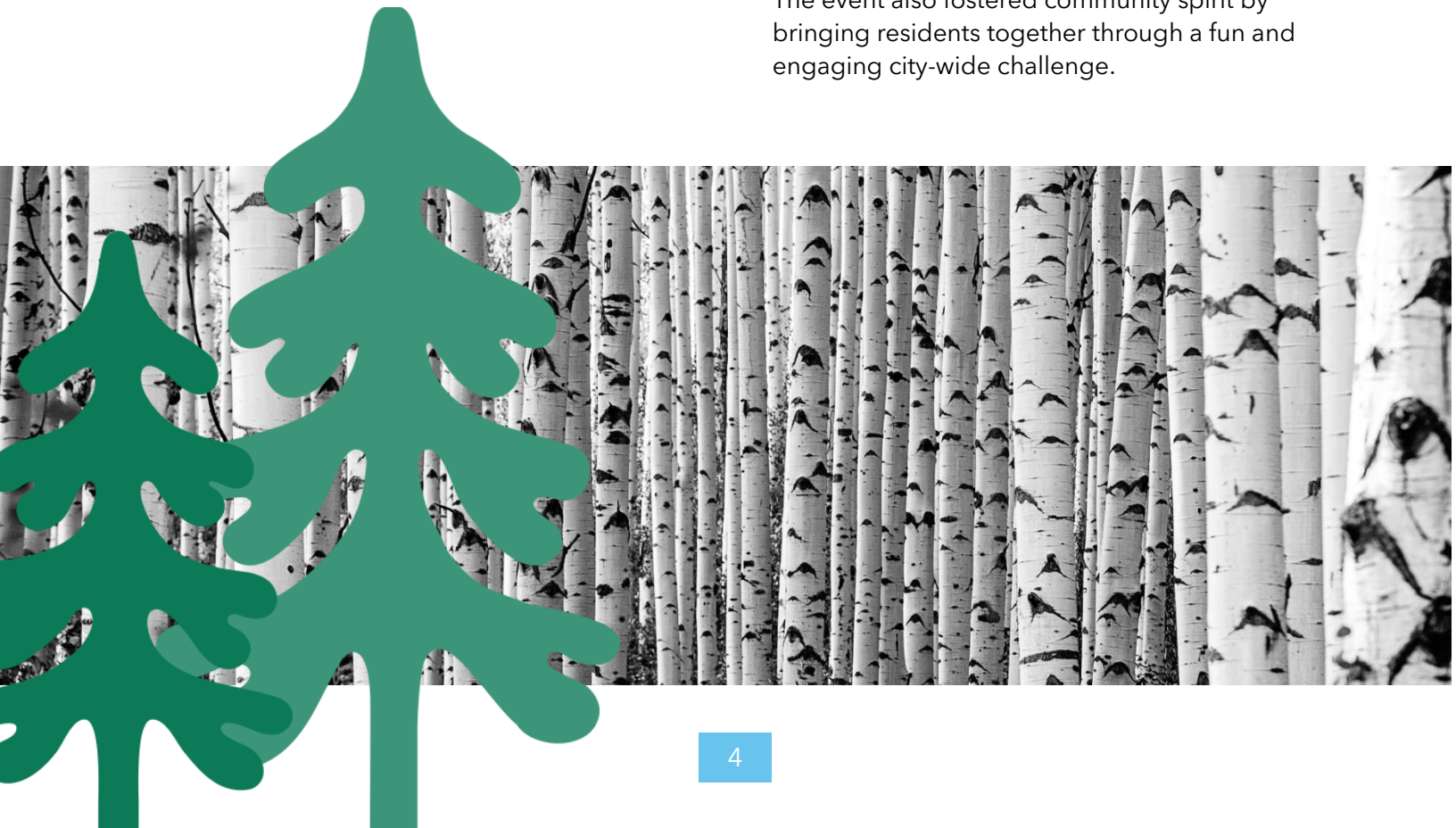
Residents of all ages took part in the City's annual Golden Goose Hunt, which ran from March 20 to April 6, combining outdoor adventure with the chance to win exciting prizes.



Throughout the hunt, Golden Goose was hidden in various parks, along trails, and in outdoor public spaces across Spruce Grove. The goose was hidden six times during the event, with clues posted on the City's website every Monday and Friday to help participants track down its location.

Participants who successfully found the Golden Goose had the opportunity to win one of six prize packages, each valued at more than \$300.

Open to individuals and families of all ages, the Golden Goose Hunt encouraged residents to get outside, explore different parts of the community, and enjoy Spruce Grove's parks and trail network. The event also fostered community spirit by bringing residents together through a fun and engaging city-wide challenge.





City of Spruce Grove ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Over 2,500 people attended the City of Spruce Grove's 40th Anniversary Celebration on March 1 at Heavy Metal Place. The community event, which celebrated the 40th anniversary of Spruce Grove's incorporation as a city, featured heritage displays, family-friendly activities, live entertainment, and a fireworks show.

Over the past four decades, Spruce Grove has grown from a town of fewer than 12,000 residents to a vibrant, thriving city of nearly 44,000 people, with new neighbourhoods, parks, schools, businesses, and amenities supporting its continued growth.

To help residents conveniently access the festivities, the City provided a free Park & Ride shuttle service between Fuhr Sports Park and Heavy Metal Place.



New Wheeled Sports Park Programs Roll Into Central Park

A new addition to the City's Summer in the City lineup is giving residents more opportunities to get active, build skills, and connect with others through wheeled sports.

Launched this summer at Central Park, the new Wheeled Sports Park Programs offer a variety of activities designed to welcome riders of all ages, abilities, and experience levels. Whether participants are stepping onto a skateboard for the first time or looking to develop existing skills, the program provides a supportive and inclusive environment to learn and have fun.

Programming includes beginner skateboard lessons and free "Try It" sessions, giving newcomers a chance to explore wheeled sports and gain confidence in a safe setting. Residents can also drop in during scheduled "Ride Ready" times, when City staff are on site to answer questions, connect with park users, and help create a positive atmosphere where everyone feels comfortable and supported.

Open to participants of all ages, skill levels, and backgrounds, the Wheeled Sports Park Programs reflect the City's commitment to providing accessible and engaging recreation opportunities for everyone.

For more information about program schedules and registration, visit sprucegrove.org/WheeledPrograms.

Stay tuned to the Third Quarter Report for full details on Summer in the City programming including program attendance.

Community Scoops Brings Sweet Summer Fun to Central Park

Families and residents of all ages can enjoy a sweet summer treat through Community Scoops, one of the City's new Summer in the City programs.

Community Scoops invites the community to gather at Central Park for free ice cream (while supplies last) and a variety of yard games, creating a fun and welcoming space to connect with friends, neighbours, and family members.

The program is just one of several new family-focused activities being offered this summer. Residents are encouraged to explore the full lineup of activities and events at sprucegrove.org/SITC and make the most of a summer filled with fun, recreation, and community connections.



Spruce Up Spruce Grove

The annual Spruce Up Spruce Grove community-clean up and tree planting initiative wrapped up on May 15.

Over 900 people (including teams, schools, businesses, and community groups) rolled up their sleeves and helped clear away the winter litter from 22 different parks, trails and green spaces.

More than 800 new spruce saplings were planted in Heritage Grove Park by 89 participants, helping strengthen and enhance the area's natural green space.

This initiative is a great way for a large number of citizens to have a positive impact in the community and build a connection to our green spaces. Spruce Up Spruce Grove focuses on community parks, school yards, green spaces, and trails.

Learn more at sprucegrove.org/SpruceUpSpruceGrove.



The REMAX Spray Park Opens for the Summer

The REMAX Spray Park at Jubilee Park officially opened for the season on May 18. The spray park provides a great way to keep cool and have fun on those beautiful spring and summer days.

Residents are encouraged to visit sprucegrove.org/SprayPark for facility hours, rules, and temporary closure information.



Elks Fan Day

On May 18, the City welcomed the Edmonton Elks to Fuhr Sports Park for Elks Fan Day. The free community event gave fans the opportunity to watch the team practice, meet players and cheerleaders, collect autographs, and enjoy food trucks and family-friendly activities. The event was also the Edmonton Elks' only Fan Day held outside of Edmonton this season, making it a unique opportunity for local residents and regional fans to connect with the team.

Attendees were also encouraged to support the Parkland Food Bank through voluntary donations.



Teens Take Over the TLC for a Night of Fun

On May 23, over 100 local teens took over the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre (TLC) for the spring edition of Teen Takeover, a free event designed exclusively for teens ages 13 to 18.

Registered participants enjoyed exclusive access to the facility, with full use of the pool and gymnasium throughout the evening. The event featured games, swimming, music, and free food, providing a fun and safe space for local teens to connect with friends and meet new people.



Teen Takeover is part of the City's ongoing commitment to creating engaging recreational opportunities for youth in the community. While admission was free, advance registration was required to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Survey respondents rated their overall experience at Teen Takeover at an average of 4.7 out of 5.

For more information about Teen Takeover and other youth programs, visit sprucegrove.org/TeenTakeover.

Seniors' Strawberry Tea

The City hosted its annual Seniors' Strawberry Tea on June 2 in celebration of Alberta Seniors' Week, recognizing the contributions and achievements of Spruce Grove seniors.

This year's event was held at a new venue, the Heavy Metal Place theatre, providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere for socializing and entertainment. Over 200 seniors attended the event, enjoying live musical entertainment along with tea, coffee, and dessert.

The Seniors' Strawberry Tea is an annual community gathering that offers local seniors an opportunity to connect, celebrate, and be recognized for the important role they play in the community.



Check Out The Grove Guide

The Grove Guide, launched in November 2025, is an online destination guide designed to highlight local shops, restaurants, and attractions in the community by showcasing the diverse businesses, experiences, and hidden gems right here in Spruce Grove.

It includes an interactive map to help find places to go, eat, play, stay, and more. To explore the guide, visit thegroveguide.ca.



An estimated 12,000 people gathered at Jubilee Park to celebrate Canada Day with a full day of family-friendly activities, live entertainment, and community spirit.

The festivities began with a pancake breakfast hosted in partnership with the Knights of Columbus at the Protective Services Building, welcoming residents and visitors before the celebrations moved into the park. During the breakfast, one full bin of used sports equipment was collected in support of Sport Central. The donated gear will be reconditioned and distributed to local children who may otherwise not have the opportunity to participate in sports.

Throughout the day, attendees enjoyed a variety of attractions, including 20 food vendors, a community market, children's entertainment, the Pop-Up Playground, a Mobile Escape Room, a Games Tent, and the exciting Full Send Bicycle Stunt Show.

While inclement weather resulted in the cancellation of some performances, attendees enjoyed an energetic performance by evening headliner Tim & The Glory Boys.

The celebration concluded with a spectacular fireworks display that lit up the night sky, bringing another successful and memorable Canada Day in Spruce Grove to a close.



Transit Ridership

On-Demand Local Service

On-demand transit service ridership continues to see steady increases, with an overall increase of 7 per cent when compared to the second quarter of 2025, with 19,881 riders in the second quarter of 2026.

Within the entire region, there was an average of 274 passengers per weekday in the second quarter of 2026, compared to an average of 268 passengers in the second quarter of 2025. For the Saturday service, there was an average of 144 passengers in the second quarter of 2026, compared to an average of 157 passengers in the second quarter of 2025.

In the second quarter, the newly introduced Sunday on-demand local transit service saw an average of 63 passengers, indicating positive initial demand for expanded weekend transit options.

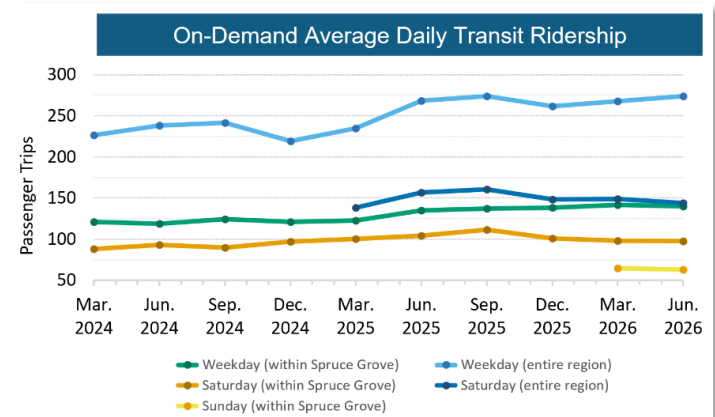
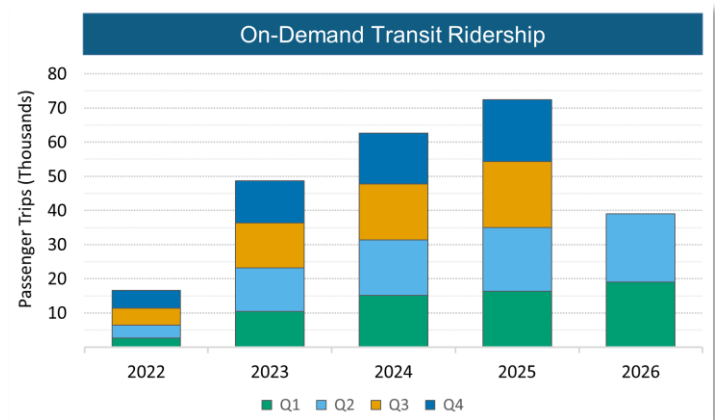
Sunday Service Added to On-Demand Transit

Beginning February 1, Spruce Grove residents gained a new and convenient way to travel throughout the city with the launch of Sunday on-demand local transit service.

This allows riders to book trips anywhere within Spruce Grove city limits between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., providing greater flexibility and accessibility for residents looking to get around the community on weekends. With the addition of Sunday service, residents now have access to on-demand local transit service within Spruce Grove seven days a week.

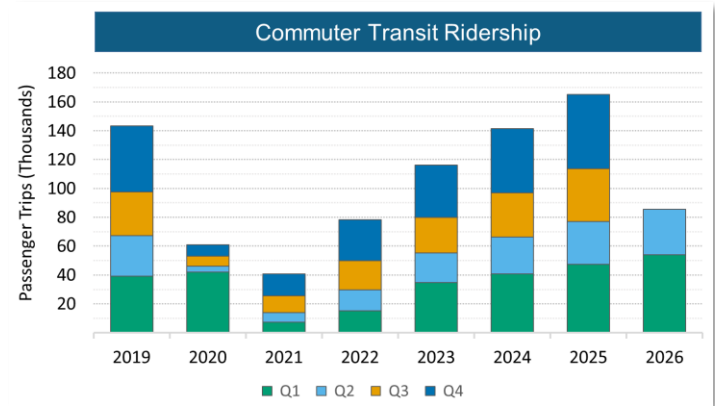
Early data indicates an average of 63 passengers each Sunday.

For more information about Spruce Grove's on-demand transit service, visit sprucegrove.org/OnDemand.



Commuter Service

The second quarter saw 31,696 riders on the commuter service, an increase of 6 per cent when compared to the same time period last year. The number of riders in May through August typically sees a significant drop in ridership due to post-secondary students not using the service.



Spruce Grove Transit's e-Bulletin is an easy way to stay updated about events that may impact your travel. You'll receive email updates about schedule changes, bus stop closures, and construction notices. Sign up at sprucegrove.org/Transit.

Traffic signal optimization program

A new traffic signal optimization program launched this spring. New equipment was installed at 12 intersections along Highway 16A and Jennifer Heil Way which will be used to help improve corridor efficiency and traffic light synchronization, reduce travel times and traffic congestion, and enhance safety.

With the equipment now in place, the next phase of the project will focus on signal timing and synchronization. This process involves collecting and analyzing traffic data, implementing timing adjustments, and fine-tuning operations to optimize performance. As a result, it may take several months to fully implement and refine the system.

The program uses NoTraffic's AI-based signal optimization technology, which was approved by Council as part of the Spring Budget Adjustment in February.



Residential Housing Statistics

According to the market statistics from the Realtors Association of Edmonton, average selling prices in the Greater Edmonton Area have increased for detached homes and condominiums but decreased for row/townhouses since the last quarter.

The average selling price for detached homes in the Greater Edmonton Area in June 2026 was \$592,989, a 3.3 per cent year-over-year increase and a March-to-June increase of 0.5 per cent.

Row/townhouse prices averaged \$303,117, seeing a decrease of 2.2 per cent year-over-year and a decrease of 1.5 per cent when compared to March. Condominiums sold for an average of \$219,190, seeing an increase of 2.0 per cent year-over-year and an increase of 3.4 per cent when compared to March.

Residential Housing Statistics

Greater Edmonton Area Average Selling Price - June 2026



Detached

\$593K

YoY +3.3%



Row/Townhouse

\$303K

YoY -2.2%



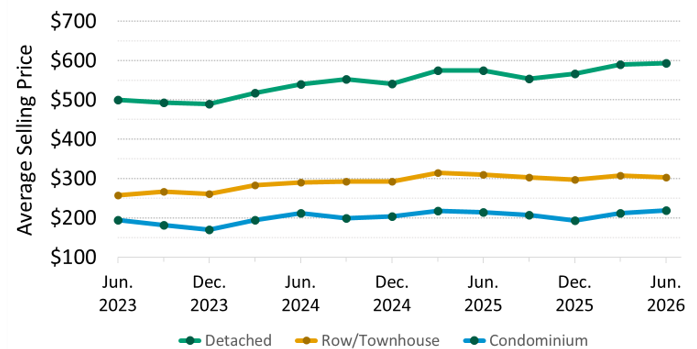
Condominium

\$219K

YoY +2.0%

Source: REALTORS® Association of Edmonton. Monthly Market Statistics

Greater Edmonton Area Residential Housing Statistics



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Community Safety & Well-Being

Safety, social wellness, and overall community well-being

Spruce Grove's Free Income Tax Program

In the months of January through June, volunteers completed 865 income tax and benefit returns as part of the Spruce Grove Tax Clinic, helping return \$9 million dollars to the community.



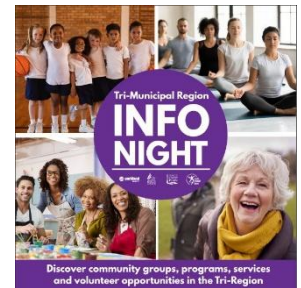
This vital initiative is part of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) initiative that offers tax preparation services to individuals who may have difficulty completing their tax returns independently or who cannot afford to pay for tax preparation services. This program relies on volunteers who are trained and registered by the CRA to help taxpayers complete their income tax and benefit returns.

This program is one of the many ways the City demonstrates its commitment to building a supportive, inclusive community where residents have access to the essential services they need to enhance their financial well-being.

Learn more at sprucegrove.org/IncomeTaxProgram.

Tri-Municipal Region Spring Info Night

The Tri-Municipal Region Spring Info Night event was held on February 19 at the Heritage Park Pavilion in Stony Plain, drawing over 250 attendees. A total of 50 registrations were received for the Info Night, including 5 businesses and 45 non-profit organizations.



Survey results indicated that 93 per cent of participants were either satisfied or very satisfied with the Information Night, while 95 per cent of exhibitors indicated that they would attend the event again.

The event provides community organizations and businesses an opportunity to showcase and promote their programs and services related to recreation, sport, wellness, culture, art, and heritage. Attendees can gather information, register for programs, explore volunteer opportunities, and support fundraising initiatives.

This event is hosted by the Tri Municipal Region partners and is free to attend and open to the public.

Learn more at sprucegrove.org/InfoNight.

Spruce Grove's New Kickstand Facility

Spruce Grove welcomed an important new community resource with the opening of Kickstand Spruce Grove, a youth mental health center providing no cost, barrier-free, and confidential support for young people aged 11 to 25 and their families in Spruce Grove and the surrounding communities of Stony Plain and Parkland County.

Kickstand Spruce Grove officially opened its doors following a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on Apr. 22, attended by approximately 120 people. Located at the West Log Cabin at 447 King Street, the new space offers integrated supports including mental health care, substance use support, peer support, Indigenous wellness services, social services, and physical health care, all in one welcoming location designed to make it easier for young people to access care when they need it. The center offers a continuum of youth-specific health supports and a variety of wellness and life-skills programming.

Between opening and June 30, the center had 187 participant visits and has been supporting approximately 40 users per week, with additional new participants joining weekly.

Kickstand Spruce Grove is part of the wider Kickstand network across Alberta, funded by the Government of Alberta, the Mental Health Foundation, and developed in partnership with the City of Spruce Grove.

Learn more about Kickstand Spruce Grove at sprucegrove.org/Kickstand.



Making a Meaningful Difference for Residents in Need

In the second quarter of 2026, the City continued to make a meaningful difference in the lives of residents by improving financial stability and helping individuals and families access previously unclaimed income sources and benefits. As a result, 16 individuals and families increased their monthly income by an average of \$488, while 14 individuals and families accessed a combined \$56,691.53 in one-time assistance and retroactive benefit payments.

One example of this impact is a senior resident facing a terminal illness who received support in regaining access to the Guaranteed Income Supplement and connecting with home support services. As a result, their household income increased by 20%, they received \$1,900 in retroactive benefits and gained supports that enabled them to remain safely and independently in their home.

The City's community outreach and early intervention efforts also contributed to positive community safety outcomes, with zero homelessness and social disorder-related enforcement files recorded in January.

Between January and June, the outreach team supported 180 unique individuals. The top services provided included 535 instances of basic needs support, 159 instances of support related to finances or financial planning, and 121 instances of welfare checks. The average age of the individuals supported was 44 years old. Basic needs support includes providing items such as food, clothing, toiletries, and shower passes.

Connection Cultivators Program

The City of Spruce Grove introduced a new program aimed at bringing neighbours closer together. The Connection Cultivators program encourages residents to play an active role in fostering stronger, more connected neighbourhoods across the city.



At its core, the program aims at enhancing opportunities for neighbourhood connection throughout the city by providing support to residents who want to foster connection in their neighbourhood. By empowering everyday people to act as “connection cultivators,” the program focuses on creating opportunities for neighbours to interact, collaborate, and form a stronger sense of belonging.

As social connection is directly related to one’s sense of belonging, neighbourhood connection is key to making neighbourhoods “feel like home” to everyone. Feeling connected to your neighbours helps improve overall community well-being.

Through the program, participants—known as Connection Cultivators—will help spark local engagement in a variety of ways. This can include welcoming new residents, organizing small projects and activities, and encouraging neighbours to share their interests and skills with one another. Residents who sign up will receive support and resources to help strengthen social connection in their neighbourhoods.

As of the end of June, 17 Connection Cultivators signed up, representing thirteen neighbourhoods in the city. Residents interested in becoming a Connection Cultivator or learning more about the program can visit sprucegrove.org/ConnectionCultivators.

Connection starts on your street!

✓ TAKE THE SURVEY



How do you connect with others in your neighbourhood, on your street, or in your apartment building? We want to know!

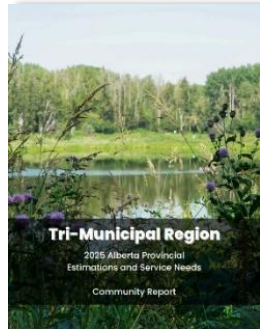
Tell us what connection looks like in your neighbourhood and what would make it easier for people to connect with their neighbours. Your input will help guide future neighbourhood supports and programs.

Take the short survey by September 4 at sprucegrove.org/ConnectionCultivators. After finishing the survey, you can also enter a draw for a chance to win a \$200 gift card to a local Spruce Grove business.

The survey is available in multiple languages. The survey findings will be summarized in a What We Heard Report that will be shared with the public in December 2026. It will highlight key themes, common opinions, and important comments.

Housing and Service Needs Estimation Released

A new report on housing needs and homelessness in the Tri Region was released in May. The 2025 Housing and Service Needs Estimation is a community-driven project that gathers real data from residents and service providers in the Tri Region.



Overseen by the Rural Development Network and supported by the three municipalities, local service providers, and other community partners, it offers a clearer picture of housing needs, service gaps, and the types of supports people are accessing across our region.

The findings will help communities better understand homelessness and poverty, improve planning, and inform future decision-making at the local, provincial and federal levels.

For more information and to read the report, visit sprucegrove.org/HousingandServiceNeedsEstimate

Meridian Housing Foundation awarded \$4.76 million

The Meridian Housing Foundation was awarded \$4.76 million to support a new affordable housing project in Spruce Grove. This funding is part of a \$323 million affordable housing investment announced by the Province of Alberta and Government of Canada, with Spruce Grove selected as one of only 14 communities to receive funding. The funding will enable the construction of 56 new affordable homes in the city.

Linking & Learning: Spring Non-Profit Workshop

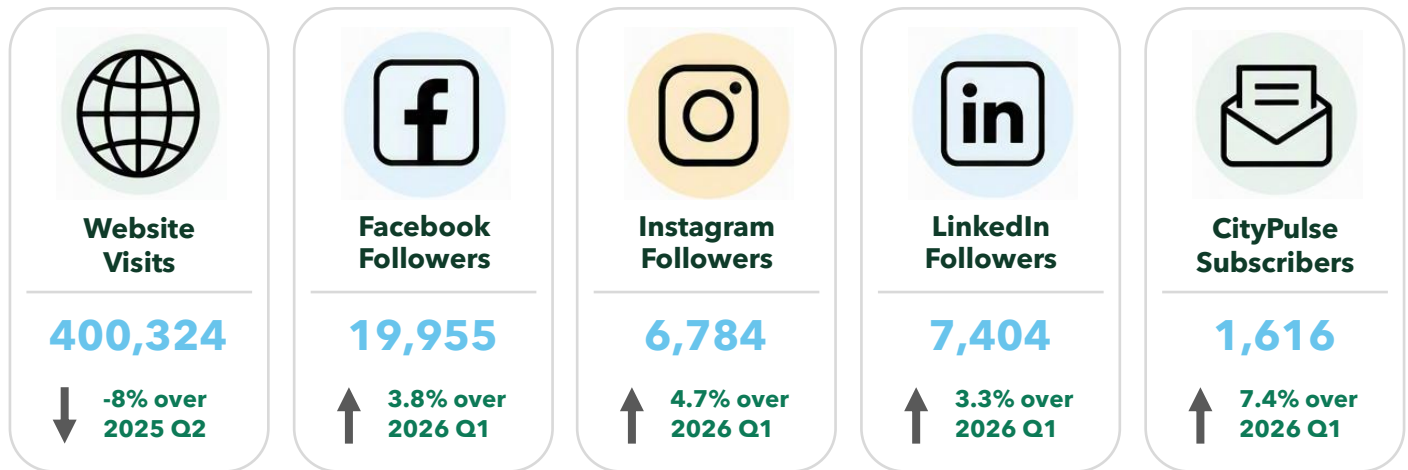
The City, in partnership with the Town of Stony Plain and Parkland County, hosted three Linking and Learning workshop series for non-profit organizations in the region.

The interactive workshops covered topics on endowment funds, artificial intelligence, and bylaws.

The productive and engaging sessions saw 48 participants, with most reporting that the sessions significantly increased their understanding of the topic.



Digital Platform Engagement Statistics



Most Engaging Facebook Post

The most engaging Facebook post of the first half of the year came in early June when the City's Awards of Excellence inductees were announced.

Spruce Grove residents Chris Banas, Stuart Houston, and Trina Merkel were all inducted into the City's Awards of Excellence program this year in the Community Service category for their significant and long-term volunteer service to the community.

Learn more about this year's inductees at sprucegrove.org/AOE2026.

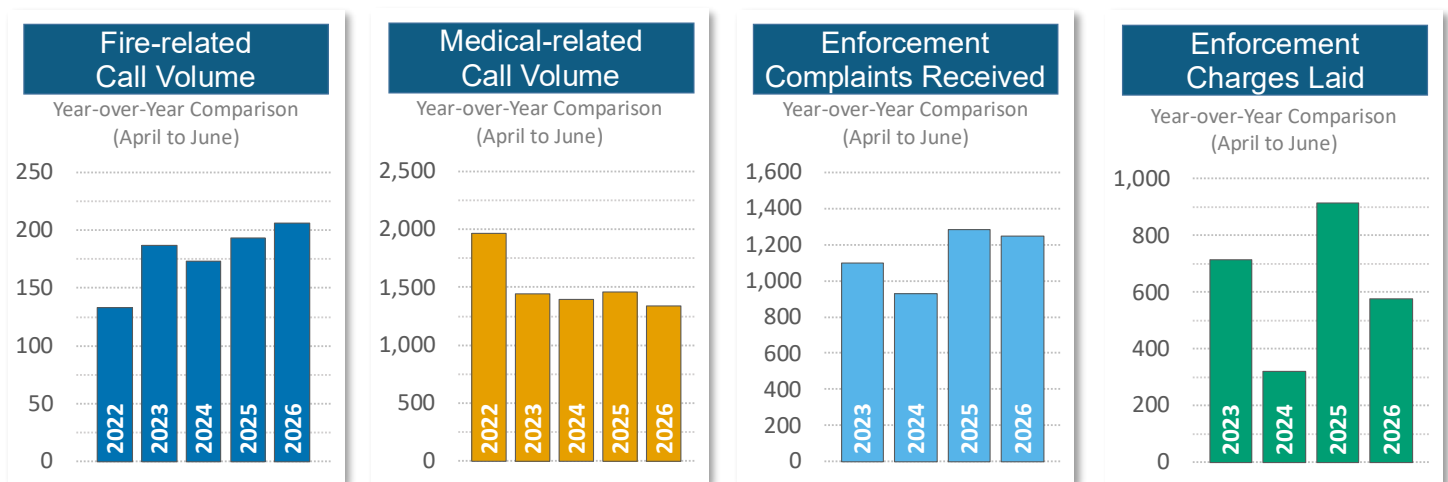


Protective Services Statistics

The charts below represent the call volumes related to fire and medical calls as well as enforcement complaints received and charges laid. Enforcement complaints and charges laid represent both citizen-initiated and officer-initiated.

Fire-related call volume increased 7 per cent in the second quarter of 2026 when compared to the same time period in 2025. Medical-related call volume decreased by 8 per cent in the second quarter of 2026 when compared to the same time period in 2025.

The number of enforcement-related complaints decreased by 2 per cent in the second quarter when compared to the same time period in 2025. The number of enforcement charges decreased by 37 per cent in the second quarter when compared to the same time period in 2025.



Parkland RCMP Update

At the June 8 Council meeting, Parkland RCMP Inspector Kevin McGillivray presented a quarterly update. He highlighted how a local drug trafficking operation uncovered by Parkland RCMP led to a broader series of investigations stretching from Spruce Grove to Ontario, resulting in the seizure of more than \$40 million in drugs, weapons, and cash.

Inspector McGillivray also noted that two additional RCMP positions, approved by City Council through the 2026 Budget and Fiscal Plan, will increase the Spruce Grove contingent to 35 officers.



Strengthening Safety Across City Parks and Trails



In April, as part of the Spring Budget Adjustment, City Council approved the Central Park Activation Plan including funding for two new seasonal bylaw officers who will provide regular patrols of the park as well as other parks and trails throughout the city. Their

focus will be on safety and promoting responsible use of public spaces. The consistent, uniformed presence in the area will be complemented by new, permanent security cameras.

Additional details, including data and outcomes demonstrating the effectiveness of the seasonal bylaw officer program, will be presented in the Third Quarter Report. Early indications are positive, with residents providing favourable feedback and call and complaint volumes trending downward.



Micromobility information and safety sessions

Bird Canada is hosting a series of information sessions through the months of June and August about e-scooters and e-bikes. Residents can learn about how the devices work, how to use them safely, and try one out for free. The sessions are free to attend, take place at Jubilee Park and are open to anyone over the age of 16.

For more details on Spruce Grove's Micromobility program and to see upcoming dates, visit sprucegrove.org/Micromobility.



Improving Safety on McLeod Avenue Crosswalks

Overhead flashing crosswalk lights were installed at two crosswalks on McLeod Avenue, just west of Westridge Crescent and at the intersection east of McLaughlin Drive.



The upgrades enhance pedestrian visibility and safety and are part of the City's ongoing commitment to making Spruce Grove a safe, accessible, and walkable community for everyone.



Service Delivery & Customer Experience

Service effectiveness, reliability and the quality of customer experience

Residential Street Sweeping

The City's annual residential street sweeping program began on April 20 and was successfully completed on May 8, helping keep neighbourhood roads clean and protecting local stormwater infrastructure.

Residential roads are swept each spring to remove sand, gravel, and other debris that accumulates over the winter as a result of ice control activities. Removing this material helps prevent debris from entering catch basins and accumulating within the stormwater system, reducing the risk of blockages and supporting effective drainage throughout the community.

To complete the city-wide program efficiently, street sweeping operations ran five days per week for 20 hours each day, with three sweepers operating throughout the program. Over the course of the campaign, crews recorded more than 800 hours of sweeping, ensuring residential roadways received a thorough spring clean-up.

Residents can stay informed about sweeping progress in their neighbourhood by visiting the City's website, where regular updates are provided throughout the program.

While the initial spring sweep of all city roadways has now been completed, street sweeping activities will continue throughout the summer and fall on higher-use roads to maintain roadway cleanliness and support safe, efficient transportation networks.



Eco Centre Now Open Seven Days a Week

As of May 3, the Eco Centre is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In the months of May and June, the Eco Centre saw an average of 96 visits on Sundays.

Located at 50 Diamond Ave., the Eco Centre is a drop-off facility for residents needing to dispose of extra waste, organics, recycling, electronics or hazardous materials.

Find more information, including a full list of accepted items and any associated disposal fees, at sprucegrove.org/EcoCentre.



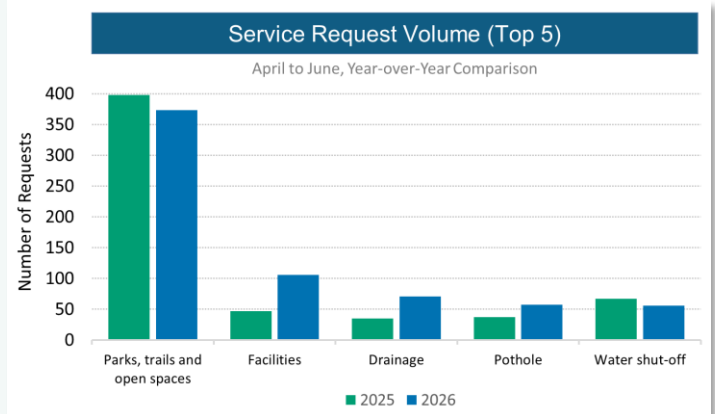
Customer Experience: Issue Reporting

The City offers several convenient ways residents and business owners can report issues and request service.

The data represents the most common requests for services received by the City either through the self-service online portal, email, through the phone, or in-person for common, non-emergency issues related to City services and property. This data provides insight into the overall pattern of service requests and demand for services.

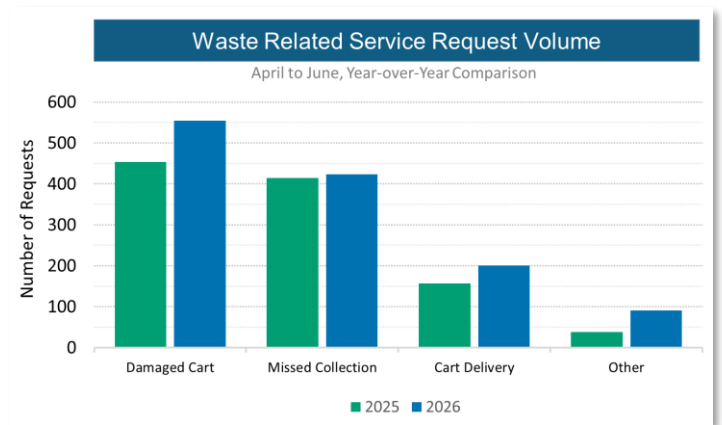
In the second quarter, the City received 1,128 non-waste-related service requests. The top five request categories included 373 requests related to parks, trails and open spaces, 106 requests related to facilities, 71 requests related to drainage, 57 requests related to potholes, and 56 requests related to water shut-off valves.

For more information on how to report an issue or submit a request, visit sprucegrove.org/OnlineTools.



Customer Experience: Waste Related Requests

In the second quarter, the City received 1,268 waste related requests. This included 554 requests related to damaged waste carts, 423 requests related to missed waste collection, 200 requests for waste cart deliveries, and 91 other waste related requests.



SeeClickFix

Spruce Grove's SeeClickFix tool lets residents easily report non-emergency issues around our city. The process is easy: start a new request, mark your location on the map, snap a pic of the issue, and let us know any details! You'll receive notifications to let you know when your request is received, addressed, and resolved. And remember, if you're looking to report a non-emergency incident related to bylaw enforcement, driving, parking, or animals, report it to Enforcement Services using the online non-emergency complaint portal at sprucegrove.org/NonEmergencyComplaint or by phone at 780-962-7586.

Explore Online Tools at sprucegrove.org/OnlineTools.

Reporting Dashboard

The City's reporting dashboard provides key data to monitor and share important information about the community and the City's programs and services.

The dashboard includes data related to population and demographics, development and construction, local economy, community safety, social media, environment and transit.

The dashboard is updated quarterly and displays historical data trends.

To view the Reporting Dashboard, please visit sprucegrove.org/Dashboard.



Permit Processing Times

The permit processing time data represents the average processing time in business days for residential new construction building and development permits. The data provides insight into the efficiency of permit services and creates transparency around permit processing times.

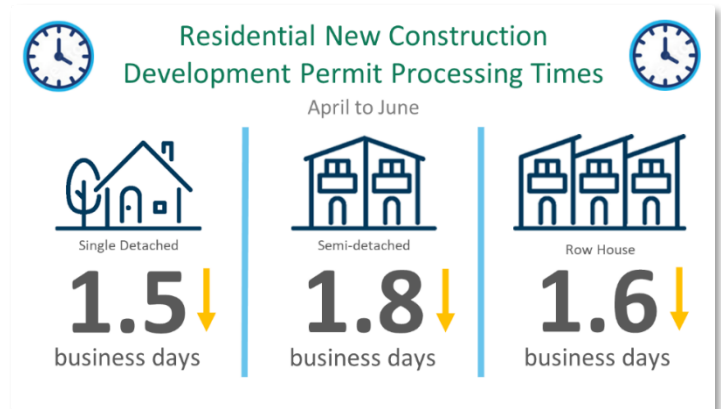
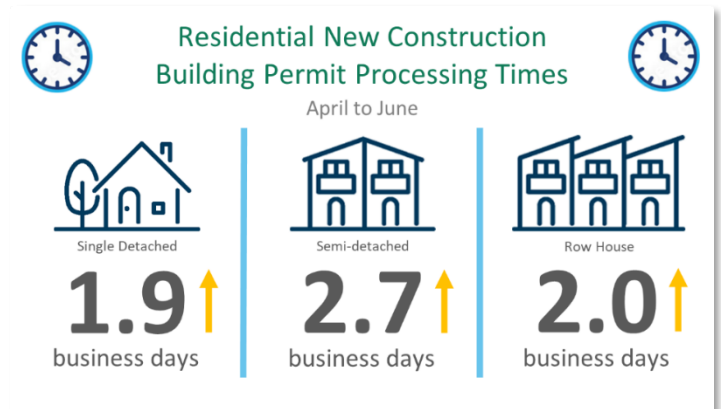
The number of permits processed in the second quarter was 22 per cent higher than in the first quarter.

The average processing time for single detached building permits was 1.9 days in the second quarter, slightly up from 1.5 days in the first quarter, while for development permits it was 1.5 days, down from 2.3 days.

The average processing time for semi-detached building permits was 2.7 days in the second quarter, up from 1.5 days in the first quarter, while for development permits it was 1.8 days, down from 2.4 days.

The average processing time for row house building permits was 2.0 days in the second quarter, up from 1.6 days in the first quarter, while for development permits it was 1.6 days, down significantly from 5.6 days.

Permit processing time is calculated from the date a building or development permit application has been deemed complete and paid for to when the building permit is issued or the development permit is approved. Any wait times due to revisions and other permit dependencies are subtracted from the processing time. The average processing time is calculated for all permits issued in the quarter for each category.



Development, Economic Growth, and Sustainability

Sustainable growth and development of the community, its natural systems and its local economy

Enhancing Stormwater Facilities: Maintenance and Aeration Initiatives



On February 9, Council voted in favour of adopting subsurface diffuser aeration as the standard approach for stormwater management facilities (SWMF) due to its efficiency, lower operational cost, and compatibility with fish-bearing systems.

Spruce Grove continues to invest in its stormwater management facilities through a coordinated approach that combines new aeration technology with routine maintenance. The importance of these investments has been underscored by the significant rainfall events experienced this season, including record rainfall amounts in the region.

Aeration systems help circulate facility water to increase oxygen levels, promote faster organic decomposition, and reduce sediment buildup. Results from a recent pilot project that evaluated two types of aeration systems (subsurface and floating fountain) in the McLaughlin SWMF have identified a preferred method for aeration of these facilities throughout Spruce Grove.

Regular maintenance of SWMF remains a key priority for the City to protect water quality and reduce flood risks. Like all infrastructure, stormwater systems require ongoing inspection, sediment removal, and vegetation management to ensure they continue functioning effectively. This spring, maintenance work was completed at three stormwater management facilities (SWMF) in Westgrove and Jubilee Park.

Together, these efforts demonstrate the City's commitment to modern, sustainable stormwater management.

Find out more about stormwater management at sprucegrove.org/Stormwater.



Clean Energy Improvement Program

Following a very successful intake of applications in 2025, the City's Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) re-opened for applications on April 14 with \$1.5 million in financing available to eligible residential property owners.

Shortly after re-opening that morning, CEIP reached capacity with 54 applications accepted. Any subsequent applications were placed on a waitlist and will be processed as financing becomes available.

CEIP makes financing available to residential property owners, to make energy efficient and renewable upgrades to their home. Property owners repay the financing amount through their regular property tax bill over the lifespan of the upgrade.

The program is administered by Alberta Municipalities and supported by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund, an endowment created by the Government of Canada.

Learn more at sprucegrove.org/CEIP.

Tri-Municipal Region Rain Barrel Sale

The annual Tri-Municipal Regional Rain Barrel Sale took place on April 25, at the RONA Home Centre in Spruce Grove.

The event was successful, despite the wintery conditions, resulting in the sale of 230 rain barrels.



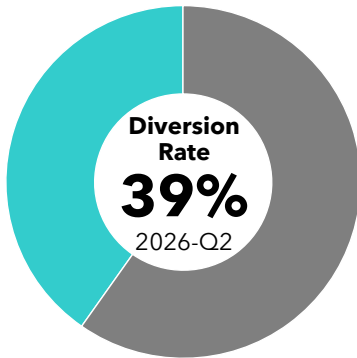
Rain barrels provide a free and sustainable source of water for indoor and outdoor plants and gardens. Rain barrels not only reduce the water bill but also promote both water and energy conservation.

The City of Spruce Grove and partner communities support this event, but do not subsidize or supply rain barrels.

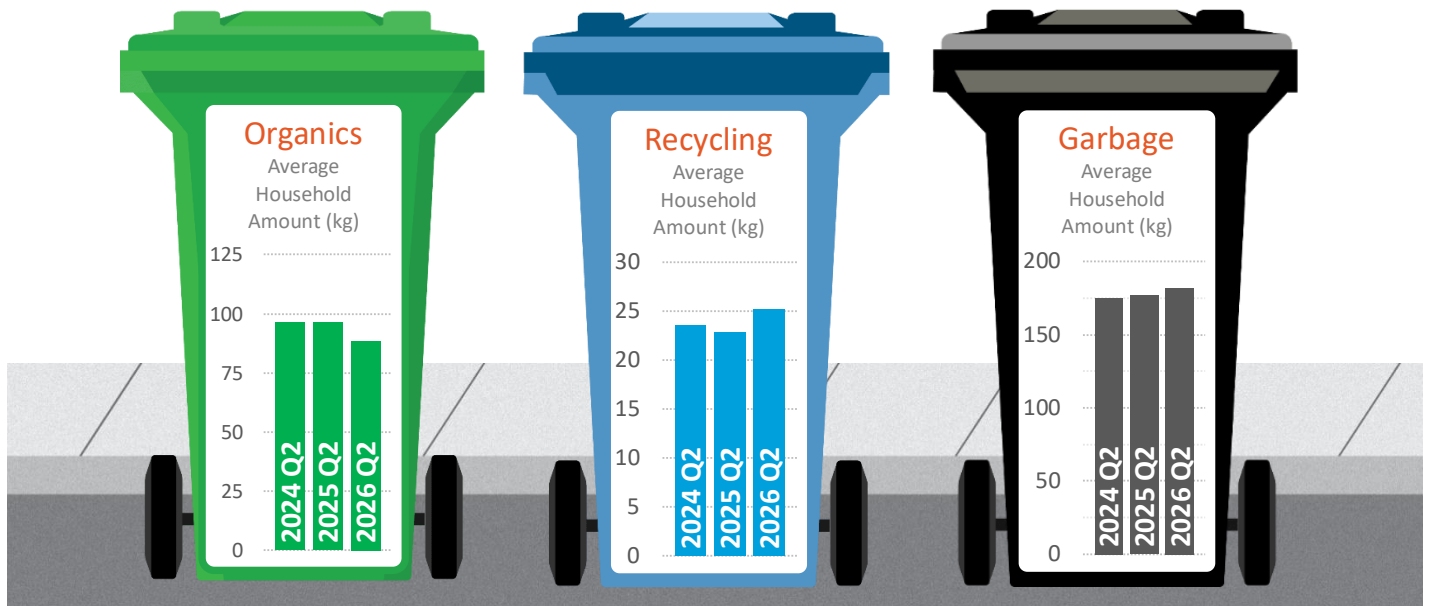


Solid Waste Collection Statistics

The charts below represent the year-over-year comparison (April to June) of the average household curbside solid waste collected in kilograms (kg) for each of the three streams. Between April and June 2026, on average, the City collected 88 kg of organics, 25 kg of recycling, and 182 kg of garbage from each household.



The waste diversion rate for the second quarter of 2026 is 39 per cent. Waste diversion rates fluctuate through the seasons and the rate is typically the lowest in the winter months as there is no yard waste. Waste diversion represents the proportion of waste diverted from the landfill and is calculated by dividing the amount of organics and recycling by the total waste collected.



Shred-4-Free and E-Waste Collection event

The annual Shred-4-Free and E-Waste Collection event took place on June 13 at the Public Works Facility. This event continues to be well attended with 411 residents participating, an increase from 335 residents last year.

The event allows residents to safely dispose of sensitive, personal documents and electronic waste. Shredding is an effective way to prevent identity theft, while also clearing out old paperwork. Over seven tonnes of paper was collected for shredding and over 1.3 tonnes of electronics were collected and taken to a recycling facility.

The event offers drive-thru service for quick and easy drop off. Learn more about the event by visiting sprucegrove.org/Shred.



Free-cycle and Large Item Pick Up

The annual Free-cycle event took place on June 13 and 14. Free-cycle is a community event where residents can leave unwanted items at the front curb for others to take. It's a great way to keep reusable items out of the landfill.

Then from June 15-19, the Large Item Pick Up event took place where residents could leave up to three large items like mattresses, household furniture and barbecues at the curb for collection. During the event, 168 tonnes of waste, 25 tonnes of metal, and 214 mattresses were collected.



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Eco Centre

The Eco Centre is a drop-off facility where residents can dispose of items that can't be placed in their black waste cart, blue recycling bag or green organics cart. Household hazardous waste, electronics, appliances and extra garbage are also accepted at the Eco Centre.

Building Permit Activity

Building permit activity set another new record in the second quarter of the year, with a total of 443 permits issued, valued at over \$122 million—the highest numbers recorded for this period in the last 10 years.

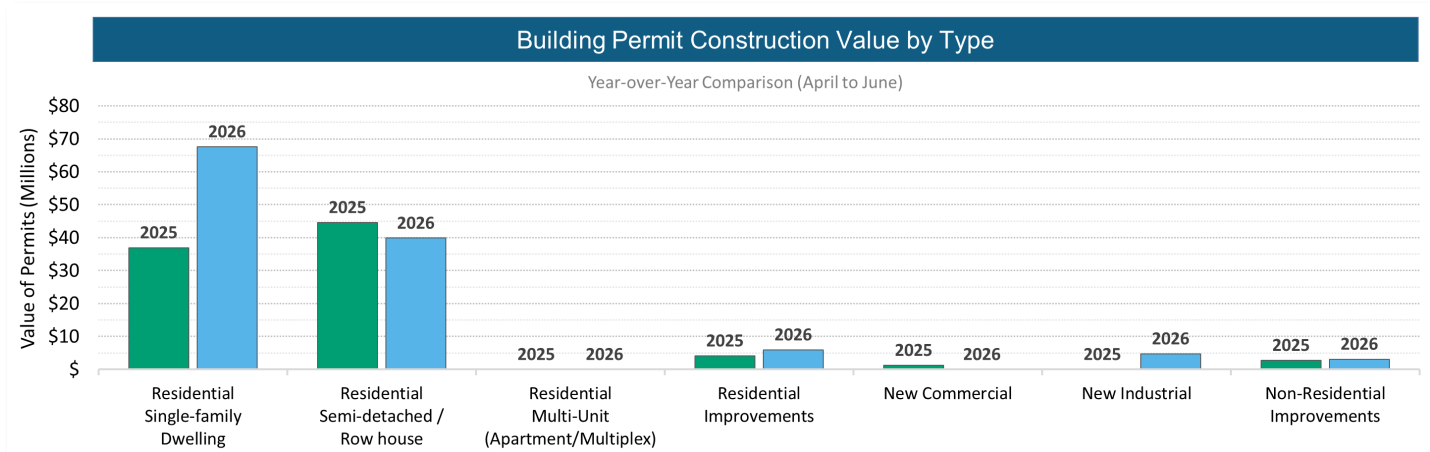
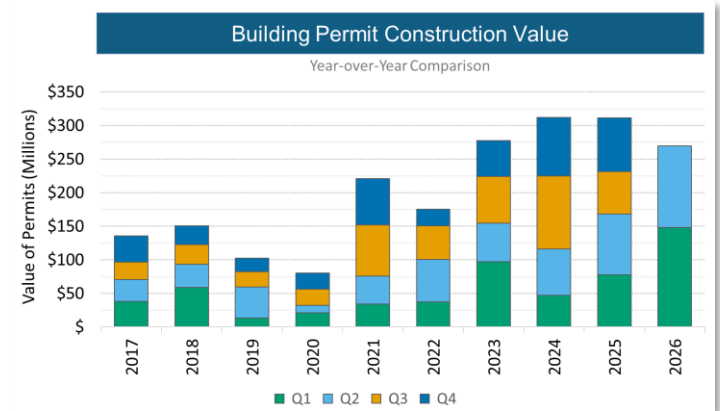
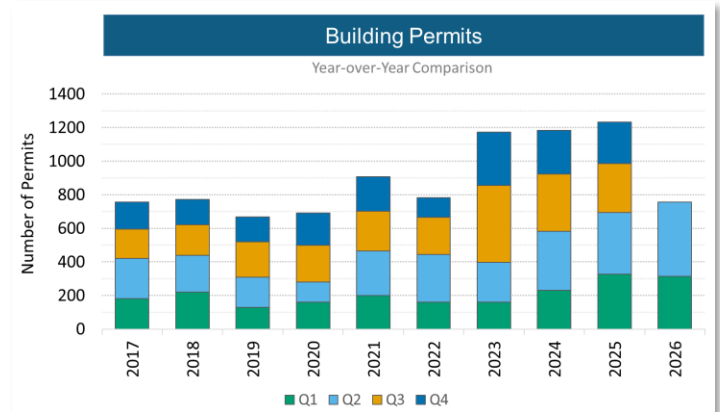
The number of permits issued increased by 21 per cent from the same time period last year, while the construction value of permits increased 35 per cent from the same time period last year.

Building permits were issued for 359 new dwelling units in the second quarter compared to 309 in 2025 from the same time period, a 16 per cent increase.

Construction value of permits in the second quarter was largely driven by residential single-family dwellings. The construction value in the single-family dwelling category was 83 per cent higher in the second quarter of 2026 when compared to the same quarter of 2025.

Residential improvement permits saw a 9 per cent increase when compared to the same time period last year, with 199 permits in the second quarter.

There were 2 permits issued related to new industrial construction, valued at just under \$5 million. There has been no building permit activity in the second quarter related to new commercial construction and residential multi-units. There were 16 permits issued related to non-residential improvements, valued at just over \$3 million.



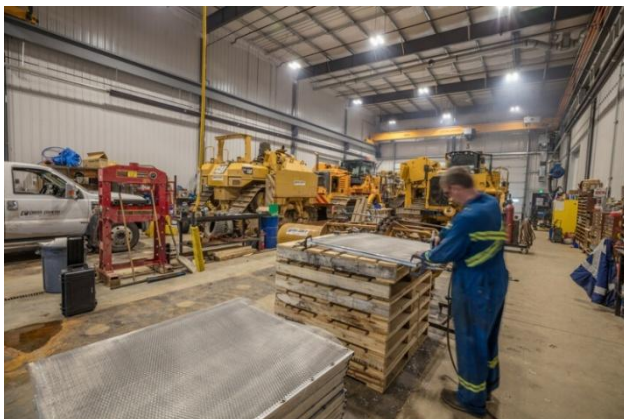
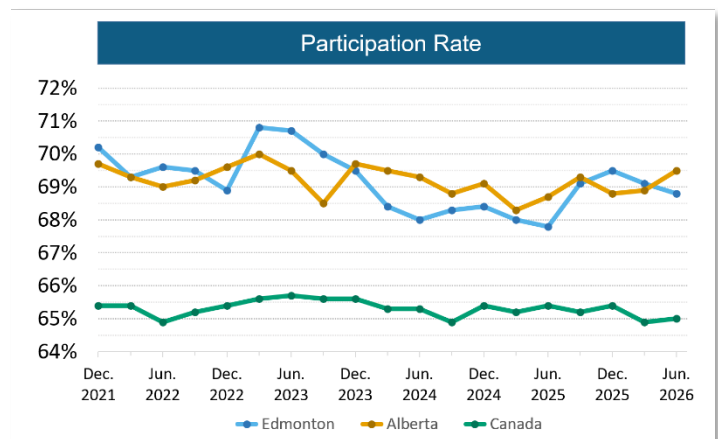
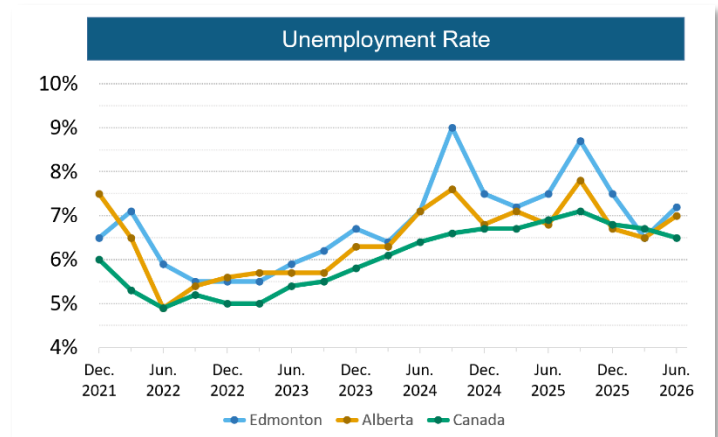
Labour Force Trends

Canada's unemployment rate fell to 6.5 per cent in June, down from 6.7 per cent in March. In Alberta, however, the unemployment rate increased to 7.0 per cent from 6.5 per cent over the same period, despite continued employment growth, with 6,800 jobs added in June and 13,900 in May. As Mark Parsons of ATB Financial noted, "Alberta's nation-leading population growth has contributed to stronger economic growth, but it also means that the 'break-even' job creation rate is higher in the province."¹

The Edmonton region's unemployment rate rose to 7.2 per cent in June, an increase of 0.7 percentage points from March.

Canada's labour force participation rate increased slightly to 65.0 per cent in June, up 0.1 percentage points from March. Alberta's participation rate rose to 69.5 per cent, an increase of 0.6 percentage points over the same period. In contrast, the Edmonton region's participation rate declined slightly to 68.8 per cent in June, down 0.3 percentage points from March.

The participation rate measures the size of the labour force—both employed and unemployed individuals—as a share of the working-age population.



¹ Parsons, M. (2026, July 10). Getting warmer. ATB Financial. <https://www.atb.com/company/insights/the-twenty-four/labour-force-survey-results-for-june-2026/>

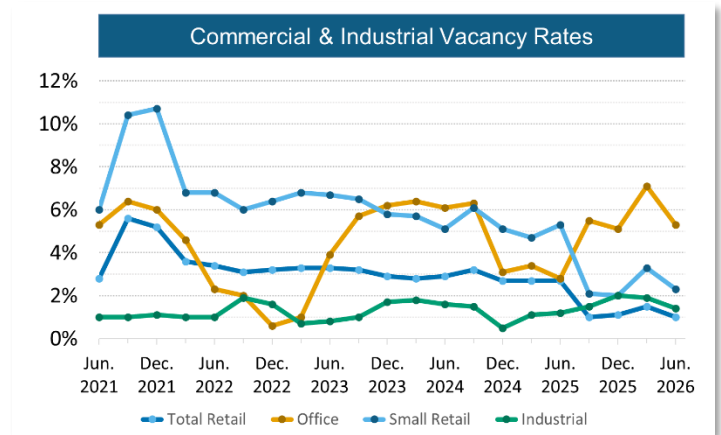
Commercial and Industrial Vacancy Rates

The vacancy rates in all sectors decreased in the second quarter of the year.

The vacancy rate in the total retail sector dropped to 1 per cent in June, largely attributed to the small retail sector vacancy rate dropping from 3.3 per cent in March to 2.3 per cent in June. The total retail sector vacancy rate is now at a historical low.

The vacancy rate in the office sector decreased to 5.3 per cent from 7.1 per cent in March. The vacancy rate in the industrial sector decreased slightly to 1.4 per cent and continues to remain near historical lows.

Commercial and industrial vacancy rates are an important indicator of the health of the local economy. Low vacancy rates in these sectors are a strong positive factor for investors because they indicate a favourable economic climate.



Local Business Promotion Contest

Spruce Grove's Economic & Business Development team continues to highlight local businesses through an ongoing Facebook and Instagram contest series.

Residents are invited to guess the featured business by liking and commenting on contest posts for a chance to win a \$50 gift card from that business. The initiative helps increase visibility for local businesses, encourages residents to discover new places to shop and dine, and supports community engagement across the City's social media channels.

The contest series will continue to feature Spruce Grove businesses throughout the year, providing additional exposure while promoting the importance of shopping local.

Visit facebook.com/InvestSpruceGrove or instagram.com/InvestSpruceGrove for more information and to participate.

Storefront Improvement Program



The Storefront Improvement Program was renewed for another three years from 2026 to 2028 with an expanded eligibility area. The program has now been expanded to run further west along McLeod Avenue to Nelson Drive.

The City provides up to 50% matching grants of up to a maximum of \$7,500 per storefront or up to \$10,000 for improvements on a street corner where improvements are made to two façades. Funding is available on a first-come first-serve basis. Applications for 2026 were closed in April as the available funding totalling \$75,000 for the year was fully allocated to four projects supporting over \$1.4 million in private investment.

The program helps local businesses and building owners improve their properties by enhancing appearance, safety/security, and accessibility.

SMARTstart

setting your business up for success

Nineteen entrepreneurs and 18 business mentors have signed up for the second year of the SMARTstart Program. Between April and



December, the SMARTstart entrepreneurs will complete online learning, attend workshops on business fundamentals, and receive mentorship from experienced business owners.

Launched last year, the SMARTstart Program is an eight-month entrepreneurial training initiative designed to provide new and aspiring business owners with the skills needed to succeed.

The City hosted three in-person and three virtual information sessions in January and February about the SMARTstart Program, geared towards early-stage business owners, as well as entrepreneurs interested in giving back to the community by becoming a mentor.

Applications for the next cohort will open in January 2027 for the third year of the program, which will be delivered from April through November 2027.

To learn more about the SMARTstart Program, visit bit.ly/SGSMARTstart

Business Events Highlights

Intellectual Property Bootcamp Event

On February 12, the City co-hosted the Intellectual Property Bootcamp Event. Held at Heavy Metal Place theatre, the event attracted 40 individuals and aimed to empower participants with the knowledge to protect their business innovations and learn about current intellectual property funding opportunities at different stages of a business lifecycle.

Buying a Business Event

On March 18, the City co-hosted a Buying a Business Event. Held at the Border Paving Athletic Centre, the event provided participants with an in-depth look at the key elements of a successful business acquisition, bridging the gap between identifying a promising opportunity and understanding its true value. The event attracted 25 attendees interested in acquiring an established business, transitioning into business ownership, expanding through market share acquisition, or exploring investment opportunities for growth.

Alberta Women Entrepreneurs Connect Event

On May 27, the City co-hosted the Alberta Women Entrepreneurs Connect Event. Held at Heavy Metal Place theatre, the event included women entrepreneurs from Spruce Grove, Edmonton, and surrounding communities for a welcoming evening of connection, conversation, and community. With 45 attendees, the event was designed to bring women together to share experiences, celebrate wins, and build meaningful relationships with others who understand the journey of entrepreneurship.

AKSIS TOPONA on the Road

On June 24, the City co-hosted AKSIS TOPONA on the Road. Held at the City's Community Engagement Space, the event fostered community, conversation, and connection in a relaxed and welcoming environment. The evening began with a Smudging Ceremony led by the President of Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Centre, followed by networking, tea, bannock, and meaningful discussions among Indigenous professionals, entrepreneurs, and community members. The event attracted 22 attendees.



Check out the most recent edition of the Economic & Business Development Newsletter!

Find out about featured local businesses, stay informed about new development, and learn about interesting upcoming events.

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Governance & Finance

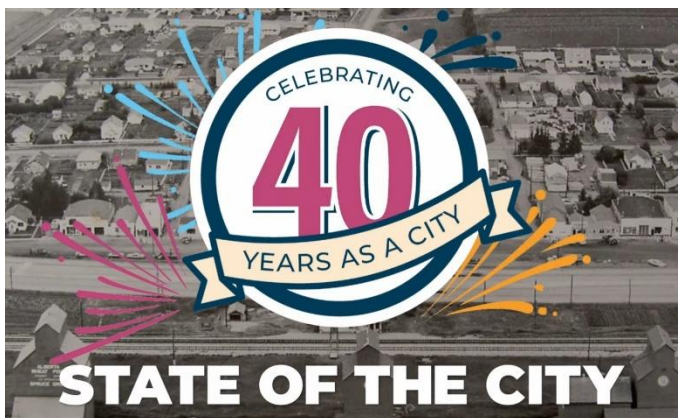
Fiscal stewardship, transparency and governance processes

2026 State of the City Address

On Thursday, March 19, Spruce Grove Mayor Jeff Acker delivered the 2026 State of the City address during the annual State of the Region event, hosted by the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce. The event also featured addresses from Parkland County Mayor Rod Shaigec and Stony Plain Mayor William Choy.

The State of the City videos produced by each municipality celebrate accomplishments from the previous year and look ahead to the coming year. Spruce Grove's video included a special look back at the community's history as we celebrate 40 years as a City in 2026.

See Spruce Grove's 2026 State of the City video featuring Mayor Jeff Acker and City Council at sprucegrove.org/SOTC.



Federal Funding Supports Seasonal Crew This Summer

The City welcomed 73 new team members to the seasonal crew this summer thanks to the Government of Canada's Summer Jobs Program. The seasonal crew will be gaining valuable experience and skills running summer camps, caring for parks and green spaces, and helping keep the community clean and inviting.

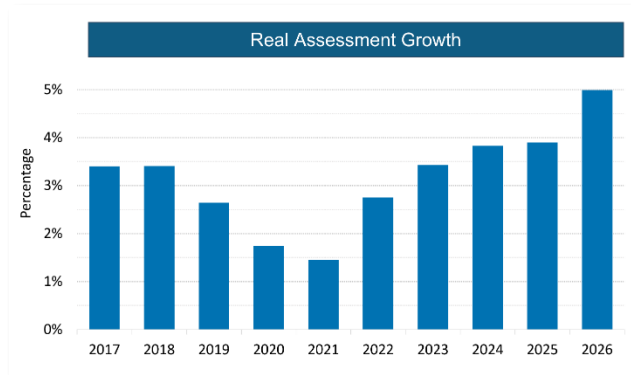
The Canada Summer Jobs Program is a federally funded wage subsidy program that connects young people with summer jobs while helping employers offset hiring costs.



Growth and Permits Lowers Tax Increase

Stronger than anticipated growth and development in Spruce Grove is having a positive impact on the City's 2026 budget.

The 2026 assessment shows growth of 4.99 per cent, the highest growth rate over the last ten years.



The data represents the growth of property assessment generated from new construction, new land servicing & development activity, and additions or renovations to existing property.

The increase in assessment growth and building permit revenue reduced the forecasted tax revenue increase from 4.68 per cent, approved by Council in December 2025, to 3.99 per cent, approved during the May 11 City Council meeting.

In addition to the tax rate reduction, a portion of this additional revenue will be used to fund a new position to support Council's mandate on providing timely communications to the community.

City Approves First Ever Advocacy Plan

The City of Spruce Grove's first ever Advocacy Plan was approved at the May 25 Council meeting. The plan was shaped by what Council heard from our community while building the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan. It focuses on key advocacy priorities for the community based on their importance to the community as well as their uniqueness to the municipality.



Key advocacy priorities include:

- Confirming provincial grant funding to preserve Horizon Stage.
- Seeking provincial support for the Community Outreach Program.
- Advocating for the province to fund Meridian Housing Foundation's new affordable housing development which awarded \$4.76 million for the project on May 14. More details will be shared as it moves forward.
- Designating Spruce Grove as a location for a 24-hour Urgent Care Facility.
- Ensuring meaningful noise attenuation standards are included in the Highway 16 expansion.

The plan also supports broader regional priorities such as sustainable infrastructure funding, community and traffic safety, transportation improvements, long-term funding for regional transit, collaboration on changes to the planning and development authority and affordable housing initiatives.

For more information about the Advocacy Plan, visit sprucegrove.org/AdvocacyApproach.

Growing Strong: City Council approves new Strategic Plan

On June 22, City Council approved the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan setting out the priorities that will guide the City's work over the next four years. The plan was shaped by conversations with the community during the 2025 municipal election and refined through a public survey earlier in the spring.



The plan is built around four themes:

- Building Community
- Communications Excellence
- Economic Opportunity
- Strategic Partnerships

The themes reflect a city that is ready for what comes next, balancing the community connections that make Spruce Grove feel like home with the forward-looking investments that help it branch out.

Key actions include creating a Community Safety Strategy focused on education, prevention, and enforcement; building a new outdoor aquatics facility; developing a long-term Transit Strategy; and encouraging the supply of serviced industrial land to support local jobs and a stronger tax base.

Residents can expect regular updates on how the plan is moving forward. Annual progress reports will be shared with Council and the public. The Strategic Plan webpage will be updated throughout the year so residents can follow along between reports.

Spruce Grove is growing, and this plan makes sure it's growing strong. To stay informed on Strategic Plan updates and other City news, sign up for the City's CityPulse e-newsletter at sprucegrove.org/CityPulse or follow the City on social media.

Process Enhancements Create Efficiencies and Strengthen Customer Service

The City is committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement and excellence to enhance service effectiveness, and advance innovation, while supporting long-term financial sustainability.

Recent process enhancements and staff training initiatives within the Engineering and Planning & Development departments have helped maintain strong permit processing times for residential new construction building and development permits, despite permit volumes continuing to reach record levels. Close collaboration between the two departments at various stages of the permit review and approval process has improved coordination, reduced inefficiencies, and streamlined workflows. In addition, permit processes are continuously monitored and evaluated, allowing staff to proactively identify and address potential bottlenecks, support ongoing service improvements, and maintain timely approvals during periods of sustained growth.



Youth Advisory Committee 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Work Plan

On April 20, 2026, Spruce Grove's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) shared its 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Work Plan.

In 2025, members of the committee volunteered an impressive 84 hours, providing support to initiatives and organizations including Parkland Food Bank, Rotary Club of Spruce Grove, NeighbourLink and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Other highlights from 2025 included planting trees for Spruce Up Spruce Grove, hosting the first-ever YAC booth at Canada Day, and building and donating hygiene packs for those in need.

This year's priorities include:

- Strengthen meaningful youth participation in municipal decision-making and increase awareness of local youth issues.
- Improve awareness, access, and advocacy related to youth employment, volunteering, and skill development opportunities.
- Identify and address barriers affecting youth wellbeing, including mental health, accessibility, safety, and equitable participation.

The Youth Advisory Committee is comprised of ten youth members and two members of City Council. It was created in 2023 with the goal of engaging with youth in the community to accurately represent a youth perspective on a variety of municipal issues and providing recommendations to Council.

Learn more at sprucegrove.org/YouthAdvisoryCommittee.



E-Billing Promotion Generates Strong Results

The City's 2025 E-Billing Utility Promotion was a tremendous success, helping more customers make the switch to convenient digital services while reducing costs.

Running from May to July 2025, the campaign saw 545 customers sign up for e-billing and 726 customers register for online services.

The move to digital billing is expected to save the City over \$8,000 annually, in postage costs alone. Additional savings from reduced printing and staff time are not included in that total.

Following the strong response, the City will launch another e-billing promotion in August, running through October 2026, giving even more customers the opportunity to sign up for paperless billing and online account services.

The success of the campaign highlights the growing adoption of digital services that benefit both residents and the City.

City Receives Award for Financial Reporting

The City is proud to announce it is the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Triple Crown Award for the City's 2024 Annual Report, 2024 Popular Annual Financial Report, and 2024 Budget Presentation.

The Triple Crown Award is awarded to local governments that earn all three of GFOA's top recognitions – the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The City of Spruce Grove is one of only four Alberta municipalities who achieved the Triple Crown Award for the 2024 fiscal year.

This marks the second consecutive year that the City has received the Triple Crown Award, a continued honour that reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to excellence in financial reporting and budgeting.

Earning the Triple Crown Award is an accomplishment that highlights the City's dedication to transparency, excellence, and clarity in financial reporting. It highlights the City's commitment to not only preparing high-quality financial documents, but also ensuring the information is accessible and understandable for the public.



Civic Grant Program

The Civic Grant Program recognizes the vital role community organizations play in enhancing quality of life and contributing to the overall well-being of Spruce Grove residents. The program offers two funding streams: Community Grants and Microgrants.

Community Grants

Community Grants provide financial support to local organizations for projects, events, or services that enhance residents' quality of life in six key areas: social, sport and recreation, arts and culture, economic, environmental, and multicultural initiatives. There is no funding cap, allowing City Council to assess needs and allocate resources based on project impact.

The grants provided this year included the following:

Name of Organization	Project Name and Description	Funding Amount
Action for Healthy Communities	Cultural Connections: Youth Focused Community Capacity Development	\$10,000
Africentric Arts	iLead Community Leadership Program	\$10,000
Allied Arts Council of Spruce Grove	Building a Bold New Identity: Marketing & Rebranding Support for the Allied Arts Council of Spruce Grove	\$8,500
Rotary Club of Spruce Grove Community Partners Society	Our Community Pantry	\$33,200
Rotary Club of Spruce Grove	Family Care Project	\$5,000
The Anglican Parish of St. Augustine, Parkland	Auggie's Café	\$5,000
Tri Community Adult Learning Association	Newcomer Services	\$9,250

Microgrants

Microgrants provide up to \$1,500 in one-time, start-up funding to support individuals, community groups, and organizations in launching local projects that benefit residents and help build a strong, connected community.

The grants provided this year included the following:

Name of Organization	Project Name and Description	Funding Amount
Spruce Grove Fish and Game Association	Homes for Birds	\$1,500
Cst. Brett Ryan Play It Forward Foundation	QuickBooks Implementation	\$1,197
Africentric Arts	Black History Month Celebration	\$1,500

Financial Highlights

Operating Summaries

Municipal Operating Summary

The following are the highlights from the Municipal Operating Summary on page 44 in this report.

The municipal operating results for the second quarter reflect a projected annual surplus of \$1,217,000. This surplus is based on forecasted changes in revenue and expenses as outlined below.

- Fines are expected to decrease by \$90,000 due to staff vacancies and delays in officer appointment.
- Government Transfers – Operating are projected to decrease \$126,000 mainly due to a reduction in Transit revenue for the Weekly Reliability Program, lower Edmonton Transit Service daily rates and lower than budgeted cost share revenue. These decreases are offset by an increase in budgeted grant revenue for Reaching Home and Building Safer Communities.
- Other revenue is projected to increase \$176,000 mainly due to an increase in reimbursements from Fortis for development activity and additional funding for the Parkland Community Navigator role for salary and benefit costs.
- Investment Income is projected to increase by \$782,000 due to higher than anticipated return on investments and improved cashflow forecasting. This is offset by the internal transfer interest expense to the utility fund and transfers to reserve for interest bearing reserves, not impacting the annual projected surplus.
- Gain on Disposal of TCA has been increased by \$1,759,000 due to the sale of the Horizon Stage land that was not budgeted for. This is offset by a corresponding increase in Transfers to Reserves, no impact to the annual projected surplus.
- Utility Administration Fee is expected to increase by \$113,000 based on a projected overall increase in utility fund expenses by year end. See utility operating summary for details.
- Transfer from Reserves is projected to increase by \$718,000 to fund anticipated over expenditures for snow and ice removal.
- General Government expenses are projected to increase by \$434,000 mainly due to an increase in principal and interest repayments on long-term debt, an increase in WCB premiums and software and licensing costs.

- Protective Services is projecting an overall decrease in expenses of \$573,000 mainly due to projected savings for the RCMP contract and savings realized as the result of vacancies and position reclassifications.
- Transportation and Roadway is projecting an expense increase of \$608,000 mainly due to increasing diesel fuel costs and higher than budgeted snow and ice removal costs. Budget overages for snow and ice removal are offset from reserves – no overall impact to the annual surplus.
- Community Services expenses are projected to decrease \$124,000 mainly due to a decrease in salary and benefit costs due to vacant positions.
- Transfer to Reserve is expected to increase \$1,999,000 more than budget because of proceeds from a land sale and higher than expected interest on reserve balances. These expenses are offset with the gain on sale of the land and interest income – minimal impact to the annual surplus.

Utility Operating Summary

The following are the highlights from the Utility Operating Summary on page 46 in this report.

- Sales and User Fees projected to increase \$221,000 mainly due to increased growth and use of services. This increase is offset by increased water and wastewater purchases in Sanitary Sewer and water utility respectively.
- Contract and General Services expenses are projected to increase by \$766,000 mainly due to higher costs associated with invasive species management, sewer service line maintenance, waste service contracts and an increase in operating costs for increasing the number days the Eco Centre is open.
- Utility Administration Fee is projected to increase by \$113,000 to reflect overall increase in utility expenses.
- Transfer to Utility Reserve is projected to decrease \$559,000 due to higher than anticipated utility expenditures reducing surpluses available for contribution to the reserves.

Developer Operating Summary

The following are the highlights from the Developer Summary on page 47 in this report.

- Revenue from Developer Contributions and Levies is expected to decrease by \$2,311,000, reflecting an overall decrease in the number of developer agreements.
- Debt repayment costs are expected to be lower than budget by \$232,000 as a portion of the developer debt associated with Heavy Metal Place was transferred to Municipal.

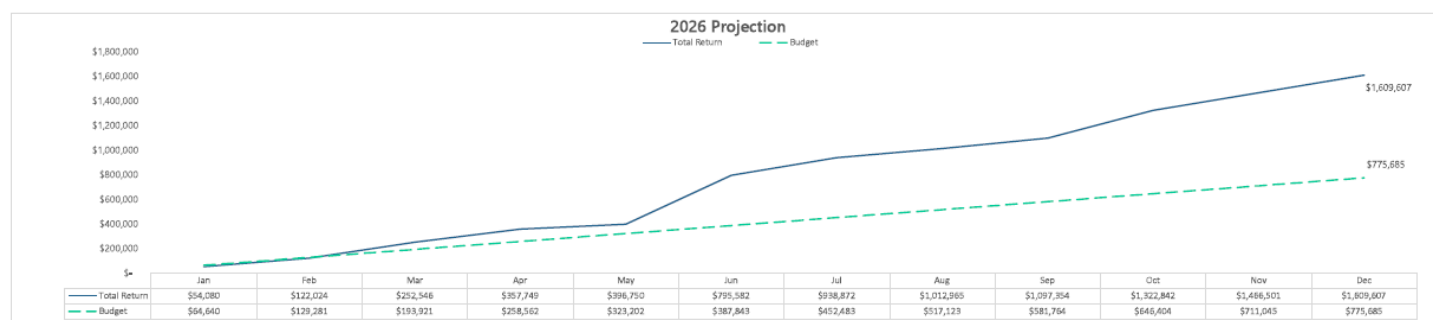
- Interest Expense of \$250,000 has been added to the forecast which reflects the interest that is being charged on the developer deficits.
- Transfers From Reserve is projected to increase by \$428,000 as lower developer contributions for some areas will result in higher deficits requiring more reserve funds to offset.
- Transfer to Reserves is projected to decrease by \$1,901,000 as lower than expected developer contributions for some areas will result in lower than anticipated surpluses, decreasing the amount available for contribution to the reserve.

Investments at June 30, 2026

	Book Value	Market Value	% of Total Portfolio	Yield to Maturity - Cost
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$10,387,140	\$9,998,858	22.29%	2.14%
Short-term Fixed Income	\$12,176,957	\$12,077,277	26.92%	3.43%
Medium-Term Fixed Income	\$22,342,678	\$22,783,717	50.79%	3.74%
	\$44,906,775	\$44,859,852	100%	3.63%

The market value is measured at a point in time (June 30, 2026, in this case). The City intends to hold the investments to maturity and would receive a return of 3.63%. The portfolio return is expected to naturally increase/decrease over time as interest earnings and maturities are reinvested into the current rate environment.

Portfolio Performance	3 Month	1 Year
Portfolio Performance	1.446%	4.029%
Benchmark Return (FTSE Canada Short Term All Government Index)	1.050%	2.710%



The above chart depicts the 2026 budgeted interest earned on the City's investment portfolio to the projected interest to be earned by year end.

Investment Policy Compliance

Investment Policy Constraints	Actual	Compliant
Compliant with the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> (Section 250 - Investments)	100%	YES
Minimum DBRS Credit Rating of "A"	100%	YES
Maximum 75% with DBRS Credit Rating of "A"	27%	YES
Minimum 25% with DBRS Credit Rating of "AA"	73%	YES
Maximum 10% Per Security	7%	YES
Maximum 35% Per Issuer	25%	YES
Maximum 75% Total Portfolio Limit Provincial Issued	28%	YES
Maximum 75% Total Portfolio Limit Chartered Banks Issued	72%	YES

Capital Summaries

The following are capital highlights from the Capital Summaries on pages 48-53 of this report.

Municipal Capital Summary

- Facilities Lifecycle projects within the Civic Infrastructure service type are over budget by \$351,000. The replacement of the Agrena Roof is over budget by \$500,000 due to the discovery of required remediation work. The budget overage for the Agrena Roof is offset by three projects being (\$149,000) under budget due to project cancellations – these projects will be deferred into a future budget year. The receipt of cost sharing revenue is expected which will offset the budget overage associated with the Facilities Lifecycle projects.
- There are savings of (\$387,000) in Fleet Lifecycle projects. The main source of the savings is due the cancellation of an ambulance that was previously on order for \$366,000.
- The Facilities Lifecycle project for the West Log Cabin within the Community Facilities service type is overbudget due to the new Kickstand program for youth. The facility is being renovated to accommodate the new program, and additional funding has been obtained to offset the budget overage.
- The Agrena Structural and Code Revitalization project is (\$782,000) under budget as a result of the project scope being modified.

Utility Capital Summary

There are no major variances to report for Utility capital projects.

Developer Capital Summary

- The 2026 Developer Capital Plan is (\$438,000) under budget due to Pressure Reducing Valves being deferred into 2027.

Financial Statements

Operating Summaries

**CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE
MUNICIPAL OPERATING SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2026**
In Thousands of Dollars

				Forecast		Actual	
	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Approved Budget	2026 Annual Forecast	Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Revenue							
Property Taxes	32,191	64,512	64,512	-	0%	32,322	50%
Sales and User Fees	1,452	3,329	3,294	(35)	-1%	1,876	44%
Sales to Other Governments	1,874	3,725	3,736	11	0%	1,852	50%
Franchise Fees	5,046	9,040	9,040	-	0%	3,994	56%
Fines	162	390	300	(90)	-23%	228	41%
Government Transfers - Operating	2,527	4,805	4,679	(126)	-3%	2,278	53%
Licenses and Permits	2,670	3,821	3,911	90	2%	1,151	70%
Rentals	1,478	2,725	2,771	46	2%	1,247	54%
Penalties	289	719	745	26	4%	429	40%
Other	909	875	1,051	176	20%	(34)	104%
Investment Income	1,227	1,542	2,324	782	51%	315	80%
Utility Administration Fee	1,660	3,621	3,734	113	3%	1,961	46%
Transfer from Reserve	373	3,879	4,598	718	19%	3,506	10%
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of TCA	1,916	385	2,144	1,759	457%	(1,530)	497%
	53,774	103,368	106,838	3,470	3%	49,595	52%

(continued)	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Approved Budget	2026 Annual Forecast	Forecast		Actual	
				Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Expenses							
General Government	12,920	25,054	25,488	434	2%	12,134	52%
Protective Services	11,835	25,584	25,011	(573)	-2%	13,750	46%
Transportation and Roadway	12,599	25,113	25,721	608	2%	12,514	50%
Community Services	8,908	16,000	15,877	(124)	-1%	7,092	56%
Development Services	2,314	5,248	5,157	(91)	-2%	2,934	44%
Internal Transfer Interest	214	229	380	151	66%	15	93%
Transfer to Reserve	5,980	6,139	7,988	1,849	30%	159	97%
	54,769	103,368	105,621	2,253	2%	48,599	53%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	(996)	-	1,217	1,217		996	

*Variance represents the difference between annual forecast and annual budget.

**CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE
UTILITY OPERATING SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2026**
In Thousands of Dollars

				Forecast		Actual	
	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Approved Budget	2026 Annual Forecast	Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Revenue							
Sales and User Fees	17,946	36,127	36,348	221	1%	18,182	50%
Government Transfer Operating	1	-	-	-	0%	(1)	0%
Penalties	68	132	140	8	6%	64	51%
Other	373	761	763	3	0%	387	49%
Internal Transfer Interest	214	-	-	-	0%	(214)	0%
Transfer from Utility Reserves	13	67	67	-	0%	54	19%
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of TCA	-	171	171	-	0%	171	0%
	18,615	37,258	37,490	232	1%	18,643	50%
Expenses							
Sanitary Sewer	4,847	10,002	10,115	113	1%	5,155	48%
Stormwater	642	1,893	2,172	279	15%	1,250	34%
Solid Waste	1,836	3,604	3,821	217	6%	1,768	51%
Water	4,078	9,388	9,456	68	1%	5,309	43%
Utility Administration Fee	1,660	3,621	3,734	113	3%	1,961	46%
Transfer to Utility Reserve	5,551	8,750	8,192	(559)	-6%	3,200	63%
	18,615	37,258	37,490	232	1%	18,643	50%
Excess of Revenue over Expenses							
	-	-	-	-		-	

*Variance represents the difference between annual forecast and annual budget.

**CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE
DEVELOPER OPERATING SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2026**
In Thousands of Dollars

	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Approved Budget	2026 Annual Forecast	Forecast		Actual	
				Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Revenue							
Developer Contributions and Levies	2,279	6,196	3,885	(2,311)	-37%	3,917	37%
Transfer from Reserve	271	448	876	428	96%	177	61%
	2,550	6,644	4,761	(1,883)	-28%	4,094	38%
Expenses							
Principal Repayment on Long-Term Debt	942	1,982	1,885	(97)	-5%	1,041	47%
Interest on Long-Term Debt	581	1,422	1,287	(135)	-9%	841	41%
Interest to Municipal	125	-	250	250	0%	(125)	0%
Transfer to Reserve	903	3,239	1,339	(1,901)	-59%	2,336	28%
	2,550	6,644	4,761	(1,883)	-28%	4,094	38%
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	-	-	-	-		-	

*Variance represents the difference between annual forecast and annual budget.

Capital Summaries

**CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE
MUNICIPAL CAPITAL SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2026**

					Forecast		Actual	
	Project Years	Total Approved Project Budget	Total Project Actuals	Total Project Forecast	Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Municipal New Capital								
Fibre Ring	2025	321,789	243,184	321,789	-	-	78,604	24.43%
Land Servicing	2026	250,000	490	250,000	-	-	249,510	99.80%
Security Cameras-Fuhr Sports Park	2026	35,596	41,882	58,594	22,998	64.61%	(6,286)	(17.66%)
Welcome Sign Hwy 16A East	2026	100,000	3,770	100,000	-	-	96,230	96.23%
Total Civic Infrastructure		707,385	289,326	730,383	22,998	3.25%	418,059	59.10%
Agrena Ice Pit Repair	2026	150,000	1,008	150,000	-	-	148,992	99.33%
Civic Centre Development	2022-2024	85,565,380	85,592,519	85,592,519	27,139	0.03%	(27,139)	(0.03%)
Total Community Facilities		85,715,380	85,593,527	85,742,519	27,139	0.03%	121,853	0.14%
Columbarium	2026	60,000	-	60,000	-	-	60,000	100.00%
Implementation of Outdoor Facilities Strategy	2026	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	100,000	100.00%
Parks Operator Pickup	2026	60,000	-	60,000	-	-	60,000	100.00%
Re-imagined Central Park	2022-2025	8,504,435	8,467,837	8,504,435	-	-	36,599	0.43%
Scattering Garden - Pioneer Cemetery	2025	100,000	90,101	100,000	-	-	9,899	9.90%
Weed Steamer	2026	40,000	39,490	39,490	(510)	(1.28%)	510	1.28%
Total Parks and Open Spaces		8,864,435	8,597,428	8,863,925	(510)	(0.01%)	267,007	3.01%
Enforcement Vehicle 1 Unit (dependent on 2 CPO's 2026)	2026	140,000	86,719	140,000	-	-	53,281	38.06%
Total Public Safety		140,000	86,719	140,000	-	-	53,281	38.06%
Transit - Local Service: Install Bus Stops	2026	62,500	-	62,500	-	-	62,500	100.00%
Total Public Transit		62,500	-	62,500	-	-	62,500	100.00%

(continued)	Project Years	Total Approved Project Budget	Total Project Actuals	Total Project Forecast	Forecast		Actual	
					Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Boundary RD W & Grove Drive Extension	2024-2026	400,000	283,399	400,000	-	-	116,601	29.15%
Crack Sealer	2026	30,000	33,070	33,070	3,070	10.23%	(3,070)	(10.23%)
Golden Spike & Diamond Ave Intersection Reconfiguration	2025	570,000	-	570,000	-	-	570,000	100.00%
Ice Breaker Attachment	2026	47,000	40,255	40,255	(6,745)	(14.35%)	6,745	14.35%
Mower Attachment	2026	57,000	-	57,000	-	-	57,000	100.00%
No Traffic	2026	860,000	391,400	860,000	-	-	468,600	54.49%
Pavijet MG7 Skid Steer Attachment	2026	110,000	108,865	110,000	-	-	1,135	1.03%
Snow and Ice Removal Equipment	2026	787,000	194,228	787,000	-	-	592,772	75.32%
Survey Equipment	2026	50,000	54,975	54,975	4,975	9.95%	(4,975)	(9.95%)
Total Transportation		2,911,000	1,106,192	2,912,300	1,300	0.04%	1,804,808	62.00%
Total Municipal New Capital		98,400,700	95,673,192	98,451,627	50,927	0.05%	2,727,508	(2.77%)

Municipal Lifecycle (RMR) Capital								
Facilities Asset Lifecycle		1,690,000	816,419	2,041,245	351,245	20.78%	873,581	51.69%
Fleet Asset Lifecycle		3,265,676	884,395	2,878,903	(386,773)	(11.84%)	2,381,281	72.92%
Information Services Asset Lifecycle		7,026,633	332,327	6,980,446	(46,187)	(0.66%)	6,694,306	95.27%
City Hall Renovation 2024 - 2025	2024-2025	4,662,615	4,581,900	4,662,615	-	-	80,715	1.73%
Community Reader Boards	2026	370,000	-	370,000	-	-	370,000	100.00%
Elks Hall	2026-2027	115,000	-	115,000	-	-	115,000	100.00%
Total Civic Infrastructure		17,129,924	6,615,041	17,048,208	(81,716)	(0.48%)	10,514,883	61.38%
Facilities Asset Lifecycle		521,647	717,142	786,194	264,547	50.71%	(195,495)	(37.48%)
Agrena - Building Mgmnt System	2026	140,000	-	140,000	-	-	140,000	100.00%
Agrena - LED Lighting	2026	150,000	25,917	150,000	-	-	124,083	82.72%
Agrena Ice Plant Replacement	2024-2026	1,285,000	1,164,032	1,285,000	-	-	120,969	9.41%
Agrena Structural and Code Revitalization	2025-2026	1,372,250	90,618	590,000	(782,250)	(57.00%)	1,281,632	93.40%
Total Community Facilities		3,468,897	1,997,708	2,951,194	(517,703)	(14.92%)	1,471,189	42.41%

					Forecast		Actual	
(continued)	Project Years	Total Approved Project Budget	Total Project Actuals	Total Project Forecast	Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Parks & Open Spaces Rehab - Harvest Ridge	2026	255,000	-	255,000	-	-	255,000	100.00%
Parks & Open Spaces Rehab - Jubilee Park	2026	62,000	-	62,000	-	-	62,000	100.00%
Trail Reconstruct Program	2026	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	200,000	100.00%
Total Parks and Open Spaces		517,000	-	517,000	-	-	517,000	100.00%
Fire Equipment Asset Lifecycle		399,720	363,795	393,796	(5,924)	(1.48%)	35,925	8.99%
Fleet Asset Lifecycle		250,000	208,701	285,273	35,273	14.11%	41,299	16.52%
Total Public Safety		649,720	572,496	679,069	29,349	4.52%	77,224	11.89%
Arterial Roadways and Hwy 16A Resurfacing	2026	1,850,000	46,477	1,850,000	-	-	1,803,523	97.49%
Back Lane Resurfacing - Woodhaven Drive - Surface	2026	400,000	28,053	400,000	-	-	371,947	92.99%
Collector Roadway/Local Roadway - Stoneshire (SURFACE)	2026	700,000	72,024	700,000	-	-	627,976	89.71%
Crosswalk Improvements	2026	160,000	14,103	160,000	-	-	145,897	91.19%
Pedestrian Walkways Program	2026	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	200,000	100.00%
Support to City Centre ARP - King Street 16A to 5th (SURFACE)	2026	150,000	-	150,000	-	-	150,000	100.00%
Traffic Signal Rehab	2026	150,000	41,083	150,000	-	-	108,917	72.61%
Total Transportation & Roadways		3,610,000	201,739	3,610,000	-	-	3,408,261	94.41%
Total Municipal Lifecycle (RMR) Capital		25,375,541	9,386,985	24,805,471	570,069)	(2.25%)	15,988,556	(63.01%)
Total Municipal Capital		123,776,241	105,060,177	123,257,098	(519,143)	(0.42%)	(18,716,064)	(15.12%)

CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE
UTILITY CAPITAL SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

					Forecast		Actual	
	Project Years	Total Approved Project Budget	Total Project Actuals	Total Project Forecast	Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Utility New Capital								
Re-imagined Central Park	2022-2025	354,714	354,714	354,714	-	-	-	-
Total Parks and Open Spaces		354,714	354,714	354,714	-	-	-	-
Boundary Road - Sanitary Sewer	2025-2026	220,000	95,634	220,000	-	-	124,366	56.53%
Total Sanitary Sewer		220,000	95,634	220,000	-	-	124,366	56.53%
Eco Centre Fencing	2025-2034	250,000	-	250,000	-	-	250,000	100.00%
Total Solid Waste		250,000	-	250,000	-	-	250,000	100.00%
Boundary Road - Stormwater	2025-2026	1,194,000	472,915	1,194,000	-	-	721,085	60.39%
Environmental Creek Erosion	2026	455,000	-	455,000	-	-	455,000	100.00%
Excavator	2026	390,000	-	390,000	-	-	390,000	100.00%
Side by side vehicle (dependent on Storm FTE)	2026	35,000	38,758	38,758	3,758	10.74%	(3,758)	(10.74%)
Total Stormwater		2,074,000	511,674	2,077,758	3,758	0.18%	1,562,326	75.33%
Boundary Road - Water	2025-2026	680,000	438,780	680,000	-	-	241,220	35.47%
Pressure Reducing Valves	2026	262,500	22,894	262,500	-	-	239,606	91.28%
Water Meter Growth Program	2026	450,000	199,847	450,000	-	-	250,153	55.59%
Total Water		1,392,500	661,521	1,392,500	-	-	730,979	52.49%
Total Utility New Capital		4,291,214	1,623,542	4,294,972	3,758	0.09%	2,667,672	(62.17%)

					Forecast		Actual	
(continued)	Project Years	Total Approved Project Budget	Total Project Actuals	Total Project Forecast	Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Utility Lifecycle (RMR) Capital								
Fleet Asset Lifecycle		91,970	83,169	91,970	-	-	8,801	9.57%
Industrial Watermain & Surface Rehab - South Ave (SAN SEWER)	2026	300,000	4,853	300,000	-	-	295,147	98.38%
Support to City Centre ARP - King Street 16A to 5th (SAN SEWER)	2026	1,200,000	35,107	1,200,000	-	-	1,164,893	97.07%
Total Sanitary Sewer		1,591,970	123,130	1,591,970	-	-	1,468,840	92.27%
2-278 Silverado 1/2 Ton - Solid Waste	2025	58,845	51,605	51,605	(7,240)	(12.30%)	7,240	12.30%
Total Solid Waste		58,845	51,605	51,605	(7,240)	(12.30%)	7,240	12.30%
Agrena Drainage	2026	250,000	-	250,000	-	-	250,000	100.00%
Collector Roadway/Local Roadway - Stoneshire (STORM)	2026	70,000	-	70,000	-	-	70,000	100.00%
Jubilee Park Drainage - adjacent to spray park	2026	100,000	42,894	100,000	-	-	57,106	57.11%
Storm Rehab - Storm Water Management Facility - Pond 27	2026	250,000	204,480	250,000	-	-	45,520	18.21%
Storm Rehabilitation - SWMF Aeration (2025)	2025	200,000	200,308	200,000	-	-	(308)	(0.15%)
Storm Rehabilitation - SWMF Aeration (2026)	2026	200,000	14,429	200,000	-	-	185,571	92.79%
Total Stormwater		1,070,000	462,111	1,070,000	-	-	607,889	56.81%
Industrial Watermain & Surface Rehab - South Ave (WATER)	2026	1,800,000	67,368	1,800,000	-	-	1,732,632	96.26%
Support to City Centre ARP - King Street 16A to 5th (WATER)	2026	2,000,000	63,333	2,000,000	-	-	1,936,667	96.83%
Water Meter Replacement Program	2026	388,500	384,517	384,517	(3,983)	(1.03%)	3,983	1.03%
Water Reservoir	2025	3,487,000	357,198	3,487,000	-	-	3,129,802	89.76%
Water Valve Replacement - Stoneshire	2026	500,000	72,000	500,000	-	-	428,000	85.60%
Total Water		8,175,500	944,416	8,171,517	(3,983)	(0.05%)	7,231,084	88.45%
Total Utility Lifecycle (RMR) Capital		10,896,315	1,581,261	10,885,092	(11,223)	(0.10%)	9,315,054	(85.49%)
Total Utility Capital		15,187,529	3,204,803	15,180,064	(7,465)	(0.05%)	(11,982,726)	(78.90%)

CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE
DEVELOPER CAPITAL SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

					Forecast		Actual	
	Project Years	Total Approved Project Budget	Total Project Actuals	Total Project Forecast	Budget vs Forecast Variance (\$)	Forecast Variance vs Budget (%)	Budget Remaining (\$)	Actuals vs Budget (%)
Developer New Capital Municipal								
Copperhaven Student Drop Off	2026	300,000	19,270	300,000	-	-	280,730	93.58%
Total Civic Infrastructure		300,000	19,270	300,000	-	-	280,730	93.58%
New Park Development - Jesperdale 12	2026	150,000	-	150,000	-	-	150,000	100.00%
Total Parks and Open Spaces		150,000	-	150,000	-	-	150,000	100.00%
Boundary Road - Stormwater	2025-2026	374,000	-	374,000	-	-	374,000	100.00%
Total Stormwater		374,000	-	374,000	-	-	374,000	100.00%
Boundary Road	2025-2026	11,416,000	3,503,777	11,416,000	-	-	7,912,223	69.31%
Golden Spike & Diamond Ave Intersection Reconfiguration	2025	445,000	48,858	445,000	-	-	396,142	89.02%
Total Transportation and Roadways		11,861,000	3,552,636	11,861,000	-	-	8,308,364	70.05%
Pressure Reducing Valves (DEVELOPER)	2026	437,500	-	-	(437,500)	(100.00%)	437,500	100.00%
Total Water		437,500	-	-	(437,500)	(100.00%)	437,500	100.00%
Total Utility Lifecycle (RMR) Capital		13,122,500	3,571,906	12,685,000	(437,500)	(3.33%)	9,550,594	(72.78%)
Total Developer New Capital Municipal		13,122,500	3,571,906	12,685,000	(437,500)	(3.33%)	(9,550,594)	(72.78%)