

## Engage Olds!

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## Budget Survey

Each year, Council reviews the programs and services the Town provides in preparation for setting a balanced budget. The annual survey gives residents an opportunity to share their priorities and help shape future decisions.

**Last year, around 300 residents helped shape Council's budget discussions through the Budget Survey. This year, we hope to hear from more of you!**

We're collecting responses until August 5, 2026. Feedback gathered through the survey helps Council understand what matters most to residents and informs important Council decisions.

Take the survey at [engage.olds.ca](http://engage.olds.ca)

## 2026 Financial Report

The 2026 Financial Report offers residents a transparent look at the Town's finances, covering 2025 performance and the plans shaping Olds' future. Organized around three pillars, Infrastructure Renewal, Fiscal Resilience, and Long-Term Planning, the report explains the reasoning behind recent decisions on taxes, debt, and capital investment.

It also includes benchmarking against six comparable Alberta municipalities on revenue, tax rates, and staffing costs, helping Council and residents gauge whether Olds is delivering services and maintaining infrastructure at a level consistent with similar communities.

<https://www.olds.ca/council-administration/plans-and-reports/>

## Regional Recreation Study – Phase 2

The Town of Olds, Mountain View County, Olds College, Chinook's Edge School Division and Olds Regional Exhibition are working together to explore future recreation needs and opportunities through a Regional Recreation Facility Study. Community input, research and technical analysis will help inform long-term decisions about recreation facilities and services across the region. The survey closes July 10, 2026. Share your opinions on the future of recreation!

<https://engage.olds.ca/regional-recreation-study-phase-2>



## Data Centre Developments: Get the Latest

There's a lot of conversation in our community about the proposed data centre and power plant projects, and a lot of information (and opinions) circulating along with it. We know residents have questions, and so do we. As the Town works through its role in this complex regulatory process, we've built a new online hub to keep you informed every step of the way.

Visit [engage.olds.ca/data-centre-developments](https://engage.olds.ca/data-centre-developments) for the project timeline, how decisions get made, land use details, peer-reviewed technical reports, and answers to common questions about water, power, and community impacts. We don't have all the answers yet, but we'll share what we know, as we know it.

## Centennial Park: Long-Term Vision

A draft plan has been created to help guide the future of Centennial Park. Developed with support from a volunteer committee and informed by feedback from the 2026 Budget Survey, the plan outlines potential enhancements that will be completed in phases as funding becomes available.

Now we'd like to hear from you. While the long-term vision is being built, your feedback will help inform future phases and detailed design. Review the concept and complete the short questionnaire at [engage.olds.ca](https://engage.olds.ca).

## Coffee with Council – What We Heard

This year, the Town is sharing "What We Heard" summaries following Coffee with Council sessions. These summaries provide residents with a snapshot of the ideas, questions and perspectives being shared with Council and administration.

By sharing what we hear, we hope to keep residents informed, encourage ongoing dialogue and demonstrate how community conversations help shape discussions and decision-making.

<https://engage.olds.ca/coffee-council>



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