

Below is an overview of Council discussions and decisions from the Regular Council meeting on January 13, 2025:

### **Infrastructure Quarterly Report Summary 2024 Q4**

#### *Water and Wastewater Management:*

- Q4 data shows significant decrease in both water loss and sanitary inflow and infiltration (I&I). Efforts continue through winter with three outstanding water leaks to be actioned.

#### *Sanitary System Improvements:*

- 66 meters of wastewater main replaced.
- 2.8 km of sanitary main relined.

#### *Water System Updates:*

- 640 water meter replacements, focusing on leak-prone areas with older infrastructure (15+ years).
- Pumphouse meter replacements are scheduled for early 2025.
- Large-scale meter replacement planned for 2025.

#### *Major Infrastructure Projects:*

- MIP Capital Project: Work on 52nd Street is complete.
- Highway Intersection Improvement: Alberta Transportation approved upgrades at Highway 27 & 70th Avenue.
- Land Use Bylaw (LUB) & Municipal Development Plan (MDP): Updates are underway and will continue throughout 2025.

#### *Development and Housing:*

- Improved Efficiency: Development permit processing times improved by 50%, now averaging 11.5 days (standard permits) and 22.8 days (council-approved permits).
- Increased Activity:
  - Approved permits rose from 136 to 173, with a \$30M increase in value.
  - Housing starts increased from 29 in 2023 to 130 in 2024, with total value rising from \$17M to \$31M.
- Positive Trend: The increase in housing starts signals future availability to meet community demand although there is a lag time between builds and availability.

#### *Roadway Conditions:*

- The Pavement Assessment Report highlights that the overall road network condition is fair.
- 28.3% of the network requires repairs and maintenance, exceeding the recommended backlog range of 10%-25%.
- To address this, the report recommends a 10-year repair and maintenance program with a \$17M budget to improve overall condition and reduce the backlog to 0% by 2034.

**Council Action:** Infrastructure Services' Q4 report was received as presented.

### **Council Sponsorship Requests**

#### *Olds & District Kiwanis Music Festival Society*

- Support for the Arts: Council approved \$1,200 to support the Grand Concert. The event will take place on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the TransCanada Theatre in the Fine Arts and Multimedia Centre.

#### *Regional Bonspiel: Rotary Club of Olds*

- Boosting Tourism: Council moved to provide \$1,500 to The Rotary Club of Olds to support its Regional Bonspiel to be held in Olds in 2025 based on its projected economic and community impact.

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*These highlights touch briefly upon the key information presented and decisions made at the meeting. Meeting Minutes and Recorded Meeting Streams are available on The Town of Olds Website: <https://www.olds.ca/councilmeetings>*

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2025 at 1:00 PM.