

2026 Community Services **Council Budget Presentation**

November 25, 2025



Community & Development **Services Division**











Community Services Department Overview

Description

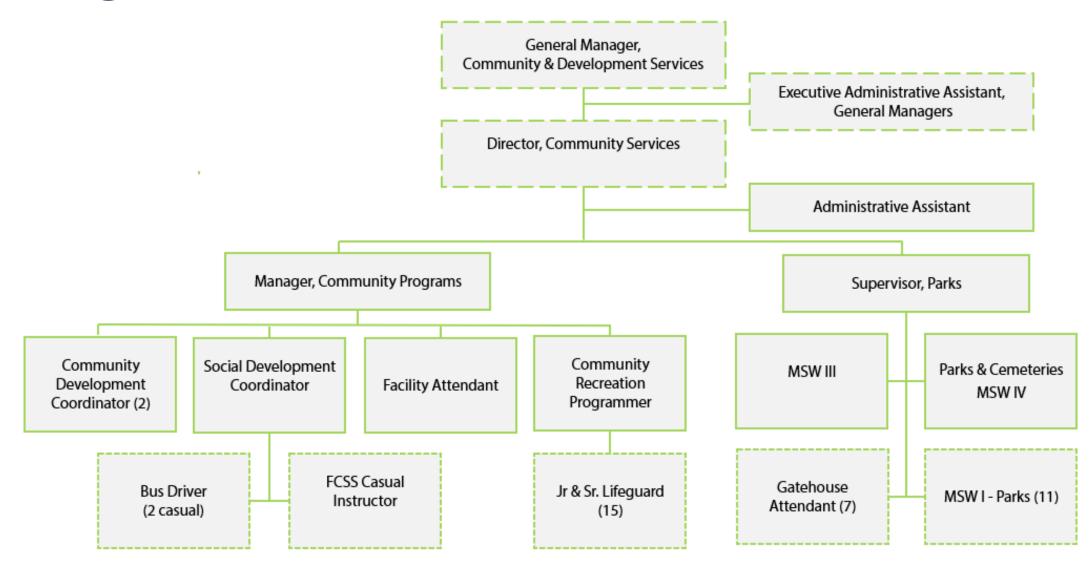
The Community Services Department provides important services to residents and contributes to a sustainable, safe, and secure community. It oversees the County's recreation and culture programs, parks, and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS).

Services

- Family & Community Support
- Parks
- Recreation & Culture



Organizational Chart





Future Planning



OPPORTUNITIES

- Expand and improve parks, trails, and recreational spaces
- Enhance trail mapping and identification
- Review and optimize cemetery programming
- Build strategic partnerships with community leagues and service organizations
- Increase financial support for volunteer groups based on performance
- Explore new collaborations to meet evolving community needs

- Develop inclusive spaces for marginalized groups (e.g., youth, seniors, visible minorities)
- Strengthen community outreach and engagement
- Improve ridership and usage of existing services
- Explore additional transportation solutions
- Expand direct social and recreational programming
- Increase and diversify volunteer opportunities



Future Planning

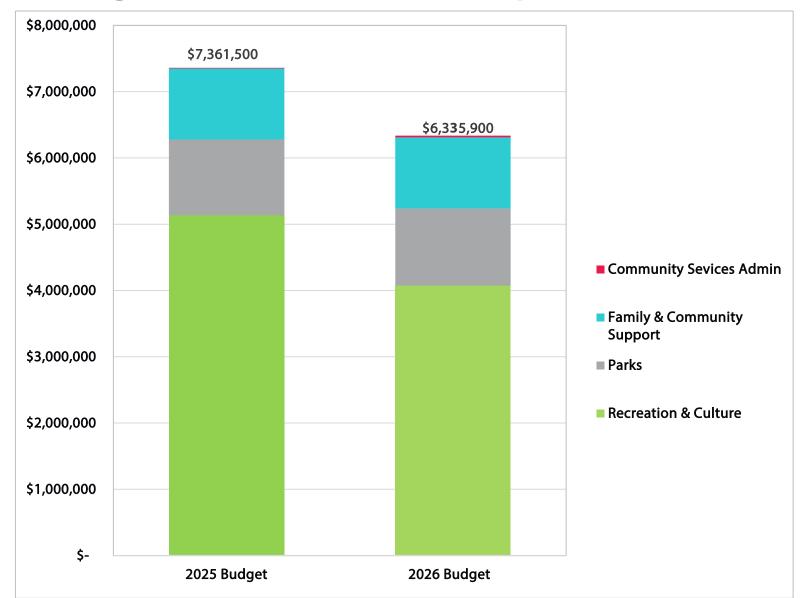


POTENTIAL RISKS

- Opportunity to modernize policies
- Fluctuations in funding allocations (e.g., grants, budget pressures)
- Programs not achieving desired outcomes
- Challenges related to sensitive subject matter and human impact
- Support service equity across communities
- Develop plan to support the Wabamun community

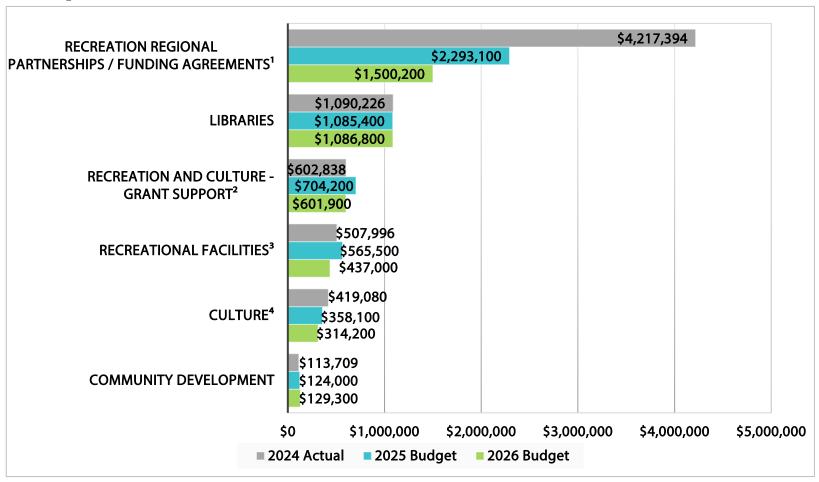


Budgeted Services Expenditures





2026 Recreation & Culture Budget Expenditure



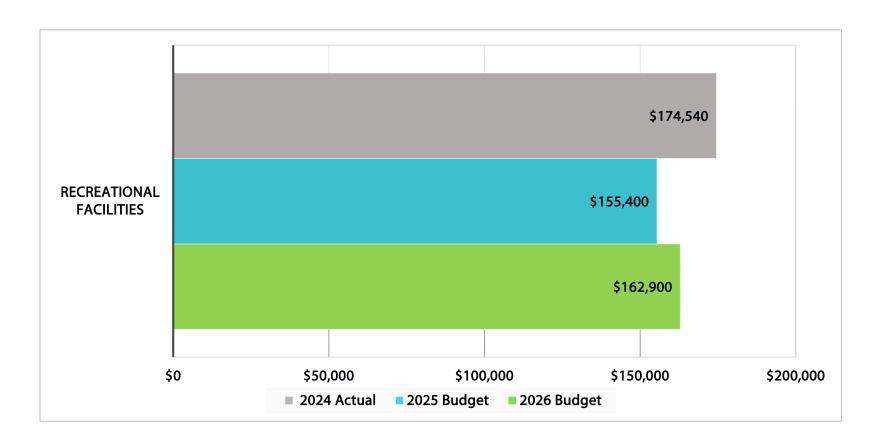
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OVERALL COMMENTS

- Decrease due to the reallocation of capital cost shares to the operating projects budget
- 2. Decrease due to the reallocation of major sustainability grant to the operating projects budget
- 3. Decrease due to the reallocation of the Entwistle Community Recreation Centre costs to Facilities Budget
- 4. Decrease due to reduction in Spruce Groove Cost Share



2026 Recreation & Culture Budget Revenue

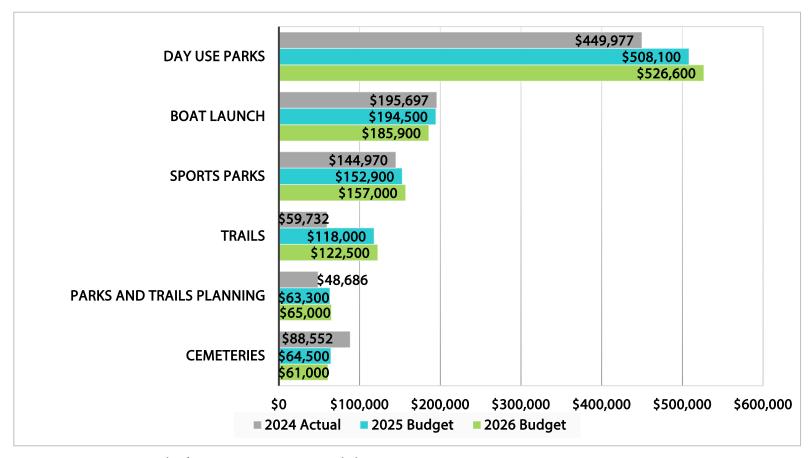


OVERALL COMMENTS

No significant changes



2026 Parks Budget Expenditure



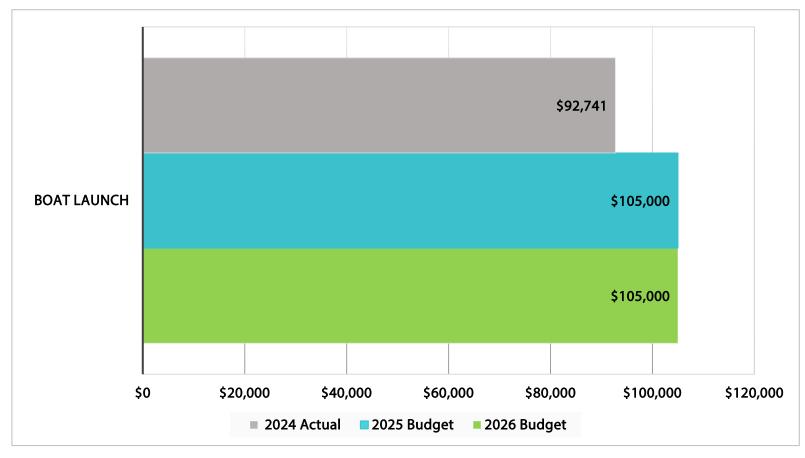
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2026 Parks Budget Revenue



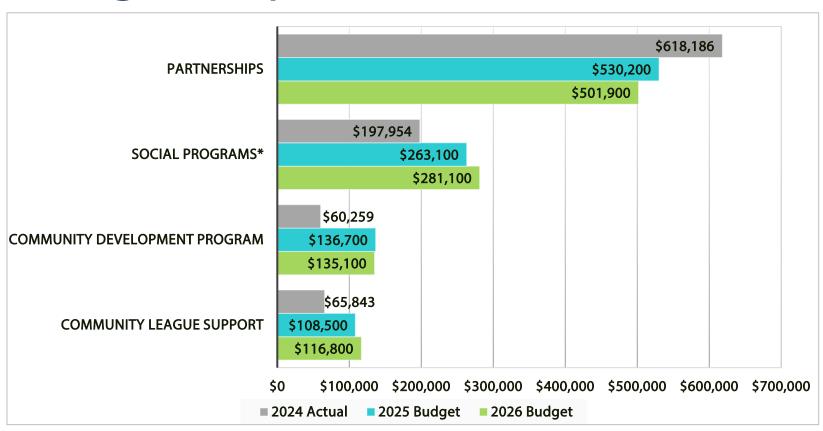
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 No significant changes



2026 Family & Community Support Budget Expenditure



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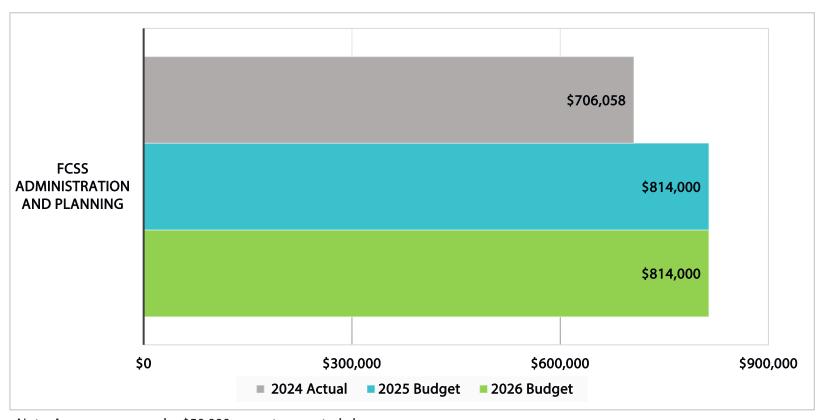
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Social Programs* includes Early years (0-5 Years), Children Services (6-12 Years), Youth Services (13-17 Years), Family Services, Adult Services, and Senior Services

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2026 Family & Community Support Budget Revenue



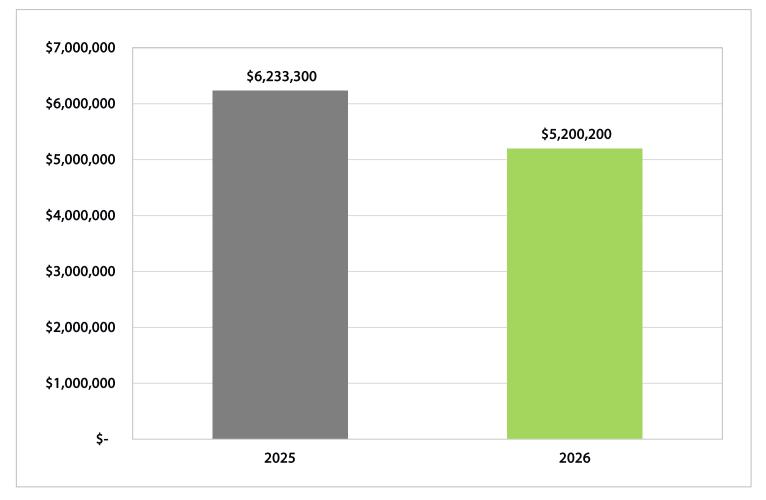
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Operating Program Change



Net Base Change = (\$1,033,100)



Operating Projects 2026 - \$1,718,700



Complete Communities

- Devon Community Pool Capital Cost Share
- Devon Dale Ficher Arena Capital Cost Share
- Drayton Valley Major Capital Cost Share
- Spruce Grove Agrena Capital Cost Share
- Stony Plain Glenn Hall Arena Capital Cost Share
- Yellowhead County Evansburg Arena Capital Cost Share
- Tri Leisure Centre Infrastructure Cost Share
- Tri Leisure Centre Capital Cost Share



Strategic Economic Diversification

No projects



Respected Environment & Agriculture

No projects



Responsible Leadership

Restricted Surplus Review



Capital Projects 2026 - \$435,000

Complete Communities

- Entwistle Playground
- Trail Development



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No projects



Respected Environment & Agriculture

No projects



Responsible Leadership

No projects



Questions?

