



Ratepayers Meeting

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

2024-2028 Council

MAYOR: Karen Smith

COUNCILLORS: Chris Duke
Steve Schultz
Spence Miller
Bob Sax

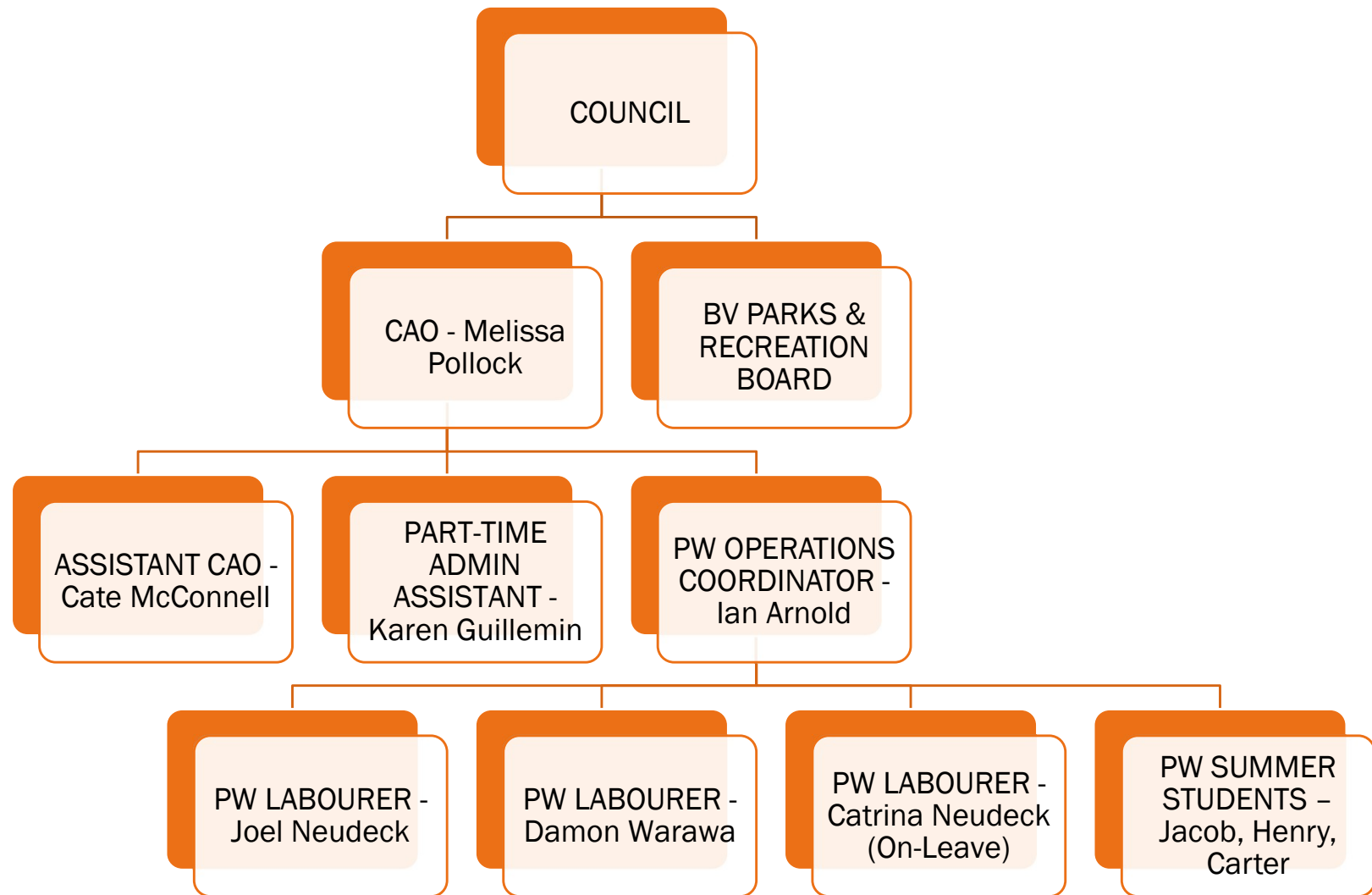
CULTURAL CHANGE – WHAT IT MEANS & WHY IT MATTERS

Our commitment remains to create a municipal environment that is:

- ✓ Professional & respectful
- ✓ Accountable & transparent
- ✓ Structured & consistent
- ✓ Open to collaboration & communication
- ✓ Focused on long-term planning, not short-term fixes, and
- ✓ Clear on roles, responsibilities & expectations



This cultural shift is about creating a Village that runs well today & is prepared for tomorrow – for residents, staff, Council & future leaders!



THANK YOU
STAFF, COUNCIL & RESIDENTS



**THANK YOU
FOR BEING
A KEY
TO OUR
SUCCESS!**



Strengthening Government

Fresh eyes have helped bring clarity & renewed focus to ensure efficient governance.

- ✓ Policy Review & Completion
- ✓ Procedure Overhaul
- ✓ Improving Workflow & Streamlining Processes

Public trust and confidence in local government matters & it's at the heart of everything we do—how we communicate, how we make decisions, how we spend tax dollars & how we serve the people who live here.

ONE TEAM, DIFFERENT ROLES ONE GOAL

COUNCIL – Leads & makes decisions

ADMINISTRATION – Coordinates & carries those decisions out

PUBLIC WORKS – Maintains & delivers services

BOARDS & COMMITTEES – Engage & support the community

Working together to serve our community today and plan for tomorrow.



Property Taxes

Property Class	Type of Property		
	Land	Improvements	Land & Improvements
Residential	\$1,075	\$340	\$1,415
Seasonal	\$1,075	\$340	\$1,415
Urban Reserve	\$1,075	\$340	\$1,415
Commercial	\$500	\$0	\$500
Non-Arable	\$500	\$0	\$500

Mill Rate

Classification	2025	2026
Agricultural	4.75	4.99
Residential/Seasonal	4.75	4.99
Commercial & Industrial	4.75	4.99

Property Taxes

	2025	2026
LEVY	\$1,269,313	1,310,209
DISCOUNT	-\$106,502	-\$93,352
NET AMOUNT	\$1,162,811	\$1,216,857

\$54,046 OVERALL INCREASE IN REVENUE FROM 2025

Budget Overview

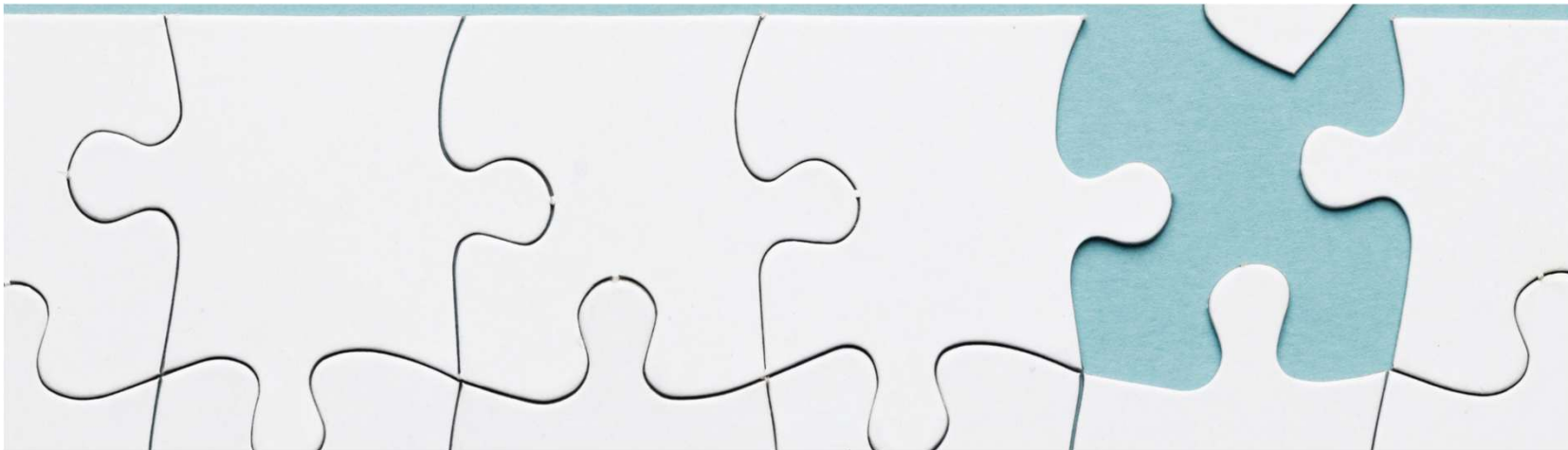
Department	Total Revenue	Total Expense	Surplus/Deficit
General Government	\$ 1,491,704.80	\$ 391,832.64	\$ 1,099,872.16
Protective Services	\$ 100.00	\$ 103,647.00	-\$ 103,547.00
Transportation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 407,420.00	-\$ 405,420.00
Snow Removal	\$ 9,850.00	\$ 34,930.00	-\$ 25,080.00
Environmental Services	\$ -	\$ 188,299.00	-\$ 188,299.00
Health & Wellness	\$ -	\$ 5,193.00	-\$ 5,193.00
Planning & Development	\$ 6,930.00	\$ 5,030.00	\$ 1,900.00
Recreation & Culture	\$ 33,074.00	\$ 98,059.74	-\$ 64,985.74
Water	\$ 333,590.00	\$ 302,391.16	\$ 31,198.84
Sewer	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 65,850.00	-\$ 17,350.00
Total:	\$ 1,925,748.80	\$ 1,602,652.54	\$ 323,096.26

Capital Expenses	\$ 229,142.00
Long Term Debt	\$ 82,000.00
Total Capital & Long Term Debt	\$ 311,142.00

Total Projected Surplus (Deficit) \$ 11,954.26

Asset Management Planning

- ✓ Tracking & assessing our infrastructure needs
- ✓ Prioritizing maintenance & infrastructure needs
- ✓ Seeking provincial and federal funding opportunities
- ✓ Planning responsibly to reduce the gap over time
- ✓ Aligning the Asset Management Plan with our budget & grant application process



Reserve Accounts



Dedicated Savings



Recreation

Operating (financial cushion for essential services in case of low revenue)

Infrastructure (roads, drainage, etc.)

Water Infrastructure

Water Expansion/Upgrade

- Money set aside through 5-year plan
- Building reserves for future repairs, replacements & capital projects
- Reducing reliance on sudden tax increases or borrowing
- Preparing for major infrastructure needs
- Creating a more stable & sustainable financial future

Planning today for tomorrow's costs.

Communication

-  Village website www.buenavista.ca – *information, notices & updates*
-  Facebook – *notices, updates, announcements & community highlights*
-  Instagram – *notices, updates, announcements & community highlights*
-  Voyent Alert! – *important & time-sensitive notifications*
-  Council Meetings – *available to view electronically through Microsoft Teams*

*We're continuing to improve how we
communicate & make information easier for residents to a*



Voyent Alert! Register Today!

Bylaw Updates

Building a clear, consistent & modern framework.

- Comprehensive review of bylaws & policies
- Aligning with current legislation
- Clearer & easier-to-understand requirements
- Practical & consistent enforcement
- Zoning & Traffic Bylaws currently being reviewed / Short-Term Rental currently being created
- Community consultation will be part of the process

THE GIFT OF FEEDBACK

WHAT IS FEEDBACK?

Feedback is a gift—a way to share experiences, ideas & concerns to help improve our services, decisions & bylaws.

WHY YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

- ✓ Builds trust between residents & council
- ✓ Improves local services & policies
- ✓ Shapes future bylaws & decisions
- ✓ Empowers your voice in the community

GIVING GOOD FEEDBACK

- ✓ Be specific & respectful
- ✓ Focus on the issue, not the person
- ✓ Suggest improvements if possible
- ✓ Share how something affects you

WHAT HAPPENS TO FEEDBACK?

-  Reviewed & considered regularly
-  Used to guide changes in policies & services

Intermunicipal Utilities Committee (IMUC)

- ✓ Collaboration between neighbouring municipalities
- ✓ Sharing resources, information & ideas
- ✓ Discussing regional challenges & opportunities
- ✓ Working toward practical, cost-effective solutions
- ✓ Strengthening communication between municipalities

Stronger Together



Fire Department

 New Pumper Truck Ordered – projected to arrive June 2027

 Fire Hall Expansion

 Strong Volunteer Team

2026 BUDGET

BUENA VISTA PORTION	\$53,240
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$218,917
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Waste Management Site

- ➔ New Agreement with fixed annual amount
- ➔ Remains operational until at least 2027

2026 BUDGET

BUENA VISTA PORTION \$35,000

REGINA BEACH PORTION \$168,996

Lagoon



Contributed to capital cost of building new lagoon

- Principal Loan of \$950,269. With monthly payments of \$5,696.31 over 20 years for a total of \$1,367,114.40

2026 BUDGET

BUENA VISTA PORTION	\$23,291
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$95,771
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📍 133 Donovel Crescent – Regina Beach

➡ Many adult & children programs

Volunteers play a vital role in keeping the library running smoothly & they are always looking for volunteers to lend a hand. If interested, stop by the library or contact them at 306-729-2062 or reginabeach@southeastlibrary.ca

2026 BUDGET

BUENA VISTA PORTION \$8,142	TOTAL BUDGET \$28,546
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Primary Health Care

 **410 Centre Street – Regina Beach**

 Nurse Practitioner (or Doctor when available): Wednesdays 9:30 – 3:00

 Nurse Practitioner Thursdays 9:30 – 3:00 & Fridays 9:30 – 3:00

To schedule an appointment call 1-855-766-6399.

Same day appointment calls waccepted starting at 9:00 a.m.

 Lab Services: Wednesdays & Thursdays 7:30 – 11:30

Booking online to secure an appointment on a date & time that is convenient for you. You will need your health card, phone number or email address.

If you do not have this information call 1-833-727-5829 to book your appointment

2026 BUDGET

BUENA VISTA PORTION \$5,191

TOTAL BUDGET \$18,200

Emergency Measures Organization

Prepared * Coordinated * Ready

 Emergency planning is an important part of municipal responsibility

 Working to ensure clear roles, responsibilities & procedures

 Preparing for emergencies that could impact our community

We hope we never need it – but we need to be prepared if we do.

Follow on Facebook - “*Emergency Measures Organization Regina Beach and Buena Vista*”

2026 BUDGET

BUENA VISTA PORTION	\$2,480.80	TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,961.59
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Regina Beach Parks & Recreation

- Strong recreation opportunities require collaboration, communication & shared goals.
- Recognize the value these partnerships have provided our community
- Exploring opportunities to work together again where it benefits all residents – would like to mend the relationship & re-open communication

Follow on Facebook – “*Regina Beach Parks and Recreation*”

Website – www.reginabeach.ca

REGINA BEACH CEMETERY

- This is only our 2nd year participating in the IMUC cemetery agreement
- Previous Council initiated the conversation to establish an agreement so our residents would not face the burden of non-resident fees
- Continuing to work together to ensure the arrangement remains beneficial for our community

2026 BUDGET

BUENA VISTA PORTION \$11,493	TOTAL BUDGET \$40,298
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Joint Use Committee

- ➔ The gymnasium & kitchen area of the school is known as the South Shore Recreation Centre. The Joint Use Committee was formed for the purpose of this facility
- ➔ Buena Vista has been a part of Joint Use since 1990 when the school was built. This ensures that Buena Vista residents can have access to the “community” pricing when renting the facility

Buena Vista's portion in the 2026 Budget: \$3,623.24



First Responders



RCMP

- 📞 **Reminder:** 🚨 In an emergency call 911. That includes fire and medical emergencies.
- ✓ 911 Operators will dispatch first responders and/or the fire department
- 📍 Make sure your address is clearly visible from the street
- 💡 At night, turn on your lights so emergency crews can find you quickly



 During July & August a total of 6 Check Stops we conducted

- Resulted in 75 drivers having their license suspended for being over limit of alcohol and/or drugs
- 4 motorists were arrested & charged criminally with Impaired Driving

 Lumsden RCMP offering Criminal Record / Vulnerable Sector checks on the evening of Wednesday, September 9th between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

 Lumsden RCMP hosting quarterly stakeholders meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm at the Lumsden detachment

Bylaw Enforcement

Bylaws are in place to help maintain safety, order & the quality of life we all value.

- ✓ Report bylaw infractions to the office

It's important to know when to involve the RCMP. If you witness a crime in progress, dangerous driving, trespassing, vandalism or any situation that could pose an immediate risk to safety, call the RCMP. These types of things fall outside of municipal enforcement & as mentioned we contract & pay for the RCMP's service – so don't hesitate to use that resource.

Community Engagement & Bylaw Education

Inform * Educate * Engage

- ✓ Sharing reminders & explanations of local bylaws
- ✓ Education is often the first step toward compliance
- ✓ Encouraging residents to ask questions & contact the Village Office
- ✓ More community engagement as major bylaws are reviewed

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Golf Carts / ATVs

Golf carts are a fun way to get around our community, but safety and compliance are everyone's responsibility. If you own and drive a golf cart please review & get to know Golf Cart Bylaw No. 06/2024.

ATVs are a great way to enjoy our surrounding areas. If own or drive an ATV please take a moment to review Traffic Bylaw No. 3/16

Visit our website at www.buenavista.ca/bylaws--list/

2026 Capital Projects

Project	Amount
Replacement of 2 main water valves	\$27,000
Purchase of 2 back up valves – emergencies	\$7,000
Water Assessment Study	\$15,000
Hydrant Meter Flow Tester	\$4,500
Reserve for Water Expansion/Upgrade	\$25,000
Reserve for Water Infrastructure (lines, etc.)	\$10,000
10 th Street Repair (gravel & drainage)	\$30,000
Gravel roads (rebuild & repairs)	\$19,000
Street Signs	\$6,000
Guardrails/New 3-Way Stop (SGI Traffic Grant)	\$58,411
Culverts – Lakeview drainage project	\$7,990
Replace old culverts – Valleyview Cres	\$552
Install Gas line & Furnace @ Water Plant	\$29,000

2026 Capital Budget

Project	Amount
Installation of Insulated Doors @ Water Plant	\$3,200
Install Gate at Well House	\$500
New Smooth Bucket Attachment – Skidsteer	\$3,500
Purchase Sickle Bar Attachment – Skidsteer	\$20,000
Purchase/Install Fencing Around Shop – Phase 1	\$4,000
Purchase/Install HRV Air Exchanger/Exhaust Fan -Office	\$10,000
Purchase New AED	\$2,800
Purchase/Install Bench on Walking Path – BV & Sandy Beach	\$1,200
Purchase Beach Bouys	\$1,200
Purchase/Install Fencing in Picnic Area – Ball Diamond	\$4,000
Plant Trees at Heritage Park Entrance – Phase 1	\$5,000
Crusher Dust for Walking Path Entrances	\$2,000
Install Gas line & Furnace @ Water Plant	\$29,000

Questions & Concerns

Let's make sure you get the right information.

- ✓ Questions & concerns should be directed to the Village Office
- ✓ Public Works staff are focused on day-to-day operations
- ✓ Administration can provide accurate information on decisions, projects & processes
- ✓ Helps ensure consistent & accurate communication
- ✓ Allows concerns to be properly documented & followed up on

Different Roles. One Team, Clear Communication.

Kindness Matters

How we treat our staff matters.

- ✓ Our staff are working hard for our community
- ✓ Please show patience, courtesy & respect when interacting with staff
- ✓ Questions or concerns can be directed to the Village Office
- ✓ Let's support one another & lead by example
- ✓ Treat others the way we would expect to be treated

*Kindness costs nothing. Respect goes a long way.
Together, let's continue building a community we can all be proud of.*



Waste & Recycling – Keeping Our Community Clean



Waste Collection



Every Monday from May to October



Every 2nd Monday from January to April and November to December



Recycle Collection



Every 2nd Friday



Place garbage & recycling in the appropriate bin



Ensure carts are placed out by 7:00 am on collection day



Ensure carts are placed back on property by end of collection day



Keep cart lids closed and avoid overfilling

Important Reminder: Bring Your Carts In

Once your cart has been emptied, or by the end of collection day, please bring it back onto your property.

Leaving carts sitting on the streets for several days creates a number of problems:

- Makes the community look cluttered
- It can obstruct traffic, snow removal & other road maintenance
- Can pose a safety risk by blocking traffic or narrowing access
- Creates unnecessary inconvenience



CHANGES TO RECYCLING



SORT IT RIGHT

- Recycle only accepted materials
- Check the recycling guidelines before placing items in your cart
- Incorrect items can contaminate the load
- Contamination can result in additional costs or penalties
- When in doubt, check first or contact the Village Office
- Proper sorting helps keep our recycling program efficient & affordable

Recycle Right. Keep it Clean. Avoid unnecessary costs.

Planning & Development

Build Right * Plan Right * Ask First

 Building permits may be required for construction, renovations or other projects

 Unsure if you need a permit? Contact the Village Office before you start

 We're here to help guide residents through the process

 Proper permits help ensure development is safe, compliant & properly documented

 Following the process can help prevent unexpected costs, delays or issues later

When in doubt – ask the Village Office first

Subdivision Proposals

Planning for Responsible Growth

The biggest misconception about growth is treating it as a single event. It isn't. Municipal growth unfolds over time, and the costs and revenues associated with it often arrive around very different points in the process.

 Infrastructure Growth: roads, water, sewer, storm systems, parks are installed to make development possible.

 Community Growth: homes and businesses are constructed, residents & employers arrive and assessment and utility revenues begin to build.

 Service Growth: more infrastructure, residents and businesses increase operating demand and eventually trigger new staff, equipment, facilities and major capital projects.

South Shore Ball Association

Annual General Meeting Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Last Mountain Lake Cultural Centre.

They will review the past year, vote to accept their bylaws, and elect new board positions.

Accepting Board Member nominations for the following roles:



Secretary



Treasurer



Registrar



Member-at-Large

All Board nominations must be sent to ssba.pres@gmail.com
by Friday, September 12th at 11:59 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board

 Community survey completed to understand resident's wants & needs

 Results are helping shape a 5-year Parks & Recreation plan

 Continued community input will help guide future recreation decisions

 Survey results and 5-Year Plan are available on the Village website at www.buenavista.ca/buena-vista-parks-rec-board/

Planning Recreation Today for the Community We Want Tomorrow

2025 Waterworks Financial Overview

A Sustainable Water System

- 💧 Water & sewer financials now tracked separately
- 💧 2025 water revenue covered approximately 1.15 times the operating costs (excluding debt payment)
- 💧 Current water rates are sufficient to cover ongoing operating costs
- 💧 Continuing to review rates to support maintenance, reserves & future infrastructure

Goal: sustainable rates today that help protect the water system tomorrow

Water Supply Update & Future Planning

Planning Today for Tomorrow's Growth

- 💧 Current water system is nearing capacity limits
- 💧 Comprehensive water study planned to identify future needs
- 💧 Exploring options for water system expansion
- 💧 Grant funding opportunities continue to be pursued
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- 💧 Dedicated water expansion reserve established through the 5-year plan
- 💧 Planning now for a significant future infrastructure investment

Edgewood Sewer Holding Tank

Fair * Sustainable * User-Funded

- Users need to cover the full cost of operation & maintenance
- Current rates are not yet covering all costs
- No funds currently available for any capital replacements or emergencies
- \$15,000 pump replacement already identified
- Future needs include potential tank replacement & line upgrades
- Council will be implementing a rate increase in the near future
- Council is looking into long-term options

The Goal: a sewer system that is financially sustainable today – and prepared for tomorrow

Edgewood Sewer Holding Tank

Looking specifically at sewer pump costs

Year	Subsidized Amount
2022	\$26,467
2023	\$18,393
2024	\$7,400
2025	\$6,044
2026 (to date)	\$10,643



- To ensure proper land use planning & service delivery
- To understand what areas the Village is responsible for
- To support accurate & enforceable bylaws & regulations effectively - particularly around the shoreline, where land use can have significant community & environmental impacts
- To help us manage & regulate shoreline areas more effectively under our jurisdiction
- To protect both the Village & property owners by creating legal clarity

It's about clarity & governance.

THANK
YOU FOR
COMING
TONIGHT!

