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Residents' Priorities Survey Feb. 6 - 28

Hinton's Town Council wants your help! They're developing a new four-year Strategic Plan (2026–2029) to guide priorities, decision-making, and spending over the coming years.

What are your priorities? Share them in the Residents' Priorities 2026 Survey. The survey is open from February 6 - 28, 2026.

Do the survey at hinton.ca/engage

2026 Budget Report Available

Wondering what the Town is doing in 2026? Check out the [2026 Budget Report](#). It summarizes:

- The state of Hinton's finances and where the Town's money comes from,
- Projects funded by the \$51.8M budget including over \$500K for local groups.

Next, Council will determine whether any adjustments are needed and set the 2026 municipal tax rate. Learn more at hinton.ca/engage.



Winter Magic Festival Feb. 6 - 23

Winter Magic returns with signature Town events, including:

- Feb. 13: Polar Bear Dip at the aquatic centre,
- Feb. 11 & 18: Forest of Lights at Hinton Campground and Maxwell Lake,
- Feb. 20: Light up the Night Drone Show
- All-ages Family Day Puzzle Quest.

More info at hinton.ca/wintermagic



New Freedom Express Bus

Hinton's Freedom Express bus has mechanical issues and will be replaced. Meanwhile, **Edson Seniors Transportation Society generously loaned us a bus.** It started serving residents on Feb. 3, 2026. Hinton's new bus is expected in May.



Family Day Feb. 16 - Town Hours

- FCSS (Guild) Office, Government Centre, Hinton Municipal Library, Hinton Family Centre, Hinton Kids for Success, and Hinton Youth Centre: **Closed.**
- Emergency Services Building (911) and Infrastructure Services Building (780-865-2634): **Closed but have 24-hour emergency lines.**
- Public Transit / Freedom Express: **Not operating.**
- Recreation Centre: **Open 1 – 4 p.m.**



\$8.6M in Grant Funding Supported Hinton in 2025

In 2025, the Town of Hinton received more than \$8.6 million through 17 grants, helping reduce reliance on tax dollars. Here are the impacts.

- **Youth opportunities:** A municipal intern and multiple youth summer student positions.
- **Emergency preparedness:** A Hinton-based Wildland Urban Interface Support Team; FireSmart™ activities; updates to the wildfire preparedness guide; and development of a 10-year wildfire mitigation strategy.
- **Celebrations:** Alberta Day.
- **Children:** Hinton Kids for Success support.
- **Seniors:** Non-medical home support for 55+ residents; elder abuse prevention initiatives, and free tax return services for low-income residents
- **Accessibility:** Reduced-rate transit passes.
- **Sustainability:** Replacing the recreation centre's ammonia-based ice plant.

Funding from provincial, federal, and private sources.



No Water Meter Letter? Call Neptune, Now!

Hinton homeowners! If you live in a single-family home and haven't received your water meter installation letter from Neptune, **call 1-800-667-4387**.

- Water meters and installation are FREE during this project.
- Appointments are Mon.-Fri. 8 to 8 and Saturdays.
- Water meters are mandatory.

Starting Spring 2026, water use will be billed by volume.

Learn more at hinton.ca/engage.

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Keep Tails Wagging: Leash Up

Under the Town's Animal Control Bylaw, **dogs must be under control at all times**, on- or off-leash. For example:

- Dogs can be off-leash in the fenced, signed dog park at Mary Reimer Park.
- Dogs must be on-leash in the large grass area across the parking lot.

Following leash rules protects pets, people, and wildlife. Make sure you know where leashes are required.

Check trail and on/off-leash maps at www.hinton.ca/trails.