





Highlights from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 18, 2025:

- Council endorsed a motion approving the Audited Financial Statements dated December 31, 2024.
- Council endorsed a motion to table the Parks & Campground Bylaw 2025-878 to the March 18, 2025 regular Council meeting.
- Council endorsed a motion to table the Parks & Campground Policy 7000-03 to the March 18, 2025 regular Council meeting.
- Council endorsed a motion to transfer \$125,000 to General Capital Reserves from the 2024 Operating Surplus.
- Council endorsed a motion directing Administration to execute an agreement with CampSpot, for the
 implementation of an online reservation system, at the Mannville Riverview Golf Course & RV Resort.
- Council endorsed a motion to rescind motion 2025.01.21/24. Furthermore, Council endorsed a motion that former CAO J. Hodel be removed as signing authority for the Village of Mannville. In accordance with Section 213(4) of the Municipal Government Act, the signing authorities for the Village of Mannville should be the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, along with the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, or Finance Clerk. Additionally, Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Vermilion Credit Union notifying them of Ms. Hodel's resignation and requesting an update of their records accordingly.
- Council endorsed a motion approving a 2.4% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase to all full-time permanent employees retroactive to January 2025.
- Council endorsed a motion directing Administration to inform the Board of Buffalo Trail Public School that the Village of Mannville is interested in establishing a Joint Election Agreement with the Board for the upcoming 2025 Election.
- Council endorsed a motion to rescind motion #2025.01.21/25. Furthermore, Council endorsed a motion approving the overcharged sum of \$68,514.81 as proposed by Alberta Central East Water Corp. for the water meter discrepancy for the period of January 2024 to December 2024.



The next Regular Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Village Chambers.

For detailed information on motions passed at Council, please visit the

Village website at www.mannville.com



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East Regional Waste Transfer Station

Located 1.5 miles west of the Village of Mannville on Mannville Road and Range Road 92.

Winter Hours: December 1– March 30

Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed all holidays



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T: 780-632-1738 kathy@crossroadsdevelopment.ca www.crossroadsdevelopment.ca The community survey echoed this sentiment, with over 75% of residents rating the region as an "average/above average" place to live and work, and another 8% considering it "excellent." The top economic development priorities identified by residents were ongoing business retention and expansion

and community development, particularly in recreation.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Report Highlights Business Growth & **Opportunities in the Region**

Vegreville, AB (February 24, 2025) - The Crossroads Economic Development Alliance (CEDA) has released a summary report highlighting key findings from its comprehensive Regional Business Retention & Expansion Study, completed in late 2024.

The study gathered insights through an online survey of over 75 regional business owners and representatives, more than 100 in-person business visitations, and a community resident survey that generated over 265 responses from individuals living in the County of Minburn, the Town of Vegreville, and the Villages of Innisfree and Mannville.

The results paint an optimistic picture of business confidence in the region:

- Over 50% of businesses surveyed anticipate an increase in sales over the next two years.
- 50% of those same businesses also expect to grow their staffing levels. Nearly 25% of businesses plan to expand their operations.
- Over 63% rated their community as an "average/above average" place to do business, with an additional 15% rating it as "excellent."

Opportunities & Challenges

While optimism is strong, businesses also voiced key challenges and opportunities for regional growth Common concerns included the need to:

- Attract more young individuals and families to the area
- Address workforce shortages by recruiting and retaining qualified employees
- Expand sustainable manufacturing and industry
- Increase housing availability.
- Boost promotion of the region's assets to drive industrial activity and residential growth.
- Address childcare space shortages

"I'd like to once again thank the businesses and residents of the County of Minburn, the Town of Vegreville, and the Villages of Innisfree and Mannville for taking the time to complete these surveys and share their insights in person. This information has already begun shaping the Crossroads Economic Development Alliance's roadmap as we chart a path forward for 2025."

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Kathy Dmytriw, Regional Economic Development Consultant, Crossroads Economic

The complete Business Retention Expansion Project Summary Report can be found here: BRE Summary Report

BACKGROUND: The Crossroads Economic Development Alliance is a regional economic development partnership involving the County of Minburn, the Town of Vegreville, and the Villages of Innisfree and Mannville, Established in 2024 through a successful joint application for the Alberta Communities Partnership Grant, CEDA is guided by one elected official from each participating municipality and Bob Bezpalko, Executive Director of Alberta HUB. Learn more about CEDA at

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2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The next Municipal Election will take place in the Village of Mannville on Monday, October 20th, 2025.

The election will be for five (5) Council positions.

Nomination period (during which nomination papers can be submitted to the Returning Officer) has officially opened effective January 1, 2025 to Monday, September 22, 2025 at 12:00 pm (Noon).

Interested persons may pick up a Candidate Information Package at the Village Office located at 5127 – 50 St., Mannville, AB TOB 2WO or by visiting the Village of Mannville website at www.mannville.com.



