



**Town of Bassano – Notice of Sale (Main Street Building)  
PUBLIC NOTICE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**April 12, 2019**

The purpose of this Public Notice is to advise citizens and businesses that the Town of Bassano has listed 406 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (former CIBC building on Main Street) for sale. The decision to list the property for sale was not taken lightly as the matter was discussed at every council meeting over the past year. The town does not have the resources or capacity to remediate/restore the building and sought other partnership options prior to listing the property for sale.

Background

The property was originally acquired through tax recovery in 2017. Over the past year, the Town of Bassano has worked closely with the Bassano Historical Society (BHS) to support their interest to convert the building into a museum. Extensive research was done by the BHS and it was determined that the costs to remediate/restore the building exceeded their capacity. Every effort was exhausted by the parties, from historical designations, federal lobbying, and grant funding requests/ventures. Restoring the building to a museum is simply not viable in the short-term or the long-term. Thus, at the April 8, 2019 council meeting, a formal motion was made with mutual respect, to close the project file.

Current

The property is now for sale. The prospective buyer may renovate the building and leave it in its existing location or remove/relocate the building to another location (in or out of town).

For a full list of details regarding the sale go to [www.bassano.ca](http://www.bassano.ca) or stop by the town office.

As Mayor and Council, we understand the significance of this building and believe that our decision to offer the property for sale is in the best interest of our residents. We appreciate your understanding and are available to answer any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ron Wickson,  
Mayor