

Town of Bassano

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Coming soon...BUILD Bassano, Residential Housing Development Incentives

To advance our vision to be the most attractive and affordable urban community under 2,500 in Alberta where industry leaders want to invest, where tourists come for a new experience, and where people choose to live work and play, we commit to residential housing and development incentives to stimulate growth and to limit the housing shortage.

Purpose

The Town has passed multiple strategies that aim to activate the community and local economy over-time. It is important that our community has a complete housing stock to service a diverse population. The purpose of the development incentive is to:

1. To stimulate residential development in Bassano
2. To ensure there is quality housing options for people that choose to live and work in Bassano
3. To improve the housing market and the variety of housing stock in Bassano
4. To help solve the rental shortage in Bassano
5. To support local businesses and industry

Revitalization Development Incentive 1

To improve the condition of privately owned vacant, abandoned, derelict, or poorly conditioned properties in Bassano.

Under the program, you may:

1. Demolish the building and clean the site, to be left vacant for future development.
2. Complete a renovation of the property (interior and exterior) to bring the property into compliance with the Alberta Building Code.
3. Complete a partial demolition with a rebuild of the property (interior and exterior) to bring the property into compliance with the Alberta Building Code.

Guidelines:

1. All development permits must be obtained under the Land Use Bylaw 921/21.
2. All discipline permits must be obtained through Superior Safety Codes (SCC).
3. Must be in good standing with the Town.
4. Complete an application for the incentive.

What you can get:

- A property tax credit of up to \$10,000 based on an improved property assessment. The property assessment is determined by the Town's contracted assessor. For a single-unit dwelling, with the revitalization, you must double the property's assessment to a minimum of 150,000. For a multi-unit dwelling, you must double the property's assessment to a maximum of 250,000.

Backyard Suite Development Incentive 2

The backyard suite development incentive is to add to the residential housing stock, to promote infill development, and to provide a diverse range of housing option.

Guidelines:

1. Obtain a development permit from the Town and submit plans in compliance with the Land Use Bylaw 921/21 relative to the backyard suite.
2. All discipline permits must be obtained through SSC.
3. Be in good standing with the Town.
4. Complete an application for the incentive.

What you can get:

- A property tax credit of \$10,000 once the backyard suite received a formal notice of occupancy from SSC.

Council will vote on the development incentives on July 11, 2022. The incentives have no cash value. The initiatives are termed. This means, they will be in place until Dec. 31, 2025, or until the value of \$150,000 is allocated to eligible persons. Let us work together to improve the housing stock and rental options to grow Bassano.

Beautiful BASSANO

We recognize the work and volunteerism that our community continues to invest under the Beautify Bassano Initiative. The rain has helped liven up all our yards, parks, flowers, and trees.

Each year, we see less unsightly properties. Our bylaw enforcement division is actively working with property owners to address clean-up concerns. Last week, we issued 5 warnings within the industrial district due to overgrown grass, weeds, and the general unkempt nature of their sites. We worked together to see these properties cleaned up.

We are now focused on the Year 3 priority areas that are unsightly or where abandoned vehicles are present.

You can prevent a fine and the added stress of dealing with a formal clean-up order by keeping your property tidy. Removing **all** abandoned or inoperable vehicles and machinery. Ask for help from your family, friends, or neighbors. Contact the Town Office to learn about programs to recycle, dispose, or store personal property.

Thank you does not begin to express the gratitude we share with the community for making the **Small Town Smoke Down BBQ Competition** such a success.

We set out with a mission to bring the community together through the BBQ and that is exactly what happened. We had over 100 volunteers despite the weather over the weekend. The Friday night meal put on by the Masonic Lodge and Royal Purple accompanied by the live music sponsored by the Bassano Arts Council kicked us off. Competitors from all corners joined us for a sold out event. Lots of praise was shared. It is too good to pass up, so we have applied to host the BBQ competition again in 2023!

We Are Hiring

Are you a community-oriented person that is skilled in social programming and administration? If so, check out our recent job posting on www.bassano.ca. We have a full-time position for the Family Community Support Services (FCSS) Director. Under the direction of the CAO, the FCSS Director is appointed to support an advisory board to plan and deliver all social programs in Bassano.

This position is highly focused on community, and it is very rewarding. Working collaboratively with the Town, the advisory board, and our community you will ensure children, youth, families, singles, and seniors can engage in a variety of programs and activities.

- ✓ 40 hours per week (flexible schedule)
- ✓ Salary range: \$47,000 - \$58,000 plus benefits
- ✓ Qualifications: post-secondary degree in community/social services, education, or a similar field. Transferrable skills will be considered. Upon hiring, the successful candidate must prove a clear criminal record check, drivers' abstract, and Children's Service Intervention Check.

The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Apply to: Town of Bassano, Attention: Jordan Mitchell, Executive Assistant; ea@bassano.ca

Street Sign Project Upgrade – SURVEY

Council approved \$25,000 under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative Operation grant for the purchase of new street signs.

There are two purposes to this, the first is safety and navigation. First responders need to be able to find a property in case of an emergency, and people visiting our town should be able to read the street signs easily. Many of the current signs are faded and illegible. The second purpose is part of the Beautify Bassano Initiative.

The signs will be installed by the public works department. Have your say in the design style and colour. You can vote online on the Town's Facebook page through SurveyMonkey, or in person at the Town Office until July 11, 2022 (deadline extended past June 30, 2022).

Choose the sign colour, green or blue. Choose the design style, curved or rounded.



Tax Notices Issued

Property taxes were sent on June 15. Council approved a 1.5% tax rate increase for 2022. The total amount to be collected is \$1,369,998 an increase of \$20,246. When you receive your tax notice, refer to the brochures that outline what projects we will focus on this year and how the municipal budget has been allocated. Taxes are due by July 31 annually. Unpaid taxes at July 31 will incur an 18% penalty.

Check with Christine in the tax department to get on the monthly tax payment program, town@bassano.ca or 403-641-3788