



TOWN NEWSLETTER

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NEW EMPLOYEES

There has been three additions to the municipal office for the Town of Bassano. All stemming from different backgrounds.

Jeremey Wickson, CAO

Tara Gaiga,
Administrative Assistant
Joey Saharchuk, FCSS
Director
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Council Meetings

Council meetings will remain the second Monday of each month unless otherwise posted at 6:30PM at the Town Office. The next Council Meeting is March 9.

Join Us

Regular Council Meeting
Mar. 9, 2026 at 6:30PM

Regular Council Meeting
Apr. 13, 2026 at 6:30PM

CIRP public engagement session. April 13, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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RCMP Mountie Memos are always up to date on the homepage of the town website.

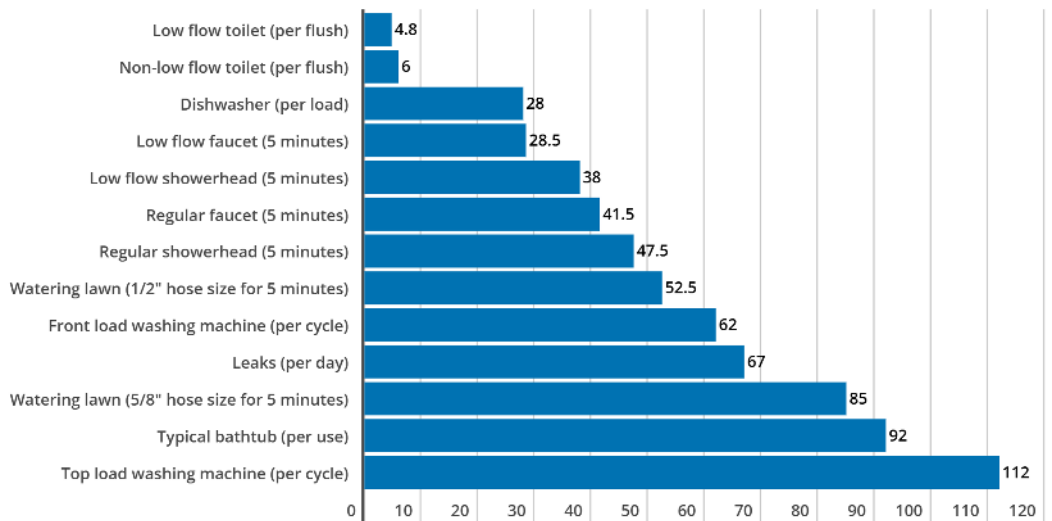
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PUBLIC SAFETY

<https://alberta.ca/build-an-emergency-kit>

WATER CONSUMPTION REMINDER

This is a good opportunity to remind our community members to **check your bimonthly water utility bill**. A home's indoor water consumption will usually remain about the same throughout the year unless you have guests or go on vacation. The chart below shows typical water use (in litres) for common household fixtures and appliances. Actual water use can vary based on your water-use habits and efficiency of your fixtures.



For example, statistics Canada revealed the average water consumption for a single person is 200-300 L/day (0.2-0.3 m³/day) and **6,000-9,000 L/month** (6-9 m³/month). For a 4-person household, average water consumption is 800-1200 L/day (0.8-1.2 m³/day) and **24,000-36,000 L/month** (24-36 m³/month). These are preliminary values and are subject to change with each household as everyone has different water usage volumes and schedules. Just remember, every time you take a shower, flush the toilet, or wash vegetables you can conserve water.

For more information on water consumption statistics and helpful tips on water saver actions, go to calgary.ca/water or danamark.com/resources.



CIRP PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION

There will a public engagement session for the Core Infrastructure Renewal Program (CIRP) held at the community hall. The session will be on April 13, from 4:00-6:00 PM. Community members are encouraged to come engage with our leaders on this project. This will be an OPEN HOUSE session where everyone is able to voice their questions and get a better understand of the inner workings of this project.

Do you have a **72 Hour Emergency Preparedness Kit**, evacuation plan, and list of essentials medications, and an emergency contact or buddy? Resources are available to support you.

UPDATE: 2026 UTILITY RATES BYLAW 952-26

A new water bylaw has been implemented for 2026. The tables below show the bylaw comes with increases in the utility fees for 2026 and onward. You can find the new Utility Rates Bylaw 952-26 on bassano.ca.

2025

2026

Residential

Sewer	\$35.40
Solid waste (garbage)	\$23.40
Recycling	\$6.00
Water flat fee per account	\$25.00
Water (user pay)	\$2.80/m ³ per annum up to 500m ³
Water (user pay)	\$3.65/m ³ per annum over to 500m ³



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Sewer	\$37.50
Solid waste (garbage)	\$24.00
Recycling	\$6.25
Water flat fee per account	\$27.00
Water (user pay)	\$2.85/m ³ bi-monthly up to 80m ³
Water (user pay)	\$3.70/m ³ bi-monthly over 80m ³

Non-Residential

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Main take aways: Water usage is now being priced by bi-monthly usage instead of per annum (yearly) usage. Meaning, for Residential, water usage for the first 80 m³ (80,000 L) is billed at \$2.85/m³, and any usage after that is billed at \$3.70/m³ at a bi-monthly usage time frame. Same method is applied for Non-residential. The bylaw also has a change with the **ECO fee**. The new ECO fee is \$3.50/bi-monthly. The ECO fee is applied to utilities for community members that receive their utility bill by paper. Community members are encouraged to switch to paperless billing, where they will receive their bills via email. To switch to paperless, please contact Christine Petkau at town@bassano.ca.



BECOME A THRIVE MEMBER



With the grand opening of the Thrive gym in its new location last year, there has been many new members joining. The gym has received excellent reviews, and we want to continue improving the experience at Thrive. Regular exercise not only improves physical health but also boosts mental well-being and overall confidence. Supporting Thrive also means investing in a local service that is committed to uplifting our neighborhood. Come to the town office to receive your membership.

Membership prices:

Youth Monthly (14-17 years)	\$26.25
Adult Monthly (17-64 years)	\$31.50
Senior Monthly (65+ years)	\$26.25
Youth Annual (14 -17 years)	\$183.75
Adult Annual (17-64 years)	\$236.25
Senior Annual (65+ years)	\$183.75

CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT

There are a couple career and employment opportunities available at the Town. Within Public Works, some changes are being made to ensure staff can deliver on the Core Infrastructure Renewal Program. The capital project will demand staff time, and we are preparing for that now.

- Public Works Facilities Operator
- Parks and Recreation Laborer
- Seasonal Pool Staff

All employment opportunities are posted on the Town website for the supervisory and leadership positions.

Positions will remain open until the best candidates are found.

Sudoku

Easy

6	8				7			
	1	5		4	2	8		
4				6		1	3	
1	3	2	6	8		7		
5								1
	6		2			3		5
8	7	1		2			5	
		9		5	1	2	6	7
2					3	9		

Medium

8				1				
				6		5	8	
	6	5	8					
		8	7		1	6	9	
5	4					8	1	2
4			2	6				5
7	5	2		8				6
	1			4		7		

Hard

			5	6	8	4		
	8	7				9		5
	5					6	8	
			9	2			7	
	2				1			9
8				7				
4					5			2
	3						6	4
			7	3			9	

REMINDERS

2026 Business License Renewal

- \$70 for in town.
- \$120 for out of town

Getting Tags for your Dog/Cat

- \$20 for fixed animal.
- \$40 for non-fixed animal.
- \$5 Replacement tag

Come to the Town of Bassano office for more information.

EVER HEARD OF "FATBERGS"?

A fatberg is typically made out of fat, oil, and grease—which do not break down in the sewer system—combined with other things that shouldn't have been flushed, like sanitary products and personal wipes. The fat, oil, and grease harden and stick all these non-biodegradable objects together, causing an immovable clog: a fatberg.

Aging infrastructure and sewer systems are especially vulnerable to fatbergs. Unfortunately, this is the case in many cities around the world.

Fatbergs are created through a snowball effect, exacerbated by each individual non-flushable item that goes into the sewer system. We can all help to keep things flowing by simply not putting anything down the drain—in a sink, toilet, tub, or street drain—that doesn't belong or won't break down. Remember the 3 P's, Pee, Poo and (toilet) Paper.

Public Works Marking Curb Stops

You may have noticed a mark on your lawn at your property. This is because Public Works is going through town and marking the curb stops as they will be checking the water valve for each of those houses. They are keeping track of the GIS location for each of the water valves. This will be very helpful in the case of an emergent situation.



Bassano Food Pantry

The Bassano Food Pantry is located inside **Damsite Deals and Thrift**. If you need food assistance or you would like to donate some goods, stop by.

NEWELL MINI BUS

The Newell Mini Bus is a service provided by the County of Newell. The Mini Bus service is dedicated to providing door-to-door service to citizens within the County of Newell so that they may travel to Brooks for any appointments they may have, (i.e. doctor, dentist, hospital, hairdresser, shopping, visiting with friends or relatives, or just for an outing).

The Newell Mini Bus will also pick up people in Brooks who would like to visit relatives or friends in the County.

The County of Newell is proud of the service it has provided in the past and wants to continue in the future. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10.00 and **each round trip is only \$24!**

For more information and the registration form, go to countyofnewell.ab.ca/mini-bus-service.

BASSANO FCSS WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

The Family and Community Support Services is pleased to welcome our new Director, marking an exciting next chapter in the continued commitment to supporting the well-being of individuals and families in our community. With a strong focus on collaboration, prevention, and community connection, Joey Saharchuk brings leadership and vision that will help strengthen existing programs while supporting emerging community needs.

My name is Joey Saharchuk, and I am truly excited to be stepping into the role of Director of Family & Community Support Services for the Town of Bassano. I first visited Bassano nearly four years ago and was swept away by the beautiful landscape and, even more so, by the welcoming spirit of the people who call this community home. Originally, I was born and raised in Fort St. James, BC, before spending eight years in Calgary. In 2025, I made my way to Bassano, and being here reminds me a great deal of my hometown. That small town sense of connection and community is something I admire and one of the reasons I'm so grateful to now call Bassano home.

A few fun facts about me: I worked as a wildland firefighter for seven years, I'm an avid skier, and I hold a master's degree in chemistry. Throughout my life and career, I have always prioritized well-being, both my own and that of those around me. Whether it's organizing retreats and events, creating safe spaces for conversation, or simply being available to listen, I strive to foster connection and make people feel welcome and supported.

I believe my experiences, skills, and passion for community will serve the Family & Community Support Services of Bassano well. I look forward to working alongside you and supporting the continued strength and vitality of our town. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, or if you'd simply like to grab a coffee and get to know one another. I would be happy to connect.

MARY LAMBERT - Together We Learn

In the spirit of Kidness FCSS teamed up with Bassano School to host an interactive performance by **Mary Lambert on February 13th at 10:30 a.m.** for elementary students. Together We Learn is a high-energy, engaging program that uses music, movement, and participation to promote positive social behavior, emotional well-being, and healthy peer relationships.

The performance supports a preventative and protective approach to child and youth development by reinforcing key messages around respect, cooperation, empathy, and inclusion in a fun and memorable way. By encouraging students to actively participate moving, dancing, and learning together the program helps build social-emotional skills, strengthen self-confidence, and foster a sense of belonging within the school community.

Programs like Together We Learn play an important role in early intervention by creating positive shared experiences, supporting emotional regulation, and helping children develop the skills needed to build healthy relationships. This engaging performance contributes to a safe, supportive learning environment and supports the overall well-being of students through proactive, strengths-based programming.

? DID YOU KNOW ?

Thanks to the vision and thoughtfulness for local residents working together there is now a small Food Pantry available at Damsite Deals and Thrift for those requiring assistance with food and hygienic needs.

Rural POP UP - March 17, April 21st, May 19th, at Bassano Community Hall from 10 - 11:30 am - FREE

Community Kindness Calendar - deadline for entry March 4

