



## Status Update on the 2023 Strategic Priorities for the Town of Eston

As of January 2024

### Overarching Principles

Decisions and projects will be approached with the following themes in mind:

Continuous Improvement	Customer Service	Planning	Communication
Activities will be approached with a goal of achieving excellence and being better at what we do and how we do it every day.	We will approach changes with improvement to and enhancement of the end user experience in mind.	We will undergo sound planning processes that will assist in preparing us for the future and maintaining a sustainable community.	We will strive to enhance communication and connectedness internally, externally and with key partners and stakeholders.

### Planning

- 1) Pool project, actively develop a long-term plan for the pool. Present options to the community. [Update, we have assessed two options and are currently working on a third to ensure a comprehensive exploration of all possibilities. The two initial options Council feels are presently cost-prohibitive, prompting the exploration of a third option.](#)

### Capital and Infrastructure

- 2) New Water Treatment Plant operational in 2023. [Complete](#)
- 3) Completion of the water meters /endpoint project. [Update, there are still X endpoints to install.](#)
- 4) Continue with the sewer lining project (spin cast manholes), with an estimate of \$65,000 per year. [Update on this initiative indicates that it is progressing as scheduled and is approaching completion.](#)
- 5) Continue with pavement patching throughout the Town, with an estimate of \$200,000 for the 2023 year. [Update in this regard indicates the completion of addressing key areas within the designated budget. The project is scheduled to recommence in 2025 \(depending on Council change\), with designated reserves specifically allocated for pavement maintenance, and ongoing efforts to bolster these reserves. Additionally, in other areas of the town, we are exploring alternative solutions.](#)
- 6) Continue with sidewalk repair and/or replacement. The goal is \$15,000 per year. [Update, challenges in securing a contractor, particularly for smaller projects. The unutilized \\$15,000 will be carried over to 2024, with plans to allocate \\$30,000 for sidewalk repairs in that year.](#)
- 7) Explore options for Main street water line 800 Block. [Complete](#)
- 8) AGT Community Centre showers & partitions. [Complete](#)
- 9) Eston & District fire truck purchase. [Complete](#)
- 10) Fire Hydrant evaluation and repair [Complete](#)
- 11) Pool Floor update, Shower floor in the AGT Community Centre [Complete](#)
- 12) Eco Centre concrete pad poured at the Landfill [Complete](#)

### Serving the Community, Programming and Events

- 13) Continue to improve and update the website. [Update, this is a continual effort.](#)
- 14) Continue to educate, promote and share information to the community. [Update, this is a continual effort.](#)
- 15) Improvement to the fairgrounds/ball diamonds. [Update, shale was added, fencing and some ground work.](#)
- 16) Improvement of the campground. [Update: bathroom updates, paint, shower panels, trim and required fixes.](#)
- 17) Explore grant opportunities. [Update: This remains an ongoing endeavor. We've submitted applications for seven grants, and we have a company actively monitoring grant opportunities on our behalf](#)

### Governance and Policy [Update, this is a continual effort.](#)

- 18) Continue with the Joint Governance committee that is joint with the RM of Snipe Lake in reviewing joint bylaws.
- 19) Reviewing and updating key bylaws and policies from all departments.
- 20) Work jointly with the RM of Snipe Lake No.259 on Emergency Measures.

*Note that operations for the Health Care and Cemetery departments are overseen by the RM of Snipe Lake No. 259. For information on priorities for those departments, please contact the RM of Snipe Lake 259 directly.*

