



## Town of Eston 2024 Strategic Priorities Highlights

As of January 2024

### Overarching Principles

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

Continuous Improvement	Customer Service	Planning	Communication
We will strive for excellence and continual improvement in our activities, aiming to enhance both our performance and methodologies each day.	We will initiate changes with the aim of improving and enhancing the overall experience for the end user.	We will undergo sound planning processes that will assist in preparing us for the future and maintaining a sustainable community.	We will strive to improve communication and connectivity within our organization, externally, and with crucial partners and stakeholders.

### Planning

- 1) Pool, as noted in the 2023 updates. 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.
- 2) Investigation into Garbage Truck Services: Given the rising costs associated with Loraas, we are considering returning to in-house garbage pickup. This not only introduces another job opportunity within our community but also contributes to supporting local services.
- 3) Working on a Back-Alley enhancement plan.
- 4) Developing a street sweeping plan to share with the community, outlining which streets will undergo the process and the scheduled timeline.
- 5) In the process of formulating a five-year sidewalk plan that delineates which sidewalks will undergo replacement or removal in accordance with the sidewalk policy.
- 6) Exploring alternative approaches for road maintenance and addressing potholes.
- 7) Landfill, develop a plan for the utilization of concrete at the landfill.

### Capital and Infrastructure

- 8) Finalizing the water meters/endpoint project, with 20 units remaining for completion.
- 9) Proceed with the sewer lining project, with an annual estimated budget of \$65,000.
- 10) Persist with sidewalk repair and/or replacement efforts, aiming for a \$30,000 budget in the year 2024, as securing a contractor was challenging in 2023.
- 11) Fairground project by incorporating two new ball diamonds and implementing an irrigation solution. A Celebrity Dinner is scheduled for Saturday April 13, 2024, aimed at generating funds to support this initiative.
- 12) Investigate the potential need for boiler replacements at the AGT Community Centre.
- 13) Landfill, relocate the EcoCentre at the landfill to the concrete pad nearer to the scale house.
- 14) Upgrade equipment in Transportation by replacing the Skid Steer and obtaining an additional mower.
- 15) Provide some care and attention to the parks and focus on improving the irrigation system.

### Serving the Community, Programming and Events

- 16) Explore and introduce fresh programming and camps in the recreation offerings.
- 17) Summer Bull Bash Minor Sports Day & Bull-A-Rama, a combined event with Town of Eston & District and the Rodeo Committee. Friday June 14, 2024.
- 18) Implement after-school programming in conjunction with the Library offerings.
- 19) Additional programming at the library tailored for both youth and adults.
- 20) Continue to improve and update the website.

- 21) Continue to educate, promote and share information to the community.
- 22) Continue to seek and explore grant opportunities.

### **Governance and Policy**

- 23) Continue the Joint Governance committee collaboration with the RM of Snipe Lake to assess joint bylaws.
- 24) Evaluate and revise essential bylaws and policies across all departments.
- 25) Collaborate on Joint Emergency Measures with the RM of Snipe Lake No.259.
- 26) Initiate the revival of the Inter-Agency Group.

*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 directly.*

### **Additional Information**

- Continue the ongoing commitment to allocating funds to reserves, ensuring financial preparedness for the upcoming Pavement project. This strategic approach involves diligently setting aside resources to support the planned improvements and maintenance of our road infrastructure, thereby promoting long-term sustainability and the overall well-being of our community.
- The delivery of the Fire Truck is anticipated in 2024.
- A new Zamboni will be in operation by the upcoming hockey season. The sponsorship program, initiated in 2017 with an annual allocation for the Zamboni, has successfully accumulated sufficient funds for the purchase. The existing Zamboni will be put up for tender.

### **Staffing opportunities available, inquire within: (visit [eston.ca/employment](http://eston.ca/employment) for all employment opportunities)**

- The Eston & District Regional Landfill is seeking a seasonal position for the Landfill from April to September.
- Lifeguards are needed for the 2024 pool season, offering competitive wages. Courses and certification expenses are fully covered. Please contact us for more information.
- Summer Camp position, Summer student positions available.
- Part-time library assistant position open.

**The year 2024 marks an election year. For detailed information on the election process and the roles/responsibilities of the Mayor and Council, please visit [eston.ca/2024-election](http://eston.ca/2024-election).**