



UPDATE

Town of Eston 2024 Strategic Priorities Highlights

As of February 2025

Overarching Principles

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

Continuous Improvement	Customer Service	Planning	Communication
We will strive for 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.
 - a. We have explored the third option on repairing the leak.
- 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.
 - a. Complete
- 3) Working on a Back-Alley enhancement plan.
 - a. In-progress and will continue into 2025.
- 4) Developing a street sweeping plan to share with the community, outlining which streets will undergo the process and the scheduled timeline.
 - a. In 2024, we developed a plan to utilize the skid steer and broom attachments we have been testing throughout the year. Moving forward, we will continue with this approach. This strategy offers cost savings, as a single town-wide cleanup previously cost \$15,000. Instead, these funds can be allocated toward acquiring the necessary attachments.
- 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.
 - a. We have conducted a sidewalk assessment and prioritized replacements accordingly. This plan will be reviewed annually, recognizing that conditions may change from year to year.
- 6) Exploring alternative approaches for road maintenance and addressing potholes.
 - a. We have examined various approaches used by other communities to identify effective road maintenance and pothole repair solutions.
- 7) Landfill, develop a plan for the utilization of concrete at the landfill.
 - a. Completed – the concrete has been crushed, and both the Town and RM are utilizing the material.

Capital and Infrastructure

- 8) Finalizing the water meters/endpoint project, with 20 units remaining for completion. In-progress
- 9) Proceed with the sewer lining project, with an annual estimated budget of \$65,000.
 - a. The sewer lining project has been completed
- 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. Complete

- 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.
 - a. The Celebrity Dinner was successfully completed. The fairground project is still in progress and planned for 2025 with the funds from the dinner being used.
- 12) Investigate the potential need for boiler replacements at the AGT Community Centre. Complete
- 13) Landfill, relocate the EcoCentre at the landfill to the concrete pad nearer to the scale house. Complete
- 14) Upgrade equipment in Transportation by replacing the Skid Steer and obtaining an additional mower. Complete
- 15) Provide some care and attention to the parks and focus on improving the irrigation system.
 - a. This has been moved to 2025

Serving the Community, Programming and Events

- 16) Explore and introduce fresh programming and camps in the recreation offerings.
 - a. Completed and continuously ongoing. In 2025, two summer sports camps were offered: a gymnastics camp and a wrestling camp.
- 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. Complete
- 18) Implement after-school programming in conjunction with the Library offerings. Not complete
- 19) Additional programming at the library tailored for both youth and adults. Continually improving
- 20) Continue to improve and update the website. Continually improving
- 21) Continue to educate, promote and share information to the community. Continually improving
- 22) Continue to seek and explore grant opportunities. Continually

Governance and Policy

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

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

- The delivery of the Fire Truck is anticipated in 2024.
 - This has been delivered.
- 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.
 - Complete