

2009 Report to Citizens

Town of Cardston



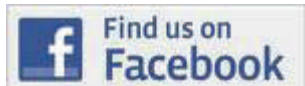
Message From the Mayor

As we look back over the last year, we remember the extreme winter conditions and hardships which accompany our Southern Alberta winters. We must acknowledge the many good neighbors who so generously give service to assist those less fortunate and less able in removing snow from sidewalks and driveways allowing access to and from their homes. We likewise commend our dedicated Town staff as they work long hours in the performance of their

duties to plow, load, and haul away these massive amounts of snow from our streets. We are truly blessed to receive the needed moisture in spite of the hardships which often result. Then as winter moves into spring and summer, we cannot help but notice the beauty as our Town becomes clean and green almost before our eyes. Yet this does not happen by accident. So many homeowners taking great pride in their homes and yards make this possible.

Likewise, our Parks and Recreation team in dedicated fashion do so much to enhance this beautiful community. Many from outside Cardston have commented just how attractive our Town really is. Understandably, we have a ways to go and we can always improve. I hope all residents feel we as a Council are open to your comments and concerns. It is truly an honor to serve as your Mayor.

Sincerely,
Rick Schow

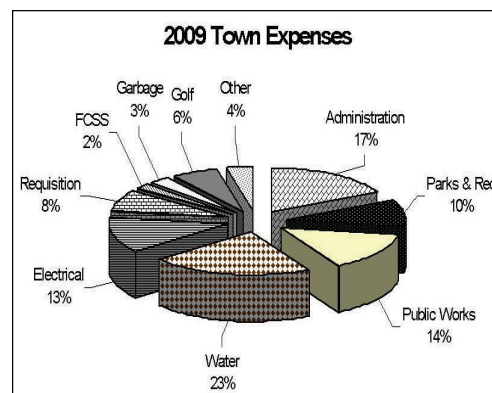
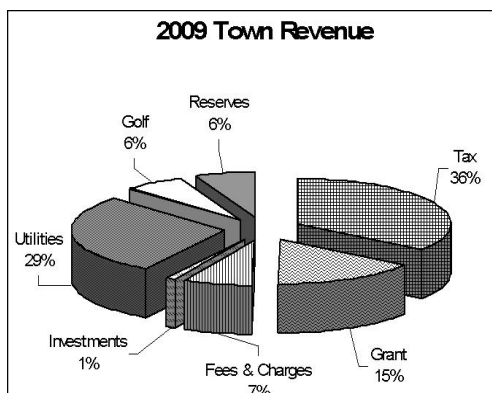


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Development Stats 2009

- 12 new housing starts
- 3 commercial building starts or renovations
- 35 other renovation or small construction permits issued.
- 6 Town subdivision requests
- 2 Town re-zoning applications

Town Finances at a Glance



Town Department Report

Electrical:

The Electrical department had two large construction projects in 2009. First, was the 2A St West cul-de-sac, and the second project was the completion of the infrastructure for the new designated living facility on the east hill. The Electrical department was also able to get a great amount of maintenance and improvements done on the existing utility. A major priority of the Foreman, Lennard Nichols is to convert homes and businesses from the old 4160 power to the new, more reliable 25kV power. In 2009, 37 homes were converted to the new system.

Parks & Recreation:

This department was able to have a productive and challenging year. One highlight is the new playground at the Town Square. The Town and Kinsmen Club were able to work together to complete this great project. More improvements to the other playgrounds are planned in the future. The campground, under new contract management, had a successful year and the Town received a great deal of positive feedback from this facility. Foreman Randy Russell and staff are always busy doing maintenance on the aging ice center and swimming pool, but they continue to function adequately. Planning is in progress for a new pool facility. Watch for information regarding open houses on this facility.

Public Works:

In July 2009, Tim Bevans was hired as the new foreman of this department after 18 years as the heavy duty mechanic. Tim then hired 2 new staff and was able to complete many maintenance and construction projects with his team. 2 new trucks were purchased to upgrade the fleet, along with a new backhoe and other important equipment. Public Works installed new water and storm sewer lines, as well as replaced and repaired many sidewalks. 2009 was a demanding year for snow removal with all operators working considerable hours to keep the streets open and passable.

Water & Wastewater:

The Water department had a large amount of projects in 2009. Both the water treatment and the sewage treatment plants underwent major repairs or renovation. There were 2 new hires in this department as well, so Foreman Bart Atwood was busy getting training done. Major projects completed in the sewer plant include the repair of the RBC (rotating biological controller), new fine screens installed, and 4 make up air units replaced. At the water treatment plant, we saw the major project of a new mixer installation, improving water treatment and chemical usage. As well, the St. Mary River water intake was repaired to ensure a quality raw water supply for the Town.

Bylaw / Animal Control:

2009 has seen a significant reduction in the number of dogs roaming all areas of Town. Bylaw Officer Lloyd Stewart was very busy with the animal control. The Alberta Spay and Neuter program helped in fixing over 250 dogs and 100 cats in 2009. The Town has cooperated with several animal rescue organizations to take care of all of the animals caught and placed in the pound. Over 300 animals were picked up with most all being returned to owners or sent to animal rescue centers. There were several articles in the local media to make citizens aware of bylaw and traffic control issues. A total of 444 complaints were filed in 2009 regarding bylaw or animal control.

Water: Ours to Use – Not Abuse

Water is essential to our daily lives. We use it to cook, clean, grow our food, keep our lawns green. Whenever you use water there is a potential to conserve water.

By looking at the difference between our wants and our needs, we can make a significant difference to the amount of water we use both in our homes and on our lawns and gardens.

The bathroom accounts for nearly 65 percent of the water used inside the home. It is also the place where we waste the most water. The potential to save water is easiest here, so here are some ways to save water in your bathrooms.

Take advantage of the Town water conservation program. The program includes: Free flow restrictors for every household. Free aerator with purchase of two aerators from local retailers & a \$30 or \$50 rebate on the replacement of an inefficient toilet with a low flow or dual flush toilet. Further details are at the Town office.

We as citizens need to accelerate our actions to safeguard water sustainability for the future. The demand on our limited water supply continues to grow.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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