

Sugar City News



Here's what has happened in the last few months and what's to come!

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest notable developments in our community.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Raymond's own **ASAP Community Robotics Team** that recently won the **2025 First Tech Challenge Alberta Championship** and set a new provincial points record. By winning, they are now eligible to compete in the **First Tech Challenge World Championships** in Houston, Texas from April 16-19, 2025. They have started a GoFundMe to help raise money to attend.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/send-team-asap-to-worlds>

Thank you for representing Raymond on the World stage!

We would also like to welcome **Taylor Hanson**, as the newest member of our administrative team. Taylor is our Front Desk Administrative Assistant and oversees all day-to-day office functions and facilitates all general inquiries...amongst other things.

We are excited to announce some new and regularly occurring events that are coming to Raymond in 2025.

Chinook Mud Racing - June 21, 2025 @ Stampede Grounds

Heritage Days - June 28 - July 1

RK Heggie Professional Bull Riding - August 20, 2025 @ Stampede Grounds

ACAC Men's & Women's Soccer Championships - October 23-26 @ VSP

We are hard at work attracting other events this year. Stay tuned!

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2025 Capital Project Update

The \$11,032,163 expansion of our wastewater treatment expansion project has entered its second year of construction. This project will amongst other things, upgrade the pump capacity and electrical system of our main wastewater lift station, as well as increase our overall treatment and storage capacity of our wastewater. We have received \$3.2 million from the Federal government and \$2,666,666 from the province. The town will fund the remaining \$5,165,497 from available grants, utility reserves and if necessary taking on additional debt.

We are almost finished the refurbishment of two new sets of bleachers located at the Stampede grounds to provide additional seating for ~500 more spectators during future events at the grounds.

The Hwy 52 & Broadway Intersection Improvement project will begin construction in the coming weeks. This change will improve the flow and safety of traffic and pedestrians at this intersection, significantly reduce heavy truck traffic on municipal streets, and improve capacity to handle future growth pressures at the most affordable cost.

Work continues at the new Raymond High School. The town's contribution to this \$50 million dollar project is to develop the extension of 50S and East Park Street with sidewalks, boulevard parking, street lighting, pathway extensions and landscaping throughout Victoria Sports Park. This work will cost ~\$2.8 million dollars, with \$825,000 already spent, and the remaining ~\$2 million will be spent between 2025-2027.

Community Grant Policy

Council approved a Community Grant Policy to help local groups have an equal opportunity to receive financial & in-kind support from the town. This means that organizations looking for funding in 2026 will **NOT** be considered unless they submit a completed application form by February 15, 2026.

Organizations that are requesting support in 2025 **MUST** provide Financial Statements that have been prepared by an accountant or accounting firm.

Interested groups must be

- located in Raymond
- be a non-profit or society in Alberta
- be in good standing with the town
- demonstrate effective management
- demonstrate financial need
- and provide financial disclosure for their organization.

Applications are due Feb 15/2026.





Permanent Electors Register

With the proclamation of the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 municipalities are required to maintain a Permanent Electors Register of residents who are eligible to vote. Any individual who wishes to vote on Election Day must first be registered.

Elections Alberta maintains a provincial register of electors and provides VoterLink for municipal voters to register, update information, or verify their registration.

[Click Here to Access the Voter Link and ensure you are registered to Vote!](#)

Information from the Permanent Electors Register will be shared with Elections Alberta and the Town of Raymond as per the LAEA section 49. The information collected may only be used to verify the identification of an elector when compiling or revising the Permanent Electors Register.

2025 Election Timeline and Key Dates

October 31, 2024 - Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act in effect. Campaign period for 2025 Election begins. Candidates may submit a Notice of Intent to Run.

January 1, 2025 - Nomination period begins.

March 1, 2025 - 2024 campaign disclosure statements due.

April 2, 2025 - Candidate late filing fees due.

May 30, 2025 - Amended candidate campaign disclosure statements due.

September 22, 2025 - Nomination Day. Close of nominations.

October 20, 2025 - ELECTION DAY! Election advertising period ends.

October 22, 2025 - Deadline for applications for a recount based on concerns at voting station.

October 24, 2025 - Statement of Results posted.

October 26, 2025 - Deadline for applications for a threshold recount (0.5%).

November 10, 2025 - Elector deadline to apply for a judicial recount.

December 31, 2025 - Campaign period ends.

January 1, 2026 - Campaign period for 2029 election begins.

The website will be updated as new information becomes available. For election related inquiries, please email kassidystevens@raymond.ca.
