



**Council Budget Deliberations**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2025**

**Council Chambers  
900 Mountain Avenue  
Crossfield, Alberta, T0M 0S0**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Harris  
Deputy Mayor Gustafson  
Councillor Benson  
Councillor Brennan  
Councillor Cosh  
Councillor Knight  
Councillor Nielsen

**STAFF:** Kinza Barney, CAO  
Amber Ouellette, Chief Finance Officer  
Russ Nash, Director of Community & Protective Services  
Steve Altena, Director of Infrastructure and Community Growth  
Lindsey Nash, Legislative and Administrative Services Manager (Recording Secretary)

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harris called the council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. ADMINISTRATION OPENING REMARKS**

CAO Barney provided administrative opening remarks.

**3. BUDGET PRESENTATION AND DELIBERATION**

Chief Financial Officer Amber Ouellette presented the draft 2026 operating budget, which Council then deliberated.

3.1 Operating Budget Summary

3.1.1 Strategic Planning

**278-2025**

**MOVED Council table the strategic planning item until Administration provides additional information outlining the comparative value of using internal versus external resources.**

**CARRIED**

3.1.2 Recreation Board Contribution

**279-2025**

**MOVED by Councillor Knight that Council approves the increase of Recreation Board Contribution from \$30,000 to \$40,000.**

**CARRIED**


**4. ADJORN**

**280-2025**

**MOVED by Councillor Nielsen that the Council meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor Harris

  
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Kinza Barney, Chief Administrative Officer