



## JULY, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

### **“When Vision becomes Reality”**

*The Town of Blaine Lake is dedicated to fostering a peaceful, vibrant, and thriving community by delivering exceptional services and driving growth and prosperity.*

*Through open governance, meaningful engagement and communications with stakeholders, and partnerships with all those committed to making a positive impact, we prioritize innovative community development, sustainable economic growth, and outstanding customer service.*

*Our commitment is to enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors while ensuring the town’s long-term success and vitality.*

1. We are thrilled to release our new Logo. Thanks to Councilor Sanchez for coordinating this design and this updated logo includes the icons of Blaine Lake, lakes, forests, farming, and wildlife. We were also able to keep the initial slogan and added the new slogan that ties this to the Strategic Plan, *Where Vision becomes reality*.

2. **Structural analysis of the Blaine Lake Arena** has been received. An Architect has also submitted a proposal to review the **Community Hall Project** that will be discussed at the August Council Meeting.

That proposal would include engaging the Community and determining initial design and estimates for the final Project. That initial design and estimates would make the project “shovel ready” and provide the details so the Town could apply for grants, discuss investments from

other 3<sup>rd</sup> parties and develop and market a sale of Naming Rights Program. The Town would also be able to start saving for the project.

3. Major Progress continues towards the 2025 to 2030 Strategic Plan:

- Phase 1 of the long-term road dust control program started in July, 2025 where almost 20,000 square meters of existing road surface was milled and reshaped. **That represents almost 20 % of the Town.** Council has also asked for a quote to complete Phase 1 with the dust control agent in 2025.
- There is no update from the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund regarding the grant for the long term +10 year watermain and sewermain replacement program.
- The new to **Blaine Lake Grader** was received in July. This is a 2018 Case 885B with just over 6,500 hours. This unit should provide years of service to the Town.
- Greater funding to support drainage by removing undersized culverts and install end caps – **fall work**
- Greater funding for sidewalk repairs – **fall work** and quotes being received
- Greater emphasis on beautification, flower beds and planters. Enhancing the campground and preparing for a walking path to be phased in starting in 2026  
**Enhanced maintenance in the golf course including sand green maintenance and the disk gold installed and ready for use. Disk golf installed this June.**  
**New flower planters and Banners were installed on Main Street in June.**
- Preparing the Blaine Lake Community Centre to house the Blaine Lake Library – **work ongoing.**
- Greater emphasis on economic development and actively marketing the community. Partnerships with regional neighbours encouraging development and growth – **multiple meetings and partnerships being discussed with anticipated signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in August, 2025.**
- The summer crew has provided an outstanding amount of work this summer and the **Town looks great** with more to be done.

4. Council thanks the community for input on the question of **allowing hens to be raised** within the Town Limits. Council reviewed that and other research and determined that it was not prepared to allow that at this time.