

Village of Carbon Viability Review

Initial Public Information Session
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Objectives



Why are we here?



What is a viability review?



How will you be involved?



What are the next steps?

Why are we here?

October 2024 – Electors submit petition requesting a viability review

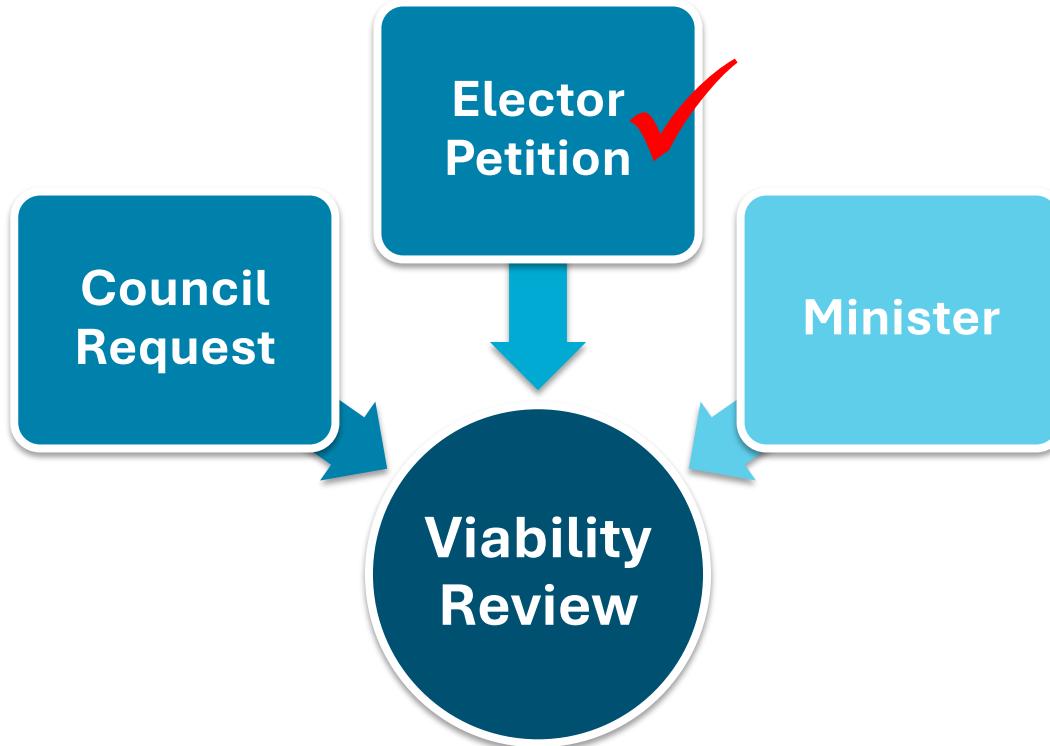
January 2025 – Ministry directed to conduct a viability screening

July 2025 – Minister initiates a viability review

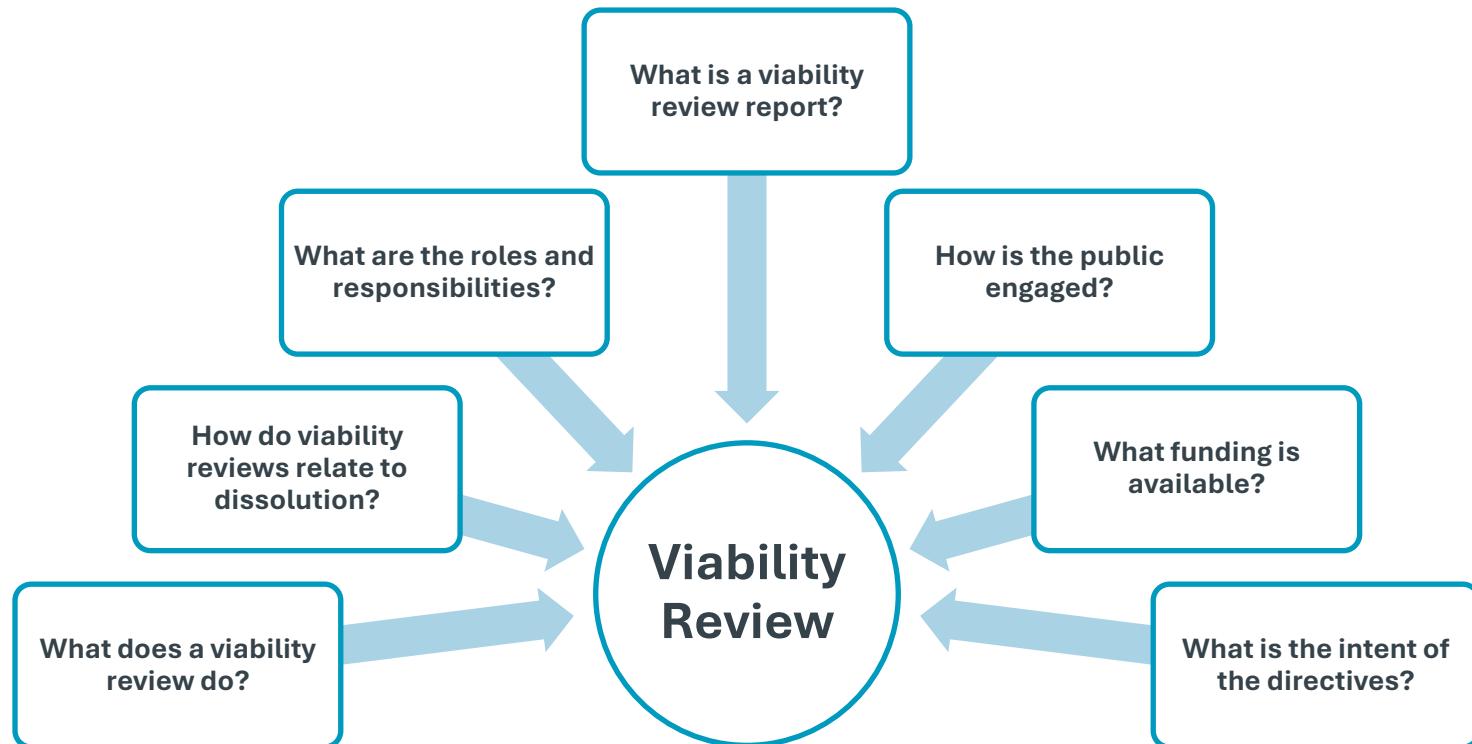
October 2025 – General municipal election

November 2025 – Village and county council presentations

How are viability reviews initiated?



What is a viability review?



A viability review will:

Engage and inform the community

Focus on long-term solutions

Provide factual unbiased information

Move Carbon beyond the status quo

How do viability reviews relate to dissolution?

Viability Review

- Ministry led process to support an informed decision by electors
- Review key areas to develop a viability review report
- *Municipal Government Act* Sections 130 to 130.1
- Conclusion of the viability review and vote on the question of dissolution

Dissolution

- Restructuring process under Sections 129 to 134 of the *Municipal Government Act*
- Requires a viability review and a vote of electors
- Ministry staff support the village and county during the transition
- If selected, anticipated January 1, 2027

What are the roles and responsibilities?

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Municipal Affairs

- Leads the viability review process
- Informs residents and electors of events
- Hosts public information sessions
- Writes the viability review report
- Conducts the vote of electors



Village and County

- Complete an infrastructure audit (village)
- Provide information about municipal operations
- Provide input through the Viability Review Support Group (VRSG)
- Assist with communications to residents and electors

Alberta

What is a viability review report?

Community

Governance

Administration

Services

Infrastructure

Finance

How is the public engaged?



What funding is available?

Alberta Community Partnership Program (ACP)

Viability Review

- The Village of Carbon was approved for funding of \$150,000 for an infrastructure audit

Dissolution

- Transitional Stream – estimated \$446,000
- Infrastructure Stream – estimated \$1,488,000

Estimated total of \$1,934,000

In addition to LGFF and CCBF allocations

What is the intent of the directives?

Intended to assist a municipality to:

- Move forward in a sustainable manner
- Achieve a viable future
- Develop foundations for sustainable long-term practices

Recommendations containing:

- “Municipality must” versus “Municipality should consider”

Action Plan and 10-Year Capital Plan

Directive update report submissions period and ministry support

Questions?

<https://www.alberta.ca/viability-reviews-for-municipalities.aspx>

<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-maps-statistics.aspx>



10 Minute Break

10 mins 9 mins 8 mins 7 mins 6 mins

5 mins 4 mins 3 mins 2 mins 1 min



Online Survey

Open until March 4, 2026

Collect perspectives on:

- Carbon's viability
- Changes the village could make for long-term viability
- Information you need to make an informed decision

Access by:

- www.alberta.ca/village-of-carbon-viability-review
- Government of Alberta “Viability reviews for municipalities” website



We want to hear from you!

At Your Table

- Decide on a notetaker who will be keeping track of the group's input
- Provide as much information as you wish within the time allotted
- Be prepared to share your thoughts

Discussion Rules

When having discussion:

- Respect one another
- Give everyone a chance to talk
- There are no wrong answers



Community

*The things that make
you proud to be from
Carbon and that make
your community
special and unique*

Community – Orange Paper

1. What do you like most about living in Carbon?
2. What community programs, activities, and events are most important to you?
3. What might you be most concerned about regarding the community if the village became a hamlet?

Governance

Council defines the policies and direction that municipal administration puts into action



Governance – Pink Paper

1. If you had the opportunity, would you be interested in running for municipal council?
2. Over the last 12 months, have you felt heard and informed by the village council?
3. What governance changes might you be most concerned about if the village became a hamlet?

Administration



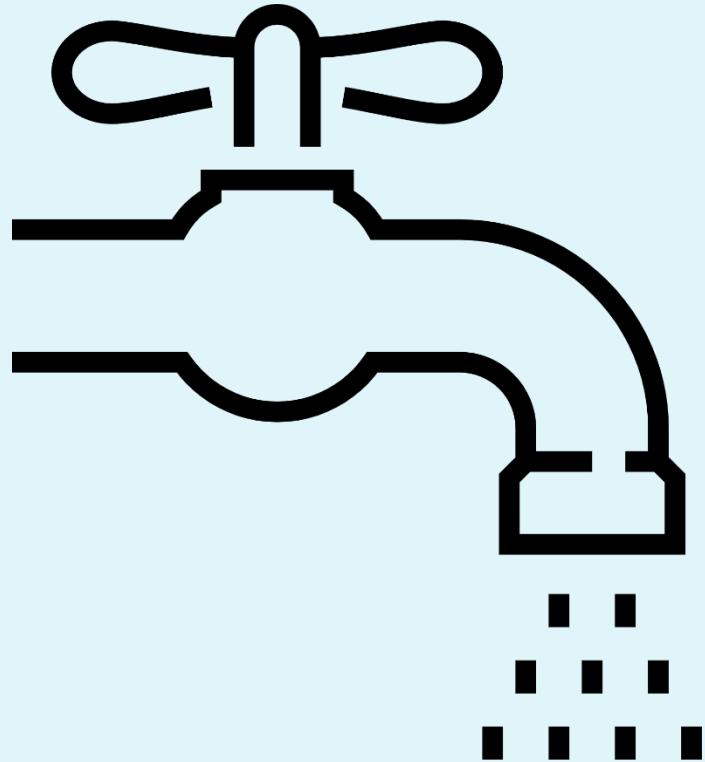
Municipal administration implements the policy and direction of council

Administration – Grey Paper

1. Does the village have the administrative capacity to manage day-to-day operations existing municipal programs?
2. Over the last 12 months, do you feel you have had reasonable access to the village office and municipal staff when needed?
3. What administrative changes might you be most concerned about if the village became a hamlet?

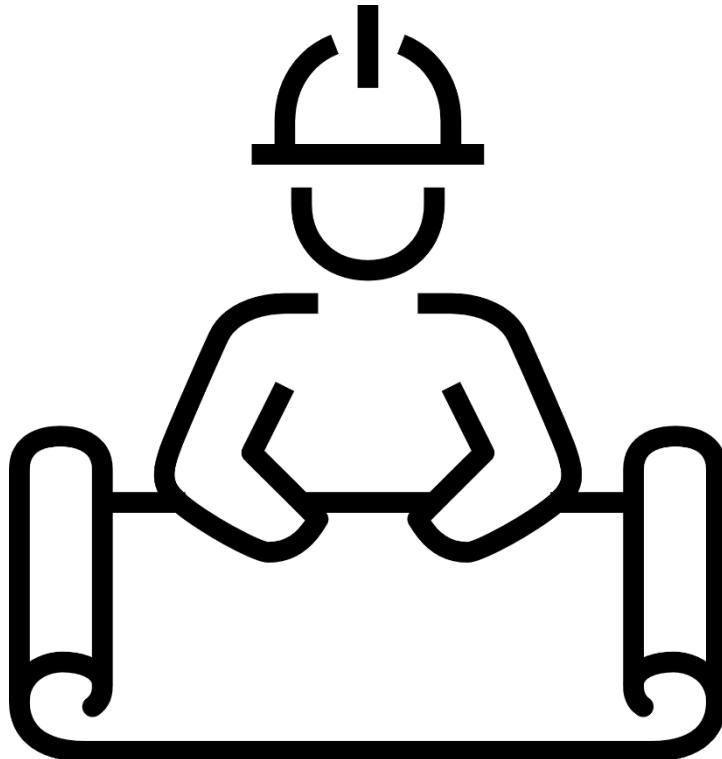
Services

Provided services at levels that meet community needs and expectations, as determined by council



Services – Purple Paper

1. What municipal services are most important to you?
2. Does the village meet your expectations in providing services to the community?
3. What potential changes in services might you be most concerned about if the village became a hamlet?



Infrastructure

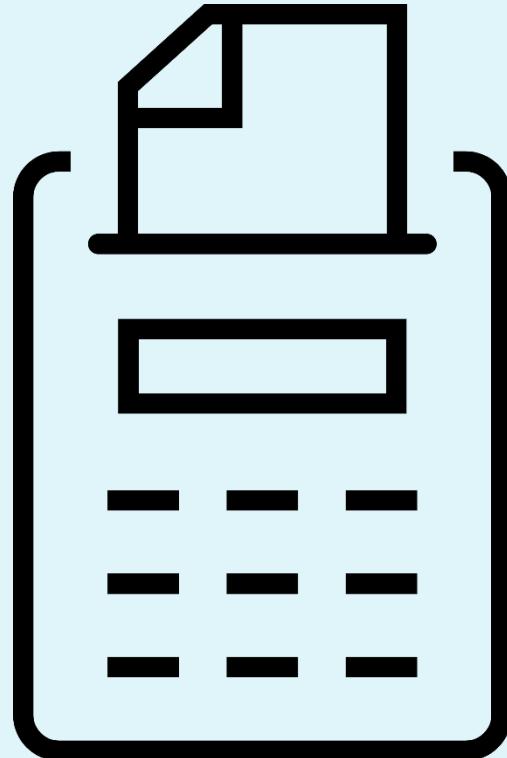
*Core infrastructure
that meets the needs
of residents and the
community in a safe
and appropriate
manner*

Infrastructure – Blue Paper

1. Does the village's current infrastructure meet the needs of the community?
2. What current or planned infrastructure projects do you feel are most important for the long-term success of the village
3. What infrastructure concerns might you have if the village became a hamlet?

Finances

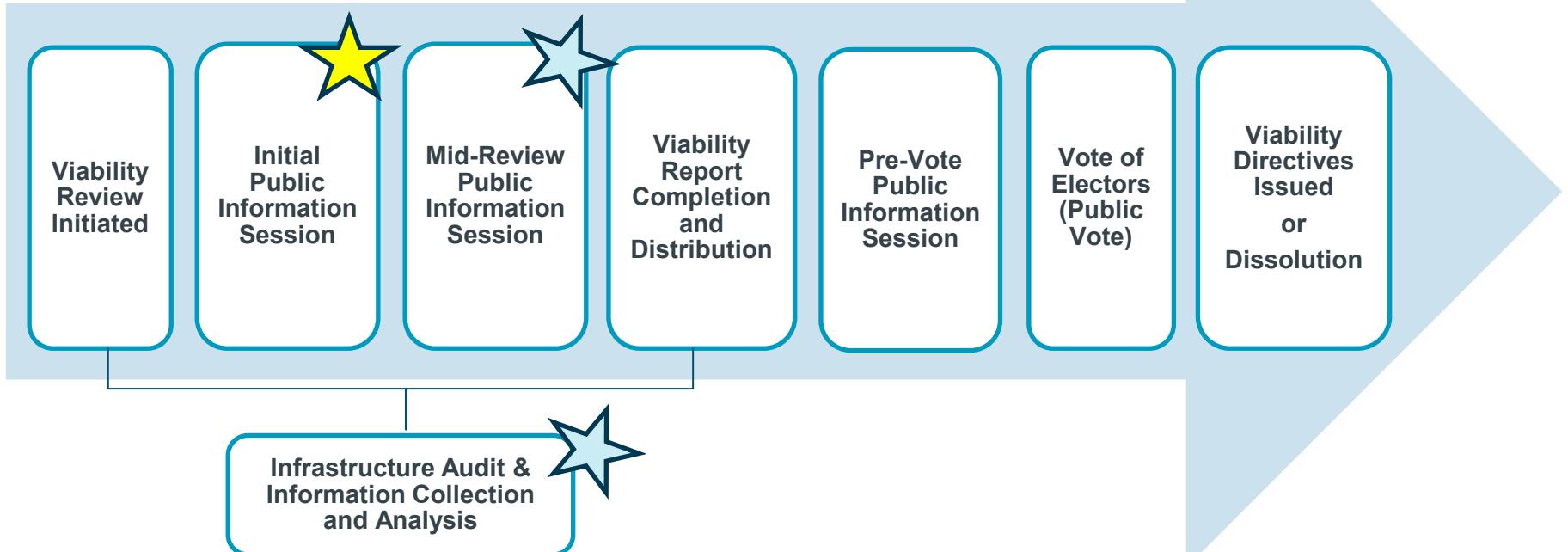
The financial health and sustainability of the village, including plans, budgets, taxation, assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures.



Finances – Green Paper

1. What are your thoughts on the village's finances and taxation?
2. Do you think your property taxes and utility fees are appropriate for the levels and types of services the village provides?
3. What might concern you most about finances if the village became a hamlet?

Next Steps



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