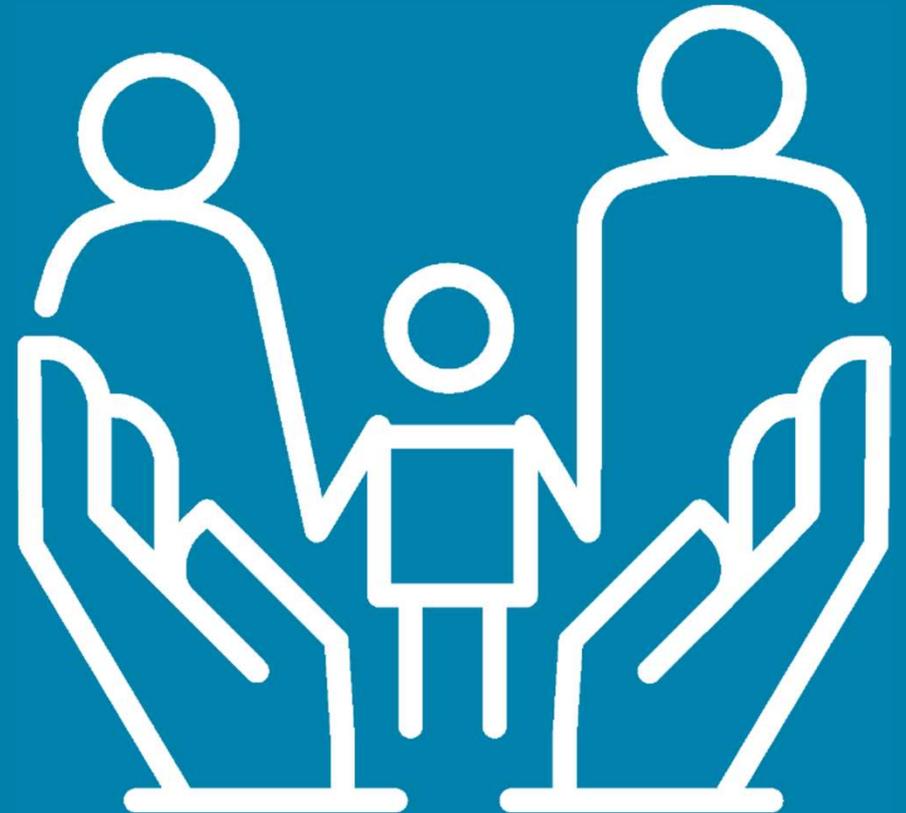


Town of Gibbons Viability Review

Initial Public Information Session
March 11, 2026 7:00pm

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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?

April 2024 – Request for a Debt Limit Extension received. The request was declined in June 2024 due to financial concerns, and again in January 2025 following review of 2023 audited financial statements.

February 2025 – Request for a municipal inspection from council. Changed to a Legislative Compliance Check after meeting with Minister. LCC report delivered to council October 6.

December 2025 – Newly elected council requests meeting with Minister to discuss serious concerns of the financial health of the town. Minister appointed an Official Administrator to supervise the town.

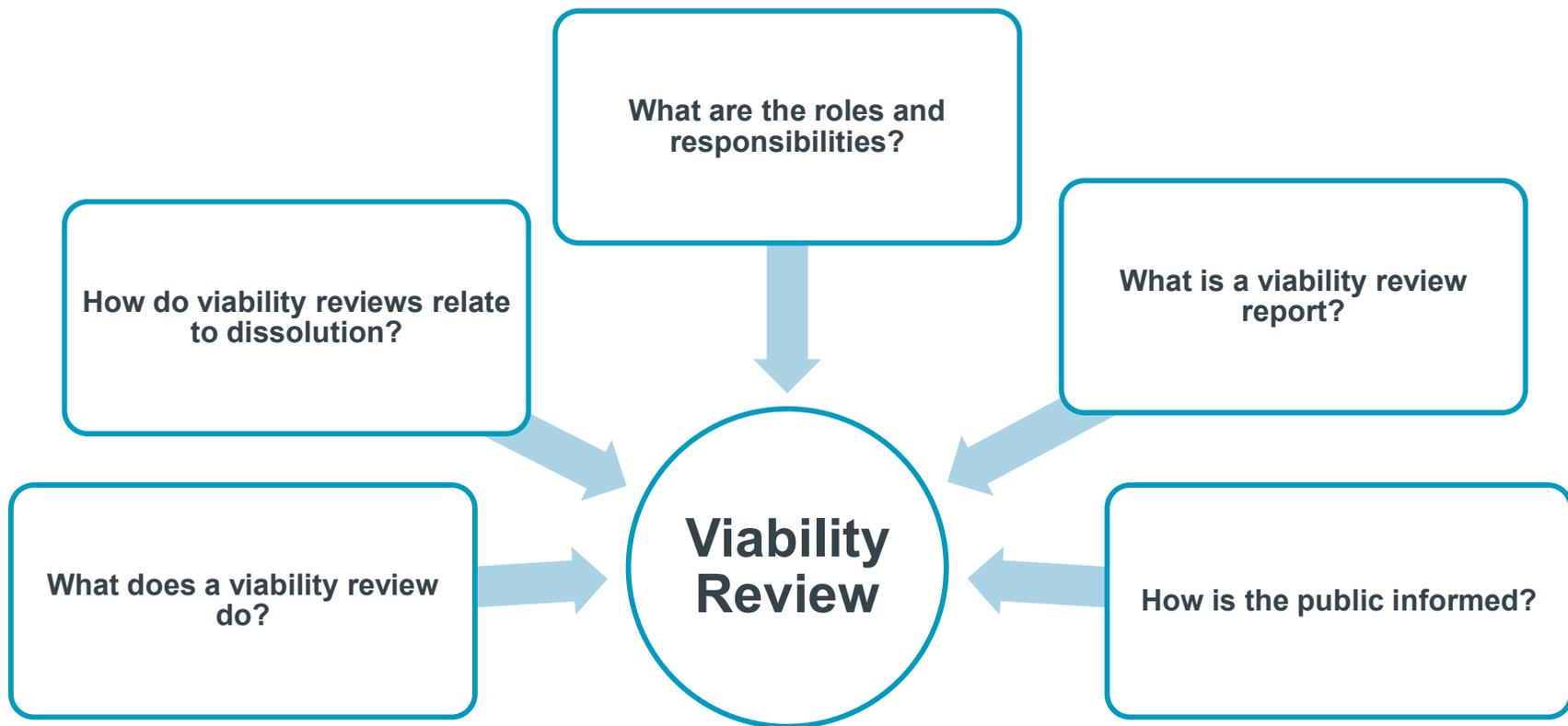
January 2026 – Request for an expedited viability review for the town

February 2026 – Viability Review Commenced

How are viability reviews initiated?



What is a viability review?



A viability review will:

Inform the community

Focus on long-term solutions

Provide factual unbiased information

Move Gibbons beyond the status quo

What won't a viability review examine?

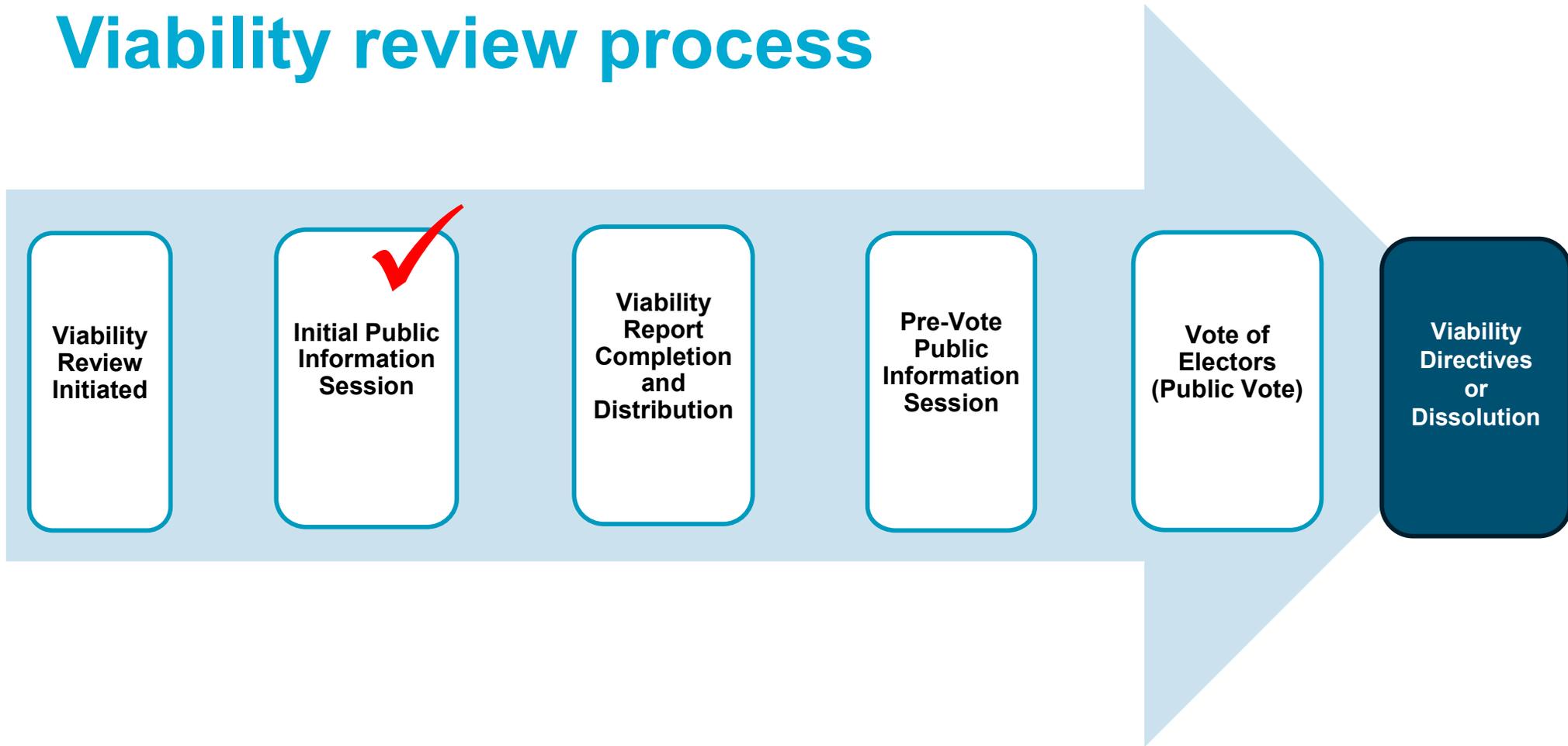
Governance practices

Effectiveness of policies, including financial controls

Past decisions of council and administration

Not an audit of the town's finances

Viability review process



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

What are the roles and responsibilities?



Municipal Affairs

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

Town and County

- Provide information about municipal operations
- Assist with communications to residents and electors

What is in the viability review report?

Community

Governance

Administration

Finances

Infrastructure

Services

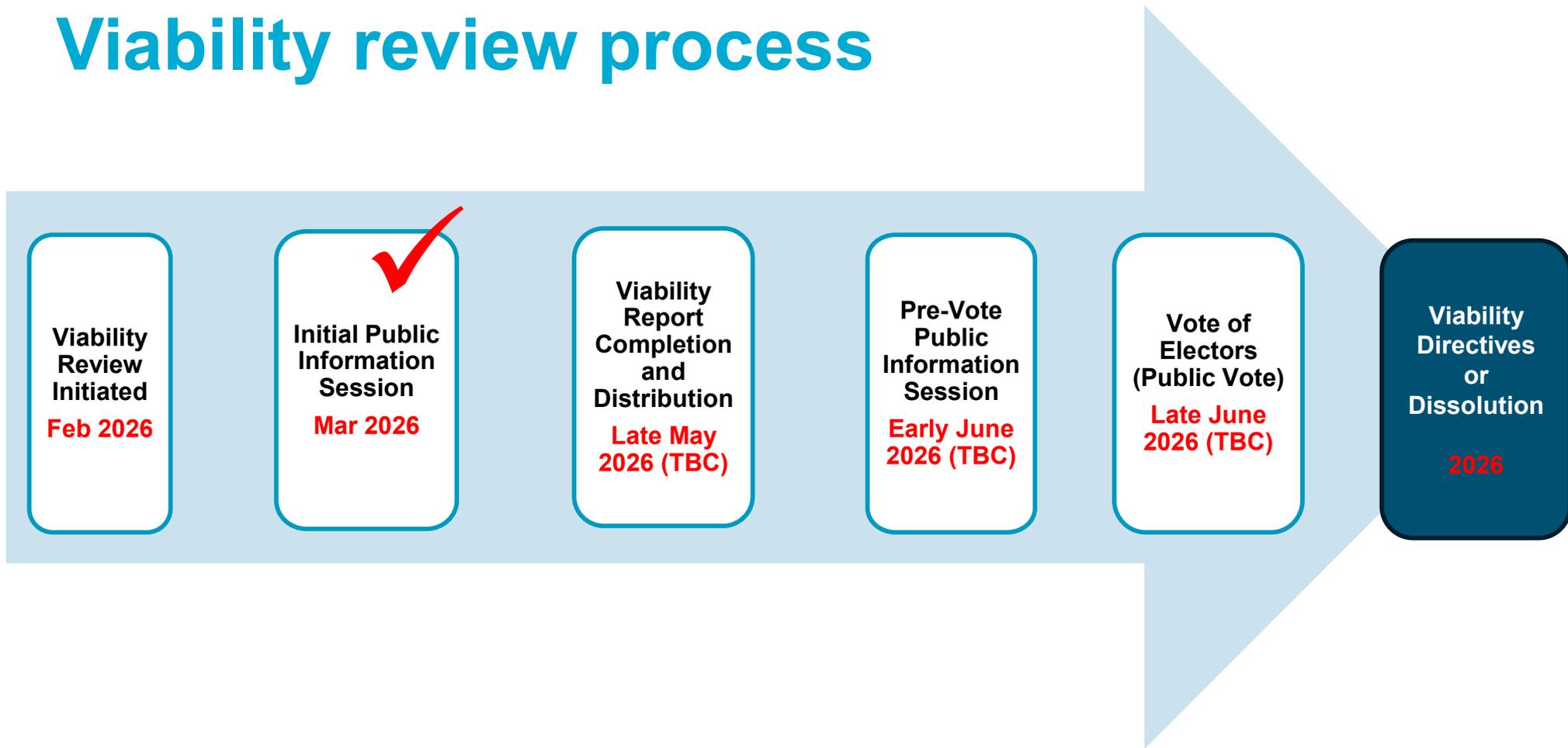
What will the viability report look like?

The viability review report is a resident-focused document, explaining what the community may be like if the town remains as a distinct municipality, or becomes a hamlet in Sturgeon County.

Option 1: Continue as a town	Option 2: Become a hamlet
	Financial position
	Budgets and property taxes
	Tax due dates and penalties
	Municipal services
	Utility Fees
	Community and volunteer support
	Gibbons recreational facilities
	Library services
	Senior homes and community housing

The report will also include recommendations for future actions for the town to consider

Viability review process



10 Minute Break

10 mins 9 mins 8 mins 7 mins 6 mins

5 mins 4 mins 3 mins 2 mins 1 min

Questions?

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