

Town of Gibbons Viability Review

Pre-Vote Public Information Session
June 10, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Affairs



Objectives



What's happened to date



Review the Viability Review Report

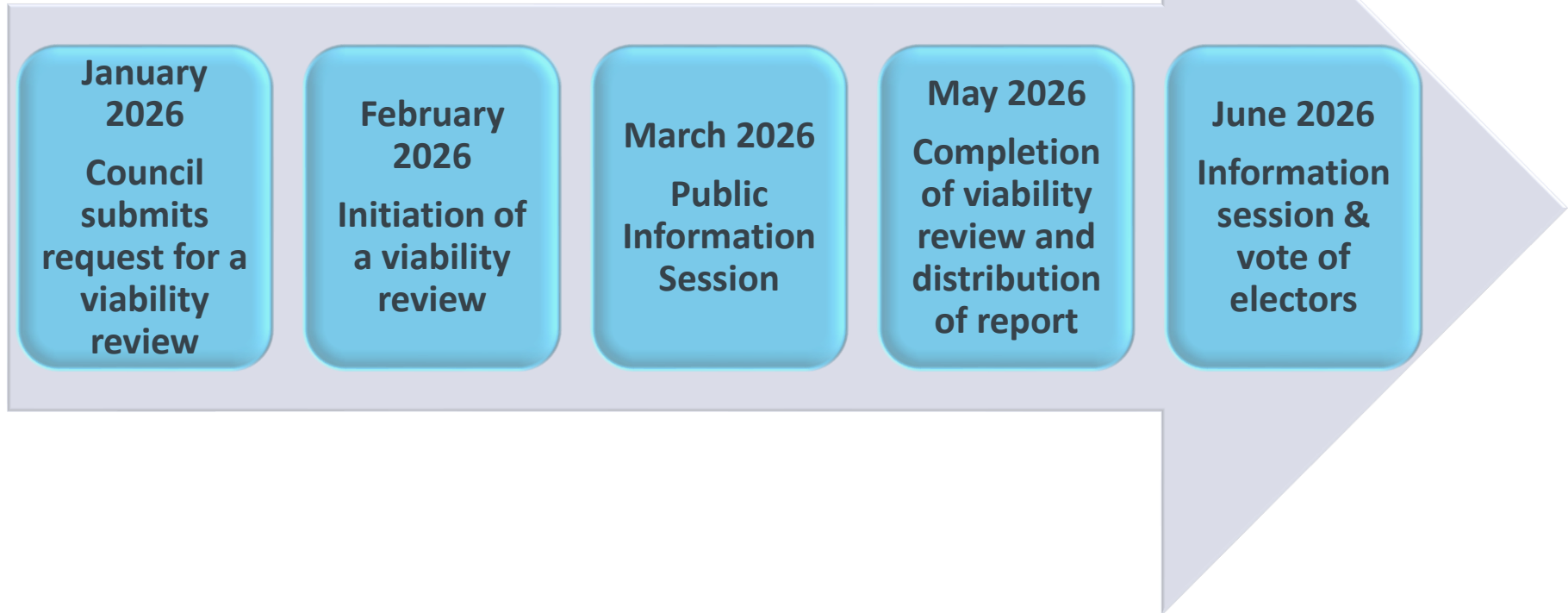


Provide information on the upcoming vote



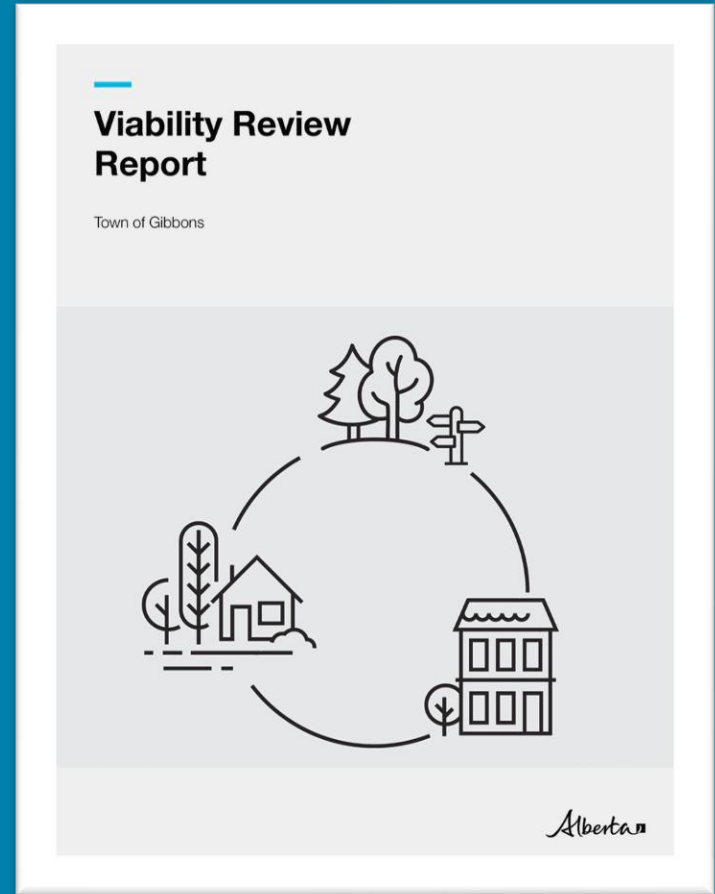
What happens after the vote

What's happened to date?



Town of Gibbons Viability Review Report

- Executive Summary
- Review & Findings
 - Preamble and Current State
 - Options Comparison
 - Recommended Actions
- Appendices



Governance

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



Options Comparison - Governance

As a Town...

- Council representation would remain the same.
- Communication would continue through social media, the town website, the monthly newsletter, and open houses.
- The town would need to review and update their strategic plan and develop and implement long-range plans.

...As a Hamlet

- Gibbons would be represented by one member of Gibbons council appointed to Sturgeon County Council.
- Information is provided by the county through social media, a dedicated section of the county's website, weekly newsletters, and open houses.
- As part of the county, the hamlet would be included in the county's strategic plan and long-range plans would be based on the decisions of the county council.

Recommended Actions - Governance

- Complete a comprehensive planning session to address the recommendations in the viability review report.
- Enact new policies to guide the town's finances.
- Consult with the public to determine if the council structure of seven members is appropriate.

Administration

*Municipal
administration
implements the policy
and directions of
council*



Options Comparison - Administration

As a Town...

- Administrative services will continue to be provided through the town's municipal office.
- Bylaw enforcement would continue as a contracted service from Morinville, which currently provides reactive complaint-based service to the town.
- CAO and senior leadership would continue to be provided by contracted services until the council hires a permanent CAO.

...As a Hamlet

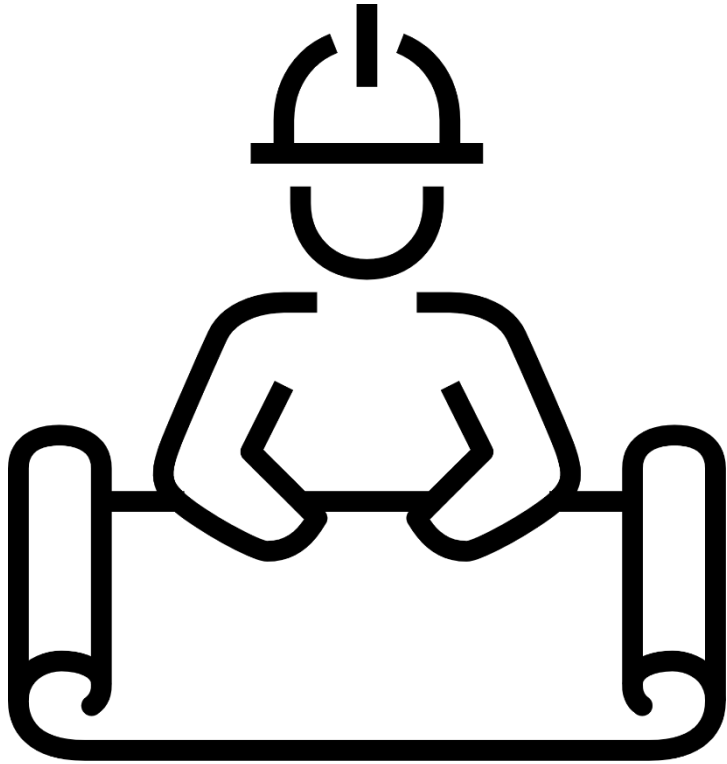
- Administrative services would be provided at the county's municipal office located in Morinville, with some functions for the hamlet to continue from the existing town office.
- Bylaw enforcement would be provided by the county's enforcement team, providing both proactive and reactive enforcement.
- CAO and senior leadership would be provided by the existing county administration. Contracted administration services would be concluded.

Recommended Actions - Administration

- Recruit a permanent CAO with compensation in alignment with similar municipalities.
- Recruit a permanent Director of Corporate Services with compensation in alignment with similar municipalities.
- Conduct annual service level reviews, led by council, to establish operational service policies.

Infrastructure

A municipality's ability to provide infrastructure for core services expected by residents.



Options Comparison - Infrastructure

As a Town...

- The town will need to balance public expectations with opportunities to reduce the financial burden on taxpayers.
- The town will need to address critical infrastructure through a prioritized long-range plan including realistic funding sources.
- Utilization of local improvement and special taxes may need to be considered.
- The town will need to assess the community's ability to fund infrastructure costs.

...As a Hamlet

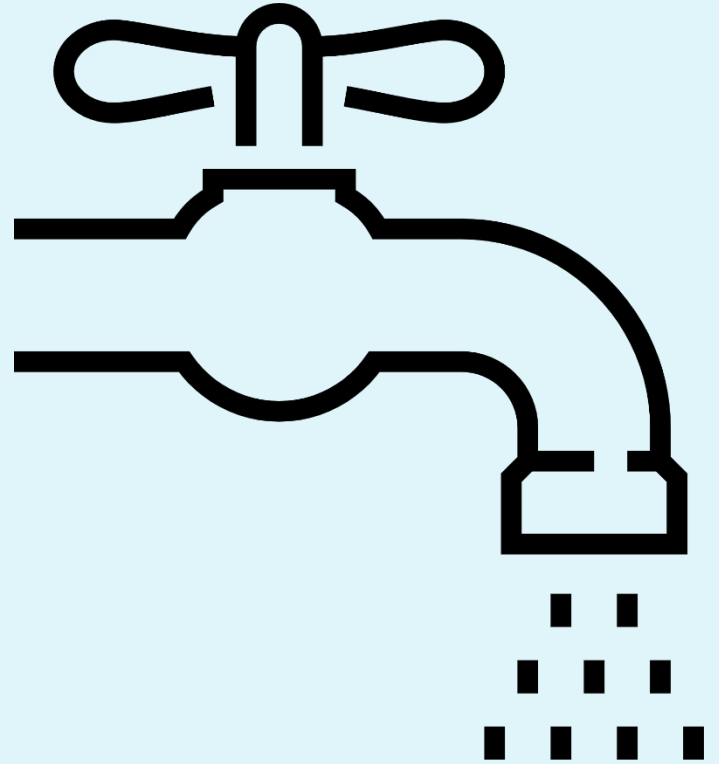
- The county would need to review the infrastructure identified to determine redundancies.
- The county would need to assess and prioritize critical infrastructure.
- Local improvement taxes or assessment sub-classes may be considered. The county will not utilize special taxes.
- The county may need to make difficult decisions to identify non-essential assets.

Recommended Actions - Infrastructure

- Adopt a 10-year capital plan to address infrastructure needs identified in the upcoming infrastructure study.

Services

Municipalities determine what services, such as water, sewer, or paved roads, to provide to residents.



Options Comparison - Services

As a Town...

- Water and wastewater services will continue to be provided on a pay-per-service basis through membership in regional service commissions.
- The town will continue to provide curbside solid waste removal and recycling pickup through service contracts.
- Fire and emergency services will continue to be provided by the town.
- Disaster services will continue through the Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Partnership.

...As a Hamlet

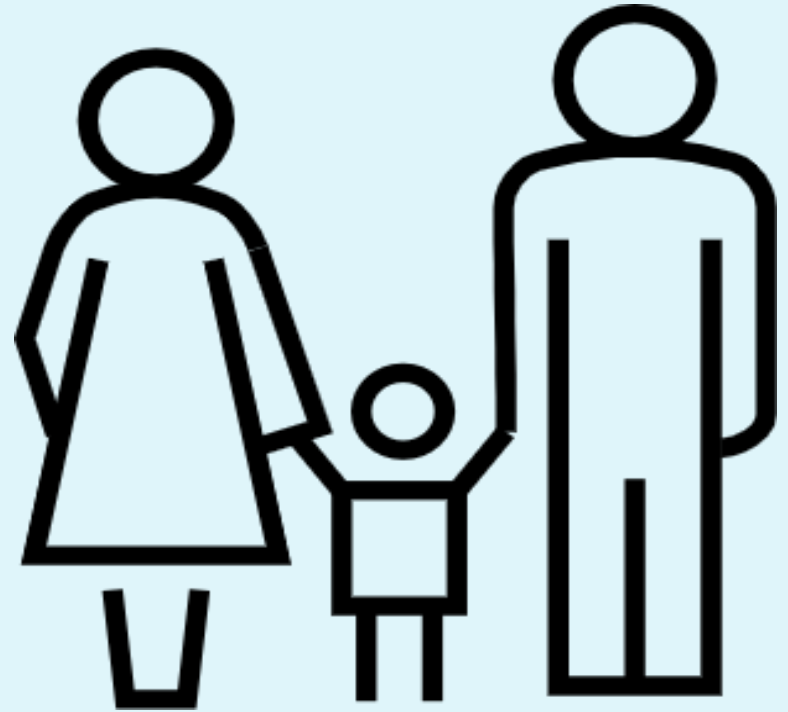
- The hamlet would not see a change in how water and wastewater services are provided.
- Hamlet residents would continue to have solid waste removal and recycling pickup through service contracts.
- Fire and emergency services will continue and would be provided by the county.
- Disaster services will continue through the Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Partnership.

Recommended Actions - Services

- Conduct a service review to align service levels with the expectations of residents, property owners, and council.
- Adopt policies that establish service levels for each municipal service.
- Direct net revenues generated from utilities into restricted reserves for those services.
- Conduct a detailed service review to identify additional opportunities for regional collaboration in municipal service delivery.

Community

Vibrant and strong communities may be fostered through the programs and services, public participation, and connections between residents.



Options Comparison - Community

As a Town...

- Existing agreements with community groups for the use, maintenance, and operation of facilities would remain in place. Community programming would continue to be offered to residents.
- The town would continue to provide library services through the existing library board and would continue to support the Gibbons Library through funding and other means.
- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) programs and programming will continue based on the funding and priorities set by council in the annual budget.

...As a Hamlet

- The county would need to evaluate support for community groups along with their programs. The county provides funding for community groups through a community grant program.
- Library services would continue. Existing service levels would likely remain in place until the county completes a review of library needs, standards, and costs.
- No immediate changes would be made to FCSS programs. Any changes would be made through public processes and communicated to residents.

Recommended Actions - Community

- Continue to support and celebrate community organizations and events.
- Update the municipal website to include policies, criteria, and applications for community support grants.

Finances

Financial accountability is supported through ongoing reporting, sound planning, and responsible management within debt limits.



Financial Information – Trend Analysis

| | December 31, 2025 | December 31, 2024 | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 | December 31, 2021 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Annual Surplus/Deficit | \$1,290,792 | -\$3,994,706 | \$3,565,024 | -\$1,175,489 | \$710,390 |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$1,290,792 | -\$528,898 | \$459,915 | \$104,924 | \$269,355 |
| Grants & Receivables from other Governments | \$2,653,154 | \$2,042,498 | \$1,945,541 | \$1,190,108 | \$2,206,396 |
| Revenue | \$9,438,689 | \$8,333,682 | \$14,576,114 | \$7,296,135 | \$6,528,359 |
| Debt Limit | \$14,315,388 | \$12,500,523 | \$21,864,171 | \$10,944,203 | \$9,792,539 |
| Total Debt | \$12,787,091 | \$11,981,103 | \$10,871,552 | \$6,847,906 | \$6,461,668 |
| Debt Limit Capacity | \$1,528,297 | \$519,420 | \$10,992,619 | \$4,096,297 | \$3,330,871 |

Financial Information – 2026 Budget

- The 2026 budget is balanced.
- *Potential* transfers to reserves of \$3.16 million:
 - \$1.9 million dependent on development activity;
 - \$1.05 million from provincial grants; and
 - \$218,000 from utility rate increases.

Financial Information – 2026 Budget

- 14 positions were eliminated by the Town of Gibbons, resulting in annualized savings of \$1.2 million.
- The town stated this represents a “right-sizing” of town operations.
- Impact on service level changes (such as frequency of grass cutting, snow removal, maintenance, or FCSS programming) are currently unknown.

Town of Gibbons Debt

- As of March 31, 2026, the town is \$12,787,486 in debt.
- The budget includes:
 - principal debt repayments of \$748,735; and
 - interest payments of \$470,706.
- The town is re-financing capital debt over 15 years.
 - principal repayment deferral for three years.

Estimates for Future Taxation

- The taxpayers of Gibbons will be responsible for repayment of the town's existing debt.
- Future tax increases ***will be required.***



22.5%



30%



42.3%

Options Comparison - Finances

As a Town...

- Property tax rates would continue to be set by town council. Council must ensure that anticipated expenditures are covered by anticipated revenues.
- The town would continue to be eligible for annual provincial and federal grants under the terms of each program.
- The town is responsible for collecting unpaid property taxes and implementing tax recovery processes.

...As a Hamlet

- Property tax rates would be set by county council. The county practices cost recovery, meaning that users are charged the cost of the service.
- Under the current Alberta Community Partnership Programs (ACP), upon dissolution of the town, the county would be eligible for one-time provincial grant funding in addition to annual provincial and federal grants.
- Taxes levied would become payable to Sturgeon County. The county would continue any tax recovery proceedings.

Recommended Actions - Finances

- The town must develop long-term financial recovery plans to address debt repayment and grow reserve funds, including:
 - increases to property tax and fees and charges to address debt repayment, reserve contributions, and projects; and
 - development of operating and capital plans above the minimum required three-year operating and five-year capital plans.

Town of Gibbons Vote of Electors

- Eligibility to Vote
- Where and When
- Identification & Proof of Eligibility
- Special Ballots

FORM 8

NOTICE OF VOTE ON A
BYLAW OR QUESTION
Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 7, 12, 35, 46, 53)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF GIBBONS, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the electors will be held on the following:

Based on the findings of the Town of Gibbons viability review, which one of the two options below do you support for the future of Gibbons? (Select one only)

Option 1. The Town of Gibbons remains a town.

Option 2. The Town of Gibbons dissolves and Gibbons becomes a hamlet in Sturgeon County.

Voting will take place on the 24th day of June 2026, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and the 25th day of June 2026, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Voting stations will be located at:

Gibbons Community Cultural Centre
5115 51 Street
Gibbons, Alberta T0A 1N0

In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by Section 53 of the *Local Authorities Elections Act*.

Special ballots (mail-in) are available for electors whose names are contained in the permanent electors register and who are unable to vote at the voting station on the days of the vote. Applications for a special ballot may be made in writing, by telephone, or by email to the Returning Officer. If an elector's name is not contained in the permanent electors register, they are required to complete an application with the Returning Officer.

Special ballots must be returned to the Returning Officer (in Edmonton) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on June 23, 2026.

DATED at the City of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta this 4th day of May, 2026.

A. Brousseau

(Returning Officer)

Aline Brousseau,
Returning Officer
17th Floor Commerce Place
10155 – 102 Street NW
Edmonton AB T5J 4L4

Dial 310-0000, then 780-427-2225
viabilityreview@gov.ab.ca

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For more information on how Option 1 or Option 2 may affect you,
please refer to the Town of Gibbons Viability Review Report.

Vote of Electors



ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

A person is eligible to vote in an election held pursuant to the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* if the person:

- is at least 18 years old;
- is a Canadian citizen; and
- resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day.

LAEA Section 47(1)

Vote of Electors



WHERE AND WHEN

Gibbons Community Cultural Centre
5115 51 Street
Gibbons, Alberta

- Wednesday, June 24, 2026
4:00 to 8:00 PM
- Thursday, June 25, 2026
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Vote of Electors



IDENTIFICATION & PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

Your name is on the Permanent Electors Register (PER)

You will need to produce one piece of identification that contains a photograph of you issued by a Canadian government (whether federal, provincial, or local), or an agency of that government.

Vote of Electors



IDENTIFICATION & PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

Your name is not on the Permanent Electors Register (PER)

You will need to verify your eligibility and validate your identity.

You will be able to do this by:

- Making a statement
- Verify your identity and validate your place of residence

Vote of Electors



SPECIAL BALLOTS

- Special ballots are available to electors
- Requests may be made in writing, by telephone, or by email
- Special ballots must be returned by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, June 23, 2026

What happens after the vote?

Minister to consider vote result, viability report, and other information

Minister will issue directives or recommend dissolution to Cabinet

Community as a village or a hamlet

10 Minute Break



10 mins *9 mins* *8 mins* *7 mins* *6 mins*

5 mins *4 mins* *3 mins* *2 mins* *1 min*

Questions?



Phone: 780-427-2225 or toll-free dial 310-0000 first

Email: viabilityreview@gov.ab.ca

Thank you for attending!

Vote on the Question of Dissolution
Gibbons Community Cultural Centre
June 24 4PM to 8PM
June 25 10AM to 4PM

Questions?
Phone: 780-427-2225 or toll-free dial
310-0000 first and ask to speak with
the viability review team for Gibbons
Email: viabilityreview@gov.ab.ca

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

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