

WINTER NEWSLETTER



2025 General Municipal Election

Mark your calendars! The next General Municipal Election will take place on October 20, 2025. Voters will elect one mayor and six councillors to govern the Town of Hinton for the following four years. Thinking of running? The nomination period is open now until September 22, 2025.

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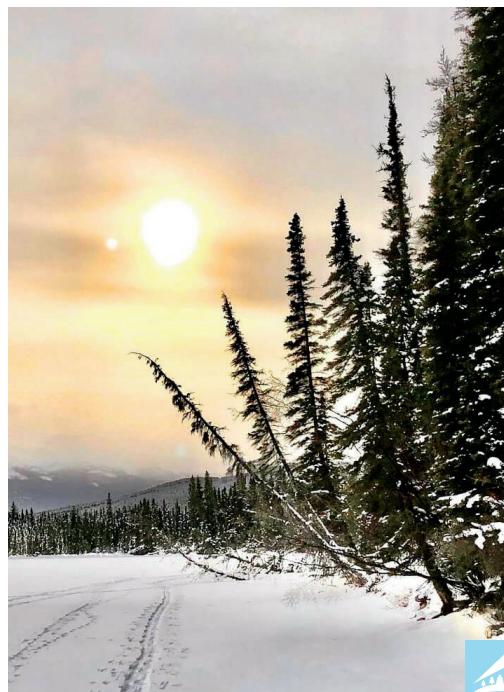
Town of Hinton Budget 2025 Summary

The 2025 budget considers current factors while addressing long-term strategic priorities that support Hinton's healthy, sustainable future. The \$34.5 million Operating Budget and the \$41.7 million Capital Planning Budget that was approved will require an anticipated \$14.6 million in municipal taxes in 2025. The Town's main funding sources are municipal property taxes, user fees, provincial and federal funding and grants, and cost sharing agreements with regional municipalities. Property taxes on an average residential property assessed at \$400,000 are estimated to increase by \$9 per month or \$108 per annum. The 2025 budget includes an increase to utility rates to help pay for water and wastewater system upgrades.

Every \$100 in property taxes pays for:

\$19	Protective Services
\$18	Parks, Recreation, Culture
\$18	Roads, Sidewalks
\$16	Administration
\$15	Facilities, Fleet
\$5	Social Health
\$5	Council
\$4	Planning, Development

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Utility Rates Change January 1, 2025

Utility rates and billing frequency is changing. All residential, multi-residential, and commercial customers will receive a monthly utility bill that covers water, sewer, and garbage services. The capital enhancement surcharge (CAPS) will no longer be charged, however, customers currently paying every two months for water, sewer and garbage services will now be billed monthly for these services.

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Simplify Billing - Go Electronic

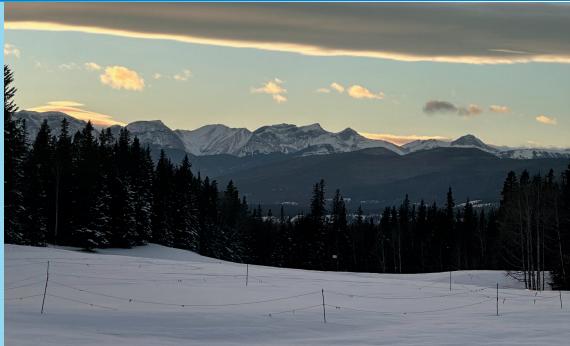
Sign up for electronic billing. As of January 1, 2025, paper invoices will be charged \$2.00 per billing cycle. Simply contact accounting with your account number and the email address you'd like your bill sent to.

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Each February, Hinton's Winter Magic Festival offers two weeks of winter sports, cultural activities, and community fun at venues like the Hinton Centre, Switzer Park, Hinton Nordic Centre, Kelley's Bathtub, and Maxwell Lake. Returning favourites include the Hawaiian Luau Family Dance, Hinton Growler Fat Bike Race and much more!

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Public Transit Service Update

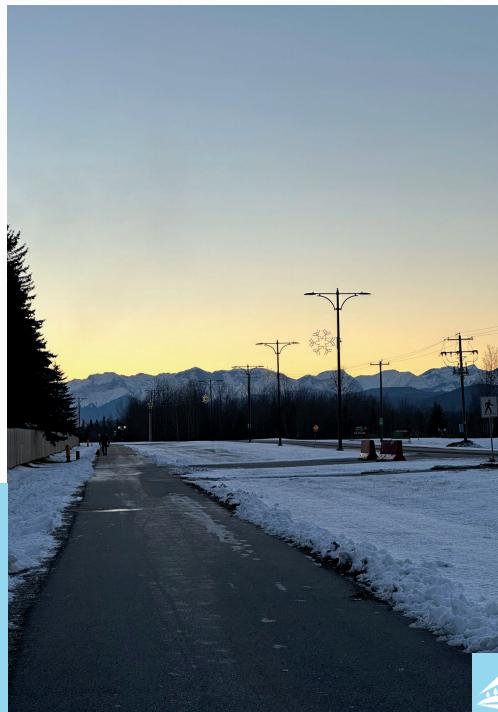
Starting February 1, 2025 Hinton Public Transit System will extend service hours and improve route efficiency. There will be a service disruption on January 8, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for staff training on the changes to the new route. The current one hour bus loop will be shortened to a 40-minute schedule and services will now operate Monday to Saturday from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., with no service on Sundays or statutory holidays.



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Recreation User Fees Update

New recreation fees took effect on January 1, 2025, as part of the Town's annual fee review process. These updated rates apply to recreation memberships, punch passes, daily admission, and facility and equipment rentals. Recreation fees are updated annually to help cover operating costs while keeping services accessible to the community. Historically, these adjustments occurred in the fall, now starting in 2025, the increase will take effect on January 1 to align with the calendar year. Also included in this update is the introduction of LIRAP (Low Income Recreation Access Program). Starting January 2025, low-income individuals and families can benefit from the new LIRAP, offering 50% discounts on punch passes and monthly passes. If you're already part of the FCSS Transit Low-Income Program, you're automatically prequalified! Simply register through FCSS and then collect your pass at the Recreation Centre.



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Winter Reminder

You can be like the Athacat by shoveling the sidewalk in front of your property within 48 hours of snow falling. The Town provides free salt and sand for residents to use on their walkways and driveways. Take a bucket and shovel to the west end of the curling rink at 837 Switzer Drive and pick up your free salt and sand mix. Let's help keep our neighbours safe this winter.



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Open House - You're Invited

The Town of Hinton and Resilience Institute are hosting a virtual Open House on January 27, 2025, at 6 p.m. More details on where to tune in and watch will be available at www.hinton.ca/Calendar

This event is your chance to better understand the risks of climate change to our community and how the Town is mitigating these risks. Don't miss out—join us and be part of the conversation!



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