

## 2025 Budget - Council Questions

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1	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	How is the budget allocated between proactive / reactive regarding aging infrastructure?	November 12, 2024	9
2	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	What number would we need to have in reserves to ensure all infrastructure is taken care of?	November 12, 2024	10
3	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	What is put aside in reserves prior to the \$6 million being asked for?	November 12, 2024	11
4	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	Will the Horseshoe Canyon feasibility study include a business model?	November 12, 2024	12
5	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	Major Bridge Maintenance - what does "upgrade to double layer" mean?	November 12, 2024	13
6	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	SCADA upgrade - what is the lifespan?	November 12, 2024	14
7	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	Wimborne Filtration - how many residents / connections in Wimborne?	November 12, 2024	15
8	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	What are the water volumes in Wimborne?	November 12, 2024	15
9	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	Is there any impact to the lagoon?	November 12, 2024	15
10	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	Gravel Pit - how many years of gravel is remaining in the new Torrington pit?	November 12, 2024	16
11	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	EDO website - would this be linked to the County website?	November 12, 2024	17
12	October 8 Meeting - Proposed Projects	CPO - clarification on support for a fourth officer. How many hours per month are we providing support. What are the contracted amounts?	November 12, 2024	18-21
13	October 22 Meeting - Core Operating	Waste Collection - what are the details of the cost increase? Has there been any change in our contract for waste collection in Hamlets reflected?	November 12, 2024	22
14	October 22 Meeting - Core Operating	How many meters/yards of gravel are crushed every year?	November 12, 2024	23
15	October 22 Meeting - Core Operating	Explain the decrease in contracts and how this will affect municipalities	November 12, 2024	18
16	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Licenses & Permits variance - Provide details on the safety code permits that are driving the increase in this category	November 12, 2024	24
17	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Other Revenue variance - What factors are contributing to the reduction in anticipated water modeling fees, and how might this impact the overall budget?	November 12, 2024	24
18	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Sales to Other Gov't variance - What are the reasons behind the decrease in peace officer contracts, and how will this affect our service agreements with neighbouring municipalities?	November 12, 2024	18

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19	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Special Taxes & Frontages variance - What are the implications of the expiry of the special tax levies on the budget, and are there any plans to introduce new levies?	November 12, 2024	25
20	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	With the ending of the oil & gas tax holiday, how will this affect the overall tax burden on residents and businesses?	November 12, 2024	26
21	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	Given that investment returns are expected to exceed the budget, how will these excess funds be allocated?	November 12, 2024	27
22	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Corp.Services Budget - how much is allocated for the annual financial audit, and how does this compare to previous years?	November 12, 2024	28
23	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Customer Experience/Risk/Tech Budget - how are the integrated databases being safeguarded to protect extensive data collections?	November 26, 2024	
24	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Customer Experience/Risk/Tech Budget - how comprehensive are the current insurance policies, and are there any plans to update or expand coverage?	November 26, 2024	
25	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Customer Experience/Risk/Tech Budget - what initiatives are being implemented to enhance customer satisfaction and ensure a positive experience for County ratepayers?	November 26, 2024	
26	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Kneehill Connect - how successful has the Kneehill Connect campaign been in increasing the adoption of online bill payments and account inquiries?	November 26, 2024	
27	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Kneehill Connect - what metrics are being used to measure the campaign's effectiveness; are any recent data or trends able to be provided?	November 26, 2024	
28	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Kneehill Connect - what feedback have we received from citizens regarding the ease of use and accessibility of the online services promoted by the campaign?	November 26, 2024	
29	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Kneehill Connect - are there any planned improvements or updates to the online platforms based on user feedback?	November 26, 2024	
30	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Kneehill Connect - what strategies are being employed to promote the Kneehill Connect campaign to ensure maximum awareness and engagement among residents?	November 26, 2024	
31	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Kneehill Connect - how is the County addressing any barriers that might prevent residents from using online services, such as lack of internet access or digital literacy?	November 26, 2024	
32	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Asset Management - Provide an overview of the asset management plans being developed for the upcoming year. How do these plans address the full lifecycle of assets?	November 26, 2024	
33	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Asset Management - what are the key findings from the recent condition assessments and risk analyses? How are these findings influencing the prioritization of maintenance and replacement activities?	November 26, 2024	

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34	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Human Resources - what outcomes or benefits have been observed from the increased youth engagement through attendance at career fairs at the University of Lethbridge and Olds College? How does the HR Unit plan to build on these engagements in the future?	November 26, 2024	
35	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Human Resources - what were the key findings of the recent health and safety audit, and what actions are being taken to address any identified issues or areas for improvement?	November 26, 2024	
36	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Human Resources - what progress has been made with the HR consultant in the redevelopment of job descriptions and the job matrix process?	November 26, 2024	
37	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Human Resources - what specific strategies are in place to highlight Kneehill County as a career choice and build future leaders within the organization?	November 26, 2024	
38	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Budget Revenues - what factors have led to the increase in dust control fees, and how are these determined?	November 12, 2024	29
39	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Budget Expenses - what shop supplies have seen a decrease, and how will this impact the overall maintenance of the road network?	November 12, 2024	29
40	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Budget Expenses - how are the substantial price increases in capital equipment being managed within the current economic environment?	November 26, 2024	
41	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Budget Expenses - what are the reasons behind the increased contract costs for gravel crushing, and how will this affect the road network maintenance budget?	November 12, 2024	30
42	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Planning Budget - what factors are driving the increase in development permits? Are there specific projects or trends contributing to this rise?	November 26, 2024	
43	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Planning Budget - what changes have led to the decrease in safety codes inspection services? How will this impact the overall safety and compliance within the County?	November 12, 2024	31
44	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Planning Budget - what measures are being taken to manage the decrease in supply costs, and how will this affect departmental operations?	November 12, 2024	31
45	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Enforcement Budget - what specific enforcement special projects are expected to receive donation revenues, and how are these projects selected?	November 12, 2024	32
46	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Enforcement Budget - what factors have contributed to the decrease in on-call revenues for enforcement services, and how does this compare to previous years?	November 12, 2024	18-21
47	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Enforcement Budget - provide a breakdown of the costs related to insurance, maintenance of enforcement vehicles, training & development, the animal services contract, and IT software. How are these expected to change in the future?	November 26, 2024	

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48	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Enforcement Budget - how are the payments to the province for policing costs determined, and have there been any recent changes in these costs?	November 26, 2024	
49	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Ec Dev Budget - what specific advertising and public relations initiatives are planned under the "Explore Kneehill" campaign, and how will these initiatives promote economic development in the County?	November 12, 2024	32
50	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Ec Dev Budget - why would the County require a budget item for externally contracted services and what is that impact to this budget currently?	November 12, 2024	32
51	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Parks Budget - what factors have contributed to the decrease in revenues from campgrounds and Horseshoe Canyon park fees? Are there strategies in place to boost these revenues in the future?	November 12, 2024	33
52	October 28 email - Councillor Fobes	RE: Parks Budget - provide details on the increased costs for insurance and contracted campground management. What specific changes or additions have led to these increases?	November 12, 2024	33