



## CYPRESS COUNTY

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# CYPRESS COUNTY APPROVES 2026 BUDGET: RESPONSIBLE, RESILIENT, AND FUTURE-FOCUSED

DUNMORE, ALTA. – Residents of Cypress County will continue to benefit from consistent tax rates, while also seeing long-term investments in infrastructure and community services thanks to a responsible, forward-thinking budget.

Budget 2026 was approved by council Tuesday, Sept. 16 with several key projects highlighted in \$43.6 million of expenses. Upgrades to the Irvine Sportsplex, increased investment in economic development, and more than \$1 million in community program funding show the county's commitment to immediate community needs and future growth.



“The 2026 Budget continues to invest in the priorities that matter most to our residents: safe and reliable infrastructure, sustainable growth, and strong, vibrant communities,” wrote Reeve Dan Hamilton. “We recognize the importance of balancing these priorities with prudent financial management to keep Cypress County affordable for families, farmers, and businesses alike.”

With income rising to \$51.9 million through a higher tax base, \$8.6 million can be allocated to reserves for capital projects and other uses. Council continues to take a proactive approach to planning for the future. By setting aside funds for reserves, prioritizing infrastructure replacement, and investing in economic development, the county is ensuring that growth is sustainable, and services remain reliable for years to come. This long-term vision allows council to prepare for emerging challenges while building a foundation that supports residents, businesses, and community well-being well into the future.

During challenging economic times, the county has kept residential tax rates steady since 2022, while overall rates remain below the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile among Alberta municipalities. This approach reflects Cypress County's ongoing commitment to responsible planning, protecting today's taxpayers while building for tomorrow.

Council thanks residents and stakeholders for their input into the budget, as well as staff who continue to serve our thriving county with integrity, thoughtful planning, and transparency.

The [full budget is now available on the county website](#). Copies can also be obtained through the county office.

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