

MAGRATH, AB

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Magrath

The Garden City



MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR BYRNE COOK

Dear Magrath Residents,

As we look back on another busy year, I'm proud of everything we've done together. Every year brings new challenges and chances to grow, and once again, our community has worked hard to keep Magrath moving forward. It's an honour to serve as your Mayor, and I truly appreciate the trust and support you've given to our Council and Town staff.

In 2025, we completed several projects that make everyday life better and help our town grow in the long run. One big step was finishing the second phase of our solar power grid near the Parks and Recreation Shop and Recycling Depot. This helps us reach our sustainability goals and lowers utility costs.

We also made improvements to our town's infrastructure. We upgraded the vehicle storage building with new interior paneling, which will help it last longer and work better all year. We paved Heritage Road, added sidewalks on 1st Avenue North, 1st Street East, and 2nd Street East, and fixed sewer manholes to improve safety and reliability.

One of our community facilities also received an important upgrade. The pool building now features an improved roof and ventilation system, making it more comfortable for users and helping protect the building for years to come.

These upgrades are part of the progress we've been making. In 2025, the Town issued 14 new home building permits, showing that Magrath continues to grow and is a great place to live.

We're committed to smart planning and providing strong services. Our goal is to build a town where families can thrive, businesses succeed, and the environment is protected for future generations.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It's been an honour for our Council to serve you, and we're excited for what's ahead.

Sincerely,
Byrne Cook
Mayor, Town of Magrath

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

These projects reflect the Town of Magrath's ongoing commitment to building a resilient, sustainable and connected community for current and future generations.



- 1. Solar Generation Expansion Completed**
In alignment with the Town's commitment to sustainability and responsible utility management, the second phase of the solar generation grid was successfully completed and installed near the Parks and Recreation Shop and the Recycling Depot. This expansion enhances the town's renewable energy capacity and further supports long-term cost savings on utilities.



- 2. Sidewalk Expansion Project Completed**
New sidewalks were installed along 1 Ave North, 1 St East, and 2 St East, adding four blocks of pedestrian infrastructure to enhance walkability and improve access to local amenities. This project reflects the Town's continued commitment to safe, connected, and accessible neighborhoods.



- 3. Westside Lift Station Added**
To support current and future residential growth, the Town completed the addition of a new Westside Lift Station. This critical infrastructure improves wastewater management capacity and ensures reliable service as Magrath continues to expand. The project reflects our ongoing investment in essential utility systems that keep our community running efficiently.



- 4. Pool Building Upgrades Completed**
Upgrades to the pool building were completed, including the replacement of the dressing room roof and the rooftop air makeup unit. These improvements enhance the facility's efficiency, comfort, and longevity, supporting continued use by the community.



- 5. Sewer Manhole Remediation Completed**
The Town completed remediation of several aging sewer manholes to improve flow efficiency and reduce the risk of backups. This work is part of our ongoing infrastructure improvement efforts to ensure reliable and effective utility services.



- 6. Heritage Road Paving Completed**
Heritage Road was paved following last year's curb installation and base work, completing the final phase of the project. The new road surface improves safety, accessibility, and driving comfort for residents and visitors, reflecting the Town's commitment to maintaining high-quality infrastructure.

SUPPORTING GROWTH BY EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES ON MAGRATH'S WESTSIDE



The Town of Magrath has completed a new Westside Lift Station to strengthen wastewater services on the west side and support current needs and future growth.



Strengthening Essential Infrastructure

Increase wastewater capacity and system resiliency to manage demand for today and tomorrow.



Enabling Residential Development

Removes key servicing barriers and supports new subdivisions, infill development and population growth.



Planning for the Future

Proactively investing in essential utilities supports long-term planning and reduces the risk of system overloads.



Looking Ahead

With the Westside Lift Station completed, land development is at your fingertips.

SIDEWALK EXPANSION PROJECT



Safer Streets. Stronger Connections. Better Community.

**New sidewalks have been installed along
1 Avenue North, 1 Street East and 2 Street East,
adding four blocks of pedestrian infrastructure
and reinforcing the Town's commitment to creating
safe and walkable neighborhoods
for residents of all ages.**



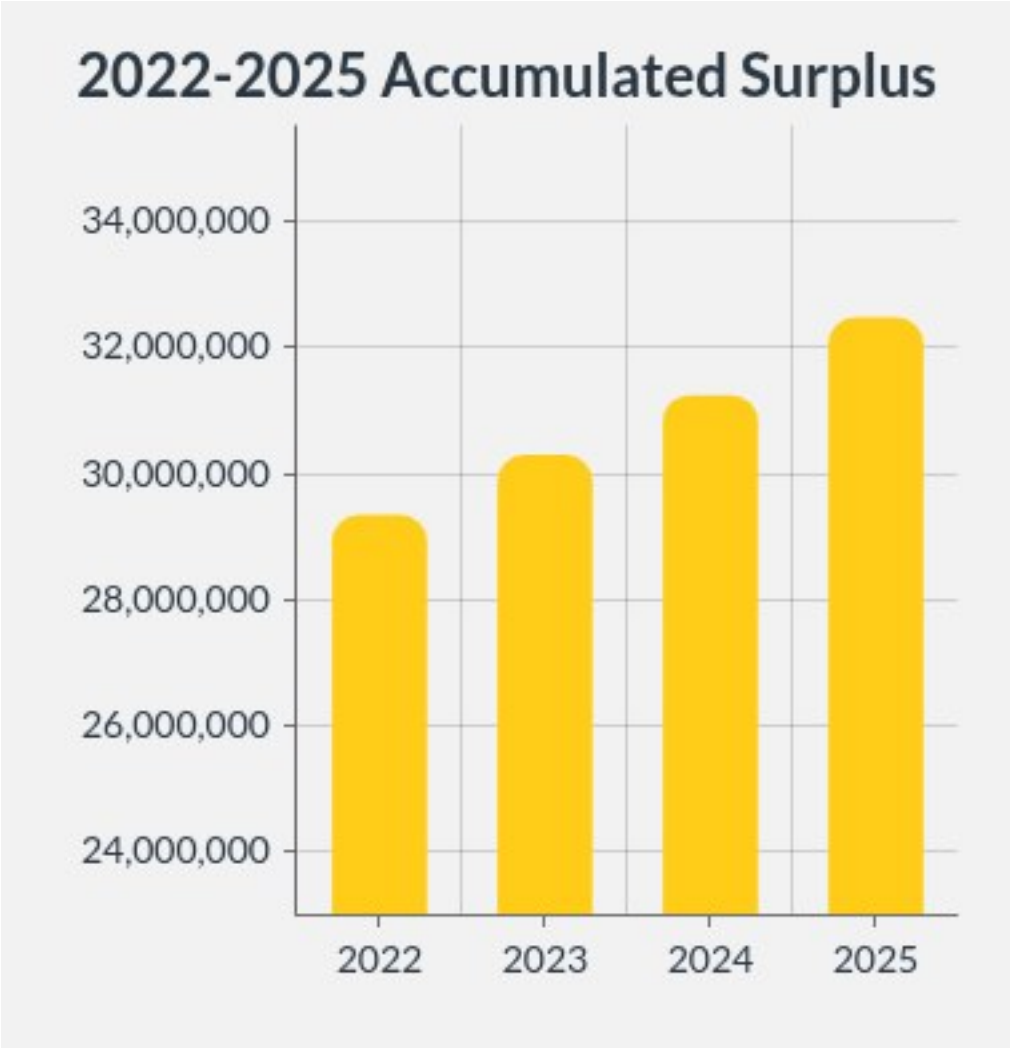
Improved Safety
Designated space for pedestrians reduces the need to walk on roadways minimizing conflicts between vehicles and foot traffic.



Planning for the Future
Continuous routes make walking a more practical option and help ensure future development builds on established infrastructure rather than creating isolated segments.

Stronger West-East Connection
Closing gaps in our sidewalk network

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



The Town’s audited financial statements from previous years are available on our website. The graph on the left shows the Town’s accumulated surplus over the past four years. Accumulated surplus represents the difference between the Town’s total assets and total liabilities, and it is important to understand that this surplus is not the same as cash in the bank.

Assets include items such as buildings, vehicles, infrastructure (for example, pipelines), money owed to the Town (receivables), and any cash on hand as of December 31, 2025. Liabilities include accounts payable, long-term debt, and deferred revenues. An increasing accumulated surplus generally indicates the Town’s financial position is improving, showing that the Town has more assets than liabilities and reflecting a stable and growing community.

Responsible and Well Managed Debt



In 2025, the Town reduced its long-term debt from \$730,584 to \$635,565, keeping it well below the legislated debt limit of \$8,422,803. To support continued development in Magrath, including the development of subdivisions and utility infrastructure needed to increase the availability of residential lots, the Town will borrow \$800,000 in 2026, repayable over 10 years, to fund the Westside Lift Station.

WELCOME OUR 2025-2029 MAGRATH TOWN COUNCIL



Top left to right - Councillor Travis Seaborn, Councillor Darryl Christensen, Councillor Kurt Fisher, Councillor Tavis Tidmarsh.

Bottom left to right - Councillor Joanne Koegler, Mayor Byrne Cook, Councillor Cynthia Ralph

As we begin a new Council term, we are pleased to welcome three returning members and four new members to the Council table. With a range of ages, backgrounds, and experiences, this Council brings together valuable continuity and fresh perspectives as it looks ahead to the opportunities and challenges facing our community.

A priority for Council is ensuring residents have opportunities to provide input and be part of the conversations that shape Magrath's future. Council values hearing from the community and recognizes that public participation contributes to informed, thoughtful decision-making.

Council is also committed to keeping residents informed about municipal priorities, projects, and decisions. Residents are encouraged to stay engaged by attending Council meetings, participating in public consultations and community discussions, responding to surveys, and sharing their ideas and feedback with Council. There are also opportunities to contribute through local boards, committees, community organizations, and volunteer initiatives. These different avenues allow residents to participate in ways that suit their interests and availability.

Council looks forward to working collaboratively with residents throughout the term and ensuring the community has a voice in shaping Magrath's future.