

# Alberton Est. 1891

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY 2026 - BUDGET EDITION

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## Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels delivery is available to Alberton residents on

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

Each meal includes:  
Entree, Soup and Dessert  
Cost is \$9.00 per meal

Please call: (807) 274-6053  
for more information

Payment is by pre-authorized debit (void cheque) or by cash delivered to Riverside Healthcare Facilities Finance Department.  
Please note: Our drivers are volunteers and are unable to facilitate payments.  
We apologize for the inconvenience.



**Fraud Prevention Month**  
**#FPM2026**

Please join us and the Rainy River District OPP for a Fraud Awareness presentation at the Alberton Municipal office on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Huge shout out to the Alberton Rec Committee and Fire Dept for hosting another memorable event on Family Day. These events would not be possible without their dedication. Thank you!



**LOAD RESTRICTION IN EFFECT**  
**5 tonnes per axle**

**Half loading in effect**

**March 1st - May 31st**

**REMINDER**  
Interim Property Taxes are due  
**March 31**



Can you spare 30 minutes to deliver meals between 11 am and 12 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays? Call the Township office for more information (807) 274-6053.



### Planning to vote in the next provincial or local election in Ontario?

#### Register to vote!

**Register to Vote** is an online tool that allows voters to register for both provincial and local elections, all in one place.


Visit [RegisterToVoteON.ca](https://RegisterToVoteON.ca) or information on eligibility, registration and how to confirm, update or add yourself to the Register.



Register today.



 **Register to Vote**

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1.866.242.3025

## 2026 Ontario Municipal Election

Community Members, are you considering a run for municipal office in 2026? Municipal government plays a vital role in shaping the community we live in. If you're considering running in the upcoming 2026 municipal election, this workshop series may help to explore whether elected office is right for you. Offered by the Association of Municipalities in partnership with Nominee; Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities, Stream 2 - this no charge workshop series is available to you on March 4th, 2026 or April 1, 2026. If you are interested, please register for these Zoom sessions free of charge at:

[https://amo-on-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/s-uV-t17SEu-eV9lf5\\_NLQ#/registration](https://amo-on-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/s-uV-t17SEu-eV9lf5_NLQ#/registration)

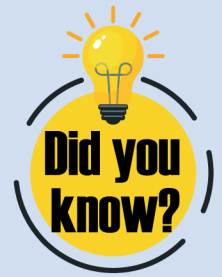
# TOWNSHIP OF ALBERTON

## 2026 BUDGET PROCESS

*Maintain and ensure long-term financial stability and economic prosperity.*

The operating budget is the plan for day-to-day operations at the Township including salaries, policing, health services, land ambulance, social services, materials and supplies. The operating budget is largely funded by tax dollars and user fees. For 2026, the proposed property tax increase is 3%.

The capital budget is an annual plan for the purchase and financing of the Township's capital assets. Capital assets include road infrastructure, land, buildings, machinery and equipment.



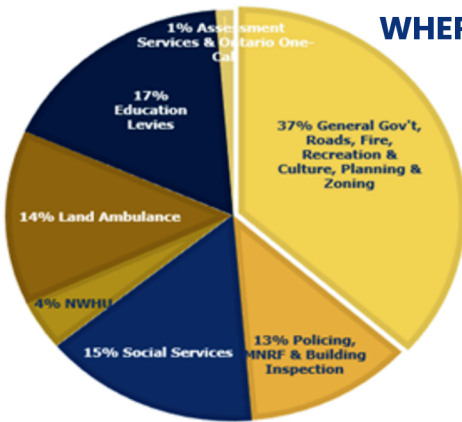
Out of every \$1.00 in Property Taxes: \$0.63 cents go to Provincially downloaded services such as Social Services, Land Ambulance, Policing, Building Inspection, Health Services, and Education Levies.

Leaving only \$0.37 cents out of every tax dollar to operate & deliver Municipal services such as:

Local Government Administration, Road Infrastructure, Alberton Volunteer Fire Department, Recreation, Parks & Culture, Emergency Management Services, Livestock Investigation Services, Planning, Zoning and Asset Management.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa at the office 807-274-6053.

### WHERE DOES YOUR TAX DOLLAR GO?



- 37% General Gov't, Roads, Fire, Recreation & Culture, Planning & Zoning
- 13% Policing, MNRF, & Building Inspection
- 15% Social Services
- 4% Health Services
- 14% Land Ambulance
- 17% Education Levies
- 1% Assessment Services & Ontario One-Call

### 2026 Annual Budget

| BUDGET TOTALS                   | 2025 BUDGET  | 2026 BUDGET  | DIFFERENCE   |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Income                          | 2,988,485.73 | 2,146,796.68 | (841,689.05) |
| Expenses                        | 2,988,485.73 | 2,146,796.68 | (841,689.05) |
| Balance (income minus expenses) | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         |

| Budget Summary  | 2025 Budget           | 2026 Budget           | increase (+) or decrease (-) |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>  |                       |                       |                              |
| Grants - Unconditional  | \$186,200.00          | \$209,400.00          | \$23,200.00                  |
| Grants - Provincial and Federal   | \$1,309,203.51        | \$431,529.12          | -\$877,674.39                |
| Grants - Other Municipal  | \$3,800.00            | \$3,800.00            | \$0.00                       |
| Other Revenue Excluding Taxation  | \$157,032.09          | \$115,316.71          | -\$41,715.38                 |
| Total Revenues Other than Taxation  | \$1,656,235.60        | \$760,045.83          | -\$896,189.77                |
| Taxation (Municipal + Education)  | \$1,332,250.13        | \$1,386,750.86        | \$54,500.73                  |
| <b>TOTAL Revenues including Taxation</b>                                  | <b>\$2,988,485.73</b> | <b>\$2,146,796.69</b> | <b>-\$841,689.03</b>         |
| <b>Municipal Government OPERATING Expenses</b>                            |                       |                       |                              |
| General Government  | \$353,976.65          | \$371,042.13          | \$17,065.48                  |
| Protective Services (includes Policing, MNRF, Fire & Building Inspection) | \$323,281.51          | \$342,355.25          | \$19,073.74                  |
| Transportation  | \$297,394.45          | \$294,985.11          | -\$2,409.34                  |
| Recreation & Culture  | \$42,322.35           | \$41,589.25           | -\$733.10                    |
| Planning & Development  | \$53,710.05           | \$41,334.09           | -\$12,375.96                 |
| Environmental Services  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                       |
| Health Services (NWHU)  | \$52,822.90           | \$54,935.82           | \$2,112.92                   |
| Social & Family Services and Land Ambulance                               | \$385,244.89          | \$403,081.73          | \$17,836.84                  |
| Education Levies  | \$231,326.24          | \$237,521.46          | \$6,195.22                   |
| <b>Sub-total Operating Expenses</b>                                       | <b>\$1,740,079.04</b> | <b>\$1,786,844.83</b> | <b>\$46,765.79</b>           |
| <b>Municipal Government CAPITAL Expenses</b>                              |                       |                       |                              |
| General Government  | \$70,312.00           | \$30,204.77           | -\$40,107.23                 |
| Protective Services   | \$10,000.00           | \$22,789.99           | \$12,789.99                  |
| Transportation  | \$616,019.22          | \$237,599.20          | -\$378,420.02                |
| Recreation & Culture  | \$552,075.47          | \$69,357.89           | -\$482,717.58                |
| Sub-total Capital Expenditures  | \$1,248,406.69        | \$359,951.85          | -\$888,454.84                |
| <b>TOTAL Operating and Capital Expenditures</b>                           | <b>\$2,988,485.73</b> | <b>\$2,146,796.68</b> | <b>-\$841,689.05</b>         |