



County of
Grande Prairie No. 1

County of Grande Prairie

2021 Annual Report



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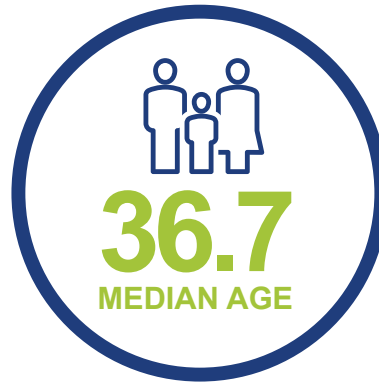
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The County of Grande Prairie by the Numbers



POPULATION
25,460

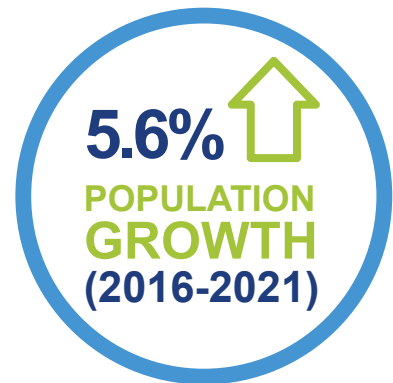


36.7
MEDIAN AGE

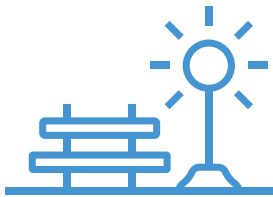


NUMBER OF
BRIDGES
249

\$134,278
MEDIAN TOTAL
INCOME (2019)



5.6%
POPULATION
GROWTH
(2016-2021)



30 KM of paved
multi-purpose trails

29 
playgrounds



\$463,000
Average value of a single
family residential dwelling



3,618 KM
of paved and
gravel roads



513 KM
of paved roads
(versus 289 km in 2012)

Numbers reflect Hythe becoming a Hamlet in the County of Grande Prairie in 2021.

Message from Reeve Leanne Beaupre



On behalf of County Council, I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report. This report highlights some of our accomplishments over the last year along with a snapshot of the 2021 financial picture.

As we moved into the second year of the global pandemic, we continually adapted and shifted to continue providing high-quality municipal services while we strive to “get back to normal”. As we continue to understand what this new normal looks like, we made progress on our commitment to support sustainable growth by encouraging development and planning for the long-term health of the County.

We welcomed four returning elected officials and five new Councillors following the municipal election. Thank you to outgoing Councillors Harold Bulford of Division 1, Daryl Beeston of Division 2, Ross Sutherland of Division 3, Linda Waddy of Division 7, and Corey Beck of Division 9 for their long-term vision, unwavering commitment, and contributions over the years.

Speaking of welcomes, summer marked the official transition of Hythe as our newest Hamlet. We worked tirelessly to ensure municipal services were shifted as seamlessly as possible, then celebrated and shared

information over a barbeque with our new residents this fall. If the County’s work over the year could be described in one word, it would be collaboration.

This includes significant progress made on our last Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF). The final agreement with the City of Grande Prairie was adopted by both Councils in early 2022 and creates a prosperous, sustainable, and communicative path forward for both communities.

In our efforts to support community building, the County contributed \$6.7 million in grants to non-profits and charitable organizations, as well as \$1.8 million to our neighbouring municipalities through intermunicipal cost-sharing agreements so residents can access various services and activities outside of the County.

We are also taking care of our infrastructure. Over half of the 2021 capital budget was invested in road and bridge projects. And, \$6.7 million was designated for other critical infrastructure projects to support sustainable growth, like water and wastewater, waste management, and land use planning.

Thank you for providing all of us on Council with the opportunity to serve you. We are proud to call our great community home.

Message from Chief Administrative Officer Joulia Whittleton



Over this last year, we continued our commitment to strong leadership, financial sustainability, and delivering high-quality services to citizens. This Annual Report provides an opportunity to showcase our work over the year.

The strong vision set by Council in their multi-year Strategic Plan guides the work we do and, along with Council, Administration made great progress on these priorities in 2021.

Despite many unknowns over the past year, employees continued to show resilience and deliver excellent municipal services. We stayed the course, as much as was possible, and remained focused on our priorities.

We continued to deliver programs and initiatives that improved the quality of life for County residents.

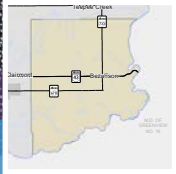
As a part of our routine, we continued making steady progress on analyzing existing processes to find savings and efficiencies. Supporting strong governance and leadership, we renewed our focus on customer service to provide services that best fit the needs of our residents and businesses. The latest Citizen Satisfaction Survey confirmed our direction and provided great insights to build on.

We hope you enjoy the year in review on the following pages. This document covers just a fraction of the projects and initiatives that happened in 2021 at the County and we look forward to new opportunities in 2022.

County Divisions & Area Councillor Contact Information

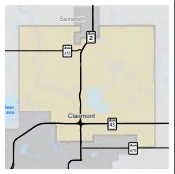
Your Councillor represents you and the division where you live or do business, and welcomes your feedback. Find out about the boards and committees they serve on at www.countygp.ab.ca/committees.

Division 1 Councillor
Amanda Frayn



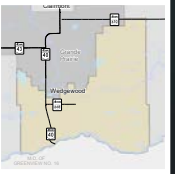
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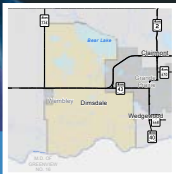
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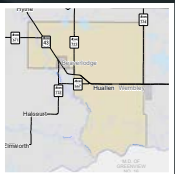
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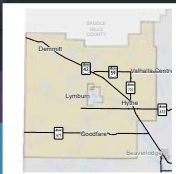
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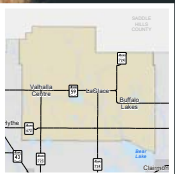
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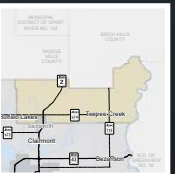
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Advocacy Update

Through mutual cooperation and building strategic partnerships, the County is able to enhance our reach, resources and impact.

Advocacy Priorities

County Council continually reviews and updates our advocacy plan to reflect the needs and priorities of residents, businesses and stakeholders. We advocate to the provincial and federal governments on several issues that impact community well-being and quality of life.

2021 advocacy priorities:

Priority 1 – Increased Economic Development

Priority 2 – Critical Transportation

Priority 3 – A New Health Facility in Beaverlodge

Priority 4 – Provincial Support for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

Priority 5 – Combating Rural Crime

Priority 6 – Increasing the profile of the County of Grande Prairie within the Government of Alberta

Moving Forward: Advocacy Update

Council moved their advocacy priorities forward in 2021. Here are some highlights:

- The Provincial Highway 40 twinning and bridge construction project, with project completion in 2023. County investment – \$10 million
- Paving 10 km of Highway 724 north of La Glace was completed. County investment – 25 per cent up to \$2 million
- Continued to advocate for Highway 40X to connect Highways 40 and 43 to support economic development, investment attraction and motorist safety, improving the CANAMEX/North-South Trade Corridor through the United States
- Supported Alberta Transportation's proposal for safety improvements to the intersection of Highways 43 and 733 near Bezanson with the installation of a traffic circle. The intersection has been an advocacy piece for Council over many years and several terms for the safety of area residents and the motorists travelling Highway 43
- Continued to advocate for improved accessibility and traffic flow to the future Clairmont Heights with access from Highway 2
- Landrex Inc. was selected as a private partner for the Mountview Health Complex to provide capital and expertise as part of the P3 project model (Public-Private Partnership)
- Continued to advocate for financial support for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum by highlighting the economic potential and broad appeal, including to MLA Martin Long (West Yellowhead) and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Tourism during a tour led by Reeve Beaupre
- Continued to advocate on combatting rural crime by supporting the RCMP in Alberta, exploring a future RCMP detachment in the Hamlet of Clairmont, and working with the City of Grande Prairie to communicate the importance of Judges remaining in the region

Our Highlights from 2021

Putting the Spotlight on 2021

The County of Grande Prairie had several major achievements in 2021. Despite many unknowns, we came together as a community to overcome these challenges, leverage unique opportunities and celebrate significant achievements that reflect residents' pride and community spirit.

Your 2021-2025 County Council is Making a Difference

Of course, 2021 was a municipal election year. This was a great opportunity for the five new and four returning Councillors to connect with County residents and bring your thoughts and views back into their work on Council. This diverse team has deep community connections, innovative ideas, and a variety of expertise and backgrounds. Each member of Council is representing the residents of their division effectively by bringing their perspectives and experiences into planning for the future of the County.

A New Era of Intermunicipal Collaboration

The end of 2020 marked the successful completion of six out of seven required Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) with our neighbouring municipalities.

An ICF details the relationship between two neighbouring municipalities in providing efficient and cost effective shared services to residents and ratepayers. In many cases, these ICFs formalize the many agreements already in place for shared services, as cooperation and cost sharing for efficient services has been a standard practice for the County for many years.

Our commitment in 2021 was to formalize our collaborative relationship with the City of Grande Prairie. Over the course of 2021, we made significant progress on this ICF resulting in approvals by both Councils in early 2022.

A Warm Welcome to the Newest County Community

Before any votes were cast regarding the future of the Village of Hythe, the County had already committed to warmly welcoming our potential new residents. And we did just that.

As their new municipal government, the County worked through the process with long-term sustainability and prosperity in mind while continuing to support Hythe residents and community groups.

Change can be hard and a change this significant is rarely easy. The transition was a new process for both Hythe and the County and while there were some bumps in the road, our newest hamlet is a welcome addition to the County.

Then we celebrated together. In the fall, Hythe residents were welcomed to an open house and barbecue. Attendees met their elected officials and administration and had the opportunity to ask questions while enjoying old and new community connections.

These were a few notable highlights from the past year; however, 2021 saw many other successes, good news stories, and areas of progress. Explore the rest of the County of Grande Prairie Annual Report to learn more.





Community Contributions

Every year, the County of Grande Prairie approves millions of dollars in contributions to support community organizations across the County and region.

Total community contributions and grants

\$6.7 million



\$2,846,230
IN MAJOR
CAPITAL
GRANTS



\$1,932,307
IN OPERATING
ASSISTANCE
GRANTS

including emergency
funding to support
groups through
COVID-19



\$261,880
IN CAPITAL
ASSISTANCE
GRANTS



\$47,497
IN CEMETERY
GRANTS



\$1.8 million
was allocated
to neighbouring
municipalities through
ICF AGREEMENTS

On top of the millions
contributed to local
groups,

\$415,007 in contributions to local Recreation Boards, including:

\$74,520 to the Beaverlodge – Elmworth – Hualien Area Recreation Board

\$56,447 to the Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board

\$54,040 to the Grande Prairie Area Recreation Board

\$101,770 to the Hythe – Demmitt Area Recreation Board

\$91,740 to the Sexsmith – La Glace – Teepee Creek Area Recreation Board

\$36,650 to the Wembley – Saskatoon Lake – Dimsdale Area Recreation Board

Funds at Work in the Community



\$2.3 million over 15 years to STARS

to support their life-saving work across the region. Current contributions include operational funding of \$200,000 per year (2019-2022) and capital funding of \$100,000 per year (2020-2024) to the fleet renewal campaign.



\$2.1 million to support Evergreen Park

Includes covering \$1.2 million in payroll expenses to weather the COVID-19 pandemic. \$428,490 for operations. \$298,646 in waived interest payments. \$150,000 for the Lewis Hawkes Arena renovation.



\$1 million to the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation Key to Care Campaign

\$100,000 per year over 10 years (2020-2029) for the patient beside engagement system.



\$1 million for the new Beaverlodge Fire Hall

\$250,000 per year (2019-2022).



\$526,500 to Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park

\$375,000 for landslide remediation work (up to 25 per cent of the total project cost). \$101,500 for equipment replacement. \$50,000 per year for energy costs (2015-2022).



\$304,500 to the Hythe Athletic Association
\$100,000 per year (2021-2023) for the Hythe Memorial Arena Brine Line Project. \$4,500 for the Hythe Memorial Arena Header Project.



\$175,000 for the Beaverlodge Arena Roof



\$75,275 to support the Wembley Arena Rebuild

\$38,000 for an emergency ice plant rental and up to \$37,275 in maintenance to ensure ice surface availability in Wembley in 2021. This is on top of the \$350,000 in capital funding approved for the project in 2020.



\$40,000 to the Teepee Creek Lyons Event Centre for COVID-19 Emergency Operational Funding



\$37,373 to the Bezanson Agricultural Society

\$26,598 in COVID-19 emergency operational funding. \$9,775 for operations. \$1,000 beautification grant.



\$14,000 to the Webster Community Hall for COVID-19 Emergency Operational Funding



\$10,4000 to the Twilight Club of La Glace
\$5,000 in COVID-19 emergency operational funding. \$3,000 for operations. \$2,400 for transportation.



\$10,000 to the Hythe Royal Canadian Legion Branch #93 for new flooring



\$8,000 to the Valhalla Heritage Society for facility improvements



\$5,500 to the Clairmont Community Garden

\$5,000 for operations. \$500 beautification grant.



\$4,800 to the Valhalla Recreation Centre for COVID-19 Emergency Operational Funding



Thank-you "SUMMIT" T-Bar Lift Project Contributors.

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Key Service Responsibilities

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

-  • Road Maintenance (excluding highways)
-  • Regional Fire Service
-  • Regional Enforcement Services
-  • Disaster Services
-  • Waste & Recycling Management Facilities & Services
-  • Property Taxes (municipal portion)
-  • County Campgrounds, Parks, Playgrounds & Trails
-  • Family and Community Support Services
-  • Utilities (water, wastewater*)
* Residents in the County are serviced by the County, and/or Aquatera Utilities Inc. and/or septic/well.
-  • Libraries (Elmworth, Hythe, La Glace & Valhalla)
-  • Animal Services
-  • Agriculture Services & Programs (roadside mowing, weed control)
-  • Land Use Planning, Zoning & Development
-  • Economic Development

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ALBERTA

-  • Highways
-  • Schools
-  • Hospitals (Alberta Health Services)
-  • Social Services
-  • Supports for Employees & Employers
-  • Public Health (Alberta Health Services)
-  • Justice
-  • Post-Secondary Education
-  • Property Taxes (Provincial portion for education, senior's foundation, and designated industrial properties)
-  • Provincial Parks & Campgrounds

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANADA

-  • Income Tax
-  • Employment Insurance
-  • RCMP
-  • Airlines & Airports
-  • Rail
-  • International Trade
-  • Postal Service
-  • Banking
-  • National Parks
-  • National Defence

2020-2025 Strategic Plan

Vision

The County of Grande Prairie No. 1. First in building sustainable, prosperous and safe communities.

Mission

The County of Grande Prairie builds on its natural environment and the entrepreneurial spirit of its citizens to provide an unmatched quality of life and opportunity for all.

Values & Operating Principles

Our Values

The County of Grande Prairie Council commits to the following values. We will maintain high standards of ethical and professional conduct by being:

- Trustworthy in our decision-making and interpersonal relationships.
- Transparent in our communications.
- Respectful of others.
- Collaborative in achieving our goals.



Our Operating Principles

We will use these principles to guide the decision-making and service delivery of our County. We will:

- Place the people we serve at the centre of our work.
- Be good stewards of our land, air and water.
- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and good financial management.
- Provide programs and services in an effective and efficient manner.
- Foster an entrepreneurial spirit and encourage sustainable agriculture, industry and tourism pursuits.
- Be a good neighbour to our surrounding municipalities.
- Practice good governance and respect each other's roles.
- Create a work environment that contributes to employee health and well-being.

Strategic Priorities

These seven themes shape the foundation of the County's work and planning. Look through the report to see examples of how the County is driving each of these priorities.



Fiscal Sustainability



Safe Communities



Governance and Leadership



Economic Development



Technology Infrastructure



Density and Service Standards



Effective Transportation Networks

Following the municipal election, County Council developed a new Strategic Plan for 2022-2026.

Learn more at www.countygp.ab.ca/stratplan.



Effective Transportation Networks

Effective transportation networks are a priority for the County – safe and well-maintained roads drive economic development and support communities across the region.

2021 investment into the County's transportation network

\$33.3 million

Roads and sidewalks upgraded	42 km
Dust control applied	140 km
Gravel applied	1,221 km
Ditches rehabilitated	27 km
Culverts installed	65
Culverts inspected	1,000



INVESTED
\$13.5 million
IN CAPITAL ROAD
AND BRIDGE
PROJECTS



INVESTED
\$19.5 million
IN ROAD
AND BRIDGE
MAINTENANCE



COMPLETED
206
MAINTENANCE
PROJECTS
INCLUDING CULVERT
REPLACEMENTS AND
ROAD REPAIRS

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Received **\$13.4 million** in provincial and federal grants for road and bridge projects

Reeve Beaupre and County Councillors attended the provincial Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program funding announcement in August. The County was awarded \$2.3 million in provincial funding for improvements to Resources Road and two bridge projects.





ROADSIDE CLEANUP

32 non-profit community groups cleared **12 tonnes of litter** from **285 km of roadsides** across the County, raising **\$52,826** for their organizations.



PROJECT PROFILE: SPRING CREEK ROAD REHABILITATION

Two years after the initial closure, a section of Township Road 711 also known as **Spring Creek Road** was **re-opened** to traffic. After repeated wet spring seasons led to a slumping slope prompting the need for complete closure, a full road and slope rehabilitation and bridge repair project was finished in the spring of 2021. The County invested \$5 million into the project.

Top: The slumping slope on Spring Creek Road

Bottom: The repaired section of road re-opened to traffic.



PROJECT PROFILE: AWARD-WINNING ENGAGEMENT ON PUBLIC WORKS

The County was recognized with the **2021 National Public Works Week Award** from the Canadian Public Works Association for engaging County residents in the Public Works Week celebration.

Council proclaimed May 16-22, 2021, as **National Public Works Week** and launched a themed scavenger hunt to educate and engage with residents about everything involved with public works.





Safe Communities

The County's commitment to high standards has shaped the safe and friendly communities that residents and businesses enjoy today.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PROACTIVE PLANNING

	2020	2021
Regional Fire Service calls for service	1,589	2,018
Fire permits	2,653	2,069
Fire investigations	78	92
Regional Enforcement Services calls for service*	2,313	2,476
Regional Enforcement Services charges laid	2,614	3,228
Regional Animal Pound intakes	830	1,005

*Previous Annual Reports included all inquiries when reporting calls for service.

The County of Grande Prairie, along with other municipalities, is now required to pay for a portion of RCMP policing costs under the new Provincial Policing Funding Formula. The County paid about \$1.4 million in transfers to policing for 2021, with \$3.7 million in transfers anticipated for 2022 to 2024.



\$1.4 million
INVESTED IN RCMP ENHANCED POLICING



The County and RCMP began the process of exploring a potential partnership to build an RCMP Rural Detachment in the community of Clairmont. Other local policing could potentially be brought under the same roof, including RCMP serving the east County, MD of Greenview and Sexsmith, Western Alberta District RCMP headquarters, and County Regional Enforcement Services personnel.



Public engagement, education and mapping of 1,100 hectares of public and Crown land west of Highway 40 took place this spring, launching Priority 3 of the Wildfire Mitigation Strategy. This planning work will inform future vegetation management in the area, which is critical to reducing the risk of wildfires in the County.



Work began on a Livestock Emergency Response Plan which saw local livestock owners surveyed about their animals, with further engagement planned for 2022. The plan will inform decisions in the event of a disaster or emergency in the County.

AGRICULTURE

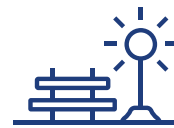
	2020	2021
Weed inspections	30,416	25,675
Pest and disease inspections	554	584
Ditches mowed	8,616 km	8,202 km
Ditches spot sprayed	12,143 km	10,387 km

PARKS AND RECREATION

Pipestone Creek Campground saw 8,392 overnight guests during the 2021 season – a 14 per cent increase from 2020. The County maintains outdoor recreation and greenspaces, as well as some community cemeteries.



6 sports fields
and baseball
diamonds



23
cemeteries

SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS

Youth programs returned in the summer of 2021 and saw a record attendance of 133 children at seven day-camps in communities across the County.

The Keep in Touch program was launched to connect seniors with local volunteers to reduce loneliness and isolation, especially through the pandemic.

LIBRARIES

The County of Grande Prairie Library Board now operates four libraries with the addition of the Hamlet of Hythe.

Physical and Digital Library Items Circulated	2020	2021
Elmworth Community Library	2,134	3,843
Hythe Community Library		5,240
La Glace Community Library	5,697	9,508
Valhalla Community Library	6,318	8,406

The Lendery brought library services to Clairmont. The book locker system was installed at the Wellington Resource Centre (WRC) and deliveries began in the fall.



RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

	2020	2021
Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management	4,837 tonnes diverted	11,902 tonnes diverted
	37,886 tonnes accepted	48,791 tonnes accepted
West Grande Prairie Regional Landfill	781 tonnes diverted	1,114 tonnes diverted
	10,313 tonnes accepted	7,636 tonnes accepted



3 new utilities
HYTHE WATER AND WASTEWATER,
PIPESTONE WASTEWATER



Economic Development

The County helps drive sustainable and managed growth – from planning and delivering growth opportunities and infrastructure to fostering economic prosperity.

The **Regional Workforce Development Action Plan** was developed following recommendations from the Regional Labour Market Needs Assessment. The five-year strategy aims to guide a coordinated approach to workforce development in the region. The collaboration of the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce, County, City and MD of Greenview, Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP) and Alberta Labour and Immigration committee aims to address attraction and retention gaps and opportunities, address knowledge and skills gaps between current workforce and future needs, highlight and promote the region's livability and quality of life assets.

50 local business members enrolled in the **Customer Service Excellence Blue Pin Certification Program**.

The live training program, a partnership between the County Business Support Network and Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP), educates front-line and management staff in excellent customer service. Successful businesses receive a certificate and pin to demonstrate their commitment. Congratulations to the graduates!

The **Growing the North economic development virtual conference** welcomed 261 attendees hearing from 21 industry experts and provided networking opportunities.



Density and Service Standards

The County wants development to happen in the best and most appropriate locations. Sound planning and community engagement are key to the process.

CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

	2020	2021
Inspections	1,693	2,994
Non-residential building permits	43	38
Residential building permits	349	315
Residential construction value	\$49,119,835	\$9,864,469
Non-residential construction value	\$22,808,248	\$62,880,904

Area Structure Plans (ASP) completed

Tradesman ASP

192 hectares of future industrial + current industrial property

Land use: Coordinate industrial development and future industrial land

NW Clairmont ASP

Approximately 1,651 hectares

Land use: Rail-associated industrial development, using the existing rail line

Area Structure Plans underway

SW Clairmont ASP

Approximately 384 hectares

Land use: Residential development with complementary commercial uses along Highway 43 and Range Road 63

NE Clairmont ASP

Approximately 1,350 hectares

Land use: Residential development compatible with agricultural and recreational uses





Fiscal Sustainability

The County strives to continually improve operational efficiency and effectiveness for time and cost savings.



Overall **assessment values decreased slightly in 2021**. Values are expected to level and then increase slightly from 2022 to 2024.



The **Financial Services division was restructured** to support financial management best practices to protect the municipality's cash flow.



The County expects **300 new well installations** over the next three years, approximately \$30 million in assessment value.



Reserves (savings) were evaluated to ensure the County's financial sustainability is balanced with providing a high quality of life for residents while considering the economic climate and changes to the County's bottom line with provincial legislation.



Technology Infrastructure

By harnessing new innovations and technologies, the County is able to apply new and better ways of doing things. Technology is improving the way we inform, engage and work with the public.



The County is continually seeking to reduce costs while providing high-quality municipal services. In 2021, employee workstations were modernized and simplified, equipment management and replacement processes were made more efficient, and free or low-cost software was utilized when possible, leading to **\$100,000 in savings**.



An organizational **asset maintenance system** was introduced. By bringing the system online, data on all of the County's assets, like roads, bridges, parks, green spaces, trails, vehicles and buildings will be enhanced for improved maintenance and management over time.



Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems in place at the County's water, wastewater and landfills allow for some remote management and send alerts, saving time when maintaining these critical systems.



County staff welcomed a **new Intranet**. The digital workplace has modern new features and functionality that connects both office and field staff for the first time. Easy to navigate and mobile-accessible technology will help streamline workflows, improve productivity and contribute to the bottom line.



Governance and Leadership

Effective leadership of a municipality starts with developing a shared understanding of the challenges to be faced and the priorities to be pursued.



The **Citizen Satisfaction Survey** surveyed a sampling of County residents to provide insights on quality of life in the County, and gathered opinions on municipal programs, opportunities and services. Survey results from residents indicated they are proud to live in the County, feel the quality of life is good, are satisfied with the level and quality of service provided by the County, and satisfied overall with their municipal government's performance, reaffirming Council's direction. **96% of residents rate the County's quality of life as good or very good.**



The first **State of the Region address** was held in partnership with the City of Grande Prairie and MD of Greenview. The live virtual event saw each municipal leaders reflect on the local pandemic response, explore economic and social impacts on our communities, and the region's future.



The **2021 Municipal Election** was held successfully in conjunction with the Provincial Senate and Referendum votes, local school board elections, and while navigating the pandemic. Prospective candidates were invited to learn more about being an elected official through the Municipal Government 101 information session.

When asked about **the County as a place to live**, residents used the following words:

PEACEFUL & RELAXING *Quiet* Good place to live
Beautiful GREAT SAFE & SECURE *Comfortable*

2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

How Was the Municipal Portion of
Your 2021 Tax Dollars Invested?

12.8%

RUNNING THE
MUNICIPALITY

49.8%

TRANSPORTATION
NETWORKS

16.2%

TECHNICAL
SERVICES

11.1%

RECREATION,
PARKS AND
CULTURE

7.5%

PROTECTION OF
PROPERTY AND
PEOPLE

2.6%

PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT

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