

## YOUR COUNCIL

### APPROVED 2025 BUDGET

At the **December 17, 2024** Council meeting, the City's 2025-27 Financial Plan and 2025 Budget was approved. This includes the 2025 municipal and utility operating and capital budgets.

For details, visit [stalbert.ca/budget-2025](#)

### ADDRESSING COUNCIL OR STANDING COMMITTEES

If you wish to address Council or the Standing Committee of the Whole, visit [stalbert.ca/cosa/leadership/meetings/addressing-council](#) for full details on the registration process or email [legislative@stalbert.ca](mailto:legislative@stalbert.ca)

### Watch Live Meetings Online

All Council and Standing Committee meetings can be watched in-person and are also livestreamed. To watch a live meeting, please visit [stalbert.ca/live](#)

### CANCELLED

#### SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

**December 25 | 6 p.m.** | Council Public Gallery, St. Albert Place, 3rd Floor, 5 St. Anne Street

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#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**January 7 | 1 p.m.** | via Zoom and in-person: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

### SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

**January 8 | 6 p.m.** | Council Public Gallery, St. Albert Place, 3rd Floor, 5 St. Anne Street

### YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**January 8 | 6:30 p.m.** | via Zoom and in-person: Douglas Cardinal Boardroom, 3rd Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

**January 13 & 14, 2025** | Location TBD

### POLICING COMMITTEE

**January 14 | 6:30 p.m.** | via Zoom and in-person: Douglas Cardinal Boardroom, 3rd Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**January 15 | 9:30 a.m.** | via Zoom and in-person: Douglas Cardinal Boardroom, 3rd Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

### SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**January 15 | 6:30 p.m.** | Community Services Boardroom, 1st Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

### LIBRARY BOARD

**January 15 | 7 p.m.** | St. Albert Public Library, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**January 21 | 1 p.m.** | via Zoom and in-person: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

Online at [stalbert.ca/live](#)

Draft agenda – subject to change (visit [stalbert.ca](#) and search **Council Agendas** prior to the scheduled meeting):

- Business Items
  - Liggett Place - Sustainable Buildings Policy Exemption
- Bylaws
  - Bylaw 2/2025 Transit Garage Expansion Borrowing Bylaw
  - Bylaw 26/2024 Lakeview Business District Servicing Borrowing Bylaw

### ARTS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**January 22 | 6 p.m.** | Douglas Cardinal Boardroom, 3rd Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

### SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

**January 22 | 6 p.m.** | Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**January 23 | 6 p.m.** | Corporate Training Centre, Synergy Centre, 110 Carleton Drive

### COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**January 28 | 6:30 p.m.** | Douglas Cardinal Boardroom, 3rd Floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street



## Signed Up Yet?

Visit [stalbert.ca/highlights](#) or scan the QR code



## TAKE NOTE

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM

The Community Recognition Award Program recognizes residents whose outstanding hard work, commitment, and talent have helped enhance the image or the quality of life in St. Albert.

Recipient names are carved into the permanent recognition feature located in the Community Recognition Garden, located at the northwest corner of Perron Street and Sir Winston Churchill Avenue.

Nominations are now being accepted until **February 15 for the 2025** Community Recognition Awards.

For questions, please contact [aroyer@stalbert.ca](mailto:aroyer@stalbert.ca)

Visit [stalbert.ca](#) and search **Community Recognition Program** to learn more and fill out a nomination form.

### REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The 2023 Environment Report Card marks the final update under the Environmental Master Plan, as the City focuses on progress and reporting of the Green Environment Strategy.

The 2023 report highlights several key successes, including stable air quality, a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and the expansion of community environmental programs.

Learn more by visiting [stalbert.ca](#) and searching **Report on the Environment**.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

I, Cathy Heron, Mayor of the City of St. Albert in the Province of Alberta, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 194(1) of the *Municipal Government*, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE of a Special Meeting of the municipal council of the City of St. Albert to take place at Double Tree by Hilton, West Edmonton - 16615 109 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, commencing at **8:00 AM** Mountain Standard Time on **Monday January 13, 2025**, to **Tuesday January 14, 2025**.

The purpose of the meeting is annual review of Council's Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives Planned to continue to advance Strategic Plan for the remainder of Council's term. It is anticipated that some or all of the meeting may occur in camera pursuant to Section 24(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

An Agenda for the **January 13, 2025**, to **January 14, 2025**, Special Meeting of Council together with background material from Administration will be made available to Council members with as much advance notice as possible prior to the Special Meeting.

## TAKE NOTE

### HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Most City departments will be closed from **noon on December 24, 2024 to January 1, 2025**. Only essential services, including emergency response, will be offered during this period – see [stalbert.ca](http://stalbert.ca) for details. All departments and facilities will resume regular hours on **January 2, 2025**. If you are experiencing a water or wastewater emergency, please call **780-458-2020**.

### Transit Service

St. Albert Transit will be offering a modified holiday schedule from **December 24 to January 1** with no transit service on **December 25 or January 1**. Visit [ridestat.ca](http://ridestat.ca) for full schedule details.

### Waste Collection

There will be no waste collection on **December 25 and January 1**. Collection will occur on **December 26 and January 2** for any areas not collected due to Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Please note, collection on these days may take longer to complete due to the increase in cart pickups.

Between **December 26 and December 31**, extra garbage tags can be purchased at Servus Place during their holiday hours.

For more information, visit [stalbert.ca/waste](http://stalbert.ca/waste)

### Utility and Tax Payments

- Payments can be dropped off at the St. Albert Place mail slot located on the right-hand side of the front doors. Please note that in-person payments will NOT be available during the holiday closure.
- Utility and Tax payments may be made at participating financial institutions or through telephone or internet banking (for taxes your roll number is your account number; for utilities your account number is noted on your utility bill).
- By Mail – For Taxes – on or before **December 31, 2024**. Payments made via cheque should be made out to "The City of St. Albert" and postmarked (stamped or printed on the envelope by Canada Post) on or before **December 31**, to avoid late penalties.

Visit [stalbert.ca](http://stalbert.ca) for info or to view all payment options.

Other City phone numbers will not be monitored during this closure (**December 25 to January 1**) and will be answered again starting **January 2**. Please note that throughout the closure many services can be completed using our online services by visiting [stalbert.ca](http://stalbert.ca) and searching **Online Services**.

Please note: The first issue of Citylights in 2025 will be on **January 16**.

### PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

Did you know the City has a free pre-authorized tax payment plan? This is an optional plan that allows you to pay your taxes in 12 monthly installments instead of a single yearly payment.

The optimal time to enroll in the plan is January, but you can sign up any time during the tax year.

Visit [stalbert.ca](http://stalbert.ca) and search **Tax Payment Plan** to learn more.

### 2025 ST. ALBERT MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Take your passion for your community to the next level – run as a candidate in the upcoming municipal election! The next election takes place on **Monday, October 20, 2025**. Candidates can seek positions as Mayor, City Councillor, Public School Trustee and Catholic School Trustee.

For candidate information, visit [stalbert.ca/election](http://stalbert.ca/election). If you have questions, please visit the website, contact the Election Office by phone at **780-418-6663** or email [election@stalbert.ca](mailto:election@stalbert.ca).

The election website will be updated as new information becomes available.

### CITY SERVICES DURING POSTAL STRIKE

With the disruption in mail service, the City has several ways that residents and businesses can pay their City utility bills, access transit and renew their licences.

#### Paying Utility Bills

Pre-authorized withdrawal – Customers can enroll in pre-authorized withdrawal to ensure their utility payments are made on time without needing to view a copy of their bill. Call **780-459-1520, option 2** or email [utilities\\_services@stalbert.ca](mailto:utilities_services@stalbert.ca)

Online and Telephone Banking – Payments can be made through most financial institutions

In-person – Payments for all services can be made in-person at Customer Service, main floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street. Monday to Friday, from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Quick Drop Box (right side of main door) – Payments can be made by cheque or money order (no cash) at St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street (after business hours, weekends and holidays).

Customers can find out their utility balance by emailing [utilities\\_services@stalbert.ca](mailto:utilities_services@stalbert.ca) or by calling Utilities Services at **780-459-1520, option 2**.

#### St. Albert Transit (Stat) Bus Passes

- With the disruption in mail service, the City is providing Subsidy transit riders using Local Passes with two options.
- Local pass users can keep using their November Local pass in December (and January if applicable). Transit Drivers will allow the use of November Local Passes as valid fare.
- If an individual, for whatever reason, is uncomfortable using the November Local pass, they are welcome to come to Community Services Front Counter in St. Albert Place to pick up a December (or January if applicable) Local pass in person.
- Please note this only applies to residents who have been approved for the transit subsidy.
- Please also note that this does not apply to commuter passes. The normal process will continue to be in place, which is for transit riders to purchase the commuter pass in person.

### DOG LICENCE RENEWALS

The 2025 Dog Licence Renewals were generated the last week of November. If you have signed up for e-billing, you will receive your invoice immediately. Delivery of paper invoices will be dependent on Canada Post. Licence holders are still responsible for payment of their dog licence for the 2025 year during the Canada Post strike. Payment is due by **January 31, 2025**, and can be completed as follows:

- Online at [stalbert.ca](http://stalbert.ca) through "Online Services" Use your five-digit account number to complete the payment. Accepted payment methods include Visa, Mastercard, and American Express credit cards (Visa Debit is not accepted).
- Online and Telephone Banking – Payments can be made through most financial institutions. Use the payee name "City of St. Albert Dog Licence" (the phrasing may vary by bank).
- In-person – Payments for all services can be made in-person at Customer Service, main floor, St. Albert Place, 5 St. Anne Street. Monday to Friday, from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** or at the RCMP Detachment Front Counter Services, Monday to Friday, from **8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

The City cannot guarantee a delivery date for the Dog Licence Renewal Invoice. If you require account information, call Municipal Enforcement by phone at **780-418-6644** or email [doglicensing@stalbert.ca](mailto:doglicensing@stalbert.ca)

### Business Licensing Renewal Notices

Due to the ongoing Canada Post strike, Business Licensing Renewal invoices or certificates cannot be mailed.

- **EBilling Accounts:** If your account is on eBilling, you will receive your invoice via email the first week of December.
- **Non-eBilling Accounts:** Contact [licensing@stalbert.ca](mailto:licensing@stalbert.ca) or call **780-459-1618** after **December 2, 2024**, to renew your licence.
- **In-Person Pickup:** Invoices can be collected at 29 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue or emailed upon request (for non-MyCity users) after **December 2, 2024**.

All St. Albert business licences expire on **December 31** and must be renewed for the following year if the business will continue operations.

For complete information on the various options of paying your business licence, please visit [stalbert.ca/dev/business/stalbert/licensing/licence-renewals](http://stalbert.ca/dev/business/stalbert/licensing/licence-renewals)

The City is currently reviewing other City services should the mail disruption continue. More information will be available as it's confirmed.

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