

Town of Grand Coulee

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
August 2026



CAO's Corner

Good day, residents of
Grand Coulee!

I am pleased to introduce
the Town's newsletter in its
new format, brought to you
by our new Program
Manager, Adriana Brodner.
We are excited to offer this
fresh and engaging way of
keeping residents
informed about the latest
news, events, and
happenings in the
community we all love.

I look forward to keeping
you informed, engaged,
and perhaps even
entertained in the issues to
come. There is always
something happening in
Grand Coulee, and we

hope this newsletter will
become a regular and
enjoyable source of
information for our
residents.

As always, stay tuned to
the Town's website and
Facebook page for the
most current information,
and be sure to sign up for
Voyent Alert! to receive
important community
notifications directly.

Thank you for being part of
the Grand Coulee
community, and I hope you
enjoy the new newsletter!

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Connect with Us!

We're here to help! Have a question, concern, or suggestion? Get in touch with us through any of the options below.

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Town Council

Council is always interested in hearing your thoughts about our community.

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Waste & Recycle

The most current schedule for waste and recycle from Loraas for the Town of Grand Coulee can be found [here](#).

Calendar of Events

Stay connected with what's happening in Grand Coulee! Check out our upcoming events, programs, activities, and community gatherings on the Town's [online calendar](#).

Council Highlights and Decisions



On-Call Compensation and Youth Member of Council

Council adopted a new On-Call Compensation Policy and approved the appointment of a Youth Council member. The successful applicant will begin their role in September when school resumes, providing an opportunity for local youth to become involved in municipal decision-making and learn more about how the Town operates.

Office Furniture

Council also approved the purchase of eight replacement office chairs for the Boardroom, with a budget of up to \$2,500. The existing chairs are more than 10 years old and are in poor condition, making replacement necessary.

Fire Department Update

The Town is pleased to report that a used fire truck has been purchased and delivered. This new equipment will support the Grand Coulee Fire Department and help ensure the community continues to have reliable emergency response resources. The new truck was purchased for \$10,000, primarily funded through cash donations made to the fire department.

Traffic and Speeding Monitoring

Traffic and safety were also discussed. The radar speed sign will be moved to Fairfax and Saskatchewan Avenue to collect information about traffic speeds and volumes. The Town will compare traffic data from August and September 2025 with the same period in 2026 to help determine the impact of the new stop signs at Centennial and Broadway. The issue of drivers intentionally failing to stop at the Centennial stop sign will also be raised with the RCMP at the August 20 meeting.



New Town Letterhead and Logo

Council has selected a new letterhead design for the Town of Grand Coulee. The updated design will provide a fresh, professional look for Town correspondence while maintaining a clear connection to the community and the Town's identity.

Outstanding Utility Arrears

Council initiated a procedural change transferring outstanding utility arrears to property taxes. Beginning on December 31, utility accounts that are at least two months in arrears or have \$500 or more outstanding will be eligible to have the amount transferred to the property taxes, in accordance with the Town's bylaws.



Mill Rate Comparison

Council reviewed the Town's mill rate in comparison with other municipalities of similar size. Grand Coulee's current average mill rate of 8.01 was found to be lower than most of the communities included in the comparison. View the comparison [here](#).

Asset Management

The Town is also reviewing asset management options, including the Silversmith software presented to Council. Pricing options may be brought forward for consideration as part of the 2027 budget. Alternative vehicle GPS/OBD tracking systems will also be researched.

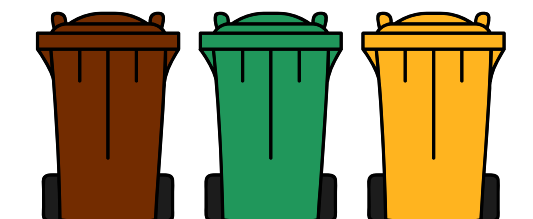
Council Workshops

Council will also have representatives attend the "Civility is the Answer" workshop hosted by the Ombudsman in Regina this October. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about respectful communication and positive interactions within the community.

Garbage Collection

Council discussed garbage collection and the possibility of extending weekly garbage pickup into October.

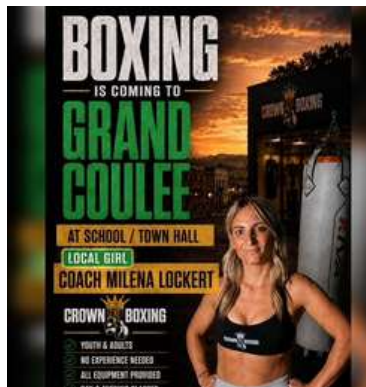
For 2026, weekly garbage pickup will not be extended into October. Changes to the garbage collection schedule and contract will be considered as part of the 2027 budget and contract planning.



Community and Recreation

Boxing in Grand Coulee

We're looking at the possibility of offering a boxing class in Grand Coulee and want to see if there's enough interest to get it started!



The class would be a fun, beginner-friendly way to get active, learn boxing skills, build confidence, and get a great workout.

If you're interested in joining the boxing class, please take two minutes to complete the attached survey ([here](#)) and let us know which night works best for you.



Voyent Alert

Council also discussed participation in the Voyent Alert notification system. Approximately 35 units have registered so far, and the Town will be sending information to residents encouraging more households to sign up. The system provides an important way for the Town to communicate timely information and alerts to residents.

Daytime Yoga

Take some time for yourself this fall with Daytime Yoga with Lesley! Classes will be held every Thursday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Hall in Grand Coulee, running from September 10 to December 10, 2026. Registration is required - email Lesley at farmerfarley73@yahoo.ca to register or for more information.

Harvest Hoedown

Council approved an \$8,000 budget for the upcoming Harvest Hoedown. The event will be supported primarily through Sask Lotteries funding, along with additional donations and community support. Planning continues for the event. For all the details, including event information and updates, visit the Harvest Hoedown's official page on the Town website ([here](#)).



Book Club

The first meeting of our new Book Club was held on August 13th, and we're excited to keep the pages turning!

Residents are welcome to join the Book Club at any time. To join, contact Carolyn Lewis at carmlewis44@gmail.com



Upcoming Projects

Waste Water and Lagoon Planning

Council continues to work toward addressing the Town's future wastewater needs. A proposal from KGS regarding further investigation into lagoon capacity and potential expansion was discussed. Council agreed to schedule KGS as a delegation at the September council meeting to discuss the proposal in more detail. The additional work would help move the project toward being "shovel-ready" for potential future grant opportunities.

The Town will also explore potential regional wastewater partnerships with neighbouring municipalities and organizations, including Red Leaf, Cargill and the RM. These discussions could help identify opportunities for future collaboration and long-term wastewater solutions.

Strategic Plan

Council is continuing its work on the Town's Strategic Plan. Council members will have until August 28 to review the draft plan and provide questions or comments before it comes back for further discussion at the September council meeting.

Thank you for reading!