



THE REEVE'S MESSAGE

Rooted in Community. Focused on the Future.

AN UPDATE FROM LAKELAND REEVE TREENA MCALPINE

As we welcome a new year, it is important to pause and reflect on what we have accomplished together over the past year and where we are headed as a community.

Over the past year, Council remained focused on the priorities that matter most to our residents. Working closely with Administration and staff, we achieved meaningful progress in several key areas, including:

- **Governance and Long-Term Planning**

- Resident engagement through a community engagement survey
- Development of a four-year Strategic Plan to guide Council and Administration for the remainder of this term

- **Environmental Stewardship**

- Organization of a highly successful Lake Water Quality Meeting in May
- Ongoing collaboration with the Environmental Advisory Committee
- Adoption of a new Mission Statement focused on integrity, vision, and environmental protection

- **Infrastructure and Capital Projects**

- Neis Drive Project
- Construction and completion of the Okema Road project

- **Public Works Improvements**

- Implementation of a new rotational gravel program
- Enhanced dust control measures throughout the municipality

While these accomplishments may appear simple on paper, each reflects substantial time, effort, and teamwork, all dedicated to building a safe, well-managed, and sustainable municipality.

As we move into the year ahead, our focus will be on building upon this progress. Council will continue to listen, plan carefully, and make decisions that balance today's needs with the long-term health of our community. While challenges will arise, there will also be opportunities to improve how we serve residents.

I am pleased to share that work has already begun on several initiatives for 2026, including:

- The implementation of a new Municipal Enforcement Program
- The development of a new recreational vision for Lakeland
- The launch of a new District website & Communication Plan by Administration
- The creation of a new Stormwater Management Plan by Public Works
- The reconstruction of municipal boat launch dock facilities

I am optimistic about the year ahead and confident in our ability to move forward together. On behalf of Council, thank you for your continued engagement and the pride you take in our community. I am proud to serve as your Reeve and look forward to the work ahead.

Wishing you and your families a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Treena McAlpine
Reeve