

Village of Alix Public Consultation

Submissions for 2015 Budget Consideration

New Citizen-centred Approach To the Municipal Budgeting Process Was Introduced This Year!

The Village of Alix affirmed its commitment to an open, transparent and citizen-centered approach by including public participation in the annual budget process.

For the *first time ever*, written submissions were accepted from the public and were evaluated by Council for costing consideration and inclusion into the 2015 Budget.

Council initiated the Citizen Submission program in order to engage with residents, and to solicit their comments and suggestions regarding citizen priorities for next year's budget.

A Public Consultation meeting was held in October to allow residents to verbally discuss their submission with Council.

Four Citizen-submitted ideas received:

1. Youth Centre Garden

The costs for this garden are included in the Youth Centre operating budget for an approximate cost of \$1400.00. This affordable project benefits the Village by dressing up Gator Park & assisting with weed control. It provides the youth an opportunity to participate & take ownership of a project themselves.

2. Infrastructure

This request is already implemented by the Village. The Village has a 10-year capital plan in place to identify & address infrastructure projects within the municipality.

3. Speed bumps on Lake Street

Council directed Administration to speak to law enforcement about changing their focus area to Lake Street to help control speeding before speed bumps are put in place.

4. Alix Public Library – Capital Project Funding

The Library Board has been contacted to provide a priority list of their requests and how these improvements could be staged over a few years. Council also requested a proposal on how expenses may be cost shared with the Library Board, Lacombe County and the Village. This request will be reviewed again when the 2015 Budget is finalized in early 2015.