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DEPARTMENT	TYPE	FACT
Safety	Operations	E1. City of Melville currently has 674 active training records for our employees. These range from required courses for all workers, such as WHMIS, to specialized training certifications like Landscape Pesticide Applicator. We strive to maintain all certifications to provide a high standard of safety for our employees and services for our community.
Parks & Recreation	Customer Service/Community	B2. Our second successful February Break Camp was held on February 17th–20th, 2026. There were 22 enthusiastic kids, lead by two wonderful leaders who spent their break staying active and having fun with activities like skating, shinny, mini-sticks, crafts, puzzles, STEM games, and more. A highlight of the week was a special visit from the Melville Millionaires, who stopped by on Thursday to play and interact with all the kids—a truly exciting and memorable addition to the program! The February Break Camp is designed for children ages 6–10 who may not have alternative care options when school is out. The program provides a safe, engaging environment where parents can continue working while their kids stay active, build new skills, and make new friends.
Communications & Tourism	Fun Fact/Did You Know	F4. In 2013, the City of Melville opened a historic 1912 time capsule hidden in the corner datestone of City Hall. Inside were two rare newspapers — The Western Sun (August 23, 1912) and Melville Canadian (August 21, 1912) — neither of which exists in the Saskatchewan Archives, making the discovery provincially significant. The capsule also contained a letter identifying Ernest R. Mundle as the “Architect in Charge” of City Hall, along with the handwritten names of four men involved in its construction: Mundle (Architect), Brockelbank (Contractor and City Councillor), Greig (Foreman), and Nilson (Stonemason). A collection of early 1900s Canadian coins (1¢ to 50¢, dated 1904–1911) was also found. After being documented, the capsule was resealed with items from the 2012–2016 Council, including a letter from Mayor Walter Streeklasky, a Council photo, 2013 currency, and a copy of the Melville Advance. Today, it once again rests within City Hall, preserving Melville’s history for future generations.
City Hall	Operations	C1. There were 22 Council meetings held in 2025, including three special council meetings. 25.75 hours were spent conducting business in regular and workshop meetings combined.
Fire	Operations	D2. Fire hoses must be tested to their maximum PSI annually to maintain certification. Melville Fire and Rescue has four different sized hoses used for different applications, and each has their own maximum PSI.
Public Works	Operations	A4. On average, each time Public Works staff conduct snow removal in the downtown core, approximately 153 truckloads are hauled away, totaling about 2,065,500 lbs of snow.

By the Way is a short feature included in Council workshop meetings that shares “did you know” style facts about the work happening across City departments. These brief insights highlight behind-the-scenes operations, the scale of services provided, or interesting details the public may not normally see, helping improve transparency and provide better context about the work being done by the City



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