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2025



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ASSESSMENT CHANGES

Taxable Assessment

		2024	2025
N	Non-Arable	19,440.00	27,045.00
A	Agricultural	179,740.00	253,440.00
R	Residential	224,774,480.00	224,587,280.00
MR	Multi-Unit Residential	31,245,520.00	27,932,400.00
CI	Commercial & Industrial	46,245,210.00	48,755,467.00
E	Elevators	498,355.00	809,540.00
RW	Railway R/W & Pipeline	2,330,275.00	2,776,355.00
Total		305,293,020.00	305,141,527.00

Assessment is the fair value determined by Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) to calculate property taxes. SAMA is an independent agency with the responsibility to the City of Melville with property assessment policies, standards and procedures.

CITY GRANTS

Applicant	2025 ALLOCATIONS		
	Monetary	Non-Monetary	Total
Melville & District Agri-Park Association Inc.	13,299.82	7,462.00	20,761.82
Melville And District Food Bank Inc.	10,834.00	-	10,834.00
Melville Heritage Museum	2,370.00	-	2,370.00
Melville & District Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee	13,068.00	-	13,068.00
Beautification Melville	183.00	575.00	758.00
Kidsville Indoor Playground	2,002.00	-	2,002.00
Rail City Industries Inc.	8,066.00	-	8,066.00
Flourish Prairie Engagement Project Inc.	-	-	-
Melville Lion's Club	-	3,400.00	3,400.00
Magic Moments Co-operative Play School	-	-	-
Melville Tru Flite Archery	-	-	-
Neudorf Daycare Inc.	-	-	-
	49,822.82	11,437.00	61,259.82

★ EMPLOYEE MILESTONES ★

We celebrated and recognized the dedication and commitment of City of Melville employees at our annual Years of Service Luncheon. This special event honours staff reaching milestone service years and acknowledges their valuable contributions to our community. Enjoy a meal, connection with colleagues, and a well-deserved celebration of their hard work and years of service.

★ **5 years**
 Lanina Borson
 Chelsie Mounthey
 Austin Diduk-Vallee
 Kevin Walchuk

10 years
 Damian Goebel




UTILITY E-BILL CONTEST

In early 2025, the City of Melville launched an E-Billing Sign-Up Contest to encourage residents to switch to paperless utility billing. Residents who signed up to receive their utility bills by email before March 31, 2025 – along with existing e-bill users – were entered into a draw to win one of two \$300 utility bill credits. The campaign promoted reduced paper waste, convenience, and cost savings.

The contest was successful in increasing participation in paperless billing. As a result of the campaign and ongoing promotion, 62.9% of all utility bills are now sent by e-bill, demonstrating strong resident uptake and continued progress toward reducing paper usage in the community.

Sign Up for
E-BILLING
BY 4PM ON MARCH 31, 2025

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO
Win **\$300**
CREDIT
on your Utility Bill!

City of Melville
ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES...

Sign up by 4pm on March 31, 2024 for a chance to win 1 of 2 - \$300 City of Melville utility bill credits!
All current e-bill participants are automatically entered.

TWO LUCKY WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON MARCH 31, 2025 4:00PM.

Please Note: Starting January 2025 there will be a Paper Billing Fee of \$2.00 per month.
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MELVILLE SWIMMING POOL

The Melville Swimming Pool officially opened its doors on Monday, June 2nd, 2025, and wrapped up the season on Sunday, August 24th—giving our community 83 days of swimming fun, a full week longer than the 2024 season (which had 76 days)! We welcomed 19 lifeguards this year, including 13 returning staff and 6 new faces who quickly became part of the team.

Lesson Program Expansion

Building on the success of our 2024 pilot program featuring accelerated supersets—where swimmers attended once daily for five consecutive days instead of twice daily for shorter sessions—we fully adopted this format in 2025. The response from both participants and instructors was overwhelmingly positive. This transition enabled us to expand our offerings from 7 to 10 lesson sets, representing a 42.86% increase in availability. As a result, we saw a 29.3% boost in revenue, highlighting the effectiveness of the new structure.

As part of our lesson structure revamp, we strategically combined lower-enrollment levels, which freed up valuable pool time and allowed us to introduce up to 12 private lesson slots. While not all were filled, we successfully booked 8 private sessions—marking a first for our facility! This was a significant revenue win, as private lessons are priced substantially higher than group sessions. Each private lesson ranged from \$180 to \$225, depending on the number of days required for the participant to pass. These 8 bookings generated approximately \$1,800 in additional revenue. Had these participants enrolled in regular group lessons instead, the revenue would have been closer to \$600—highlighting a net gain of \$1,200 through the new private lesson offering.

Community Partnerships

We proudly continued our collaboration with Little Black Bear Band, Okanese First Nation, and Peepeekisis Cree Nation. Through this partnership, we welcomed approximately 428 community members to the pool throughout the summer which is an increase of 18.89% from 2024.

School Swims

Although June presented staffing challenges for daytime coverage, we were still able to accommodate 19 local school swims. Students from Miller Elementary, Davison Elementary, Melville Comprehensive, St. Henry’s Jr., and St. Henry’s Sr. all enjoyed end-of-year celebrations at the pool. Unfortunately, we couldn’t meet requests from out-of-town schools this season, but we’re hopeful for better availability next year.

Special Events & Programs

- Canada Day Free Swim (1–6 PM): We welcomed approximately 350 swimmers for a festive afternoon in the sun.
 - Water Polo Clinic (July 24th): Hosted by Water Polo Sask, the event drew 30 kids from the Summer Park Program plus additional public participants—an energetic and well-attended day!
 - Aquacize remained a favorite, with 10–15 participants per session keeping active and engaged.
 - We hosted 15 birthday party/private rentals, and provided 6 hours of pool time to the Yorkton Aquabatix swimming club.
- Melville Baptist Church generously sponsored two community free swims, while CUPE Local 3481 sponsored an all-day swim on Saturday, August 16th.

UTILIZATIONS

Approximate Daily Admissions

Child/Students: 2434

Bulk Pass (Max 4 people) : 298

Adult/Seniors: 1228

Approximate 8-Day Passes Purchased

Child/Students: 15

Bulk Pass: 7

Adult/Seniors: 25

(increase of 66.67% from 2024)

Approximate Season Passes Purchased

Child/Students: 80

(increase of 37.93% from 2024)

Bulk Pass: 45

Adult/Seniors: 7

increase of 250% from 2024)

19 School Swim Times in June

15 Private Rentals

3 sessions for Yorkton Aquabatix Swimming Club

3 Sponsored Swims

2X- Melville Baptist Church

1X- CUPE Local 3481

SWIMMING LESSONS

Accelerated Sets (once a week for 5 days)

Registered Participants

Preschool Levels 1-5: 111

Swimmer Levels 1-6: 254

Rookie, Ranger & Star Patrol Levels: 25

(108% increase from 2024)

Private Lessons: 8

AQUACIZE & LANE SWIMMING

Aquacize was well attended this year with upwards of 15 participants each session!

Lane Swimming seen 1-3 participants each session with some utilizing space during family/senior swimming as well.

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

The Summer Park Program continues to be one of our community's most well-loved, City-run initiatives—thanks in large part to the generous support of the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF). This year, we received \$7,500 from the CIF grant—an increase of \$1,500 from last year—which allowed us to extend the program by an extra week, bringing the total to 7 weeks of summer fun.

This free program for children aged 6–12 ran Monday to Thursday, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, and was based out of Kinsmen Park, with activities held across various community locations including the swimming pool and other parks.

👥 Leadership & Participation

The program was led by three dedicated leaders, and 2 returning volunteer leaders, who coordinated daily activities and ensured every child had a memorable experience. We welcomed 60 total registrants, with an average of 35–40 participants attending each day.

🎲 Daily Activities

Each day was packed with creativity and energy. Activities included:

- Crafts: Puppet building, tie-dye shirts, slime making, coffee filter butterflies, straw painting, popsicle stick bird feeders, landscape art, salt dough fossils, and dragonfly crafts.
- Games: Sandcastle contests, scavenger hunts, kickball, soccer, baseball, basketball, paper airplane competitions, nature walks, spray park fun, cops and robbers, glow day, pickleball, tennis, slushie day, and water balloon battles.

📍 Excursions & Community Engagement

Participants enjoyed a variety of excursions and community visits:

- Nature walks through the regional park.
- A visit to Lady Di's Healing Elements for a calming meditation session.
- A hands-on butter-making experience at the Heritage Museum.
- A community cleanup walk that ended with a surprise stop at the local thrift store, where each child picked out a toy or stuffed animal to take home.
- A fun and educational tour at Independent Grocers, complete with a scavenger hunt and hot dog lunch.

🚒 Emergency Services & City Departments

We were thrilled to have support from local emergency services and city departments:

- RCMP Detachment: Provided a tour, safety information, and a mock foot chase with one of the leaders.
- Melville Fire & Rescue: Hosted a tour, let kids spray the fire hose, and surprised them with a foam slip-and-slide on the final day.
- Melville EMS: Brought an ambulance for kids to explore, check their vitals, and even try out the stretcher.
- Melville Public Works: Gave kids a chance to sit in big equipment and learn about their roles in the community.

🌿 Special Guests & Sponsors

- Owen Parker from the Hug-a-Tree Program shared valuable safety tips and insights into search and rescue operations.
- Melville Pharmasave provided cold treats and donated two first aid kits.
- Miss Rose Beauty & Hair and Nails by Shennai sponsored a cool treat on a hot day.
- Thairapy Hair Salon and Fence'd Up teamed up to sponsor ice cream from Matty's Fun Centre.

Community support is the heartbeat of the Summer Park Program. Thanks to generous grants, local sponsors, and partnerships with businesses and emergency services, we're able to offer a safe, enriching, and completely free experience for children each summer. This support not only fuels daily activities and excursions—it fosters connection, learning, and joy for every child who participates. Without it, the program simply wouldn't be possible.



NEW SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS

New in 2025, we introduced two school break camps—one during the February break and another over Spring Break in April. These additions were made possible through a \$5,000 Sask Lotteries Community Grant. With schools closed for a week during each break, we recognized the need for a supervised, fun, and engaging camp option for children while their parents continued to work.

February School Break Camp

- Participants: 30 (full capacity)
- Staffing: 3 leaders
- Schedule: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM daily, with a supervised lunch break
- Activities included: Indoor sports & games: Baseball 5, mini sticks, freeze tag, twister, pop golf, “the floor is lava,” and skating sessions at the CN Community Centre ice rink
- Creative stations:
 - STEM Station: Magnetic tiles, STEM building blocks, marble run
 - Reading Corner: Cushioned mats with a variety of books including short chapter books, riddle books, fun facts, and “Weird but True” titles
 - Arts & Crafts: Coloring books, bracelet kits, and full crafting kits for creative masterpieces
 - Board Games: Guess Who, Shoot the Moon, Uno, Quick Cups, Rummikub, Shut the Box, Magnetic Chess, Save the Penguin, Battleship, and Minute to Win It
 - Puzzles & Blocks: A wide assortment for all skill levels
 - Skating: 1–2 hours daily at the CN Community Centre

Spring Break Camp

- Participants: 30 (full capacity)
- Staffing: 2 leaders and 1 volunteer
- Schedule: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM daily, with a supervised lunch break
- Activities mirrored the February camp, with the exception of skating (ice was removed by this time).
- Outdoor fun: On warmer days, participants enjoyed sidewalk chalk art, outdoor games, and snowman building when it snowed.
 - Special crafts: Birdhouses: Built, painted, and decorated—each child took home a bag of birdseed
 - Flower pots: Decorated and planted with wildflowers as Mother’s Day gifts

Sports highlights: Mini sticks, catch and Baseball 5 were camp favorites. With ball season starting in May, kids were excited to practice their skills indoors with friends.



CITY HALL CITY OF MELVILLE SIGN

The Parks & Recreation team took on a revitalization project at City Hall, giving the City of Melville sign a fresh look. Staff cleaned, ground, and repainted the sign to enhance its visibility and curb appeal.

In addition, they repainted two light standards and the handicap-accessible door post, contributing to a cleaner, more welcoming entrance for all visitors.



Before



After

SWIMMING POOL FENCING & PATH LIGHTS



This summer, the swimming pool area got a much-needed facelift! The parking lot and walkway now look better than ever, and we've added two new solar-powered lights to brighten the path for our lifeguards heading to their vehicles after hours.

The new fence is officially complete, which means those old rotted stumps—once marking the parking area—are no longer needed. They're scheduled for removal in the spring, clearing the way for a cleaner, safer, and more visually appealing space for everyone to enjoy.



PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS

Over the summer months, our Parks & Recreation team was hard at work—not only managing the daily operations of the CN Community Centre, parks, green spaces, and swimming pool maintenance (including chemical handling), but also tackling a variety of improvement projects across the community.

Highlights of Completed Projects:

- Restored and maintained parks to keep them vibrant and welcoming.
- Built and installed new sign frames and holders, replacing the old bulletin board at the post office and updating the Al Walls Ball Diamond sign.
- Installed volleyball posts and netting at the new court in Kinsmen Park.
- Added fence capping along the outfield fences at Al Walls and JayCee Park Ball Diamonds.
- Sanded and painted all four dressing rooms at the Merv Moore Sportsplex.
- Refreshed two sets of bleachers at JayCee Park Ball Diamond with sanding and paint.
- Installed new basketball hoops at Kinsmen Park.
- Spread and maintained sand at the new “Dam Beach.”
- Assisted with preparations for completing tennis court line painting.
- Stained remaining flower barrels, signage, and fencing built in 2024.
- Installed lighting at the “Welcome to Melville” sign near the water treatment plant.

These projects not only enhance our facilities but also create spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy year-round.



Lighting installed at sign



MMSP Dressing Rooms

Before

After



Finished Volleyball Court



Post Office Bulletin Board

2025 SUMMER ICE

We kicked off the ice installation process the week of July 20, and by the end of summer, the CNCC saw a total of 178.25 hours of ice time!

Here's how those hours were used:

- Edge 2 Edge Hockey: 128.75 hours
- Melville Millionaires: 24.75 hours
- Other organizations & private rentals: 24.75 hours

Edge 2 Edge Hockey ran five weeks of summer sessions, attracting participants from across Saskatchewan and even neighboring provinces—bringing great energy to the rink!

Installing ice in the Communiplex is no small feat—it takes about six full days, including the placement of ice logos. To make summer ice sustainable, we need at least 150 hours of bookings to cover installation and maintenance costs.

Summer ice typically runs from late July through the end of August, giving athletes and organizations a valuable opportunity to train during the off-season.

REGULAR SEASON ICE IN MMSP

The 2025 ice season officially kicked off on Monday, October 6th at the Merv Moore Sportsplex! Regular user groups make up the bulk of our bookings, keeping the rink busy Monday through Friday from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM throughout the season.

Weekends are packed with tournaments and games, but there's still plenty of ice available for private rentals, public skating, and shinny hockey.



REGULAR SEASON ICE IN THE COMMUNIPLEX

The Communiplex kicks off its fall ice season in early September, welcoming Skate Melville and Melville Minor Hockey as they begin training their skaters. The Melville Millionaires Jr. "A" SJHL team hits the ice in full swing, with their home opener that took place on September 19, 2025.

By the first week of October, the regular season is in full gear—every age group and user group is on the ice for practices, training sessions, and games. The Communiplex stays busy Monday through Friday from 4:00 PM to 10:30 PM, and weekends are packed with tournaments, games, skate meets, and test days.

We also offer Parent & Tot and Senior Skating twice a week, with sessions scheduled in the mornings and/or afternoons where available.

The MCS Hockey Academy is back this year, utilizing ice 2–3 times per week during late mornings and early afternoons. Meanwhile, the Millionaires practice Monday–Friday from 1:15 PM to 3:15 PM.

It's shaping up to be another exciting season at the Communiplex!



COMMUNIPLEX EVENTS

2025 Cornerstone Credit Union Event Centre Events:

This year has been one of our busiest yet! Here's what we've hosted so far:

- Meeting & Training Luncheons: 32 (↑ **146%** from 2024)
- Weddings: 8 (↑ **260%** from 2024)
- Banquets & Fundraisers: 18
- Tradeshows/Craft Shows: 2
- Funerals: 1

Other Events:

Graduations, Ladies Night, Elections Canada Polls, Model Railway Show, Volunteer Firefighters Association, Spring Spritzer, Craft Shows, Community Registration Night, Remembrance Day Service, Tis the Season Craft Show & Miller Elementary School Christmas Program.

Christmas Eve at the CN Community Centre

The CN Community Centre hosted its 7th annual Christmas Eve event on December 24th. The schedule includes:

- Parent & Tot Skating: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Public Skating: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Shinny: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Santa made an appearance from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM, handing out treats to participants. This event consistently draws 150+ attendees each year and remains a highlight of the holiday season.

Additionally, there was Parent & Tot, Public Skating, and Shinny sessions throughout the Christmas School Break, sponsored by PepsiCo.



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THE CITY OF MELVILLE PRESENTS
Christmas Eve
AT THE CN COMMUNITY CENTRE
WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER
Parent & Tot & Senior Skating: 10:00am-11:00am
Public Skating: 11:00am-1:00pm
Shinny: 1:00pm-2:00pm
We will have a special visitor from 10:30-11:30am
Stop by to say hello- and if you've been good this year, you might just get a treat!
All skating is free! Pucks and sticks are not permitted during parent & tot & senior skating and public skating sessions. Helmets are MANDATORY during shinny and STRONGLY encouraged for all skating sessions.

COMMUNIPLEX EVENTS CONTINUED

Conference Room

We have/had 134 rentals in the conference room for 2025 this is an increase of 48.15% from 2024. Rentals include: meetings, hockey tournament rentals, birthday parties, sports windups, safety training, lunch & learns, CUPE meetings, Grace Anglican Church Services, AGM's, Federal election training & baby showers.

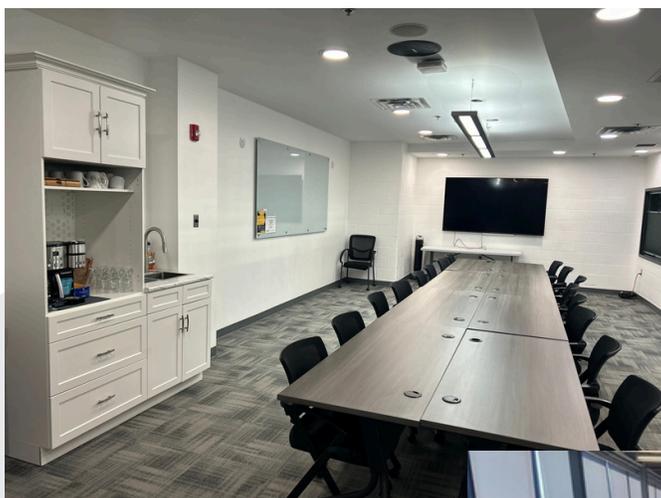
Royal Drug Mart Cardiac Care & Family Fitness Centre

The Melville Taekwondo club continues to utilize the Royal Drug Mart Cardiac Care & Family Fitness Centre every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30pm-6:30pm, they are a great club to work with and are very accommodating to other groups and organization wanting to book the facility.

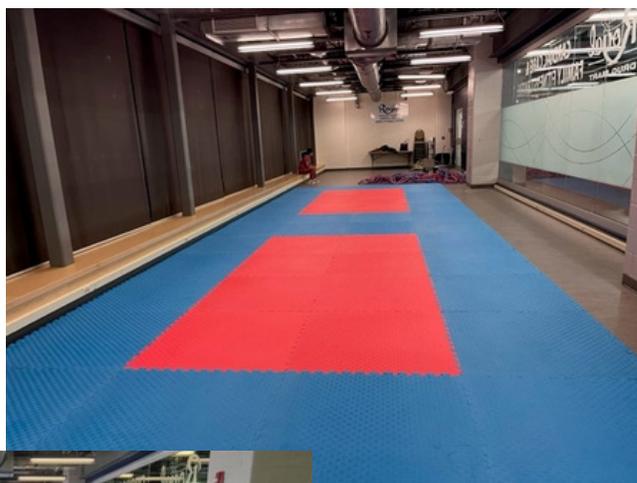
The Grace Anglican Church moved from the conference room to the larger space in the Royal Drug Mart Cardiac Care & Family Fitness Centre, their church services are Sunday's from 10:00am-11:00am.

Other bookings in the facility have included, meetings, luncheons, training sessions, baby showers, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, ice users tournament storage/meeting space.

In 2025 we had/have 132 total bookings which is comparative to 2024.



Conference Room



Royal Drug Mart Cardiac Care & Family Fitness Centre Taekwondo Mats in place.



Royal Drug Mart Cardiac Care & Family Fitness Centre Meeting Set Up

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

This year, we were thrilled to see an overwhelming response for the Volunteer Recognition Awards. We received 12 nominations—an incredible 100% increase from 2024! Each nomination represents a story of dedication, compassion, and commitment to making our community stronger.

Nominations were received across six categories: Community Involvement, Culture, Sport, Recreation, Senior, and Youth, with two nominees in each. Every individual and group nominated is truly deserving of recognition. In a time when volunteerism is declining across many communities, it is more important than ever to celebrate those who give their time and energy selflessly. Volunteers are the backbone of vibrant communities—they create opportunities, foster connections, and bring positive change where it's needed most.

Recognizing volunteers is not just about saying “thank you.” It's about acknowledging the profound impact they have on the lives of others and inspiring future generations to step forward. When we honor volunteers, we reinforce the value of service and remind everyone that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

The 2025 Volunteer Recognition Award Recipients are:

- **Community Involvement:** Jay Exner & Melville Nordic Ski Club
- **Culture:** Ronelle Schick & Melville Youth Council
- **Sport:** Hank Shannon & Charlie Broda
- **Recreation:** Gerri Martin & Michelle Rondeau
- **Senior:** Raymond Yost & Margaret Ann Yost
- **Youth:** Emerlee Renkas & Ryka Padar

At the beginning of 2026, we started doing weekly features on each and every award recipient. These spotlights will showcase the incredible volunteer work they have done—and continue to do—in our community. It's a chance to learn more about their stories, their impact, and the passion that drives them to give back.

Keep an eye out for these features—they're a celebration of the people who make Melville stronger through their generosity and commitment. (Sample below)



NEW COMMUNIPLEX PROGRAMS

Prairie Co-op Walking Track Challenge

On October 1st, we launched a new challenge program for the Prairie Co-op Inc. Walking Track, running until December 23rd.

Details:

- Open to all ages
- Participants sign in at the check-in station and record their laps each day they attend.
- Weekly totals and leaderboards are posted on the City of Melville Facebook page.
- Weekly spotlights highlight participants in each challenge category.
- Monthly winners receive prizes!

Challenge Categories:

- Most laps completed
- Most days attended
- Most improved walker

Challenge Stats (Oct 1 – Dec 23):

- Total laps recorded: 9,887
- Miles logged: 1,235.88
- Average weekly participants: 21

This challenge has been a huge success and the enthusiasm and consistency from participants have been incredible, and we're excited to keep the momentum going.

We look forward to building on this success and introducing even more ways to stay active and engaged in the new year!

Surprise Santa Visits at the CN Community Centre

The Recreation Department partnered with Santa to bring festive cheer to the CN Community Centre this season. Santa made six surprise visits during scheduled activities, handing out treat bags to participants.

Scheduled Activities Include:

- Learn to Hockey
- U7 Hockey
- Skate Melville CanSkate
- Fire Department Christmas Supper
- Melville Millionaires Game- Santa first made his appearance on the Zamboni before walking around handing out candy to the children in attendance! This was a huge hit with all fans of the Millionaires.
- Christmas Eve public skating

These visits were designed to add a seasonal touch to regular programming and create memorable experiences for participants of all ages.

Bringing Santa into these events is more than just fun—it's about fostering community spirit and creating lasting holiday memories for families across Melville.



FALL WALKING TRACK CHALLENGE OCTOBER LEADER BOARD

Week	Most Laps Completed	Most Days Attended	Most Improved Walker
Oct 7-13	Sandy Rathgeber (168)	Sandy Rathgeber (7)	Jane Ulzenberger (66% increase of laps)
Oct 14-20	Sandy Rathgeber (148)	Brent Wagner (6)	Harry Unterwiesche (75% increase of laps)
Oct 21-27	P.G. (395)	Sandy Rathgeber & P.G. (7)	Val Condemine (26% increase of laps)
Oct 28-31	Sandy Rathgeber (779)	Sandy Rathgeber (7)	Linda Washington (20% increase of laps)

Congratulations to October's Top Walker: Sandy Rathgeber



RECREATION PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

In 2025, the Recreation Department delivered several improvements and new initiatives designed to strengthen community engagement, support youth and families, enhance safety, and expand inclusive access to recreational opportunities. These enhancements align strongly with the City of Melville's Strategic Plan 2022–2025 and reflect our commitment to high-quality, community-focused service delivery.

Key Enhancements & Strategic Alignment

1. Swimming Pool Enhancements

- Revamped Swimming Lessons: Accelerated weekly lesson sets, smaller classes, and improved skill development.
- Private Lessons: Increased accessibility for individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities.
- Regular Lifeguard In-Services: Bi-weekly training to strengthen emergency response skills and staff competency.

Supports Strategic Goals:

- Youth access, inclusion, and reduced barriers (3.4.3)
- Community safety and well-being (3.4.1)
- Skilled workforce and service quality (3.1.3)

2. Summer Park Program Extension

An additional \$2,500 Community Initiatives Fund grant allowed the program to run one extra week, providing safe, supervised recreation and leadership opportunities for youth.

Supports Strategic Goals:

- Enhanced opportunities for young people (3.4.3)
- Community safety and well-being (3.4.1)
- Strengthening partnerships with community groups (3.4.2)

3. School Break Camps

New February and Spring Break camps offered inclusive recreation and helped reduce childcare challenges while supporting parents' ability to maintain work schedules.

Supports Strategic Goals:

- Youth program access and engagement (3.4.3)
- Safety and well-being through structured programming (3.4.1)
- Stronger community partnerships (3.4.2)

4. Walking Track Challenge

This October initiative encouraged active living, tracked usage of the free community walking track sponsored by Prairie Co-op Ltd., and promoted physical and mental health for all ages.

Supports Strategic Goals:

- Community health and well-being (3.4.1)
- Partnerships and community engagement (3.4.2)
- Leadership in recreation and open spaces (3.3.3)

5. Surprise Santa Visits

Pop-up Santa visits added festive excitement and enhanced winter program participation, creating memorable experiences for children and families.

Supports Strategic Goals:

- Cultural and community engagement (3.4.2)
- Youth inclusion and participation (3.4.3)
- Fostering a welcoming and inclusive community (3.4.3)

6. Soccer Program Enhancements

- Volunteer Expert Coach: A certified coach significantly strengthened the U8 program and supported broader program development.
- New Soccer Nets: A \$5,000 Sask Lotteries Community Grant improved program quality with modern equipment.

Supports Strategic Goals:

- Building volunteer capacity and community partnerships (3.4.2)
- Supporting youth development and participation (3.4.3)
- Strengthening recreational infrastructure (3.3.3)

The 2025 enhancements demonstrate strong progress toward the City's Strategic Plan by:

Expanding inclusive, accessible, and youth-focused recreation, strengthening community safety and well-being, building volunteer capacity and community partnerships, enhancing facility quality and program delivery and supporting a welcoming, connected, and engaged community

These initiatives contribute significantly to Melville's vision of being "a vibrant, inclusive city with welcoming small-town appeal."

COMMUNICATION



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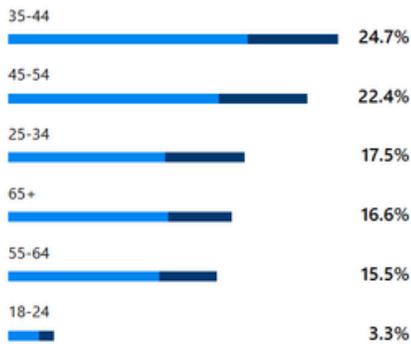
Followers 4915

Increase of 10% from 2024

Age & gender

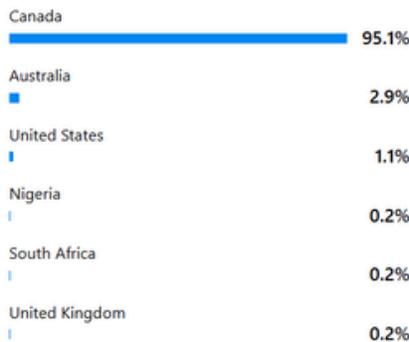
Lifetime

● Women ● Men ● Unknown



Country

Lifetime



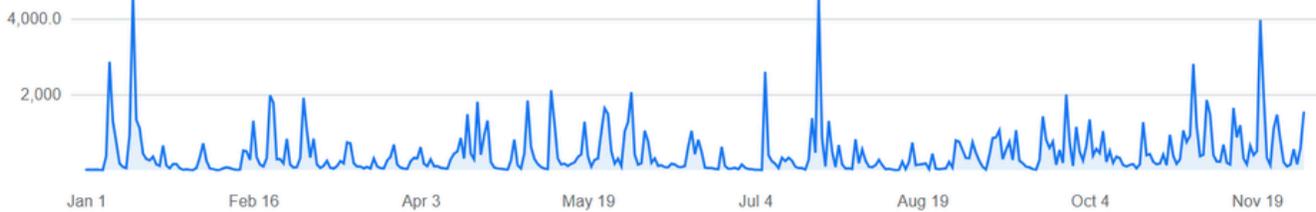
Cities

Lifetime



162,831 Engagement

+19.2% from previous 365 days



16,821

Reactions



2,055

Comments

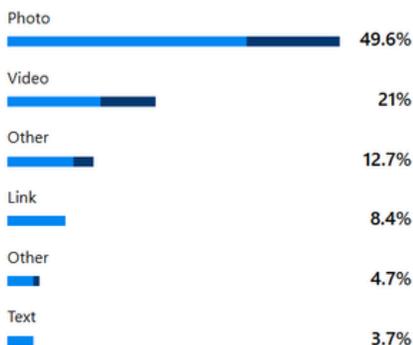


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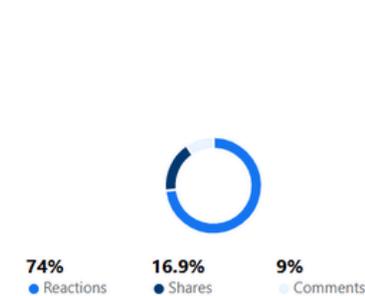
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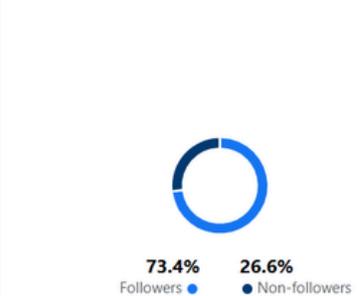
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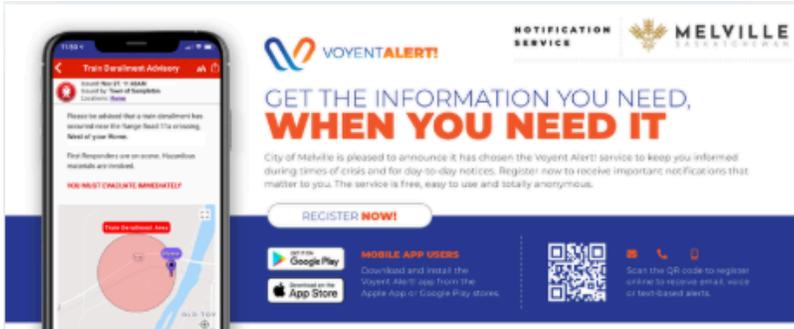
COMMUNICATION



City of Melville

Registrants

After Official Launch and Open Houses in November **360**
Steady increase happening, as of December 31st **470**



The City of Melville will be hosting
Open Houses throughout the Community
to help you get connected with Voyent Alert! —
our new community notification system.

Join us to learn more, ask questions, and get hands-on help with:

- ✓ Creating your account
- ✓ Setting your preferences
- ✓ Understanding how notifications work

Date	Time	Location
November 1st	6:00pm – 10:00pm	CNCC Cardiac Care
November 13th	10:00am – 12:00pm	CNCC Conference Room
November 19th	6:00pm – 8:00pm	CNCC Conference Room
November 26th	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Cumberland Villas

All residents are welcome to attend — we will make sure you're set up and ready to stay informed!

The City of Melville has launched Voyent Alert!, a free community notification system designed to keep residents informed and safe. Voyent Alert! provides timely and reliable alerts for critical situations such as emergencies, fires, and floods, as well as important day-to-day updates including road closures, service disruptions, and water advisories. Residents can choose how they receive notifications—through the mobile app, text message, email, or voice calls—and can personalize alerts for locations that matter most, such as home, work, or school.

To support the launch, information about Voyent Alert! has been widely shared with the community through utility bill inserts, the City of Melville website, social media channels, and local radio, helping ensure residents are aware of the service and how to register. The community response to Voyent Alert! has been very positive, with strong interest and engagement from residents.

In addition, the City is hosting a series of community open houses throughout November. These open houses provide residents with the opportunity to learn more about Voyent Alert!, ask questions, and receive hands-on assistance with setting up accounts and selecting preferences. As the City continues to use and expand this program, Voyent Alert! will enhance the way we communicate with residents, improving the timeliness, clarity, and reach of important information across the community.

WELCOME TO MELVILLE

In 2025, the City of Melville completed a comprehensive update of the New Resident Welcome Package as a key project to better support residents and strengthen newcomer engagement. The refreshed package consolidates clear, up-to-date information on city services, utilities, taxes, bylaws, schools, healthcare, recreation, and community life, helping new residents feel informed and connected from day one.

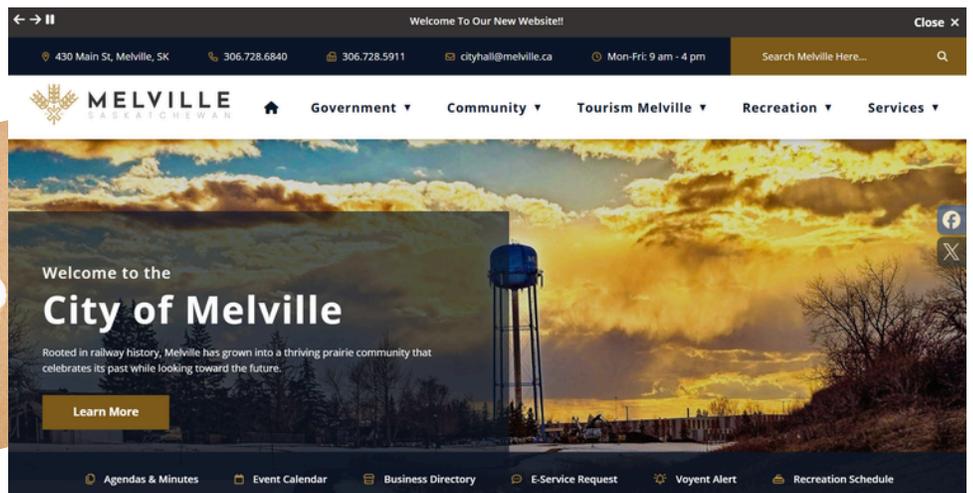
The updated Welcome Package is available on the City of Melville website and is provided in print to all new residents when they set up their utility account at City Hall. As part of this initiative, the City is also working with major employers to gather feedback on what new hires are looking for when relocating to Melville and to ensure employers have access to the package to share with new employees.



In 2026, the City will further update the Welcome Package with refreshed content and a new design that aligns with the City of Melville's branding guidelines, ensuring the document remains current, accessible, and consistent with the City's visual identity.

NEW MELVILLE WEBSITE

The website project is nearly complete, and we are excited to launch this new site! Content transfer is finished for all areas except the Cemetery Registry, which requires additional development and is expected to be ready within a month. The site now features our new city branding guidelines and improvements for better user functionality for our residents.



SPONSORSHIP

A summary of the City of Melville Sponsorship Program for 2025

Throughout 2025, the City of Melville continued to strengthen and expand its Sponsorship Program by working closely with existing partners, pursuing new opportunities, and planning for enhanced sponsorship development in 2026.

Renewal Sponsorship Partners

We are working with some of our current sponsors on a sponsorship package that will align with their business plans.

Confirmed

- Cornterstone Credit Union
 - Event centre sponsor
- Prairie Co-op Ltd
 - Current walking track sponsor

Renewals - In talks

- Canadian National Railway
 - Communiplex sponsor
- Royal Drug Mart
 - Current cardiac care sponsor

New Sponsorship Ideas for 2026

- **Accessibility Van**
- **Community Bulletin Boards**
- **Merv Moore**
 - Facility
 - Rink Boards
 - Spectator Benches
- **Parks**
 - Ball diamonds
- **Swimming Pool**
 - Naming Rights
 - Event sponsorship

SPONSORSHIP

Focus for 2026

In 2026, the Sponsorship Program will focus on:

- Building new relationships within the community
- Aligning sponsorship opportunities with business goals and business plans
- Strengthening relationships with current sponsors
- Enhancing revenue opportunities and program value through professional development and industry best practices

This approach will support long-term sustainability of community facilities, programming, and events.

Contracted Sponsorship Partners

We continue to work with two companies that have expressed interest in selling sponsorship within our community.

- Visual Sport Images
 - VSI continues to successfully sell sponsorship on the schedule TV's located in the CN Community Centre. The City receives a percentage of VSI's annual revenues for our facility.
- REC Media
 - They increased to 4 clients (Matis, Saskpoly Tech, Sasktel & SGI) sponsoring rink boards in the Merv Moore.



Professional Development – Municipal Sponsorship Congress

We were scheduled to attend the Municipal Sponsorship Congress in April 2025, a valuable professional development opportunity focused on supporting municipalities in developing and selling sponsorship.

The event was canceled due to an ice storm in Peterborough.

We intend to participate in the next congress in spring 2026, which will offer important insights and learning opportunities to further strengthen the City's sponsorship strategy.

ANNUAL EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

Earth Day

We hosted our annual Earth Day event. City committed a day to cleaning and the public participated in the "Bag it to Win" program.

1

APRIL 22
2025



MAY 26-30
2025

2

Tourism Week

We posted throughout social media outlets during the week featuring attraction in Melville as many are still closed.



City Wide Garage Sale

We hosted our 10th annual garage sale and had over 80 registered over the weekend.

3

JUNE 7-8
2025



JUNE 13
2025

4

Pride Flag Raising

We raised the pride flag at our annual flag raising at City Hall.



NIPD Flag Raising

We hosted our annual flag raising at City Hall with staff and public in attendance.

5

JUNE 20
2025



JUNE 30 - JULY 1
2025

6

Canada Day

We hosted our annual Canada Celebration. Events included a parade, outdoor movie, party in the park and fireworks.



City Hall Escape Room

We hosted our annual escape room at City Hall during the month of August.

7

AUGUST
2025



SEPTEMBER 26
2025

8

NDTR Event

We hosted multiple events throughout the day in partnership with the schools.



National Senior Dance

We had 92 seniors come out to enjoy the afternoon and we partnered with MCS students to host the lunch.

9

OCTOBER 2
2025



NOVEMBER 28
2025

10

Hometown Christmas

We participated in the annual Christmas event by hosting the FREE movie, wreath lighting and firework display.



CITY EVENTS THIS YEAR

SVFFA Event

The Melville Fire Department was proud to host the SVFFA Spring School where we hosted fire fighters from across the province.

1

MAY 9-11
2025



JUNE 27
2025

2

CN Tree Planting

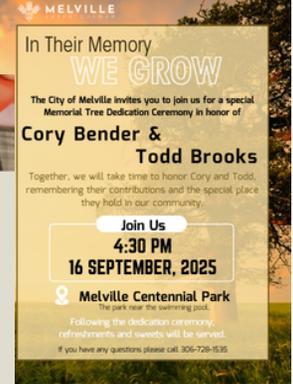
We hosted a tree dedication ceremony with CN representatives, MLA and city staff.

Memorial Tree Dedication

We held a special memorial tree dedication in memory of Todd Brooks & Cory Bender.

3

SEPTEMBER 16
2025



OCTOBER 21
2025

4

Wastewater Plant Open

We held a ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of the completion of the Wastewater Treatment System Expansion.

STAFF EVENTS THIS YEAR



Year of Service Luncheon

Each year we get together to celebrate staff reaching years of service for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years of service and retirement.

1

JANUARY 29
2025

ANNUAL
2025

2

STAR Program

This is an ongoing program where we recognize coworkers for helping out or going above and beyond.

Escape Room

Each department came out to try their luck in the escape room. It was a great team building opportunity.

3

AUGUST
2025

SEPTEMBER 26
2025

4

Christmas in September

We held our annual Christmas party out at the golf course. We offered golfing and a scavenger hunt.

Turkey Day

Each year we deliver turkeys to our staff in a festive, musical way to spread holiday cheer and appreciation.

5

DECEMBER 11
2025

MELVILLE FIRE RESCUE

Melville Fire Rescue: A Year of Growth and Community Impact

2025 was an exciting year for Melville Fire Rescue, marked by significant progress and positive change. In June, we proudly welcomed our new Fire Chief, Aaron Buckingham, whose leadership has already made a strong impact.

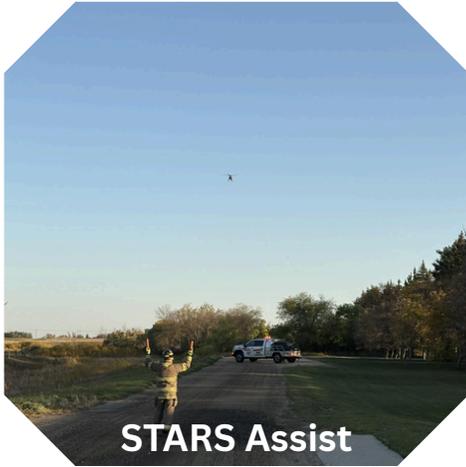
Our team has been active in the community, participating in numerous public events, conducting tours, and performing inspections of local buildings. We also completed critical testing and certification of major equipment, including hoses, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), and fire truck inspections. In addition, council officially declared Melville Fire Rescue as an offensive fire service with the province, ensuring we continue to serve the region at the highest level.

Fire Prevention Week was a major success, reaching over 300 students in just one week and featuring a well-attended open house and BBQ. Throughout the year, we hosted fun and educational events such as slip-and-slide activities for the summer parks program, Canada Day celebrations, and numerous school tours at the fire hall.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to community and employee safety, training, and recruitment.



MELVILLE FIRE RESCUE



STARS Assist



September 11th Ceremony



Hose Inspections



School Tour



School Presentation



Cumberland Villa's



Park Program Tour



Ituna School Tour



Remembrance Day



Slip & Slide



Open House



Daycare Tour

MELVILLE FIRE RESCUE

Fire Rescue Highlights

Chief Buckingham Honored for Exceptional Service

Chief Buckingham was recognized for his outstanding dedication and bravery, including two separate deployments to northern regions this summer to assist the province during an intense wildfire season. In acknowledgment of his extraordinary efforts throughout the 2025 wildfire response, he was awarded the Premier's Commendation Medallion, a prestigious honor reserved for exemplary service.



Chief Buckingham Appointed President of SVFFA

Fire Chief Aaron Buckingham has been officially appointed as President of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association (SVFFA). With 28 years of dedicated service, Chief Buckingham exemplifies leadership and commitment, continuing to champion enhanced training and support for fire services across the province.

New Fire Skid Unit Delivered Thanks to GlobalMedic

Chief Buckingham traveled to the Warman Fire Hall to pick up our brand-new fire skid unit, generously donated by GlobalMedic. This unit replaced the aging skid previously housed in our command unit, ensuring improved capability and reliability.



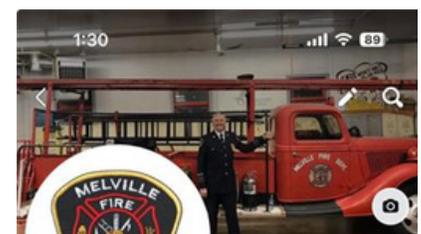
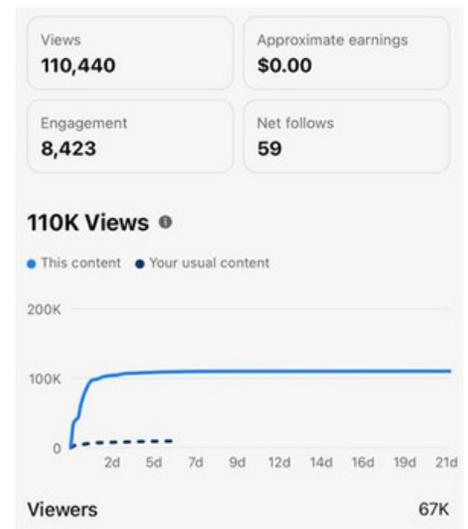
While there, we also collected four additional skid units that were distributed to neighboring departments from our hall in the following days. This donation benefited not only our department but fire services across the province.

A huge thank you went out to GlobalMedic for their incredible support and to the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs (SAFC) for their hard work in organizing the distribution of these much-needed resources. Together, we strengthened fire response across Saskatchewan!

Growing Our Community Online

Community engagement remains one of our top priorities—and the results speak for themselves! Since June, our social media following has grown by more than **1,000** new followers, and some of our posts have reached over **100,000** engagements.

Stay connected and informed by following our Facebook page for the latest department updates, safety tips, and community news.



Melville Fire & Rescue ▾ •
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MELVILLE FIRE RESCUE

2025 Call Statistics: A Busy and Balanced Year for Melville Fire Rescue

Strong and Steady Call Volume

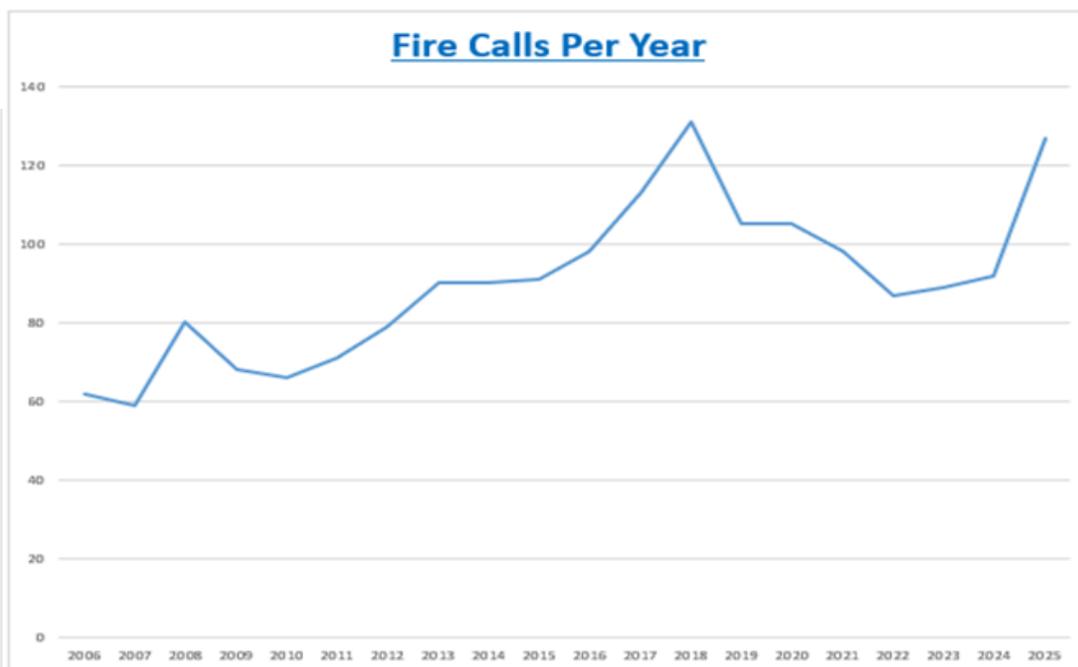
This year, the department responded to 140 total calls, including 47 within the City of Melville and 45 across rural partner jurisdictions, reflecting a well-balanced urban and rural service split.

Rural Partners Remain Key Contributors

Rural municipalities accounted for a significant portion of emergency responses, with 26 motor vehicle collisions (MVCs) and 19 non-MVC incidents. The RM of Cana and RM of Stanley represented the largest share of rural activity.

False Alarm Activations Add to Operational Workload

In addition to emergency responses, the department tracked 35 non-rolled false alarm activations this year. While these did not require full deployment beyond the Fire Chief, they were included in operational workload tracking. These events were not billed to partners and not counted toward annual call totals used for billing purposes.



MELVILLE FIRE RESCUE

Historical In-Town vs Rural Response Trends

Consistent Long-Term Balance

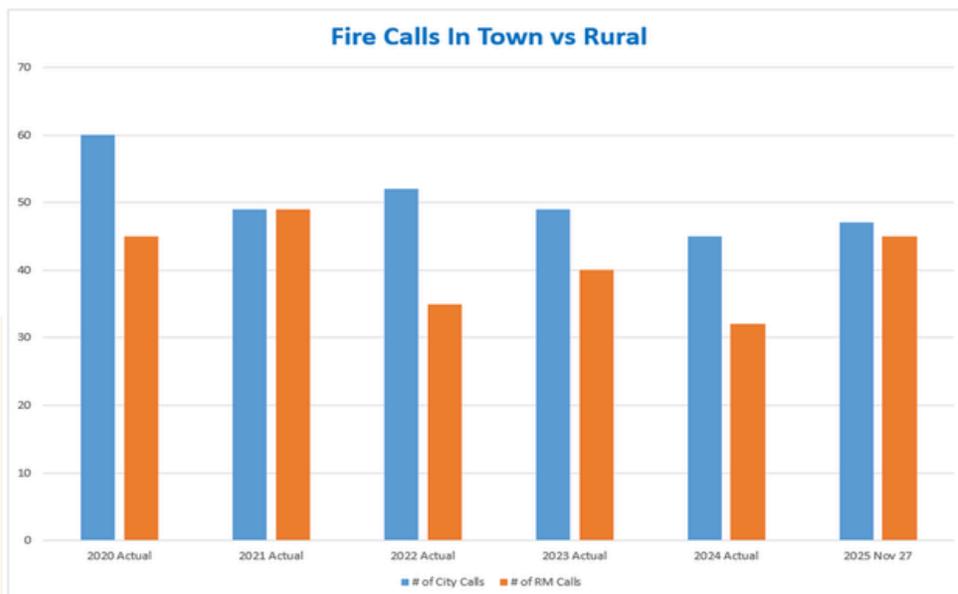
- City Average: 55 calls per year
- Rural Average: 43 calls per year
- Split: 57% City / 43% Rural
- This pattern has remained remarkably stable for more than a decade, reflecting predictable service needs across the region.

Rural Growth Over Time

- Rural call volume peaked in 2017 and 2018, even surpassing city totals.
- Since 2016, rural calls have consistently represented 40–50% of annual responses.
- Growth is largely driven by motor vehicle collisions (MVCs), grass fires, and corridor-related incidents.

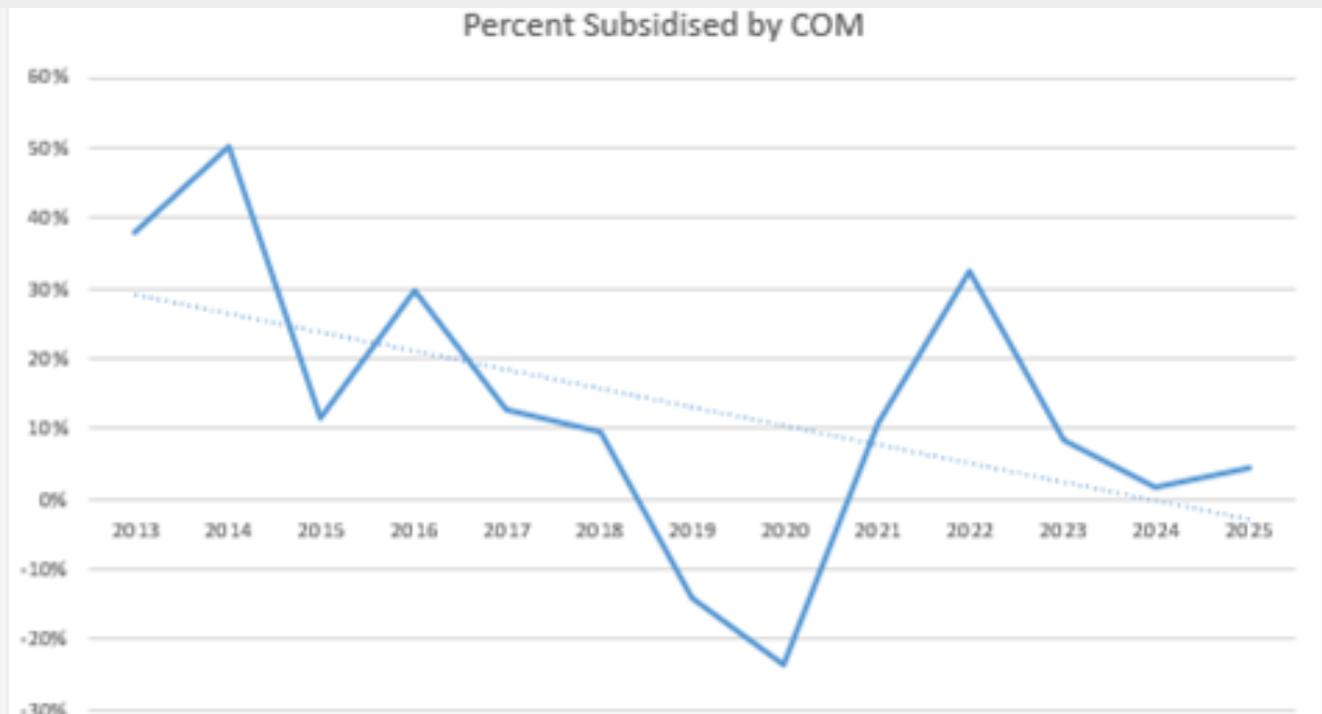
City Calls Show Slight Decline, Then Stabilize

- City calls dropped from the mid-60s (2013–2015) to the mid-40s to low-50s in recent years.
- This decline reflects improved fire prevention and fewer structural fire events.



MELVILLE FIRE RESCUE

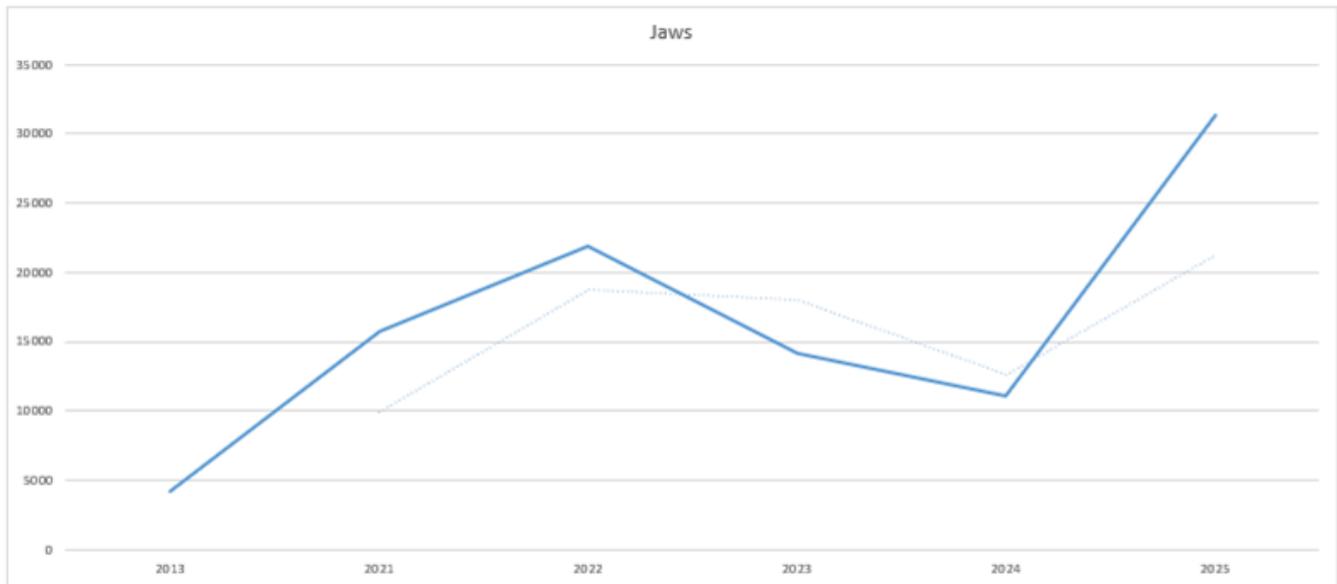
Cost Neutral Service Goal



	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Nov 27	Year Average
\$ of Revenue	-169,631.00	-172,399.00	-97,168.00	-135,772.00	-147,283.51	-166,777.81	-126,105.95
# of City Calls	60	49	52	49	45	47	54.92
# of RM Calls	45	49	35	40	32	45	42.46
Total Resp Calls	105	98	87	89	77	92	97.38
Total Stand Down/False Alarms	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	35	25.00
Total Calls	105	98	87	89	92	127	101.23
% of calls city	57%	50%	60%	55%	58%	51%	0.57
% of RM calls	43%	50%	40%	45%	42%	49%	0.43
Total Cost	320,367	386,053	357,270	329,448	359,844	356,457	330,244.05
Cost to City of Melville	150,736	213,654	260,102	193,676	212,560	189,679	204,138.10
Billed to RM	- 169,631	- 172,399	- 97,168	- 135,772	- 147,284	- 166,778	-126,105.95
Exp to Melville %	47%	55%	73%	59%	59%	53%	0.62
Exp to RM %	53%	45%	27%	41%	41%	47%	0.38
Cost to City (IF Equalized Comparative to usage)	183,066.86	193,026.50	213,540.69	181,381.48	210,298.44	182,102.85	188,055.50
Cost to RM Actual (IF Equalized Comparative to usage)	137,300.14	193,026.50	143,729.31	148,066.52	149,545.56	174,353.80	142,188.55
Cost recovery RM's	-124%	-89%	-68%	-92%	-98%	-96%	-0.87
Percent Subsidised by COM	24%	-11%	-32%	-8%	-2%	-4%	-0.13
Cost Subsidised by COM	- 32,330.86	20,627.50	46,561.31	12,294.52	2,262.05	7,575.99	16,082.60
Cost per Call increase Needed	- 718.46	420.97	1,330.32	307.36	70.69	168.36	472.30

Average Sub 13/23	16,082.60
Average Sub 24/25	4,919.02

MELVILLE FIRE RESCUE



Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVCs): A Decade of Growth and Impact

Significant Increase Over the Past Decade

- Rural MVC responses have grown from under 30 per year in earlier years to 40–58 per year in recent periods.
- The RM of Cana and RM of Stanley consistently record the highest MVC volumes.

Peak Years Reflect Regional Growth

- 2017 and 2018 were record-setting years, with rural MVC counts reaching some of the highest levels on record.
- These years marked a turning point where rural MVCs began matching or exceeding in-town call volumes.

MVCs Dominate Rural Workload

- Across the dataset, MVCs routinely account for 40–50% of rural partner calls.
- In several years, MVCs represented more than half of all rural responses, underscoring their impact on resources.

2025 Continues the Elevated Trend

- This year, 38 MVCs were recorded in rural areas alone.
- MVCs remain one of the most frequent and resource-intensive call types for the department.

MELVILLE FIRE RESCUE

Forecasted Major Capital Investments

2026 – SCBA Air Compressor

- Estimated cost: \$85,000 (including installation)
- Essential for maintaining safe breathing air systems for firefighters.

2027 – Water Hauler (Brig) Replacement

- Projected frame failure identified during OK Tire CVIP inspection.
- City contribution: \$116,470 (25% of cost)
- Rural contribution: \$349,410
- Note: This is a water hauler, not a fire truck.
- A new fire tanker with brush fire capability is currently quoted at over \$1 million.

2027 – SCBA Fleet Replacement

- Estimated cost: \$300,000
- Flow testing shows current units are nearing end-of-life and cannot be reliably rebuilt.
- New SCBA packs are incompatible with existing 1990-era bottles and masks, making partial replacement impossible.
- For operational safety, all firefighters must be able to connect their mask to any pack on any truck—requiring a full fleet replacement at once.

2037 – Pumper #4 Replacement

- Current unit (2012) scheduled for recertification in 2032 and replacement in 2037.
 - Forecasted costs: City: \$773,140
 - Rural: \$2,319,420
 - Total: \$3,092,560 (includes truck cost of \$2,783,800)
- Calculations based on current inflation rates: 10% for fire trucks and 6.2% for fire equipment.





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2025



HEALTH & SAFETY



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Health & Safety 2025



The City of Melville proudly hosted the Cade Sprackman Safety Day, a community-focused safety event designed for high school students and members of the public.

The event aimed to raise awareness around workplace safety, hazard recognition, and the real-life consequences of unsafe practices.

Through interactive demonstrations, hands-on learning stations, and discussions with safety professionals, participants gained practical knowledge that extended beyond the workplace and into everyday life.



The event strengthened community partnerships, promoted a proactive safety culture, and reinforced the City's commitment to education, prevention, and engaging the next generation in safety leadership.



the City of Melville implemented a Positive Ticketing Program in partnership with local business Mattie's Arcade to recognize and reward safe behaviours within the community.

The program focused on acknowledging children and adults who demonstrated positive safety practices such as following the rules of the road, wearing helmets, and being street smart.

By reinforcing good habits through positive recognition rather than enforcement alone, the initiative helped build stronger relationships between the City, residents, and local businesses. The program successfully promoted road safety awareness, encouraged community engagement, and reinforced the message that safe choices are valued and celebrated.



the City of Melville hosted a Fall Prevention Fair aimed at supporting the safety and well-being of seniors in the community.

The event focused on education and awareness around fall risks, mobility, home safety, and injury prevention.

Local health professionals and community partners provided information, resources, and practical tips to help seniors maintain independence and reduce the risk of falls.

The fair created an inclusive and supportive environment, encouraged proactive conversations about aging safely, and demonstrated the City's ongoing commitment to promoting health, safety, and quality of life for older adults.

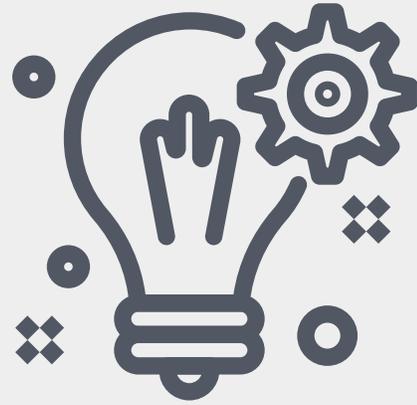




The City of Melville supported the delivery of the PARTY Program for high school students, featuring a realistic mock accident scene, simulated funeral, guest speakers, and educational components designed to highlight the real-life consequences of impaired and risky decision-making.

The immersive experience provided students with a powerful, emotional understanding of how one choice can impact individuals, families, and the broader community. By combining visual demonstrations with personal stories and expert insight, the program reinforced critical messages around road safety, substance use, and personal responsibility.

This initiative played an important role in preventative education and youth engagement, helping to encourage safer choices both on and off the road.



City of Melville staff completed over 175 training sessions covering a wide range of safety and professional development topics. Training included essential everyday requirements such as WHMIS, fall protection, and other core safety certifications, as well as group sessions focused on behaviour, mental health, and psychological safety.

Employees also participated in procedure review sessions and interactive safety meetings designed to encourage engagement, discussion, and continuous improvement.

This extensive training effort strengthened staff competency, supported a positive safety culture, and reinforced the City's commitment to both physical and psychological well-being in the workplace.



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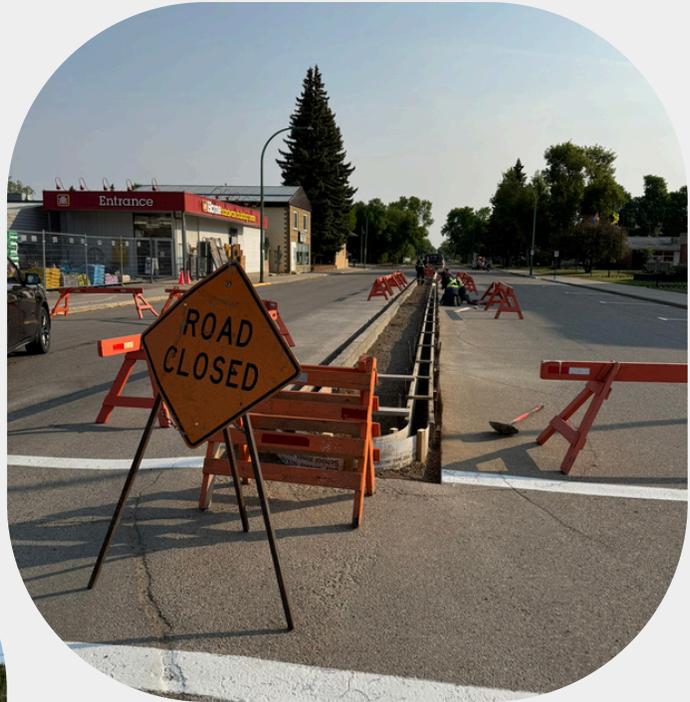
PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING



INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Throughout 2025, the City of Melville made significant infrastructure improvements.

This includes the placement of approximately 129 linear yards of sidewalk concrete



And the installation of 59 accessibility features to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Expanded cemetery runners as part of the 2025 site improvements.

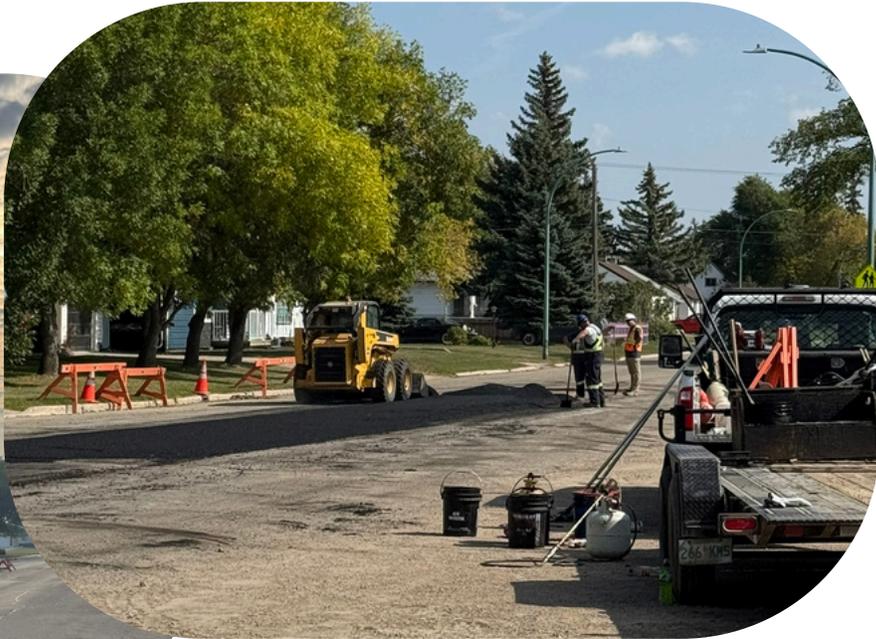
ANNUAL ASPHALT MAINTENANCE



In 2025,



The City of Melville placed approximately 811 tons of asphalt as part of its ongoing street maintenance and road improvement efforts.



Tree Planting Program

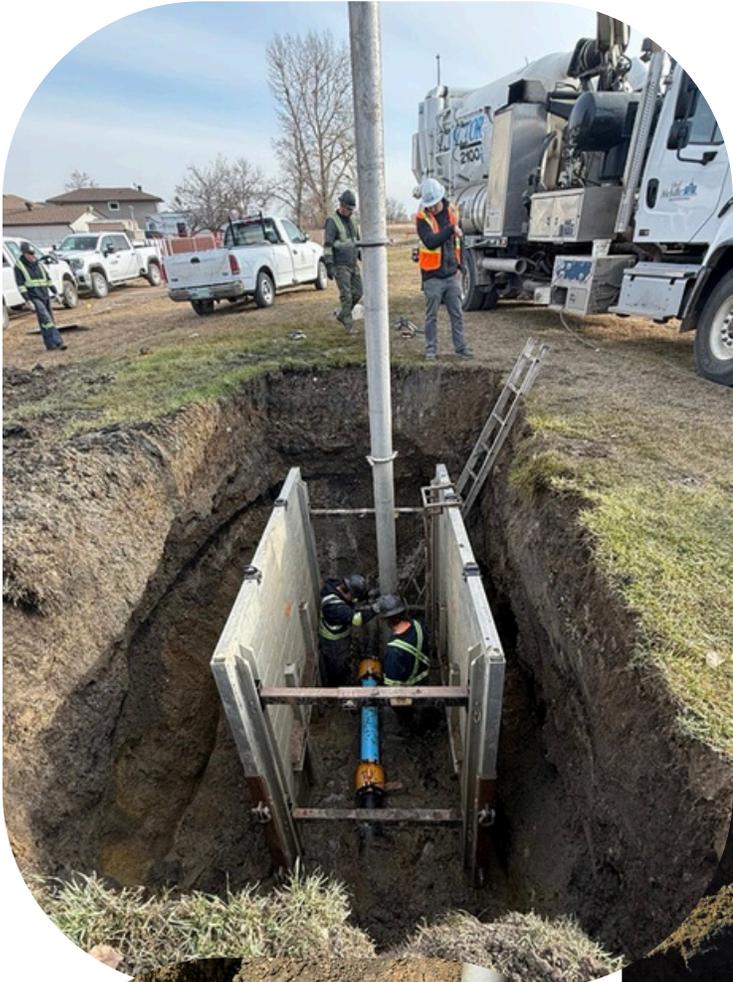


As part of its commitment to sustainability and community well-being, **the City of Melville** planted **167 trees and shrubs in 2025**, contributing to greener neighborhoods and a more resilient urban environment.



WATER MAIN BREAKS

In 2025, the City of Melville responded to and rectified ten water main breaks, ensuring continuity of essential water services.



2025 Development & Building Permits



Total of 56 Development Permit and related Building Permit Applications to date in 2025

Industrial Highlights

- Prairie Co-op Chemical Warehouse Conversion and Agro Office Addition
- UFA Cardlock Fueling Facility

Commercial Highlights

- Cornerstone Credit Union Renovation
- Tim Hortons Renovation
- Impact Collision Expansion

Industrial, 9%

Commerical, 21%

Community Highlights

- St. Henry's Outdoor Classroom
- MCS Reconciliation Garden

Residential, 70%

Future Project Highlights

- Away We Grow Child Care Expansion
- Directwest Digital Billboard

Residential Permits

- Decks, fences, home-based businesses
- Dwelling additions, garages, accessory buildings

Wastewater Treatment System Expansion

The City of Melville has officially completed their long-awaited Wastewater Treatment System Expansion. A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion took place on Oct. 21, 2025, at the new facility.



The ceremony was attended by representatives from the city, Government of Saskatchewan and community members. The project began construction in June 2022 after it was approved by City Council in April of the same year. The project has been in the works since as early as 2012.

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These upgrades will enhance the city's ability to process and store wastewater safely and effectively, supporting both local residents and surrounding areas. Funding for the project was made possible through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), with the Government of Canada contributing \$4,320,560, the Government of Saskatchewan contributing \$3,600,107, and the City of Melville providing the remaining investment.

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