

NEW PRIORITIES:

These are projects, programs or new initiatives that required substantial council attention in 2010, in order to provide direction, and/or allocate budget, and/or engage public discussion.

PRIORITY: Determine Commercial Allocation Policy

Council direction: Finalize policy and/or bylaw changes necessary to confirm what will be done with returned commercial allocation, the issue of transferability of previous allocations, and any parameters or criteria related to these two items. Status as of November 2010:

Commercial allocation is being addressed in Phase 2 of the Land Use Bylaw Review.

PRIORITY: Promote Community and Economic Sustainability and Prosperity

Council direction: Plan and implement our municipal response to Indexperience input. Status as of November 2010:

The municipal response to the Indexperience survey results are underway in accordance with the Council briefing submitted to Council on May 10, 2010. Specific initiatives include:

- Wayfinding
- “Towards Zero Waste” program
- Promotion of Roam public transit
- Year-round opening of downtown public washrooms
- Addition of parking stalls in Beaver Street Lot and on the west side of Bow Avenue
- Involvement of Town’s Visitor Experience Coordinator in special event coordination

Council direction: Consult with the community to determine the role of our municipal government in economic sustainability and prosperity, and to build a long-term plan for this work. Status as of November 2010:

A “Banff Summit” was held on November 26, 2009 to get input from the Banff business community. Results were distributed to Council.

Topics and meeting format ideas for future Banff Summits will come from Council’s annual strategic planning session held after the municipal election.

A visitor experience plan will be submitted for Council review after the municipal election.

PRIORITY: Focus on Citizen Engagement

Council Direction: Create a new program of kiosk outreach to neighbourhoods, with the mayor, the town manager, and council members. Status as of November 2010:

The mayor & town manager hosted community kiosks on June 15 and July 6, 2010.

Council direction: Focus on the Community Plan, identifying an appropriate number of indicators and determining when and how to report on them. This will result in a concise State of the Town Report. Status as of November 2009:

The 2009 State of the Town report will be published on the Town's website by the end of November 2010.

PRIORITY: Implement Resource Recovery Utility and System Improvements

Council direction: Implement the resource recovery utility and associated improvements to maximize commercial recyclables diversion, including organics. Status as of November 2010:

A trial of commercial resource recovery service changes began on October 1 and is scheduled to run for the remainder of 2010. The trial includes:

- On-truck software installation and testing, to be connected with utility billing;
- Test billings;
- Evaluation of new Town-supplied wheeled bin options;
- New route schedules for garbage, cardboard and organics collection, based on property owner service selections.
- Preparing on-bin stickers and other waste diversion communications material for property owners
- Working with property owners on their waste and recycling enclosures
- Proposed revisions to the Waste Bylaw 18-4

Council will be asked to approve a detailed fee schedule in December 2010, with fees coming into effect on January 1, 2011.

The goal for 2011 is a shift of 1/3 of commercial and residential waste and recycling service costs from property taxes to the new resource recovery utility.