



Resort Village of Manitou Beach

December 16, 2025

Around the Beach!

We are pleased to advise that we have submitted an application to the Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) through the provincial-territorial application stream. With the CHIF fund, communities across Saskatchewan will be able to build or improve the critical infrastructure related to drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste in order to support more homes. The province will receive \$187.9 million through the CHIF program to address housing-enabling infrastructure priorities. In addition, the Government of Saskatchewan is committing approximately \$155 million toward this program. The funding formula ratio is 40% Federal, 33.3% Provincial and 26.7% Municipal. While there are always competing priorities, Council has determined and directed that upgrading the Sewage Pumping Station No. 3 (East Lift Station) is the most critical infrastructure that requires upgrading in Manitou Beach. The project value for this upgrade is estimated to be in the \$2.0 million range and the commitment for municipal funding will be \$534,000.

Council has been through a process of priority setting over the past couple of months to consider work plans for the next 12-36 months. This is a very light form of strategic planning, which will be reviewed and considered at our December 16 regular council meeting. Stay tuned for more information on this one as we are focused on what the future looks like for Manitou Beach!

The three-year operating and five-year capital budgets will be developed by Administration during the month of January 2026 for review and deliberation by Council in February 2026. Evaluation of service delivery in all aspects will be our key focus during the budget process, and the priority setting already mentioned will be a great guide to implementation.

On behalf of the Mayor's Office and Council, I extend my warmest wishes for a joyful Christmas season. I would especially like to acknowledge our many volunteers, first responders, and municipal staff whose commitment keeps our community running smoothly and compassionately. Your service – often behind the scenes – makes an incredible difference, and we are deeply grateful. Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring renewed hope and continued growth for our community.

The first regular Council meeting in 2026 is scheduled for Monday, January 19th at 5:30 PM, and then the third Monday of each month thereafter.

Mayor Cheryl Hanson
Resort Village of Manitou Beach