

Monthly Bulletin

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NEWS, INITIATIVES, AND EVENTS

Rent Supplement Program

The Rent Supplement Program is funded exclusively by the Government of Alberta. As one of the key initiatives of their Stronger Foundations affordable housing strategy, they have more than doubled the budget since 2023, allowing us to increase the monthly supplement maximum and help even more families afford to rent in the region.

2026 Municipal Requisitions

Municipal members received their annual requisition information in April, and we are pleased to report that the bulk of these funds have already been received. These resources are critical to the ongoing operation of our seniors lodge program, enabling us to continue providing high-quality, affordable housing and support services to our residents. We greatly appreciate the continued financial support from the ratepayers of the region.

Gas Leak Incident

On June 1, 2026, a gas leak occurred in the nearby neighbourhood, prompting a short evacuation advisory from the Town of Canmore. I was alerted directly by Canmore's Director of Emergency Management, who provided us with a quick alert, timely updates, and confirmation that the situation was resolved and the all-clear was issued within a very short time. From our perspective, this was a good real-world test of our emergency communications with the Canmore Emergency Coordination Centre. The Town handled the situation efficiently, and there was

no impact on our residents or operations. We appreciate the prompt and transparent communication from the Town and remain confident in our shared emergency response systems.

PROGRAM OCCUPANCY RATES

Bow River Lodge - SL	100%
Bow River Lodge – CCHTB	97%
Cascade House	95%
Bow River Homes	100%
Mount Edith House	100%
Community Housing	100%
Rent Supplement	100%

SPECIAL PROJECTS

This is Home (Phase 3+)

Our application to Alberta Assisted Living and Social Services' Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP) was not successful in this round. Given the highly competitive nature of the program and the more advanced stage of other projects, this outcome was expected.

We have used this time productively to significantly strengthen the project. Working with a construction and design firm that generously contributed their expertise on a voluntary basis (as part of a case study), we have developed a much more robust business case. This approach has advanced the project to the point where we are now ready to go to tender for a firm to take us to very near “shovel-ready” status — an approach strongly preferred by the Government of Alberta. This method has also allowed us to save significantly on a typically very expensive process, with estimated savings of \$100,000 to \$200,000 so far. We are also applying to the federal Build Canada Homes program for low-interest financing using this enhanced business case.

We are actively pursuing talks with the Government of Alberta to explore greater collaboration and innovative ways of advancing this project as responsibly as possible. If approved, This is Home (Phase 3+) will meaningfully expand our Community and Seniors' Independent Housing portfolio by introducing new types and levels of affordability in Canmore and potentially other communities. We remain optimistic that the Government of Alberta will support this important opportunity and look forward to collaborating with the Province, the Town of Canmore, and other housing partners to help address the ongoing housing challenges in the Bow Valley.

ABOUT BOW VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING

Bow Valley Regional Housing (BVRH) is a Housing Management Body (HMB) serving the Government of Alberta and the Bow Valley Region. HMB operational funding sources vary. Tenants pay accommodation fees. Those fees are subject to affordability limits, which prevent them from fully covering the costs of operations. Provincial grants and municipal ratepayer requisitions subsidize seniors lodge deficits, while the province also subsidizes deficits in independent seniors and community housing.

As the HMB for the Bow Valley region, BVRH is responsible for social housing, as well as affordable supportive living accommodation for seniors throughout Kananaskis Country, the Bow Corridor, the MD of Bighorn, and all of Banff National Park, an area covering about 14,000 square kilometers.

All told, we currently house, or help to house approximately 500 residents of the Bow Valley in eight permanent housing projects encompassing 33 separate buildings.

RESOURCES

- If you or someone you know is in **immediate danger**, please call **911**.
- For 24/7 **nurse advice and general health information** for Albertans information on diseases, treatments, staying well, and healthcare services dial **811**.
- For 24/7 **community program & service information**, including affordability programming in the Bow Valley dial **211**.
- If you or someone you know is thinking about **suicide**, call or text **988**.