

Southern Victoria Council Reviews Building Progress, 2027 Budget and Upcoming Community Priorities

SOUTHERN VICTORIA, N.B. – October 28, 2026 – Southern Victoria Council met Wednesday evening to review several initiatives currently underway in the community, including progress on the new municipal building, preparations for the 2027 budget, an upcoming public engagement session and future strategic planning, and 2027 budget preparation.

Council received an update on the **Municipal Building Project**, where foundation work has been completed, with insulating and backfilling underway. Structural steel is anticipated in December, and staff are reviewing the site work and staging requirements that need to be completed before the steel arrives. Final drawing reviews are also in progress. Key tendering is planned for January, while the municipality continues to identify long-lead equipment and materials, including items such as a generator and transformer. [https://perthandover-my.sharepoint.com/personal/dan_vilsv_ca/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc={61789E93-3FAB-4EE4-9119-39810A84CAB9}&file=Oct 28th Committee VC 2026.pptx&action=edit&mobileredirect=true](https://perthandover-my.sharepoint.com/personal/dan_vilsv_ca/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc={61789E93-3FAB-4EE4-9119-39810A84CAB9}&file=Oct%2028th%20Committee%20VC%202026.pptx&action=edit&mobileredirect=true)

Public Meeting Planned for November 4

Council also continued preparations for a public meeting at **7pm, November 4th**, at the RVCC focused on the results of Southern Victoria's community survey and the priorities residents would like Council to consider.

The session will include an overview of survey participation and key findings followed by round-table discussions. Participants will be asked what stands out in the results, what issues require further consideration, which priorities should receive the greatest attention, and what could become short-, medium- and longer-term priorities. Feedback from the session is expected to be consolidated for Council's consideration, with resulting priorities communicated back to the community.

2027 Budget Preparations Underway

A significant portion of Council's discussion focused on preparations for the 2027 municipal budget. Council reviewed provincial assessment and funding information along with potential tax-rate considerations.

Council and staff are continuing work on the Village, Light Commission, Perth-Andover Water & Sewer and Aroostook Water budgets, as well as capital requirements. Draft budgets are expected for further discussion at the next meeting.

Other Items Considered

- Housing also remains on Council's agenda, with discussion referencing the **Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy (URNIHS)**.
- Council will be once again forward suggestions for improvement for the new **DTI four-way stop** in the community.
- Establishment of a Climate Working Group with representation from Council and the community.