

Question: What correspondence and meetings have occurred and/or have been requested between the County and the Town in 2026?

The County has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to open communication and collaborative working relationships with the Town of Gibbons. The following illustrates how the communication flow has unfolded in 2026, since the County was first notified that the Town was in financial crisis.

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- **Late 2025:** The Town reaches out informally to request to meet with County Council for introductions and early financial discussions. No formal agenda was communicated and initial plans were made for Councils and Administrations to connect.
- **January 14:** The [County receives a letter from the Town of Gibbons](#) indicating the Town is experiencing financial crisis and wishes to meet and discuss, as it believes Gibbons only has seven-weeks worth of remaining cash capacity. On this same day, the County responds back to the Town that it is committed to being a good neighbour and offers to host a lunch to further discuss the matter.
- **January 29:** [Gibbons sends a letter to the County](#) requesting to formally engage in discussion related to its critical short- and long-term financial viability. In this letter, the Town also requests “Sturgeon County’s perspective on the Town entering into an immediate municipal dissolution process.” The County adds Gibbons’ public presentation to an upcoming County Council Agenda.
- **January 30:** The County asks the Town to cancel the February 2 lunch given the Town was coming to present formally at an upcoming County Council Meeting. The County’s Mayor noted in communication to Mayor Henderson, “Out of respect for transparency and our shared commitment to open dialogue, I feel it’s important to avoid any meeting that might be perceived as taking place behind closed doors.”
- **February 5:** The Minister of [Municipal Affairs provides the County with a letter](#) indicating the Town requested an expedited viability review process and that the ministry is proceeding. Sturgeon County is asked by the province in this letter to participate in the formal Viability Review process.

- **February 6:** Sturgeon County Mayor arranges a brief phone call with Gibbons' Mayor to further discuss the current status of the Town's financial situation.
- **February 10:** The Town of [Gibbons Interim CAO and Mayor publicly present to Sturgeon County Council](#) and tables several asks, including considerations around regionalized fire and emergency services, implementation of other service efficiencies (like FCSS), and revenue sharing.
- **February 11:** An in-person meeting at Sturgeon County offices takes place between the mayors of the County and the Town where a request was made by Sturgeon County for more information on Gibbons' interim administrative services.
- **February 12:** The Town provides an email back to the County to say it would not be sharing the requested information on Gibbons contracted administrative services.
- **February 19:** The [Town sends correspondence to the County](#) indicating it accepts an offer the County verbally extended (via administration) to fund a legal review associated with a potential unrecoverable budgetary item. On this same day, the Sturgeon Regional Partnership occurs (a sub-regional committee comprised of the County and towns within its boundaries). The Town's financial situation was discussed at this meeting.
- **February 20:** The County sends a letter to the Town regarding an interaction between members of the Gibbons and Sturgeon County administrations following the Sturgeon Regional Partnership meeting. The County expresses, because of this, Sturgeon County's preference is to communicate via letter at this time. The Town did not respond.
- **February 27:** The [County provides Gibbons with a response](#) to their requests made during the February 10 presentation to County Council. In this letter, the County confirms it would be happy to proceed with the Fire and Emergency Services Integration Study and the limited legal review (with no funding cap referenced). The County also indicates that while it does not believe revenue sharing is a solution, Sturgeon County is supportive of continued cost-sharing agreements and seeking other internal service efficiencies as a mechanism to reduce Gibbons' costs.
- **March 2:** Sturgeon County Administration connects with Gibbons Administration to kick off the Fire and Emergency Services Integration Study working group. The first

formal meeting of this group happens on March 6. Over the following weeks, the group meets regularly to gather the required operational, financial, governance, staffing, fleet, facility, and technology information. It also starts to develop a draft business case based on the collected information.

- **March 26:** Following the tabling of Gibbons' proposed 2026 Budget, [the County requests clarification on some of the Town's](#) financial approaches given the ongoing viability review process (and the County's position as a potential "receiving municipality" if the Town were to dissolve). The County also requests in this letter an in-person meeting with the Town of Gibbons. The Town did not respond.
- **April 8:** Sturgeon County and Gibbons Administration meet in person to undertake a site visit at the Gibbons Fire Hall as part of the Fire and Emergency Services Integration Study. The target date for finalizing study is identified as "end of May 2026."
- **April 14:** Sturgeon County and Gibbons Administration meet in person to undertake a follow-up site visit at the Gibbons Fire Hall as part of the Fire and Emergency Services Integration Study.
- **April 15:** The [Town of Gibbons sends correspondence to Sturgeon County](#) saying it no longer wishes to proceed with the Fire and Emergency Services Integration Study and the limited legal review. The Town also indicates that it wishes to seek financial solution through revenue sharing or viability transfer payments from the County.
- **April 29:** Sturgeon County reshapes information (via email) with Gibbons Council related to concerns with the town's outstanding wastewater infrastructure investments (reforwarding the information previously shared with Gibbons on April 9).
- **May 26:** The County further communicates publicly in this [update video](#) that it wishes to seek a collaborative, in-person meeting with the Town.
- **May 27:** [Gibbons sends a letter to Sturgeon County](#) requesting financial and other information about the County, asking that detailed organizational data and analysis be conducted and provided in a format that can be reviewed by Gibbons' Council and residents, and incorporated into the province's viability review process (the County has not received direction from the province that it wishes to incorporate this level of Sturgeon County's detail into their process).