

HEALTHCARE IN BEAUMONT



Beaumont has grown 20% in the past five years and is expected to double by 2044. As Alberta's third fastest growing community, Beaumont is a bustling city with a young, high-earning, and well-educated population of over 23,000 people. Beaumont's City Council has prioritized the ability for residents to access health services that meet the needs of Beaumont's growing population.

Municipalities can play a role in supporting the health needs of residents by understanding what services residents currently use, anticipate using in the future and where gaps in service availability exist. This information can be used to effectively advocate to and work with the provincial government to find solutions.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age		
0-14	»	22%
15-19	»	7%
20-29	»	11%
30-44	»	22%
45-54	»	14%
55-64	»	11%
65+	»	13%

Beaumont has seen:

27%↑
INCREASE IN NEW CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

\$100M+
VALUE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

7%+
OF WORKFORCE IS IN HEALTH-RELATED OCCUPATIONS

~\$23M
RESIDENTS SPENT (IN 2023) ON MEDICAL-RELATED SERVICES, NOT INCLUDING HEALTH PREMIUMS



CHALLENGE

Provincial challenges, including a lack of physicians entering public health as general practitioners, makes it difficult to attract new physicians and other healthcare professionals to communities like Beaumont.



OPPORTUNITY

With a lack of family physicians, Beaumont is looking at innovative ways to continue providing high quality healthcare in the community.

***Decrease of physicians practicing in Beaumont**

18
2022
POP: 21,918

17
2023
POP: ~23,000

13
2024
POP: ~24,000

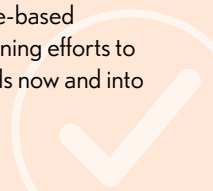
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2029
POP: ~30,000

Three current physicians plan to retire within five years and an additional three in 5-10 years.

*DATA PROVIDED BY THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ALBERTA.

WHAT WE DID

The City of Beaumont engaged MNP LLP and Alberta Health Services to do a **Community Health Needs Assessment** in the fall of 2023. The results provided evidence-based information to guide planning efforts to address local health needs now and into the future.



WHAT'S WORKING TODAY

- 90% of Beaumont's residents currently have a family doctor (moderately higher than the provincial average) but this is likely to be impacted by the projections above
- 87% report being satisfied with their personal health
- 89% feel their quality of health is good, very good or excellent
- 100% reported feeling safe in the community, and
- 90% said there are affordable recreational opportunities and accessible walking paths and green spaces.

WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

In one year, over 36,000 emergency room visits by Beaumontians could have been addressed through a visit to a healthcare provider/clinic or emergent/urgent care centre if one was available. This would alleviate approximately 30% of emergency room visits by Beaumontians.



Primary Care Practitioners and clinics with capacity for new patients and after-hours care



Emergent and Urgent Care



Enhanced referral coordination among healthcare providers



Increased capacity for social supports in the community



Increased transit options for people requiring assistance getting to medical appointments, locally and in neighbouring communities

WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH

The City is collaborating with AHS and nearby communities to explore models of care to address gaps in service for the broader community and reduce pressure on Edmonton facilities. These actions will help improve services in Beaumont and support healthcare and frontline workers who already provide services locally.

- Proposed multidisciplinary health network, Leduc-Beaumont-Devon Primary Care Network
- Map of healthcare facilities within a 15-kilometer radius
- Meet with and begin discussions with local municipal and healthcare partners on long-term plans
- Build awareness of existing social and health services near the city

- Explore a regional mobile health unit
- Explore transportation options for medical appointments
- Explore a multi-cultural resource with the Primary Care Network
- Additional after-hours, primary and urgent care services to be established

IMMEDIATE
(0-6 MONTHS)

SHORT-TERM
(1-2 YEARS)

MEDIUM-TERM
(3-5 YEARS)

LONG-TERM
(6-10 YEARS)

- Attract primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and clinics to increase capacity for new patients
- Explore potential incentives to encourage specific health services locating in Beaumont

- Establish a regional emergent care plan
- Innovative health and social care options shared with surrounding communities

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR PROPOSE INNOVATIVE SUGGESTIONS

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