

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION
5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - a. Organizational Council Meeting of October 19, 2021
 - b. Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2021
6. DELEGATIONS
 - a. Dave Ives, Fire Chief, Onoway Regional Fire Services – Fire Department Presentation
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Beach Municipal Library – 2021-2022 Library Board Highlights
 - b. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance October 22, 2021
 - c. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance October 29, 2021
 - d. Alberta Counsel – The News October 27, 2021
 - e. Alberta Counsel – Upcoming Events & New Webinars
 - f. Alberta Counsel – AUMA Convention Invitation to Hospitality Suite
 - g. Alberta Emergency Management Agency – Wild-land Urban Interface Structural Fire Integration
 - h. Alberta Health Operations – Covid-19 Municipal Update October 29, 2021
 - i. Alberta Health Operations – Covid-19 Municipal Update November 3, 2021
 - j. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update October 12, 2021
 - k. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update October 18, 2021
 - l. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update November 1, 2021
 - m. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update November 8, 2021
 - n. Alberta Health Services – Virtual Engagement on Health Care & Planning
 - o. Alberta Infrastructure – Infrastructure Accountability Act & 20 Year Strategic Capital Plan Engagement
 - p. Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2020 Detailed Assessment Audit Follow-up
 - q. Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2022 & 2023 MSI Allocation Estimates
 - r. Alberta Ombudsman – Fairness Update
 - s. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of October 20, 2021
 - t. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of October 27, 2021
 - u. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of November 3, 2021
 - v. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of November 10, 2021
 - w. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA Resolutions Book
 - x. Fortis Alberta – Between the Lines Update for Government & Stakeholders
 - y. Fortis Alberta – Congratulatory Letter & AUMA Convention Customer Reception Invitation
 - z. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – October 2021 In Stream Newsletter
 - aa. Town of Onoway – Councillor Committee Appointments
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Beach & District Lion's Club – SnoMo Days 2022 Sponsorship
 - b. Alberta Beach Museum & Archives Society – Museum Heritage Park Lease
 - c. Alberta Beach Seniors 50+ Club – Signage
 - d. Alberta NWT Command Royal Canadian Legion – Military Service Recognition Book
15. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Alberta Beach Municipal Library – 2021-2022 Board of Directors
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

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PRESENT:

- Councillor Angela Duncan
- Councillor Debbie Durocher
- Councillor Tara Elwood
- Councillor Bud Love
- Councillor Daryl Weber
- C.A.O..... Kathy Skwarchuk
- Assistant CAO..... Cathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER:

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by the C.A.O. at 7:01 P.M.

COUNCILLOR OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE:

Each Councillor took the Official Oath of Office for the position of Councillor for Alberta Beach.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#153-21

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOMINATION: MAYOR

The CAO declared nominations open and called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Councillor Weber nominated Councillor Love.
Councillor Love accepted the nomination.

The CAO called for nominations for the position of Mayor for the second time.

The CAO called for nominations for the position of Mayor for the third & final time.

#154-21

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that nominations for the position of Mayor cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The C.A.O. declared Councillor Love elected as Mayor.

Councillor Love was sworn into the office of Mayor and took the Mayor's Official Oath of Office.
Mayor Love assumed the chair.

NOMINATION: DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Love declared nominations open and called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Love nominated Councillor Duncan.
Councillor Duncan accepted the nomination.

Councillor Durocher nominated Councillor Weber.
Councillor Weber declined the nomination.

Mayor Love called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the second time.

Mayor Love called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the third & final time.

#155-21

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Love declared Councillor Duncan elected as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Duncan was sworn into the office of Deputy Mayor and took the Deputy Mayor's Official Oath of Office.

#156-21

MUNICIPAL OFFICE:

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the Municipal Office be confirmed at 4935 - 50th Avenue, Alberta Beach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CONFIRMATION OF MEETINGS, BOARDS, APPOINTMENTS AND AUTHORITIES:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that all meetings, boards, appointments and authorities be confirmed as follows:

REGULAR MEETING – DATE & TIME:

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

SIGNING AUTHORITIES:

The Mayor or Deputy Mayor and the C.A.O. or Assistant C.A.O.

BANKING AUTHORITY:

ATB Financial

AUDITOR APPOINTMENT:

Allen Lee of Doyle & Company

SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT:

Brownlee LLP and Patriot Law

ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT:

Dan Kanuka through agreement with Municipal Assessment Services Group

ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD:

through agreement with Capital Region Assessment Services Commission

ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS AND CLERK:

ARB Chairperson Raymond Ralph; ARB Clerk Richard Barham; and ARB Panelists Darlene Chartrand, Tina Groszko, Stewart Hennig, Richard Knowles and Raymond Ralph.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Paul Hanlan through agreement with SV Planning & Development

SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY:

Subdivision Authority remain as Council and administration of Subdivision Authority as Paul Hanlan through agreement with SV Planning & Development

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Jason Shewchuk, Gerald Stark, Rainbow Williams, John Roznicki, Jamie-Lee Kralej and Denis Meier

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD CLERK:

Cathy McCartney and Emily House

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Council

FOIP COORDINATOR:

CAO or Designate

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Shari Ives as appointed by Bylaw #271-20

DESIGNATED OFFICERS:

Kathy Skwarchuk be appointed as Designated Officer in the capacity of Chief Administrative Officer;
Dan Kanuka of Municipal Assessment Services Group be appointed as Designated Officer in the capacity of Assessor;
Bruce Parno and David White be appointed as Designated Officers in the capacity of Bylaw Enforcement Officers;
Paul Hanlan of SV Planning & Development be appointed as Designated Officer in the capacity of Development Authority;
Paul Hanlan of SV Planning & Development be appointed as Designated Officer in the capacity of Administration of Subdivision Authority; and
Cathy McCartney and Emily House be appointed as Designated Officers in the capacity of Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerks.

ROUND TABLE MEETING – DATE & TIME:

2nd Monday of the month at 2:00 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that all committee appointments be confirmed as follows;

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY AGLIPLIX OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Deputy Mayor Duncan and Councillor Elwood as Alternate

ALBERTA BEACH CAMPGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mayor Love and Councillor Weber

ALBERTA BEACH INTER-MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
Mayor Love and Deputy Mayor Duncan

ALBERTA BEACH LIBRARY BOARD
Councillor Elwood

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES
Councillor Durocher

ALBERTA BEACH PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mayor Love and Councillor Weber

BEACHWAVE PARK STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE
Councillor Durocher

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST
Councillor Weber and Councillor Elwood as Alternate

DARWELL REGIONAL WASTEWATER TRANSMISSION LINE STEERING COMMITTEE
Deputy Mayor Duncan

EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
All Council members

FCSS TRIVILLAGE COMMITTEE
Deputy Mayor Duncan

HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION
Mayor Love and Councillor Weber as Alternate

INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF) COMMITTEE
Mayor Love and Deputy Mayor Duncan and Councillor Elwood as Alternate

LAC STE. ANNE EAST END BUS SOCIETY
Councillor Weber

LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION
Councillor Weber and Councillor Elwood as Alternate

LAKE ISLE AND LAC STE. ANNE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:
Deputy Mayor Duncan

LAND USE BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE
Deputy Mayor Duncan and Councillor Durocher

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS COMMITTEE
Councillor Durocher

REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE
Councillor Elwood

REGIONAL RECREATION BOARD STEERING COMMITTEE
Councillor Durocher

REGIONAL REVENUE AND COST SHARING STEERING COMMITTEE
Deputy Mayor Duncan

STE. ANNE RECREATIONAL LAKE USE COMMITTEE (SARLUC)
Mayor Love and Councillor Weber

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STE. ANNE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITIES (SARM) COMMITTEE
Mayor Love and Deputy Mayor Duncan and Councillor Elwood as Alternate

STONY PLAIN CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION
(No Councillor appointed –same night as Council meetings)

STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE
Deputy Mayor Duncan

TRIVILLAGE REGIONAL SEWAGE SERVICE COMMISSION
Deputy Mayor Duncan and Councillor Weber

IWAG (WATERSHED ACTION GROUP)
Councillor Durocher

WEST INTER LAKE DISTRICT (WILD) WATER COMMISSION
Deputy Mayor Duncan and Mayor Love as Alternate

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
Councillor Elwood and Deputy Mayor Duncan as Alternate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor – Bud Love

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

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PRESENT:

- Mayor.....Bud Love
Deputy MayorAngela Duncan
CouncillorDebbie Durocher
CouncillorTara Elwood
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAOCathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Love called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#159-21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

No closed meeting session was held.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

#160-21 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021: MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 21, 2021 be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#161-21 MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021: MOVED BY Mayor Love that the minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of September 21, 2021 be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

No Municipal Planning Commission meeting was held.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

#162-21 SUNSPASHED AB BEACH INC. – LEASE AGREEMENT: MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the amended lease agreement with Sunsplashed AB Beach Inc. be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

#163-21 FINANCIAL REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021: MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Financial Report of September 30, 2021 be accepted for information. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#164-21 CAMPGROUND FINANCIAL REPORT OF OCTOBER 15, 2021: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Campground Financial Report of October 15, 2021 be accepted for information. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN: Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings: Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of September 23, 2021. Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality meetings of September 28, 2021. Yellowhead Regional Library meeting of October 4, 2021.

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COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Beachwave Park Stakeholders meeting of October 19, 2021.
Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting of October 14, 2021.
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting of September 29, 2021.
Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance meeting of September 29, 2021.

MAYOR LOVE:

Mayor Love reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee meeting of October 15, 2021.
Alberta Beach Museum & Archives meeting of October 13, 2021.
Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting of October 12, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

A report on the 2021 Development Permits issued to date was distributed for information.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS:

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council, committee and staff reports be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#165-21

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA COUNSEL – NEWSLETTERS:

At a Glance Newsletters of September 24, October 1 and 8, 2021 as well as the September 28, 2021 issue of The News was received from Alberta Counsel.

ALBERTA COUNSEL – UPCOMING WEBINAR – INTRODUCTION TO GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
Information was received from Alberta Counsel regarding the upcoming Introduction to grant opportunities webinar.

ALBERTA HEALTH – RECORD OF DECISION ORDERS:

Record of Decision Orders CMOH Order 40-2021, CMOH Order 42-2021 and CMOH Order 43-2021 was received from Alberta Health regarding 2021 Covid-19 Response.

ALBERTA HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPAL UPDATE:

Covid-19 Municipal update of October 7, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Emergency Operations.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 community updates of September 20, 27 and October 4, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – PROPOSED PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS FOR NON-MUNICIPAL DRINKING WATER:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services regarding proposed public health standards for non-municipal drinking water.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – HELP AHS FIGHT THE PANDEMIC OF MISINFORMATION:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services community engagement requesting assistance to help AHS fight the pandemic of misinformation regarding the Covid-19 vaccine.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2020 MUNICIPAL INDICATORS:

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising the ministry has compiled the data collected for Alberta municipalities for the 2020 financial year and is pleased to advise that Alberta Beach did not trigger the required number of indicators to appear in this years' Municipal Indicator results report.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded the September 17, 2021 Municipal Town Hall meeting questions and answers.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:

Municipal Governance during Covid-19 of September 30, 2021 was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA/AMSC DIGESTS:

AUMA/AMSC Digests of September 23, 29 and October 6, 2021 was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

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ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA’S 2021 CONVENTION:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the AUMA’s 2021 Convention which is taking place on November 17-19, 2021 at the Edmonton Convention Centre as well the resolutions book has been published and is now available.

FORTIS ALBERTA – PROPOSED FORTIS ALBERTA 2022 DISTRIBUTION RATES:
A letter was received from Fortis Alberta regarding the 2022 Fortis Alberta proposed distribution rates.

FORTIS ALBERTA – MAXIMUM INVESTMENT LEVEL FOR RATE 31 STREET LIGHTING:
Correspondence was received from Fortis Alberta regarding the refund on maximum investment level for rate 31 street lighting.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTER:
The September 2021 In Stream Newsletter was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES – INFORMATION UPDATE:
Onoway Regional Fire Services forwarded an information update which also included statistics on ratio of calls compared to 5 year average.

TOWN OF SUNDRE – RCMP RETROACTIVE PAY:
The Town of Sundre forwarded a copy of their letter to the Premier of Alberta expressing concern that Alberta municipalities are not charged with assisting in funding the RCMP’s retroactive pay.

TOWN OF SUNDRE – COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT:
The Town of Sundre forwarded a copy of their letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs expressing concerns regarding the possible removal of the requirement for a Council Code of Conduct bylaw.

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – YRL ANNOUNCES NEW LOGO:
Correspondence was received from Yellowhead Regional Library regarding their 50th anniversary and the announcement on their new brand and logo.

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – YRL DIRECTOR LETTER, DRAFT 2022 BUDGET, 2021 BOARD OVERVIEW:
Correspondence was received from Yellowhead Regional Library which included the Draft YRL 2022 Budget as well as YRL Board appointment information.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:
Municipal Governance during Covid-19 of October 14, 2021 was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

#166-21 **ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:**
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

#167-21 **FORTIS ALBERTA – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE FEE FOR 2022:**
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Fortis Alberta Electric Distribution Franchise Fee for 2022 remain at 8%.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#168-21 **LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – ACP GRANT TO CONDUCT STUDIES RELATED TO OLD NUISANCE GROUNDS:**
MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council direct the CAO to request further information from Lac Ste. Anne County regarding their request for participation in an ACP Grant Partnership to conduct studies related to old nuisance grounds.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#169-21 **SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT – ACP GRANT PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP A RECREATION/TRAIL MASTER PLAN:**
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council direct the CAO to follow up and request further information from the Summer Village of Sunset Point regarding their request for participation in an ACP Grant Partnership to develop a Recreation/Trail Master Plan.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#170-21 **ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT:**
MOVED BY Mayor Love that Council approve and support Deputy Mayor Duncan’s nomination for AUMA Vice President of Villages and Summer Villages.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- #171-21 **CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP CONTEST:**
MOVED BY Mayor Love that Alberta Beach sponsor a Christmas Light Up contest and that the prizes be as follows: \$100.00 for first place; \$75.00 for second place and \$50.00 for third place and further that the judging take place on December 18th, 2021 by Councillor Weber and two members of the public.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #172-21 **GRASMERE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DONATION:**
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Alberta Beach make a Christmas donation to Grasmere School in the amount of \$500.00 to be used towards the students for a Christmas Hot Dog Lunch as well to supply candy canes for each student.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #173-21 **CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:**
MOVED BY Mayor Love that the village office be closed for Christmas December 24th, 2021 and re-open on January 4th, 2022.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #174-21 **COUNCIL AND STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH:**
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Council & staff Christmas lunch be tabled to the next meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:
No questions came forward.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Mayor – Bud Love

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Sent: October 29, 2021 11:01 AM
To: 'si@secondwindenterprises.com'
Cc: David Ives (davidives.nwfr@gmail.com); 'David Ives'
Subject: RE: Fire Department Presentation

Thanks Shari,

Our next Council meeting will be held via zoom on Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Dave had previously requested to meet with Council and the last time I spoke with him, he said he would attend the November meeting. Pleas confirm if this date works.

Thank you,

Kathy Skwarchuk,
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From: si@secondwindenterprises.com <si@secondwindenterprises.com>
Sent: October 25, 2021 4:54 PM
To: si@secondwindenterprises.com
Subject: Fire Department Presentation

Hello CAO's!

Fire Chief Ives would like to extend his congratulations on a successful election! He'd like to meet up with your new Mayor/Council/Reeve to bring them up to speed on what their fire department has been up to as well as future goals moving forward. Please let me know what date works for you as he'd like to come to each town and village to make a small presentation.

Take care,

-Shari Ives



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June 4, 2021

Dear Alberta Beach Mayor and Councilmembers,

We would like to invite you to a meeting where we would like to display the 2020 year end fire department performance statistics to you. We believe that it is important for you to know how your fire department is performing, that lives and property are being saved efficiently, and for you to be able to make sure your taxpayers' money is being well spent.

In addition to the year end performance statistics that we normally present, we would like to take this opportunity to present some new statistical data regarding our Dual Call Out agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services. This presentation will give you a good idea of how Onoway Regional Fire Services has been improving emergency response capabilities on the Alberta Highways in the area.

Please let us know what date and time works best for you, and we will schedule a Zoom or in-person meeting depending on your preference to discuss these important statistics.

If you could please respond to davidives.nwfr@gmail.com with the best date and time for you (or preferably a range of dates and times) that would be great! We will do our best to pick a date and time that works for everyone who would like to attend.

Regards,

Erik Ives

Fire Captain

Onoway Regional Fire Services



*Fire Rescue International - Division 7801
Operating as*

ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

WHAT HAS YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT DONE?

Here at Onoway Regional Fire Services, we like to be as transparent as possible with the citizens of whom we serve. We are proud to answer some common questions regarding your fire service.



HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LEAVE AFTER BEING NOTIFIED? 2020 AVERAGE:

1.8 minutes. Most volunteer and Paid-On-Call services average around 10 minutes.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GET TO MY HOUSE AFTER BEING NOTIFIED? 2020 AVERAGE:

6.8 minutes combined average for all Onoway Regional areas and 5.4 minutes for urban areas (Onoway, Alberta Beach, Sunset Point, Val Quentin). Edmonton Fire Rescue posts an average of 4 minutes.

I HEARD ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES NOW RESPONDS TO HIGHWAY CALLS, DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

In 2020, 67% of highway emergencies experienced reduced response times. Onoway Regional Fire Services responded to 33 emergencies on Alberta Highways in 2020.

DO FIREFIGHTERS STILL VOLUNTEER?

In 2020, firefighters volunteered over 6,281 hours of their free time. This time was spent training, responding to medical calls, and taking part in community events.



ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

ON THE HIGHWAY



Here at Onoway Regional Fire Services, we like to be as transparent as possible with the citizens of whom we serve. We would like to tell you how our highway emergency response has gone so far in cooperation with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services.

ORFS responded to 33 emergency highway incidents with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services in 2020.

Of the 33 emergency calls ORFS responded to in 2020, ORFS was able to improve the response time for 22 of the emergencies.

ORFS shaves off on-average **5-minutes** from the previous response time on highway incidents.

In 12 cases, ORFS was able to reduce the response time by over 5 minutes. In 6 incidents, ORFS was able to save over 10 minutes.

In 2020, 67% of highway emergencies experienced reduced response times. Sometimes arriving on scene up to 18 minutes faster. When you are badly hurt and trapped in a vehicle, 5 minutes can mean a lot, and 18 can mean death.



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RATIO OF CALLS COMPARED TO 5-YEAR AVERAGE:

CALL OUTS:

	First 1/2 2021	% of Calls	5-Year Average %	Change:
Medical Co Response	52	51%	58%	-12%
Motor Vehicle Collision	20	20%	17%	15%
Outside Fire	9	9%	4%	121%
Residential Alarm	7	7%	10%	-31%
Structure Fire	4	4%	3%	31%
Vehcile Fire	3	3%	2%	47%
Electircal Hazzards	3	3%	1%	194%
Commercial Alarm	2	2%	4%	-51%
Hazmat	2	2%	1%	96%
TOTAL:	102	100%	100%	

Turnout Time:

2021 YTD: 1.6min

5-Year Average: 2.4Min

48-Second Improvement

YTD: Summary:

- False Alarms are Down
- Medical Co Responses & Motor Vehicle Collisions are Stable
- Fires and Hazards are Up
- Turnout Time is Faster.

CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST

OCTOBER 2021

COUNCIL:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS – TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING FOR ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES.

ALBERTA BEACH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – PURCHASE OF ALBERTA BEACH AGLIPLIX:

May 18/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the letter from the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society regarding their interest in the purchase of the Alberta Beach Agliplex be accepted for further review and development of a potential purchase agreement on the condition that the land remain the property of Alberta Beach and further that Council authorize a meeting between the Mayor and Ag Society President to review details of the proposal.

June 15/21 Letter was sent to Ag Society to advise on Council’s motion.

AUMA 2021 CONVENTION:

Aug.17/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve to register 2 Councillors to attend the 2021 AUMA Convention being held in Edmonton on November 17 to 19, 2021.

Sept.21/21 Two Councillors have been registered for the convention and hotels are booked.

Oct.19/21 Administration will confirm the AUMA Convention registrations for Councillor Durocher & Councillor Elwood.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Mayor Love that Council approve and support Deputy Mayor Duncan’s nomination for AUMA Vice President of Villages and Summer Villages.

ADMINISTRATION:

NORTHWEST FIRE RESCUE AND TRAINING – ORFS 2020 STATISTICS PRESENTATION:

June 15/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Northwest Fire Rescue and Training be advised that Council welcomes a meeting for presentation of the ORFS 2020 Statistics once in person meetings resume.

Fire Chief is not available to attend the July, August or September meeting.

TVRSSC – REQUEST ROAD & SIDEWALK REPAIR:

Aug.17/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that a letter be forwarded to the TVRSSC to request that they repair the road and sidewalk along 50th Avenue between 47 Street and 46 Street, further advising that due to a previous sewer break the water is pooling on the road & the sidewalk is cracking & sinking.

Sept. 21/21 Letter was sent to TVRSSC.

Oct.19/21 Sidewalk repair has been completed.

ALBERTA BEACH FAMILY RV PARK & CAMPGROUND – SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the recommendation from the Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee to approve the 2022 Schedule of Fees for the Alberta Beach Family RV Park and Campground and further direct administration to amend the rates and prepare a new Schedule of Fees and Rates Bylaw.

Oct.19/21 Schedule of Fees & Rates Bylaw has been drafted, Council will need to review bylaw for any further changes.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – REQUEST FOR 4 WAY STOP SIGN:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the request from the Summer Village of Val Quentin for consideration of a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of 50th Avenue and 60 Street be tabled until the new Council is in place and a joint meeting can be arranged and further to advise that our public works department will trim the trees on the boulevard which should resolve the problem with sight lines.

Oct.19/21 Letter was sent to S.V. of Val Quentin to advise on Council’s motion.

FORTIS ALBERTA – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE FEE FOR 2022:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Fortis Alberta Electric Distribution Franchise Fee for 2022 remain at 8%.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – ACP GRANT TO CONDUCT STUDIES RELATED TO OLD NUISANCE GROUNDS:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council direct the CAO to request further information from Lac Ste. Anne County regarding their request for participation in an ACP Grant Partnership to conduct studies related to old nuisance grounds.

S.V. OF SUNSET POINT – ACP GRANT PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP A RECREATION/TRAIL MASTER PLAN:
Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council direct the CAO to follow up and request further information from the Summer Village of Sunset Point regarding their request for participation in an ACP Grant Partnership to develop a Recreation/Trail Master Plan.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP CONTEST:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Mayor Love that Alberta Beach sponsor a Christmas Light Up contest and that the prizes be as follows: \$100.00 for first place; \$75.00 for second place and \$50.00 for third place and further that the judging take place on December 18th, 2021 by Councillor Weber and two members of the public.

GRASMERE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DONATION:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Alberta Beach make a Christmas donation to Grasmere School in the amount of \$500.00 to be used towards the students for a Christmas Hot Dog Lunch as well to supply candy canes for each student.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Mayor Love that the village office be closed for Christmas December 24th, 2021 and re-open on January 4th, 2022.

COUNCIL AND STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Council & staff Christmas lunch be tabled to the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MUNICIPAL STIMULUS PROGRAM – ALBERTA BEACH STORM OUTFALL PROJECT:

Jan.19/21 Bolson Engineering reported that 3 tenders were received for the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project as follows: Rockhill Contracting \$101,430.00; Roadbridge Services \$167,755.35; and TCL Construction \$352,800.00.
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve to award the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project to the low bidder, Rockhill Contracting in the amount of \$101,430.00 including gst to be funded through the Municipal Stimulus Program.
Feb.16/21 Project started today. Admin is posting information on project & road closures or detours.
Mar.16/21 Project nearing completion, installing catch basins.
May 18/21 Request for financial assistance was sent to LSA County, which was approved for a \$25,000.00 contribution.
June 15/21 Sidewalk & pavement rehab is complete, sod company rescheduled to next week, then area needs to be fenced.
July 20/21 P.W. is still watering the grass, still need to install the fence.
Oct.19/21 Fence has been completed & minor work is still to be completed.

DEVELOPMENT:

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – LOT 3, BLOCK 9, PLAN 3321BQ:

Aug.14/18 Development Agreement Deposit has been received. (D.O. was advised)
Sept.18/18 Sidewalks/ramp was completed/admin will invoice or deduct from deposit.(Invoice was deducted from deposit)
June 18/19 Development Agreement has been forwarded to D.O. (Development is ongoing)
Dec. 15/20 Development Officer is following up on the development.
Feb.16/21 Development Officer provided an update on outstanding items scheduled for completion by Aug. 2021.
Sept.21/21 Development Officer has advised that the property owner has requested more time to complete outstanding items which include: parking stalls & identification of parking stalls; garbage containers; and landscaping.

2021 Development Permits						***High Lighted are NEW***	
Permit #	Date	Municipal	Lot	Block	Plan	Proposal	Approved
20DP45-01	28-Dec-20	4836 - 59 Street	37	5	722MC	Variance to rear yard setback for existing shed	Approved at MPC Dec 15-20
20DP49-02	10-Jan-21	5027D - 50 Avenue	7	6	3321BQ	Hair Salon	Approved - submitted in 2020
20DP51-01	09-Jan-21	5128 - 49 Avenue	10	3	3321BQ	Grading\Second Access\Driveway Ext.	Approved - submitted in 2020
21DP01-01	03-Feb-21	4812 - 50 Avenue	5	9	3321BQ	Addition to Existing Dwelling	Approved
21DP02-01	01-Mar-21	5244 - 47A Avenue	7	20	6269CG	2nd Access	Refused
21DP03-01	01-Feb-21	5904 - 49 Avenue	41	5	722MC	RV Temporary Accomodations	Approved
21DP04-01	19-Mar-21	4819 - 46 Avenue		R	3321BQ	Retail Garden Market & Sign	Approved
21DP05-01	17-Mar-21	4643-47A Avenue	6	17	3321BQ	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP06-01	29-Mar-21	4603 - 46 Avenue	2	5	3210TR	Demo of Dwelling\Constr. SFD W\ Variance to Front Yard Setback	Approved
21DP07-01	27-Mar-21	5011 - 53 Street	8	1	3321BQ	Demolition of Accessory Bldgs\Constion of Garage	Approved
21DP08-01	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP08-02 (correct south side setback)	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP08-03 (5' setback change on North side)	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP09-01	31-Mar-21	4611 - 46 Avenue	4	5	3210TR	Construct 8' x 12' Deck	Approved
21DP10-01	30-Mar-21	5231 - 51 Avenue	9	1	3321BQ	Demolition\Construct Dwelling W\Front Yard Variance	Approved
21DP11-01	01-Apr-21	4720 - 48 Street	7	2	3529BZ	Demolition\Construct Shed	Approved
21DP12-01	06-Apr-21	4715 - 47 Street	1	17	3321BQ	Sign	Approved
21DP13-01	26-Apr-21	4712 - 52 Street	5A	13	3321BQ	Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP14-01	26-Apr-21	4712 - 52 Street	5A	13	3321BQ	Fence w\Variance	MPC - April 20, 2021 (Approved)
21DP15-01	12-Apr-21	4207 - 43 Avenue	18	2	O423757	Construction of Dwelling	Approved
21DP16-01	25-Jun-21	4204 - 43 Avenue	18	2	O423757	Garden Suite	Approved
21DP17-01	06-May-21	5039 - 50 Avenue	10	6	3321BQ	Demolition and Construction of Commercial Bldg w\Surveillance Suite	Approved
21DP18-01	09-May-21	5203 - 50 Avenue	1	2	3321BQ	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP19-01	02-May-21	5719 - 51 Avenue	11	10	201BT	Demolition & Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP20-01	10-May-21	3800 Museum Road	4	1	O820136	Addition of Sunroom\Deck	Approved
21DP21-01	07-May-21	4807 - 51 Street	11	23	6269CG	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP22-01	08-May-21	4925 - 46A Avenue		OT	8722787	Lot Grading	Approved
21DP31-01	17-May-21	5012 - 54 Street	13	3,4	201BT	Construct 2nd Balcony	Approved
21DP32-01	06-Jun-21	4728 - 44 Street	17	3	6604AO	Demolition of all Structures	Approved
21DP33-01	13-Jun-21	5115 - 47 Avenue	6,7	25	8506ET	Demolition of all Structures	Approved
21DP35-01	28-Jun-21	4802 - 51 Street	7	11	3321BQ	Home Occupation - Business Office	Approved
21DP36-01	04-Jul-21	5007 - 56 Street	11	12	201BT	Detached Garage	Approved
21DP37-01	20-Jul-21	4516 - 46 Street	13	4	4696MC	Existing Sea Can	MPC - July 20-21 (Approved)
21DP38-01		5219 - 49 Avenue	1	18	6269CG	Chain Link Fence	Withdrawn
21DP39-01	18-Jul-21	4920 - 55 Street	5	3	201BT	Construct Detached Garage & Second Access	Approved
	28-Jun-21	5803 - 49 Avenue	12	7	7821242	No permits on file for dwelling-was applying for permit for existing dwelling.	Withdrawn
21DP40-01	04-Jul-21	Main Beach	1 to 5		3321BQ	Retail - Rental Business	Approved
21DP41-01	27-Jul-21	5231 - 48 Avenue	4	20	6269CG	Construction of SDD	Approved
21DP42-01	17-Jul-21	4627 - 47 Avenue	6	18	4593MC	Demolition of Dwelling & Detached Garage	Approved
21DP43-01	20-Jul-21	4319 - 47 Avenue	1	5	4569HW	Demo Existing Cabin\Moved in Dwelling	MPC - July 20-21 (Approved)
21DP44-01	04-Aug-21	4632 - 46 Avenue	49	1	898MC	Replacement of 12' x 42' Deck (Balcony)	Approved
21DP45-01	06-Aug-21	4724 - 51 Street	2	12	3321BQ	Installation of Cistern	Approved
21DP46-01	18-Aug-21	4724 - 51 Street	2	12	3321BQ	Modular Home	MPC - AUG 17-21 (Approved)
21DP47-01	12-Aug-21	5311 - 51 Avenue	7	14	201BT	Demolition of Cabin\Outbuildings	Approved
21DP48-01	26-Aug-21	4712 - 50 Avenue	10	9	3321BQ	Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP -01	23-Sep-21	4520 - 46A Street	8	2	3210TR	Covered Deck\Deck w\Railing - Variance Required	MPC - Sept 21-21 (Approved)
21DP49-01	23-Sep-21	4603 - 46 Avenue	2	5	3210TR	Temporary Propane Tank	Approved
21DP50-01	20-Oct-21	4627 - 47 Avenue	6	18	4593MC	Placement of Modular with Variance to Rear Yard Setback\Construction of Detached Garage	Approved

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Alberta Beach Library <ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca>
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Here are the amended highlights from 2020-2021, if you would like to share with your councils.

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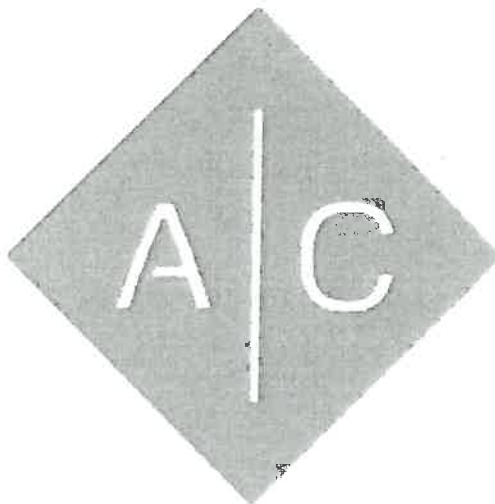
ALBERTA BEACH MUNICIPAL LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 2021

- Thank you to all of our board members, those leaving, those continuing, and those new, for your support of and service to the library! Without you, we could not operate.
- We welcomed 6372 visitors through our doors between October 2020 and September 2021 (6075 in 2019 and 9384 in 2018). We were offering curbside service only for two periods during this time: from December 13 to February 28 and April 7 to June 9. Obviously the four and a half months we were closed to in-person visits during the pandemic affected our patron visit totals in a substantial way compared to our visits in 2018 prior to covid. Time and time again through our curbside service we heard how our patrons appreciated our efforts to keep them reading, watching, and entertained through those difficult months. Some patrons needed the social interaction with us as they picked up their items (distanced, masked, etc.)
- We loaned 12379 items to our patrons (11205, 14316 in 2019 and 2018 respectively), 6295 of our own items (6063 and 7462 previous) and 6084 brought in from other libraries (5142 and 6854 previously). We sent out (loaned) 6615 of our items (4810 and 6385 previous) to other libraries around the province. For the second and third curbside lockdowns, library materials continued to flow through the province, unlike for the first lockdown where library materials and some libraries were shut down from March until well into the summer.
- Naturally we had difficulty planning in-house programming as public health orders fluctuated and there was the ever-present possibility for program cancellations and/or library shutdowns.
- During this time, the book club was in full swing. Between October to September, eleven meetings were held, with five in-person and the others via zoom. This club has been running for at least six years and still has most of its original 28 members attending. There were 119 attendees for the 11 meetings which averages about 12 people per meeting. Not all of our club members are fans of zoom so some read the book and discussed with family/friends or library staff instead of in the zoom forum.
- During September to December the Friends of the Library (FOL) ran a 50/50 raffle draw which sold out and raised \$2500 for our library. After a few cancellations due to covid shutdowns, our FOL was also able to host a casino in St. Albert in October 2020. We are grateful for all the volunteers who work our casinos and fundraising events as the money enables us to buy new library materials and supplies and to offer programs.
- We continued our Beach BINGO, a spin-off of the book club, in which participants read a book described by a BINGO square and enjoy a party at the end of the year. Unfortunately last year we were unable to host a party due to library shutdown to in-person visits so we will have a bigger party this year (if we can.....). People love the challenge of having to find a book that fits in each square and it has generated a great deal of book talk amongst the participants.

- We were not able to offer our kid summer programs this year, just as we weren't last year, given the unpredictable times. We continued our partnership with Onoway Public Library to provide adult and kid craft bags each month through the year and a monthly virtual story time via facebook. During this time period (October to September) we distributed 300 adult craft bags (25 each month) and 360 kid craft bags (30 each month). We also had a total of well over 4000 views of our 12 story times over the year. FCSS funds from Alberta Beach, Sunset Point, Val Quentin, Lac Ste. Anne County, Castle Island, Ross Haven, and Yellowstone were used for this very popular program which sees participants from all of these communities.
- The annual book/dvd sale that is so important to us financially was able to proceed during the August 2021 long weekend, but not quite as usual. Since we had to plan our sale before we knew what other events, if any, the community was going to offer during the weekend, we decided to run the sale on Friday and Saturday (instead of Saturday and Sunday) and to have shortened hours (just open while the library was open those days). We received tremendous support of our book/dvd sale during that weekend. The tables were crowded outside with eager shoppers, many of whom make a special trip out to the lake each year to buy at our sale. We also ran indoor mini-book and dvd sales through the year, which also was well supported and helped us financially.
- The Board and staff of the library are grateful for the support of FOL and all of the volunteers who help in so many ways at our library. Visitors often comment on how welcoming our library is. We are a great asset to the community and are often the first point of contact for visitors to our area. We are definitely more than "just books".

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**Ric McIAnti-Energy Report Released**

The anti-Alberta energy campaign inquiry has come to a close as commissioner Steve Allan has tabled his final findings report. The \$3.5 million inquiry produced 657-page document outlining the players and the impact found to have had some influence over various energy projects and the sector as a whole. Commissioner Allan found that approximately \$1.28 billion of foreign funds were invested in Canadian environmental non-profits and charities, \$54.1 million of which was designated towards “grant descriptions specifically prescribing funds for ‘anti-Alberta resource development activity’”.

Of note, the report addressed findings made surrounding activities carried out by environmental groups. “No individual or organization, in my view, has done anything illegal. Indeed, they have exercised their rights of free speech.”

The report also prescribes six key recommendations from Commissioner Allan. Among them are calls for the province to create meaningful opportunities for First Nations to be more involved in the energy sector as a form of economic reconciliation, develop strategies for non-profit transparency and accountability, and work towards creating a new “brand” for Canadian energy.

Municipal Election Results

Both of Alberta's largest cities saw significant turnover on their respective councils when the ballots were counted on October 18th. Former federal cabinet minister and city councillor Amarjeet Sohi was elected as Don Iveson's successor in Edmonton while Councillor Jyoti Gondek will take over Calgary's top job from Naheed Nenshi.

Calgary will welcome eleven new city councillors in what amounts to the single largest council-to-council turnover in the city's history. Nine of the incumbents either opted to run for mayor or not to seek re-election while Joe Magliocca and Diane Marie Colley Urquhart fell short in their campaigns. Edmonton also saw significant turnover as it will swear in eight new councillors. Unlike Calgary, four incumbents lost their bid for re-election while the rest were elected where no incumbent was running. Also on the ballot were votes for school board trustees, two referenda questions, and the Senate elections. The results for the referenda questions and the Senate elections will be made publicly available by Elections Alberta on October 26.

Calgary City Councillor Will Not Resign Despite Public Pressure

Calgary City Councillor Sean Chu won his re-election bid on Monday but is facing demands from his colleagues and Albertans to resign amid serious allegations and controversy from his time working for the Calgary Police Service. During a press conference on October 21, Councillor Chu said that he does not intend on resigning from his seat despite Mayor-elect Jyoti Gondek indicating that she will not swear him in if he attends the ceremony.

Nearly all of the newly elected city council, including Mayor-elect Gondek, have publicly called for Chu's resignation. Ward 4 runner-up DJ Kelly has also applied for a recount, but his application was ultimately dismissed. Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver has sought legal counsel for options available to him as minister.

Elections Alberta Launches Internal Social Media Review

After a series of confrontational tweets were posted by Elections Alberta, the organization has announced that it will be conducting an internal review of its social media presence. The tweets in question stemmed from a thread involving allegations that former MLA Derek Fildebrandt took a photo of his ballot and posted it on social media.

Acting Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Pamela Renwick shared that “the review will look at the conduct of our personnel on our social media platforms and the policies and processes that are to be followed for social media engagement and message approval.” She also stated that the results will not be made public as it involves a personnel matter, but Elections Alberta will determine if any details can be shared without breaching confidentiality.

Alberta Will Add New Seats in House of Commons

The House of Commons will add 6 new seats to the lower house when the next federal election takes place. As a result, Alberta will see an increase of 3 new seats added to its electoral roster. The timeline outlined by Elections Canada suggests that the entire process will conclude by April 2024 at the earliest. The new electoral quotient (the number of people that should live within each electoral district) will be calculated at 121,891 as a result of population growth across the country.

The number of seats a province receives is determined by dividing the province’s population by the quotient, then rounding up to the nearest whole number. As new seats are being added, electoral districts will need to be redrawn to accommodate the change.

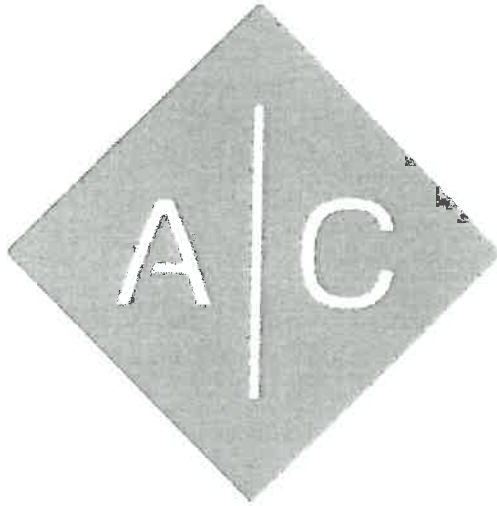
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Former Staffer Files Lawsuit Against Premier’s Office

Allegations of a toxic work environment emerged on October 27th in a statement of claim filed by the former chief of staff for the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism. Ariella Kimmel, who also worked as the director of communications in the premier’s office, includes sexual harassment of one of her staff by former Principal Advisor to the Minister of Health, Ivan Bernardo, Q.C.

Also included in the statement of claim are allegations of heavy drinking in a minister’s office that resulted in verbal abuse from the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and that senior staff had fabricated rumours that resulted in her termination in February 2021. Kimmel is seeking the remainder of what was to be paid of her contract along with \$399,000 in damages. None of the claims have been proven in court.

The premier’s chief of staff, Pam Livingston, issued a statement saying that, "this government has zero tolerance for harassment and takes all allegations of this nature very seriously. We are fortunate to have a highly skilled and diverse public service and we are committed to providing a safe and productive workplace for all of them."

Equalization – Yes; Daylight Savings Time – No

At the same time Albertans went to the polls to vote for their municipal councils, they were also asked to have their say on two referenda questions. According to Elections Alberta, nearly 1.1 million residents voted on two questions about removing the principle of equalization from the Constitution and whether the province should adopt year-round Daylight Savings Time. On the Daylight Savings Time question, the “no” vote won by an incredibly slim margin of 0.1%. As a result, the provincial government will not pursue time change legislation.

On the equalization question, 61.7% of voters said “yes” to removing the principle from the Constitution. In order for the constitutional amendment to be made, Alberta will require the support of both the House of Commons and Senate along with the consent of seven provinces that make up for at least 50% of the national population.

Senate Election Nominees

Along with referenda results, Elections Alberta released who Albertans voted for in the Senate nominee elections on October 26. Conservative Party of Canada nominated candidates swept the three available nominations. Premier Jason Kenney will recommend the nominees for appointment to the Senate as a result, though it is ultimately up to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to decide who is recommended for appointment.

Long-time conservative activist Pam Davidson finished first with 382,243 votes. Erika Barootes finished second with 358,002 votes. The founder of the Association of the Canadian-Ukrainian Free Trade Agreement founder, Mykhailo Martyniuk finished third with 237,228 votes.

Alberta MP Appointed to Liberal Cabinet

After not winning a seat in the province in 2019, the Liberal Party was able to win two seats in Alberta in September’s federal election. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau revealed his new cabinet on October 26th which included the appointment of Edmonton-Centre MP, Randy Boissonnault. The second-time Member of Parliament was appointed as the Minister of Tourism and the Associate Minister of Finance where he will work closely with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland.

Minister Boissonnault’s appointment represents the first time an Alberta MP has had a seat at the cabinet table under the Liberals since 2019. Then, Amarjeet Sohi was Minister of Natural Resources. During his last stint in

office, Minister Boissonnault served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage. He also was named special advisor on LGBTQ2 issues to the Prime Minister.

COVID-19 Downturn Projected

A CBC report shared the finding of new modelling from British Columbia's independent COVID-19 modelling group that is projecting that Alberta will continue to see hospitalizations and ICU admissions drop. This modelling operates under the assumption that current pandemic-related health measures implemented by the Government of Alberta continue to be enforced.

The group clarified that the methodology for this recent round of modelling differs from previous projections as they had to account for changes to Alberta's testing and contact tracing. Dean Karlen, a member of the modelling group, said that "in Alberta, the last wave was significantly larger than the previous waves, even though you don't see that in the case counts. It's just that a smaller fraction of infections were identified as cases".

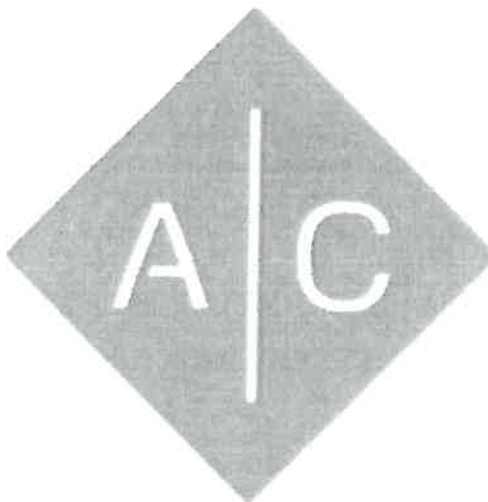
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In our feature article, we look at the municipal election and what it can mean for relations with the provincial government.

On page 5, our Zack Ziolkowski looks at the next steps elected municipal officials will need to undertake.

Finally, our Key Influencer in this issue is Jyoti Gondek, Mayor of the City of Calgary.

And of course, the At a Glance section will fill you in on the important political news of the past two weeks.

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Happy Reading,

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WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER OF MUNICIPAL – PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

Aaron Singleton

On behalf of the Alberta Counsel team, please allow me to be among the first to congratulate the swath of rookie and incumbent representatives for their success in last week's municipal election. Elected or not, individuals who put their names forward in order to serve their communities deserve a high degree of commendation and respect in the interest of bettering their communities. It can often be thankless, and the work can seem endless, but it is critical to ensuring our society continues to function effectively. For your dedication and accepting the call to serve, we commend you all.

Many councils across the province will look incredibly different from the last as many incumbents across the province were either defeated in the election or decided that it was time to step away from municipal politics. Albertans are likely acutely aware that both of the province's largest cities will swear in new mayors (Amarjeet Sohi in Edmonton; Jyoti Gondek in Calgary); however, what is more intriguing is that both councils will see a majority of first-time councillors. Edmonton elected eight new councillors out of a possible twelve. Calgary elected eleven of a possible fourteen rookies.

While some councils will look relatively similar, it is clear that the status quo was no longer something municipal voters were interested in continuing.

Intergovernmental Relations – A Constitutional Challenge

Although municipalities operate as autonomous governments, they are constitutionally under the jurisdiction of the province in which they reside (Constitution Act, S. 92, Para 8). As a result, there is an inherently imbalanced power relationship between local councils and the provincial government. This means that, while remaining subject to the Constitution Act, they are also bound by the legislation put into place by their provincial counterparts.

Unfortunately for local governments, they have been subject to relative instability when it comes to the office holder of Minister of Municipal Affairs. Since the UCP were first elected in 2019, there have been three ministers of the portfolio – Kaycee Madu, Tracy Allard, and Ric McIver. If you go back to the NDP's term as government, municipalities have shuffled through six ministers in the last six years.

Here in Alberta, we have witnessed many examples of how the province has the ability to impose legislation that directly impacts those who serve on municipal councils. We have witnessed significant funding reductions and changes to the Municipality Sustainability Initiative (MSI) which will be phased out and become the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) in 2024-25. Communities like the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo fought against the centralization of EMS services. There were changes to the police funding model which impacted local government's bottom line. Municipalities were required to become responsible for a portion of the province's disaster recovery funds. You get the idea.

There is a long line of stories that could be highlighted to demonstrate the challenges the two governments have experienced in their relationship in the past two-and-a-half years, but that is not the purpose of this article.

What we want to do is explore what newly elected councillors and the provincial government can do use last week's election as a reset button of sorts and rebuild the relationship between the two orders of government in Alberta.

As elected officials, you are now part of the team and your relationship with the provincial government needs to be from that team and the designated spokesperson.

Al Kemmere, Senior Advisor

Municipal Advocacy and Relationship Building with the Provincial Government

The challenges in improving the provincial-municipal relationship have been well documented over the past two years. As outlined above, it can prove to be a complicated obstacle for municipalities to overcome the constitutional power imbalance between themselves and the provincial government. While the challenge is palpable, it is by no means impossible.

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Alberta's Premier Review of Politics and Government Vitality



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As the title of this section suggests, perhaps the most important role for a council to play in intergovernmental relations is advocacy for their municipality. Al Kemmere, former president of the Rural Municipalities Association and senior advisor here at Alberta Counsel, was kind enough to share a few pieces of wisdom for improving advocacy to the provincial government.

While we highlight the high degree of turnover on councils across the province following last week's municipal election, there is also a large number of experienced incumbents who were re-elected. For Al, one of the best ways to begin the term is to revisit council's priorities with the new members at the table to ensure council messaging is consistent. This allows council to approach the provincial government on a united front and helps to mitigate any miscommunication.

Of course, each councillor will bring their own unique perspectives on any given issue which can include a degree of partisanship. With that said, councils are elected in a non-partisan way and are expected to operate in a non-partisan manner. Keeping messaging devoid of partisanship also makes it much simpler to remain consistent in their advocacy to the province. This is especially important when considering there have been three different parties in power in the past seven years with very different ideologies.

In order to ensure the messaging from council is both accurate and consistent, it is important to understand who council's official spokesperson is. Unless otherwise ordered by council, this responsibility will fall to the Mayor or Reeve with the back up being their deputy. It is important for elected officials to be familiar with their council's code of conduct as this responsibility can be designated to another member in some instances.

"As elected officials, you are now part of the team and your relationship with the provincial government needs to be from that team and the designated spokesperson."

While the municipal-provincial relationship is an important one, municipalities must also remember that they are not the only stakeholder that the provincial government must engage with on a regular basis; nor are municipal officials only responsible for advocating to the province. For those who have met with elected or bureaucratic officials, you will know well that meetings move quickly, and it is of critical importance to keep messaging brief and easy to understand. If you have an hour-long meeting with government, you may only have around 25 minutes for you to discuss your issues.

In speaking with Al, he suggested that it is wise to never bombard the minister with too many issues in a given instance. It is both more effective and efficient to approach government with three or four key items prepared for discussion while developing a briefing document to leave behind with the minister's office. With the pace of these meetings, it is likely that participants will not remember every detail nor have time to really engage in the technical details. Keep the meetings high-level; leave the details to the briefing document.

Provincial Responsibility in Relationship Building

Of course, it is the responsibility of all parties involved to put in the effort required to improve a relationship. As the power balance leans heavily in the province's favour, there is a very simple (albeit important) responsibility they must undertake with municipalities.

Engagement.

Following the tabling of the 2019 provincial budget, former-Mayor Don Iveson cancelled an overseas business trip as a result of a surprise announcement which repealed the city charters for both Edmonton and Calgary, an initiative both cities worked hard to implement for some time. Iveson recounted the news as a "profound disappointment and a broken campaign promise". The incident is one of many over the last two years that has resulted in damages to the intergovernmental relationship that could have been mitigated through adequate consultation and collaboration.

To be completely fair, we have seen the province take steps towards improving this relationship. Former Minister of Municipal Affairs Tracy Allard was instrumental in building a consultative and collaborative framework in negotiating a stop gap measure for handling unpaid oil and gas property taxes in municipalities. While the deal does absolutely lean in favour of the energy industry, municipal leaders were involved in the consultation process that was ultimately agreed upon.

It is a challenge to have consistency on a file when there have been three different ministers in 30 months. Despite this reality, Minister Ric McIver has an opportunity to help foster a degree of stability in Municipal Affairs as he is quite experienced in both municipal and provincial governance. With about 17 months to go until the next provincial election, there is a little time for all parties involved to strengthen the relationship and get intergovernmental relations back on track.



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POLITICAL EVENTS

Alberta Council – Federal Election Promises for Indigenous Communities

Thursday, October 28th @ 11:00 am

Location: Online

- Join Alberta Council for a webinar that covers the promises made for Indigenous communities in the recent federal election.
- Tix: Free (albertacounsel.com/events)

NDP – Oktoberfest

Saturday, November 13th @ 7:00 pm

Location: Online

- Join Rachel Notley for an evening of beer tasting, food, and live music.
- Tix: \$200 (albertandp.ca/events)

UCP – AGM

November 19th – 21st

Location: Grey Eagle Resort, Calgary

- Join the UCP for their annual general meeting. Included will be voting, hospitality suites, special guests, and a bearpit session with MLAs.
- Tix: \$149-\$999 (unitedconservative.ca/agm-2021)

Prior to joining Alberta Council, Justin worked in the constituency office of two Calgary-area MLAs. In addition, he previously held a legislative position in Ottawa for a Member of Parliament from Alberta and has assisted in the management of several local campaigns in Alberta and Ontario. Justin is a recent graduate of Mount Royal University's International Business program.

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KEY INFLUENCER PROFILE

JYOTI GONDEK

Mayor of Calgary

Justin Gotfried

Calgary's new Mayor, Jyoti Gondek, was first elected as the Ward 3 Councillor in October 2017 by a margin of 2,879 votes. On October 18, 2021, Mayor Gondek achieved another electoral victory by a margin of 59,646 votes and received 45% of the total vote share in Calgary's 2021 municipal election to succeed longtime incumbent, Mayor Naheed Nenshi. On October 25, 2021, Mayor Gondek officially assumed office and became Calgary's first female Mayor.

Source:
www.jyotigondek.ca/biography.html

Mayor Gondek is a longtime Calgary resident and advocate – having raised her family in Coventry Hills and Panorama Hills for over 20 years, volunteered on boards such as the Northern Hills Community Association, Vivo for Healthier Generations, HealthYYC, Community Representation Task Force, and the City of Calgary's Planning Commission, and worked as the Director of the Westman Centre for Real Estate Studies at the University of Calgary before taking office in 2017.

During her time at the Westman Centre, Gondek's role was vital in creating a unique program to bring students and industry together in order to build stronger and more prosperous cities. Mayor Gondek also served as an Advisor on the National Executive Forum on Public Property, as well as on Calgary Economic Development's Commercial Real Estate Committee. In her role as Ward 3 Councillor, Gondek chaired the City of Calgary's Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development, and was a member of the Priorities and Finance Committee.

Academically, Gondek has received an undergraduate degree in sociology and criminology from the University of British Columbia, a master's in organizational sociology from the University of Manitoba, and a Ph.D. in urban sociology from the University of Calgary which provided Mayor Gondek with substantial insights into the urban-rural divide that can be seen within the Calgary Metropolitan Region.

Recognized as community builder, Gondek has received awards such as the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, and the Angus Reid Applied Sociology Award in 2016. With a strong mandate, and clear vision, Mayor Gondek will be a key political influencer to watch over the coming weeks and months – especially so with the substantial changes to City Council as a result of the 2021 Election.



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In the Media

Supports for Businesses that Implement Vaccine Passport to get Financial Support

Premier Jason Kenney announced on Thursday that the UCP Government will be bringing in legislation to protect businesses who require vaccines for employees designed to protect them from legal challenges and protect frontline-workers from harassment. The government will also be doubling the maximum fine for mistreating public-facing workers from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The province has also announced a one-time \$2,000 payment for small and medium businesses that decide to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program. The funding can be used however the business deems fit with the first intake for payment will begin in four to six weeks.

Anti-Energy Report Released

The anti-Alberta energy campaign inquiry has come to a close as commissioner Steve Allan has tabled his final findings report. The \$3.5 million inquiry produced 657-page document outlining the players and the impact found to have had some influence over various energy projects and the sector as a whole.

Commissioner Allan found that approximately \$1.28 billion of foreign funds were invested in Canadian environmental non-profits and charities, \$54.1 million of which was designated towards "grant descriptions specifically prescribing funds for 'anti-Alberta resource development activity'".

Of note, the report addressed findings made surrounding activities carried out by environmental groups. "No individual or organization, in my view, has done anything illegal. Indeed, they have exercised their rights of free speech."

The report also prescribes six key recommendations from Commissioner Allan. Among them are calls for the province to create meaningful opportunities for First Nations to be more involved in the energy sector as a form of economic reconciliation, develop strategies for non-profit transparency and accountability, and work towards creating a new "brand" for Canadian energy.

Municipal Election Results

Both of Alberta's largest cities saw significant turnover on their respective councils when the ballots were counted on October 18th. Former federal cabinet minister and city councillor Amarjeet Sohi was elected as Don Iveson's successor in Edmonton while Councillor Jyoti Gondek will

take over Calgary's top job from Naheed Nenshi.

Calgary will welcome eleven new city councillors in what amounts to the single largest council-to-council turnover in the city's history. Nine of the incumbents either opted to run for mayor or not to seek re-election while Joe Magliocca and Diane Marie Colley Urquhart fell short in their campaigns. Edmonton also saw significant turnover as it will swear in eight new councillors. Unlike Calgary, four incumbents lost their bid for re-election while the rest were elected where no incumbent was running.

Also on the ballot were votes for school board trustees, two referenda questions, and the Senate elections. The results for the referenda questions and the Senate elections will be made publicly available by Elections Alberta on October 26.

Elections Alberta Launches Internal Social Media Review

After a series of confrontational tweets were posted by Elections Alberta, the organization has announced that it will be conducting an internal review of its social media presence. The tweets in questions stemmed from a thread involving allegations that former MLA Derek Fildebrandt took a photo of his ballot and posted it on social media.

Acting Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Pamela Renwick shared that "The review will look at the conduct of our personnel on our social media platforms and the policies and processes that are to be followed for social media engagement and message approval." She also stated that the results will not be made public as it involves a personnel matter, but Elections Alberta will determine if any details can be shared without breaching confidentiality.

Alberta Will Add New Seats in House of Commons

The House of Commons will add 6 new seats to the lower house when the next federal election takes place. As a result, Alberta will see an increase of 3 new seats added to its electoral roster. The timeline outlined by Elections Canada suggests that the entire process will conclude by April 2024 at the earliest. The new electoral quotient (the number of people that should live within each electoral district) will be calculated at 121,891 as a result of population growth across the country.

The number of seats a province receives is determined by dividing the province's population by the quotient, then rounding up to the nearest whole number. As new seats are being added, electoral districts will need to be redrawn to accommodate the change.



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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL! SO, NOW WHAT?

Zack Ziolkowski

Running for elected office is a grueling and difficult task, one made worse by the pandemic. Whether or not you were successful in your election campaign, your efforts are to be applauded. Our elected leaders take a lot of criticism and are under intense scrutiny, but our society only functions because people are willing to put their name forward to better their community. Our thanks go out to all that ran in this past municipal election.

That being said, for those that are newly elected: there is a lot to learn, a lot to read, and not a lot of time to do it. Budget discussions are happening immediately, code of conducts have to be signed, and municipal education courses must be taken. We thought we would put a list of things to remember for some of the "rookies" new to municipal politics.

1. Teamwork

Most elected leaders ran on a platform. Typically wanting to change or accomplish something in their community. It's important to remember that Council is a team, and each member only has one vote. You need to build consensus and work together to get things done. Build relationships with your fellow Councillors and it will be much easier to get those votes you need to accomplish what you hope to. The better a Council works together, the more can be done to advance the interests of your municipality. That being said, you also need to work with Administration.

2. Role of Administration

You will learn more about this in the Munis 101 course; however, it is a pretty critical distinction. The role of Council is different from the role of Administration, and it is important to focus on your role of Councillor. Think of it as your job to provide strategy and administration's job to figure out how to implement it. You (along with the rest of Council) are steering the ship but it's administration that is feeding the engines, scrubbing the decks, and ensuring the ship is running in top shape. The municipal staff are pros and you should listen to their advice, but ultimately you need to make the decisions. Once the decision is made, let them do their job and carry out the task.

3. Code of Conduct

While the Municipal Government Act has a lot to say on what a municipal councillor can and can't do, it also requires your municipality to have a code of conduct in place that each elected official must sign on to. It's important to pay attention to the content of what you are signing as there have been instances in the past where a councillor has been offside and has led to some interesting inter-council situations.

Also pay attention to any conflicts of interest. We have seen in the past that where a conflict exists for a Councillor that doesn't disclose, or outright ignores the conflict, result in a difficult situation for the individual and Council as a whole. Conflicts of interest can be a very serious problem if ignored.

4. How to Handle the Media

It can be exciting to be elected and all of a sudden you are thrust into the local spotlight. Whether that is traditional media, social media, or even just at the local coffee shop, everyone wants to talk to you about municipal issues. It is important to remember that as a member of council you have to be careful about what you say. Typically, there is only one voice that can "speak for council" and that is usually the Mayor or the Reeve and you need to be careful that you don't speak out of turn.

It would also be useful for Council to seek some sort of media training (Alberta Counsel can help!) as this is definitely a learned skill and can be hard to get your message across effectively.

You also need to pay attention to your social media as you are no longer a private citizen with the ability to post whatever you want. You are now a representative of Council and your municipality as a whole and need to ensure that your posting is reflective of that.

5. Personal Branding

Speaking of social media, you also may want to cultivate your personal brand (Alberta Counsel has a webinar coming up on this, too!) and social media is a great way to do this. Many use platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram to provide their constituents insight into their role as an elected official. This can be useful in distributing information to constituents, soliciting feedback, or just to connect with residents.

Your personal brand is different from Council positions and can be used to show who you are as an individual. Just make sure you stay onside of your Council Code of Conduct.

Ultimately, leading your community as a member of Council can be incredibly rewarding. Thank you again for your willingness to serve and the best of luck in the next four years. We look forward to seeing you at your association's annual general meeting in November. Come see us at our hospitality suite!



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An Introduction to Grant Opportunities: Finding and Securing Funding A 2-Part Workshop for Municipalities and Non-Profits

Alberta Council presents a two-part webinar providing a high-level overview of the types of funders and funding available to your organization. The webinar will provide valuable information about how the granting landscape has changed, will help you explore how to evaluate the opportunities in front of you, and provide helpful tips to include in your application to increase your chance of success. The webinar series offers a great opportunity for newly elected council, new municipal administrators, or municipal staff who have limited experience with grant writing.

November 3rd, 2021: 11:30a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Funding Overview and Evaluating the Opportunity

November 10th, 2021: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Pursuing the Opportunity

Both for:
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Federal Election Promises for Indigenous Communities



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Thursday, October 28th | 11 AM
Cost: FREE

With the federal election in the rearview mirror, your Alberta Council is reviewing the promises made by the major federal and provincial governments for Indigenous communities, as well as general state spending information. In addition, we will also look at the promises made by the federal NDP as well as other parties. We will be reviewing the promises made by the major federal and provincial governments.

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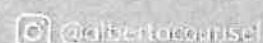
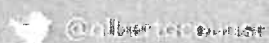
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Upcoming Events

Alberta Counsel wants to provide as much information as we can to help strengthen your organization or company. We are hosting multiple webinars and workshops in the upcoming weeks on a variety of topics. Find the list of upcoming events below:

Tuesday, November 9th @ 12 PM

**Bill 77: Municipal Government
(Restoring Tax Accountability)
Amendment Act.**

Tuesday, November 9th | 12pm
Cost: FREE

Presented by:

 
Jon Westcott Al Kemmere

Join us for a deep dive into the proposed powers and changes that will enable your municipality to recoup unpaid linear property taxes. The Alberta Counsel legal team led by our Principal, Jonathon Wescott, and Senior Advisor, Al Kemmere, will provide an analysis of what Bill 77 means for your municipality and how you can best take advantage of the new lien powers. Limited spots available! Register now.

Cost: Free (limited spots available)

Register Now!

Tuesday, November 30th @ 1 PM



What goes on in the corporate boardroom is a hot topic these days. Boards of directors face increased scrutiny from investors, regulators and other stakeholders. In today's business environment, it is crucial that directors and those who work closely with boards understand the role of the board and are aware of the major issues boards are focusing on.

Join Carol Hansell, founder and Senior Partner of Hansell LLP and leading expert in corporate governance, for a presentation of the fundamentals of corporate governance in Canada. The presentation will introduce the core legal concepts in Canadian corporate governance, review major legal developments and highlight the current issues in governance, such as climate change and equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Cost: \$75

Register Now!

Friday, December 3rd, 1 - 3 PM



Working with the media is an integral part of being an elected official. The relationship is interdependent as elected officials need the media to help amplify their voices and communicate with constituents. Join Alberta Counsel and Doug Downs of JGR Communications for this media training webinar.

Cost: \$75

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re: Council

From: Darien Monck <d.monck@albertacounsel.com>
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Subject: You're Invited: Join us at our hospitality suites!

Good morning,

As you know, the two largest municipal organizations in Alberta will be holding their annual conventions in Edmonton in the coming weeks and Alberta Counsel will be hosting individual hospitality suites for both the Alberta Urban Municipality Association (AUMA) and the Rural Municipalities Association (RMA).

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your council to join us at both of our events which will be an excellent opportunity to meet and socialize with your new municipal Mayors, Reeves, and Councillors colleagues.

We will be partnering with Hockey Canada at our AUMA event and will feature the Juniors Cup as well as the Edmonton Oilers vs. Winnipeg Jets hockey game.

At our RMA event, we will be featuring a battle of the beers with breweries from across the province.

Details are as follows:

AUMA Hospitality Suite:

Date: November 18

Time: 7:00-11:00 PM

Location: CRAFT Beer Market (10013-101A Ave)

RMA Hospitality Suite

Date: November 24

Time: 6:00-11:00 PM

Location: Alberta Counsel Office (#800, 9707-110 Street)

We will also have amazing giveaways and prizes at each event so come join us for your chance to win!



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Subject: Wildland Urban Interface Structural Fire Integration

On behalf of the Acting/Executive Director

Municipal Partners in Emergency Management,

As a result of a restructure internal to Municipal Affairs, AEMA is pleased to announce that AEMA Field Operations will be building a new capability in Regional Field Operations. The intent of this capability is to support the integration of structural fire providers in Alberta, both municipal and industry, into wildland urban interface (WUI) response.

Three full-time employees will be transferring to AEMA from Technical and Corporate Services over the next six weeks. Tom Harnos and Keven Thomson have started working with AEMA and will finalize their transfer on 1 December 2021. Dean Clark will join the AEMA team on 15 December 2021.

This team will focus on the following task list:

1. POC structural fire Ordering Manager
2. Municipal Fire WUI Capability List
3. Industry/Vendor WUI Capability List
4. Support the build of "Structural Protection Program Operational Guidelines"
5. Regular liaison with WUI stakeholders.

Work is already underway in preparation for the 2022 hazard season. We will, in the near future, be asking municipal fire departments to self identify if they desire to be available for WUI deployments in the 2022 hazard season. We will be gathering information from interested municipal fire departments with a view to visiting and verifying training levels and the type and kind of equipment available for deployment.

Should you have any questions please reach out to Bob Ford, Acting Director Field Operations at Bob.Ford@gov.ab.ca

Thanks,

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Hello,

Please find attached the presentation information shared during the COVID-19 Update for Municipalities sessions on October 14, 20, and 27. The presentations have been merged into one document for your convenience.

The information about REP supports is linked in the attached pdf, and you may also [find it here](#).

Additionally, an [updated guidance document](#) outlining the requirements of the REP has been released and is available at <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>. Please note the guidance has been updated for clarity and to align with Orders 46/47; there have been no changes to the REP.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

Alexandra Bennett

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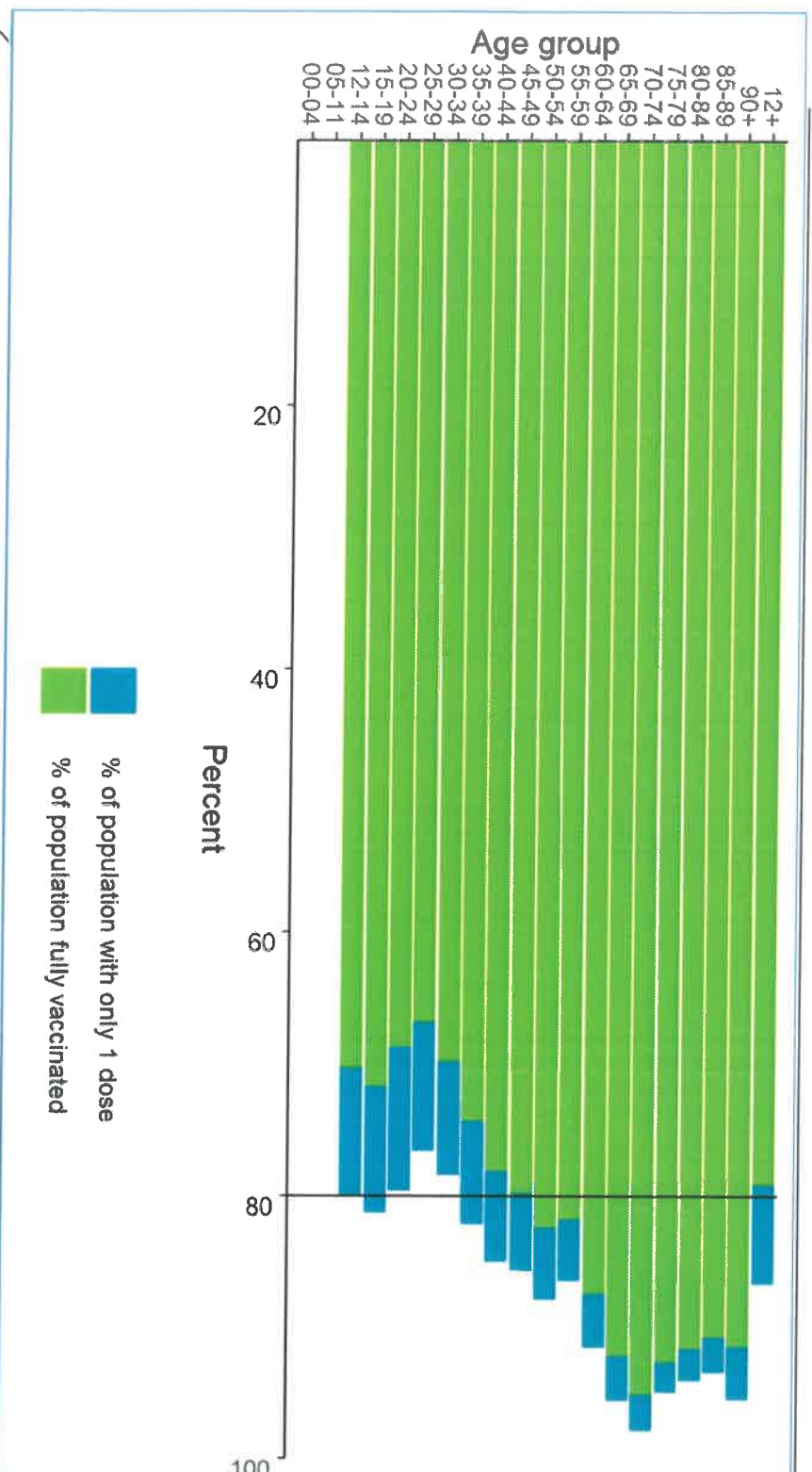
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Alberta Vaccine Coverage (October 25, 2021)



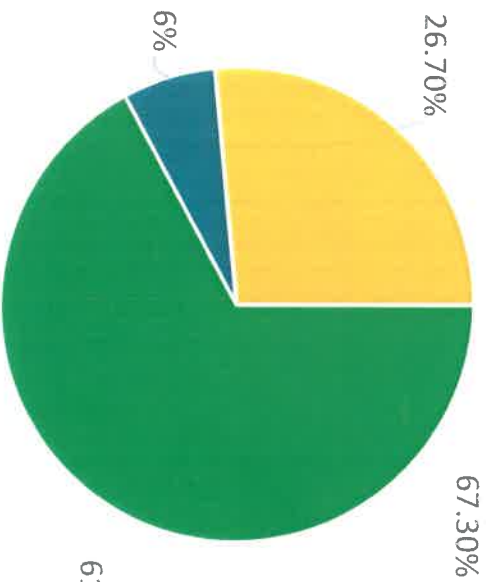
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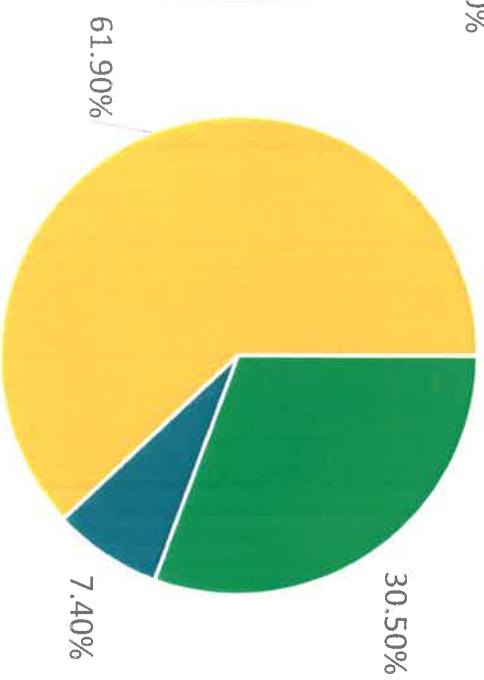
79.1% of 12+ population fully vaccinated (**67.3%** total population)

Current State by Vaccination Status (October 25, 2021)

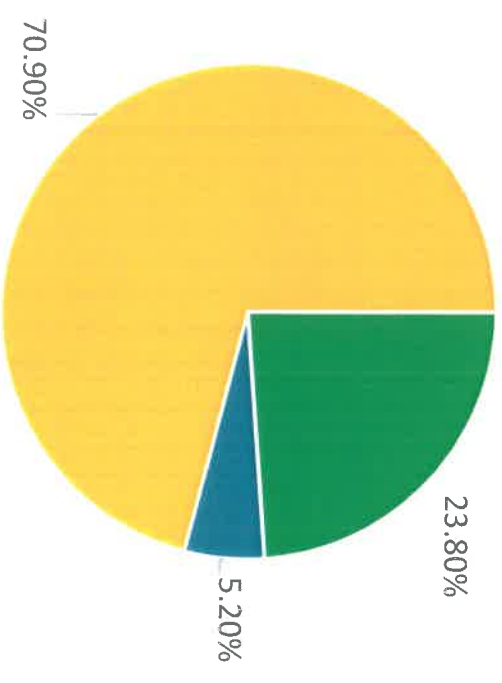
Total Population



Active Cases



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■ Complete ■ Partial ■ Unvaccinated

COVID-19 Public Health Measures

Restrictions Exemption Program

Starting September 20, in-scope businesses, entities and events must follow one of these 2 options:

1. Implement the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) requiring proof of vaccination or negative test result to continue operating as usual, or
2. Follow business capacity and operating restrictions as outlined in CMOH Order 44-2021 and Order 47-2021.

Businesses that implement the Restrictions Exemption Program can operate without most capacity or operating restrictions if they require people aged 12 and over to show *one* of the following:

1. Proof of vaccination
2. Proof of a privately-paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hrs
3. Documentation of a medical exemption

Financial support available to help offset costs of implementing the program.

Program Requirements

REP permits in-scope businesses, entities and organizers to operate without most public health restrictions as outlined in [Order 45-2021](#) and [Order 46-2021](#). Masks are still mandatory indoors.

Operators that are out-of-scope or choose not to fully implement the program must comply with all public health restrictions outlined in [Order 44-2021](#) and [Order 47-2021](#).

[An updated guidance document](#) for business and event organizers has been released and can be found at the previous link or on <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>

COVID-19 Immunization: Medical Exemption Policy

- Policy outlines the conditions that constitute a medical exemption from Covid-19 immunization
- Religious and philosophical exemptions are not permitted
- Details of medical exemptions and deferrals outlined in the [policy](#).
- **Note: The Policy applies only to COVID-19 immunization in the context of Alberta's Restrictions Exemption Program.** See [COVID-19 info for Albertans](#) for more information on the Program.
- For additional information see [COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Group Rapid Brief – Medical Exemptions for COVID19 Vaccine Table 1 and 2.](#) (September 7, 2021)

Other Measures

- New supports to manage Covid-19 in schools (please see [guidance document](#))
- Initiating contact tracing in schools across the province and resuming public reporting of cases in schools.
 - At-home rapid tests available to K-6 schools in Alberta with outbreaks
- [Order 48-2021](#) sets out conditions for excluding unvaccinated K-6 students from in-person school attendance when there are three or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 who attended class while infectious within a five-day period.
- Mandatory masking for students in Grades 4 and up, plus staff and teachers in all grades.
- Elementary schools to implement class cohorting.

More details at: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>

- **Third Vaccine Dose**

- Albertans 75+ and FNMI 65+ (starting October 6)
- Residents of seniors' supportive living
- Immunocompromised Albertans 12 and older

More details at: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

Municipal Meetings and Events

- Municipalities have the option to host these events through REP or not, depending on the selected venue and by having options for non-vaccinated persons to participate.
- If proceeding non-REP, physical distancing and facility capacity restrictions would apply.
- Private employers and public organizations, including municipal governments, can require employees to be immunized as part of company policy or as a required precondition of employment.
- Some employers may also have OH&S policies that require immunizations as a condition of employment.

REP and Recreation Facilities Overview

Restrictions for non-REP Facilities

Participation – must follow the restrictions in [CMOH Order 44-2021](#) and [Order 47-2021](#) including:

- The operator is not able to host adult group physical/recreational activity or competition.
- Youth (under 18 years of age) sports and recreation activities are permitted to proceed.
- Spectator attendance limited to 1/3 capacity, with masking and distancing.

Masking

- Facemasks are required in all indoor public spaces. Persons participating in physical activity may remove their mask. All others (aged 2 years or older) must wear a face mask.

Physical distancing

- Attendees must maintain 2m distance from those outside their households (or 2 close contacts for those who live alone) and 3m distance during physical activity. Order 44 prohibits group physical/recreational/performance activities, but 1:1 training may proceed with physical distancing.
 - Youth actively participating in a youth activity do not need to maintain physical distancing.
 - Distancing is required at all times before, during and after the youth activity (e.g. locker rooms, common areas etc.)

Food/liquor sale and consumption

- No indoor dining, food or beverage service permitted.

Applying REP

Operators participating in REP must implement their program in alignment with [updated guidance document](#) and [CMOH Order 45-2021](#) and [Order 46-2021](#).

- Operators are able to implement more restrictive measures, but not less restrictive measures. Operators applying additional measures beyond the requirements of the REP should consult with their legal counsel on the impacts in their context.

Restrictions for REP Facilities (1/2)

Participation - must follow the restrictions in [CMOH Order 45-2021](#) and [Order 46-2021](#) including:

- All vaccine-eligible persons (born in 2009 or before) must be screened at the point of entry.
- Youth and adult group and individual sport and recreation activities may proceed.
- Youth activities (where all participants under 18) are not required to be screened under REP.
 - Youth wishing to spectate or access other amenities beyond their specific youth activity must be screened as per REP if they are vaccine-eligible.
- Students in K-12 accessing facilities for the purposes of the K-12 curriculum are not required to be screened as per REP.
- Coaches, instructors, referees, etc. who are 18 years or older are subject to REP.
- No capacity restrictions on spectator attendance.

Restrictions for REP Facilities (cont. 2/2)

Masking

- Facemasks are required in all indoor public spaces. Persons participating in physical activity may remove their mask. All others (aged 2 years or older) must wear a face mask.
- Masks may be removed temporarily to eat or drink when seated or standing at a table.
 - If individuals are sitting/standing at their table talking after their food/beverage, they should have their face mask on.

Physical Distancing

- No requirements to maintain physical distancing, except:
 - Youth who were not screened into REP must maintain distancing at all times before, during and after the youth activity (e.g. locker rooms, common areas etc.)
 - Vaccine eligible youth (born in 2009 or earlier) who are accessing amenities or participating in activities other than a youth activity are required to be screened per the REP.

Food/liquor sales and consumption

- Indoor dining, food and beverage services permitted.
- 10:00pm restrictions upon liquor sales does not apply.

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Restrictions for REP Facilities (cont. 2/2)

Please see the [updated guidance document](#) and [CMOH Order 45-2021](#) and [Order 46-2021](#) for full details of the REP requirements.

REP in Sports and Multi-Use Facilities

If a facility is participating in REP:

- The operators of all areas/entities within that facility must implement REP, unless the activity/entity is out-of-scope (e.g., retail or youth activities).
- All renters must also implement REP, unless the activity is out of scope.

If a facility is NOT participating in REP:

- Public health measures must be followed at all times.
- The facility operators may allow any eligible businesses or entities renting space within the facility to participate in REP; however, the space where REP is in place must be fully self-contained from the point of screening onwards. This means separate amenities and no mingling with non-REP individuals. Any programming run by the facility must follow the public health orders.
 - If a facility operator has chosen not to implement REP, that applies to all programming run by the facility operator.
 - Only rental groups have the option to implement REP for their rental activities.

Please see [Order 44](#), [Order 45](#), and the [updated guidance](#) for more information.

REP and Recreation Facilities Scenarios

Scenario – 1

Can facilities that have implemented REP rent to events/programs that are not in REP?

No. Facilities participating in REP that provide rental spaces to others must ensure their renters are aware of and adhere to the REP requirements,

- Exception: The renting activity/entity is out-of-scope (e.g., retail or youth activities)

The facility operator is responsible to ensure renters are adhering to REP requirements.

- The facility operator is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the REP is followed in their facility, including screening attendees.
- Renters following REP must adhere to REP requirements, including screening attendees.

Please see [Order 45](#), [Order 46](#), and the [updated guidance](#) for more information.

Scenario – 2

Can facilities that have not implemented REP rent to events/programs that are in REP?

Yes. Facilities not implementing REP can rent space to groups implementing REP or to groups not implementing REP.

- If REP is not implemented in a facility, the operator is still responsible for ensuring the renters are aware of the need to adhere to public health orders or the requirements of the REP, should the renter choose to implement the REP.

When renting to groups who are implementing REP, the operator must ensure:

- The rented space where REP is in place must be fully self-contained from the point of screening onwards. This means separate amenities and no mingling with non-REP individuals. The areas of the facility that are not rented under REP must follow public health measures (e.g., physical distancing &/or capacity limits)
- Persons participating in physical activity may remove their mask. All others (aged 2 years or older) must wear a face mask.
- Facilities remain responsible to ensure these groups are adhering to the REP program requirements, which may include ensuring the renter is screening attendees.

Please see [Order 44](#), [Order 47](#), and the [updated guidance](#) for more information.

Scenario – 3

In a facility that isn't implementing REP, can groups of households access the same space as long as they are distanced from each other?

Yes. Individuals and groups from different households may attend the same space (e.g., large room), but they must comply with the following:

- Attendees must maintain 2m distance from those outside their households (or 2 close contacts for those who live alone) and 3m distance during physical activity. Order 44 prohibits group physical/recreational/performance activities, but 1:1 training may proceed with physical distancing.
- The space must comply with all public health measures, such as capacity restrictions of one-third fire code capacity.

Please see [Order 44](#), [Order 47](#), and the [updated guidance](#) for more information.

Scenario – 4

For facilities not participating in REP and renting for private events, who is responsible to ensure the event adheres to public health orders?

Operators not participating in REP that rent out space to other groups for private events are responsible for ensuring the renter is aware of the need to adhere to public health orders unless the renter implements the REP.

- If the renters implement REP, they must strictly adhere to the requirements of Order 45 and the guidance document.
- The operator is responsible for:
 - Ensuring the renter is adhering to REP requirements; and
 - Ensuring public health restrictions (outlined in CMOH Order 44-2021 as modified by Order 47-2021) in the rest of their facility, where REP is not implemented.
- Facilities that are out-of-scope of REP, such as libraries, are permitted to rent space for REP-eligible events after hours, as long as they are not limiting access to their services.

Please see [Order 44](#), [Order 47](#), and the [updated guidance](#) for more information.

Scenario – 5A

5A: Screening for youth activities in a facility participating in REP (1/2)

- Youth activities are when all participants are under the age of 18 (excluding coaches/trainers/instructors).
- If one or more of the participants (other than a coach, trainer, instructor, referee or other official) is 18 years or older, the activity is no longer a youth activity, and all participants must meet the requirements of REP to continue.

It is not required to screen youth participating in youth activities for proof of vaccine/negative COVID-19 test results/medical exception letter to participate. All youth must be checked for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the youth participating in indoor youth activities in accordance with the [COVID-19 Alberta health Daily Checklist](#)

- However, an operator may choose to screen youth in alignment with a local policy if they wish.
- If youth are not screened per REP requirements, physical distancing is required at all other times when not engaged in physical activity or performance activity (e.g. locker rooms, common areas etc.)
- If youth are screened per REP requirements, they are not required to physically distance.
- If youth wish to access other amenities beyond their specific youth activity in a facility participating in REP they will be required to be screened per the REP, if they are vaccine-eligible.

Scenario – 5A

5A: Screening for youth activities in a facility participating in REP (2/2)

Adults who are required to support youth in their activities are required to follow REP requirements in order to participate.

- This includes parent and tot classes and similar activities where an adult is required for the youth to participate in the activity.
- Adults required to support youth in their activities must maintain physical distancing from individuals outside their household during the activity.
- Adults who are spectators of youth activities are required to follow REP requirements in order to attend/spectate the activity and to access any amenities in the facility.
- Coaches, instructors, trainers, referees etc. who are 18 years or older, are subject to REP requirements in the facility.

Students in K-12 accessing facilities for the purposes of the K-12 curriculum are not required to be screened as per REP.

Please see [Order 45](#), [Order 46](#), and the [updated guidance](#) for more information.

Scenario – 5B

5B: Youth activities in a [facility not participating in REP](#)

Youth activities are when all participants are under the age of 18 (excluding coaches/trainers/instructors).

- If one or more of the participants (other than a coach, trainer, instructor, referee or other official) is 18 years or older, the activity is no longer a youth activity, and must follow applicable public health measures
 - The operator is not able to host adult group physical/recreational activity or competition, but individuals and groups from different households may attend the same space, see [scenario 3](#)
- Youth indoor group classes, training, and competitions are permitted, but participants are required to:
 - Be checked for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the youth participating in indoor youth activities in accordance with the [COVID-19 Alberta health Daily Checklist](#)
 - Maintain 2m physical distancing at all other times when not engaged in physical activity or performance activity (e.g. locker rooms, common areas etc.)
 - Wear a mask, except while engaged in physical activity

Spectator attendance is restricted to 1/3 fire code capacity, attendees are limited to a single household or 2 close contact if living alone, must be masked, and maintain 2 physical distancing.

Please see [Order 44](#), [Order 47](#), and the [updated guidance](#) for more information.

REP Supports

QR Codes and Reader

- Verification app to check proof of vaccination QR code now available for download by any person or business.
- The AB COVID Records Verifier app is available for download on Apple and Android devices through the respective app stores. Compatible tablets and mobile devices must run iOS 13 or Android 8 or higher.
- As of Nov. 15, enhanced record (paper or digital) with the QR code will be the only valid form of proof of vaccination to access businesses and organizations participating in the REP.
 - Albertans whose vaccine status has changed since they downloaded their QR code, should download the QR code again to ensure the most up to date information is included.
- When valid QR code is scanned, a green check mark will verify proof of vaccination. It will also display person's name and date of birth, which businesses are asked to check against an ID.
- Please see the [Alberta COVID Records helpdesk](#) for more information

QR Codes and Reader (cont.)

- QR codes do not include information about medical exemptions or negative tests. Operators would have to manually review these.

Note: The app does not store any personal information, and the QR code is not connected to any other health or personal information. However, the QR code does contain the vaccine information and should be protected accordingly.

- Albertans can get their vaccine record with QR code online at www.alberta.ca/CovidRecords or can get printed copy at no cost from local registry agent office or by calling 811.
 - Albertans whose vaccine status has changed since they downloaded their QR code, should download the QR code again to ensure the most up to date information is included.
- Click [here](#) for more information on how to use the Alberta COVID records verifier app.

Support to Business and Facility Operators

- Alberta is providing funding to help offset costs of implementing the REP and support training for workers.
- A one-time payment of \$2,000 is available to small and medium-sized businesses who are eligible and choose to implement REP.
- Businesses experiencing issues with the app can contact support line at: 1-888-527-1224 or email covid19record@gov.ab.ca.
- For more information on financial support: [click here](#)

Additional Updates from October 27 Meeting

Halloween guidance including printable posters are available online.



Halloween Recommendations

Trick-or-treating

- Consider choosing costumes that allow your child to wear a non-medical mask.
- Trick-or-treat with your household. If you run into friends or family outside of your immediate household, practice physical distancing by staying 2 metres apart.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it after touching touch-points like doorbells or railings.
 - If possible, knock instead of pushing doorbells, or keep 2 metres from the door or porch and call “trick-or-treat”.
- Wash or sanitize hands before handling and eating candy

Handing out Candy

- Avoid handling treats and keep physical distance away from trick-or-treaters
- Use prepackaged candy only (no homemade treats).
- Don't leave out self-serve bowls of candy. Instead, make candy bundles/bags and space them out on a table or blanket for trick-or-treaters to take.

Private Events

Private Social Gatherings

- Private outdoor gatherings to a maximum of 20 people
- Private indoor gatherings are only possible for fully vaccinated cohorts:
 - Maximum of 2 households (yours plus one other) up to maximum 10 fully vaccinated people
 - Children who are not old enough to be vaccinated are permitted to attend with others in their household (they do not count towards the 10 person cap)

Private Halloween Events

- If possible, host your party outside. It's easier to keep a healthy distance between households and there's better air circulation.
- Limit close contact with others outside your household. The smaller the group the better.
- Avoid any activities where items are passed or shared between people.

Find more information [online](#) and in the [REP guidance document](#).

Public Events

Outdoor Events	Indoor Events
<p>Outdoor events must be fully outdoors, with exception of washrooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Event not subject to capacity or masking requirements.- Maintain 2m between households or the two close contacts of those who live alone.	<p>Any indoor events have to either follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- REP requirements including masking, or- Public health measures including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1/3 capacity limits.- Maintain 2m between households or the two close contacts of those who live alone.- Masking at all times.

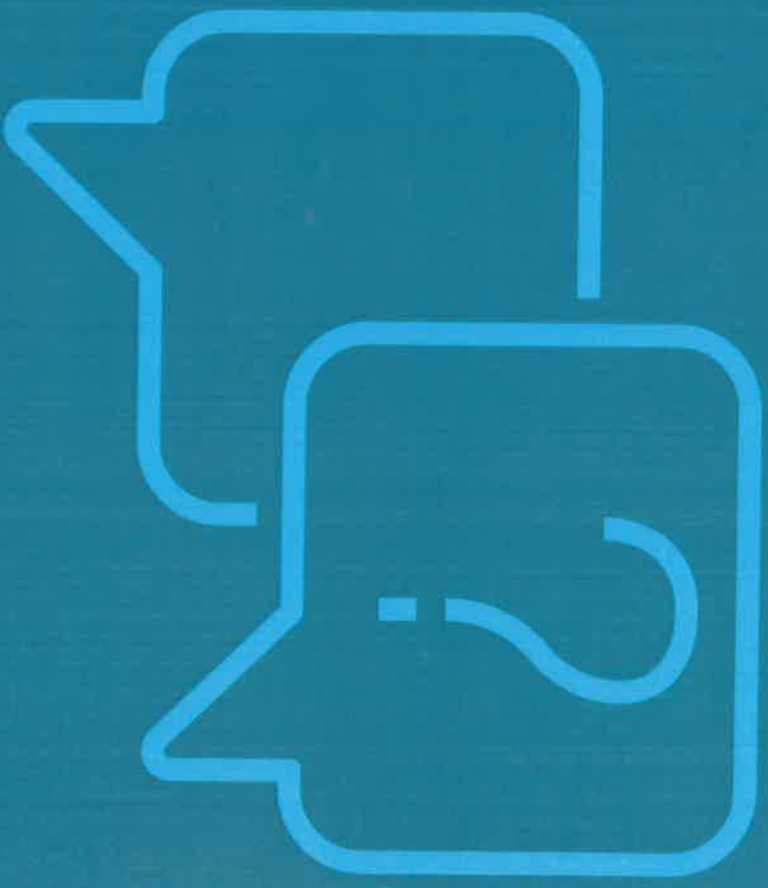
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- Must follow Restrictions for indoor or outdoor events as appropriate.

Enforcement

- Operators under REP will be audited for compliance.
- REP requirements can be enforced by AHS Public Health Inspectors, AGLC and police units.
- If they believe operators are not in compliance, individuals can make a COVID-19 related complaint [to AHS](#) Public Health Inspectors, or call 1-833-415-9179.
- While enforcement takes an education first approach, all individuals within a business, including owners, workers, volunteers and patrons, who are found to be in violation of public health orders may be subject to a \$2,000 penalty. Additionally, a person can be prosecuted for up to \$100,000 for a first offense.

Thank you!



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Hello,

Thank you for attending this week's COVID-19 Update for Municipalities. Please find attached the presentation from the session and the link to the Remembrance Day Tips document noted in the session.

Kind regards,

Alexandra Bennett

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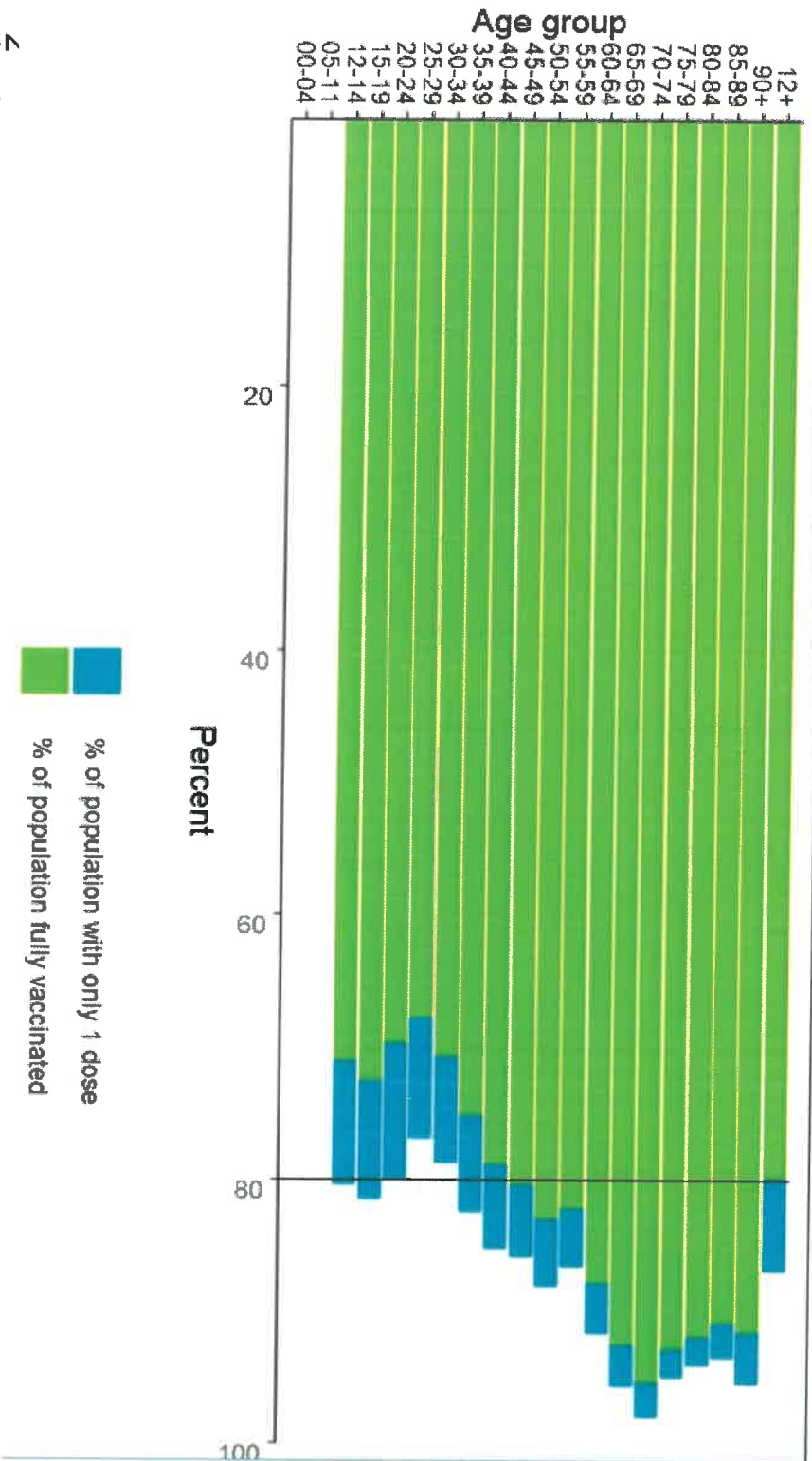
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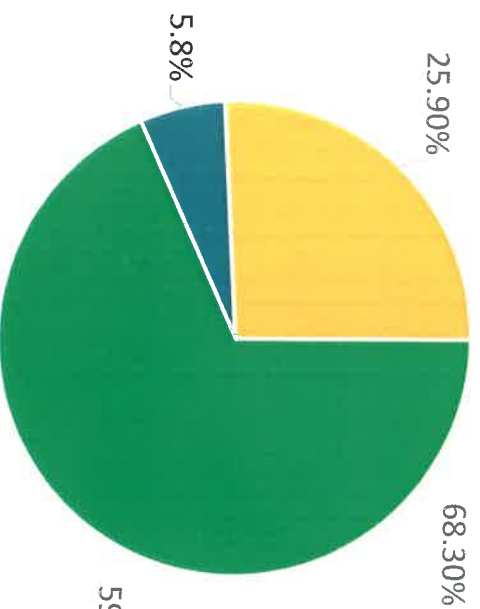
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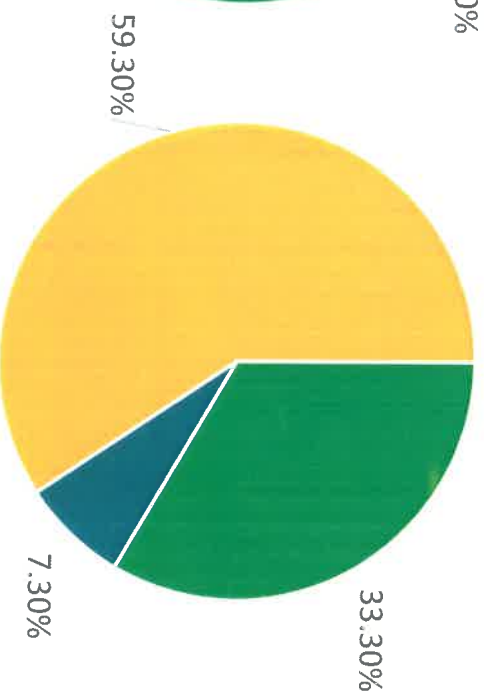


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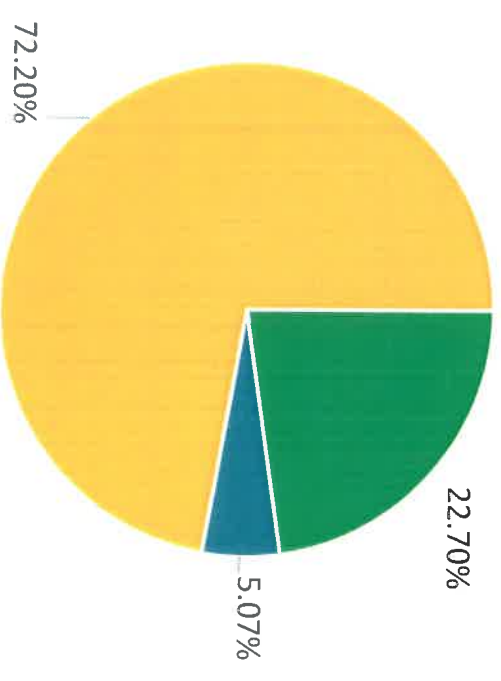
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Vaccines for Youth Age 5 - 11

- Vaccine manufacture has submitted approval request to Health Canada for children 5 to 11 yrs.
- At this time, no COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for use in children under the age of 12 in Canada.

Please continue to visit <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx> for information on vaccines.

COVID-19 Public Health Measures

REP Guidance Document Update

Please see the [updated guidance document](#) and [CMOH Order 45-2021](#) and [Order 46-2021](#) for full details of the REP requirements.

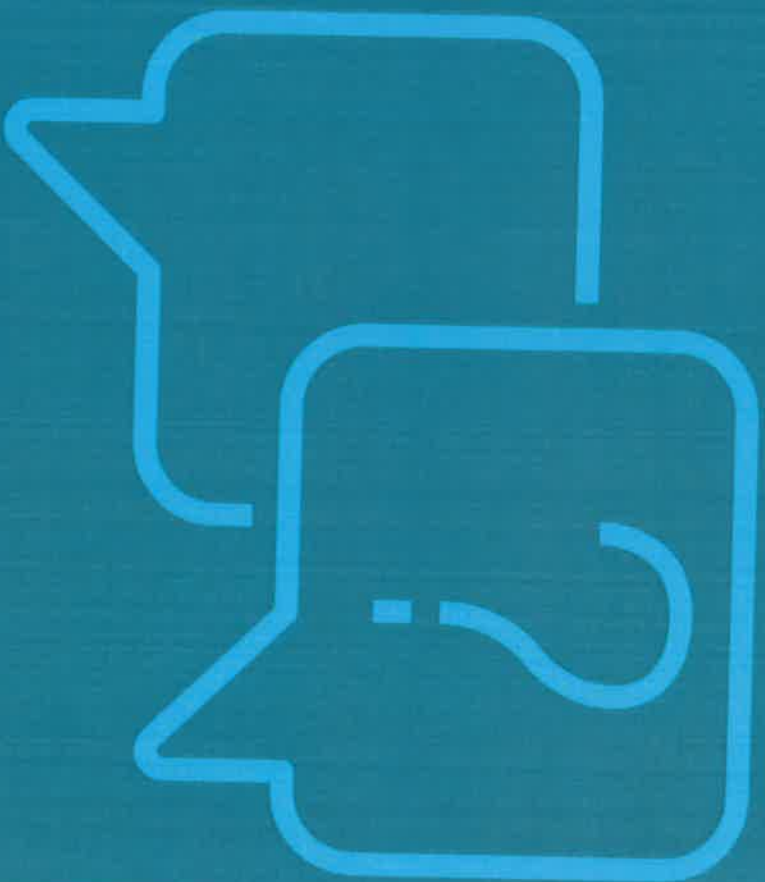
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Public Remembrance Day Ceremonies

- Must follow Restrictions for indoor or outdoor events as appropriate.

Thank you!



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COVID-19 INFORMATION

TIPS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

General:

- Organizers and participants should be aware of local public health requirements.
- Whenever possible, host ceremonies virtually or outdoors.
 - Consider offering virtual attendance options.
- Veterans and participants should be reminded to physically distance upon entry into, during, and upon exiting the ceremony area.
 - Place easy to distinguish floor markers to indicate physical distancing and ensure seating is adequately distanced.
- Consider the following when supporting mobility for veterans and other attendees (e.g., individuals who use wheelchairs or walking supports):
 - Wherever possible, have members of the same household¹ provide any support required or requested.
 - Perform hand hygiene before and after providing mobility support.
- Limit the number of people who need to share or touch items (e.g., podiums, flags, wreaths).

The Restrictions Exemption Program (REP):

- Both indoor and outdoor ceremonies are eligible for REP (removes capacity limits and physical distancing requirements).
- Organizers should review the [Requirements for the Restrictions Exemption Program](#).

Face masks:

- Whether REP is implemented or not, all individuals attending any indoor components of a ceremony must wear a face mask, in compliance with CMOH Orders.
- Those who are immunocompromised or who are in older age categories (i.e., 65+) should consider

wearing a medical face mask indoors for enhanced protection.

- Speakers at indoor ceremonies under REP may temporarily remove their mask while speaking at a podium, 2 metres apart at all times.

Capacity limits:

- There are no capacity limits on outdoor ceremonies but physical distancing is required.
- Indoor ceremonies must follow capacity limits outlined by CMOH Order 44-2021, unless REP is implemented.
- Members of different households must stay 2 metres apart at all times, unless REP is implemented.

Performances:

- Outdoor ceremonies are permitted to have solo or group performers.
- Solo performers are permitted for indoor ceremonies that have not implemented REP.
- Group and solo performances are permitted for indoor ceremonies that have implemented REP.

Vaccination:

- Albertans attending ceremonies are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated to protect all attendees.
 - Those eligible for their third dose are strongly encouraged to receive it prior to attending an in-person ceremony. Please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx> for eligibility information.

Poppy Donation

- Provide/use hand sanitizer if exchanging poppies for cash donations.
- Promote the use of cashless donations (i.e. "tap", debit) wherever possible.

¹ a household is either: the individuals who all consistently reside in the same residence OR an individual who lives alone and their 2 close contacts

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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

As of Monday, October 11, we have 376 ICU beds open in Alberta, including 203 additional spaces (a 117 per cent increase over our baseline of 173).

On a daily and even hourly basis we are monitoring our ICU numbers and hospital admissions. Because of the incredible efforts of teams across the province, we have not needed to implement the critical care triage protocol. Any patient who requires mechanical ventilation is currently able to receive it. We are doing all we can to avoid implementing the triage in our ICUs.

The Executive Leadership Team has decided not to activate pediatric triage should AHS reach the point of activating the critical care triage protocol. Again, triage will only be implemented if all efforts to increase ICU capacity are exhausted – and that has not happened yet.

As of Monday there were 294 patients in ICU. Nearly 90 per cent of all COVID-19-positive patients in our ICUs are either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated (with only the first of the two-dose series administered).

Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is currently at 78 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be 170 per cent.

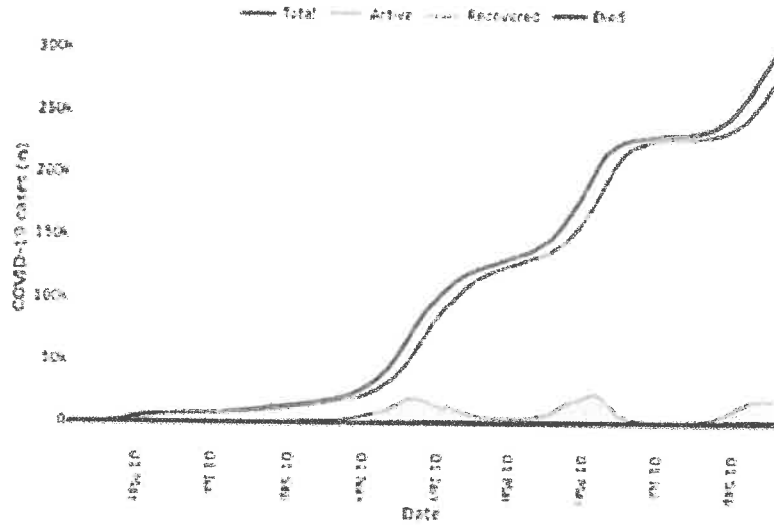
While the number of patients in ICU fluctuates constantly, the number of patients in ICU has decreased by one per cent over the past seven days. There would be more people in our ICUs if not for the sobering reality that many patients have passed away. Over the seven days leading to October 8, 97 Albertans with COVID-19 have died. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.

Cases in Alberta

As of Friday, October 8 there are currently 17,839 active cases of COVID-19 in Alberta, an 11.7 per cent decrease compared to Oct. 1 when there were 20,215 active cases.

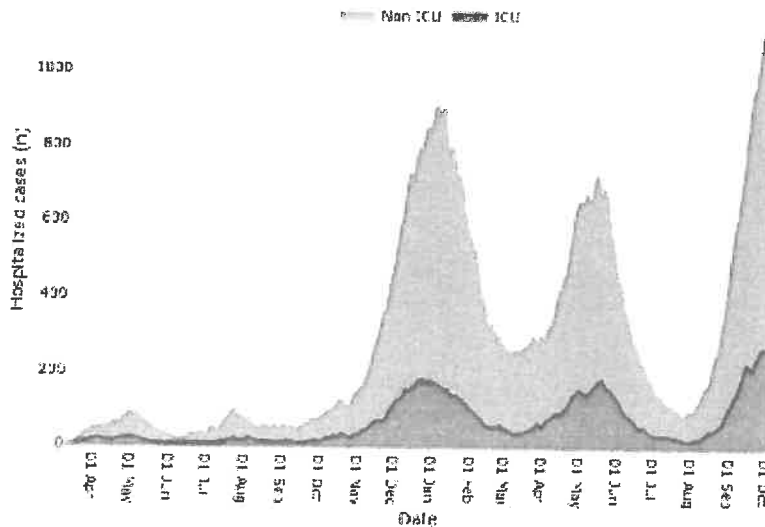
For the seven-day period ending Oct. 6, there was an average of 1,275 new daily cases of COVID-19, compared to 1,646 for the previous week (Sept. 23-29), a 22.5 per cent decrease. This week, all zones reported decreases in the number of new cases per day, ranging from a 15.3 per cent decrease in the

Calgary Zone to a 30.8 per cent decrease in the Edmonton Zone. Over the past week, the Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 2,244, compared to 2,651 new cases the previous week, a 15.3 per cent decrease.



Hospitalizations

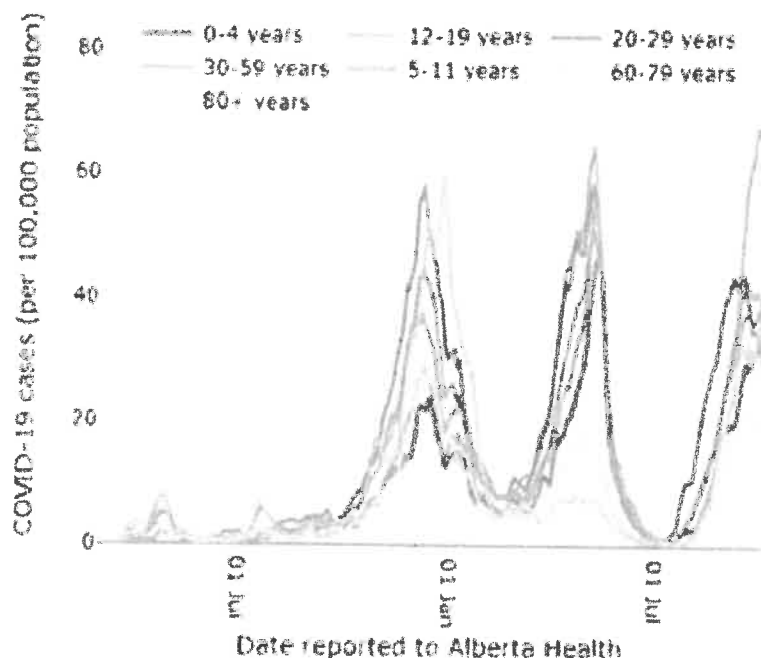
The number of individuals in non-ICU hospital beds with COVID-19 remained stable over the past week: 846 individuals on Oct. 6 compared to 843 on Sept. 29.



Cases by age group

As of Oct. 3, children ages five to 11 — who are currently ineligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine — had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 52 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans ages 12 to 19 had the second-highest rate with 30.3 cases per 100,000 people.

Trends in COVID-19 cases by age group can be seen in the figure below.



Variants of Concern

The lab is still utilizing targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing. From Sept. 28 to Oct. 4, the average proportion of positive samples that were strain-typed was 45 per cent. Of those strain-typed, the rolling average was 99.9 per cent Delta variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of Oct. 6, a total of 307,019 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 13,286 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.3 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 285,794 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- From Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, 94,178 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 13,454 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 8.1 per cent to 11.2 per cent. As of Oct. 6, a total of 5.6 million tests have been conducted and 2.4 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The R value is updated every two weeks. From Sept. 27 to Oct. 3, the provincewide R value was 0.92 and the previously reported value was 1.04.

Changes to School Outbreak Reporting, Contact Notification

Last Tuesday (Oct. 5), the province implemented further measures to protect students, parents, teachers and staff during the fourth wave of the pandemic.

Public reporting of COVID-19 cases in schools resumed this week and will include the name of each school with at least two COVID-19 cases. An outbreak investigation will be completed by AHS when 10 or more COVID-19 cases, infectious while at school, are recorded within a 14-day period.

Starting today, Oct. 12, parents will be informed if their child may have been exposed to a COVID-19 case who was infectious while at school. On an interim basis, school authorities will determine close contacts for students in schools using criteria provided by AHS and will notify families of close contacts in a school setting only.

AHS will take over the lead on contact notification in schools within the next several weeks. Once AHS-led

contact notification is in place, parents will be able to check an online map to view alerts and outbreaks at schools.

Students in kindergarten to Grade 6 will shift to learning at home if there are three or more students, teachers, or staff who were infectious. Families will be asked to avoid other public places, monitor for symptoms and get tested if the student becomes symptomatic but will not be required to quarantine.

The Government of Alberta will be offering a targeted rapid testing program for kindergarten to Grade 6 schools experiencing outbreaks, as vaccines are not yet available to this age group.

Tests will initially be provided for distribution to parents and staff starting in late October, and will begin with schools that are on outbreak status with 10 or more cases of COVID-19 who were infectious while in school over a 14-day period. Rapid testing will be voluntary and tests will be administered at home by parents as a screening tool only for students who are asymptomatic.

Ivermectin: A Useful Drug, but Not a Treatment for COVID-19

Today AHS responded to questions regarding the use of ivermectin in the treatment of COVID-19. While we all want – and need – safe, effective therapies to help prevent more suffering and death, *there is no evidence that ivermectin is an effective treatment for COVID.*

Suggestions that AHS is withholding life-saving treatment by not supporting the use of ivermectin in the treatment of COVID-19 are wrong. If there was good evidence for its use against this virus, AHS would absolutely be using it to help patients and reduce the burden on our healthcare system. As this evidence does not exist, AHS does not recommend the use of ivermectin to prevent or treat COVID-19 - not even as a “just in case” measure.

Alberta Health Services' Scientific Advisory Group has reviewed the existing studies using ivermectin in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. Based on the weakness of the existing studies – including small sample sizes, inappropriate study designs and inadequate controls – the Scientific Advisory Group agrees with expert groups like Health Canada, the Food and Drug Administration, World Health Organization and professional regulatory groups such as the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta and the Alberta College of Pharmacy. There is no high-quality evidence that ivermectin is effective against COVID-19.

You can read AHS' [full statement on ivermectin](#), or review the [Scientific Advisory Group's extensive review](#) of ivermectin research and international studies.

COVID-19 Immunizations

First Vaccine Doses Reach 85%

More than 430,000 first and second doses have been administered since Sept. 3. Alberta is quickly closing the gap on the national average of 87 per cent of eligible Canadians who have received their first dose as of Oct. 2. More than 250,000 Albertans have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine since Sept 3.

All eligible Albertans are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to help prevent transmission and protect the health system.

More Walk-in Clinics Available in South Zone

In order to accommodate Southern Albertans as they roll up their sleeves and protect themselves and their families against COVID-19, Alberta Health Services has opened additional walk-in appointment times and locations across the South Zone. Communities with upcoming walk-in clinics include: Brooks, Cardston, Crowsnest Pass, Fort Macleod, Lethbridge, Magrath, Medicine Hat, Milk River, Oyen, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek, Raymond, and Taber.

Please review eligibility requirements and vaccine offerings online before arriving: <http://ahs.ca/covidvaccine>. Full clinic details — including dates, operating hours and vaccine types available at each location — are available [online](#).

Eligibility Expands for Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Doses

Eligibility for third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine has expanded to include Albertans age 75 and older (born in 1946 or before) and First Nations, Inuit and Métis people age 65 and older (born in 1956 or before).

These newly eligible populations can book a third dose at least six months after their second dose. Appointments can be booked [online](#) at AHS clinics, participating pharmacies and physician clinics, or by calling Health Link at 811. COVID-19 vaccines are also available by walk-in at [participating clinics and pharmacies](#). Individuals aged 65 and older who live on a First Nations reserve will be able to access third doses through local public health clinics on-reserve.

Those deemed ineligible due to age, or six months have not yet passed since receiving their second dose, are asked to re-book when eligible.

In addition to these newly eligible populations, third doses continue to be available for seniors living in congregate care, for immunocompromised individuals 12 years of age and older with specific conditions, and for travellers going to jurisdictions where Covishield/AstraZeneca or mixed doses are not recognized.

For more information on eligibility, go to alberta.ca/vaccine.

Update on additional COVID-19 Vaccine Doses for Healthcare Workers

We've received questions about third doses for healthcare workers. Alberta Health continues to follow recommendations from the [Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization](#) and the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization](#).

Current evidence shows two doses of vaccine provide good protection against severe outcomes for those younger than 75 years in the general population. At this time, the provincial committee has only recommended adding third doses for this older group and for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people age 65 and older. No decisions have been made on expanding third doses to healthcare workers. We will continue to keep you updated on Alberta Health decisions in this area.

COVID-19 Vaccines and Fertility

There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines cause fertility problems. Studies evaluating male and female fertility metrics after COVID-19 immunization have not identified any harms to reproductive health.

For females, research shows the COVID-19 vaccine is safe for those who are trying to get pregnant and does not increase the risk of miscarriage.

In contrast, from July 15, 2021 to September 28, 2021, 14 pregnant women have been admitted to ICU due to COVID-19. All have been unvaccinated.

No evidence shows any vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems in males. A [recent small study of 45 healthy men](#) who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) looked at sperm characteristics, such as quantity and movement, before and after vaccination. Researchers found no significant changes in these sperm characteristics after vaccination.

Although fever from illness has been associated with a short-term decrease in sperm production in healthy men, there is no current evidence fever after COVID-19 vaccination affects sperm production. Fever can be a side effect of COVID-19 vaccination, as well as a common symptom of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and prevent serious illness from COVID-19. For reliable evidence-based information, refer to the [Alberta COVID-19 Immunization in Pregnancy Factsheet for Practitioners](#) and vaccine and fertility information from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

App to Scan COVID-19 Vaccine QR Codes Now Available

Businesses and organizations can begin using the free AB Covid Records Verifier app to quickly and easily confirm their patrons' vaccination status. The AB Covid Records Verifier app is available for download on [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices through the respective app stores.

Albertans can get their enhanced vaccine record with a QR code online at alberta.ca/COVIDRecords without creating an account. More information is available from [today's government announcement](#).

Reminder: Get \$100 if you receive your first or second dose by Oct. 14

If you receive your first or second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine between Sept. 3 and Oct. 14, you may be eligible to receive a \$100 debit card. After vaccination, register online at alberta.ca/VaccineDebitCard.

Things You Need to Know

No Change to Designated Support Person, Visitor Access

As we pass Thanksgiving weekend and look forward to a season of family celebrations, many patients and families will want to connect in-person on- and off-site. However, given the current rate of COVID-19 transmission, the following applies:

- Off-site passes are not recommended for patients unless essential to the patient's care plan. This includes day and overnight passes at any AHS acute care facility.
- If a pass is essential to support a patient's care plan, the care team must weigh the risks and benefits with the patient before the decision is made. Passes will not be considered strictly for the purposes of social visitation. Impacts include exposure to COVID-19 due to high rates of community transmission and the potential need to quarantine upon returning to the facility.

Please refer to our [guidance document](#) for more information on outdoor access and patient passes.

Canadian Armed Forces Nurses Land in Edmonton

This past Wednesday (Oct. 6), eight Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) critical care nursing officers and a CAF senior nursing officer arrived at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for an orientation session with AHS staff. By the afternoon, four of the military nurses were paired with a buddy for their first shift on the intensive care unit, with the remaining four providing immediate patient care yesterday (Oct. 7). The critical care nurses, deployed from Ontario and Nova Scotia, have been brought in to help alleviate pressure on a critical care unit at overcapacity due to COVID-19 patients.



Fort McMurray Prepares for Arrival of Newfoundland Healthcare Team

The Northern Lights Regional Health Centre raised the Newfoundland and Labrador flag (see below) in anticipation for the arrival of a healthcare team from the Atlantic province. A team of seven healthcare workers - nurses, physicians and a nurse practitioner - arrived this weekend in Fort McMurray and will help with staffing pressures and increasing capacity at the hospital. Their arrival will enable the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre to increase ICU capacity from eight ICU beds and one overflow bed to 10 ICU beds and one overflow bed.



New Outdoor Gathering Restrictions

Outdoor private social gatherings are now limited to a maximum of 20 people, with two-metre physical distancing between households at all times. This is a decrease from the previous limit of 200 attendees. This new measure has been implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All other public health measures remain in place at this time. For more information, visit alberta.ca/covid19.

Updated Food Donations Policy for Staff

Many Albertans are looking to show their appreciation for AHS front-line staff. While we are so grateful for this show of support, AHS has recently updated its policy around accepting donations of food. In accordance with Infection Prevention and Control, AHS employees are currently unable to accept food donations.

Although we cannot accept donations of food, Alberta's food banks can and we ask people to please consider passing your kindness on to them. Many Albertans are turning to their food banks for support right now and these organizations are happy to accept donations in honour of front-line staff. Although monetary donations are preferred so food banks can buy what they need and at a bulk rate, people can also donate non-perishable food. We would encourage you to visit the website for your local food bank to see how you can help.

If you have any questions about donations to AHS staff, please contact [Foundation Relations](#) for assistance.

Verna's Weekly Video Message — Spotlight on Protective Services

Protective Services is an important part of our care team, dedicated to ensuring we can deliver safe, quality, patient- and family-centered care to Albertans. During the pandemic, their role has become even more important.

As you may have heard, and some of you have witnessed first hand, many of our front-line teams are facing harassment from people who do not believe the COVID-19 pandemic is real. They fail or refuse to comprehend the realities AHS staff and physicians are experiencing every day. This harassment is

reprehensible and unsettling for all of us, and Protective Services has played a crucial role in responding to these incidents.

Protective Services has created a new role for safety ambassadors, who are responsible for screening, greeting, wayfinding and educating visitors on current AHS visitation policies and COVID-19-related expectations or policies. And more recently, they were instrumental in keeping our people and patients safe during protests at our facilities.

We understand how challenging these protests were for some of our staff, and continue to be grateful for the support of Protective Services, who help guide us through these situations and ensure safety for all.

Joining me (Verna) to tell us more about their role during the pandemic are:

- Simon Boutros, Site Manager of Protective Services for the Royal Alexandra Hospital and Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.
- Joseph Dickson, Protective Services Team Lead at the Rockyview General Hospital.
- Jerry Scott, Chief Protective Services Officer.



Finally, Jerry wanted me to make clear that those individuals who are abusive represent only a small percentage of the hundreds of positive interactions that Protective Services has with patients and families every day.

Updated Health, Business Plan Now Online

The Alberta Health Services (AHS) 2020-22 Health Plan & 2021-22 Business Plan (the Plan) has been published. The Plan is an accountability document that describes at a strategic level the actions AHS will take in carrying out its legislated responsibilities to deliver quality health services.

The Plan was developed with guidance and direction from Alberta Health, and aligns to the Ministry of Health 2021-24 Business Plan, the Blue Ribbon Panel on Alberta's Finances report and the AHS Review. Over the year, AHS will focus on recovering to pre-COVID service levels, improving performance over and above pre-COVID levels and addressing other emerging priorities. Through this new plan, AHS has an opportunity to continue learning and evolving as an organization, and finding ways to better serve patients, clients and their families while maintaining the highest standards of quality and safety.

Alberta Healthy Living Program Offers Online Workshops

Diabetes the Basics, Heart Wise, and Weight Management classes are free workshops for residents 18 and older, led by AHS health professionals who share their expertise and guide interactive group sessions. Learn more by contacting your local public health clinic.

Say Goodbye to Mealtime Struggles

Central Zone residents are invited to register for an upcoming on-line version of AHS' Goodbye Mealtime Struggles workshops. Led by a registered dietitian and a pediatric occupational therapist, the Goodbye Mealtime Struggles workshop helps parents learn how to overcome mealtime conflicts with children from one to five years of age.

Parents of young children who may be facing challenges with young picky eaters can learn valuable strategies and tips for making mealtimes happy times for the whole family through a free, online workshop offered by Alberta Health Services (AHS). [Learn more.](#)

Screen Test Coming to Coleman, McLellan, Bow Island, Milk River and Valleyview

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- Coleman - Crowsnest Sports Complex, 8702 22 Ave., Oct. 27-30, and Nov. 1-6, 2021.
- McLennan - Sacred Heart Community Health Centre (350 3 Avenue NW) on Nov. 6, 8 and 9
- Bow Island Provincial Building, 802 6 St. E., (Health Unit) on Oct. 22, 23, 25, and 26, 2021
- Milk River - Prairie Rose Lodge, 117 3 Ave. N.W., at the back of the lodge, on Oct. 20 and 21
- Valleyview Health Centre (43 East Highway Street) Oct. 30, and Nov. 1-4

Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604.

Join the Conversation

Join a Community Conversation and COVID Update for Edmonton Zone

COVID-19 cases and related hospital and ICU admissions are at an all-time high across Alberta. Demand for COVID-19-related supports and services is unprecedented, and impacting the ability to meet the healthcare needs of Edmonton zone residents – including those who are not experiencing COVID. Community leaders and partners across the Zone are invited to a Community Conversation to clarify facts and answer questions about AHS' response and planning measures.

Please join us for a session at a time that works best for you:

- **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** [Click here](#) to register
- **Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to register

Big Support for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Born out of the Orange Shirt Day movement and in response to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action No. 80, the first National Day for Truth & Reconciliation was recognized on September 30. On this day, Canadians are asked to take time to recognize the history and truthful impacts of residential schools. This was an action that AHS took to heart.

Given the current pandemic environment, AHS invited staff and Albertans to participate in online sessions and activities on our [Together4Health \(T4H\) page](#) – and we were overwhelmed by the response.

- There were more than 3,750 participants in Zoom sessions (and many sites set up rooms that would allow teams to watch and discuss the sessions together).
- Five presentation recordings from the day have been posted on AHS YouTube channel. Links to the recordings are posted on the T4H page.
- More than 1,500 visits were made to the T4H page on Sept. 30.

We encourage people to continue sharing how they are taking steps to grow their awareness and promote reconciliation. Many wonderful ideas have already been shared [here](#).

This has been a very difficult and emotional year, especially with discoveries near former residential schools across the country. It is wonderful to see our people showing their care and commitment to Indigenous patients and families by pursuing awareness and understanding.

Last Week to Learn About Community Water Fluoridation in Calgary Before October 18 Vote

On October 18th, Calgarians will have an opportunity to vote on community water fluoridation. While there is fluoride in all fresh water, community water fluoridation adjusts the fluoride level in the public water supply to the level recommended to prevent tooth decay.

We know there is a lot of information out there - visit the [Together4Health](#) page for scientific research about community water fluoridation, and a [fact or fiction tool](#) where you can ask your questions and an AHS expert will respond.

Attend an Upcoming Health Advisory Council Meeting

The Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Councils (HAC) invites public to participate in one of two virtual training sessions Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage - Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times. This training is free and is designed for everyone, including professionals and community members. The sessions will be held by Zoom, participants must pre-register using the following links:

- **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**
Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-wood-buffalo-hac1.eventbrite.ca>
- **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-wood-buffalo-hac2.eventbrite.ca>

AHS is Now Accepting Applications for Volunteers to Join our Health Advisory Councils!

Health Advisory Councils are comprised of members from communities across Alberta who bring diverse, local perspectives to AHS on the healthcare system. Members are connected to their community and enjoy participating in engagement activities that contribute to improving healthcare services.

Councils host public meetings and community events within their geographical area, and members participate in community activities to hear from, and share information with community members. Learn more about Advisory Councils at ahs.ca/advisorycouncils.

To [apply](#), please complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to community.engagement@ahs.ca.

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

Through donor support, our philanthropic partners fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including equipment, programs, renovations, research and education across the province and in your community. [Learn more here.](#)

Calgary's Cancer Centre Launches Bold Campaign

On Tuesday, October 5, 2021, an ambitious \$250M fundraising campaign for the new Calgary Cancer Centre launched. Alberta Health Services, the University of Calgary, the Alberta Cancer Foundation are partnering to ensure we're ready to make the most of this once-in-a-generation opportunity.

The campaign, Own.Cancer, aims to help cancer patients take control of their diagnosis and treatment. The way we look at it – the more we own cancer, the less it owns us. The campaign team has already raised \$70M towards their goal.

Last Tuesday the Cancer Centre, among other landmarks in Calgary, were lit up to mark the start of this powerful campaign. Visit www.owncancer.ca for more details, watch the [campaign ad](#) and take a [sneak peek](#) through the new cancer centre.



Celebrating 20 years of Stollery Kids!

This month, the Stollery Children's Hospital celebrates 20 years of providing exceptional care for infants, children and youth in central and northern Alberta, as well as acting as a centre for pediatric research. The hospital opened in 2001 with 109 beds and has since grown to 236 beds across three sites, including three neonatal intensive care units located at the Walter C. Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre/University of Alberta Hospital campus, the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the Sturgeon Community Hospital.

The Stollery has among the highest inpatient volumes of any children's hospital in Canada. Stollery care teams see about 300,000 patient visits each year, including nearly 55,000 emergency department visits, and provide more than 12,000 surgeries to children. The Stollery also provides outreach services in rural communities throughout the central and northern parts of Alberta.

The Foundation thanks each and every Stollery staff member for their support and the life-changing difference they have made for Stollery kids and their families. Together, we're transforming children's health care in Western Canada by making sure kids and youth have access to some of the best physical and mental health care anywhere in the world.



Watch the week of thanks video [here](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Powell for Highest Provincial Honour

On behalf of AHS, Laura and I (Verna) would like to pass along our congratulations to Dr. Greg Powell for being named to the Alberta Order of Excellence, the highest honour the Province of Alberta can bestow on a citizen.

Dr. Powell has devoted much of his professional life to providing Albertans with better emergency care. In 1985, he co-founded the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS) and pioneered the use of advanced communications, life-saving technologies, and specialized aeromedical crew training — not just in Alberta but across the country. He retired as STARS President and CEO in 2012; three years later, a helipad was named after him at Foothills Medical Centre, where he served as director of emergency medicine in the late 1970s.

Dr. Powell and his wife Linda are now actively involved in advocacy and public awareness to enhance organ and tissue donation and transplantation in Alberta, and he's also currently serving as a board member on the Health Quality Council of Alberta and the Foothills Country Hospice. Over the years, and to this day, Dr. Powell has been an important partner to AHS, and his passion for excellence in emergency medicine has touched the lives of countless Canadians.

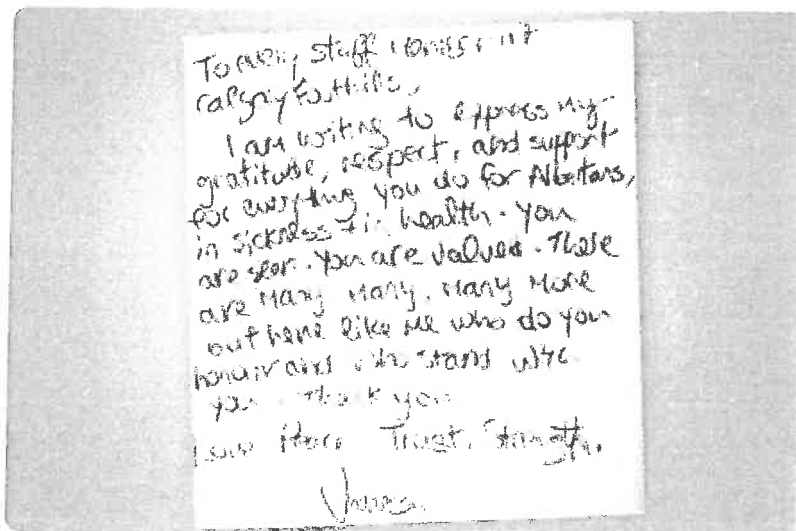
You can read more about Dr. Powell and the other new members of the Alberta Order of Excellence on the [government website](#).

Foothills Medical Centre Cultivates Culture of Kindness

Foothills Medical Centre (FMC) has established a Kindness Crew to inspire and celebrate gratitude, and to bolster spirits during these challenging times. The crew has launched a Leaves of Gratitude campaign to help staff and physicians, as well as members of the public, show their appreciation for the tremendous dedication and compassion healthcare workers demonstrate every day.

The crew has distributed paper leaves to teams to share their specific "Thanks for the Kindness" messages with each other at FMC. Each unit/area is encouraged to create their own display and be creative about sharing joy. It's designed to be a fun and colourful way to show gratitude while enhancing the site with fall colours and kind words.

Members of the community who ask how they can express their gratitude will be given a leaf and encouraged to share their own Thanks for the Kindness messages with staff and physicians. See one below.



FMC's Kindness Crew is comprised of volunteer staff who are focused on cultivating what 'Community of Kindness' means at FMC. The team sends weekly updates to all staff, physicians and volunteers with kindness resources, a message of kindness and an opportunity for showing and spreading kindness. They

have also developed a manager's toolkit to provide resources to assist with addressing barriers to kindness, such as compassion fatigue and difficult conversations with vaccination status.

Thanks to the FMC Kindness Crew for encouraging folks to reach out to one another and foster an environment of respect and empathy that improves morale and patient care.

Gratitude from Albertans

Thank you to all of the Albertans who have taken the time to recognize the work of healthcare providers and physicians. Messages of gratitude keep pouring in from across the province and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share a few recent messages of thanks with you — and you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

I wanted to say thank you for taking care of all of us during the COVID-19 pandemic and any other time that we needed your help. I want you to know that my family supports your work ethic to take care of the unvaccinated and vaccinated people out there.

— Judith Turbach

As protesters gather at the Royal Alex for absolutely no good reason, I wanted to thank the ICU team at the Royal Alex for the excellent care they provided my mother-in-law almost 10 years ago. Because of your care, she stayed with us another two years after her time with you. My family and I are grateful for all you are doing now. Stay strong.

— Ken Allan

Wrapping Up

As we marked the Thanksgiving weekend, we took time to reflect on our appreciation for our staff, physicians, volunteers, Advisory Council members, Patient and Family Advisors, community partners and the many others who continue to work with us as we strive to provide the very best in care to Albertans.

These are challenging times in Alberta, across Canada and around the world. But pockets of light and gratitude remain.

We think of the nearly 4,000 individuals who took time out of their day for personal reflection on the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The arrival of critical care nursing teams from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Newfoundland and Labrador. Stories of world-class care and research coming out of 20 years of the Stollery Children's Hospital. And the messages of appreciation that continue to buoy our spirits.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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Together Health Headlines

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Welcome to Together4Health Headlines, a newsletter designed to keep you informed of decisions being made to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS.

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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

AHS continues to do all it can to ensure we have enough ICU capacity to meet patient demand, including opening additional spaces and redeploying staff. As of Sunday, October 17 we have 376 ICU beds open in Alberta, including 203 additional spaces (a 117 per cent increase over our baseline of 173).

There are currently 287 patients in ICU, the vast majority of whom are COVID-19 positive. While the number of patients in ICU fluctuates constantly, the number of patients in ICU has decreased by 1.3 per cent over the past seven days.

Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is currently at 76 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 165 per cent.

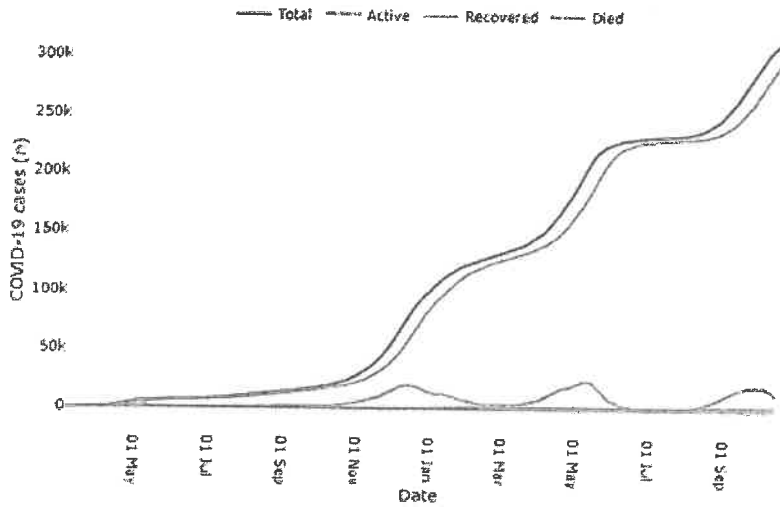
- In Calgary Zone, as of Friday we have 138 ICU beds, including 72 additional spaces. Calgary Zone ICU is operating at 78 per cent of current capacity.
- In Edmonton Zone, we have 159 ICU beds, including 87 additional spaces. Edmonton Zone is operating at 77 per cent of current capacity.
- In Central Zone, we have 24 ICU beds, including 12 additional spaces. Central Zone ICU is operating at 54 per cent of current capacity.
- In South Zone, we have 36 ICU beds, including 19 additional ICU spaces. South Zone ICU is currently operating at 72 per cent capacity.
- In North Zone, we have 19 ICU spaces (split between Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray), including 13 additional ICU spaces. North Zone is currently operating at 95 per cent capacity.

As of October 14, 2,946 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 116 deaths over the past week. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who are grieving today.

New and Active Cases

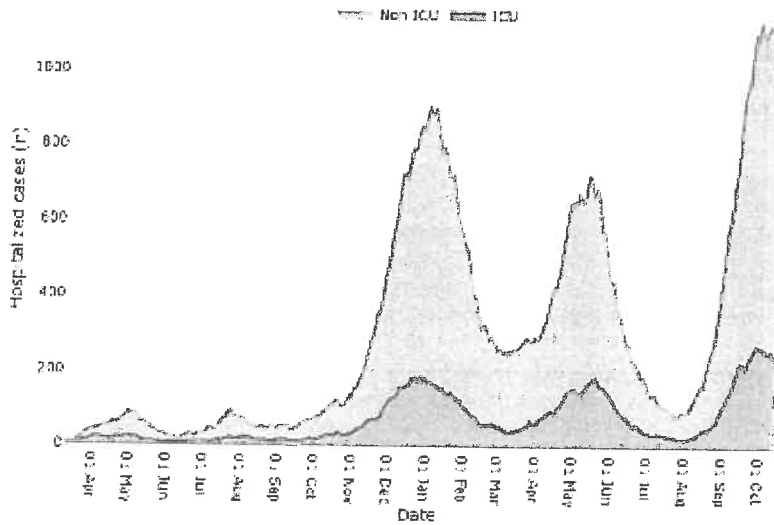
As of Friday, Oct. 15, there were 12,978 active cases of COVID-19 in Alberta, a 27.3 per cent decrease, compared to Oct. 8 when there were 17,839 active cases.

For the seven-day period ending Oct. 6, there was an average of 890 new daily cases of COVID-19, compared to 1,275 for the previous week (Sept 30 – Oct 6), a 29.9 per cent decrease. This week, all zones reported decreases in the number of new cases per day, ranging from a 23.6 per cent decrease in Edmonton Zone to a 35.8 per cent decrease in Central Zone. Over the past week, Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 1,584 (an average of 226 cases per day), compared to 2,237 new cases the previous week (an average of 320 cases per day).



Hospitalizations

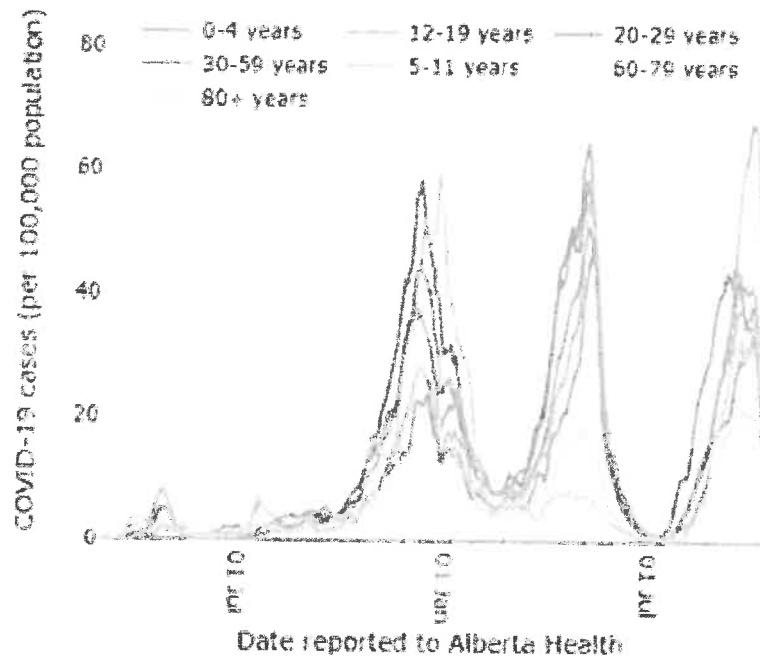
A total of 785 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on Oct. 13, compared to 870 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Oct. 6, a 9.8 per cent decrease.



Cases By Age Group

As of October 10, children ages five to 11 – who are currently ineligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine – had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 34.86 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans ages 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 21 cases per 100,000 people.

All age groups reported a decreased rate of COVID-19 cases compared to the previous report. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are in the figure below.



Variants of Concern

The lab is still utilizing targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing. From Oct. 5 to Oct. 11, the average percent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 52 per cent. Of those strain-typed, the rolling average was 99.8 per cent Delta variant. The remaining 0.2 per cent were a wild variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available. Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of Oct. 13, a total of 313,201 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 13,705 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 296,848 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- From Oct. 7 to Oct. 13, 76,808 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 10,973 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 7.47 per cent to 9.14 per cent. As of Oct. 13, a total of 5,704,121 tests have been conducted and 2,476,074 individuals have ever been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The R value is updated every two weeks. From Sept. 27 to Oct. 3, the provincewide R value was 0.92 and the previously reported value was 1.04. There was no update for this week.
- [Public reporting](#) of COVID-19 cases in schools continues, which includes the name of each school with at least two COVID-19 cases.

COVID-19 Immunizations

New COVID-19 Testing Location in Central Zone

COVID-19 testing in Red Deer has moved to a new location to meet increasing demand for this service. The new location, at 1780 49 Ave., offers additional space to increase testing capacity and provides a larger waiting area. It is a one-minute drive from the current location at Westerner Park, where the

COVID-19 vaccination clinic will remain.

App to Scan COVID-19 Vaccine QR Codes Now Available

On Oct. 12 the Government of Alberta launched the free AB Covid Records Verifier app for businesses and organizations to use to confirm their patrons' immunization status. The app is available for download on Apple and Android devices.

Albertans can get their enhanced vaccine record with a QR code online at alberta.ca/CovidRecords, without creating an account. To get the QR code, they need to enter their personal health number, date of birth, and month and year they received one of their COVID-19 vaccine doses.

Albertans can also request a printed proof of immunization with a QR code from a local registry agent office or by calling 811. Other forms of proof of immunization will continue to be accepted until Nov. 15, including paper records from vaccine providers or a screenshot, or a printed record from alberta.ca/CovidRecords or [MyHealthRecords](https://alberta.ca/MyHealthRecords).

Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Available for Eligible Populations

Eligibility for third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine has expanded to include Albertans age 75 and older (born in 1946 or before), and First Nations, Inuit and Métis people age 65 and older (born in 1956 or before). Third doses can be administered starting six months after the second dose.

Third doses continue to be available for seniors living in congregate care, for immunocompromised individuals 12 years of age and older with specific conditions, and for travellers going to jurisdictions where Covishield/AstraZeneca or mixed doses are not recognized.

Appointments can be booked online at AHS clinics, participating pharmacies and physician clinics, or by calling Health Link at 811. COVID-19 vaccines are also available by walk-in at participating clinics and pharmacies. Individuals aged 65 and older who live on a First Nations reserve can access third doses through local public health clinics on reserve.

Those deemed ineligible due to age, or if six months have not yet passed since receiving their second dose, can re-book when eligible. For more information, go to alberta.ca/vaccine.

Things You Need to Know

Ivermectin: A Useful Drug, But Not a Treatment for COVID-19

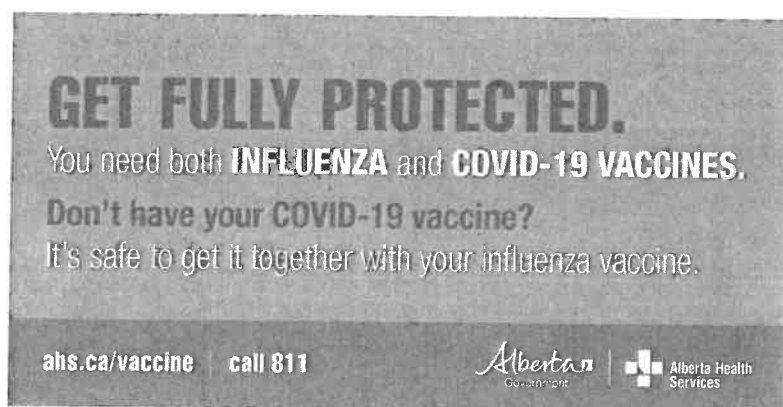
The COVID-19 pandemic has been long and tiresome to say the least. We all want – and need – safe, effective therapies to help prevent more suffering and death. Unfortunately, in the sometimes desperate search for treatments to prevent or treat COVID-19, an epidemic of misinformation has emerged around which medications are, and aren't, effective against COVID-19. There are several effective medications Alberta Health Services (AHS) is using to treat COVID-19 in hospitalized patients, but ivermectin is not one of them.

To suggest that AHS is withholding life-saving treatment by not supporting the use of Ivermectin in the treatment of COVID-19 is wrong. Claims that either the veterinary or human form of the drug is a life-saving medication against COVID-19 are not supported by current research. If there was good evidence for its use against this virus, AHS would absolutely be using it to help patients and reduce the burden on our healthcare system. As this evidence does not exist, AHS does not recommend the use of Ivermectin to prevent or treat COVID-19 - not even as a "just in case" measure. [Read AHS' full statement on ivermectin.](#)

We urge the public not to misuse unproven medications in their efforts to avoid or manage COVID-19. It is dangerous. Visit www.ahs.ca/covid to get the facts, and to view the full report from the Scientific Advisory Group.

Influenza Immunization Appointments Now Available

Alberta's public influenza immunization campaign begins Monday, October 18, offering influenza vaccine, free of charge, to all Albertans six months of age and older.



More than 19 months into the pandemic response, we need to keep working together to protect each other, our loved ones and our communities by rolling up our sleeves again this year to get immunized against influenza. By keeping the number of influenza cases and outbreaks low, we can help protect at-risk Albertans and reduce the pressure on our healthcare system.

Like last year, AHS is working with community pharmacists and physicians to offer influenza immunization to all Albertans.

AHS Public Health clinics are offering immunization to those under five years of age and their immediate families or household members. Appointments are required at AHS clinics. Albertans five years of age and older can get immunized at participating pharmacies and doctor's offices.

Online booking for appointments at AHS clinics and participating pharmacies is available through the province's centralized vaccine booking tool at bookvaccine.alberta.ca. If appointments are not available online in your area, we encourage Albertans to contact their local pharmacy or doctor's office directly.

Appointments start today, October 18.

Individuals who do not have a provincial health care number, who live in a community where there are no other immunizing healthcare providers aside from AHS, or who need help booking one or multiple appointments for children and family members, can call Health Link at 811 to book an appointment.

This year, Albertans eligible for their COVID-19 vaccine, will be able to get it at the same time as their influenza vaccine at participating pharmacies, doctor's offices and AHS clinics. For more information on immunization options and booking, for both COVID-19 and influenza, go to ahs.ca/vaccine. Influenza is serious and immunization works. [Book your flu shot today.](#)

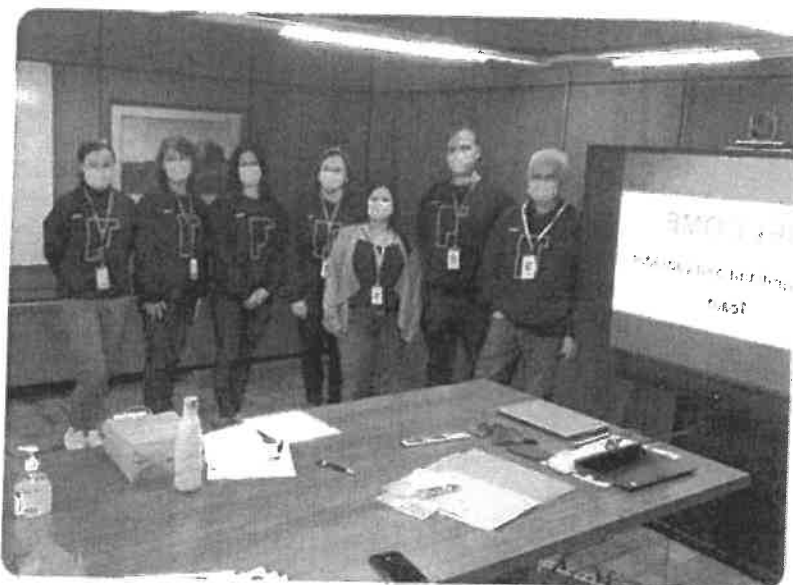
Newfoundland and Labrador Teams Support Northern Lights Regional Health Centre

We are extremely grateful for the assistance of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, which provided seven healthcare workers to the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre in Fort McMurray to help alleviate the increased pressure on our health system from COVID-19.

The team of four RNs, two physicians and a nurse practitioner arrived in Fort McMurray over the Thanksgiving weekend. They participated in on-site training and orientation on Oct. 10 and began working on-site on Oct. 11. During their time in Fort McMurray, the team will be supporting the hospital's ICU and the COVID unit.

The arrival of these healthcare workers has also enabled the hospital to increase their ICU capacity from eight ICU beds and one overflow bed, to 10 ICU beds and one overflow bed.

We are so appreciative for the added support of the Newfoundland and Labrador healthcare teams and the tireless efforts our AHS frontline teams as they provide care to those who need it.



The seven healthcare workers from Newfoundland and Labrador healthcare participated in orientation training over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre, prior to the start of their shifts in the facility's ICU and COVID-19 unit.



Newfoundland and Labrador healthcare workers Megan Bradbury, left, and Jennifer Richard, right, work alongside Dr. Surinder Khinda at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre on Oct. 13.

New Ophthalmologist Now Practising in Grande Prairie

A new Ophthalmologist is now practising in Grande Prairie, providing expanded healthcare services to local and area residents. Dr. Amy Sze began practising in the community in late June after arriving with her family from Hong Kong in April. She is working out of Dr. Steve Roberts Clinic in addition to providing care at the Queen Elizabeth II Regional Hospital.

Two New General Surgeons Now Practising in Hinton

Hinton and area residents will continue to have access to surgical services locally with the arrival of two new general surgeons in the community. Dr. Igor Mihajlovic, and Dr. Andre Rudovics will be providing care at the Hinton Healthcare Centre.

New Family Physician Now Practicing in Fairview

Dr. Ahmed Betelafia is providing care at the Fairview Health Complex and practising out of the Fairview Medical Clinic (780-835-4255). He joins Dr. Harley (Bob) Irvine, Dr. Sally Andreiuk, and Dr. Mohamed Elgaoud as the fourth physician in the community. One more family physician is expected to begin

practising in Fairview this fall. More information will be available on this physician closer to the start date.

Temporary ED Closure in Daysland

The Daysland Health Centre Emergency Department (ED) will temporarily be without on-site physician coverage, beginning today, October 18 at 8 a.m. ED physician coverage resumes Friday, October 22 at 8 a.m. AHS is working to ensure local residents continue to have access to the care they need during this time. ED services during these times can be accessed at St. Mary's Hospital in Camrose (42 km away), or the Killam Health Care Centre (31 km away). Patients requiring emergency medical care during this time are asked to call 911. Ambulance transfers will be re-routed to surrounding facilities, including Camrose and Killam. Inpatient and DOAR beds are not impacted by this temporary closure. Residents are reminded to call Health Link at 811, which is available 24/7 for non-emergency, health-related questions. AHS is grateful for the support of surrounding healthcare centres and medical staff, and would like to thank the community for its patience and understanding during this time.

Verna's Weekly Video Message — Spotlight on Respiratory Therapists

We often hear about the role our doctors and nurses play in caring for COVID-19 patients. One group you might not hear as much about, but is just as vital, is our team of more than 1,400 skilled respiratory therapists from across the province.

Our respiratory therapists work in operating rooms as anesthesia assistants; perform pulmonary function testing; and work in home care, acute care, health promotion, and diagnostic imaging. They are critical parts of the care team, monitoring and caring for patients with breathing problems, which often goes hand-in-hand with a COVID-19 diagnosis.

They help manage airways in patients, maintain life support equipment, such as ventilators, insert and maintain artificial airways, teach patients how to use breathing devices, and so much more.

Joining me (Verna) to tell us more about their role are:

- Roberta Dubois, Practice Director, Provincial Respiratory Therapy, Health Professions Strategy & Practice
- Nancy Van Der Velden, Registered Respiratory Therapist, Peter Lougheed Hospital
- Karrie Whalen, Interim Professional Practice Lead and Registered Respiratory Therapist at the University of Alberta Hospital and Royal Alexandra Hospital



It's Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Week

Hand hygiene has been a daily topic of conversation since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. On Global Handwashing Day (Oct.15) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) week (Oct. 18-22), we want to say thank you for taking the time to adhere to IPC best practices and for regularly cleaning your hands.

It's making a difference: [find out how, here.](#)

AHS to Host Virtual Take Our Kids to Work Day

Take Our Kids to Work Day is an annual program created by [Learning Partnership](#), which traditionally gives Grade 9 students a one-day opportunity to observe their parent or an approved AHS employee host in the workplace.

This year, AHS will be hosting a virtual career exploration event on Wednesday, Nov. 3, to keep students, patients and staff safe. The event will feature speakers from across AHS to help students understand the range of professions needed to deliver healthcare to Albertans.

The online event will also have the added benefit of bringing students and staff together provincially, offering students an opportunity to hear different perspectives on healthcare from other parts of the province.

Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening Project Joins Mobile Mammography Program in Fox Creek

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Fox Creek Healthcare Centre (600 3 Street, limited parking) on Nov. 12, 13 and 15.

Join the Conversation

Upcoming Health Advisory Council Meetings

Palliser Triangle Community Event. October 21, 12:00 – 2:00 PM: Falling Through the Cracks - Greg's Story, presented by [Greg's Wings Project](#). AHS and Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council have been working with the family of Greg Price to share his story and create a dialogue to improve the healthcare journey for patients and their families. The public is invited you to join Council virtually for a conversation facilitated by the Price family. Following the film will be a discussion on ways to improve the healthcare system. Afterwards, learn about accessing your personal health data via MyHealth Records.

To register, e-mail community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line "Palliser Triangle."

Yellowhead East Council Meeting. October 21, 5:00 – 8:00 PM: The Yellowhead East HAC will hear a presentation on the Central Zone Addiction and Mental Health Strategic Plan. This presentation includes a summary of community input that has helped inform the plan and the implementation plan for the next three years.

To register for this meeting, e-mail community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line "Yellowhead East."

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Health Advisory Councils are comprised of members from communities across Alberta who bring diverse, local perspectives to AHS on the healthcare system. Members are connected to their community and enjoy participating in engagement activities that contribute to improving healthcare services.

Councils host public meetings and community events within their geographical area, and members participate in community activities to hear from, and share information with community members. Learn more about Advisory Councils at ahs.ca/advisorycouncils.

To [apply](#), please complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to community.engagement@ahs.ca.

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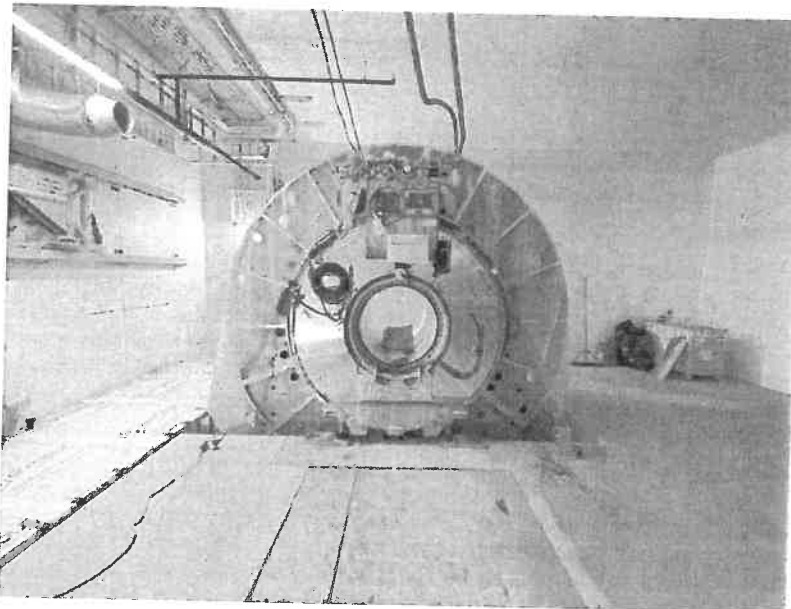
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New Cancer Centre to Offer World-best Radiation Technology

Two MR-Linac machines were recently installed at the Calgary Cancer Centre, which is currently under construction and scheduled to open in 2023.

The technology delivers radiation while simultaneously obtaining high-contrast and high-resolution magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), enabling radiation oncologists to deliver more precise radiation to tumours that move with respiratory motion, or to tumours that are close to healthy organs that need to be avoided. This will result in better tumour control and fewer side effects from radiation.

The Government of Alberta and the Alberta Cancer Foundation invested \$18.9 million to cover the cost of both machines.



High Prairie Health Complex Gets New Palliative Care Bed

Patients and families now have access to enhanced comfort during end-of-life care at High Prairie Health Complex, thanks to a generous gift from the High Prairie & District Holistic Palliative Care Society and High Prairie Ladies Health Care Auxiliary.

These community organizations donated more than \$50,000 to help equip the healthcare facility's palliative care suite with an expandable double bed.

Gratitude from Albertans

Thank you to all of the Albertans who have taken the time to recognize the work of healthcare providers and physicians. Messages of gratitude keep pouring in from across the province and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share a few recent messages of thanks with you - and you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

In early March of this year, my son had a lung injury. From the EMS crew, his family doctor and staff on call at our local hospital, the STARS crew, the medical staff and doctors in the ICU unit at the UofA

Hospital, the care he received was exceptional and helped save his life. During his month-long stay there, everyone went above and beyond to make the most difficult time in our lives easier and keep him comfortable and on the road to recovery. Words cannot express how grateful we are to everyone. We are truly blessed to have such amazing healthcare workers.

- Tammy

I'm so grateful for the work you have done and are continuing to do. Thanks for saving two people I care about who could have died from the COVID-19 virus. Both are wonderful women who will bless many. Thanks again for all you do!

- Carol

Thank you so much for all you've done through this pandemic. It has been long and you haven't been appreciated enough.

- Shawna Ohlmann Chan

Wrapping Up



Last week gave us renewed hope and we truly needed that. The numbers of Albertans needing intensive care has fallen by a small amount over the past week, and while it's far too early to suggest this is a trend, even reducing the burden slightly, with some locations seeing fewer critically ill patients, is positive. We'd love to say that we're coming to the end of this horrible fourth wave, but frankly, we just don't know yet.

At the very least, we'll take this as a good sign and we'll bask in that, like we did the glowing displays on the horizon provided by the northern lights this week, which so gloriously shone over Alberta.

We know that these improving numbers do not mean that our workload is suddenly back to normal. However, this small improvement serves as encouragement to all of us at AHS to keep hanging in there. It's reassurance that we've made some progress.

We ask you to continue to support us by ensuring you are fully protected. In addition to the COVID-19 vaccine, please make sure you have the influenza vaccine, so we don't add this serious seasonal illness to the current COVID-19 pressures on our system. Get immunized to keep yourself, your families and our communities, safe.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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AHS President & CEO

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Senior Medical Officer of Health

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ICU Capacity Update

AHS continues to do all it can to ensure we have enough ICU capacity to meet patient demand. With pressure easing slightly on our ICUs, we are reducing the available surge beds so that we can redeploy staff back to caring for non-COVID-19 patients who need surgeries and procedures completed.

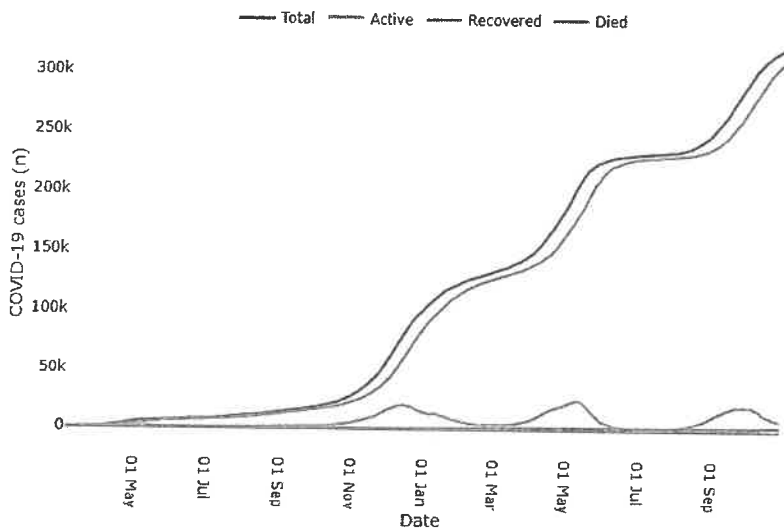
We will ensure that we maintain ICU capacity above daily demand to a planned maximum of 380 beds as long as staff and physician availability allows, and will readjust our plans as needed if COVID-19 cases rise again.

As of October 31 we have 318 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 145 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds. There are currently 246 patients in ICU, about two thirds of whom are COVID-19 positive. Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is currently at 77 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 142 per cent.

New and Active Cases

As of October 27, there are 8,387 active cases of COVID-19 in Alberta, a 19.6 per cent decrease compared to October 20. All zones reported a decrease in active cases, with South Zone reporting the largest decrease, down 20.6 per cent from October 20. For the fourth week in a row, the Calgary Zone reported the most active cases, with 2,162.

There was an average of 555 new cases of COVID-19 per day this week, compared to 761 cases per day the previous week (October 14 to October 20), a 27.1 per cent decrease. For the third week in a row, all zones reported decreases in the number of new cases per day, ranging from an 18.1 per cent decrease in the South Zone to a 35.4 per cent decrease in the Central Zone. Over the past week, the Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 1,041 (an average of 145 cases per day), compared to 1,295 new cases the previous week (an average of 185 cases per day).

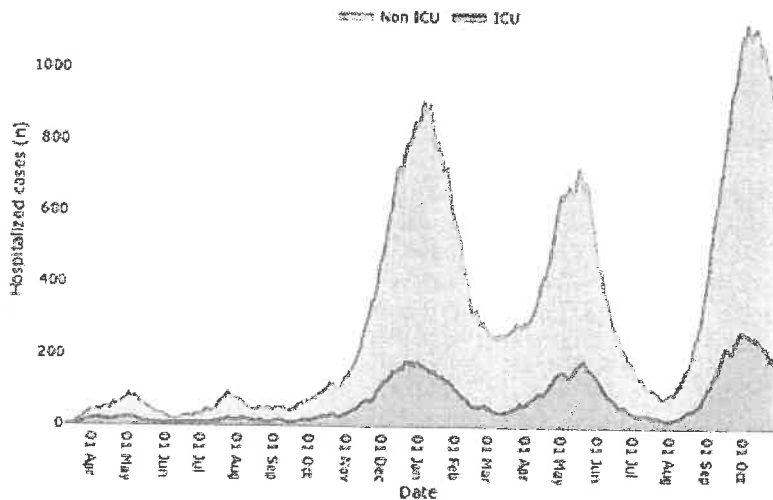


Hospitalizations

A total of 594 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on October 27, compared to 719 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on October 20, a 17.4 per cent decrease.

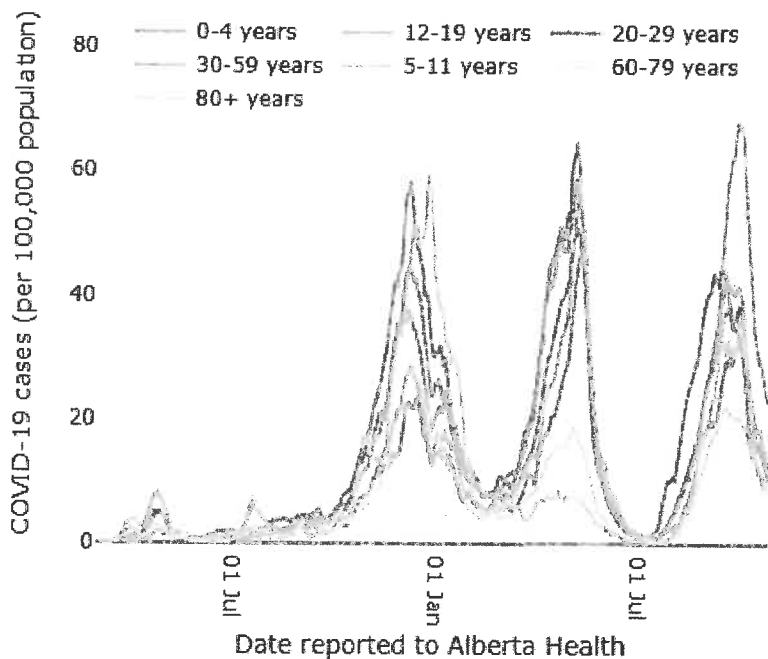
The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of October 27 is as follows:

- 249 hospitalizations with 86 of those in ICUs in the Edmonton Zone
- 176 hospitalizations with 49 of those in ICUs in the Calgary Zone
- 161 hospitalizations with 19 of those in ICUs in the Central Zone
- 105 hospitalizations with 10 of those in ICUs in the North Zone
- 88 hospitalizations with 21 of those in ICUs in the South Zone



Cases By Age Group

As of Oct. 24, children ages five to 11 – who are currently ineligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine – had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 23.71 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans ages 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 13.29 cases per 100,000 people. All age groups reported a decreased rate of COVID-19 cases compared to the previous report. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are shown below.



As of Oct. 27, 3,085 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 71 deaths over the past week. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.

Variants of Concern

For variants of concern, the lab is still using targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing. From October 19 to October 25, the average percent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 55 per cent. Of those strain-typed the rolling average was 99.7 per cent Delta variant. The remaining 0.3 per cent was a wild variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of October 27, a total of 322,386 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 14,262 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 310,914 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19. In this case, recovered means they are no longer considered contagious.
- From October 21 to October 27, 66,079 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 9,440 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 5.35 per cent to 6.70 per cent. As of October 27, a total of 5,846,824 tests have been conducted and 2,514,046 individuals have ever been tested.
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- Public reporting of schools continues and you can find more information, [here](#).

COVID-19 Immunizations

Pfizer Vaccine for Younger Age Group Under Review by Health Canada

Health Canada continues to review a submission from Pfizer-BioNTech to authorize use of its COVID-19 vaccine in children five to 11 years of age.

This is the first submission Health Canada has received for the use of a COVID-19 vaccine in this younger age group. Health Canada will only authorize the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine if the independent scientific review of the submission shows that the vaccine benefits outweigh the potential risks in this age group. The assessment will include a review of evolving information about the health impacts of COVID-19 and variants of concern on children in Canada.

Last week a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advisory committee voted in favour of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children five to 11 years old and on Friday the U.S. FDA issued emergency use authorization. This is the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized for children younger than 12 in the United States.

The American vaccination approval process does not impact Canada; Health Canada has a comprehensive, independent system for the review and approvals of vaccines in Canada.

Studies with Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine are ongoing in children less than five years of age, and other manufacturers are also testing their vaccines in children of various age ranges. Health Canada expects to receive data for review in the coming months.

Availability of Janssen Vaccine in Alberta

Alberta has requested a small shipment of the Janssen vaccine from the National Operations Centre, which is expected to arrive in November.

The other COVID-19 vaccines – Pfizer and Moderna continue to be available in Alberta, and are safe and effective. You can book an appointment online at ahs.ca/vaccine, call Health Link at 811, or check with your local pharmacy or doctor's office. You can sign up to be notified when there are vaccine updates and timeline changes from Alberta Health at alberta.ca/vaccine.

Update on Additional Doses for Healthcare Workers

No decisions have been made on expanding third doses to healthcare workers.

Alberta Health makes decisions regarding eligibility for vaccines in the province. These decisions are informed by expert advice from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and the Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization. We will continue to keep you updated on Alberta Health decisions in this area. NACI today released its recommendations on third doses, which includes recommendation for some frontline health care workers who received initial doses within a short interval. This new information will be considered by Alberta Health, as noted. Additional detail on the [NACI recommendation is available here](#).

Appointments can be booked online at AHS clinics, participating pharmacies and doctor's office, or by calling Health Link at 811. COVID-19 vaccines are also available by walk-in at [participating clinics](#) and pharmacies. Individuals aged 65 and older who live on a First Nations reserve can access third doses through local public health clinics on their reserve. For more information, go to alberta.ca/vaccine.

Vaccination Deadline for AHS Employees Extended

Employees have until Nov. 15 to submit their proof of immunization for COVID-19. We've extended the deadline to ensure as many workers as possible have the opportunity to be immunized and provide their full proof of immunization. All employees, medical and midwifery staff, students, volunteers and contracted healthcare providers must be fully immunized by Nov. 30 to comply with the [Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy](#). We stand by this policy: it is essential to ensure the safety of our people, patients and communities. Healthcare workers have an [ethical and professional responsibility](#) to protect others. Immunization helps us meet this standard.

Except where a workplace accommodation is approved, those employees who are not fully immunized by Nov. 30 will be placed on an unpaid leave of absence.

Travel and COVID-19 Immunization

Of note, the U.S. will be reopening its borders to fully immunized travellers starting Nov. 8, and individuals immunized with any combination of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by U.S. regulators or the World Health Organization – including AstraZeneca - will be considered fully immunized.

Federal vaccine requirements to board a flight, train or ship are also changing this weekend. Starting Oct. 30, if you are 12 years of age or older, you will need to be COVID-19 symptom-free and fully vaccinated in order to board:

- domestic or international flights departing from airports in Canada
- VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer trains
- non-essential passenger vessels, such as cruise ships, on voyages of 24 hours or more departing from ports in Canada, once voyages resume

However, from October 30 to November 29, there will be a short transition period when travellers who don't yet qualify as fully vaccinated will be able to travel if they can show a valid COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours of travel. More information is available at: [COVID-19 Boarding flights, trains and cruise ships in Canada – Travel restrictions in Canada – Travel.gc.ca](#).

Things You Need to Know

At-home Rapid Tests Available for K-6 Schools on Outbreak

It is critical that we all continue to take the required precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and other viruses, as we enter into the time of year where we see an increase in cases of respiratory diseases. In addition to being immunized for both COVID-19 and influenza, we cannot overstate the importance of **staying home when sick**.

While influenza and COVID-19 are very different illnesses, several symptoms are the same. Washing your hands regularly and physically distancing can help prevent the spread of both. Your actions matter and we each have a role to play in protecting each other.

Influenza Immunization Update

As of October 23, three cases of influenza have been confirmed and 289,990 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered across the province. Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) has tested 14,361 respiratory swabs for influenza, from August 29, 2021 to the end of day October 23, 2021. This does not include a small number of tests completed at regional hospitals.

Although the influenza activity we are seeing right now in the province is less than we would see in a typical season, we expect to see influenza and other respiratory viruses circulate in our communities this year. Last influenza season showed us just how important and effective immunization combined with practicing good hygiene, physical distancing, masking and staying home when sick, are in preventing the spread of influenza and other respiratory illnesses.

We all must do our part to protect one another. If you haven't received your COVID-19 vaccine, get immunized at the same time as your flu shot. It's safe to get both vaccines at the same time.

Verna's Weekly Video Message – Influenza Immunization

As we've just read, flu season is upon us – and once again it comes in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is critical that we all continue to take the required precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and other viruses as we enter into the respiratory disease season.

By keeping the number of influenza cases and outbreaks low, we can help protect our patients, as well as our more vulnerable populations, such as seniors and young children. Keeping flu numbers down will also help our healthcare teams maintain capacity in the system and allow us to focus on our COVID-19 response.

As we've seen with COVID-19, immunization is the most effective way to prevent the spread of infection. Immunization for the flu will also reduce symptoms if you do get sick, and limit the spread to those around you. I encourage you all to take action and get the flu shot as soon as you can.

Joining me to tell us more about this year's influenza campaign are:

- Dr. Kristin Klein, Medical Officer of Health for Provincial Population and Public Health
- Yvonne Haniak, Occupational Health Advisor with Workplace Health and Safety's Standards and Innovation team
- Danielle Neave, Director of Workplace Health and Safety Business Partnerships for the North Zone



Safe Healthy Environments Team Responds to 100K Service Requests

As of Oct. 26, The AHS Safe Healthy Environments (SHE) team has responded to more than 100,000 COVID-19 related complaints and service requests since the beginning of the pandemic. This is a significant milestone – 100,000 requests over the course of 19 months is an unprecedented volume for the SHE team.

SHE staff are often the first point of contact for many Albertans. They respond to requests related to compliance with current public health measures, masking, capacity and gathering limits, and concerns about people that are not following isolation requirements.

Despite the changing needs of the pandemic, the team has stepped up repeatedly to respond when Albertans have needed them most. This achievement represents contributions from across SHE - including administrative staff who log the requests, public health inspectors who investigate and resolve/refer complaints, provincial strategy staff who handle system logistics and reporting, and management and leadership staff who guide and support the overall effort.

Thank you to all SHE staff for your dedication, compassion and professionalism during these difficult times. Thank you for keeping our communities healthy and safe.

Collaborative Hub Co-ordinates Mental Health Supports in Camrose

A new community model for mental health services is providing local and area residents improved and more integrated support for their psychiatric and social needs. Launched last March, the Camrose Mental Health Hub provides mental health support for adults on a case-by-case basis.

The hub is comprised of representatives from Alberta Health Services (AHS), the Alberta Ministry of Children's Services, Camrose Police Service, Camrose RCMP, Covenant Health's St. Mary's Hospital, the Camrose Primary Care Network, and the Camrose Family Resource Centre Association. These representatives meet weekly to find solutions to priority cases affecting individuals and their loved ones.

To date, more than 30 individuals have had their cases reviewed by the Camrose Mental Health Hub, with a mix of appropriate supports provided by its member agencies.

Temporary Closure of Weekend Outpatient Clinics Extended in Manning

The Manning Community Health Centre weekend outpatient clinics, which have been closed since Oct. 1, will remain temporarily closed until Nov. 30 because of increased pressures due to COVID-19 and a temporary staffing shortage. Regular weekday (Monday to Friday) outpatient clinics remain open from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Community Lab Service Changes in Lethbridge and Magrath

Effective today, November 1, community laboratory service from the Bigelow Fowler South Medical Clinic will be transferred to the Lethbridge Community Lab at Chinook Regional Hospital, due to the permanent closure of the clinic. APL is planning to resume community lab service at the Campbell Clinic South and Family Medical Centre on November 15. These lab sites were temporarily closed over the last two months due to local staffing shortages.

Also effective today, community laboratory and x-ray service at the Magrath Health Centre will be temporarily closed due to staffing shortages. Patients from Magrath can receive lab and x-ray service at the Raymond Health Centre (18 kilometres away), as well as in Cardston and Lethbridge. This is a temporary measure and the lab at Magrath will be reopened as soon as possible, as we continue our effort to recruit additional staff to fill a number of vacant positions in Southern Alberta.

These changes are being made as part of Alberta Precision Laboratories' ongoing efforts to continue providing safe, high-quality lab and x-ray services for all Albertans as we continue to address staffing challenges related to COVID-19. We regret any inconvenience this change may cause, and we appreciate the community's understanding as we continue to address staffing challenges experienced in many of areas of the healthcare system.

For more information about community lab locations, hours of operation, and appointment bookings, please visit www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca or by calling 1-833-572-0577.

Mobile Mammography Clinic in Cardston

Women ages 50-74 — the group most at risk of developing breast cancer — will have local access to mammography services when the Alberta Health Services Screen Test program arrives in Cardston. Mobile mammography will be stationed at the Cardston Health Centre, 144 2 St. W., on the east side of the building, Nov. 12, 13 and 15, 2021. Appointments are required. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

Anyone in that area who needs a ride can call the BTDH Medical Transportation Dept. at 403-737-2604 (call soon as transport appointments fill up quickly). Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for hundreds of women in Alberta communities where mammography is not readily available.

Online Infant Nutrition Classes

Parents and guardians in central Alberta are invited to 90-minute online workshops on Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8 and 22, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Led by a registered dietitian, the workshops will highlight why babies need to start on iron-rich foods at six months, how to start introducing solid foods and why progressing to different food textures is important. Participants can call their local community health centres to register.

Quitcore Offered in Red Deer

Red Deer residents are invited to register for QuitCore, a free Alberta Health Services (AHS) tobacco-cessation program. Led by trained cessation professionals, the QuitCore program teaches people who use tobacco how to develop a plan to quit while providing strategies to address recovery symptoms, manage stress and, ultimately, prevent relapse. The program also connects participants with others trying to quit. The program will be offered in person starting Nov. 9.

Join the Conversation

Public Invited to Meeting of the Tamarack Health Advisory Council

Local and area residents are invited to attend a virtual meeting of the Tamarack Health Advisory Council (HAC) on Thursday, Nov. 4, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to:

- Bring your community's voice forward to provide input on local and regional health.
- Provide feedback to AHS regarding healthcare services.
- Learn more about the Tamarack HAC.

This meeting will take place via Zoom. To join, please e-mail community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line 'Tamarack' and you will be sent the Zoom meeting link. For more information on the Tamarack HAC, visit the AHS website at www.ahs.ca/advisorycouncils.

AHS is Now Accepting Applications for Volunteers to Join our Health Advisory Councils!

Lakeland Communities, Lesser Slave Lake, True North, Tamarack and Yellowhead East Health Advisory Councils are accepting applications to join their respective Councils!

Health Advisory Councils are comprised of members from communities across Alberta who bring diverse, local perspectives to AHS on the healthcare system. Members are connected to their community and enjoy participating in engagement activities that contribute to improving healthcare services. Councils host public meetings and community events within their geographical area, and members participate in community activities to hear from, and share information with community members. Learn more about Advisory Councils at ahs.ca/advisorycouncils.

To apply, please complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to community.engagement@ahs.ca.

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

Through donor support, our philanthropic partners fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including equipment, programs, renovations, research and education across the province and in your community. Learn more [here](#).

Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation news



The Pain Clinic at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital has a Sonosite ultrasound machine thanks to Medicine Hat and District Health Foundation donors. Patients receive ultrasound guided injection therapy using the Sonosite ultrasound in combination with other therapies.

Amazon Canada donates \$200,000 to support frontline healthcare workers and COVID-19 relief

The Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation is celebrating a \$200,000 donation made by Amazon Canada's Nisku Fulfillment Centre to provide critical support for frontline care providers.



The donation comes at a critical time with recent figures indicating about 19 severely ill Albertans are being admitted to the ICU every day. These funds will supply frontline workers with the tools and equipment they require to perform their jobs safely and efficiently in the Royal Alexandra's much-expanded ICU space - allowing them to treat even more patients - and provide improved access to more onsite counselling services and mental health service to support their well-being.

Gratitude from Albertans

Thank you to all of the Albertans who have taken the time to recognize the work of healthcare providers and physicians. Messages of gratitude keep pouring in from across the province and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share a few recent messages of thanks with you — and you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

Of course personal hospital visits can be stressing but the very nature of the devotion and dedication of all the staff from COVID screeners to doctors, nurses and home care gives calm and reassurance no matter what global threat ensues.

—Gary Plotnikoff

You guys are amazing. Please know there is an entire army of supporters cheering you on. In every unit, in every shift, you guys are our heroes!

—Anonymous

Thanks AHS team. I always feel safe when my mom is with AHS staff. Kudos to all of you!

—Dhinesh Ramasamy

Thank you very much for getting up and going to work when you were tired and scared and felt helpless. You are a hero!

—Carstairs Andrea

Wrapping Up - Regaining Some Ground

Another week of slowly decreasing case numbers is positive. It speaks to the importance of being immunized and continuing to follow the health restrictions in place. Slowly it seems we are regaining some ground in this pandemic.

We know this does not signify the end of COVID-19, or even significant relief for our healthcare teams who continue to diligently care for Albertans across our province under very demanding circumstances. However, we are grateful for the good news and appreciate the support that continues to be demonstrated and expressed by Albertans.

Thank you for your ongoing support,



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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

AHS continues to do all it can to ensure we have enough ICU capacity to meet patient demand. With pressure easing slightly on our ICUs, we are reducing the available surge beds so that we can redeploy staff back to caring for non-COVID-19 patients who need surgeries and procedures completed.

We will ensure that we maintain ICU capacity above daily demand to a planned maximum of 380 beds as long as staff and physician availability allows, and will readjust our plans as needed if COVID-19 cases rise again.

We currently have 295 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 122 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds.

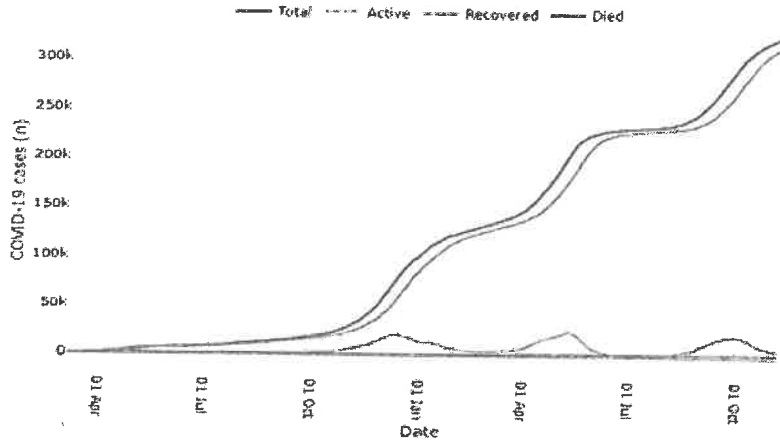
There are currently 229 patients in ICU, more than half of whom are COVID-19 positive.

Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is currently at 78 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 132 per cent.

New and Active Cases

As of November 3, there are 6,515 active cases in Alberta, a 22.3 per cent decrease compared to October 27. All zones reported a decrease in active cases: the zone with the largest reported decrease was the Central Zone, down 28.5 per cent from Oct. 27. For the fifth week in a row, the Calgary Zone reported the most active cases with 1,771.

There was an average of 456 new cases of COVID-19 per day this week, compared to 554 cases per day the previous week (Oct. 19 to Oct. 27), a 17.7 per cent decrease. For the fourth week in a row, all zones reported decreases in the number of new cases per day, ranging from a 12.8 per cent decrease in the North Zone to a 25.4 per cent decrease in the South Zone. Over the past week, the Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 857 (an average of 122 cases per day), compared to 1,040 new cases the previous week (an average of 149 cases per day).

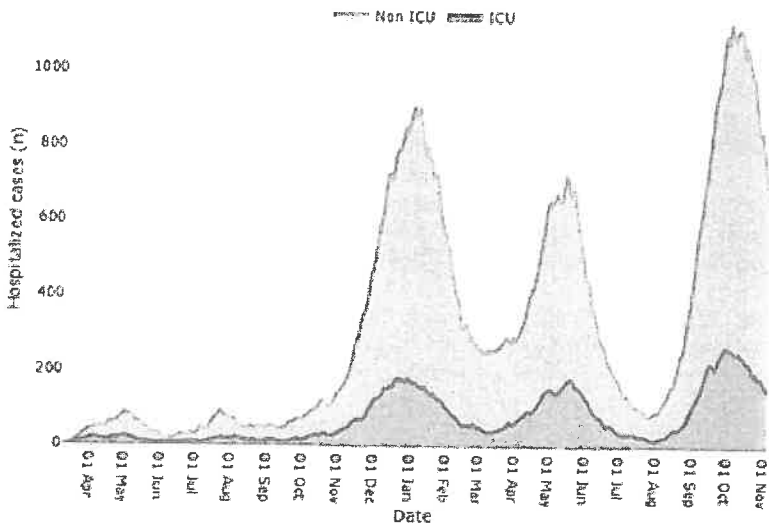


Hospitalizations

A total of 531 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on Nov. 3, compared to 607 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Oct. 27, a 12.5 per cent decrease.

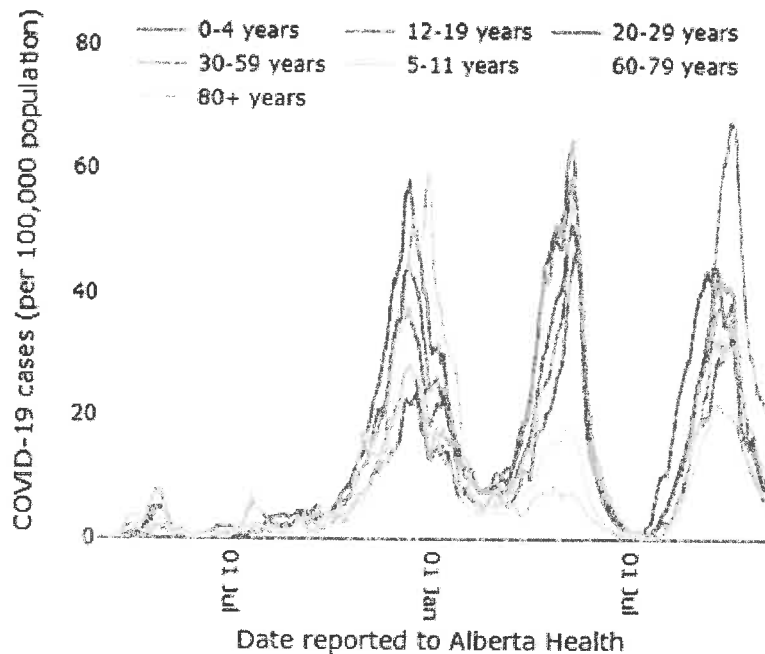
The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Nov. 3 is as follows:

- 212 hospitalizations with 70 of those in ICUs in the Edmonton Zone,
- 153 hospitalizations with 39 of those in ICUs in the Calgary Zone,
- 141 hospitalizations with 16 of those in ICUs in the Central Zone,
- 99 hospitalizations with 8 of those in ICUs in the North Zone, and
- 72 hospitalizations with 13 of those in ICUs in the South Zone.



Cases By Age Group

As of Oct. 31, children ages five to 11 – who are currently ineligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine – had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 20.71 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans ages 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 11.14 cases per 100,000 people. All age groups reported a decreased rate of COVID-19 cases, compared to the previous report. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are shown below.



As of Nov.3, 3,137 individuals have passed away from COVID-19 including 52 deaths over the past week. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.

Variants of Concern

For variants of concern, the lab is utilizing targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing. From Oct. 26 to Nov. 1, the average percent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 51 per cent. Of those strain-typed the rolling average was 99.4 per cent Delta variant. The remaining 0.6 per cent were a wild variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

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- As of Nov. 3, a total of 325,517 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 14,483 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 315,865 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious.
- From Oct. 28 to Nov. 3, 65,160 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 9,309 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 4.07 per cent to 5.97 per cent. As of Nov. 3, a total of 5,912,074 tests have been conducted and 2,532,141 individuals have ever been tested.
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- Public reporting of schools continues and you can find more information, [here](#).

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers — The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace.

As of Nov. 3:

- 85,274 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 8,603 (or 10.09 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 6,272 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 663 (or 10.57 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,331 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 6,004 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 354 (or 5.90 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 254 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 22 (or 8.66 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 100 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

For more information, see the AHS Healthcare Worker COVID-19 Testing [infographic](#).

COVID-19 Immunizations

Eligibility Expanded for Additional Doses, Including Some Healthcare Workers

As announced by Alberta Health this week, third doses of COVID-19 vaccine will be available to additional Albertans, with bookings starting Monday, Nov. 8.

These individuals include:

- Frontline healthcare workers (HCWs) who provide direct patient care and who had their first two doses of vaccine less than eight weeks apart
- Adults 18 years of age and older who received two doses of the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine, or one dose of the Janssen vaccine, who have not already received a dose of an mRNA vaccine
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) adults 18 years of age and older regardless of where they live
- Adults aged 70 years and older

81,314 healthcare workers (HCWs) will be eligible for a booster on Monday including 39,000 AHS staff and 5,700 physicians. This includes HCWs who provide care in ICU, ED, COVID-19 units, medical and surgical units, OR, Long Term Care, Designated Supportive Living, Home Care, as well as Respiratory Therapists.

In the coming weeks, another 59,654 HCW will become eligible for an additional dose, including 28,682 AHS staff and 895 physicians.

These individuals are eligible for a third dose **at least six months** after their primary series.

As noted in the previous item, at this time, as per Alberta Health's guidance, the booster dose is not required to be considered fully immunized for the purpose of the AHS' Immunization of Workers for COVID 19 Policy.

AHS staff do not need to re-submit the Got my COVID-19 Immunization Form after receiving a booster.

Acting on the recommendations of the Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization (AACI) and informed by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), Alberta Health is recommending an additional dose to more populations whose level of protection may have decreased over time to help ensure robust protection. Evidence shows that shorter intervals between dose one and dose two may result in lower immune responses and more rapid waning of protection.

Additional doses are recommended for frontline healthcare workers with shorter intervals due to the potential for waning vaccine effectiveness in these individuals. While there is no evidence that HCWs are

having an increase in severe outcomes due to COVID, preventing infection overall through immunization helps to maintain health system capacity and prevent transmission to vulnerable populations. HCWs should use their own discretion to determine if they provide direct patient care.

Those who have received a vaccine series with only viral vector vaccines (AstraZeneca/Covishield or Janssen) are also recommended for a booster dose, as emerging evidence indicates better protection in individuals with at least one dose of an mRNA vaccine.

In addition to the groups announced this week, those previously eligible for an additional dose continue to be eligible. For a full list, visit alberta.ca/vaccine.

Booking will be based on the honour system and appointments can be booked starting Nov. 8 through the online booking tool, at participating pharmacies and doctor's office, or by calling Health Link at 811. COVID-19 vaccines are also available by walk-in at participating clinics and pharmacies. Individuals who live on a First Nations reserve can access third doses through local public health clinics on-reserve.

HCWs will not be contacted by AHS if/when they are eligible to receive an additional dose. Please book your own appointment if/when you are eligible.

Pfizer Vaccine for Younger Age Group Continues to be Reviewed by Health Canada

Health Canada continues to review a submission from Pfizer-BioNTech to authorize use of its COVID-19 vaccine in children five to 11 years of age.

Health Canada will only authorize the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine if the independent scientific review of the submission shows that the vaccine benefits outweigh the potential risks in this age group. The assessment will include a review of evolving information about the health impacts of COVID-19 and variants of concern on children in Canada.

This week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended Pfizer's pediatric vaccine for children five to 11 years of age, allowing providers to begin vaccinating this age group as soon as possible. The CDC's endorsement follows the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorization of the pediatric vaccine last week. This is the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized for children younger than 12 in the U.S.

As we await approval from Health Canada and the Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization, we are preparing our teams, as well as updating our policies, processes and resources, so AHS can support vaccine rollout in a child- and family-friendly manner. We will also ensure Alberta families have the relevant information they need to inform their decision about getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine Availability

Alberta has requested a small shipment of the Janssen vaccine from the National Operations Centre, which is expected to arrive in the next few weeks. More information will be available at that time.

Currently, there is no supply of AstraZeneca in the province, but supply is expected later this year. Those interested in getting this vaccine can call Health Link at 811 to be added to the waitlist.

The other COVID-19 vaccines – Pfizer and Moderna - continue to be available in Alberta, and are safe and effective. You can book an appointment online at ahs.ca/vaccine, call Health Link at 811, or check with your local pharmacy or doctor's office. You can sign up to be notified when there are vaccine updates and timeline changes from Alberta Health at alberta.ca/vaccine.

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Travel and COVID-19 Immunization

The U.S. will be reopening its borders to fully immunized travellers starting Monday, Nov. 8, and individuals immunized with any combination of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine (or a single dose of Janssen) authorized by U.S. regulators or the World Health Organization – including AstraZeneca - will be considered fully immunized.

In Canada, new federal vaccine requirements to board a flight, train or ship were implemented last week. As of Oct. 30, if you are 12 years of age or older, you need to be COVID-19 symptom-free and fully vaccinated in order to board:

- domestic or international flights departing from airports in Canada
- VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer trains
- non-essential passenger vessels, such as cruise ships, on voyages of 24 hours or more departing from ports in Canada, once voyages resume.

From October 30 to November 29, there is a short transition period when travellers who don't yet qualify as fully vaccinated will be able to travel if they can show a valid COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours of travel. More information is available at: [COVID-19 Boarding flights and trains in Canada](#).

The Government of Canada is engaging with Indigenous peoples, provinces and territories to ensure that travellers from remote communities who are not fully vaccinated are still able to travel for any reason. More information is available, here: [Proof of vaccination for Indigenous peoples and Northerners in remote communities \(sac-isc.gc.ca\)](#)

Influenza Immunization Update

As of Oct. 30, 770,739 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered across the province, and three cases of influenza have been confirmed so far this season.

Interactive aggregate data on seasonal influenza is now available online at: [Alberta influenza statistics](#).

Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) has tested 16,249 respiratory specimens for influenza, from Aug. 29, 2021 to the end of day Oct. 30, 2021. This does not include a small number of tests completed at regional hospitals.

Although the influenza activity we are seeing right now is less than we would see in a typical season, with changes to public health restrictions and more people travelling, we expect to see influenza and other respiratory viruses circulate in our communities this year.

Now more than ever, we need Albertans to get immunized against influenza, to protect themselves, their families and community. Our healthcare system has been significantly impacted by COVID-19. By keeping the number of influenza cases and outbreaks low, we can protect at-risk Albertans, and reduce the pressure on our healthcare system.

Things You Need to Know

Connect Care Launch Update

In Sept. 2021, we made the difficult decision to delay the planned launch of Connect Care's Wave 4 and subsequent waves, in order to support patients and healthcare teams, as we faced an overwhelming wave four of the pandemic.

Connect Care remains an organizational priority and with some relief in pressure on the health system, we have now been able to revisit the launch plans.

The existing sequencing and scope for each wave of Connect Care will be shifted six months into the future. This has extended the overall timelines for Connect Care, which is expected to be complete in 2024, however, the content of each wave remains the same. The next two waves will launch as follows:

- **Wave 4: May 14, 2022** — 57 sites and services in the Edmonton and Calgary Zones
- **Wave 5: November 6, 2022** — 117 sites and services in Calgary and North Zones

For more details on launch sequencing, please visit [AHS.ca](#).

Thank you for your patience as we altered our plans to address the urgent needs of Albertans and the healthcare system. We look forward to these upcoming launches and continuing to improve the care we

provide to Albertans through Connect Care.

Verna's Weekly Video Message – the World of Allied Health

It goes without saying that COVID-19 has impacted all of us in some form. It has challenged the way we live, the way we think, and even the way we work. These are all factors that can influence the outcomes and experiences of our patients and families. So how do we, as a workforce, consider these challenges in the care we provide?

In addition to our doctors, nurses, and many other healthcare providers, we are fortunate to have almost 7,800 dedicated allied health professionals at AHS.

This diverse group includes several health disciplines, each of which bring a unique set of skills - creating a holistic approach for Albertans to recover sooner and live more meaningful lives. They have proven to be very skilled at adapting their practice to meet the challenges of COVID-19.

As it is Allied Health week, I (Verna) have invited three people to the vlog today to tell us more about their respective Allied Health professions, and how they have adapted during COVID-19:

- Dr. Stewart Longman, Rehabilitation Psychologist, Foothills Medical Centre
- Dr Jaeun Macen, Spiritual Health Consultant, Palliative Home Care, Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre
- Lindsay Storm, Social Worker III, South Health Campus.



Medical Radiation Technologist Week

This week our Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs) received some well-deserved recognition as part of MRT Week, an annual celebration, which falls on the week of Nov. 8, every year. Our MRTs play an essential role in our healthcare system. They deliver professional imaging and radiation-related treatment services with a caring touch, allowing patients to fully benefit from the latest in medical diagnostic and treatment technology.

Please join us in thanking our MRTs for their commitment to quality care and their perseverance during these challenging times.

Learn more about this dynamic profession and see how MRTs are celebrating across Canada through The Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT), the national professional association and certifying body for radiological, nuclear medicine and magnetic resonance imaging technologists and radiation therapists.

Extension of Temporary Closure of Elk Point Emergency Department

The Elk Point Healthcare Centre Emergency Department (ED) will continue to be temporarily without on-site physician coverage from 8 a.m. to 8 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, as a result of not having a physician on site. This is a temporary measure that was in effect until Oct. 31 and has now been extended

to be in effect until November 30, or until on-site physician coverage for those hours can be secured. Nursing staff will remain on-site in the ED providing triage and assessments, and referrals for patients to alternate EDs in surrounding communities as needed. Patients are asked to call 911 if they have a medical emergency. EMS calls will be re-routed to St. Therese – St. Paul Healthcare Centre in St. Paul (35 km). Efforts continue for physician recruitment and AHS will keep the community updated as more information becomes available.

Supports Expand for People Experiencing Family Violence

More Albertans have around-the-clock access to free, specialized services to support them if they are experiencing domestic violence. The Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART), originally launched at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre in 2017, has expanded over the past year to serve 23 additional communities. Funding for the DART expansion comes from a \$2.6-million grant from the Government of Alberta, designed to expand family violence services for rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

November is Family Violence Prevention Month. If you or someone you know is impacted by family violence, help is available. You do not need to be in crisis to access support. Check for local resources in your area by calling Health Link at 811.

Additional resources include:

- The Family Violence Info Line ([310-1818](tel:310-1818)) is available toll-free to Albertans 24/7 in more than 170 languages.
- The [Family Violence Info Line chat](#) is available daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (English only).
- [Emergency shelters](#) throughout the province provide safe locations to stay for people fleeing violent or abusive situations.
- Other supports are available through Alberta Government [supports](#).

All Health Advisories Rescinded for Blue-Green Algae in Alberta Lakes

AHS lifts blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) health advisories typically in November, several weeks after water temperatures cool to such an extent as to no longer support ideal conditions for blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) growth. AHS health advisories address the risk to human health from exposure to known blooms. This approach ensures that health advisories remain in place until such time as AHS determines that the risks associated with blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms, and/or their toxin, is minimal. All blue-green algae and water quality advisories in the province were rescinded on November 1.

Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening Project Joins Mobile Mammography Program in Mayerthorpe, Tangent and McLennan

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- The Mayerthorpe Healthcare Centre (4417 45 Street, continuing care parking lot) on Dec. 4, 6, 7 and 8.
- Tangent Community Hall on Dec. 2 and 3.
- McLennan, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre on Dec. 3

AHS is pleased to offer additional cancer screening services during this time. AHS Screening Programs is partnering with Screen Test as part of a project to provide cervical and colorectal cancer screening. A female Nurse Practitioner will provide the screening. Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604.

Alberta Healthy Living Program Workshops Promote Healthy Living

Central Zone residents are invited to a series of free Alberta Healthy Living Program (AHLP) workshops. AHLP is an AHS initiative designed to promote healthy living, provide easy access to helpful information and help Albertans learn to make healthy lifestyle choices. All AHLP sessions are led by AHS professionals who share their expertise in group discussions and provide support and encouragement to participants. Participants can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Diabetes Management: those working to manage pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes are invited to attend

free information sessions via Zoom starting Nov. 18.

Healthy, Active and Socially Connected Seniors: learn practical ways to remain healthy and socially connected. Two-hour workshops will be offered on Nov. 12, 29, Dec. 1 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participants can join virtually with a computer, a tablet or a phone.

Improve Heart Health: Heart wise sessions start on Nov. 16. These online sessions are open to central zone residents interested in developing healthier lifestyles and those diagnosed with high blood pressure and high cholesterol, or people diagnosed with risk factors for heart disease such as diabetes.

Adult Weight-Management: This series of free workshops is led by AHS health professionals who share their expertise and guide interactive group sessions online. The Zoom workshops will be offered starting Nov. 10.

Join the Conversation

AHS is Now Accepting Applications for Volunteers to Join our Health Advisory Councils!

Lakeland Communities, Lesser Slave Lake, True North, Tamarack and Yellowhead East Health Advisory Councils are accepting applications to join their respective Councils!

- Health Advisory Councils are comprised of members from communities across Alberta who bring diverse, local perspectives to AHS on the healthcare system. Members are connected to their community and enjoy participating in engagement activities that contribute to improving healthcare services.
- Councils host public meetings and community events within their geographical area, and members participate in community activities to hear from, and share information with community members. Learn more about Advisory Councils at ahs.ca/advisorycouncils.
- To apply, please complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to community.engagement@ahs.ca.

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Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

Through donor support, our philanthropic partners fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including equipment, programs, renovations, research and education across the province and in your community. Learn more here.

Strathmore District Health Foundation Supports Purchase of New Equipment

The Strathmore District Health Foundation makes a significant impact on healthcare delivery at Strathmore District Health Services. The foundation recently purchased equipment for the hospital including a laryngoscope, which is used during rapid intubation of acutely ill patients in the Strathmore District Health Services emergency room, four vital signs monitors to assist in monitoring patients, and four iPads for the Adult Day Support Program, connecting staff and patients.



Wait for Me: A Music Video

The Calgary Health Foundation (CHF) has just released a powerful video featuring the music of Calgary Zone emergency department physician, Dr. Grant Kennedy, the photographs of his colleague, Dr. Heather Patterson, and interviews with healthcare workers and former COVID-19 patients.

The project is an opportunity to profile the extraordinary, selfless efforts of our healthcare providers who have also stepped in as companion, confidant and comforter, despite the immense pressure they have faced during the pandemic. In addition, the video captures the real, emotional caregiver and patient stories from the frontline, which have opened the door for important conversations, thanks to Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Patterson's creativity and leadership.

CHF started working with Dr. Patterson early in the pandemic, sharing her images as a way to connect with the community and donors in a meaningful and impactful way. As colleagues and friends, she and Dr. Kennedy wanted to share their artistry with their peers and community and that's when the video was developed. Since its release on Nov. 2, the video has been viewed more than 6,000 times. The CHF has seen an outpouring of support and gratitude for Drs. Patterson and Kennedy, and all those featured in the video, for their vulnerability and courage in talking about mental health as a care provider.

Learn more about the project at calgaryhealthfoundation.ca/waitforme.



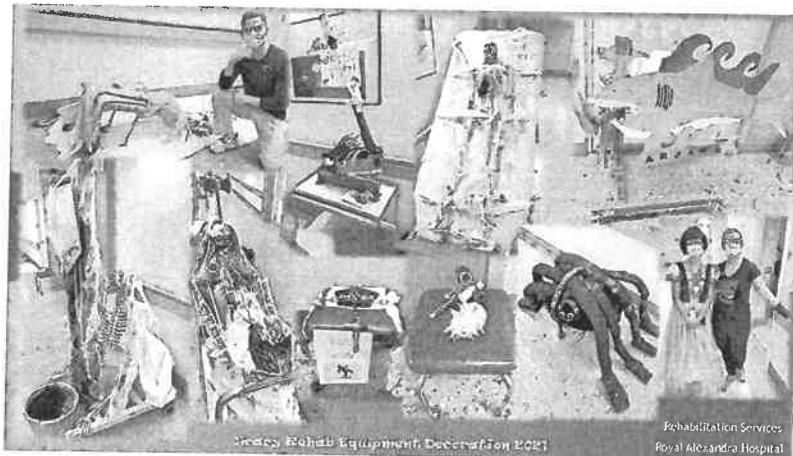
Halloween Fun Across AHS

The Annual AHS Staff Halloween Costume and Decorated Space contest was back this year and was open to costumes worn while working from home and house decorations, along with the traditional site and office costumes and decorations.

With over 140 submissions from all over the province and almost 2,000 votes, the winner has been chosen: Lego Avengers, Alberta Children's Hospital - Pediatric General Surgery.



Circus, Addiction Centre, Foothills Medical Centre and Halloween Rehab Equipment Decoration, Rehabilitation Services took second and third places, respectively.



Congratulations to everyone who conjured up some Halloween spirit.

Gratitude from Albertans

Thank you to all of the Albertans who have taken the time to recognize the work of healthcare providers and physicians. Messages of gratitude keep pouring in from across the province and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share a few recent messages of thanks with you — and you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

Thank you to everyone for dedicating your time and effort without hesitation! You are saving the world every single day!
— Anonymous

Wrapping Up

We are now a few days into November 2021, which means we are nearing two years since the first cases were identified globally, in December 2019. It's hard to believe it's been that long. In some ways the time has flown by and in other ways it's been one exhausting hour upon another. We knew when COVID-19 declared itself as an aggressive and opportunistic virus that we were in for a long haul, but even knowing the potential for devastating spread, it would have been hard to comprehend that we would still be very much in the midst of a raging battle nearly 24 months later.

However, in spite of what this tiny microorganism has done on a massive scale, you are still hanging in there. We want to encourage you to keep doing just that – please keep hanging in there. There continue to be signs of hope. The news that vaccines will likely soon be available for children aged five to 11 is very positive. Protecting this segment of our population through immunization would mean greater protection for them, especially those most vulnerable, and it could also reduce the spread of COVID-19, significantly.

Thank you for your continued work to care for Albertans, and for doing it so compassionately, no matter the circumstances.

As always, with gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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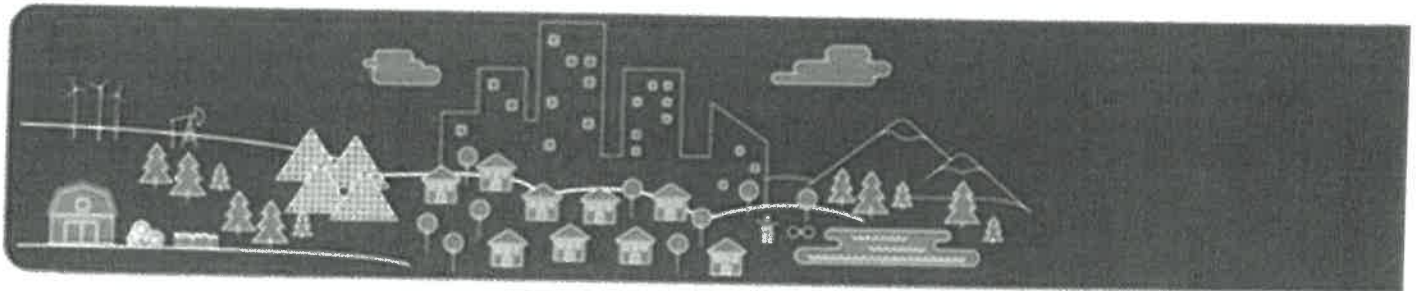
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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Jeanine Olivares <Jeanine.Olivares@albertahealthservices.ca>
Sent: November 2, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Jeanine Olivares
Subject: RE: Please join us on November 24 or November 30 for a virtual engagement session on healthcare planning for Edmonton and surrounding communities

Please note there was a typo in the invite below. Session dates are Wednesday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 30

From: Jeanine Olivares
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Jeanine Olivares <Jeanine.Olivares@albertahealthservices.ca>
Subject: Please join us on November 24 or November 30 for a virtual engagement session on healthcare planning for Edmonton and surrounding communities



Good afternoon,

We would like to invite you to join us for a one hour virtual engagement session on Edmonton Zone Healthcare planning. As our region and our province grows and ages, and as needs and demands on the healthcare system evolve, we need to ensure we are preparing for the future. The Edmonton Zone Healthcare Plan will help support quality, accessible and sustainable health services for Edmonton and surrounding communities for the next 10 to 15 years. Zone healthcare planning is an opportunity for Alberta Health Services and Alberta Health to work with Albertans and healthcare partners to create a healthcare roadmap. This will guide Alberta Health Services as we serve the health needs of Albertans, now and in the future.

And we need your help.

We are seeking input from the Mayor, Councillors and administrative staff. You have valuable insight to the needs of your community and your community members and can help us to create a healthcare plan that will serve Edmonton and surrounding area residents for the next 10 to 15 years. We are seeking input for all those who access healthcare services in Edmonton, even if that means that they are travelling into the city from other locations.

Please select a date and time that works best for you, so we can hear your thoughts on healthcare in your community: what matters to you, the needs of people in your community, and your ideas and hopes for the future.

**Wednesday, November 24
4:00PM to 5:00PM**

[Click to register](#)

**Tuesday, November 30
2:00PM to 3:00PM**

[Click to register](#)

Please share this invitation as appropriate with others who you think would be interested in participating.

For more information on this session, please email community.engagement@ahs.ca subject line Edmonton Zone

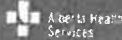
Sincerely,

Heather Durstling, Edmonton Zone Healthcare Planning co-chair
Dr. Kirstie McLelland, Edmonton Zone Healthcare Planning co-chair



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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Infrastructure Minister <Infrastructure.Minister@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: October 26, 2021 3:35 PM
Subject: Infrastructure Accountability Act and 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan Engagement – Act Introduction and What We Heard

Good afternoon,

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of introducing Bill 73, *the Infrastructure Accountability Act*, for first reading during the sitting of the Legislative Assembly. I would like to thank you for helping me achieve this significant milestone.

In Summer 2020, we asked for your input to inform the development of *the Infrastructure Accountability Act* and the 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan. We received more than 3,200 submissions to our request and have heard that many Albertans supported legislating the *Infrastructure Accountability Act*, including its prioritization criteria and governance framework, and agreed with the need for long-term capital planning. This is What We Heard.

If passed, the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* will help the Government of Alberta in making important future capital project investment decisions that provide Albertans with needed public infrastructure and furthers Alberta's Recovery Plan by supporting jobs and the economy.

I invite you to learn more about the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* by visiting <https://www.alberta.ca/strengthening-infrastructure-planning.aspx>

Thank you again for your engagement in informing this important initiative for our province.

Sincerely,

Prasad Panda
Minister

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BILL 73

INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

THE MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

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INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

(Assented to , 2021)

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Preamble

WHEREAS investment in public infrastructure contributes to the quality of life and the productive capacity of Albertans;

WHEREAS the annual capital plan provides predictable funding for infrastructure and the maintenance of existing infrastructure, which helps to ensure the efficient use of capital investments and the most value for capital investments over the long term;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to fostering transparency, predictability and accountability in capital planning processes;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to establishing a rigorous governance framework for capital planning that includes specific criteria for evaluating capital planning submissions; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to infrastructure planning that is long term, priority based and strategic;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) “capital asset” means a non-financial infrastructure asset having a physical substance that is acquired, constructed or developed and
 - (i) is held for use in the production or supply of goods and services, for rental to others, for administrative purposes or for the development, construction, maintenance or repair of other tangible capital assets,
 - (ii) has a useful life extending beyond one year,
 - (iii) is intended to be used on a continuing basis, and
 - (iv) is not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations;
- (b) “capital maintenance and renewal submission” means a capital planning submission
 - (i) for work on a capital asset that replaces or upgrades components or systems extending the useful life of the capital asset, or
 - (ii) for functional upgrades to a capital asset that enhance usability, capacity and efficiency of the capital assetbut does not include work completed on or functional upgrades to a capital asset of a scope, complexity, cost or duration that, in the opinion of the Responsible Minister, warrants the application of section 4 to the work or upgrade;
- (c) “capital plan” means the capital plan released annually as a component of the consolidated fiscal plan referred to in section 4 of the *Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act*;
- (d) “capital planning submission” means a document package prepared by a Minister to request project or program funding

- (i) to acquire, construct, develop, maintain or improve a capital asset that is owned by the Government of Alberta, financially supported by the Government or used for Government purposes, or
- (ii) for a grant to another party to support the acquisition, construction, development, maintenance or improvement of a capital asset by that other party;
- (e) “department” means a department established under section 2 of the *Government Organization Act*;
- (f) “full life-cycle cost” means the total cost associated with a capital asset, including the costs of acquiring, constructing, developing, maintaining, improving, operating or disposing of the asset, commencing with the identification of the need for the asset and terminating with the disposal of the asset;
- (g) “Responsible Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Role of Ministers

2 Each Minister shall

- (a) prepare and submit each capital planning submission using the processes established under section 3(a) by the Responsible Minister,
- (b) identify in each capital planning submission
 - (i) any linkages and alignment between the capital planning submission, their department’s programs and services and the government’s strategic objectives as identified in the government’s strategic and business plans, and
 - (ii) if the capital planning submission is not a capital maintenance and renewal submission, how the criteria in section 4 apply to the capital planning submission,
- (c) if the Minister is submitting more than one capital planning submission as part of the annual capital planning

submission process, prioritize the Minister's capital planning submissions based on their department's established practices and service, program, client or stakeholder needs, and

- (d) collaborate with other Ministers where necessary to ensure alignment of capital planning submissions.

Role of Responsible Minister

3 The Responsible Minister shall

- (a) establish and communicate processes for the preparation and submission of capital planning submissions by Ministers,
- (b) provide leadership, guidance and advice to departments to support the development of capital planning submissions, and
- (c) analyze and evaluate capital planning submissions, other than capital maintenance and renewal submissions, according to the criteria outlined in section 4 and other criteria the Responsible Minister considers appropriate and make recommendations to the Treasury Board relating to capital planning submissions.

Criteria for capital planning submissions

4 When evaluating a capital planning submission, other than a capital maintenance and renewal submission, for the purpose of making recommendations to the Treasury Board, the Responsible Minister shall consider the following criteria:

- (a) whether the project or program is expected to decrease risks to the health and safety or security of Albertans or increase compliance with health and safety and other applicable legislation;
- (b) the extent to which the project or program aligns with the government's strategic objectives, as identified in the government's strategic and business plans, and other government priorities;
- (c) the extent to which the project or program is expected to result in positive economic impacts, including direct or

- indirect job creation and economic development and activity;
- (d) the extent to which the project or program is expected to result in the improved delivery of programs and services;
 - (e) the full life-cycle cost of the project or program and whether the project or program will generate a return on investment;
 - (f) the extent to which the project or program is expected to enhance the resiliency of a community, including by
 - (i) enhancing the resiliency of existing infrastructure relied on by members of the community,
 - (ii) protecting community members and assets from natural disasters,
 - (iii) providing a remote community with core infrastructure,
 - (iv) preserving or enhancing the community's culture and heritage, and
 - (v) improving social and environmental circumstances in the community and local conditions generally;
 - (g) other criteria as determined by the Responsible Minister from time to time.

Deputy Ministers Capital Committee

5(1) The Deputy Ministers Capital Committee is established in accordance with this section.

(2) The Committee shall provide timely and accurate information, recommendations and advice to departments and the Treasury Board regarding the capital plan.

(3) The Responsible Minister may appoint or provide for the manner of appointment of Committee members.

(4) The Committee may determine its rules and methods of procedure.

Strategic capital plan

6(1) The Responsible Minister shall prepare and publish a 20-year strategic capital plan within one year of the coming into force of this Act and at least once every 4 years thereafter.

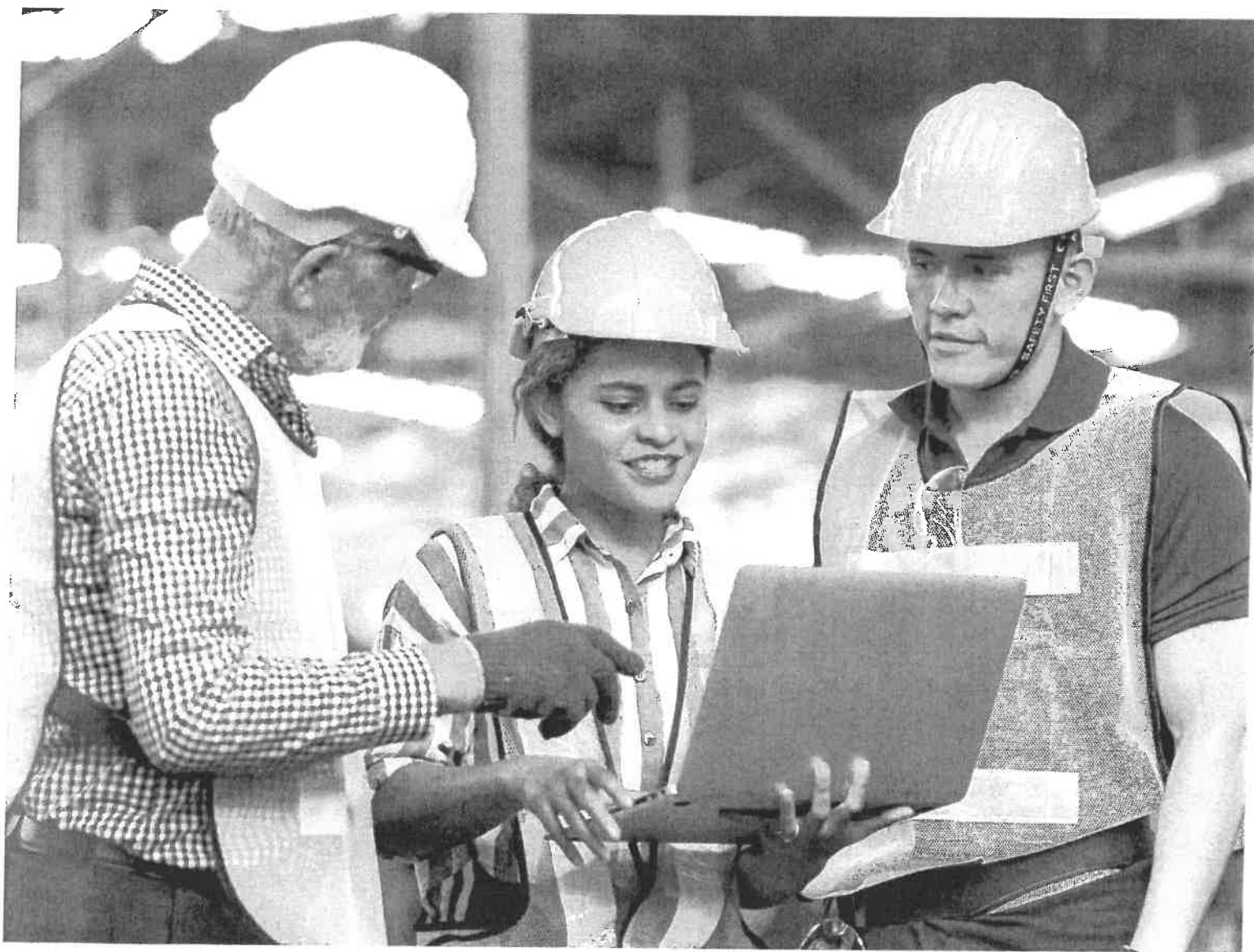
(2) Each 20-year strategic capital plan shall outline the government's long-term vision for meeting the infrastructure needs of Albertans over the following 2 decades and shall provide strategic long-term capital planning foresight through an analysis of long-term economic, demographic and other trends.

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*Infrastructure Accountability Act
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Message from the Minister

I am pleased to share the results of our engagement on the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan. The Act and Plan are two important government initiatives that will ensure our province is investing in the right infrastructure now and into the future.

Now more than ever we are seeing the importance of strategic investment in our province's infrastructure. Accelerating capital spending on infrastructure projects has been key to supporting our economy with recent impacts of COVID-19 and energy prices. These infrastructure investments ensure that our province is able to renew our valuable assets, deliver key public services, and keep Albertans working during times of economic downturn and uncertainty.

Over the course of seven weeks between June and August, Albertans provided excellent insight on how government should improve capital planning in Alberta and plan for its future. We also received many written submissions with critical input from industry stakeholders, organizations and Albertans. The feedback was used to inform the development of the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and to support long-term capital planning.

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the engagement for the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan.



Prasad Panda
Minister of Infrastructure

Executive summary

Infrastructure is a key driver of Alberta's economy, public services and government's finances.

The *Infrastructure Accountability Act* will support transparent and rigorous decision-making for infrastructure projects that make a real difference in the lives of Albertans every day, and support important jobs and services for our province. The *Infrastructure Accountability Act* legislates the development and publication on an ongoing basis of a 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan, which is intended to provide a high-level framework for future priority infrastructure over the next two decades.

From June 22 through to August 10, 2020, government sought input from Albertans via an online survey. Respondents were asked to provide input on the current capital planning process and the proposed criteria used to prioritize infrastructure projects. In addition, we asked respondents how they think the province will change over the next 20 years and how we can strategically plan our infrastructure investments to meet the needs of Albertans in 2040 and beyond. *What We Heard* summarizes the key findings and themes from the survey responses.

Through engagement, we learned that:

- Many Albertans are not familiar with capital planning in Alberta and would like greater visibility and clarity of the process and overall framework.
- Alberta's capital planning framework should be legislated to increase transparency and accountability of decision-making, while maintaining flexibility to meet the evolving needs of Albertans in the future.
- The criteria used to evaluate capital projects should be clearly defined, consistent, and in alignment with regional and municipal planning.
- Government's capital planning needs to act now to respond to several future trends that are certain to impact the way we build projects and deliver public services.
- Current events have Albertans focused on today; and the decisions we make today will impact the future for years to come.

Background

Context

In order to meet growing demand for new infrastructure, maintain existing assets, and support critical jobs and services for Albertans, the Government of Alberta develops an annual Capital Plan that outlines its infrastructure priorities. The Capital Plan includes a list of government-funded projects that are selected through a government-wide process led by Alberta Treasury Board and Finance. Alberta's Capital Plan is available to the public and is published as part of the budget each year.

The *Infrastructure Accountability Act* will serve as a legislated governance framework for capital planning in Alberta, and will be used to guide government decision-making for the annual Capital Plan for Budget 2022 and beyond. The Act is a key piece of a larger government commitment to accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Engagement for the Act and Plan took place over seven weeks between June and August 2020, at which time Albertans were adjusting to the impacts of COVID-19. The pandemic may have influenced the number of responses and the nature of the input, compelling respondents to think about virtual service delivery trends that are changing the way we plan for Alberta's future infrastructure, programs, and services.

Focus of engagement

Engagement focused on collecting input to support the development of the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan. The survey sought feedback on capital planning in Alberta, particularly in relation to governance and prioritization criteria used in decision-making. The survey also requested input on a number of potential future trends impacting infrastructure and service delivery over the next 20 years.

Engagement process

Methodology

The Government of Alberta received a total of 3,172 surveys from individuals responding to public and stakeholder surveys on alberta.ca from June 22 to August 10, 2020. The intent of the survey was to gather input on capital planning in Alberta, as well as long-term trends that are poised to impact the way Alberta plans and delivers capital projects. Feedback was solicited through multiple choice and long answer survey questions. The Government of Alberta also received 56 written submissions from Albertans and stakeholders.

Throughout this document, percentages are rounded to the first decimal place.

Limitations of data analysis

Survey data indicated that a portion of the surveys were incomplete. This means that the survey was closed somewhere between hitting 'Start' and before reaching the final page. Data from incomplete surveys was still collected and analyzed for the purpose of this document. Of the total 3,172 survey responses, 1,134 were fully completed.

Respondent profiles

Demographics

Of the total survey respondents:

- 77 per cent responded on behalf of themselves;
- 22 per cent responded on behalf of their organization;
- 69 per cent of respondents live in the Calgary or Edmonton region;
- 30 per cent of respondents live in northern, central, or southern regions; and
- 0.5 per cent of respondents did not live in Alberta, and 0.5 per cent chose not to say.

Sectors

Respondents, whether individuals or organizations, were asked to identify the sector they represent, and were able to select multiple sectors as required. The greatest self-reported sector representation came from:

- **The community sector**; selected 738 times.
- **The schools sector**; selected 555 times.
- **The municipal government sector**; selected 492 times.

Sector	Percentage of total respondents
Community	17%
Schools	12%
Municipal government	11%
Construction	8%
Healthcare	6%
Energy	6%

Sector	Percentage of total respondents
Transportation	5%
Post-secondary	5%
Technology	4%
Provincial government	4%
Agriculture	4%
Public safety	3%
Finance	2%
Indigenous communities	1%
Federal government	1%
<i>Other</i>	9%

Survey results

Infrastructure Accountability Act

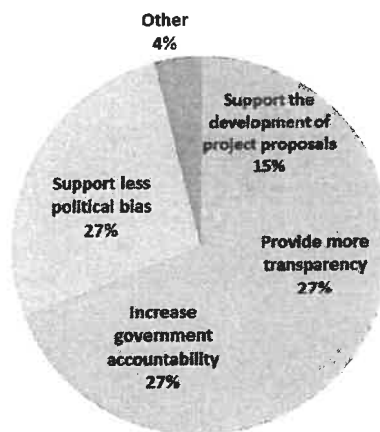
The survey asked Albertans to share what they knew about the Capital Plan in its current form, particularly in regards to its governance and processes. Respondents were asked to provide input on how a legislated framework would increase transparency and improve their understanding of capital planning in Alberta and how it works. The survey also sought input on the prioritization criteria used to evaluate proposed capital projects. Albertans were encouraged to rank proposed prioritization criteria based on how important they are for project decision-making.

Q: What would you like to see legislated in regards to how the province develops the Capital Plan?

In response to this question, 155 individual respondents filled in the long-answer textbox. Key highlights and themes throughout those responses include:

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- Transparency around funding levels
 - Improved reporting and project delivery milestones
 - Long-term, strategic planning that considers economic and global trends
 - Transparency around governance and processes
 - Publicly accessible information on decision-making processes
 - Greater engagement and collaboration with Albertans
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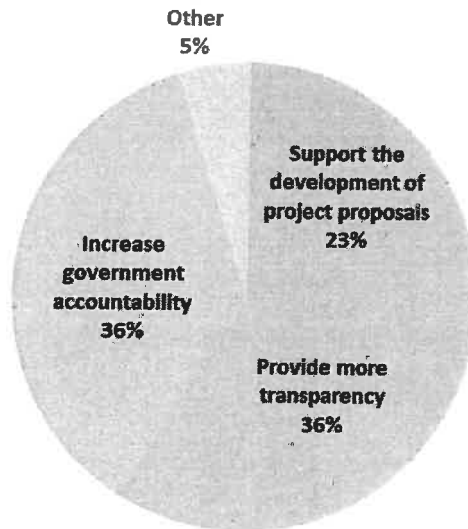
Q: How would legislating a capital planning governance framework benefit Albertans?



Q: Which of the proposed prioritization criteria are most important for government to consider when evaluating potential capital projects to fund?

Response	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Health, safety and compliance: Does the project address risks to the health, safety or security of the public or staff and comply with federal or provincial legislation?	54%	22%	24%
Economic impacts: Does the project stimulate direct and /or indirect job creation or foster economic development and activity?	37%	35%	28%
Resilient communities: Does the project support resilient infrastructure to remove communities, social and environmental impacts, heritage considerations, and/or local conditions?	30%	35%	35%
Improved program and service delivery: Does the project improve government capacity to delivery services, provide or enhance services in a community or region, or solve functional problems or deficiencies limiting program delivery?	28%	40%	32%
Lifecycle costs and return on investment: Does the project consider the full life cycle costs when evaluating capital maintenance and renewal for existing buildings as well as new infrastructure or programs are proposed?	23%	33%	44%
Strategic alignment: Does the project support provincial strategic plans and government priorities?	23%	37%	40%

Q: How would legislating project prioritization criteria benefit Albertans?



Q: Do you have any suggestions for improving the proposed prioritization criteria?

In response to this question, 82 individual respondents filled in the long-answer textbox. Key highlights and themes throughout those responses include:

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- Require asset management plans and lifecycle cost analyses
 - Consider the project's impact on the wellbeing of Albertans, like increasing access to community, health, education, etc.
 - Factor in long-term alignment with current and future provincial priorities
 - Focus on jobs and building resilient communities
 - Prioritize cost-effective, feasible projects
 - Maintain and sustain existing infrastructure
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Summary and key findings

Multiple choice and long-answer survey responses highlighted the need for greater **transparency** and **accountability** around capital planning in Alberta. When asked about capital planning in Alberta, 43 per cent of survey respondents said they were slightly familiar with annual Capital Plan, but did not know how it was developed. Only 4 per cent of respondents noted they had full knowledge of the Capital Plan and its development.

The lack of awareness of Alberta's capital planning process highlights the need for a legislated governance framework. Seventy-two per cent of respondents noted that a legislated framework is needed to provide more transparency and increase government accountability for how Capital Plan decisions are made.

Long-answer responses highlighted a number of key considerations for improving capital planning in Alberta. Examples of key considerations include:

- De-politicizing provincial planning and funding priorities.
- Supporting needs-based funding with clearly defined benefits and proven outcomes.
- Avoiding overly rigid legislation in order to adapt to the changing needs of Albertans in the future.
- Clarifying the process and parties involved to achieve greater consistency.

"A Capital Plan governance framework would provide a report card to Albertans to show where government needs to make adjustments and stay on plan."

- Survey respondent from the community sector

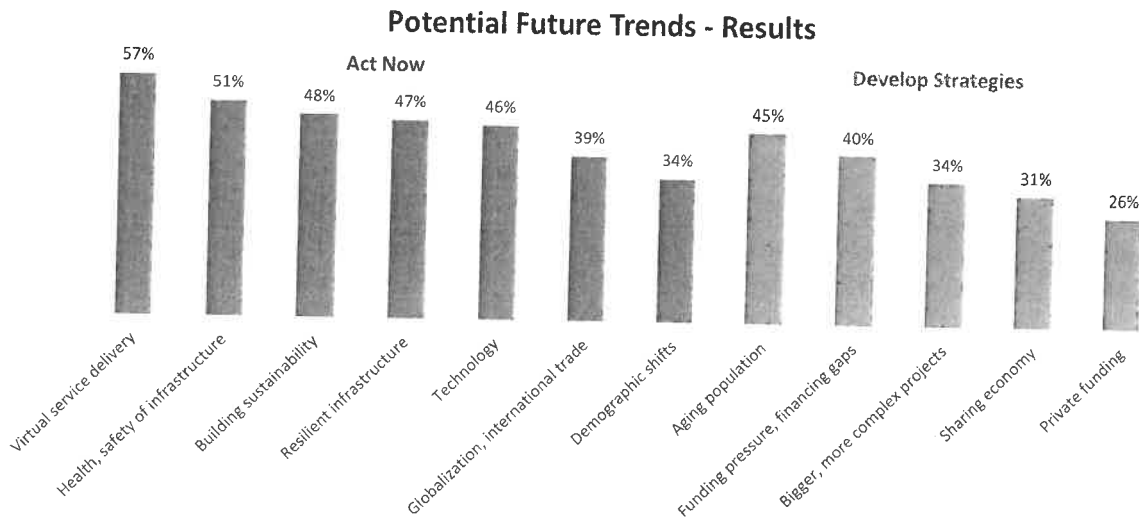
Overall, there was agreement that a legislated governance framework and prioritization criteria would enhance the reputation of government and its accountability to Albertans. Many of the multiple choice and long-answer data collected circle back to a demand for greater transparency around capital planning in Alberta.

20-Year Strategic Capital Plan

In addition to capital planning, the survey asked Albertans to weigh in on future trends that are poised to impact investments in infrastructure over the next 20 years. Respondents were asked to think beyond tomorrow, the next quarter, or even the next year and think about how the world is changing over the next few decades. Albertans were asked to indicate how significantly each trend should be incorporated in how government plans and delivers capital infrastructure according to the following categories from most to least urgent:

1. **Act Now:** We need to act now to respond to this trend.
2. **Develop Strategies:** We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.
3. **Watch Carefully:** We need to watch this trend carefully.
4. **Long-Term Radar:** We need to keep this trend on our radar.

Respondents were asked to rank 12 trends based on these categories, and could also choose if they were not important. All of the trends presented were categorized in the Act Now and Develop Strategies categories by respondents. Aggregate results are shown in the graph below.



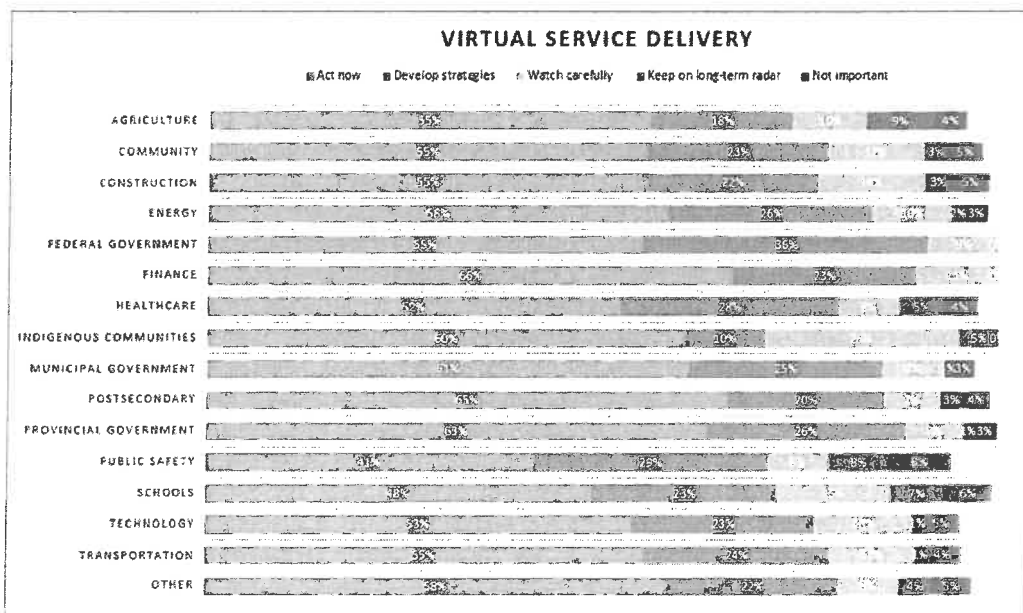
The results for each trend, both by aggregate and by sector, are presented over the next several pages.

Virtual service delivery: Citizens are increasingly able to access government information and services online. Broadband accessibility, data security, and privacy are important for government to maintain while shifting from in-person to online services. As capabilities grow, government may use new tools and platforms to optimize processes, make data-driven decisions in real time, and design new products, services, and business models. For example, in early 2020, Alberta's Court of Queen's Bench began to use email filing for court documents and videoconferencing for some hearings.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	4%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	11%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	24%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.¹	57%
I do not see this trend as important.	4%
Don't know	1%

Results by sector:



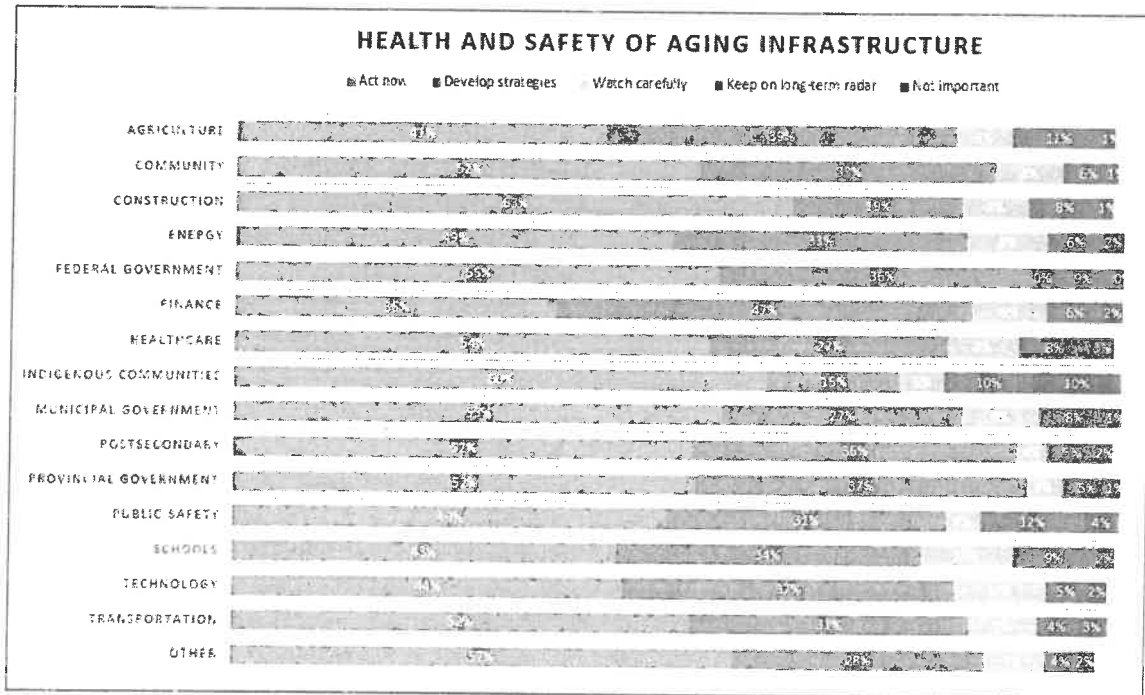
¹ Note: Bolded lines indicate the highest frequency.

Health and safety of aging infrastructure: Globally, there is a rise of health and safety concerns around aging and inadequate infrastructure. For example, as Alberta's infrastructure continues to age over the next 20 years, there will be a need to maintain our bridges, roads, drinking and waste water systems, etc. In 2019, the average age of buildings owned by Alberta Infrastructure (offices, courthouses, museums, etc.) was 43 years.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	7%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	9%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	31%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	51%
I do not see this trend as important.	2%
Don't know	1%

Results by sector:

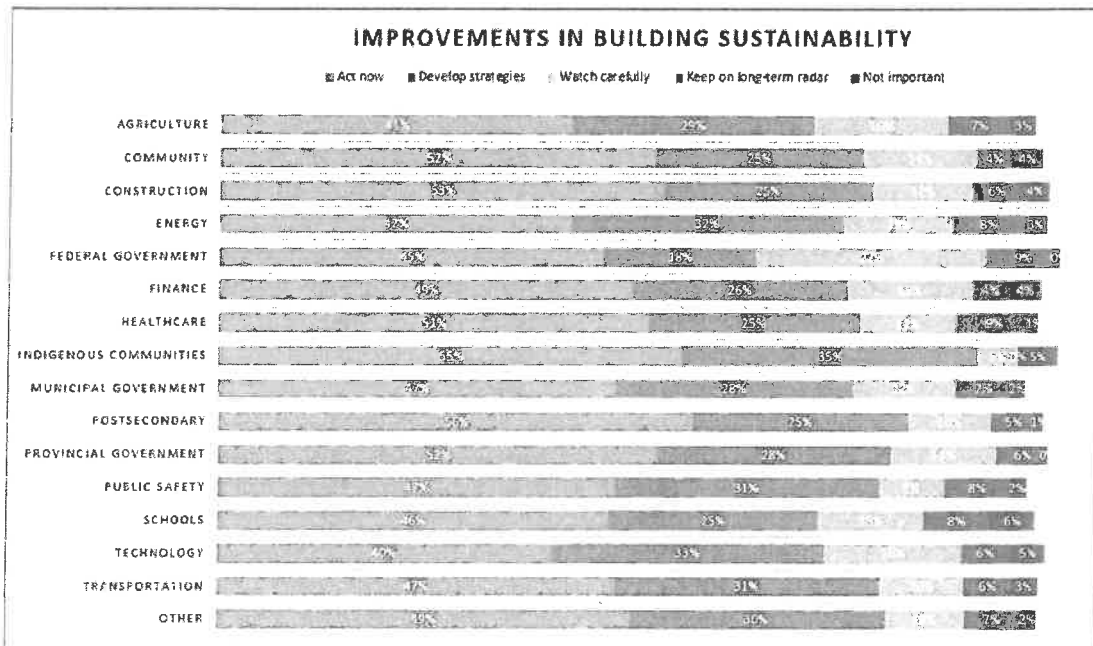


Improvements in building sustainability: We are seeing innovative approaches developed to improve the sustainability and cost effectiveness of our infrastructure, such as building with new materials, changing energy sources, and the rise of the circular economy. For example, building sustainably is key to ensuring the longevity and cost-effectiveness of Alberta's infrastructure. In an effort to improve the sustainability of our province's facilities we must consider key aspects, such as strategic planning and design, emerging technologies, adaptive reuse, superior materials, energy use and sources, operational efficiencies and other key areas.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	8%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	12%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	27%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	48%
I do not see this trend as important.	3%
Don't know	2%

Results by sector:

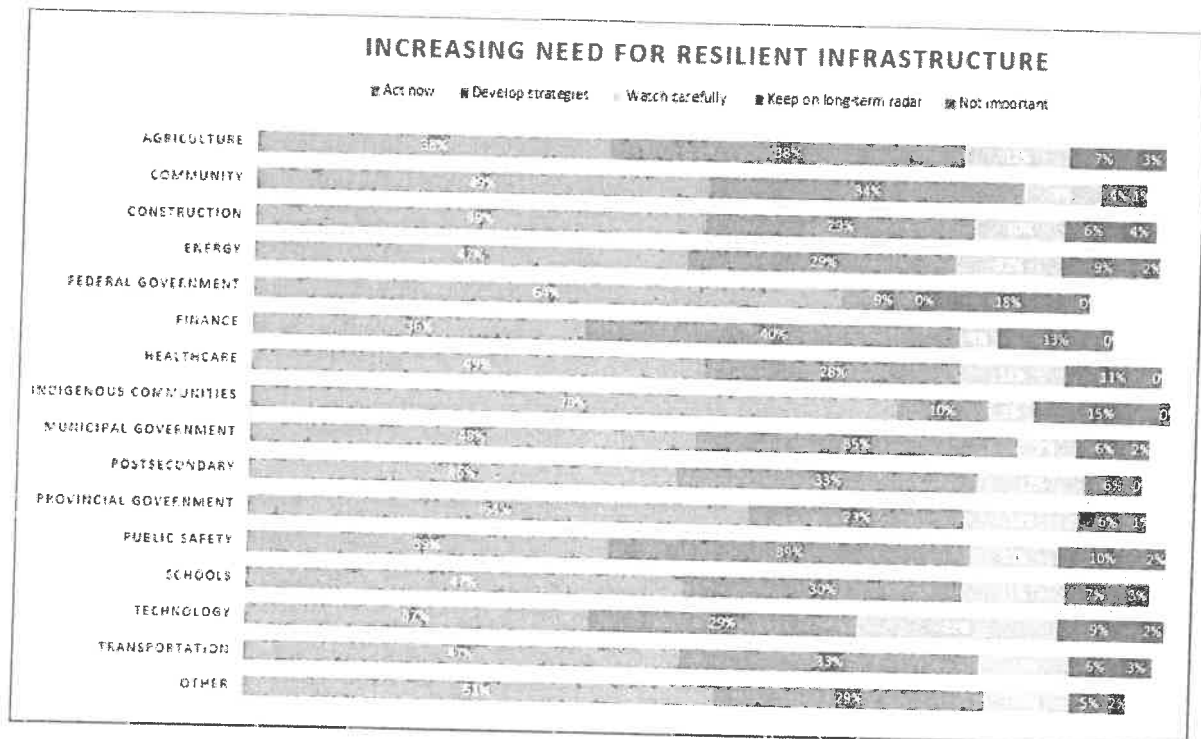


Increasing need for resilient infrastructure: Infrastructure is a long-term investment that must be built to withstand decades of use, change, and natural elements. We also need to design infrastructure in a way that allows Alberta to respond effectively to emergencies. For example, over the next 20 years, Alberta is expected to see social and economic impacts due to natural hazards and crisis events (e.g. wildfires, floods, droughts, pandemics). What Infrastructure is needed to respond to these events?

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	6%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	11%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	33%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	47%
I do not see this trend as important.	2%
Don't know	2%

Results by sector:

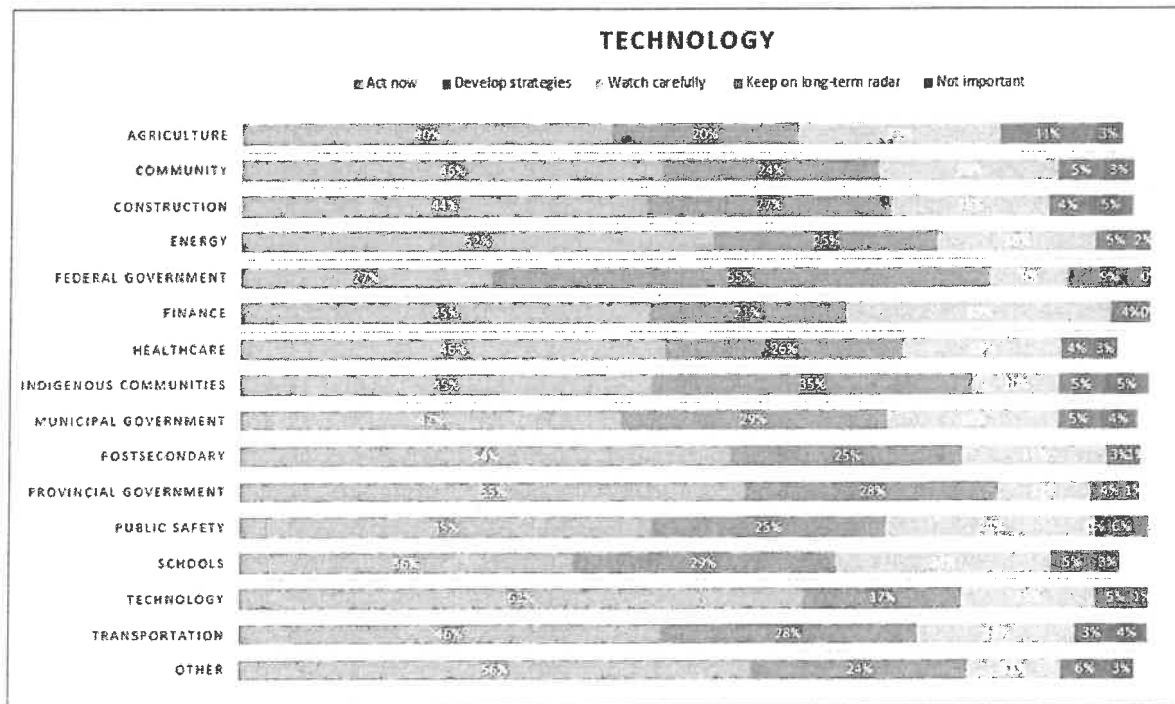


Technology: There will be a multitude of technological advances in the next 20 years. These advancements may result in new or evolved building materials and properties that outperform conventional materials. Examples include smart technology and connectivity, 3D printing, artificial intelligence, digitization, onsite collaboration apps, and nanotechnology. For example, Alberta is home to world-renowned artificial intelligence research such as the Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute. Our technology sector is paving the way for new and innovative ways to not only build our infrastructure, but also deliver our services.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	6%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	17%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	27%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	46%
I do not see this trend as important.	2%
Don't know	1%

Results by sector:

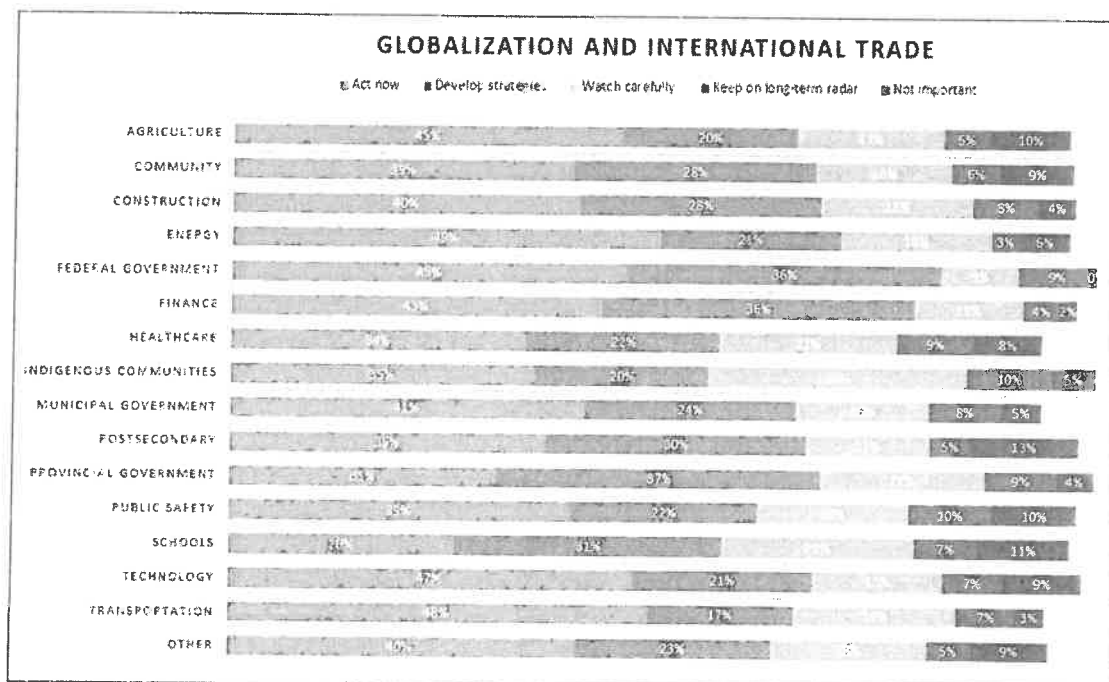


Globalization and international trade: Infrastructure players (government, investors, developers, etc.) are increasingly expanding their global networks to seek ways to attract investment, lower costs, improve accessibility, and increase the value of infrastructure through competition and innovation. Alberta is committed to building its competitive advantage for attracting capital and other investment. Opportunities to cultivate a competitive environment may include investing in economic hubs and corridors, reducing trade barriers, supporting economic diversification and investment in key growth sectors.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	7%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	18%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	27%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	39%
I do not see this trend as important.	8%
Don't know	3%

Results by sector:

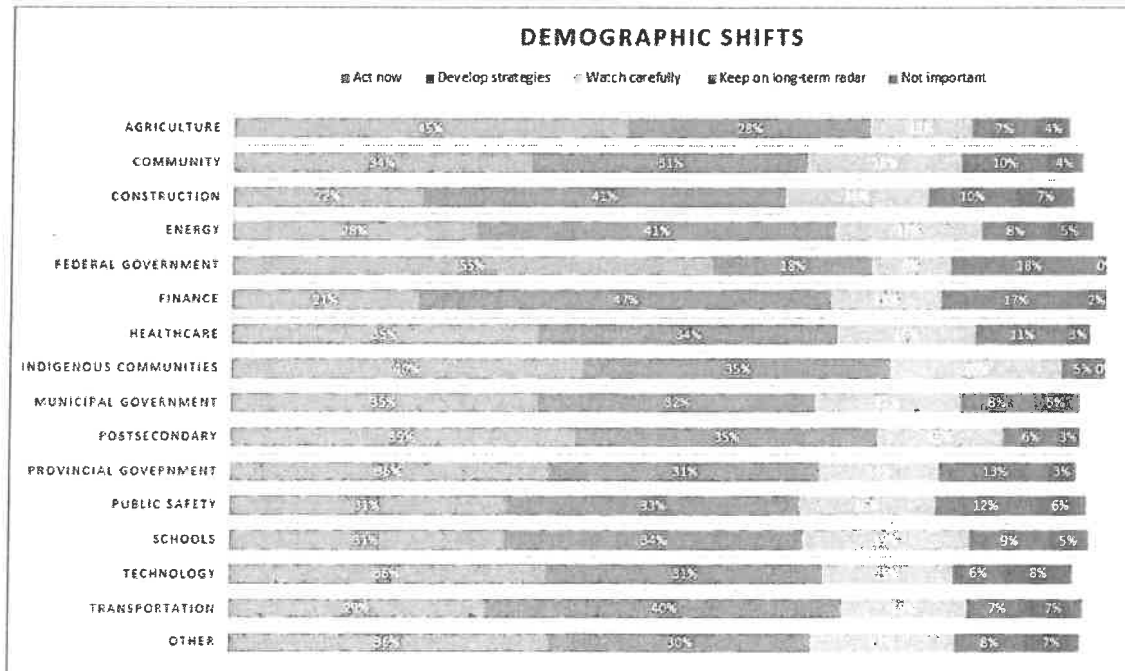


Demographic shifts: There are growing gaps in economic opportunity and access to services in various demographics such as populations living in urban or rural areas or on reserve or off reserve. For example, more Albertans are anticipated to move into urban centres within the Edmonton-Calgary corridor than anywhere else in Alberta over the next 20 years. Rural Alberta generally does not have the same levels of internet access and services compared to urban areas. How could these shifts impact how and where the province invests in infrastructure to support economic viability and services for Albertans?

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	8%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	19%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	34%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	32%
I do not see this trend as important.	6%
Don't know	2%

Results by sector:

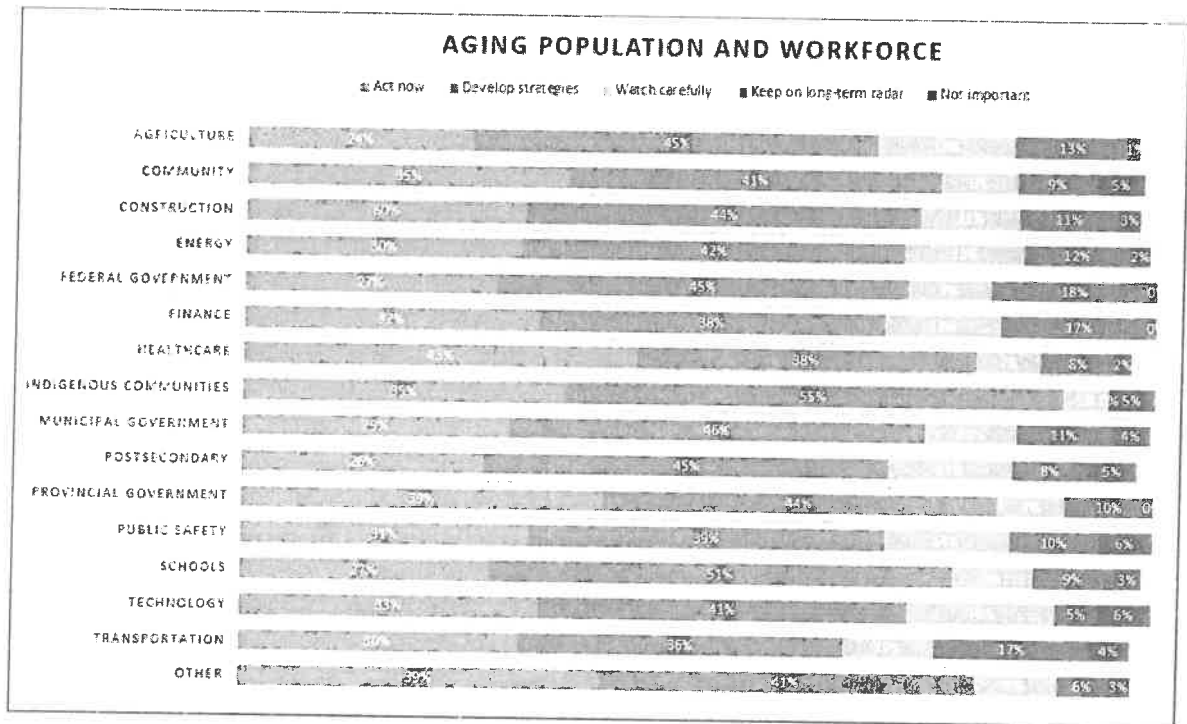


Aging population and workforce: The proportion of the population over 65 is increasing as life expectancy lengthens. For example, by 2040, the number of seniors in Alberta is expected to double. How could this impact the way our province builds facilities and delivers key services?

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	10%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	11%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	45%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	31%
I do not see this trend as important.	3%
Don't know	1%

Results by sector:

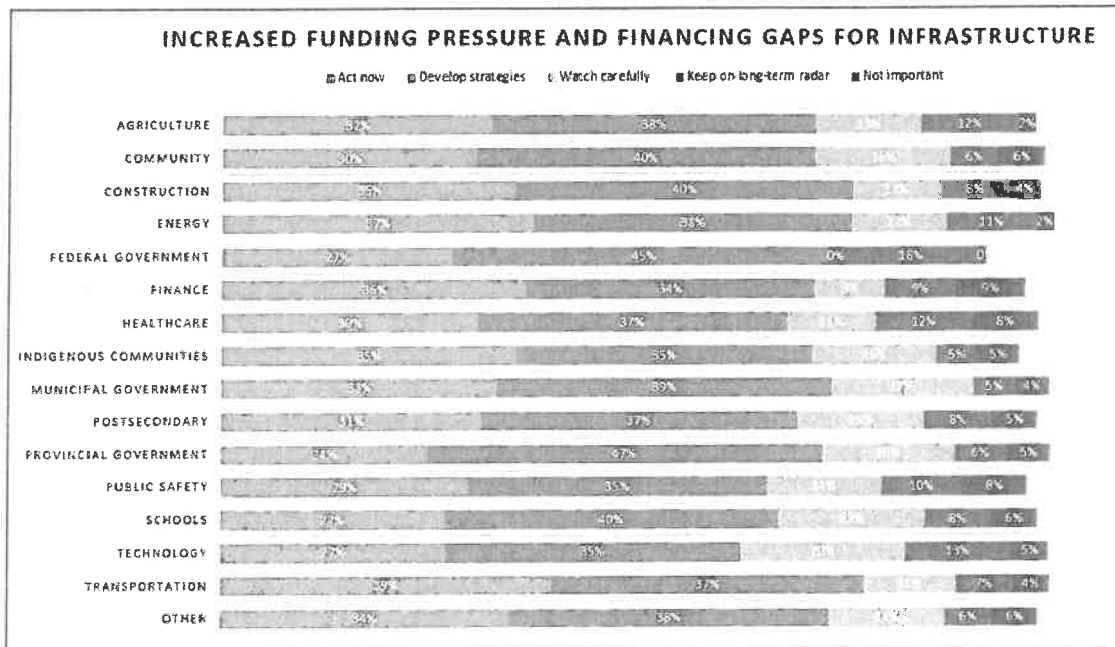


Increased funding pressure and financing gaps for infrastructure: Globally, the amount of funding required to provide adequate infrastructure far outweighs current funding projections. There is a growing need to fill these funding gaps and increase investment in infrastructure. By 2040, Alberta is expected to grow by more than 1.5 million people. Our province will need to come up with strategic and innovative ways to deliver necessary services to meet increasing demand while keeping spending under control. Alberta may approach this trend by partnering more with others to coordinate, fund, and deliver infrastructure at the best value for Albertans.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	7%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	15%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	40%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	32%
I do not see this trend as important.	5%
Don't know	1%

Results by sector:

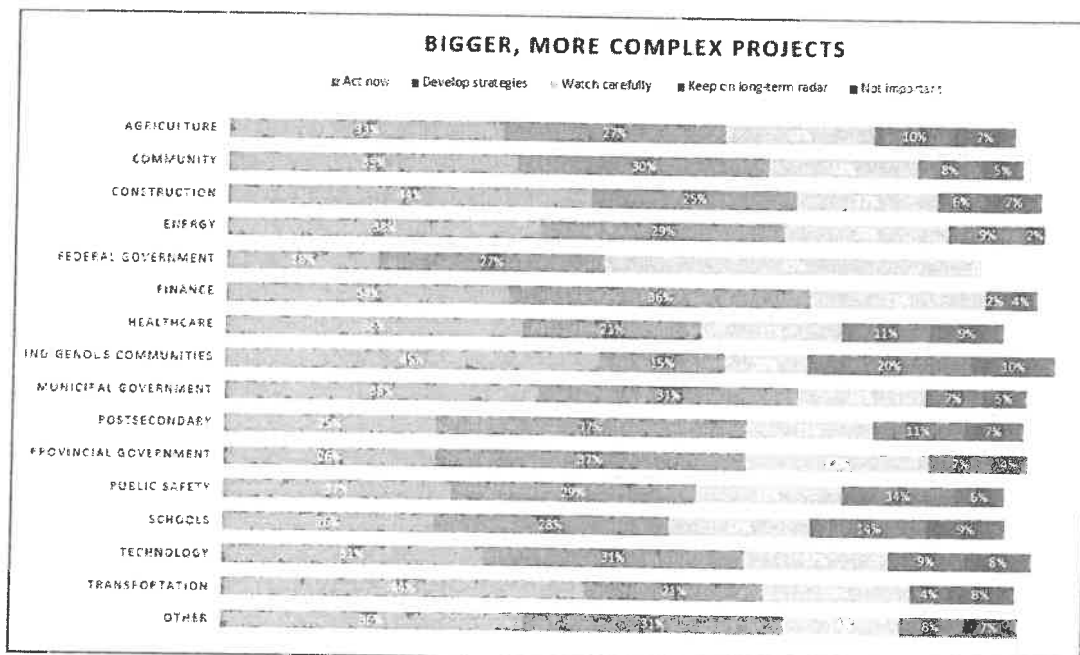


Bigger, more complex projects: As projects increase in size and complexity, they become inherently more demanding to deliver. The need for cooperation between many partners and collaborators can create opportunities and challenges for successful project completion. Many projects that the Government of Alberta invests in include several other partners and supporters, including those from the community, private sector, and other levels of government. It is common for federal infrastructure grant programs, such as the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, to require a provincial and municipal cost-share for municipal projects.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	8%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	17%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	34%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	32%
I do not see this trend as important.	6%
Don't know	3%

Results by sector:

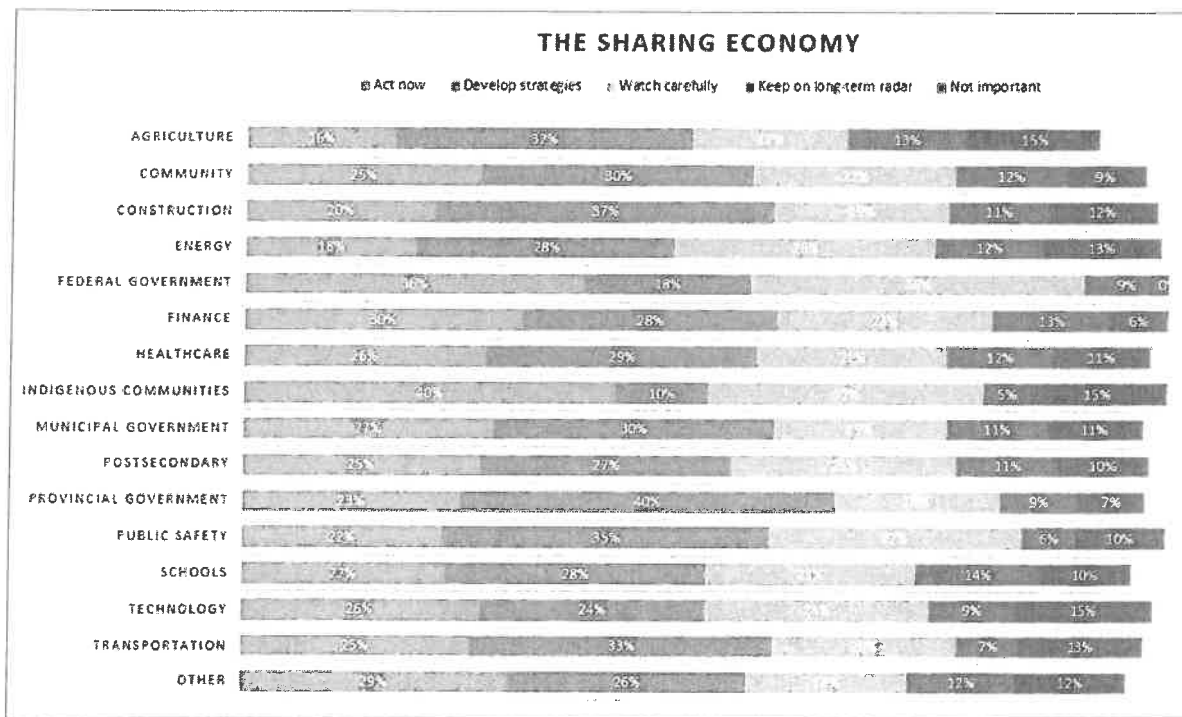


Rise of the sharing economy: There is an increasing interest from individuals to rent or borrow goods rather than buy and own them. Think Airbnb, Uber, etc. Alberta's future infrastructure should be built with flexibility and adaptability in mind to ensure that spaces can be shared and used optimally and innovatively.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	13%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	20%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	31%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	22%
I do not see this trend as important.	11%
Don't know	2%

Results by sector:

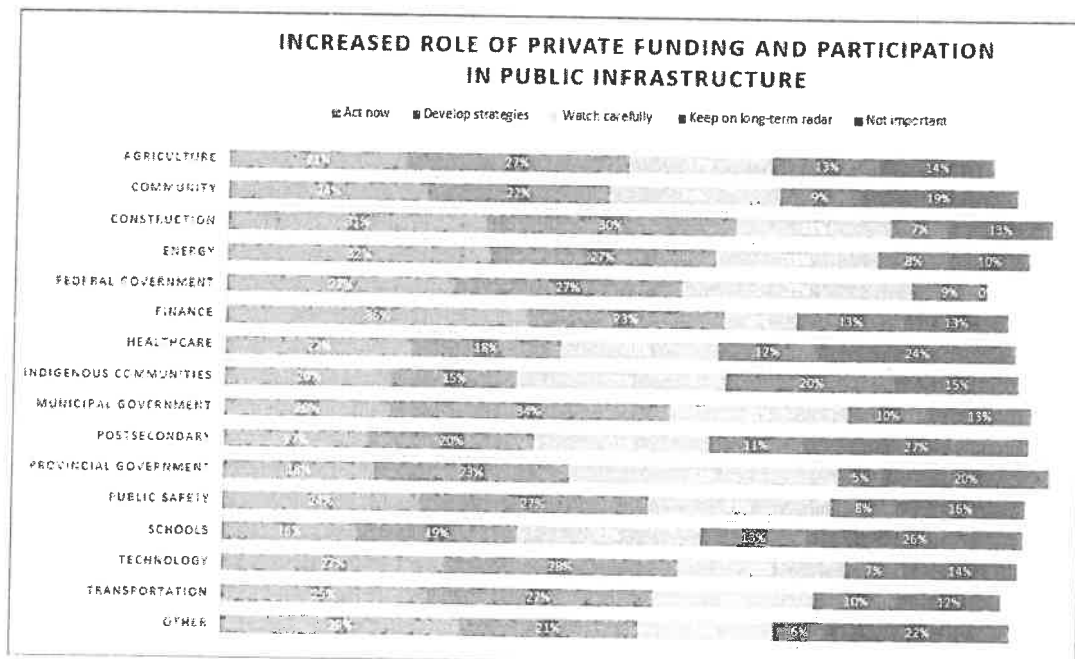


Increased role of private funding and participation in public infrastructure: Historically, governments were the exclusive providers of public infrastructure. Due to financial crisis, lower tax revenues and high expenditures, governments are increasingly working with the private sector to fund infrastructure investments. For example, Alberta continues to explore strategies and approaches related to capital investment with partners, such as public private partnerships. Collaboration with the private sector is an opportunity to strategically fund, plan, design and deliver infrastructure, and provides access to information and expertise outside of the public sector.

Aggregate results:

Response	Frequency
We need to keep this trend on our long-term radar.	9%
We need to watch this trend carefully.	19%
We need to develop strategies now to inform future action.	26%
We need to act now to respond to this trend.	23%
I do not see this trend as important.	20%
Don't know	3%

Results by sector:



Summary and key findings

Survey results indicate that the majority of Albertans ranked all of the potential future trends in the Act Now and Develop Strategies categories.

Act Now	Develop Strategies
1. Virtual service delivery	1. Aging population
2. Health and safety of aging infrastructure	2. Increased funding pressure and financing gaps
3. Building sustainability	3. Bigger, more complex projects
4. Resilient infrastructure	4. Sharing economy
5. Technology	5. Private funding in public infrastructure
6. Globalization and international trade	
7. Demographic shifts	

Engagement results indicated that Albertans were in agreement with the potential future trends identified in the survey. None of the trends listed fell under the categories of Watch or Long-Term Radar, and were all perceived to be incoming with a high degree of certainty. Respondents were also asked about trends that they felt were missing from the survey. From the 3,000 surveys collected, only a handful of additional trends were identified. These include:

- Increasing cultural diversity and the need for cultural and social supports
- Green infrastructure and environmental consciousness
- Increasing need for community spaces and recreation infrastructure
- Students staying in school longer, and the impact of the 'gig' economy
- Emerging political trends and shifts

Survey data shows that virtual service delivery was the trend with the highest degree of certainty and the most immediate impact, with 57 per cent of all respondents noting that government needs to act now to address this trend. This finding is likely influenced by the emergence of COVID-19 and the shift toward virtual delivery of programs and services.

Written submissions

Written submissions were a way for industry, organizations and Albertans to provide input outside of the confines of the survey. Submissions were accepted from anyone.

The Government of Alberta received 56 written submissions from Albertans and stakeholders with input for the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan. Of those, Albertans representing themselves made 11 submissions and 45 submissions were made on behalf of an organization. The submissions came from individuals and stakeholders from the following sectors:

- Health
- Education
- Transportation
- Post-secondary
- Housing, culture and community
- Municipal
- Energy
- Technology
- Construction and industry

Some of the more common recommendations from the written submissions include:

Topic	Highlighted recommendations
Capital planning governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to predictable, stable funding • Establish clear methodology for project decision-making • Engagement with municipalities and Albertans as necessary • Create an arms-length agency to facilitate capital planning
Prioritization criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize return on investment and lifecycle cost analysis • Consider health and wellbeing of Albertans • Clearly define established prioritization criteria • Invest in projects that foster regional development
Future trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage public-private partnerships and alternative funding • Consider the impact of a lower carbon future • Invest in housing and supports for the aging population

"Public infrastructure is an investment in the future prosperity of Alberta. Like all investments, they are rooted in the expectation that the enterprise will find a way to improve, innovate, and prosper over time." – Ron Glen, CEO, Alberta Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association

Summary and key findings

The written submissions provided insight on the key topics discussed throughout the survey, particularly in relation to the capital planning process and prioritization criteria. Most of the written submissions focused on current state, and provided insight on how government can adjust strategic capital planning now to set the stage for a better future. Respondents expressed that the long-term trends proposed in the survey are relevant and important for government to respond to and develop strategies to inform future action. Several submissions from organizations provided information on their capital priorities and strategic plans and advocated the importance of alignment across all orders of government.

A number of themes identified in the written submissions corresponded with themes noted throughout the survey. These include:

Health, safety and compliance as the top prioritization criteria. Survey results indicated that 54 per cent of respondents voted for '*Health, Safety and Compliance*' as their top prioritization criteria. This was echoed in the written submissions, where six of the ten submissions that included a ranked list of criteria indicated '*Health, Safety, and Compliance*' as their top criteria.

Partnerships and alignment with municipalities. Both the long-answer survey responses and written submissions made multiple mention of the importance of engaging with municipalities and Albertans to align capital priorities. Respondents identified that this results in more strategic capital planning, and ensures that the right infrastructure is in place to serve the changing needs of Albertans over the next few decades.

Emphasis on affordability and sustainability. Survey data indicated that building sustainability was the third highest trend that government needs to act now to address. Many of the written submissions also emphasized the importance of exploring funding strategies, like public-private partnerships and cost-sharing agreements, which may allow the province to build and maintain infrastructure at a more affordable cost to taxpayers.

What we heard

Here's what some Albertans had to say about the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan:

"We urge the Government develop the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* as a transformative means to ensure that Alberta plans, delivers, and maintains the most competitive infrastructure in North America. The Government's proposed Capital Planning Criteria as proposed are a good first step." - *Ken Gibson, Executive Director, Alberta Construction Association*

"Rural Municipalities of Alberta supports the Government of Alberta's efforts to formalize and legislate capital planning governance processes through legislation. If properly developed and implemented, this has the potential to improve transparency, accountability, efficiency, and consistency of the capital planning process." - *Rural Municipalities of Alberta*

"The Alberta Motor Transport Association supports legislative considerations that will increase the independence and expediency of capital planning decisions and the degree to which these decisions are informed by industry experience." - *Alberta Motor Transport Association*

"We commend the government for this timely initiative. Well planned infrastructure has the advantage of greater utility. When planning also incorporates logic and flexibility, the results lend themselves to achieving greater value and greater growth." - *C2C2C Unity Corridor*

"We applaud the development of prioritization criteria and, in principle, agree with their importance." - *Martina Jileckova, CEO, Horizon Housing*

"We appreciate the possibility of increased transparency and accountability that the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan could bring to the infrastructure funding process. MacEwan believes these changes will lead to a better understanding of how capital project decisions are made, greater efficiencies throughout the system, and improved return on investment." - *Dr. Annette Trimbee, President and Vice-Chancellor, MacEwan University*

"Given the significant costs of building and maintaining capital projects, regardless of the financing approach taken, it would be beneficial for our province to develop and communicate clear methodology or criteria for selecting capital projects." - *Edward McCauley, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Calgary*

Conclusion

Strategic investment in infrastructure is a critical part of Alberta's plan to protect jobs and get our province back to work. The *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and *20-Year Strategic Capital Plan* will support forward planning of infrastructure by acting as a blueprint to guide capital planning decisions now and in the future.

Our government is pleased to share the results of this engagement and introduce the Act, and looks forward to introducing the Plan in the near future. Thank you to all those who took the time to take the survey and send in written responses. Your feedback is critical to the development of these key initiatives.

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Benjamin Chan <Benjamin.Chan@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: October 27, 2021 10:26 AM
To: ! ABOffice
Cc: 'dankanuka@shaw.ca'; Christine Bigoray
Subject: Detailed Audit Follow Up - Alberta Beach
Attachments: Detailed Audit Follow Up_Alberta Beach.pdf

Good Morning,

Please find attached the letter regarding the follow up on the detailed audit conducted in 2020 for Alberta Beach.

Thank you.

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October 27, 2021

Kathy Skwarchuk, CAO
Village of Alberta Beach
Email: aboffice@albertabeach.com

Dear Ms. Skwarchuk,

On behalf of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, I have completed a follow-up to the detailed assessment audit completed in 2020. The purpose of the follow-up is to evaluate progress on actions the municipality has made in addressing any recommendations in the detailed audit report.

During our follow-up review, we conclude the municipality is in compliance with all recommendations in the original report. This concludes the detailed assessment audit process for the Village of Alberta Beach.

I extend my congratulations and appreciation to the assessor and staff of the municipality for their cooperation during the course of the audit process. Should you have any questions about the audit or the report, please contact myself at 780-422-8405.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Chan".

Benjamin Chan, CAE
Assessment Auditor

cc: Dan Kanuka, AMAA, Municipal Assessment Services Group, Inc.
Christine Bigoray, Director, Tax Programs and Assessment Audit

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: MA.MSICapitalGrants@gov.ab.ca
Sent: October 27, 2021 3:53 PM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: 2022 and 2023 MSI Allocation Estimates

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

As part of Budget 2021, our government had to make difficult decisions to keep spending under control while supporting local governments so they can continue to invest in important infrastructure. In light of the province's fiscal situation, Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital funding was reduced to an average of \$722 million annually over the three-year period from 2021 to 2023. To sustain economic recovery and stimulus spending, MSI capital funding was frontloaded at \$1.196 billion in 2021, and it will decrease to \$485 million for 2022 and 2023.

I understand how important it is for municipalities and Metis Settlements to know what to expect in future years so you can plan effectively. As such, we are publishing MSI capital and operating estimates for the next two years on the program website at www.alberta.ca/municipal-sustainability-initiative.aspx (under the Future of MSI section). We have adjusted the way municipal allocations are calculated in order to maintain fairness and consistency in proportional shares of MSI funding despite the reduced annual amount.

MSI Capital

For both 2022 and 2023, every municipality and Metis Settlement is estimated to receive 40.6 per cent of what they received in 2021. This reduction is equivalent to the year over year change in the MSI capital budget from \$1.196 billion to \$485 million, and ensures the reduced budget will impact every local government equally.

These estimates remain subject to legislative approval of Budget 2022 and Budget 2023, as well as formal Ministerial approval following each budget, but otherwise are not expected to change. For the final two years of the MSI program, allocations will not be recalculated with updated information such as population, education tax requisitions or road lengths.

MSI Operating

To provide stability in operating funding, MSI operating allocations will be frozen at the 2021 level for both 2022 and 2023. Every municipality and Metis Settlement will receive the same amount of operating funding for the next two years as they received this year.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers

Municipal Sustainability Initiative Allocation Estimates, 2022 and 2023

The allocations below indicate allocation estimates based on Budget 2021 targets. These estimates will be confirmed upon legislative approval of provincial Budget 2022 and Budget 2023. For additional information on the estimates, please see the notes provided on the last page.

Municipality	2022 Allocation Estimates			2023 Allocation Estimates		
	MSI Capital Component (includes BMTG)	MSI Operating Component	Total MSI Funding	MSI Capital Component (includes BMTG)	MSI Operating Component	Total MSI Funding
Total	\$485,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$515,000,000	\$485,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$515,000,000
Cities						
AIRDRIE	\$7,490,765	\$489,487	\$7,980,252	\$7,490,765	\$489,487	\$7,980,252
BEAUMONT	\$2,016,399	\$139,417	\$2,155,816	\$2,016,399	\$139,417	\$2,155,816
BROOKS	\$1,405,625	\$95,693	\$1,501,318	\$1,405,625	\$95,693	\$1,501,318
CALGARY	\$128,088,752	\$0	\$128,088,752	\$128,088,752	\$0	\$128,088,752
CAMROSE	\$2,039,756	\$137,293	\$2,177,049	\$2,039,756	\$137,293	\$2,177,049
CHESTERMERE	\$2,262,223	\$156,876	\$2,419,099	\$2,262,223	\$156,876	\$2,419,099
COLD LAKE	\$1,646,201	\$114,287	\$1,760,488	\$1,646,201	\$114,287	\$1,760,488
EDMONTON	\$95,318,204	\$0	\$95,318,204	\$95,318,204	\$0	\$95,318,204
FORT SASKATCHEWAN	\$3,103,291	\$210,497	\$3,313,788	\$3,103,291	\$210,497	\$3,313,788
GRANDE PRAIRIE	\$7,244,531	\$472,476	\$7,717,007	\$7,244,531	\$472,476	\$7,717,007
LACOMBE	\$1,451,330	\$100,683	\$1,552,013	\$1,451,330	\$100,683	\$1,552,013
LEDUC	\$3,815,262	\$260,071	\$4,075,333	\$3,815,262	\$260,071	\$4,075,333
LETHBRIDGE	\$10,200,842	\$651,590	\$10,852,432	\$10,200,842	\$651,590	\$10,852,432
LLOYDMINSTER	\$2,172,375	\$149,365	\$2,321,740	\$2,172,375	\$149,365	\$2,321,740
MEDICINE HAT	\$6,437,648	\$417,168	\$6,854,816	\$6,437,648	\$417,168	\$6,854,816
RED DEER	\$10,780,196	\$694,956	\$11,475,152	\$10,780,196	\$694,956	\$11,475,152
SPRUCE GROVE	\$3,893,722	\$259,530	\$4,153,252	\$3,893,722	\$259,530	\$4,153,252
ST. ALBERT	\$7,435,440	\$492,131	\$7,927,571	\$7,435,440	\$492,131	\$7,927,571
WETASKIWIN	\$1,277,057	\$88,780	\$1,365,837	\$1,277,057	\$88,780	\$1,365,837
Towns						
ATHABASCA	\$339,047	\$32,588	\$371,635	\$339,047	\$32,588	\$371,635
BANFF	\$1,402,845	\$109,284	\$1,512,129	\$1,402,845	\$109,284	\$1,512,129
BARRHEAD	\$485,146	\$152,920	\$638,066	\$485,146	\$152,920	\$638,066
BASHAW	\$120,510	\$59,095	\$179,605	\$120,510	\$59,095	\$179,605
BASSANO	\$155,583	\$50,209	\$205,792	\$155,583	\$50,209	\$205,792
BEAVERLODGE	\$283,701	\$28,988	\$312,689	\$283,701	\$28,988	\$312,689
BENTLEY	\$142,469	\$46,261	\$188,730	\$142,469	\$46,261	\$188,730
BLACK DIAMOND	\$317,305	\$31,314	\$348,619	\$317,305	\$31,314	\$348,619
BLACKFALDS	\$1,038,543	\$76,379	\$1,114,922	\$1,038,543	\$76,379	\$1,114,922
BON ACCORD	\$182,309	\$59,642	\$241,951	\$182,309	\$59,642	\$241,951
BONNYVILLE	\$732,420	\$58,370	\$790,790	\$732,420	\$58,370	\$790,790
BOW ISLAND	\$228,098	\$124,638	\$352,736	\$228,098	\$124,638	\$352,736
BOWDEN	\$154,133	\$81,021	\$235,154	\$154,133	\$81,021	\$235,154
BRUDERHEIM	\$174,569	\$56,007	\$230,576	\$174,569	\$56,007	\$230,576
CALMAR	\$258,176	\$27,342	\$285,518	\$258,176	\$27,342	\$285,518
CANMORE	\$2,622,876	\$200,613	\$2,823,489	\$2,622,876	\$200,613	\$2,823,489
CARDSTON	\$392,944	\$225,411	\$618,355	\$392,944	\$225,411	\$618,355
CARSTAIRS	\$464,223	\$40,768	\$504,991	\$464,223	\$40,768	\$504,991
CASTOR	\$126,101	\$64,179	\$190,280	\$126,101	\$64,179	\$190,280
CLARESHOLM	\$404,602	\$36,400	\$441,002	\$404,602	\$36,400	\$441,002
COALDALE	\$867,856	\$65,058	\$932,914	\$867,856	\$65,058	\$932,914
COALHURST	\$294,269	\$96,969	\$391,238	\$294,269	\$96,969	\$391,238
COCHRANE	\$3,295,030	\$225,644	\$3,520,674	\$3,295,030	\$225,644	\$3,520,674
CORONATION	\$128,288	\$64,874	\$193,162	\$128,288	\$64,874	\$193,162
CROSSFIELD	\$421,164	\$38,599	\$459,763	\$421,164	\$38,599	\$459,763
DAYSLAND	\$117,148	\$58,535	\$175,683	\$117,148	\$58,535	\$175,683
DEVON	\$697,278	\$55,124	\$752,402	\$697,278	\$55,124	\$752,402
DIDSBURY	\$540,506	\$172,904	\$713,410	\$540,506	\$172,904	\$713,410
DRAYTON VALLEY	\$851,583	\$66,655	\$918,238	\$851,583	\$66,655	\$918,238
DRUMHELLER	\$824,841	\$257,145	\$1,081,986	\$824,841	\$257,145	\$1,081,986
ECKVILLE	\$150,434	\$77,121	\$227,555	\$150,434	\$77,121	\$227,555
EDSON	\$939,479	\$71,591	\$1,011,070	\$939,479	\$71,591	\$1,011,070
ELK POINT	\$186,729	\$58,293	\$245,022	\$186,729	\$58,293	\$245,022
FAIRVIEW	\$322,012	\$104,055	\$426,067	\$322,012	\$104,055	\$426,067
FALHER	\$139,274	\$70,781	\$210,055	\$139,274	\$70,781	\$210,055

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	MSI Capital Component (includes BMTG)	MSI Operating Component	Total MSI Funding	MSI Capital Component (includes BMTG)	MSI Operating Component	Total MSI Funding
FORT MACLEOD	\$335,241	\$32,267	\$367,508	\$335,241	\$32,267	\$367,508
FOX CREEK	\$314,725	\$31,324	\$346,049	\$314,725	\$31,324	\$346,049
GIBBONS	\$344,103	\$32,617	\$376,720	\$344,103	\$32,617	\$376,720
GRIMSHAW	\$292,874	\$161,521	\$454,395	\$292,874	\$161,521	\$454,395
HANNA	\$277,616	\$152,833	\$430,449	\$277,616	\$152,833	\$430,449
HARDISTY	\$107,234	\$18,154	\$125,388	\$107,234	\$18,154	\$125,388
HIGH LEVEL	\$422,038	\$134,566	\$556,604	\$422,038	\$134,566	\$556,604
HIGH PRAIRIE	\$291,086	\$29,404	\$320,490	\$291,086	\$29,404	\$320,490
HIGH RIVER	\$1,480,481	\$105,256	\$1,585,737	\$1,480,481	\$105,256	\$1,585,737
HINTON	\$1,100,330	\$82,023	\$1,182,353	\$1,100,330	\$82,023	\$1,182,353
INNISFAIL	\$847,106	\$65,040	\$912,146	\$847,106	\$65,040	\$912,146
IRRICANA	\$157,154	\$50,563	\$207,717	\$157,154	\$50,563	\$207,717
KILLAM	\$136,534	\$43,781	\$180,315	\$136,534	\$43,781	\$180,315
LAMONT	\$206,782	\$110,315	\$317,097	\$206,782	\$110,315	\$317,097
LEGAL	\$165,968	\$54,175	\$220,143	\$165,968	\$54,175	\$220,143
MAGRATH	\$258,895	\$145,489	\$404,384	\$258,895	\$145,489	\$404,384
MANNING	\$153,802	\$78,335	\$232,137	\$153,802	\$78,335	\$232,137
MAYERTHORPE	\$160,372	\$85,272	\$245,644	\$160,372	\$85,272	\$245,644
MACLENNAN	\$110,324	\$94,924	\$205,248	\$110,324	\$94,924	\$205,248
MILK RIVER	\$117,621	\$58,715	\$176,336	\$117,621	\$58,715	\$176,336
MILLET	\$229,783	\$72,879	\$302,662	\$229,783	\$72,879	\$302,662
MORINVILLE	\$1,024,400	\$75,671	\$1,100,071	\$1,024,400	\$75,671	\$1,100,071
MUNDARE	\$125,226	\$39,782	\$165,008	\$125,226	\$39,782	\$165,008
NANTON	\$259,595	\$27,555	\$287,150	\$259,595	\$27,555	\$287,150
NOBLEFORD	\$164,641	\$21,471	\$186,112	\$164,641	\$21,471	\$186,112
OKOTOKS	\$3,209,241	\$219,050	\$3,428,291	\$3,209,241	\$219,050	\$3,428,291
OLDS	\$1,016,622	\$76,460	\$1,093,082	\$1,016,622	\$76,460	\$1,093,082
ONOWAY	\$143,026	\$45,214	\$188,240	\$143,026	\$45,214	\$188,240
OYEN	\$135,964	\$69,339	\$205,303	\$135,964	\$69,339	\$205,303
PEACE RIVER	\$750,604	\$59,034	\$809,638	\$750,604	\$59,034	\$809,638
PENHOLD	\$374,473	\$121,031	\$495,504	\$374,473	\$121,031	\$495,504
PICTURE BUTTE	\$210,683	\$68,275	\$278,958	\$210,683	\$68,275	\$278,958
PINCHER CREEK	\$404,037	\$36,633	\$440,670	\$404,037	\$36,633	\$440,670
PONOKA	\$738,705	\$233,168	\$971,873	\$738,705	\$233,168	\$971,873
PROVOST	\$239,119	\$74,839	\$313,958	\$239,119	\$74,839	\$313,958
RAINBOW LAKE	\$116,921	\$95,855	\$212,776	\$116,921	\$95,855	\$212,776
RAYMOND	\$415,051	\$242,738	\$657,789	\$415,051	\$242,738	\$657,789
REDCLIFF	\$603,421	\$49,283	\$652,704	\$603,421	\$49,283	\$652,704
REDWATER	\$263,368	\$28,129	\$291,497	\$263,368	\$28,129	\$291,497
RIMBEY	\$296,423	\$29,843	\$326,266	\$296,423	\$29,843	\$326,266
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	\$720,423	\$56,938	\$777,361	\$720,423	\$56,938	\$777,361
SEDGEWICK	\$120,718	\$38,492	\$159,210	\$120,718	\$38,492	\$159,210
SEXSMITH	\$298,037	\$29,870	\$327,907	\$298,037	\$29,870	\$327,907
SLAVE LAKE	\$708,995	\$55,953	\$764,948	\$708,995	\$55,953	\$764,948
SMOKY LAKE	\$133,199	\$66,403	\$199,602	\$133,199	\$66,403	\$199,602
SPIRIT RIVER	\$133,984	\$67,914	\$201,898	\$133,984	\$67,914	\$201,898
ST. PAUL	\$621,506	\$195,159	\$816,665	\$621,506	\$195,159	\$816,665
STAVELY	\$97,377	\$17,359	\$114,736	\$97,377	\$17,359	\$114,736
STETTLER	\$649,945	\$52,448	\$702,393	\$649,945	\$52,448	\$702,393
STONY PLAIN	\$1,890,824	\$131,776	\$2,022,600	\$1,890,824	\$131,776	\$2,022,600
STRATHMORE	\$1,432,830	\$102,346	\$1,535,176	\$1,432,830	\$102,346	\$1,535,176
SUNDRE	\$320,075	\$31,486	\$351,561	\$320,075	\$31,486	\$351,561
SWAN HILLS	\$161,920	\$147,832	\$309,752	\$161,920	\$147,832	\$309,752
SYLVAN LAKE	\$1,615,280	\$114,944	\$1,730,224	\$1,615,280	\$114,944	\$1,730,224
TABER	\$851,145	\$64,199	\$915,344	\$851,145	\$64,199	\$915,344
THORSBY	\$138,024	\$44,485	\$182,509	\$138,024	\$44,485	\$182,509
THREE HILLS	\$342,057	\$110,500	\$452,557	\$342,057	\$110,500	\$452,557
TOFIELD	\$245,728	\$77,241	\$322,969	\$245,728	\$77,241	\$322,969
TROCHU	\$137,657	\$71,159	\$208,816	\$137,657	\$71,159	\$208,816
TURNER VALLEY	\$307,217	\$30,759	\$337,976	\$307,217	\$30,759	\$337,976
TWO HILLS	\$163,454	\$161,494	\$324,948	\$163,454	\$161,494	\$324,948
VALLEYVIEW	\$227,594	\$70,867	\$298,461	\$227,594	\$70,867	\$298,461
VAUXHALL	\$148,502	\$139,184	\$287,686	\$148,502	\$139,184	\$287,686
VEGREVILLE	\$621,277	\$50,553	\$671,830	\$621,277	\$50,553	\$671,830
VERMILION	\$472,300	\$41,294	\$513,594	\$472,300	\$41,294	\$513,594

Municipality	2022 Allocation Estimates			2023 Allocation Estimates		
	MSI Capital Component (includes BMTG)	MSI Operating Component	Total MSI Funding	MSI Capital Component (includes BMTG)	MSI Operating Component	Total MSI Funding
VIKING	\$141,533	\$72,648	\$214,181	\$141,533	\$72,648	\$214,181
VULCAN	\$225,978	\$71,937	\$297,915	\$225,978	\$71,937	\$297,915
WAINWRIGHT	\$681,539	\$54,437	\$735,976	\$681,539	\$54,437	\$735,976
WEMBLEY	\$190,969	\$23,183	\$214,152	\$190,969	\$23,183	\$214,152
WESTLOCK	\$541,202	\$45,109	\$586,311	\$541,202	\$45,109	\$586,311
WHITECOURT	\$1,175,591	\$87,644	\$1,263,235	\$1,175,591	\$87,644	\$1,263,235
Villages						
ACME	\$102,499	\$49,339	\$151,838	\$102,499	\$49,339	\$151,838
ALBERTA BEACH	\$155,178	\$21,210	\$176,388	\$155,178	\$21,210	\$176,388
ALIX	\$112,563	\$18,233	\$130,796	\$112,563	\$18,233	\$130,796
ALLIANCE	\$57,932	\$29,713	\$87,645	\$57,932	\$29,713	\$87,645
AMISK	\$61,612	\$34,831	\$96,443	\$61,612	\$34,831	\$96,443
ANDREW	\$82,311	\$37,022	\$119,333	\$82,311	\$37,022	\$119,333
ARROWWOOD	\$62,306	\$35,177	\$97,483	\$62,306	\$35,177	\$97,483
BARNWELL	\$128,224	\$42,151	\$170,375	\$128,224	\$42,151	\$170,375
BARONS	\$71,576	\$48,805	\$120,381	\$71,576	\$48,805	\$120,381
BAWLF	\$80,263	\$36,711	\$116,974	\$80,263	\$36,711	\$116,974
BEISEKER	\$123,770	\$18,995	\$142,765	\$123,770	\$18,995	\$142,765
BERWYN	\$88,776	\$69,015	\$157,791	\$88,776	\$69,015	\$157,791
BIG VALLEY	\$74,454	\$49,807	\$124,261	\$74,454	\$49,807	\$124,261
BITTERN LAKE	\$65,194	\$20,608	\$85,802	\$65,194	\$20,608	\$85,802
BOYLE	\$130,380	\$64,349	\$194,729	\$130,380	\$64,349	\$194,729
BRETON	\$96,985	\$31,227	\$128,212	\$96,985	\$31,227	\$128,212
CARBON	\$87,115	\$65,254	\$152,369	\$87,115	\$65,254	\$152,369
CARMANGAY	\$66,152	\$27,468	\$93,620	\$66,152	\$27,468	\$93,620
CAROLINE	\$87,600	\$66,439	\$154,039	\$87,600	\$66,439	\$154,039
CHAMPION	\$71,477	\$46,509	\$117,986	\$71,477	\$46,509	\$117,986
CHAUVIN	\$73,160	\$49,318	\$122,478	\$73,160	\$49,318	\$122,478
CHIPMAN	\$71,431	\$29,049	\$100,480	\$71,431	\$29,049	\$100,480
CLIVE	\$109,775	\$35,438	\$145,213	\$109,775	\$35,438	\$145,213
CLYDE	\$80,860	\$37,134	\$117,994	\$80,860	\$37,134	\$117,994
CONSORT	\$109,311	\$53,451	\$162,762	\$109,311	\$53,451	\$162,762
COUTTS	\$67,114	\$27,310	\$94,424	\$67,114	\$27,310	\$94,424
COWLEY	\$63,244	\$25,276	\$88,520	\$63,244	\$25,276	\$88,520
CREMONA	\$84,281	\$27,268	\$111,549	\$84,281	\$27,268	\$111,549
CZAR	\$61,327	\$34,614	\$95,941	\$61,327	\$34,614	\$95,941
DELBURNE	\$125,232	\$62,381	\$187,613	\$125,232	\$62,381	\$187,613
DELIA	\$63,783	\$25,654	\$89,437	\$63,783	\$25,654	\$89,437
DONALDA	\$62,604	\$36,356	\$98,960	\$62,604	\$36,356	\$98,960
DONNELLY	\$72,215	\$48,954	\$121,169	\$72,215	\$48,954	\$121,169
DUCHESS	\$140,119	\$72,623	\$212,742	\$140,119	\$72,623	\$212,742
EDBERG	\$57,157	\$29,360	\$86,517	\$57,157	\$29,360	\$86,517
EDGERTON	\$79,733	\$57,491	\$137,224	\$79,733	\$57,491	\$137,224
ELNORA	\$69,868	\$44,563	\$114,431	\$69,868	\$44,563	\$114,431
EMPRESS	\$59,633	\$29,951	\$89,584	\$59,633	\$29,951	\$89,584
FOREMOST	\$92,938	\$43,318	\$136,256	\$92,938	\$43,318	\$136,256
FORESTBURG	\$119,992	\$103,736	\$223,728	\$119,992	\$103,736	\$223,728
GIROUXVILLE	\$67,039	\$43,461	\$110,500	\$67,039	\$43,461	\$110,500
GLENDON	\$89,257	\$40,772	\$130,029	\$89,257	\$40,772	\$130,029
GLENWOOD	\$71,810	\$31,063	\$102,873	\$71,810	\$31,063	\$102,873
HALKIRK	\$54,888	\$25,419	\$80,307	\$54,888	\$25,419	\$80,307
HAY LAKES	\$87,914	\$40,754	\$128,668	\$87,914	\$40,754	\$128,668
HEISLER	\$58,001	\$30,296	\$88,297	\$58,001	\$30,296	\$88,297
HILL SPRING	\$59,331	\$22,716	\$82,047	\$59,331	\$22,716	\$82,047
HINES CREEK	\$72,536	\$49,362	\$121,898	\$72,536	\$49,362	\$121,898
HOLDEN	\$74,985	\$49,947	\$124,932	\$74,985	\$49,947	\$124,932
HUGHENDEN	\$63,997	\$38,782	\$102,779	\$63,997	\$38,782	\$102,779
HUSSAR	\$61,205	\$24,203	\$85,408	\$61,205	\$24,203	\$85,408
INNISFREE	\$62,920	\$36,768	\$99,688	\$62,920	\$36,768	\$99,688
IRMA	\$89,862	\$42,129	\$131,991	\$89,862	\$42,129	\$131,991
KITSCOTY	\$132,333	\$66,891	\$199,224	\$132,333	\$66,891	\$199,224
LINDEN	\$119,527	\$38,772	\$158,299	\$119,527	\$38,772	\$158,299
LOMOND	\$58,816	\$30,942	\$89,758	\$58,816	\$30,942	\$89,758
LONGVIEW	\$75,211	\$15,985	\$91,196	\$75,211	\$15,985	\$91,196
LOUGHEED	\$66,409	\$40,233	\$106,642	\$66,409	\$40,233	\$106,642

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MANNVILLE	\$114,066	\$98,762	\$212,828	\$114,066	\$98,762	\$212,828
MARWAYNE	\$96,804	\$76,165	\$172,969	\$96,804	\$76,165	\$172,969
MILO	\$54,910	\$13,612	\$68,522	\$54,910	\$13,612	\$68,522
MORRIN	\$64,125	\$38,504	\$102,629	\$64,125	\$38,504	\$102,629
MUNSON	\$62,406	\$24,398	\$86,804	\$62,406	\$24,398	\$86,804
MYRNAM	\$71,642	\$48,620	\$120,262	\$71,642	\$48,620	\$120,262
NAMPA	\$79,633	\$16,238	\$95,871	\$79,633	\$16,238	\$95,871
PARADISE VALLEY	\$59,515	\$32,251	\$91,766	\$59,515	\$32,251	\$91,766
ROCKYFORD	\$72,488	\$31,119	\$103,607	\$72,488	\$31,119	\$103,607
ROSALIND	\$61,201	\$33,257	\$94,458	\$61,201	\$33,257	\$94,458
ROSEMARY	\$76,385	\$54,448	\$130,833	\$76,385	\$54,448	\$130,833
RYCROFT	\$101,768	\$32,473	\$134,241	\$101,768	\$32,473	\$134,241
RYLEY	\$86,425	\$63,577	\$150,002	\$86,425	\$63,577	\$150,002
SPRING LAKE	\$119,970	\$18,921	\$138,891	\$119,970	\$18,921	\$138,891
STANDARD	\$78,416	\$16,159	\$94,575	\$78,416	\$16,159	\$94,575
STIRLING	\$152,735	\$144,017	\$296,752	\$152,735	\$144,017	\$296,752
VETERAN	\$63,410	\$38,252	\$101,662	\$63,410	\$38,252	\$101,662
VILNA	\$67,233	\$43,573	\$110,806	\$67,233	\$43,573	\$110,806
WARBURG	\$110,814	\$92,582	\$203,396	\$110,814	\$92,582	\$203,396
WARNER	\$75,919	\$52,217	\$128,136	\$75,919	\$52,217	\$128,136
WASKATENAU	\$64,150	\$26,207	\$90,357	\$64,150	\$26,207	\$90,357
YOUNGSTOWN	\$57,940	\$29,714	\$87,654	\$57,940	\$29,714	\$87,654
Summer Villages						
ARGENTIA BEACH	\$43,509	\$4,722	\$48,231	\$43,509	\$4,722	\$48,231
BETULA BEACH	\$32,044	\$3,210	\$35,254	\$32,044	\$3,210	\$35,254
BIRCH COVE	\$31,309	\$4,615	\$35,924	\$31,309	\$4,615	\$35,924
BIRCHCLIFF	\$67,798	\$10,419	\$78,217	\$67,798	\$10,419	\$78,217
BONDISS	\$43,317	\$8,386	\$51,703	\$43,317	\$8,386	\$51,703
BONNYVILLE BEACH	\$36,239	\$6,998	\$43,237	\$36,239	\$6,998	\$43,237
BURNSTICK LAKE	\$31,861	\$3,144	\$35,005	\$31,861	\$3,144	\$35,005
CASTLE ISLAND	\$29,895	\$2,727	\$32,622	\$29,895	\$2,727	\$32,622
CRYSTAL SPRINGS	\$43,468	\$5,932	\$49,400	\$43,468	\$5,932	\$49,400
GHOST LAKE	\$39,541	\$7,172	\$46,713	\$39,541	\$7,172	\$46,713
GOLDEN DAYS	\$57,031	\$9,473	\$66,504	\$57,031	\$9,473	\$66,504
GRANDVIEW	\$48,552	\$8,818	\$57,370	\$48,552	\$8,818	\$57,370
GULL LAKE	\$54,232	\$9,221	\$63,453	\$54,232	\$9,221	\$63,453
HALF MOON BAY	\$36,773	\$4,919	\$41,692	\$36,773	\$4,919	\$41,692
HORSESHOE BAY	\$33,469	\$6,211	\$39,680	\$33,469	\$6,211	\$39,680
ISLAND LAKE	\$59,174	\$9,575	\$68,749	\$59,174	\$9,575	\$68,749
ISLAND LAKE SOUTH	\$33,889	\$5,639	\$39,528	\$33,889	\$5,639	\$39,528
ITASKA BEACH	\$34,640	\$3,780	\$38,420	\$34,640	\$3,780	\$38,420
JARVIS BAY	\$71,705	\$10,636	\$82,341	\$71,705	\$10,636	\$82,341
KAPASIWIN	\$33,130	\$2,997	\$36,127	\$33,130	\$2,997	\$36,127
LAKEVIEW	\$31,324	\$3,858	\$35,182	\$31,324	\$3,858	\$35,182
LARKSPUR	\$35,042	\$4,876	\$39,918	\$35,042	\$4,876	\$39,918
MA-ME-O BEACH	\$49,994	\$8,942	\$58,936	\$49,994	\$8,942	\$58,936
MEWATHA BEACH	\$41,127	\$7,709	\$48,836	\$41,127	\$7,709	\$48,836
NAKAMUN PARK	\$37,557	\$7,715	\$45,272	\$37,557	\$7,715	\$45,272
NORGLLENWOLD	\$81,902	\$11,419	\$93,321	\$81,902	\$11,419	\$93,321
NORRIS BEACH	\$34,911	\$4,561	\$39,472	\$34,911	\$4,561	\$39,472
PARKLAND BEACH	\$50,004	\$8,895	\$58,899	\$50,004	\$8,895	\$58,899
PELICAN NARROWS	\$45,764	\$8,544	\$54,308	\$45,764	\$8,544	\$54,308
POINT ALISON	\$31,850	\$2,890	\$34,740	\$31,850	\$2,890	\$34,740
POPLAR BAY	\$49,107	\$8,876	\$57,983	\$49,107	\$8,876	\$57,983
ROCHON SANDS	\$43,400	\$7,696	\$51,096	\$43,400	\$7,696	\$51,096
ROSS HAVEN	\$45,834	\$8,539	\$54,373	\$45,834	\$8,539	\$54,373
SANDY BEACH	\$49,927	\$8,747	\$58,674	\$49,927	\$8,747	\$58,674
SEBA BEACH	\$69,534	\$10,505	\$80,039	\$69,534	\$10,505	\$80,039
SILVER BEACH	\$44,370	\$6,715	\$51,085	\$44,370	\$6,715	\$51,085
SILVER SANDS	\$46,098	\$8,561	\$54,659	\$46,098	\$8,561	\$54,659
SOUTH BAPTISTE	\$33,344	\$5,846	\$39,190	\$33,344	\$5,846	\$39,190
SOUTH VIEW	\$33,285	\$5,892	\$39,177	\$33,285	\$5,892	\$39,177
SUNBREAKER COVE	\$56,099	\$8,502	\$64,601	\$56,099	\$8,502	\$64,601
SUNDANCE BEACH	\$40,421	\$6,790	\$47,211	\$40,421	\$6,790	\$47,211
SUNRISE BEACH	\$38,262	\$7,936	\$46,198	\$38,262	\$7,936	\$46,198

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SUNSET BEACH	\$35,110	\$5,134	\$40,244	\$35,110	\$5,134	\$40,244
SUNSET POINT	\$47,811	\$8,694	\$56,505	\$47,811	\$8,694	\$56,505
VAL QUENTIN	\$49,326	\$8,727	\$58,053	\$49,326	\$8,727	\$58,053
WAIPAROUS	\$35,021	\$5,127	\$40,148	\$35,021	\$5,127	\$40,148
WEST BAPTISTE	\$35,416	\$4,603	\$40,019	\$35,416	\$4,603	\$40,019
WEST COVE	\$44,668	\$8,454	\$53,122	\$44,668	\$8,454	\$53,122
WHISPERING HILLS	\$42,845	\$8,310	\$51,155	\$42,845	\$8,310	\$51,155
WHITE SANDS	\$55,258	\$9,370	\$64,628	\$55,258	\$9,370	\$64,628
YELLOWSTONE	\$39,916	\$8,072	\$47,988	\$39,916	\$8,072	\$47,988
Municipal Districts and Counties						
ACADIA NO. 34, M.D. OF	\$202,577	\$39,517	\$242,094	\$202,577	\$39,517	\$242,094
ATHABASCA COUNTY	\$1,390,220	\$172,038	\$1,562,258	\$1,390,220	\$172,038	\$1,562,258
BARRHEAD NO. 11, COUNTY OF	\$897,269	\$172,738	\$1,070,007	\$897,269	\$172,738	\$1,070,007
BEAVER COUNTY	\$1,085,155	\$205,329	\$1,290,484	\$1,085,155	\$205,329	\$1,290,484
BIG LAKES COUNTY	\$911,633	\$73,654	\$985,287	\$911,633	\$73,654	\$985,287
BIGHORN NO. 8, M.D. OF	\$350,286	\$36,908	\$387,194	\$350,286	\$36,908	\$387,194
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY	\$485,473	\$84,025	\$569,498	\$485,473	\$84,025	\$569,498
BONNYVILLE NO. 87, M.D. OF	\$2,486,232	\$198,812	\$2,685,044	\$2,486,232	\$198,812	\$2,685,044
BRAZEAU COUNTY	\$1,376,840	\$115,319	\$1,492,159	\$1,376,840	\$115,319	\$1,492,159
CAMROSE COUNTY	\$1,454,771	\$214,124	\$1,668,895	\$1,454,771	\$214,124	\$1,668,895
CARDSTON COUNTY	\$679,160	\$134,371	\$813,531	\$679,160	\$134,371	\$813,531
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY	\$781,704	\$137,004	\$918,708	\$781,704	\$137,004	\$918,708
CLEARWATER COUNTY	\$2,428,477	\$193,180	\$2,621,657	\$2,428,477	\$193,180	\$2,621,657
CYPRESS COUNTY	\$2,039,853	\$158,034	\$2,197,887	\$2,039,853	\$158,034	\$2,197,887
FAIRVIEW NO. 136, M.D. OF	\$390,605	\$70,888	\$461,493	\$390,605	\$70,888	\$461,493
FLAGSTAFF COUNTY	\$1,144,021	\$236,254	\$1,380,275	\$1,144,021	\$236,254	\$1,380,275
FOOTHILLS COUNTY	\$3,210,754	\$257,409	\$3,468,163	\$3,210,754	\$257,409	\$3,468,163
FORTY MILE NO. 8, COUNTY OF	\$1,088,265	\$171,214	\$1,259,479	\$1,088,265	\$171,214	\$1,259,479
GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1, COUNTY OF	\$3,809,000	\$342,269	\$4,151,269	\$3,809,000	\$342,269	\$4,151,269
GREENVIEW NO. 16, M.D. OF	\$3,184,939	\$261,767	\$3,446,706	\$3,184,939	\$261,767	\$3,446,706
KNEEHILL COUNTY	\$1,176,683	\$145,213	\$1,321,896	\$1,176,683	\$145,213	\$1,321,896
LACOMBE COUNTY	\$1,881,530	\$149,492	\$2,031,022	\$1,881,530	\$149,492	\$2,031,022
LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY	\$1,450,152	\$107,918	\$1,558,070	\$1,450,152	\$107,918	\$1,558,070
LAMONT COUNTY	\$909,040	\$159,816	\$1,068,856	\$909,040	\$159,816	\$1,068,856
LEDUC COUNTY	\$3,073,816	\$248,704	\$3,322,520	\$3,073,816	\$248,704	\$3,322,520
LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124, M.D. OF	\$630,108	\$55,200	\$685,308	\$630,108	\$55,200	\$685,308
LETHBRIDGE COUNTY	\$1,388,843	\$105,390	\$1,494,233	\$1,388,843	\$105,390	\$1,494,233
MINBURN NO. 27, COUNTY OF	\$838,363	\$151,355	\$989,718	\$838,363	\$151,355	\$989,718
MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY	\$2,106,304	\$168,326	\$2,274,630	\$2,106,304	\$168,326	\$2,274,630
NEWELL, COUNTY OF	\$1,754,334	\$138,951	\$1,893,285	\$1,754,334	\$138,951	\$1,893,285
NORTHERN LIGHTS, COUNTY OF	\$857,042	\$149,801	\$1,006,843	\$857,042	\$149,801	\$1,006,843
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY	\$790,509	\$66,356	\$856,865	\$790,509	\$66,356	\$856,865
OPPORTUNITY NO. 17, M.D. OF	\$1,030,682	\$84,466	\$1,115,148	\$1,030,682	\$84,466	\$1,115,148
PAINTEARTH NO. 18, COUNTY OF	\$693,251	\$130,502	\$823,753	\$693,251	\$130,502	\$823,753
PARKLAND COUNTY	\$4,196,170	\$343,726	\$4,539,896	\$4,196,170	\$343,726	\$4,539,896
PEACE NO. 135, M.D. OF	\$308,696	\$63,141	\$371,837	\$308,696	\$63,141	\$371,837
PINCHER CREEK NO. 9, M.D. OF	\$620,076	\$53,528	\$673,604	\$620,076	\$53,528	\$673,604
PONOKA COUNTY	\$1,512,631	\$118,802	\$1,631,433	\$1,512,631	\$118,802	\$1,631,433
PROVOST NO. 52, M.D. OF	\$952,435	\$73,827	\$1,026,262	\$952,435	\$73,827	\$1,026,262
RANCHLAND NO. 66, M.D. OF	\$140,774	\$21,684	\$162,458	\$140,774	\$21,684	\$162,458
RED DEER COUNTY	\$3,015,450	\$234,884	\$3,250,334	\$3,015,450	\$234,884	\$3,250,334
ROCKY VIEW COUNTY	\$6,463,565	\$513,975	\$6,977,540	\$6,463,565	\$513,975	\$6,977,540
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY	\$979,556	\$79,205	\$1,058,761	\$979,556	\$79,205	\$1,058,761
SMOKY LAKE COUNTY	\$640,324	\$107,802	\$748,126	\$640,324	\$107,802	\$748,126
SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, M.D. OF	\$734,616	\$107,491	\$842,107	\$734,616	\$107,491	\$842,107
SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133, M.D. OF	\$253,141	\$46,764	\$299,905	\$253,141	\$46,764	\$299,905
ST. PAUL NO. 19, COUNTY OF	\$1,126,608	\$113,336	\$1,239,944	\$1,126,608	\$113,336	\$1,239,944
STARLAND COUNTY	\$651,812	\$111,814	\$763,626	\$651,812	\$111,814	\$763,626
STETTLER NO. 6, COUNTY OF	\$1,254,433	\$252,422	\$1,506,855	\$1,254,433	\$252,422	\$1,506,855
STURGEON COUNTY	\$2,773,977	\$219,385	\$2,993,362	\$2,773,977	\$219,385	\$2,993,362
TABER, M.D. OF	\$1,300,755	\$165,632	\$1,466,387	\$1,300,755	\$165,632	\$1,466,387
THORHILD COUNTY	\$718,094	\$119,850	\$837,944	\$718,094	\$119,850	\$837,944
TWO HILLS NO. 21, COUNTY OF	\$889,638	\$198,065	\$1,087,703	\$889,638	\$198,065	\$1,087,703
VERMILION RIVER, COUNTY OF	\$1,805,977	\$337,634	\$2,143,611	\$1,805,977	\$337,634	\$2,143,611
VULCAN COUNTY	\$1,058,930	\$177,958	\$1,236,888	\$1,058,930	\$177,958	\$1,236,888

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WAINWRIGHT NO. 61, M.D. OF	\$1,145,920	\$141,160	\$1,287,080	\$1,145,920	\$141,160	\$1,287,080
WARNER NO. 5, COUNTY OF	\$888,552	\$156,102	\$1,044,654	\$888,552	\$156,102	\$1,044,654
WESTLOCK COUNTY	\$1,119,183	\$209,341	\$1,328,524	\$1,119,183	\$209,341	\$1,328,524
WETASKIWIN NO. 10, COUNTY OF	\$1,580,295	\$123,203	\$1,703,498	\$1,580,295	\$123,203	\$1,703,498
WHEATLAND COUNTY	\$1,785,214	\$138,859	\$1,924,073	\$1,785,214	\$138,859	\$1,924,073
WILLOW CREEK NO. 26, M.D. OF	\$1,123,845	\$218,856	\$1,342,701	\$1,123,845	\$218,856	\$1,342,701
WOODLANDS COUNTY	\$845,390	\$72,599	\$917,989	\$845,390	\$72,599	\$917,989
YELLOWHEAD COUNTY	\$2,898,904	\$228,893	\$3,127,797	\$2,898,904	\$228,893	\$3,127,797
I.D. NO. 04 (WATERTON)	\$117,409	\$19,085	\$136,494	\$117,409	\$19,085	\$136,494
I.D. NO. 09 (BANFF)	\$362,178	\$38,446	\$400,624	\$362,178	\$38,446	\$400,624
I.D. NO. 12 (JASPER NATIONAL PARK)	\$66,541	\$10,696	\$77,237	\$66,541	\$10,696	\$77,237
I.D. NO. 13 (ELK ISLAND)	\$52,185	\$4,080	\$56,265	\$52,185	\$4,080	\$56,265
I.D. NO. 24 (WOOD BUFFALO)	\$89,426	\$16,479	\$105,905	\$89,426	\$16,479	\$105,905
I.D. NO. 25 (WILLMORE WILDERNESS)	\$50,417	\$3,954	\$54,371	\$50,417	\$3,954	\$54,371
KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$101,903	\$18,314	\$120,217	\$101,903	\$18,314	\$120,217
SPECIAL AREAS (2, 3 AND 4)	\$2,490,477	\$368,088	\$2,858,565	\$2,490,477	\$368,088	\$2,858,565
Specialized Municipalities						
CROWNEST PASS, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$874,152	\$121,821	\$995,973	\$874,152	\$121,821	\$995,973
JASPER, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$728,701	\$61,776	\$790,477	\$728,701	\$61,776	\$790,477
LAC LA BICHE COUNTY	\$1,592,717	\$123,824	\$1,716,541	\$1,592,717	\$123,824	\$1,716,541
MACKENZIE COUNTY	\$1,577,420	\$121,262	\$1,698,682	\$1,577,420	\$121,262	\$1,698,682
STRATHCONA COUNTY	\$12,016,869	\$842,809	\$12,859,678	\$12,016,869	\$842,809	\$12,859,678
WOOD BUFFALO, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	\$12,820,301	\$916,924	\$13,737,225	\$12,820,301	\$916,924	\$13,737,225
Metis Settlements						
BUFFALO LAKE	\$109,914	\$16,654	\$126,568	\$109,914	\$16,654	\$126,568
EAST PRAIRIE	\$106,805	\$16,162	\$122,967	\$106,805	\$16,162	\$122,967
ELIZABETH	\$99,239	\$16,383	\$115,622	\$99,239	\$16,383	\$115,622
FISHING LAKE	\$103,145	\$16,196	\$119,341	\$103,145	\$16,196	\$119,341
GIFT LAKE	\$118,965	\$17,330	\$136,295	\$118,965	\$17,330	\$136,295
KIKINO	\$134,807	\$17,811	\$152,618	\$134,807	\$17,811	\$152,618
PADDLE PRAIRIE	\$100,364	\$16,127	\$116,491	\$100,364	\$16,127	\$116,491
PEAVINE	\$105,436	\$16,234	\$121,670	\$105,436	\$16,234	\$121,670
Redwood Meadows						
REDWOOD MEADOWS	\$153,955	\$20,982	\$174,937	\$153,955	\$20,982	\$174,937

Notes:

- a) The estimates are based on annual MSI program targets of \$515 million announced in Budget 2021, and are subject to legislative approval of subsequent provincial budgets and the Minister's authorization in accordance with the expressed guidelines of the program.
- b) For each local government, MSI capital funding for both 2022 and 2023 is estimated at 40.6% of the 2021 allocation. This reduction is equivalent to the year over year change in the MSI capital budget from \$1.196 billion to \$485 million.
- c) For each local government, MSI operating funding for both 2022 and 2023 is estimated to remain at the 2021 level.
- d) Allocations for former municipalities that have been restructured are reflected in the allocation of the receiving municipality in accordance with the MSI program guidelines.

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Subject:

Fairness Update, Alberta Ombudsman

Attachments:

Municipalities FAQ.pdf; 10 Tips for Developing and Administering Fair Rebate Programs.pdf

Good day,

Early in 2021, the Alberta Ombudsman's office sent a survey to 100 municipalities with the following intention – to learn what information the Ombudsman can provide to municipalities to address their areas of interest and how this information is best delivered. Through this survey, we learned that while all municipalities were at least somewhat familiar with the role of our office and the concepts of administrative fairness, there was significant interest in learning more.

We have chosen to start broad and answer the 10 most frequently asked questions from municipalities and residents. You can find this FAQ document attached to this email and on our [website](#).

From here, we plan to use this platform to provide regular info sheets, focusing on more of the specific topics of interest identified from both the survey and current interactions our office is having with municipalities. A recent example is the growing number of municipal rebate, incentive and grant programs launching across Alberta, particularly related to environmental and sustainability initiatives. To ensure municipalities have the tools to build administrative fairness into these new programs, we have created a best practices document that offers *10 Tips for Developing and Administering Fair Rebate Programs*. While this document is focused on rebate programs, we believe these tips are useful for the development of any administrative program.

It is our hope that your municipality will take these best practice tips into consideration during the development stage of future programs to prevent potential unfairness. If your municipality is planning a program and intends to contract out the program design and management to an external vendor, you may wish to consider sharing this document to ensure the program will be designed in accordance with the principles of administrative fairness.

Again, the best practices document is attached to this email and is also available on our [website](#).

We understand Alberta communities are well underway to orienting new and returning elected officials to local government offices. We also encourage you to visit our [municipalities page](#) for more about the Ombudsman's role and authority and how our office investigates complaints. We look forward to speaking with municipal representatives attending the 2021 Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and Rural Municipalities Association fall conventions and trade shows in November.

Thank you for your continued willingness to work with the Ombudsman's office to ensure fair treatment for all. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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10 Frequently Asked Questions

ABOUT THE OMBUDSMAN

1

What is Her Role?

As an independent legislative officer, the Ombudsman investigates complaints made by the public about authorities under her jurisdiction.

2

What Do We Do?

We investigate **final** administrative decisions using the principles of natural justice and administrative fairness. This includes confirming the actions and policies of municipalities are congruent with the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

3

What Power Does She Have?

The Ombudsman may make formal recommendations to help municipalities improve decision-making processes or confirm existing processes are fair.

4

Why Do We Investigate Municipalities?

Dec. 6, 2016

- Bill 21 passed: *Modernized Municipal Government Act*
- S. 85 amended MGA, s. 136 amended *Ombudsman Act*

Oct. 26, 2017

- Final amendments to MGA proclaimed into law

Apr. 1, 2018

- Ombudsman's functions and duties now include jurisdiction over municipalities

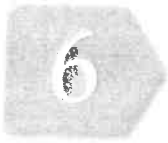
The Ombudsman is **not** an advocate for complainants, nor does she represent municipalities.

HANDLING COMPLAINTS

5

How Are Complaints Received?

We encourage people to phone our office with inquiries, but all complaints must be submitted in writing.



What Happens When We Receive Complaints?

Written complaints are assigned to and analyzed by investigators. Often, referrals are provided if additional reviews are available (e.g., write to the CAO).

INVESTIGATIONS AND OUTCOMES



What is an Early Resolution (ER)?

Often the first step of investigation, ER is a collaborative, informal, and efficient process wherein we isolate the core issue of a complaint and provide an objective and impartial assessment using our eight administrative fairness guidelines.

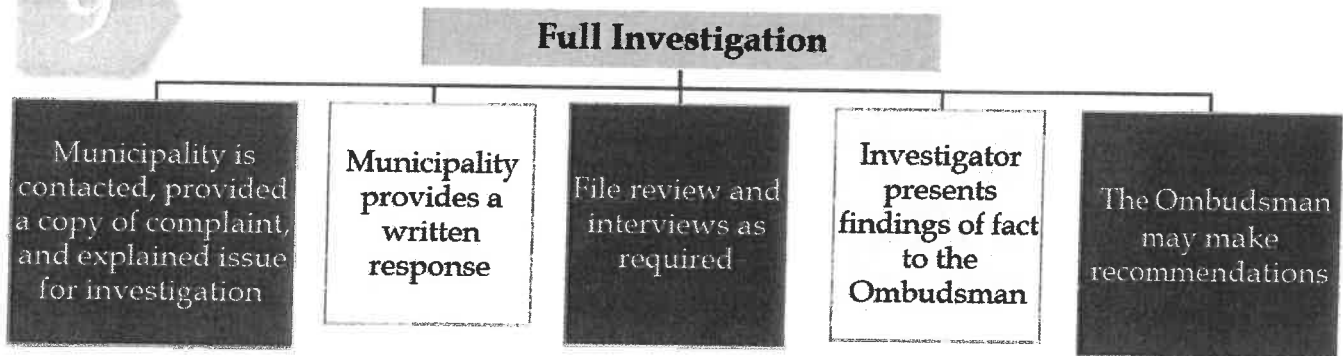


How is Early Resolution Collaborative?

An investigator may call to understand both sides of the complaint. We may ask for information about the process followed (e.g., relevant bylaws) and/or request a more detailed response, including reasons for the decision. A case is closed once we are satisfied an administratively fair decision was made.



What if Early Resolution is Not Possible?



What Are Recommendations?

With the goal of improving decision-making processes, recommendations can be broad or specific. They are **not** substitute decisions, nor are they based on the merits of a decision. For example, the Ombudsman may recommend a process be amended or an appeal matter be reheard.



FAQs for Municipalities



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10 Tips for Developing and Administering Fair Rebate Programs

COMMUNICATING PROGRAM RULES

1

Explain the Application Process

Post details about how individuals can apply for the rebate, and all the applicable rules, on the municipality's website.

2

Clarify the Eligibility Criteria

Explain the eligibility criteria in plain language, and ensure the criteria are communicated clearly and consistently in the application form, terms and conditions, brochures, and via social media.

3

Be Transparent

Disclose any conditions or limitations of the rebate program to potential applicants.

This will help ensure applicants have a clear understanding of how likely they are to be successful in receiving the rebate.

4

Make the Information Easily Accessible

State the terms and conditions of the program at the beginning of the application process.

This will ensure applicants understand all terms and conditions of the program before entering the required data into their application.

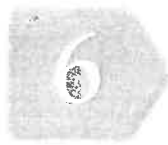
ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM

Follow Your Rules

5

Administer the program in accordance with your publicly posted program information. If the rules or processes change after the program has launched, explain what has happened and why to all affected applicants.





Retain Application Information

Keep the information you used to determine each applicant's eligibility for the program.

Keeping this information ensures accountability of the decision-making process while allowing meaningful reviews to occur during and after the program.

ISSUING DECISIONS



Put the Decision in Writing

Give all applicants a written decision within a reasonable time frame. Sign the decision and list a point of contact for the applicant, should they wish to follow up about the decision.



Provide Reasons for the Decision

The written decision should include reasons for your decision.

Explain if Discretion was Exercised



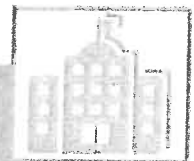
If the decision maker has discretion (e.g., to relax or vary the eligibility criteria, or to consider each application on a case-by-case basis), the decision should explain this. The decision should then say why and how you applied discretion in each case.



Advise Applicants of Available Reviews

The decision should clearly explain whether there are any reviews or appeals available and how applicants can access those levels of review.

Best Practice Guidelines for Municipalities



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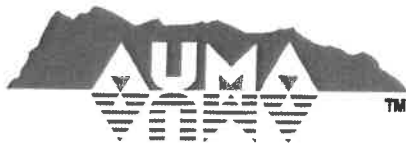


You told us it's time for a new look

In early 2020, as we embarked on our strategic brand research, we hosted many stakeholder engagement sessions and received over 400 responses to our member survey.

On Wednesday, November 17, at Convention 2021, you will see the results of the work we have been able to complete thanks to your honest and open responses.

ADVOCACY UPDATES



Join an AUMA committee

If you are a municipal elected official or senior administrator, consider applying to serve on one of AUMA's committees.



Participating on a committee provides an opportunity to influence the direction of policy and programs for AUMA, increase your network, and give back through leadership.

Transforming Alberta's Environmental Regulatory System – Public Lands Act

Register for the October 28 webinar to learn about the transformation that is underway at Alberta Environment & Parks to improve its regulatory assurance system and meet red tape reduction commitments.



Best Practices in Disability Management Webinar

On October 26 join AUMA and Sunlife for a session that will provide you with tangible solutions and proactive measures in managing disability occurrences.

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We are seeking nominations for qualified candidates to serve on the Board of Directors. Elections will take place on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, during the annual AUMA Convention.

CASUAL LEGAL: De Facto Expropriation to be Considered by the Supreme Court

The most common scenario where issues of a de facto expropriation might occur is when governments place restrictions on the use of land without actually formally acquiring the property.



Essential information on Munis 101 orientation courses

Munis 101 is developed and delivered in partnership with Municipal Affairs to help meet Municipal Government Act orientation requirements. As such, CAOs are encouraged to attend so that they can supplement the topics covered with municipal specific information.

GOOD TO KNOW

Ryerson University is conducting interviews as part of a research study to understand current challenges and opportunities for securing Canada's critical municipal infrastructure from digital security threats, and they want to hear from municipalities.

Interested municipal representatives are invited to participate in a 45-minute interview for the research study. By participating in an interview, you can help shape recommendations for securing Canada's new and existing municipal critical infrastructure. Interested municipalities can contact Stephanie Tran at stephanie.tran.rll@ryerson.ca. AUMA will share any outcomes of the study as they become available.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is now accepting applications for the Innovative Community Initiatives (ICI) fund, which is a component of the Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) project.

Between 20 and 25 ICI projects with an individual value of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 will be funded through two rounds of applications. In the first round, FCM will select 10 to 12 initiatives that will begin by March 2022 - the deadline to apply is **Nov. 5, 2021**.

ICI projects will involve local governments partnering with community groups that work to support and engage women and under-represented groups in local politics. FCM will prioritize initiatives intended to serve Indigenous, Black and other racialized women, as well as youth and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community.

For more information, or to apply, please visit FCM's CanWILL webpage. If you have questions about the ICI fund, please contact FCM at women@fcm.ca.



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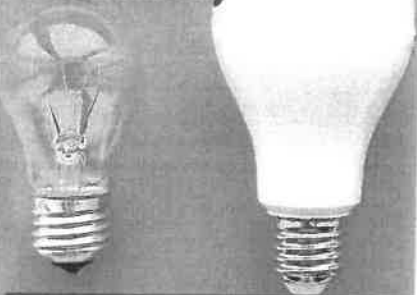
Alberta Capital Region Opportunity: Ongoing

The Alberta Council for Environmental Education (ACEE) offers outreach support to municipalities in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region through Capital Region EcoSchools for this school year. EcoSchools Canada's award-winning environmental school certification program tracks the collective impact of over a million Canadian students involved in curriculum-tied climate action. Thanks to funding from the Edmonton Community Foundation, ACEE is working to connect environmental education providers, school boards, and municipalities through this powerful opportunity to increase community-engaged climate action.

Contact melanie@abcee.org to express interest, and shape the program to help you reach your environmental and climate goals by participating in bimonthly advisory committee meetings.

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AUMA's Pledge stimulated public discourse

Our post-election analysis of Twitter showed that at least 59 candidates running in 20 different local elections committed to the principles of the Pledge.

We estimate the Pledge was viewed one million times on Twitter and over 36 million times through news media coverage!

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Over the coming weeks, we will share more about what you told us and how we have applied your feedback to our new branding. At Convention 2021 you will see the results of the work we have been able to complete thanks to the information our members shared with us.

Overview of AUMA available to support orientation

AUMA has developed a brief overview of who we are and what we do to support municipalities to share with your new and returning elected officials. The PDF can be easily downloaded and added to the orientation packages as you welcome your elected officials.



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- Infrastructure Accountability Act
- Allan Report Released
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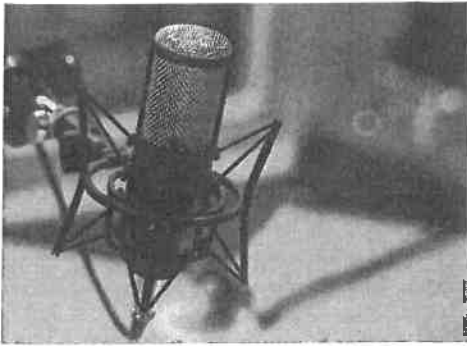
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CASUAL LEGAL: Municipal Considerations of Cryptocurrency Mining

While Alberta's abandoned well sites are considered problematic, they may be lucrative for a burgeoning industry – cryptocurrency.





Municipally-made Podcasts

Municipalities across Canada are producing their own podcasts to better connect with the community members they serve.

See how they connect with residents who do not read local newspapers or sit at computers, and with those who may prefer to listen rather than read about their municipalities.



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

Saving money and greenhouse gas emissions.

The Town of Okotoks installed a REALice system at the Okotoks Recreation Centre. This newly installed REALice system helps to reduce the costs of heating the water used to resurface ice as well as the electricity costs associated with cooling it following resurfacing. [Learn more here!](#)

The Alberta Funding Guide

This Alberta Funding Guide provides information about climate adaptation and mitigation funding opportunities available to municipalities in Alberta. The [Alberta Funding Guide](#) features more than 40 different funding opportunities – see what opportunities your community may benefit from pursuing.

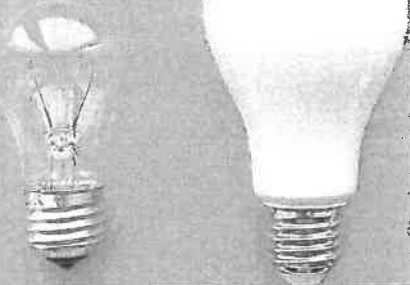


Munis 101 Session added in Blackfalds

In response to requests from municipalities, EOEP is offering an additional Munis 101 orientation session in Blackfalds on Saturday, Dec. 11, and Sunday, Dec. 12.

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Website

Our website, auma.ca, is a treasure-trove of information on our services and initiatives. Whether you are concerned about climate change, policing, asset management, insurance, affordable housing or welcoming and inclusive communities, our website connects you with tools, services and advocacy initiatives to help you build a strong and thriving community.

Outreach

As a member driven organization, our Board and staff endeavour to connect with members as much as possible. We do this through visiting municipalities and taking part in local, regional and provincial meetings and events where municipalities congregate. We also welcome hearing from you – reach out to your board member or email hello@auma.ca.

Events & education opportunities

Annual Convention

One of best ways to get to know your association is to attend our annual Convention. This year's Convention is a must to attend as we have exciting events lined up to launch our new brand that better reflects the strength and diversity of our members. At Convention you will also get the opportunity to:

- Vote on resolutions which shape AUMA advocacy
- Elect Board members to represent your municipality
- Learn about a wide variety of topics that are top of mind for municipalities from team building to infrastructure planning, social issues and more
- Network with fellow municipal officials, provincial officials, AUMA's Board and staff along with municipally-related non-profits and businesses

AUMA recognizes that it is difficult for all councillors to attend convention in person, especially those from small and remote communities. Therefore we are providing a virtual option to participate in plenary sessions including opening ceremonies, dialogue with ministers, board elections and resolutions.

Elected Officials Education Program

The Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) offers virtual and in-person learning opportunities specifically tailored to help you successfully lead your community. Visit eoeep.ca to learn more.

Other annual events

We offer many in-person and virtual events throughout the year. This includes our Municipal Leaders Caucus which is held every March in Edmonton and in the summer we hold regional sessions throughout Alberta as an opportunity for councillors and senior municipal administrators to discuss priority issues.

In addition, as issues emerge throughout the year AUMA hosts virtual meetings, town halls, and workshops to keep you up to date and seek your input.

Visit auma.ca/events to learn more.





We are community builders.



At AUMA, we represent urban municipalities – including cities, towns, villages, summer villages, and specialized municipalities – where over 85% of Albertans live.

Like our members, we are dynamic and constantly evolving. What remains constant is our commitment to providing solutions and resources for municipal issues.

We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's urban municipalities to advocate for solutions to municipal issues, and to identify and develop opportunities that contribute to key components of community building – economic, environment, governance, infrastructure, and social.

We have represented urban municipalities since 1905.

Over the years, we have created business services specifically designed to meet municipal needs.

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We serve

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Over
700

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**Estimates for 2022
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**Update from the
Legislature -
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You told us what you value most from us

In early 2020, we asked members what they value most about their Association.

**November is
Financial Literacy
Month**

We learned that you value connecting with your peers and sharing ideas. You also said that you view our staff as experts on the products and services municipalities need so you can build thriving communities.

We look forward to continuing to support your communities under a new name and can't wait to **share our new brand with you on November 17.**



ADVOCACY UPDATES



Conversation with the Honourable Jason Luan, Minister of Community and Social Services

AUMA had a conversation with the Honourable Jason Luan, Minister of Community and Social Services, to discuss areas of key interest to our municipalities.

Estimates for 2022 Municipal Sustainability Initiative are Now Available

The Province has released the estimated allocations for each municipality's 2022 and 2023 Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding. There are three takeaways for municipalities to be aware of when planning your 2022 and 2023 budgets.



Update from the Legislature - November 3

- Provincial Police Force
- Unpaid Oil & Gas Taxes
- Rural Engagement Survey
- Fall Legislation Status

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Municipalities to Regain Special Lien Powers on Oil and Gas Properties

If passed, Bill 77 will amend the Municipal Government Act to provide municipalities with the ability to place special priority liens on linear property and machinery and equipment as a means to recover unpaid taxes from the applicable property owner or operator.

BUSINESS SERVICES



November is Financial Literacy Month

Since November is Financial Literacy Month, our Retirement Services team wanted to share with you some information to help your employees understand how to start saving for retirement.

GOOD TO KNOW

Elected officials often have questions about FOIP, Alberta's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta (OIPC) has published an overview of FOIP for municipal councillors. It outlines the law for municipalities, describes differences between constituency and municipality records, summarizes how FOIP applies to *in camera* meetings, cautions the use of personal email accounts and texting for council business, and highlights the duty to protect personal information.

[Helping Municipal Councillors Understand FOIP](#) is available on the OIPC's website.

Public Affairs Association of Canada – Alberta Chapter will be presenting **Municipal Elections 2021: The Road Ahead at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov 9**. Moderated by a former Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, the free one-hour webinar will be hosted by Global Public Affairs and will feature insights from Edmonton Councillor Sarah Hamilton, former Whitecourt Mayor Maryann Chichak, former Calgary Councillor Shane Keating, and former City Manager of Edmonton Linda Cochrane.

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- Public Works Foreman
- Temporary Full-Time Equipment Operator
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- Manager of Corporate Services
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- Public Works Operator
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**Emergent
resolutions on
Health Restrictions
and Alberta
Supports**

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**Alberta
Municipalities
'Incubating' New
Businesses**

Our marquee event is returning to the Edmonton
Convention Centre from Nov. 17 to 19 after an
unavoidable one-year hiatus caused by the pandemic.

People's health and well-being are paramount
throughout our three-day event. For this reason, we
will follow the provincial government's Restrictions
Exemption Program and Edmonton's mask bylaw.



ADVOCACY UPDATES



**COMING
SOON**

We are here to help you build thriving communities

On Day 1 of Convention 2021 you will see how we have developed our new brand in a way that communicates our Association’s inclusiveness, the diversity of its membership, and the benefits that come from acting together.

Emergent resolutions on Health Restrictions and Alberta Supports

Visit our resolutions page to access the latest version of the Resolutions Book, including new resolutions on “Provincial Health Restriction Decisions” and “Alberta Supports and Children’s Services Closure to Walk in Clients”.



Update from the Legislature - November 10

- New Minister
- Red Tape Reduction Annual Report Released
- COVID-19 Vaccination Progress
- Fall Legislation Status

Third Round of Housing Supply Challenge Begins January 2022

With up to \$300M of funding available, the Housing Supply Challenge invites applicants from across Canada to propose innovative solutions to affordable housing barriers.

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INNOVATION

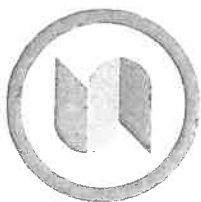


Alberta Municipalities 'Incubating' New Businesses

Following in the footsteps of venture and start-up programs, municipalities across Alberta are creating their own incubators to encourage innovation, economic and local business development.

GOOD TO KNOW

Changes to the way some *Water Act* licenses are submitted and managed by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) are coming on November 15, 2021. The ministry is streamlining its regulatory system with the development of a new Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS). The DRAS System was successfully launched in June 2021 with the migration of *Water Act* approval applications, approval amendment applications and Code of Practice Notices. In November 2021, the ministry will enable DRAS to manage *Water Act* surface water and groundwater licenses and amendments and amalgamations to existing licenses. To learn more about these changes, visit the [Digital Regulatory Assurance System webpage](#).



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Get a better understanding of your municipal buildings' energy use to save money.

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When you borrow from our Tool Lending Library, you get:

- Free access to borrow energy auditing tools so you do not have to buy tools.
- An easy rental process. You can borrow energy auditing tools any time, hassle-free.
- Tutorials on how to use the tools on the library website.
- Exclusive access. The Tool Lending Library is only available to municipal staff.

Confidence that your buildings are running efficiently. Or gain insight into what needs upgrading.

Borrow a tool today!

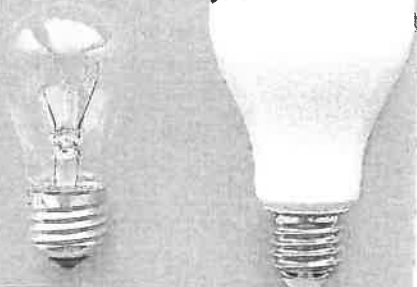
Alberta Capital Region Opportunity

The Alberta Council for Environmental Education (ACEE) offers outreach support to municipalities in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region through **Capital Region EcoSchools** for this school year. EcoSchools Canada's award-winning environmental school certification program tracks the collective impact of over a million Canadian students involved in curriculum-tied climate action. ACEE is working to connect environmental education providers, school boards, and municipalities through this powerful opportunity to increase community-engaged climate action.

Contact melanie@abcee.org to express interest, and work with her to shape the program to help you reach your environmental and climate goals by participating in bimonthly advisory committee meetings. We warmly welcome all municipal energy champions!

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- IT Business Solutions Coordinator
- Community Peace Officer
- Administrative Assistant
- Planning & Legislative Services Clerk
- Safety Codes Technician
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CASUAL LEGAL: The Longstanding Rule to Address Ambiguity in Contracts

November 10, 2021

The Longstanding Rule to Address Ambiguity in Contracts

By James McTague

Reynolds Mirth Richards Farmer LLP

AMSC Casual Legal Service Provider

Contracts are often the result of extensive negotiations. Each party seeks to have the contract drafted in such a way that it favours their own interests. The consequence of this process can often be that some contractual provisions are unclear or ambiguous, which can result in parties to the contract interpreting provisions differently.

The *contra proferentum* rule is a longstanding legal doctrine that addresses how a court will interpret ambiguity in a contract. The latin phrase *contra proferentum* translates to 'against the offeror'. The rule provides that any ambiguity in a contractual provision shall be interpreted against the interests of the party who drafted or introduced the provision.

The underlying basis for the rule is that if a party sought to include an ambiguous or vague provision in the contract that results in their own favour, the benefit they receive from this act should be limited by having the ambiguity interpreted in a matter that is favourable to the party who did not include the provision – the innocent party.

When courts are applying this rule, they will first consider whether the language of the contract is sufficiently ambiguous to be unclear or uncertain. If it is determined that the language is sufficiently ambiguous, they will attempt to determine what the true intention of the parties was when the contract was established. Courts will consider available evidence to assist in determining the true intention of the parties. If the evidence does not clarify the true intention of the parties, courts will apply the rule and interpret the ambiguity or unclear provision in a way that is favourable to the party who did not draft the provision – the innocent party.

The rule is still commonly applied to address ambiguity. As municipalities often draft various contracts and agreements, it is critical to ensure that the contract is clear and unambiguous to avoid having any ambiguity interpreted in a manner that is unfavorable to the municipality. Further, clear contractual language can be sufficient to contract out of the rule by confirming that the contract was prepared mutually and no ambiguity should be interpreted against the drafter.

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DISCLAIMER: This article is meant to provide information only and is not intended to provide legal advice. You should seek the advice of legal counsel to address your specific set of circumstances. Although every effort has been made to provide current and accurate information, changes to the law may cause the information in this article to be outdated.

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Notifications

COVID-19 Updates: State of public health emergency declared.

- Public health restrictions to reduce transmission are now in effect.
- Book your vaccine: Everyone 12+ can get first and second doses now.
- Get the facts: Vaccines are safe and save lives.

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Digital Regulatory Assurance System

Online system designed to clarify regulatory requirements and manage a project's lifecycle from application to closure.

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Coming soon: New *Water Act* licence applications in the Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS)

Effective November 15, 2021, applications for *Water Act* licences for surface water and groundwater can be submitted through DRAS. Temporary diversion licences (TDLs) will continue to be submitted through WATERS and will be included in DRAS at a later date.

Overview

On June 21, 2021, Alberta Environment and Parks took a significant step towards streamlining its regulatory system with the new Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS).

About the Digital Regulatory Assurance System

The Digital Regulatory Assurance System or DRAS will make reviewing applications more transparent and efficient—all while maintaining high environmental standards.

The new system is designed to clarify environmental regulatory expectations to applicants and to support all authorization types managed by Alberta Environment and Parks under the *Water Act*, *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, and the *Public Lands Act*. DRAS will be used to manage the entire lifecycle of a project from application to authorization, monitoring and compliance reporting, to remediation and closure.

DRAS Implementation

The Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS) will roll out in stages throughout 2021 to 2023 and will eventually house all applications online.

Future rollouts will include:

- *Water Act* temporary diversion licences
- *Public Lands Act* dispositions for commercial and industrial activities
- Drinking water management and the remaining host of activities Alberta Environment and Parks regulates

For applicants, DRAS will provide:

- The ability to apply for one project with multiple activities via an integrated application
- Clear, upfront application standards and requirements
- A clear decision-making process
- The ability to track the status of applications in real-time
- Increased province wide-consistency in application processes

Improvements to Public Notice and Statement of Concern Processes

- A public notice viewer has been created in DRAS that enables Alberta Environment and Parks to immediately post applications when public notice is required and to receive Statements of Concern directly in the system.
 - For applicants, this simplifies the public notice process, and provides clear timelines.
 - For the public, the public notice viewer on DRAS has an interactive map that enables members of the public to search areas of interest and includes a built-in form to instantly submit a Statement of Concern. Submitting a Statement of Concern through the public notice viewer on DRAS allows the filer to track the status of their submission in real time.

Public notices will continue to be posted in other media, such as in newspapers and on bulletin boards, as users become familiar with DRAS. Statements of Concern will also continue to be accepted in other media such as through mail or email.

Updates to the Indigenous Consultation Process

To align with Alberta's proponent-led Indigenous consultation method, applicants for *Water Act* approvals and, beginning on November 15, 2021, *Water Act* licences, will now use the Electronic Disposition System (EDS) to

seek consultation requirements.

Key information for *Water Act* approval and licence applicants on the proponent-led Indigenous consultation method can be found on DRAS:

[What is Indigenous Consultation in Alberta?](#)

[What is an Indigenous Consultation Adequacy Assessment?](#)

Updates to DRAS Delegations

Applicants can add representative(s) to their DRAS profiles to give them permission to read, write and/or submit applications and further delegated permissions on their behalf. You can find out more about this process here:

[How to Add Someone to Your Profile](#)

[How to Add a Delegate to a Project \(Applicant/Holder/Delegate\)](#)

[How to Add Someone to Your Profile \(Representative\)](#)

[How to Apply on Someone Else's Behalf](#)

Training

Webinars on DRAS for *Water Act* licence applications are being offered to assist applicants with this change. To register for a session, visit our EventBrite website:

[DRAS Webinars:](#)

Instructional videos on components of DRAS are also available on YouTube. To view the following videos, click on the links:

- [How to Create an Account and Log in to DRAS](#)
- [How to Add a Delegate to a Project](#)
- [What an Applicant and Applicant Representative See in DRAS](#)
- [How to Connect to Legacy Applications in DRAS - For Applicants and Representatives](#)

How to access DRAS

Step 1: Create an account

To access DRAS, all users will require a valid MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) account or MyAlberta Digital ID for Business (MADI-B) account.

- Individuals submitting an application require a [MADI](#) account.
- If you are applying on behalf of a business or organization, a [MADI-B](#) account is required.
 - The administrator(s) for a MADI-B account will send invitations to other employees of the organization in order to add them under the MADI-B account.

- Do not invite anyone outside of your organization to join your company's MADI-B account.

For assistance, email myalbertaid@gov.ab.ca or call [1-844-643-2789](tel:1-844-643-2789).

Step 2: Log in to DRAS

Once your MADI or MADI-B account has been obtained, you must log in to DRAS with your MADI or MADI-B credentials to have a DRAS profile. This is required before an application or notice can be submitted or before a representative can be assigned to submit on your behalf.

Supported browsers:

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox

Note: Mobile browsers are currently not supported.

[Go to DRAS](#)

Contact

Connect with Alberta Environment and Parks:

Hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm (open Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)

Phone: [780-427-6311](tel:780-427-6311)

Toll free: [310-0000](tel:310-0000) before the phone number (in Alberta)

Email: regulatoryassurance.support@gov.ab.ca

Related

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Hello CAOs,

A new version of the 2021 Resolutions Book is attached in both PDF and Word formats. It now includes emergent resolutions on "Provincial Health Restriction Decisions" and "Alberta Supports and Children's Services Closure to Walk in Clients".

We encourage sharing with your elected officials (mayors and councillors) in preparation for the debate and vote on resolutions at our upcoming Convention. The process considering resolutions is outlined in the Resolutions Policy included in the book, starting on page 7.

We look forward to an engaging resolutions session!

Sincerely,

Dan Rude | Chief Executive Officer
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Resolutions for discussion at the 2021 Annual Convention

**Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
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Edmonton, Alberta
November 17-19**

**Resolutions Session
Thursday, November 18**

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About Resolutions

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (“AUMA”) represents over 260 municipalities that face a wide variety of complex issues. AUMA’s vision is to be a change agent that enables municipalities to be a fully engaged order of government with the capacity to build thriving communities. AUMA’s mission is to be the voice of our member municipalities and provide visionary leadership, solutions-based advocacy and service excellence.

As part of fulfilling our vision and mission, AUMA conducts an annual resolutions process that enables member municipalities to identify and prioritize common issues and solutions and empower AUMA’s Board of Directors to advocate to the federal and provincial governments on members’ behalf. This process includes a Resolutions Session at AUMA’s Convention where members vote on the resolutions submitted.

As set out in AUMA’s [Resolutions Policy](#), a resolution must address a topic of concern affecting municipalities on a regional or provincial level, and must be approved by the council of the sponsoring municipality and seconded by an additional municipal council. A resolution must not direct one or more municipalities to adopt a particular course of action or policy but must be worded as a request for consideration of an issue, including a call for action, by the AUMA.

Resolutions adopted by members annually at Convention are typically active for three years. AUMA administration, standing committees and the Board take action to develop and implement advocacy strategies for each resolution. Given the scope, complexity and volume of issues facing municipalities, AUMA uses a [framework](#) to prioritize where it invests our collective efforts.

All resolutions from the current year and the six previous years, including those that are both active and expired, are posted in the [Resolutions Library](#) on AUMA’s website. Resolutions are categorized under [five advocacy subject areas](#):

- Economic
- Environment
- Governance
- Infrastructure
- Social

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Between the Lines
Update for Government and Stakeholders

FortisAlberta has remained fully functional from a customer service and operations perspective throughout the pandemic, including as we move through the fourth wave. We remain committed to completing essential service work as scheduled for all customers and for our large industrial customers, there have been no stoppages in work on any projects as a result of impacts to our field crews or other employees.

We are mindful of how sometimes even the smallest of financial impacts can place added stress on our customers and we have been thoughtful about how we can assist with affordability within the constructs of our regulatory framework. Customers and stakeholders can also rest assured we are taking all necessary precautions related to limiting the spread of COVID-19.

FortisAlberta Waives \$2 Million in Reconnection Fees

FortisAlberta takes pride in doing what is right for its customers and strives to ensure that our charges and fees are fair and reasonable.

In light of the continuing economic challenges that exist in our province and the associated hardships faced by many of our customers arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, FortisAlberta has temporarily suspended the collection of reconnection fees to provide targeted relief for customers seeking reconnection of services. Any customer requiring a reconnection of service in 2021 will not be required to pay. Reconnection fees are applied when FortisAlberta is asked to reconnect or restore service to a customer whose service was previously restricted by a current-limiting device or was disconnected.


Coincident with the reopening of the province from pandemic lockdown and initial recovery in the oil and gas sector during the first half of 2021, FortisAlberta experienced an increase in volume of total reconnection requests received, as compared to prior, pre-downturn years. The Company recognized that levying reconnection fees may cause some Albertans added financial burden during these trying times. As such, FortisAlberta determined that it was in the best interest of its customers to temporarily suspend reconnection fees and to refund any amounts collected prior to suspension. To date, the reconnection fees forgone and refunded total approximately \$2 million.

The Company is not seeking recovery of any refunded or foregone 2021 reconnection fee amounts in its most recent application to the Alberta Utilities Commission. FortisAlberta will re-institute the collection of reconnection fees in 2022 in accordance with the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

About FortisAlberta

As owner and operator of more than 60 per cent of Alberta's total electricity distribution network, FortisAlberta's focus is delivering safe and reliable electricity to more than half a million residential, farm and business customers. The Company serves more than 240 communities with 124,000 kilometers of distribution power lines across Alberta.

We deliver the electricity that empowers Albertans to succeed. We keep the power on, not just because it's our job, but because we care about the people we serve. We are reliable, honest and dedicated to our work because our employees, customers and communities matter to us.



If you have any questions or require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact your FortisAlberta Stakeholder Relations Manager.

Thank you,

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cc: Council.

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Cc: Smith, Nicole
Subject: Congratulatory Letter for Council and AUMA Customer Reception Invitation
Attachments: Alberta Beach.pdf; CustomerReception-AUMA-2021-V3.pdf

Good morning,

Please find attached the following:

- Formal Congratulatory Letter for Council
- Invitation to our AUMA Customer Reception on November 17, 2021

Also, for this year's AUMA tradeshow, you can find us at Booth #5 & #6. We hope you can stop by; we look forward to seeing you.

Thank you,

November 4, 2021

Mayor and Council
Village of Alberta Beach
PO Box 278
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Dear Mayor and Council:

I would like to offer the council my congratulations to all those newly elected or those returning to council as a result of the recent municipal election. It takes a special individual to run for public office with all the current challenges that we are facing today. On behalf of FortisAlberta and myself thank you for your commitment to a better future for all Albertans.

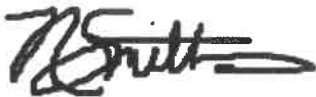
I look forward to being a resource for your municipality and council, to provide support in meeting any future challenges and the privilege on continuing to work and build a strong working relationship.

In addition, you will be receiving an invitation on behalf of FortisAlberta, to participate in Electricity 101, a course which has been designed specifically for Elected Officials and Senior Administration.

As you focus on the work ahead, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance, my contact information is below.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes for a successful term.

Sincerely,



Nicole Smith
Stakeholder Relations Manager
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On behalf of
FortisAlberta

AUMA CUSTOMER RECEPTION

We would like to invite you to our customer service reception.

Wednesday, Nov.17, 2021

7 – 10 p.m.

Drinks & Hors d'oeuvres

Fairmont Hotel Macdonald, Wedgewood Room
10065 100 Street, Edmonton AB

Dress: Business Casual

COVID-19 Protocol

*For this reception, the hotel is participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program.

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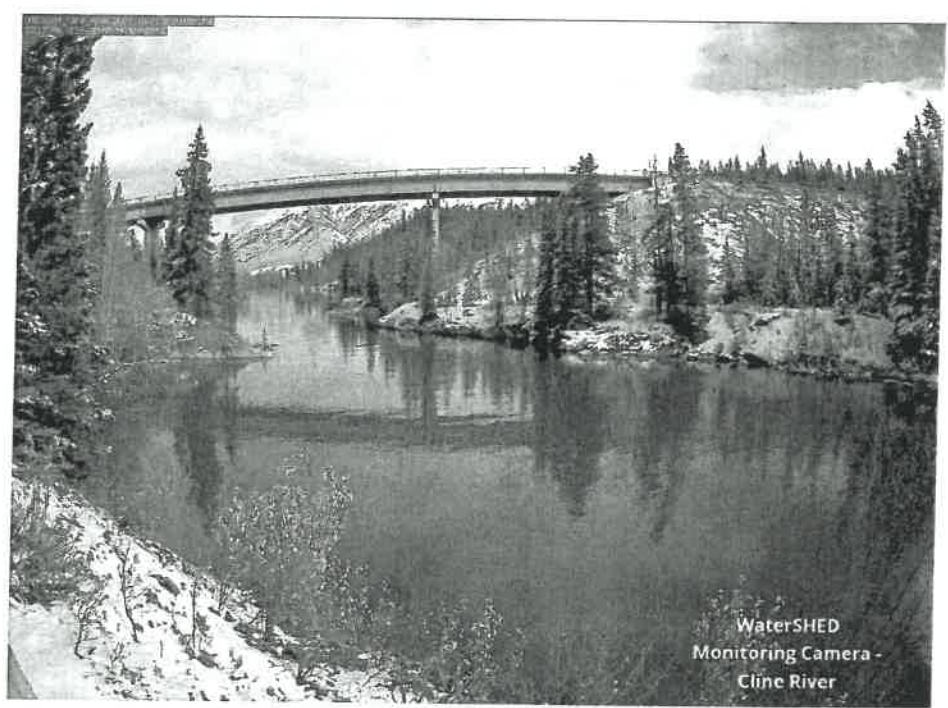
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From: NSWA <water@nswa.ab.ca>
Sent: October 26, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Jim
Subject: Seasons change...🍁❄️



IN STREAM NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2021

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR



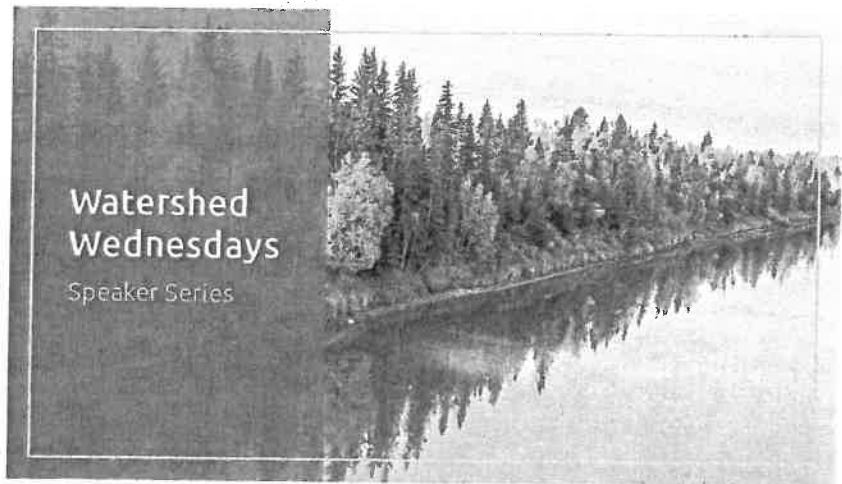
WaterSHED
Monitoring Camera -
Cline River

As seasons change, the watershed has a different beauty, and it is a great time of year to explore and enjoy the changing scenery. Follow our social media this month for information on the importance of riparian areas to watershed health, and the upcoming NSWA Watershed Wednesday lunchtime webinars.



NSWA welcomes the new councillors, reeves and mayors elected in the watershed. We look forward to new opportunities to collaborate and work together on watershed projects in your communities. We wish you all the best in this next term.

WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS RETURN



Join NSWA for **Watershed Wednesdays** this fall - an online speaker series, the first Wednesday of each month (noon to 1 pm) on a variety of watershed topics:

October 6 - WETLANDS

Presentations on Strathcona County's Wetland Projects and the Alberta Wetland Policy Implementation Review are now posted on our [website](#).

November 3 - AQUATIC HEALTH

- *Using parasites as a surrogate for host biodiversity in reclaimed wetlands* -Brooke McPhail, PhD candidate, University of Alberta
- *Using Watershed geospatial data to guide Aquatic Ecosystem Health sampling in the North Saskatchewan River basin* - Craig Emmerton, Alberta Environment and Parks

December 1 - WATER QUALITY - speakers to be announced

These webinars will be held online using Zoom. Register now to get more information and reminders for the series. The Zoom link will be sent the day before the webinar. We look forward to meeting with you.

REGISTER HERE

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

Are you a local landowner, concerned citizen or nature lover?

Check out the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance's monthly blog which features stories and projects relating to healthy water and landscapes.



OCTOBER'S BLOG:
XStream Science at New Myrnam School with Battle River Watershed Alliance

To learn more, go to:
<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>



Vermilion River
WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Check out the latest VRWA blog about **XStream Science**

NSWA joined the **New Myrnam School** and the **Battle River Watershed Alliance** for an XStream Science event along the Vermilion River earlier this month. Read more about the program in the latest VRWA blog.

VRWA Blog

RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING

The graphic features a background of a river with a power button icon overlaid. The text 'RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL' is centered above the title 'RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING'. Below the title, it lists the target audience and the purpose of the training. Two workshop options are listed with their dates and times. At the bottom, it states that all workshops are free and provides a registration link.

RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL

RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING

Planners and Project Managers in government, agriculture, & ENGO;
Get the background and skills you need to use the data and
contribute your riparian projects to this exciting new resource.

101: Dive into the Riparian Data: Our Intactness Project
Thurs. November 25th, 1:30pm

102: Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal
Friday November 26th, 1:30pm

All Workshops are offered at no cost, via Zoom.
Attendees must complete the 101 workshop before 102.
Register at [battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Do you want to learn more about the new **Riparian Web Portal** and how to use it? Join the NSW and the Battle River Watershed Alliance to learn more about this exciting new website. Training events are scheduled in November.

REGISTER

STORIES OF STEWARDSHIP

Tuesday November 30 2021

3:30-5pm

Zoom Webinar

An event to celebrate landowner restoration projects and stewardship activities in the Vermilion River Watershed

SEE LINK TO REGISTER ON
EVENTBRITE



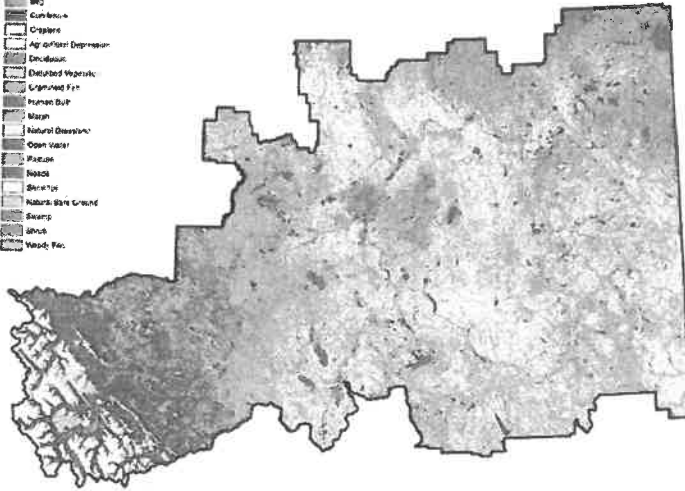
Join the NSWA and the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance to celebrate the restoration and stewardship activities in the Vermilion River watershed over these past few years. These activities were part of the project that received an Emerald Award this year in the Shared Footprints Category. Register for the event on Eventbrite.

[REGISTER](#)

LAND COVER DATASET AVAILABLE

Land Cover Classes

- Beq
- Combe...
- Cypress
- Highland Depression
- Deciduo...
- Disturbed Herbic...
- Lignoid Fir
- Human Dist...
- Marsh
- Natural Disturb...
- Open Water
- Piceae
- Shrub
- Shrub
- Natural Bare Ground
- Sewer
- Shrub
- Wood Pa...



Good news! The 2018 Land cover dataset commissioned by the NSWA is now available on the Government of Alberta Open Data website and freely available for download.

Many people asked about this dataset created in the NSWA Riparian Intactness project, and now this foundational dataset is available for your use! The 18-class, 6-meter resolution dataset covers the North Saskatchewan River and Battle River watersheds. In addition, a more detailed dataset is available for a 50-meter buffer along creeks and lakes in the watershed.

You can find the datasets on the Government of Alberta Website:

<https://geodiscover.alberta.ca/> by searching **Wall to Wall Land Cover and Shoreline Buffer Landcover**. You can find supplementary descriptions about the dataset and the methods used on the NSWA website here:

DATASET INFORMATION

MEET OUR NSWA BOARD MEMBERS



Kyle Schole joined the NSWA Board as a Member-at-Large in summer 2021. He is a municipal planner with Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake, which are both a two-day canoe ride northeast of Edmonton, down the NSR. Previously, Kyle studied Political Science at the University of Calgary, and grew up on a family cow/calf ranch in Westlock County. He has also worked as a kayak guide on Canada's west coast, and interned in the Office of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Ottawa.

Excitingly, the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County have embarked on an Economic Development Strategy in partnership with the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA), centered around growing the cultural, agri-food, and heritage tourism of the Victoria District.

Smoky Lake County is also spearheading an initiative to see 717km of the North Saskatchewan River across Alberta recognized under the honorary Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS), which has to-date been endorsed by dozens of directly river-adjacent municipalities, Indigenous organizations, utilities, businesses, and Alberta Minister of Environment and Parks (AEP) Jason Nixon. Indeed, the NSR Heritage River Initiative is creating a plethora of opportunities to develop and share knowledge, facilitate partnerships and collaborative planning, and increase the public's understanding of this exceptional river.

Favorite place in the watershed:

"There are so many incredible, scenic, diverse places to explore across the watershed; from the Sask. Glacier, to Rocky Mountain House, to River Valley Alliance trails of the Capital Region, to the crossing at Highway 17 and beyond into the Province of Saskatchewan! ...Perhaps most of all, the picturesque Métis Crossing, situated on historic River Lots, and including the new Cultural Gathering Center and Lodge, where visitors can learn about the Métis, and 'paddle into the past' in a voyageur canoe."

Favorite NSWA memory:

"I am relatively new to this board, but I am really enjoying interacting with other members and NSWA staff, learning about their work, vision, and connections to our shared watershed."

Quote:

"Alberta Watershed Advisory and Planning Councils (WPACs) are experiencing something of a renewed significance for stewardship and water policy in Alberta, in part by coordinating and encouraging collaboration among volunteers, members, and organizations. NSWA can, should, and will be at the leading edge of this evolution."

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The **Environmental Law Center** is hosting a webinar Reimagining Rivers: Animals as Legal Beings - for more information and to register check their website

Check out the new video Running Dry: Alberta's Shrinking Rivers by the Livingstone Landowners Group.

There are several **Working Well** workshops across the province this fall. Check out the poster link for more information.

The **Government of Alberta** has posted new **flood study update** notices for the North Saskatchewan River Hazard Study and the St. Albert Flood Hazard Study. The updated information can be found at the link [here](#).

People from local government, researchers, policy makers and educators rely on [Municipal Natural Assets Initiative](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest in measuring, managing and valuing of natural assets. Subscribe to their newsletter for more information.

The **Land Stewardship Center** has published a new online [Stewardship Directory](#) as well as a new [Green Communities Guide](#). Check them out on their website as well as many other resources.

Ducks Unlimited has published a new **Alberta Wetland Classification Field Guide**. You can [download](#) an updated copy or purchase a copy [here](#).

Check out the **NSWA DISCOVERS** section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning for your family.



SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

The NSWA accepts donations through the **ATB Cares** program which matches 15% of every dollar donated to a Alberta-based charities through their [ATB Cares Web Portal](#). It is easy to use and automatically issues a charitable tax receipt for donations \$10 and over.

NSWA is a registered charity. For information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



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Town of Onoway new Councillor Committee appointments

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Councillors' Committee Appointments for 2021-2022

Mayor	L. Kwasny
Deputy Mayor	L. Johnson
Appointments to Quasi-judicial Boards	
Assessment Review Board	Contracted to Capital Region Assessment Services Corp.
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	Contracted to Milestone Municipal Services
Appointments to Statutory Committees	
Municipal Planning Committee - Councillors	All Councillors
Subdivision Authority	All Councillors
Appointments to Regional Service Commissions	
Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission	R. Murray (Alternate R. Winterford)
Highway 43 East Solid Waste Commission	L. Kwasny (Alternate B. Coninx)
WILD Regional Water Commission	B. Coninx (Alternate L. Kwasny)
Appointments to Regional Boards	
East End Bus Society	R. Winterford (Alternate R. Murray)
Yellowhead East Community Futures	R. Murray (Alternate L. Johnson)
Lac Ste. Ann Foundation	L. Kwasny
Yellowhead Regional Library Board	R. Winterford
Economic Development Committee/ Partnership Committee	R. Winterford & B. Coninx (Alt. R. Murray)
Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC)	R. Murray (Alternate L. Kwasny)
Onoway Regional Medical Clinic/Physician Recruitment Retention Committee	L. Johnson (Alternate R. Winterford)
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance	L. Kwasny (Tech Committee J. Madge)
Regional Emergency Services Committee/ Fire Services	L. Kwasny (Alternate B. Coninx) & CAO
Emergency Management & Disaster Services Committee	L. Johnson & B. Coninx

Councillors' Committee Appointments for 2021-2022

<u>Revenue & Cost Sharing Study Committee</u>	R. Winterford(Alt B. Coninx) & CAO
Appointments to Local Boards	
<u>Onoway and District Chamber of Commerce</u>	R. Winterford (Alternate L. Johnson)
<u>Onoway Public Library Board</u>	L. Johnson & R. Winterford
<u>Region 1 Recreation and FCSS Board</u>	Council as a Whole
<u>Onoway Facility Enhancement Association (OFEA/Community Hall)</u>	R. Winterford (Alternate L. Johnson)
<u>Onoway & District Agricultural Society(ODAS/Arena)</u>	B. Coninx (Alternate L. Johnson)
<u>Onoway Beautification Committee</u>	R. Winterford (Alternate B. Coninx)
<u>Onoway & District Historical Guild</u>	L. Johnson (Alternate R. Murray)
<u>Regional Wastewater Line Committee</u>	L. Kwasny (Alt. L. Johnson)
<u>Onoway Ball Diamonds Committee</u>	B. Coninx, R. Winterford & W. Whelan (J. Mudge alt for W. Wildman)
Miscellaneous Council Appointments	
<u>Inter-municipal Development Plan Negotiating Committee</u>	R. Winterford (Alternate B. Coninx)
<u>Highway 43 Functional Planning Study - Technical Review Committee</u>	L. Kwasny (Alternate L. Johnson)
<u>Onoway Interagency Committee</u>	R. Winterford (Alternate R. Murray)

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: SnoMo Days <snomodaysab@gmail.com>
Sent: October 27, 2021 2:10 PM
To: abagsociety@gmail.com; Joe Blakeman; heidiatb@xplornet.ca; juststuffclm@hotmail.com; Kurt Zolmer Bro-Built Homes & Contracting ltd; j.orchyk@burnco.com; continentalchris@groundsupports.com; sprucegrove@drayden.com; dan@entcom.ca; Michael Arndt; palosky@lafargeholcim.com; Lakeview Campground; wayne@lenbeth.com; jan@michenerallen.com; Andrew Laird; kouderkirk@steannegas.com; office@sunsetpoint.ca; d.evans@valquentin.ca; Darren Hokanson; Tim Hay; trilakeseptic@gmail.com; val@triusinsurance.com; aboffice@albertabeach.com; info@westcoveexcavating.com; scott@windmillharbours.ca; tvbrent@icloud.com
Subject: Snono days sponsorship
Attachments: sponsorship Letter_2022.doc.docx; 2022-sponsorship-v3.pdf

Alberta Beach & District Lions Club
Box 126, Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0
www.albertabeachlions.com



Greetings to our local business partners, neighbours and friends,

The Alberta Beach & District Lions Club is an organization dedicated to serving local communities. The annual **SnoMo Days** festival is a much-anticipated fundraiser. **SnoMo Days** is now approaching its 42nd consecutive year, and this is only made possible by the support of business partners like you.

We hope that this year, you would help us continue by choosing a sponsorship level (*sponsor booklet attached*) that suits your means or business marketing plan. As a company dedicated to keeping Alberta viable, you are an ideal partner with us in this initiative.

Outlined in the **Sponsorship Opportunities** booklet enclosed, **SnoMo Days** has several different packages. Each package outlines the unique marketing benefits that will provide your company exposure to thousands of Albertans. You can choose how you would like to participate in the event, enhance your brand and make our communities better places to live.

Your consideration and response are sincerely appreciated. Thank you in advance for partnering with us to continue to make **SnoMo Days** one of the most anticipated winter festivals in the Edmonton (*north and west*) area.



EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT

**Deduct 10% off chosen sponsor package if payment
received by December 1, 2021.**

**Payment must be received by January 15, 2022 if you
wish to be included in the brochure.**

Should you have any queries or would like further details, please email: snomodayab@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted, by SnoMo Days committee,
On behalf of Alberta Beach & District Lions Club

www.snomoday.com

SNOMO DAYS 2022

Sponsorship Opportunities



42ND ANNUAL EVENT
February 19th - 21st, 2022

SnoMo Days is an Alberta Winter Festival, dedicated to supporting motorized and non-motorized winter sports, and family orientated winter leisure activities.



EVENT DETAILS

THE ATTENDANCE:

One of Alberta's most popular winter festivals attracting **6,000-8,000** people each year!

THE MAIN EVENTS:

Snowmobile Drag Races: Includes amateur & professional races.

Snowmobile Poker Rally: 100km ride open to all ages with over \$1,000 in prizes.

ATV Poker Rally: Family friendly ride open to all ages.

Snow Sculptures: Includes amateur competitions.

Family Ice Fishing: Family friendly day of ice fishing.

Skate Park: Family skating activities & games.

Fireworks: Professional fireworks display.

OHV Novelty Challenge: Slalom & cross country races for kids.

Ice Park & Kidz Zone: Sno-fun activities for kids.

Vintage Show & Shine: Vintage & classic snowmobile displays.

Some items cancelled due to covid restrictions.



PARTNERS

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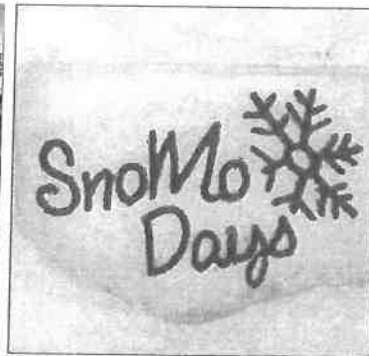
Our media partners include online, print, radio, television and other media based corporations that have committed, targeted and dedicated resources to ensure we have a strong and cohesive marketing campaign that impacts our target audience.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Alberta Beach & District Lions Club
Alberta Beach & District Ag Society
Alberta Beach & District Amateur Ball Association
Alberta Beach Snowmobile Club
Lac Ste. Anne ATV Club
Onoway & District Army Cadets
Active 50+ Club
Beachwave Park
Alberta Relic Riders
The Village of Alberta Beach
Lac Ste. Anne County
The Government of Alberta
F.C.S.S.

VOLUNTEERS:

Dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers execute over 2,000 hours of SnoMo work each year. Special thanks to these incredible people.



SPONSORS

TITLE SPONSOR - \$5,000

One (1) sponsorship available. Our Title Sponsor gets the honour and recognition of supporting one of the longest running winter festivals in Alberta with a 41-year history. Our Title Sponsor is recognized on all media, promotional materials, signage, website, and correspondence for the year. This equates to over \$40,000 worth of brand name exposure for the year. The event media campaign reaches over 150,000 people in the province with between 6,000-8,000 people attending the event each year.

GOLD SPONSORS - \$2,500

Five (5) sponsorships available. Our Gold Sponsors act as pillars to our event. Gold Sponsors receive one of the five main activities areas named after them including:

The Ice Park: As the latest addition to SnoMo Days, the Ice Park offers non-motorized winter sports and family orientated winter leisure activities. Ice Park & Kidz Zone: Sno-fun activities for kids.

The Raceway: For the thrill seekers, the Raceway is the place to be. As the only ticketed. Hosted by Alberta Beach Lions event at SnoMo Days, you get your money's worth as snowmobiles race at speeds exceeding 150 km/hour at times.

AA tent party on the lake with live music, bonfires, food vendors and cash bar.

ATV Rally: Family friendly ride opens to all ages.

Alberta Beach Wave Park:

SILVER SPONSORS - \$1,500

Five (5) sponsorships available. Silver Sponsors are event sponsors and are corporations often directly involved with the event activity they sponsor. Although not required, they often take the lead in ensuring all support services, volunteers and resources are available for their sponsor event. Silver sponsors receive multiple benefits for a Sno-Fun event of their choice.

Snowmobile Poker Rally: 100km ride open to all ages.

Snow Sculptures: Includes amateur competitions.

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SPONSORS

Fireworks: Professional fireworks display.

OHV Novelty Challenge: Slalom & Snow cross races for kids.

Vintage Show & Shine: Vintage & classic snowmobile displays.

BRONZE SPONSORS - \$1,000

Ten (10) sponsorships available. Bronze Sponsors are event and activity sponsors and are the backbone of the three day festival. These sponsors are often personally involved with the events and commit a combination of volunteer time, gifts in-kind and cash donations to help provide a variety of events and activities to enjoy. Bronze sponsors receive a variety of benefits and support one of the Sno-Fun events below:

Over the Line Snowball:

Lake Ice Skating Rink:

Broomball Tournament:

ATV & Snowmobile Parade:

Fireworks & Bonfires:

SnoMo Day Supper:

Freeze Hunger:

All other sponsorship opportunities are non-specific and still provide a great amount of exposure through our media campaign.

• Full chart of sponsor benefits: page 7.

BASIC SPONSORS - \$500

FRIENDS OF THE EVENT - \$250

• Full chart of sponsor benefits: page 7.

OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS

- Do you want your brand, business or service to be profiled at our event?
- By becoming an Official Supplier you commit to providing a comprehensive in-kind sponsorship in exchange for becoming the official brand in your category. These categories include but are not limited to:

OFFICIAL VEHICLE SUPPLIER

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION

OFFICIAL BRAND:

- Beverage
- Snack
- Beer Company
- Food Company
- Heaters
- Generators
- Tents
- Signs
- Printing

VOLUNTEER SPONSOR, IN-KIND

With over 200 volunteers needed to run this event, our Volunteer Sponsor helps with ensuring our volunteers have everything they need. This includes tenting, heaters, food, t-shirts, etc. We need our volunteers to make this day successful and we acknowledge this sponsor in all volunteer related signage, media and correspondence.



SPONSOR BENEFITS

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS	LIVE STREAMING - LOGO AD	ALL MARKETING MATERIALS	NAMING RIGHTS	ICE BREAKER SIGNAGE	BOOTH ON ICE	INFO SIGNAGE	EVENT SIGNAGE/BANNERS	TROPHIES	PROGRAM AD / LISTING	WEBSITE AD / LISTING
TITLE \$5,000	1 SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 3-Day VIP* • 10 Sunday Event Passes • 5 VIP Park Passes Advertising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Page (Back Cover) Program Ad • Landing Page Website Ad • LIVE Stream Logo 	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
GOLD \$2,500	5 SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 3-Day VIP* • 7 Sunday Event Passes • 3 VIP Park Passes Advertising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Page Program Ad • Banner Website Ad 				•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SILVER \$1,500	5 SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 3-Day VIP* • 5 Sunday Event Passes • 2 VIP Park Passes Advertising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter Page Program Ad • Footer Website Ad 				•	•	•	•	•	•	•
BRONZE \$1,000	10 SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 3-Day VIP* • 2 Sunday Event Passes • 1 VIP Park Pass Advertising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eighth Page Program Ad • Website Listing 						•	•	•	•	
BASIC \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 3-Day VIP* • 1 Sunday Event Passes • 1 VIP Park Pass Advertising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Listing 							•	•		
FRIEND \$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 3-Day VIP* • 1 Sunday Event Passes Advertising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Listing 							•	•		

* Includes access to Saturday Ice Breaker Event, Sunday Drag Races and all other Sunday on Ice Events.

ORDER FORM

SNOMO DAYS SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE - ORDER FORM

Fill in this form and copy for your records. Return with a cheque before December 31st, 2021. Packages will be confirmed by phone or email. First come, first served. Mail to:

**Alberta Beach Lions
Box 126
Alberta Beach, AB
T0E 0A0**

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PC: _____

Email: _____

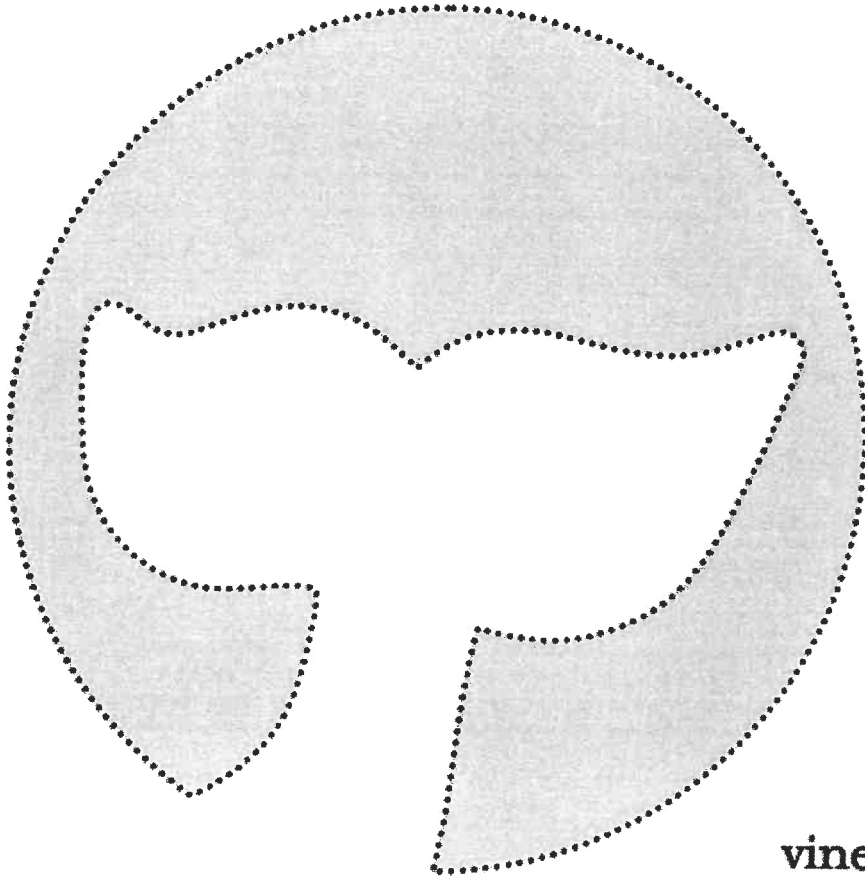
Select the package, and make cheques payable to "Alberta Beach Lions Club"

Title Gold Silver Bronze Basic Friends

CONTACT:

Please review the sponsorship packages available for SnoMo Days, and select the level of support that suits your individual means or your business marketing plan. If you have any questions about SnoMo Days support please call Terry Scheiris at (780) 995-7619, or email: snomodaysab@gmail.com.






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aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Richard Curtis <richardcon40@hotmail.com>
Sent: October 15, 2021 1:55 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Cc: Richard Curtis; les berkness
Subject: Museum Lease

Dear Council

The Alberta Beach and District Museum and Archives Society's lease agreement with the Summer Village of Alberta Beach is due to be signed in 2022. The last one was signed in September, 2009, I believe. Prior to this signing we would like to make two changes that we hope the council will agree too.

The first amendment is that the Village take over the basic lawn mowing. We have been very fortunate in the past to have Les Berkness as our Project Manager and Lawn Maintenance personnel. He has done a terrific job maintaining the grounds, but now feels he can no longer mow the grass since we only have a push mower and the lawn is quite expansive. He is willing to continue the trimming. During the summer, we have noticed a ride on mower being used to cut the ball diamonds. Since we are right next door and provide a wonderful tourist attraction for the village and area, we were hoping that our grass could be included when those grounds are being mowed.

Our second request is to be able to sign the lease in May or June, so that if the lawn negotiation is approved, it will be in effect for next year's opening.

I would appreciate this being on the November or December Council Meeting Agenda and would like notice so that I can attend.

Thank you
Connie Curtis, President
Alberta Beach and District Museum

Sent from my iPhone

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Richard Curtis <richardcon40@hotmail.com>
Sent: October 15, 2021 5:19 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Museum Lease

In regard to the email sent earlier today about the museum lease signing. We realize with the change in council taking place next week, this may not be a good time to present these changes. We have decided to hold of on the presenting this lease amendment until the new year. We'll be in contact then.

Thank you
Connie Curtis

Sent from my iPhone

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Cydney Henderson <earthday2017@gmail.com>
Sent: October 25, 2021 10:04 AM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com; Wendy Lippa; Richard Baker; Gwen Jones; Helen And Brian Purnell; dee hobbs; Mark Harvey; Penny & Andre Brassard
Subject: Seniors 50+ club signage

Hi there! I understand that this request must be put to Council
Here is the basic information.

The seniors have a large sign (dimensions: 8' X 5'), letter changeable sign which they would like to offer to the community at large to advise the community of upcoming events and other important info.

At present, this sign is being renovated and made movable by a team from the club.....we anticipate it may be ready for use by December 1.

We would like permission to use it at the corner of the 3 way stop, where the town often has their sign. With wheels on it, we are planning to have it locked into place so it can not be fiddled with or vandalized. We are working on the security issue and would welcome your input.

We humbly submit this request to put the sign to use in the spot mentioned for the advantage of the entire community.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Lippa, President

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Ted Oliver <toliver@campaign-office.com>
Sent: October 26, 2021 11:28 AM
To: ABOFFICE@ALBERTABEACH.COM
Subject: ALBERTA/ NWT COMMAND -ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK
Attachments: Ratesheet.pdf



Alberta Beach

“In recognition & appreciation of our Veterans.”

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Hi Kathy. Thank you very much for listening to me this morning, and here is that information you needed for your next council meeting in Nov.

Again, I want to profusely thank you, and everyone with the "**Village of Alberta Beach**" as best as I possibly can for your kind, but much more importantly consistent support of local Veteran's over 10 consecutive years. Just incredible! You all are first ballot hall of famers over here.

As I had mentioned on the phone, this annual publication recognizes those brave individuals who sacrificed so much for the freedoms that we enjoy today. Thousands of copies will be distributed free of charge to all Legion Branches and advertisers, select schools and libraries, and will be available on-line for anyone to view or print.

We are profoundly indebted to our Veterans. Their extraordinary service and commitment have afforded us the rights and freedoms that are merely a dream to millions of people around the globe.

The Royal Canadian Legion has honoured these deserving citizens with unwavering support. The Military Service Recognition Book is a fitting tribute to our Veterans and will be an invaluable resource to our young people, whose pride and character will be enhanced by learning about the very important role played by our Veterans, the Royal Canadian Legion,

and the contributions of its members and supporters. Past copies can be viewed online by clicking here: [books](#)

Each and every year you both have supported in past years, it was always by sponsoring a very nice 1/10th page, full color advertisement in past Remembrance publications. So, with this in mind, we would be absolutely honoured to count on all of you again this year.

Above is a copy of the most recent ad we have on file, for your approval. It probably appears a little fuzzy/distorted, that is because I only have access to lower resolution files through my home computer system. It is crystal clear on our end.

Thank you very, very much again for all your help Kathy, and all the best.

Respectfully,

Ted Oliver

Advertising Rep/Military Service Recognition Book
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**Alberta-Northwest Territories Command
The Royal Canadian Legion**

“Military Service Recognition Book”

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in the **Alberta-Northwest Territories Command of The Royal Canadian Legion**, representing **Veterans** in Alberta and the NWT. Please accept this written request for your support, as per our recent telephone conversation.

The **Alberta-NWT Command** is very proud to be printing another **5,000 copies** of our 15th Annual **“Military Service Recognition Book”** that helps recognize and honour many of our brave **Veterans** who served our Country so well during times of great conflict. This annual publication goes a long way to help the Legion in our job as the **“Keepers of Remembrance”**, so that none of us forget the selfless contributions made by our **Veterans**.

We would like to have your organization's support for this Remembrance project by sponsoring an advertisement space in our **“Military Service Recognition Book.”** Proceeds raised from this important project will allow us to fund the printing of this unique publication and also help our Command to improve our services to **Veterans** and the more than 170 communities that we serve throughout Alberta and the NWT. The Legion is recognized as one of Canada's largest **“Community Service”** organizations and we are an integral part of all the communities we serve. This project ensures the Legion's continued success in providing very worthwhile services.

Enclosed, please find a rate sheet for your review. Whatever you are able to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact the **Alberta-NWT Command Campaign Office** toll free at **1-888-404-1877**.

Thank you for your consideration and or support.

Sincerely,

John Mahon
President



**Alberta-Northwest Territory Command
The Royal Canadian Legion**

“Military Service Recognition Book”

Advertising Prices

<u>Ad Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>GST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Full Colour Outside Back Cover	\$2,295.24 +	\$114.76 =	\$2,410.00
Inside Front/Back Cover (Full Colour)	\$1,995.24 +	\$99.76 =	\$2,095.00
Full Colour 2 Page Spread	\$3,190.48 +	\$159.52 =	\$3,350.00
Full Page (Full Colour)	\$1,595.24 +	\$79.76 =	\$1,675.00
Full Page	\$1,195.24 +	\$59.76 =	\$1,255.00
1/2 Page (Full Colour)	\$895.24 +	\$44.76 =	\$940.00
1/2 Page	\$695.24 +	\$34.76 =	\$730.00
1/4 Page (Full Colour)	\$542.86 +	\$27.14 =	\$570.00
1/4 Page	\$442.86 +	\$22.14 =	\$465.00
1/10 Page (Full Colour)	\$323.81 +	\$16.19 =	\$340.00
1/10 Page (Business Card)	\$271.43 +	\$13.57 =	\$285.00

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Good afternoon!

As per attached minutes, our 2021-2022 Board of Directors:

- Betty Meads – Chairperson (AB)
- Helen Purnell – Vice Chairperson (SP)
- Cathy VandenBiggelaar – Treasurer (VQ)
- Chaddie Langman – Secretary (LSAC)
- AB Council Rep. – TBA
- Director – Kathy Dion (VQ)
- Director – Riley Ekins (SP)
- Director – Sharon Hansen (LSAC)
- Director – Judey Jackson (AB)
- Director – Judy Valiquette (AB)

Donna Warwaruk will continue as our financial reviewer.

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Annual General Meeting - Alberta Beach Municipal Library

DATE:	October 12, 2021
TIME:	6:30 PM
PLACE:	Zoom On-Line Meeting
Attendees	Betty Meads – Chairperson; Helen Purnell - Vice Chairperson; Sharon Hansen – Director; Chaddie Langman – Director; Judy Valiquette – Director/ Alberta Beach Council; Kathy Dion; Judey Jackson; Cathy Brennan (Manager) Regrets: Cathy VandenBiggelaar – Treasurer; Riley Ekins

ITEM

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Betty Meads
2. **Adoption of Agenda** - One amendment was added to agenda – appointment of Donna Warwaruk as Financial Reviewer. Helen P. moved the agenda be accepted.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Chaddie L. moved adoption of the minutes from the October, 2020 Meeting.

Betty Meads moved to dissolve the 2020-2021 Alberta Beach Municipal Library's Board of Directors and opened nominations for Officers

4. **Election of Officers**

- a) **Chairperson** – Chaddie L. nominated **Betty Meads**, seconded by Sharon H. After three calls, Betty accepted the nomination
- b) **Vice Chairperson** – Betty M. nominated **Helen Purnell**, seconded by Chaddie L. After three calls, Helen accepted the nomination
- c) **Secretary** – Helen P. nominated **Chaddie Langman**, seconded by Judy V. After three calls, Chaddie accepted the nomination
- d) **Treasurer** – Betty M. nominated **Cathy VandenBiggelaar**, seconded by Chaddie L. After three calls, Cathy V. accepted via e-mail
- e) **AB Council** – TBA – pending council organizational meeting due to election
- f) **Val Quentin** – Sharon H. nominated **Kathy Dion**, seconded by Judy V. After three calls, Kathy accepted the nomination
- g) **Sunset Point** - Betty M. nominated **Riley Ekins**, seconded by Chaddie L. After three calls, Riley accepted the nomination via e-mail
- h) **Members at Large** – Chaddie L. nominated **Judy Valiquette**, seconded by Betty M. After three calls, Judy V. accepted the nomination. Chaddie L. nominated **Judey Jackson**, seconded by Helen P. After three calls, Judey accepted the nomination. Chaddie L. nominated **Sharon Hansen**, seconded by Judey J. After three calls, Sharon accepted the nomination.
- i) **Financial Reviewer** – Donna Warwaruk will continue in this role.

5.	Signing Authority – Banking and Revenue Canada
	a) Currently Betty Meads, Helen Purnell, and Cathy VandenBiggelaar have bank signing authority (two of three signatures needed on cheques). This will remain the same. b) Revenue Canada account access will be updated to Cathy VandenBiggelaar and Betty Meads. Cathy B. will prepare the paperwork needed for this.
6.	October 2020 – September 2021 Highlights were presented by Manager Cathy Brennan. Accepted as information.
	Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting October 11, 2022