

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TEMPORARILY LOCATED AT UNIT 5A, 4000 MUSEUM ROAD
AUGUST 18, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CLOSED MEETING SESSION
3. AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS
4. AGENDA ADOPTION
5. DELEGATIONS
 - a. Rick & Karen Bell – Plans for Future Upgrades to 51 Avenue & Lake Accesses
6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular Council Meeting of July 21, 2020
 - b. Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of July 21, 2020
7. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
8. OLD BUSINESS & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - a. Things To Do List
9. FINANCIAL
 - a. List of Accounts
10. COMMITTEES & REPORTS
11. CORRESPONDENCE – NO ACTION REQUIRED
 - a. Alberta Community & Social Services – Summer FCSS Update
 - b. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update July 17, 2020
 - c. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update July 24, 2020
 - d. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update July 31, 2020
 - e. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update August 7, 2020
 - f. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Stimulus Program
 - g. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance During Covid-19 July 17, 2020 Issue
 - h. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance During Covid-19 July 31, 2020 Issue
 - i. Alberta Recycling Management Authority – Update on ARMA’s Expanded Electronics Pilot
 - j. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – Alberta’s Safe Restart Funding
 - k. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA Village’s West Update
 - l. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA Statement on AHS Changes to 911 Dispatch
 - m. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – Assessment Model Review Virtual Session
 - n. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – Assessment Model Review Urban Impacts Report
 - o. Community Futures Yellowhead East – Regional Relief & Recovery Fund
 - p. Lac Ste. Anne County – Joint Media Release on Fire Services Model
 - q. Lac Ste. Anne County – Alberta Beach Boat Launch
 - r. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – In Stream Newsletter July 2020
 - s. Statistics Canada – 2021 Census of Population Questionnaire
12. CORRESPONDENCE – REQUIRES ACTION
 - a. Lac Ste. Anne County – Municipal Funding to Local Libraries
 - b. Lac Ste. Anne County – Provincial Assessment Model Review
 - c. Lac Ste. Anne Foundation – Request for Municipal Support
 - d. Lac Ste. Anne Foundation – Affordable Housing Review
 - e. Mercedes-Benz Edmonton West – Mercedes-Benz Edmonton West Cruise Event
 - f. Mr. Fred White – Road Repair
13. NEW BUSINESS
14. QUESTION PERIOD
15. ADJOURNMENT

August 18, 2020 Council Meeting

Delegation:

Rick & Karen Bell

- 51 Avenue

Rick and Karen Bell have requested to meet with Council to discuss plans for future upgrades to 51 Avenue and lake accesses.

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OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
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PRESENT:

MayorJim Benedict
Deputy MayorAngela Duncan
CouncillorBud Love
CouncillorJudy Valiquette
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION: No closed meeting session was held.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: None.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

#114-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION: None.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

#115-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 16, 2020 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

#116-20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the meeting adjourn to hold a Municipal Planning Commission meeting at 7:05 P.M.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING RECONVENED:

Mayor Benedict reconvened the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

#117-20 CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve to make application to the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission to provide Assessment Review Board services beginning in 2021.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#118-20 AUMA – NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF VILLAGES AND SUMMER VILLAGES:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve and support Deputy Mayor Duncan’s nomination for AUMA Vice President of Villages and Summer Villages.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL:

#119-20 LIST OF ACCOUNTS:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the list of accounts in the amount of \$229,675.20 be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#120-20 FINANCIAL REPORT:
MOVED BY Councillor Love that the Financial Report of June 30, 2020 as attached be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY AGLIPLIX OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the July 20th meeting (attached).
LAKE ISLE & LAC STE. ANNE WATER QUALITY – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the June 24th meeting (attached).
TRIVILLAGE REGIONAL SEWER SERVICES COMMISSION – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the July 16th meeting and the June 30th meeting with the Darwell Sewer Commission (attached).

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MLA LAKES MEETING – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the June 24th, July 10th and July 17th meetings (attached).

CBC RADIO ONE INTERVIEW – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the July 13th media interview (attached).

RECREATIONAL COMMUNITIES AD HOC MEETING – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the July 20th meeting (attached).

COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – Councillor Valiquette reviewed and submitted report on the June 22nd meeting (attached).

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the June 18th meeting and AGM (attached).

LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION – Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the June 17th meeting (attached).

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION – Councillor Love reviewed and submitted report on the June 22nd meeting (attached).

MAYOR BENEDICT:

CPO SERVICES – Mayor Benedict submitted reviewed and submitted report on the June 18th meeting (attached).

REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the June 29th, July 10th and 17th meetings (attached).

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES MEETING (CONFERENCE CALL) – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the meeting with Alberta Health, the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Alberta Municipal Affairs and the ADM of Alberta's Pandemic Response Planning held on July 16th and July 21st (attached).

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES SIGN RENTAL:

#12 1 -20

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve to rent 2 signs for the Main Beach and Boat Launch parks to advertise the public health order requirements for physical distancing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTER TO RCMP TO REQUEST ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETING:

#122 -20

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the RCMP be invited to attend the September or October Council meeting to provide an update on statistics and crime in our area, to discuss policing priorities as well as an update on the extra policing provided for Covid-19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

A report on the 2020 Development Permits issued to date was distributed for information.

#12 3 -20

MOVED BY Councillor Love that the committee reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION:

ALBERTA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE:

A letter was received from Alberta Emergency Management Agency to acknowledge receipt of the application for Disaster Recovery Assistance following the overland flooding event of May 27, 2020.

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT & PARKS – ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH:

A letter was received from Minister Nixon of Alberta Environment & Parks regarding the Alberta Beach boat launch confirming Alberta Environment does not have a grant program and Alberta Beach as the disposition holder is responsible for the maintenance and operations, further regarding the collection of fees a written request to amend the LOC must be submitted for their consideration.

#12 4 -20

ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH LOC – REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict to forward a written request to Alberta Environment and Parks to request the Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC be amended to allow for charging user fees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – AHS COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 Community updates of June 19th, July 3rd & July 10th was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA INFRASTRUCTURE – ALBERTA INFRASTRUCTURE ACT & 20 YEAR STRATEGIC CAPITAL PLAN:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Infrastructure regarding the proposed Alberta Infrastructure Act & the 20 Year Strategic Capital Plan and further that the province is requesting input on the infrastructure planning proposals.

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ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding municipal governance during Covid-19 including the June 19th issue.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN:
A letter was received from Minister Madu of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the announcement of the province's multi-billion dollar economic recovery plan and further advising that information will be released in the near future on how the funding will be allocated and how to access the funding.

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING APPROVALS – COVID-19 UPDATE:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Transportation Permitting Approvals regarding a Covid-19 update for commercial carriers.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS:
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded the news release from Alberta Health on outdoor community events.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – ELECTED OFFICIALS EDUCATION PROGRAM:
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded information on the Elected Officials Education Program course on municipal corporate planning and finance.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – 2020 AUMA AWARDS:
Correspondence was received from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the 2020 AUMA Awards.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – SUMMER 2020 MUNICIPAL LEADERS CAUCUS:
Correspondence was received from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the Summer 2020 Municipal Leaders Caucus being held in Stony Plain on August 11th, 2020.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – 2020 AUMA CONVENTION:
Correspondence was received from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the 2020 AUMA Convention being held in September advising the convention will be held virtually this year.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS – SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY:
Correspondence was received from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business requesting support for small business recovery by promoting their new Small Business Every Day campaign to encourage shopping local as businesses look to recover from Covid-19 closures and adapt to new social distancing requirements.

CITY OF COLD LAKE – SUPPORT TO REVOKE THE CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENTS OF MAY 1, 2020:
A letter was received from the City of Cold Lake requesting support to revoke the Criminal Code Amendments approved under an "Order in Council" on May 1, 2020 regarding firearms and other weapons.

GORDON & HELEN GIBSON – CAMPGROUND MANAGER CONTRACT:
Correspondence was received from Gordon & Helen Gibson advising they will not be renewing the Campground Manager Contract beyond the 2020 season. The CAO reported an advertisement will be posted for the Managers position for the 2021 campground season.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020:
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance forwarded their June 2020 In Stream Newsletter for information.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – ALBERTA POLICE ADVISORY BOARD:
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded an introductory letter & terms of reference from the interim Alberta Police Advisory Board which was established by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General to give municipalities served under the Provincial Police Service Agreement a strong voice in setting RCMP policing priorities to help ensure that policing in our communities reflects the local needs and concerns of our citizens.

THE HONOURABLE MARTY DEACON – NATIONAL HEALTH & FITNESS DAY:
The Honourable Marty Deacon, Ontario Senator forwarded correspondence regarding National Health & Fitness Day.

#12 5-20

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the correspondence be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – REQUIRING ACTION:

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#126-20 CANADA POST – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE:
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the request from Canada Post for extension of the lease in the administration building from October 26, 2020 to December 31, 2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#127-20 COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Community Futures Yellowhead East be advised that Council is requesting that CFYE investment funds be used towards their Labour Market Partnership Program.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#128-20 LIFESAVING SOCIETY – NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve the proclamation from the Lifesaving Society to proclaim National Drowning Prevention Week from July 19 - 25, 2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#129-20 REQUEST FOR DECISION – LETTER OF CONSENT (4403 – 50TH AVENUE):
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Request for Decision from the Development Officer for a Letter of Consent on 4403 – 50th Avenue be approved as per the recommendations and conditions outlined in the Development Officer's report.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

Questions and discussion arose regarding publishing of the meeting minutes and recordings, the drainage works done on the main beach and shoreline erosion, the sharing of community peace officers services, the signs required for the public health orders for physical distancing and costs associated as well as the process for review of the land use bylaw revisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Mayor – Jim Benedict

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

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- Mayor Jim Benedict
- Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan
- Councillor Bud Love
- Councillor Judy Valiquette
- Councillor Daryl Weber
- C.A.O. Kathy Skwarchuk
- Development Officer.....Kim Kozak

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: None.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR DECISION – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION #20DP10-01:

Plan 201BT, Block 10, Lot 3 (5012 – 57 Street)
Application for gravel landscaping on R1 lot as sited.

The Development Officer reviewed the Development Permit Application and the Development Officer’s Report with the members of the Municipal Planning Commission. She has recommended approval subject to the conditions as outlined in her report (attached).

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the Municipal Planning Commission approve Development Permit Application #20DP10-01 for gravel landscaping on R1 lot as sited located on Plan 201BT, Block 10, Lot 3 (5012 – 57 Street) subject to the conditions as per the Development Officer’s report.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The Municipal Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Mayor – Jim Benedict

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

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From: Arlene Wright <Arlene.Wright@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: August 13, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Arlene Wright
Cc: Ken Dropko; Joyce Mellott; Connor Gaughan; Nicole Nowakowski; krosvold@countygp.ab.ca; karenrosvold@gmail.com; bsbroughton@hotmail.com; Debbie Wood; Dimitri Dimopoulos; Duane Didow; evan.woolley@calgary.ca; eaward8@calgary.ca; George Glazier; Gordon Thomas; Judy Smith; Lisa Hannaford; Lorraine Berry; Michelle McKenzie; Jamaly Murtaza; Randy Ell; Vicki Van Vliet Vaitkunas; Mellissa Kraft; Colleen Burton Ochocki; Judy Macknee
Subject: Summer FCSS Update

Sent on behalf of Ken Dropko.

Good Morning,

I hope you are enjoying the summer months and the warm August weather. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a few updates.

Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

With the departure of Chris Wells from government, I have been asked to take on the role of Acting Assistant Deputy Minister until the recruitment process is complete. At this point, I will also continue to provide oversight to our Family and Community Services Branch.

FCSS Regulation Suspension:

It is now almost six months since the pandemic reached the province and had such a huge impact on all our lives, the way we relate to one another and how we provide services. We have certainly been challenged to get creative and find new and innovative ways of doing things. On the positive side, this adjustment has helped us discover that doing things differently is often a good thing. I am hearing from some FCSS programs that going forward in our new normal, they will adopt a hybrid approach of using the best of what worked in the past and new approaches.

In April, Minister Sawhney signed a Ministerial Order suspending the prohibition in section 2.1(2)(b) of the FCSS Regulation to allow FCSS programs to use FCSS funding where required to address local food security needs and provide food directly to individuals and families. The Ministerial Order is in effect until August 14, 2020 and has not been renewed. You will not be able to use this provision beyond the August 14 expiry date. As this was a step taken due to very unusual circumstances, we are naturally interested in knowing how many FCSS programs used the provision and what the funding was used for. We are developing a short survey to gather input on FCSS expenditures related to the provision. The survey will be out shortly.

FCSS Program Review:

The ministry is also undertaking reviews of many of its programs and FCSS is included in this process. The purpose of the FCSS review is to strengthen and clarify the strategic intent of the program, identify whether or

not there is a need to make any policy or regulatory changes, and inform strategies to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the FCSS program in the following four key areas:

- Mandate – alignment of strategic intent with local services and priorities
- Funding – approaches to prioritization
- Collaboration and coordination – opportunities to build on existing or create new partnerships
- Accountability and oversight – how can this be improved while maintaining flexibility

There will be targeted engagement for this review that will occur sometime in September and will minimally include the FCSSAA Board and/or Directors' Network representatives.

FCSS Financial Reporting (in light of the pandemic) and Multi-year Agreements

The provincial government will be providing a fiscal update soon; however, we know that the economic situation in the province remains serious. While FCSS was fortunate in maintaining its current funding, other social sector programs were not as fortunate. Albertans have a heightened awareness of government programs and services and do not hesitate to contact government if they feel tax payer dollars are not being used for its intended purpose. Although the next half of the year remains uncertain and the economy is still relaunching, I encourage you to use your FCSS funding wisely and avoid ending the year with significant surpluses. The provision to carry forward a surplus as approved on a case by case basis was intended to allow for careful management, advance planning and ability to fund new and changing priorities. We understand that local circumstances can change quickly; however we encourage you to monitor your budgets carefully.

Although you are in a three-year funding agreement, you still need to identify any anticipated surpluses at year-end and follow the process for obtaining approval to carry it forward. Please forward a request to me identifying the amount of the surplus, why the surplus occurred and your plans to spend the surplus in the coming year. As a general guideline, requested surpluses should be 5% or less of provincial funding for the year. As audited statements will not be required until the end of the three-year funding period, we ask that you provide a brief budget with your request that outlines how the surplus funds will be allocated.

I look forward to working together as we navigate this new and changing environment. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Ken Dropko, MEd
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
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From: Alberta Health Services <community.engagement@ahs.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 5:41 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: AHS Together4Health Headlines - COVID Community Update

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Together  Health

Headlines

• HEALTH NEWS YOU CAN USE •

Welcome to **Together4Health Headlines**. As Alberta moves through Phase 2 of re-launching the province, we have shifted our original COVID-19 Update to keep you informed of decisions being made to continue to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS.

AHS is committed to ensuring our partners and stakeholders, like you, receive the information you need to help protect yourself, your families, colleagues and staff. If you know of someone else who would benefit from receiving this information directly from AHS, please invite them to subscribe by emailing Community.Engagement@ahs.ca. And please [respond to this short survey](#) to let us know if you're receiving the information you need, in a format that is working for you.

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Today's Update:

- **COVID-19 Status**
 - Cases in Alberta
 - COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers
 - Misericordia Hospital Outbreak Update
- **Things You Need to Know**
 - Vigilance in Managing COVID-19 in Alberta
 - Change to Visitation Restrictions
 - Support for Alberta's Hutterite Colonies
 - Verna's Weekly Video Message
 - PPE Question of the Week: Is COVID-19 Airborne?
 - 24/7 On-call Assistance Available for Family Support and Visitation Concerns
- **Join the Conversation**
 - Message from Siksika Health Services
- **Be Well - Be Kind**

- Celebrities Celebrating AHS
- Sharing the Love: Thanking our People

COVID-19 Status

As of July 16, a provincial total of 9,114 individuals have been confirmed with COVID-19, of which 807 cases are active. 120 of the new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed between July 15 and 16 – this is the first time since May 2 that we've identified more than 100 cases in a single day. The average number of daily cases confirmed this week is 86, compared to 45 the previous week, a 90 per cent increase. Currently, there are 69 people in hospital, with eight in an intensive care unit. 8,142 Albertans have now recovered.

There have been a total of 165 deaths in Alberta related to COVID-19 to date. We are saddened to continue to lose Albertans to COVID-19. We continue to offer our genuine sympathies to the families and loved ones of these individuals.

A total of 560,493 COVID-19 tests have been completed since the start of the pandemic.

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health 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 July 15:

- 36,625 employees (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19, and of those tested, 287 (or 0.78 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 287 employees who have tested positive, 51 (or 17.8 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure (with 35 of the 287 positive results still under investigation as to the source of infection).
- 2,325 physicians (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and of those tested, 33 (or 1.42 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 33 physicians who have tested positive, three (or 9.1 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure (with two of the 33 positive results still under investigation as to the source of infection).

Misericordia Hospital Outbreak Update

On the evening of July 14, 2020, Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Order 30-2020 was signed by Dr. Deena Hinshaw. This order applies a single-site restriction on staff and contracted providers, including privileged medical staff and midwifery staff, who worked at the Misericordia Community Hospital on or after July 2, 2020.

This order was necessary in order to restrict the movement of Misericordia staff members and contracted providers among other healthcare facilities. The order prohibits these staff and contracted providers from providing in-person services at designated healthcare facilities other than the Misericordia for the 14 days following any day a staff member or contracted provider works at the Misericordia Community Hospital.

The application of this acute care single site restriction is intended to break the chain of transmission and prevent the spread of disease beyond the site, and help bring the facility back to a state of good health.

Things You Need to Know

Vigilance in Managing COVID-19 in Alberta

It is critical that we continue to take required precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Outbreaks and ongoing increases in daily cases underscore the vigilance required to reduce risk and protect yourself, your families, friends and colleagues.

In addition to continued hand hygiene and adhering to all additional infection prevention and control measures, we continue to recommend that Albertans wear a mask when they are unable to maintain physical distancing of at least two metres.

Change to Visitation Restrictions

Beginning July 23, Alberta Health and AHS will be shifting from restricted access to a safe access approach to family support and visitation in continuing care facilities. Under this new approach, we recognize that family and friends are part of the care team for individuals who live in congregate care facilities, not just social visitors whose time with residents is discretionary.

Under the revised guidelines, which use a risk-based approach to visitation, each resident can have two designate family/support persons who will be able to visit indoors for as long and as often as they wish, as long as they coordinate with the facility. The two designated family/support persons will need an appointment only to use shared indoor spaces. There will be updates to end-of-life, the appeals process, and more.

More details will be updated and posted in the coming days on ahs.ca/visitation.

Update on Support for Alberta's Hutterite Colonies

Just as there have been cases in many other communities across the province, Hutterite communities in Alberta have not been spared from this virus. And, as with any other community, Alberta Health Services works closely with both cases and contacts, as well as community leaders, to implement public health measures and stop further spread.

In fact, this work on Alberta's Hutterite colonies started months ago in collaboration with the Hutterite Safety Council. This is a volunteer body of Hutterite spiritual leaders, educators, volunteer firefighters, safety instructors, and first medical responders who serve their communities.

We are grateful to this council and other community leaders who are working closely with AHS to protect communities within and outside their home colonies.

Verna's Weekly Video Message

Health Link 811 — Alberta's 24/7 health information and advice telephone line — was on the front line of the province's pandemic response months before the first case was confirmed in Alberta. Demand for the service has skyrocketed in 2020, and the services Health Link provides have expanded to better support Albertans during the pandemic.

In this vlog, I, Verna, am joined by four guests to talk about Health Link's work during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are: Sue Conroy, AHS Senior Provincial Director of Provincial Clinical Programs; Tricia Chambers, Provincial Director, Operations, Health Link and PADIS; Edith Friesen, Senior Consultant, Learning & Development, Health Link; and Lori Leaf, a clinical resource nurse with Health Link.

[My guests talk about Health Link's challenges and triumphs, especially in the early days of the pandemic, as well as how the service is preparing for the months ahead.](#)



PPE Question of the Week – Is COVID-19 Airborne?

Concerns have been expressed in the media about possible airborne spread of COVID-19. In this PPE Question of the Week, Dr. Stephanie Smith — Director of Infection Prevention and Control at the University of Alberta Hospital — examines where these concerns come from: a cluster of cases in people who were sitting at three different tables in the same restaurant. Dr. Smith explains why there's not sufficient evidence to confirm the infections were caused by airborne transmission.

PPE Question of the Week

What's the latest science on airborne spread of COVID-19?

Is this really a risk?

Dr. Stephanie Smith answers PPE question of the week.

24/7 On-call Assistance now Available for Family Support and Visitation Concerns

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, AHS made the difficult decision to limit the interactions between patients/residents, families and visitors in order to ensure their safety, as well as the safety of physicians and staff providing their care. These decisions have not been taken lightly, and we understand it has been difficult for all involved.

To help our staff during this time, the AHS Clinical Ethics Service 24/7 Rapid Response Ethics Consultation Service is available to respond to questions and issues relating to family presence and

visitation guidelines, in addition to other COVID-19 related questions. The Rapid Response Ethics Consultation Service can be accessed by calling 403-689-3548.

For other clinical ethics inquiries, please email clinicaethics@ahs.ca or call 1-855-943-2821. The Clinical Ethics Service is available for any care provider seeking support and assistance in resolving difficult or ethically challenging situations.

Stay up-to-date on the latest family support and visitation guidance at ahs.ca/visitation.

Join the Conversation

During this time of COVID 19, we all have a collective responsibility to be part of the solution. In First Nations communities across Alberta, this means taking individual measures to protect Elders, grandparents and children. This [video](#), created by Siksika Health Services, shares a powerful message that we can all learn from - we are stronger when we care for each other.

Be Well - Be Kind



Sharing the Love: Thanking our People

Thank you for sending us your submissions to recognize AHS team members as we continue to work together to respond to the needs of Albertans during this pandemic. We love how you share the love and appreciation.

IT Heroes Supporting the Frontline

Alberta Health Services Information Management and Technology teams have worked tirelessly to ensure that our physicians, clinicians and frontline staff have the necessary clinical systems and technology required to take care of our patients. They have been instrumental in supporting assessment sites, preparing clinical systems for surge and patient care, providing the technology required to support virtual care, supporting COVID-19 lab test collection and resulting, along with much more. We thank all our IT teams.

-Dina

1-844 Team Appreciation

This has been an amazing team to be redeployed during this pandemic. We started with four team members and have grown to a full Health Link line. Through the highs and lows, we have laughed together and shared sad moments. We have kept our focus and sense of humour through it all. This has

*been our HOME away from home. Thank you is an inadequate word to express the gratitude, sacrifices and love that we now share for each other. It has been my honour and privilege to work with all these marvelous healthcare workers who have given their all. WE rock (and love dark chocolate, no nuts).
- Michele*

We know this has been an extremely challenging few months and many of us are tired. However, it is vitally important that we all remain vigilant and continue to do everything necessary to protect ourselves, and each other. This includes wearing a mask, cleaning hands often and thoroughly, maintaining two metres' distance and staying home when sick.

We know this pandemic isn't over, in spite of how much we all want it to be. As is the case around the world, we've had to make sacrifices and change how we do things because of the serious risks posed by COVID-19. In spite of the re-launch activities in Alberta, we can't slip on the practices that allowed us to keep our numbers low in this province.

As we maintain our vigilance with COVID-19, please also find time to enjoy some summer fun this weekend. Safely spend time with family and friends. Do all you can to prevent the spread of COVID-19, wherever you go, and please take good care of yourselves.

With gratitude and appreciation,

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COVID-19 Status

Cases in Alberta

As of July 23, a provincial total of 9,975 people have been confirmed with COVID-19, of which 1,293 cases are active. Two weeks ago, Alberta had 590 active cases. The average number of daily cases confirmed this week is 124, compared to 85 the previous week, a 46 per cent increase. Currently, 106 people are in hospital, with 21 in an intensive care unit. A total of 8,506 Albertans have now recovered.

There have been 176 deaths in Alberta related to COVID-19 to date with 11 new deaths reported this week. We are saddened to continue to lose Albertans to COVID-19. We continue to offer our genuine sympathies to the families and loved ones of these individuals.

In the past day, 8,222 COVID-19 tests were completed, bringing the total number of tests completed since the start of the pandemic to 614,692.

The rise in cases is spread across the province and into rural areas. For example AHS' Central Zone now has 33 people in hospital and seven in ICU. It has previously had very few cases.

AHS leaders across the province recognize the difficulties and challenges of this escalating situation and because of this, we are again scaling up ECC and ZEOC staffing and activities.

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics include the total number of AHS, Covenant Health and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and the number of infections acquired in the workplace.

As of July 22:

- 38,440 employees with AHS, APL and Covenant Care have been tested for COVID-19. Of those, 321 (or 0.84 per cent) tested positive.
- Of the 321 employees who tested positive, 55 (or 17.1 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure; we are still investigating the source of infection for 60 of the 321 positive results.
- 2,457 physicians with AHS, APL and Covenant have been tested for COVID-19 and 33 (or 1.34 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 33 physicians who tested positive, three (or 9.1 per cent) were infected through a workplace exposure. We are still investigating the source of infection for two of the 33 positive results.

Things You Need to Know

Verna's Weekly Video Message: Virtual Health

Throughout this pandemic, our people have shown how innovative they can be and how quickly they can adapt to delivering care in new ways that protect the safety of patients, clients and healthcare providers. One example is how we've accelerated the use of virtual health, which uses secure videoconferencing to connect Albertans with their healthcare teams. In a time of physical distancing, finding new applications for virtual health just makes sense.

[In this vlog, I, Verna, am joined by three guests to talk about the future of virtual health in Alberta.](#) They are: Catherine Keenan, executive director of the Virtual Health program; Dr. Jonathan Choy, medical director of the Virtual Health Program; and Lesly Deuchar, lead for the Virtual Hospital initiative in Edmonton. My guests talk about the benefits of virtual health, how we use it and how we can keep the momentum it's gained during COVID-19.



PPE Question of the Week – Common Questions About Continuous Masking

Wearing is caring. In this PPE Question of the Week, Dr. Peter Jamieson, physician co-lead of the AHS Emergency Coordination Centre, answers common questions about continuous masking. Although this video provides specific information for healthcare workers, it also provides valuable information about how you can protect yourself and others in shared work spaces.

Continuous masking is a provincial AHS directive and is a requirement to ensure our patients and staff are protected from COVID-19. Staff, physicians and volunteers must wear a mask:

- Continuously in patient care areas, common and corporate settings AND in all areas where you cannot maintain a minimum physical distance of two metres or six feet at all times.
- This applies to all patient care, common and corporate settings in all AHS facilities, as well as subsidiary and contracted facilities in all Zones.

Patients, families and visitors must wear a mask at all times in this facility.

- Their masks must cover their mouth and nose.
- They can only take off their masks when advised by a healthcare provider or after they leave the site.



New Item on AHS Store: AHS Branded Non-medical Masks

Protect yourself, your loved ones and others with an AHS branded triple-layer cotton non-medical washable mask. Masks come in packs of two for \$20. These masks are branded with the AHS logo and there's a version with your favourite penguin, too. They are now available for purchase on the [AHS Store](#).

Mental Health Supports

We know during this time, you may be feeling stressed and tired. We all need to continue to take care of our physical and mental health for the weeks and months to come.

If you need help managing health, work and life challenges, you can access support services and resources such as [Text4Hope](#); a free daily text messaging service that helps people identify and adjust the negative thoughts, feelings and behaviours a pandemic might be expected to provoke. To subscribe

text COVID19HOPE to 393939.

We also encourage you to visit [Healthy Together](#) - a guide to family and home life during COVID-19, or to watch [Mental Wellness Moment with Dr. Nicholas Mitchell](#) - videos on topics including how to deal with stress and talking to kids about COVID-19.

A full list of resources available to help Albertans can be found [here](#).

Join the Conversation

Calgary Hospitality Industry Community Conversation

On Wednesday, July 29 AHS is hosting a virtual Community Conversation for owners and managers of restaurants and bars in Calgary. Dr. Christine Kennedy, physician and Medical Officer of Health in the Calgary Zone, will discuss how restaurants and bars can help protect their staff and patrons, and answer questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Environmental and Public Health will also be on hand to answer questions.

[Click here to register](#)

As we move through Phase 2 of Alberta's relaunch, supporting businesses and service providers and ensuring they have the information they require is more important than ever. While the content of this presentation will be specifically directed to owners and managers of restaurants and bars, staff are welcome to attend.

You must register through [Eventbrite](#) by **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29** to receive the Zoom meeting link. If you have any questions in advance of this meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to Community.Engagement@ahs.ca.

RBC Helping Hand Program delivers gestures of gratitude

The RBC Helping Hand program partnered up with Calgary Health Trust to deliver 2,000 meals to deserving staff in the Calgary Zone. This program is a gesture of gratitude to front-line healthcare workers who have been working tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff at Foothills Medical Centre, Peter Lougheed Centre, South Health Campus, Rockyview General Hospital, and Richmond Road Diagnostic Treatment Centre were able to bring home meal kits throughout the months of June and July. These delicious meals were provided thanks to RBC's partnership with Compass Group Canada, and were exceptionally well received by staff.

"Receiving this meal in a convenient way, right outside the doors of the hospital, was a really nice gesture from RBC", says Christopher Burnie, Allied Health Manager at Rockyview General Hospital. "My wife is a RN at Foothills Medical Centre, so we were both finding ourselves in a stressful time at work during COVID. The taco kit not only relieved the burden of preparing a meal at the end the day, but it was also special to be recognized by the community for the work that we do".

Read more about the Calgary Health Trust [here](#).

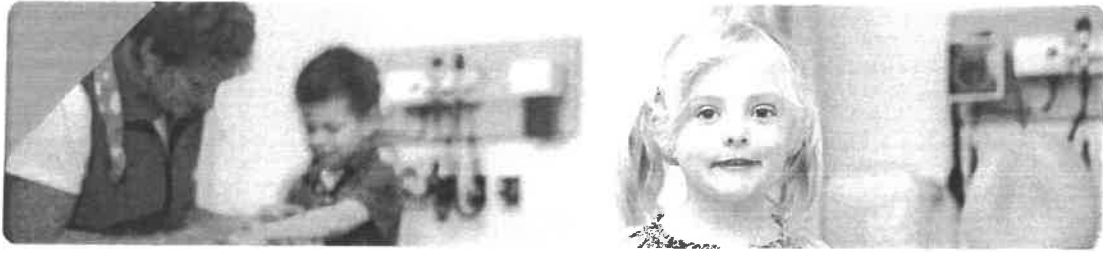
Drayton Valley Health Foundation Celebrating 25 Years

The Drayton Valley Health Foundation was established in 1995 consisting of six original members. Since that date, the Foundation has continued to strive to enhance the Drayton Valley Hospital and Breton Care Centres.

In its infancy, the Foundation got involved in several projects raising funds for the purchase of hospital equipment and furnishing of Serenity House. As the Foundation grew, several changes were made to improve its impact in the community. In 2002, the Board hired a staff member to promote fund development of the Foundation and in 2006, Colleen Sekura joined the foundation as Executive Director.

Over the years many fundraisers have taken place with great support from the community. Since its inception, over 5 million dollars has been raised and disbursed to healthcare in the community through the Foundation. Some of the biggest accomplishments include the purchase of a Handibus for Long Term Care, building of a new Helipad, the installation of a CT Scanner and providing a multitude of medical equipment and patient comfort items. These efforts have enabled important healthcare equipment to be available in the community, saving lives and improving the lives of countless others.

Read more about the [Drayton Valley Health Foundation](#).



Provincial Pediatric Consultation Follow-Up

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about how AHS can best support parents and families during COVID-19. We heard your concerns about how to protect yourself and loved ones as Alberta moves through re-launch and beyond; we understand your fears and we are working on more opportunities to hear from you and share information important with you. While a final report is being developed you can view the preliminary results from the survey [here](#).

SOGIE PAC Working Towards More Inclusive Language

Members of the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression Provincial Advisory Council (SOGIE PAC) provided feedback to the Alberta Breast Cancer Screening Program (ABCSP) on its mammogram screening materials. They engaged in a fulsome discussion about the use of inclusive language and imagery in promotional materials, and the use of gender markers as part of the screening process. It was an informative and enlightening consultation for all involved, and the ABCSP will connect back with the PAC as it considers where revisions can be made.

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This week we're featuring a message from Meg in High River:

"Thank you to the amazing doctors in High River who stood up for their patients and community during the surge in COVID-19 cases. They were responsible for quickly bringing it under control and they continue to provide amazing care and support to their community."

With gratitude and appreciation,

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COVID-19 Status

Cases in Alberta

As of July 29, a total of 10,716 people in Alberta have been confirmed with COVID-19, with 1,408 active cases. Two weeks ago, Alberta had 807 active cases. The average number of daily cases confirmed this week is 105, compared to 124 the previous week, an 18 per cent decrease. Currently, 91 people are in hospital with the virus, with 18 in an intensive care unit. A total of 9,113 Albertans have now recovered from COVID-19.

We are saddened to see COVID-19 continue to take Albertans lives. Since the COVID-19 outbreak began, 195 Albertans have died of causes related to the virus. In the past week, 19 people died. As always, we offer our genuine sympathies to the families and loved ones of these individuals. We also acknowledge the loss our caregivers feel when their patients are lost to COVID-19.

As of Thursday afternoon, a total of 676,913 COVID-19 tests have been completed since the pandemic outbreak, with 8,670 tests completed in the previous 24 hours.

Currently, Alberta Health has designated 21 out of 142 regions in the province as being under watch status, meaning they have 50 or more active COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population. See the Government of Alberta's [interactive COVID-19 case map](#) for details.

In response to the high number of COVID-19 cases, this week we “stood up” Zone Emergency Operation Centres (ZEOCs) activities in all five zones. As well, we ramped up activities in staffing in our provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC).

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

The testing data for healthcare workers tracks the number of AHS, Covenant Health and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested for COVID-19.

Summary, as of July 29:

- 40,217 employees (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19, and 330 (or 0.82 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 330, 62 (or 18.8 per cent) were infected through a workplace exposure; the source of infection for 57 of the 330 positive results is still being investigated.
- 2,595 physicians (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19, with 34 (or 1.31 per cent) testing positive.
- Of the 34 positive tests, three (or 8.8 per cent) were infected through workplace exposure; the source of infection for two of the positive results is still being investigated.

Things You Need to Know

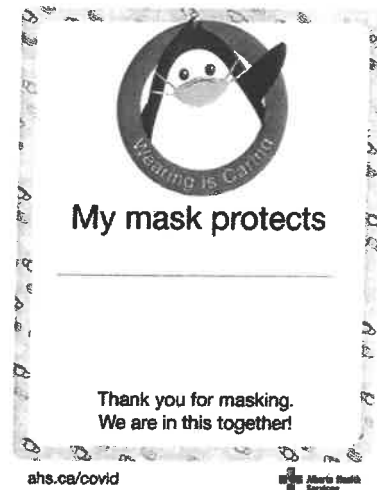
Who Does Your Mask Protect?

Albertans are encouraged to wear non-medical masks in public when it's difficult to maintain 2 metres or 6 feet of physical distancing, and must follow any local government bylaws requiring non-medical mask use in public spaces.

Wearing re-usable cloth masks or non-medical masks in public is another tool to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. It hasn't been proven that a non-medical mask protects the person wearing it, but it can help protect other people from being exposed to germs from the wearer.

Our leaders are showing their commitment to masking. On Friday Dr. Verna Yui, president and CEO of AHS kicked off a [social media campaign](#) wearing a mask, and challenged others to do the same.

Show your commitment—wear a mask and be proud of it. Post **Who Does Your Mask Protect?** on social media, or [complete a poster](#) to display it where you live, work or play. #WearingIsCaring



Verna's Weekly Video Message: The Great Work of Assessment Centres

Since this pandemic started, our people and teams across AHS have done amazing things. For example, we were able to set up our first assessment centres in Calgary and Edmonton only two days after the first recorded case of COVID-19 in Alberta. Now we have more than 70 active drop-in and drive-through centres and swabbing sites across the province. These are essential, as they provide rapid screening for COVID-19 for all Albertans, and help coordinate the collection of specimens while ensuring the safety of the public and healthcare workers.

In this vlog, I, Verna, am joined by five guests from across Alberta to talk about the great work being done at our assessment centres. They are:

- Laurie Blahitka, executive director for Community Health Services in the Calgary Zone
- Leslie Gwozdz, director of operations for Public Health in the Edmonton Zone
- Shawna Willson, a licensed practical nurse in Red Deer
- Tracey Hanson, a registered dental assistant in Lethbridge
- Patricia Nordstrom, a manager from Public and Population Health in Grande Prairie.

My guests talk about the importance of these centres, the challenges they've overcome, and how they are working to meet the increased demand for testing.



Improved Vanch Masks Coming to Front-lines

In response to concerns expressed by staff following the rollout of the original Vanch medical mask, AHS Contract, Procurement and Supply Management (CPSM) has worked closely with the Vanch mask manufacturer and produced a redesigned mask that will better meet the needs of AHS frontline workers.

The redesigned Vanch masks, which are rolling out across the province now, directly reflect all feedback from staff related to odor, skin irritation, and fit. Prior to the ongoing roll-out to the front-lines, the improved Vanch mask was evaluated by members of AHS Quality Review Group. The group includes RNs and LPNs, nurse clinicians, sonographers, radiation therapists and nursing attendants, as well as individuals from Respiratory. They wore the new masks for multiple shifts in May and June to ensure the product was well evaluated.

Feedback from this group has been overwhelmingly positive. Improvements to fit, comfort and skin irritation were proactively noted in feedback from our group members, with reports on overall wearability and confidence in product significantly improving.

This pandemic has seen historic challenges in sourcing PPE with massive global shortages and intense competition for supplies. We are pleased the efforts of our teams have enabled this positive change for those directly caring for Albertans.

Updates to Family Support & Visitation in Acute Care Settings

Based on the valuable feedback received from our patients, families and workforce, we are updating guidelines for family support and visitation in acute care settings starting Tuesday Aug. 4. Changes apply to outside visits, pets, gifts and personal belongings.

Changes include:

- Anyone entering a facility to access a designated outdoor area for visiting must undergo health screening.
- Pets will be allowed for outdoor visits under strict protocols.
- More flexibility on bringing gifts and personal belongings to sites.

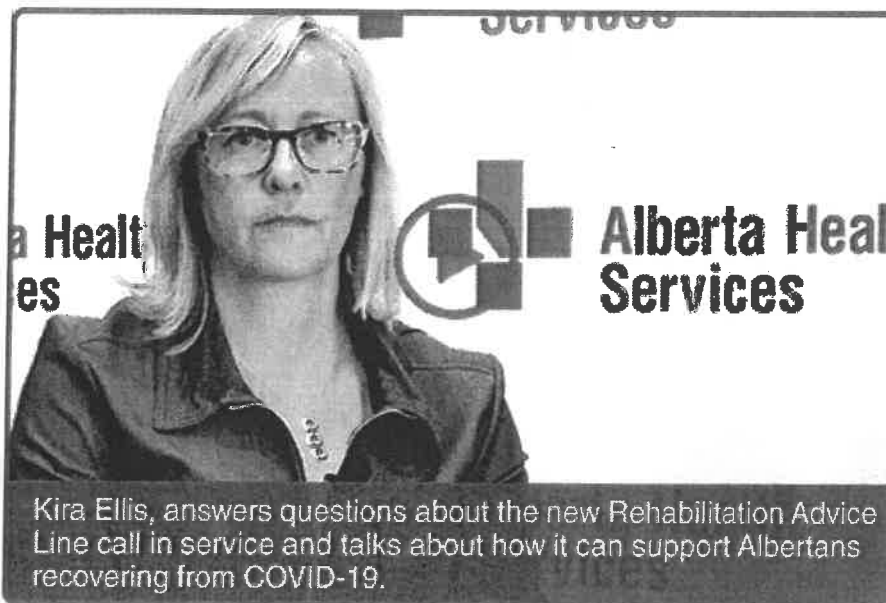
We have also further clarified the difference between a designated family/support person and visitor. Patients can determine who will be their designated family or support person and the extent the person is involved in their care, including collaborating with the healthcare team.

These changes reflect the balance we must keep to address the ongoing risk of COVID-19, as well as the well-being of patients and residents as well as families, visitors, staff, physicians and volunteers.

Learn more about these new and previous updates at ahs.ca/visitation.

AHS COVID-19 Podcast: Rehabilitation Advice Line

This episode of AHS COVID-19 podcast features physiotherapist and Rehabilitation Advice Line supervisor Kira Ellis. In it, she answers questions about the new phone service and talks about how it can support Albertans recovering from COVID-19.



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Easton, a young entrepreneur, is riding in style just in time for his 12th birthday

Easton Grant had been wanting a BMX bike for about a year after watching his cousin ride. Last summer, he set up a small table to sell lemonade as a way to pass the time and make a bit of extra cash. Easton and his mom Jalene Spencer-Grant spent the winter building a bigger and sturdier wooden stand together so he could set up shop again this summer. Due to his wheelchair, Easton would have needed a custom BMX bike so he decided to save the money he made with his chip and drink stand, which he set up near the Coopers Crescent playground.



Thanks to the incredible support of the community, a GoFundMe account was set up for Easton, he was able to turn a profit of about \$5,500 in two days, more than enough for his BMX. Jalene says they were approached about another option; a motorized add-on that easily clamps onto his wheelchair. She says he fell in love.

The motorized add-on cost quite a bit more than the BMX would have, but this selfless young man will be donating the rest of his profit, approximately \$1,500, to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation – something that is near and dear to their hearts. Read more [here](#).

Through donor support, Foundations fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including equipment, programs, renovations, research and education across the province and in your community. [Find your local Foundation.](#)

Sharing the Love: Thanking our People

A Great Team of Flaggers

Victoria from the South Calgary Health Centre writes:

"We have a great team of traffic control flaggers at South Calgary Health Centre COVID-19 Assessment Centre. Rain or shine, snow or hail storm, Wray B., Bradley B. and James B. have been working tirelessly with their dedication and passion since day one. Our clients and staff members all appreciate the joyful environment they have brought to everyone at the clinic."

- Victoria, South Calgary Health Centre

Wrapping Up

With the number of COVID-19 cases higher in July than they were in June, we are seeing our teams and Alberta's communities work as hard as ever to fight back the pandemic. It is one of the greatest human efforts in history, in Alberta and around the world.

We know we can conquer COVID-19 with time and persistence, especially if we continue to physically distance, continually wear masks and wash our hands often. It's a message we cannot say enough.

As summer hits its mid-point, we hope you have an opportunity to relax and refresh safely with the people in your "social bubble." The late summer and fall will continue to test us and we need to be ready for it.

As always, with gratitude and appreciation,



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COVID-19 Status

Cases in Alberta

As of Aug. 5, a total of 11,296 people in Alberta have been confirmed with COVID-19, with 1,107 active cases. Two weeks ago, Alberta's active case count was 1,293. The average number of daily cases confirmed in the past week is 84, compared to 108 the previous week. Currently, 76 people are in hospital with the virus, with 19 of those in an intensive care unit. In all, 9,984 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.

We are saddened to see COVID-19 continue to take Albertans lives. Since the COVID-19 outbreak began, 205 Albertans have died of causes related to the virus. In the past week, 10 people died. As always, we offer our genuine sympathies to the families and loved ones of these individuals. We also send our support to the caregivers who have lost patients to COVID-19.

As of Aug. 5, a total of 735,322 COVID-19 tests have been completed in Alberta since the pandemic began. In the past week 58,409 tests were completed, an average of 8,344 per day.

We continue to see the highest number of cases in people who are 20 to 29 and 30 to 39 years old. Rates of hospitalization and death remain highest among Alberta's most elderly people.

Currently, Alberta Health has designated eight out of 142 regions in the province as being under watch status, meaning they have 50 or more active COVID-19 cases for every 100,000 people. See the Government of Alberta's [interactive COVID-19 case map](#) for details.

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

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As of August 5:

- 41,677 (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19, with 345 (or 0.83 per cent) testing positive.
- Of the 345 people who tested positive, 63 (or 18.3 per cent) were infected in the workplace; the source of infection for 65 of the 345 positive results is still being investigated.
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Things You Need to Know

PPE Question of the Week - Fabric Masks

Many people have asked our PPE Task Force questions about masking. In the [latest PPE Question of the Week video](#), Janet Barclay, director of Infection Prevention and Control in AHS North Zone, and Rod Kaliel, executive director of Workplace Health and Safety, answer three common queries.

- When is it OK to use a cloth mask versus a medical mask?
- How do I care for and launder a cloth mask?
- What do I need to look for when purchasing a cloth mask?

PPE Question of the Week

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Rod Kaliel and Janet Barclay answer PPE question of the week

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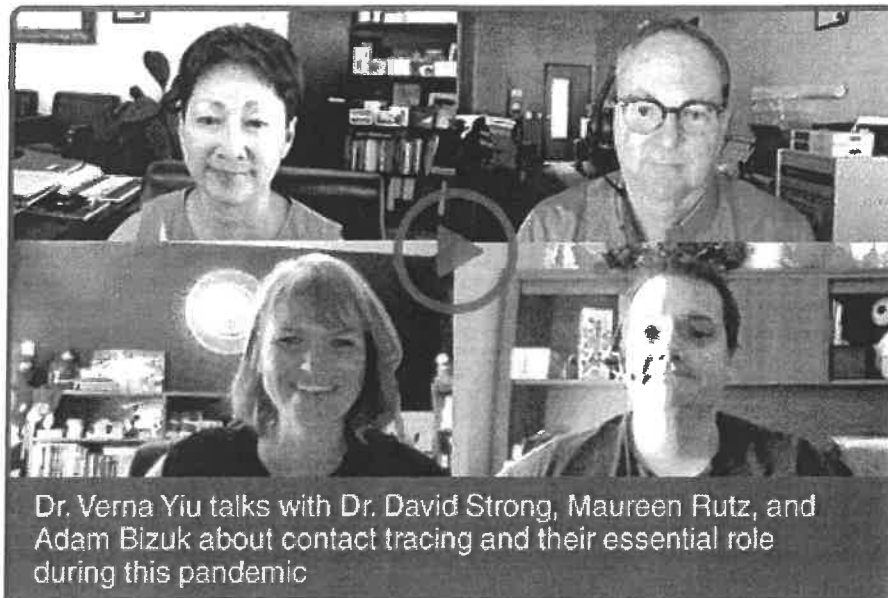
Verna's Weekly Video Message: Contact Tracing

Last week we discussed AHS' COVID-19 assessment centres. This week's vlog is a bit of a follow up, and talks about a crucial next step when a COVID-19 test is positive: contact tracing. This is the process of figuring out all the people who've been in recent contact with someone who has a communicable disease. Contact tracing helps ensure people who are infected are isolated to reduce the risk of them passing the virus along to others. Wide-scale testing and contact tracing are among our best tools to slow the spread of COVID-19.

In this vlog, I, Verna, am joined by three guests who help us understand more about contact tracing:

- Dr. David Strong, lead medical officer of health, Communicable Disease Control
- Maureen Rutz, a communicable disease control nurse and contact tracer
- Adam Bizuk, a clinical development nurse and also a contact tracer.

My guests talk about the importance of contact tracing and how they have traced tens of thousands of people connected with more than 11,000 cases in Alberta to date, and how contact tracing might look different as we head into the fall.



Taking Care of Your Mental Health

Keeping yourself mentally and physically healthy is one of the best ways to manage stress and anxiety. We know you may have a lot going on right now and may be dealing with challenges related to work, family and other personal issues. You may experience stressful scenarios affecting how you think, feel and react in different situations.

AHS is here to support you. If you need help managing health, work and life challenges, you can access support services and resources such as [Text4Hope](#); a free daily text messaging service that helps people identify and adjust the negative thoughts, feelings and behaviours a pandemic might be expected to provoke. To subscribe text COVID19HOPE to 393939.

We also encourage you to visit [Healthy Together](#) - a guide to family and home life during COVID-19, or to watch [Mental Wellness Moment with Dr. Nicholas Mitchell](#) - videos on topics including how to deal with stress and talking to kids about COVID-19.

A full list of resources available to help Albertans can be found [here](#).

Join the Conversation

North Zone recruiting Health Advisory Council Members

Two of our Health Advisory Councils in the North Zone continue to recruit new members. Do you know

people who are passionate about health care, engaged in their communities and keen to share local perspectives on health service delivery? If the answer is yes, we'd like to hear from them. Please help us spread the word!

Lakeland Communities is seeking representation from Athabasca, Smoky Lake and Thorhild, and Tamarack needs representation from the Jasper and Whitecourt areas.

For more information and to apply, visit the Advisory Council page online [here](#).

Free virtual AHS workshop helps identify and transform stress

Albertans looking for ways to identify and manage stress are invited to join Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage — Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times, a free online workshop facilitated by Alberta Health Services.

The workshop includes a basic discussion of stress plus looks at different ways to manage stress, including two HeartMath® breathing techniques.

Led by certified professionals, this workshop will:

- Discuss the stress response.
- Identify warning signs of stress.
- Help participants make an action plan to address their own stress.
- Review how emotions impact the body, brain and overall health.
- Demonstrate two practical, stress-relieving breathing techniques.
- Discuss how resilience can be enhanced through regular use of the breathing tools.

Registration is open for the following workshops:

- **August 27, from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.** [Click here to register.](#)
- **September 29, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.** [Click here to register.](#)

For more information on HeartMath® or the upcoming courses, email ahs.heartmath@ahs.ca.

Be Well - Be Kind

Photographer crushes donation goal for health foundation

When Hatter Bradley East started his Porch Portrait Sessions earlier this year, he hoped to raise a couple hundred bucks for the Medicine Hat and District Health Foundation.

Now that he is finishing up the photography sessions, East has raised more than \$2,000 that will be donated to the organization.

"In my mind I thought I'd maybe do \$200," he said. "With COVID-19 happening, I didn't know what to expect in terms of donation amounts from people.

"The support I got from people was absolutely amazing."

Read more [here](#).

Sharing the Love: Thanking our People

Thank you for continuing to recognize our team members and colleagues as we work together to respond to the needs of Albertans during this pandemic. We love how you share the love and appreciation.

Kudos to an OR Team

Special thanks this week to Mellissa for sharing this experience at one of our hospitals:

"I wanted to give kudos to some operating room staff I interacted with on Aug. 2. I am a neonatal intensive care registered nurse. I took my baby to the OR and sat in on part of their surgery. The

staff was extremely welcoming: Dr. Saleh, Dr. Steel, the charge nurse Katie (who was so kind and nice), Holly, and the scrub nurse.”

Wrapping Up

Although this week's update is brief, our efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 are staying the course. Our diligence is needed as much as ever. Many of the challenges we've faced will continue and we expect new ones will emerge.

In the face of whatever the future of COVID-19 holds, we will remain steadfast in our support to protect patients, families, co-workers and communities.

We don't know when it will end, but please be assured we will get through this together and are dedicated to helping you in every way we can.

As always, with gratitude and appreciation,



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Dear Chief Elected Official,

On July 28 your Alberta government was proud to announce the \$500-million Municipal Stimulus Program, a key component of Alberta's Recovery Plan. Thank you for submitting information on your shovel-ready infrastructure projects over the past few months. This information was very useful to help us understand the capacity of municipalities to take on additional infrastructure projects, as well as the types of projects that could be started this year.

The Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) is designed to distribute stimulus funding quickly and equitably across the province so local governments, like yours, can help support local jobs and stimulate the economy. Funding will be allocated using the same formula as the federal Gas Tax Fund and municipalities can access their allocation by submitting project applications before October 1, 2020. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and payments will begin shortly after projects are approved.

Projects *must* begin construction in 2020 or 2021 and *must not* result in municipal tax increases. Municipalities also need to commit to further supporting growth in their local economies by reducing municipal red tape. Further information about the program and allocation amounts are available on the program website, and in the attached program summary and program guidelines. The grant agreement and application form are also attached.

The intention of this program is to support local jobs and stimulate the economy – both through construction and over the life of the asset. We will be evaluating project applications through this lens. You are also encouraged to apply this lens as you consider which projects to put forward.

Please note that the MSP is not related to operating and transit funding recently announced as part of the federal Safe Restart Agreement. Further information about this funding will be made available soon.

Thank you for your leadership during these difficult times. I know this is not an easy situation to manage, but together we can overcome these challenges and return our province to prosperity.

If you have any questions, please contact ma.municipalstimulus@gov.ab.ca.

Yours very truly,

Honourable Kaycee Madu, QC
Minister of Municipal Affairs

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Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP)

Program Guidelines

Municipal Affairs, Government of Alberta

July 2020

Municipal Stimulus Program

www.alberta.ca/municipal-stimulus-program.aspx

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1. Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to assist local governments in participating in the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) and in complying with the program terms and conditions. Local governments include municipal authorities, Metis Settlements, and the Townsite of Redwood Meadows (referred to as 'municipalities' in these guidelines).

2. Program Objectives

Through the MSP, the Government of Alberta (GOA) is providing additional capital infrastructure funding to municipalities with the primary objective to sustain and create local jobs; enhance provincial competitiveness and productivity; position communities to participate in future economic growth; and reduce municipal red-tape to promote job-creating private sector investment.

3. Key Dates and Contacts

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
Project Application Submission	Submit by October 1, 2020
Executed Memorandum of Agreement	Submit with first project application (by October 1, 2020)
2020 Payment	Upon project acceptance (payments anticipated to commence in September 2020)
2021 Payment	Once reporting requirements are met (anticipated to commence in May 2021)
Statement of Funding and Expenditures (SFE)	Due May 1, 2021 for 2020 expenditures Due May 1, 2022 for 2021 expenditures
Red Tape Reduction Report	Due Feb 1, 2021 for progress made in 2020 Due Feb 1, 2022 for progress made in 2021

Please contact a Grant Advisor at 780-422-7125 (toll-free 310-0000) or email MA.Municipalstimulus@gov.ab.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

4. Submission Method

The project application form and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be emailed to municipalities.

The application form(s) must be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or an authorized representative before being returned to Municipal Affairs. Municipalities are strongly encouraged to sign the forms with a digital signature and return them in their original PDF format by e-mail to MA.MunicipalStimulus@gov.ab.ca.

The MOA must be signed by the Chief Elected Official and CAO or duly authorized signing officer. Municipalities should complete the MOA, including witnesses for each signatory, and scan and submit them via email to MA.MunicipalStimulus@gov.ab.ca. **Project applications will not be forwarded to the Minister until an executed MOA is received.**

Municipalities are strongly encouraged to submit all project applications at one time.

The SFE form and the outline for the Red Tape Reduction report will be made available to municipalities at a later date.

Questions related to the submission of the application, the Memorandum of Agreement, or reporting documents can be directed to a Grant Advisor by calling 780-422-7125 (toll-free 310-0000) or MA.MunicipalStimulus@gov.ab.ca.

5. Funding Formula and Allocations

MSP funding is allocated to municipalities based on a funding formula. Municipalities must commit their funding allocation to one or more projects by October 1, 2020, or risk losing access to their allocation. Municipalities must also spend all allocated funding on an accepted project(s) by December 31, 2021 (see Section 10.2).

Each municipality active as of July 1, 2020, will have access to a funding amount allocated on a per capita basis, according to the 2019 Municipal Affairs Population List. Municipalities with smaller populations will have access to a minimum allocation of \$50,000, with the exception of summer villages, which will have access to a base allocation of \$5,000, in addition to the per capita amount. The Minister retains the authority to exclude Improvement Districts that do not have advisory councils and have limited capital infrastructure needs from the funding allocation formula.

Municipalities will lose access to any portion of their allocation that is not committed to an accepted project submitted as of October 1, 2020. The disposition of any uncommitted funding after October 1, 2020, will be at the discretion of the Minister.

6. Program Eligibility and Conditions

6.1) Eligible Applicants

For program purposes, an eligible applicant is referred to as a 'municipality' and includes any city, town, village, summer village, specialized municipality, municipal district, improvement district, special area, Metis settlement, and the Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society.

Applicants may contribute funds to other eligible entities for eligible MSP projects that provide a municipal service or benefit and do not limit public access. A list of entities eligible for a contribution is provided in Schedule 1. If a municipality contributes funds to such an entity, the municipality remains responsible for all program terms and conditions described in these guidelines, including the need to report on project expenditures.

6.2) Eligible Projects

MSP funding is limited to projects that would not go forward in the absence of support through the stimulus program.

Project eligibility is similar to the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI), with modifications to ensure projects meet stimulus program objectives. Eligible project categories include construction, betterment, rehabilitation and non-routine maintenance of roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, public transit, and recreation. A detailed list of eligible activities and project categories is provided in Schedules 2 and 3.

Land acquisition costs, system-wide infrastructure studies and management software, functional planning, and purchase of rolling stock and other equipment are not eligible for MSP funding. For a list of ineligible expenditures, see Schedule 4.

Construction of eligible projects must begin in calendar year 2020 or 2021. Projects do not need to be complete by the end of 2021. MSP funds must be expended by the end of 2021, but longer-term projects can continue with funding from other sources.

Projects previously submitted under the MSI and/or federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) are not eligible for MSP funding. Municipalities are not permitted to withdraw MSI and GTF projects to gain eligibility for the MSP.

In addition, operation of assets constructed with support from the MSP must not require dedicated funding from the province (for example, affordable housing projects with provincial operating funding implications).

6.3) Red Tape Reduction

Municipalities must commit to submitting an annual Red Tape Reduction report for each of 2020 and 2021 indicating how they have made progress in at least one of the following areas, including a qualitative description of specific actions taken:

- What steps have been taken to make it easier to start up a new business in the municipality?
- What steps have been taken to streamline processes and shorten timelines for development and permit approvals?
- What steps have been taken to make the municipality a more attractive destination for new investment and/or tourism?

Red tape reduction reports are separate from the Statement of Funding and Expenditures described in section 10. Municipalities will be required to submit the annual red tape reduction report in a prescribed format, which will require municipalities to identify how they have reduced red tape from among several provided options, or they may identify their own actions. Municipalities will also be required to provide relevant metrics and/or a qualitative description of specific actions they have taken. The template for the red tape reduction report will be made available to municipalities at a later date.

The first red tape reduction report must be signed by the CAO and submitted to the province by February 1, 2021, describing progress in the above categories in the 2020 calendar year.

The second red tape reduction report must be signed by the CAO and submitted to the province by February 1, 2022, describing progress in the above categories in the 2021 calendar year. All municipalities, including those that completed and fully funded all of their projects in 2020, must submit the 2021 report.

While municipalities may undertake actions based on their own circumstances and priorities, the Minister retains authority to require a refund for any funding provided if municipalities fail to undertake and report on satisfactory actions to reduce red tape.

7. Application Process

Each eligible applicant may submit a maximum of five project applications. The total amount of funding sought from the MSP must not exceed the initial allocation amount.

All project applications must be submitted on the prescribed application form by October 1, 2020. If a municipality does not have sufficient accepted projects submitted as of October 1, 2020, any uncommitted portion of funding remaining may be reallocated or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the Minister.

Project applications should include sufficient information to determine project eligibility and must include an attestation that the projects would not go ahead this year or next year in the absence of support through the MSP.

Municipalities must also attest that the project will not result in municipal tax increases, whether through a municipal contribution to the construction of the project or through increased operating costs associated with the resulting capital asset. Municipalities may be asked to demonstrate how they intend to fund a municipal contribution to the project, or how they will support operating expenses associated with the resulting capital asset. These must be funded through means other than increasing property taxes, such as through budget reductions in other areas, user fees, or other grant programs.

For each project, the application form must be fully completed and must include the following information:

- a description of the project (including the proper name of the resulting asset, a summary of project activities, and sufficient detail to determine that the project meets eligibility requirements);
- a description of how the project aligns with the MSP objectives (identified in section 2);
- project timelines (including estimated project start and completion dates);
- estimated project costs by year of expenditure; and
- where applicable, partnerships (including municipal partner names).

Applications must be signed by the CAO, or duly authorized authority, who certifies that the information is correct and in accordance with the program guidelines and funding agreements. Digital signatures are encouraged.

Project amendments are not permitted under the MSP.

If an accepted project is completed at a lower cost and requires less MSP funding, the funding reduction must be indicated at the time the completed project is reported on the Statement of Funding and Expenditures and the over-funded amount must be applied to other accepted MSP projects or refunded to the GOA.

If costs for an accepted project increase and the municipality has sufficient MSP funding remaining from other MSP projects completed under budget (i.e., funding that has already been paid to the municipality), available MSP funding can be applied to the project with increased costs. If such funding is not available, the project cost increase must be fully covered using funding sources other than MSP.

7.1) Grouping Similar Assets

A separate application is required for each capital asset, except where assets can be grouped together because they are related to the same system (road construction and replacement of associated sidewalks, water and wastewater lines). A system is a group of independent but interrelated elements that share functional or structural relationships, which comprise a unified capital asset, and where the function of an independent component impacts the functioning of the entire system.

See Schedule 2 and 3 for a complete list of project activities and assets that qualify for MSP funding. Schedule 4 outlines ineligible activities.

7.2) Use of Municipal Forces

Costs related to the use of municipal forces (i.e., staff and equipment) is not eligible for MSP funding, unless the municipality is unable to secure a private sector vendor to carry out the project.

In the event that no reasonable alternative vendor is available to carry out the project and municipal forces will be required, the municipality must declare so on the project application. In these circumstances, eligible costs can include all labour costs, including benefits, attributable to work carried out on- and off-site (see Schedule 2). Labour costs associated with general municipal administration of the project are not eligible.

7.3) Joint Projects

Projects that involve funding from more than one municipality should identify all contributing parties in the application.

Each municipality must submit an application for its own portion of the project to be funded by MSP. The municipality that is directly responsible for the project should include the complete

financial information (total project costs), listing the contributions of the other municipality(ies) in the “Other Funding Sources” line of the application financial grid. The other contributing municipality(ies) should include only its portion/contribution of these costs.

7.4) Use of Other Grants

Use of other grants is not permitted under the MSP, unless the municipality applied for funding under the other grant program after the MSP project has been accepted, and doing so is allowed by that program.

For example, a municipality may supplement MSP funding with MSI or GTF funding but only if the MSI/GTF application is submitted after the MSP project is accepted. For example, if the total project costs are \$1 million, and the project was accepted under MSP for \$800,000, the municipality may subsequently submit an MSI and/or GTF project application to fund the remaining \$200,000.

When choosing to use multiple grant funding sources, it is the municipality’s responsibility to understand the separate requirements of each grant program. More information about the requirements of other provincial grant programs can be found on the Municipal Grants Web Portal at www.alberta.ca/municipalities-funding.aspx.

8. Review and Approval Process

Program staff will review each project to ensure it meets the requirements outlined in these guidelines.

Municipalities should ensure all relevant sections of the application form are completed to facilitate a faster and more efficient review process. Municipalities will be contacted by a Grant Advisor if the project review process warrants follow-up and will be required to respond within 10 business days or by October 1, whichever is earlier. If a response is not received within 10 business days, the project in question will be withdrawn and the municipality will be notified of the project withdrawal by email.

Project recommendations will be forwarded to the Minister once the submitted project applications are reviewed and an executed Memorandum of Agreement is received. **The Minister will review all projects against the program objectives and eligibility criteria. Decisions by the Minister regarding project status are final.**

Municipalities will be advised of project status via email.

Municipalities may proceed with a project in anticipation that it will be accepted for MSP funding. However, if the project is deemed ineligible, the municipality remains responsible for all financial obligations it has undertaken with respect to the project.

8.1) Provincial Standards

It is expected that MSP-funded projects undertaken by municipalities will comply with provincially regulated standards. For example, MSP-funded projects involving regional water and wastewater systems should appropriately align with the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, administered by Alberta Environment and Parks. Where an MSP project includes work on a highway under provincial jurisdiction, the municipality must enter into a separate agreement with Alberta Transportation to carry out the work and/or receive permission to access the highway right-of-way. Grant advisors may request confirmation of the agreement.

8.2) Requirements for Award of Contracts

All calls for proposals or tenders for projects to be funded under MSP shall be carried out in accordance with the rules, regulations, and laws governing such activities and in accordance with the best current practices. They must also be advertised in accordance with the guidelines of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) (www.newwestpartnershiptrade.ca), effective July 2010, and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) (www.cfta-alec.ca/agreement-on-internal-trade).

The municipality may award contracts for planning, design, engineering, and architectural services for a municipal capital infrastructure project based on best overall value consistent with the municipality's policies.

The municipality may award contracts for the construction of a municipal capital infrastructure project by public tender based on either unit prices or lump sum amounts. The MSP does not require municipalities to award projects to the lowest tender and does not prohibit municipalities from using a process that qualifies suppliers prior to the close of call for tenders where the process is consistent with the CFTA and NWPTA.

Where a municipality has been unable to secure a private sector vendor, or anticipates that this will be the case, the municipality may utilize its own forces, including municipal staff and equipment, in accordance with section 7.2.

9. Payment Process

MSP payments are based on annual cash flow requirements for accepted projects, meaning that if payment conditions are met, the amount paid in 2020 is based on the cash flow required in 2020 and the amount paid in 2021 is based on the cash flow required in 2021. Municipalities with cash flow requirements in 2020 will be paid shortly after project acceptance.

MSP payments are conditional on execution of the MSP Memorandum of Agreement governing the funding process, and the 2021 payment is also conditional on receiving the red tape reduction report (due February 1, 2021) and certification of the 2020 SFE (due May 1, 2021).

For example, a municipality has been allocated \$1 million in MSP funding and has two accepted projects: one with MSP funding of \$600,000 to be completed in 2020 and the other with MSP funding of \$400,000, with \$50,000 in design costs to be incurred in 2020 and \$350,000 in construction costs to be incurred in 2021.

- The total payment to this municipality in 2020 will be \$650,000, conditional on execution of the funding agreement.
- The remaining \$350,000 will be paid in May of 2021, conditional on certification of the 2020 Statement of Funding and Expenditures and receipt of the 2020 Red Tape Reduction report.

10. Financial Reporting Requirements

10.1) Statement of Funding and Expenditures (SFEs)

By May 1 of the following program year, each municipality is required to submit an SFE that reports the previous program year's expenditures (e.g., the 2020 SFE is due by May 1, 2021).

The SFE form will be made available to municipalities at a later date, and will capture information such as the amount of MSP funding spent on each approved MSP project in the preceding year.

Municipalities will be required to report on the amount of MSP funding spent on the approved capital asset, regardless of whether the project is undertaken by the municipality, a different municipality, or a different entity listed in Schedule 1.

For example, if a municipality contributes funds to a Regional Service Commission to undertake a water distribution project, the municipality must report on how much funding was spent on the project and not on the amount of funding contributed to the Regional Service Commission.

As part of the SFE, municipalities will also be required to provide basic information regarding the resulting capital asset for each completed project, which the government will use in measuring the performance of the program.

All projects listed on the SFE must be accepted by the Minister.

The municipality must maintain separate accounting records for MSP grant funds.

All supporting documentation, such as reports, drawings, and invoices for each project must be retained by the municipality for a minimum of three years following completion of the project. SFEs may be subject to a review by the Provincial Auditor General.

SFEs must be submitted electronically by the CAO or an authorized representative of the municipality. SFE reporting requirements are separate from the Red Tape Reduction report described in section 6.3.

10.2) Carrying Forward Funds

MSP funding paid to municipalities in 2020 and not expended in the current year may be carried forward to 2021. **Any funding carried forward to 2021 must be expended on an accepted project before December 31, 2021.**

If any MSP funding paid to municipalities has not been fully expended by December 31, 2021, it must be refunded to the GOA.

Time extensions for unspent MSP funds will not be granted.

10.3) Credit Items

When MSP funding results in net proceeds to the municipality, within five years of project completion, these proceeds will have to be returned to the GOA.

These credit items can include:

- net proceeds (to a maximum of grant applied) from the sale of land bettered (i.e., rehabilitated, reclaimed or remediated) with MSP funds;
- appraised value of unsold land bettered (i.e., rehabilitated, reclaimed or remediated) with MSP funds, but not required for the project;
- net proceeds (to a maximum of the grant amount applied) from the sale of capital assets constructed with MSP funds;
- net proceeds from an insurance claim on capital assets constructed with MSP funds; and

- net salvage value (to a maximum of grant applied) on disposal of any asset purchased with MSP funds, or from any material obtained from removal or demolition of any structure or any part of a facility constructed with MSP funds.

10.4) Income Earned

The municipality may invest and earn income on all unexpended MSP funds, subject to the provisions of Section 250 of the *Municipal Government Act*. The amount of income earned on these funds must be applied to eligible costs of accepted MSP projects.

11. Site Visits

Following program completion, Municipal Affairs program representatives may select and visit a number of municipalities to discuss the MSP specific to a completed project and the overall experience with the program.

12. Communications and Project Recognition Requirements

Signage for MSP funded projects must follow the GOA signage guidelines found at www.alberta.ca/goa/standards/standards-and-reference-documents.aspx (refer to the Capital project signage section of the Visual Identity Manual).

Costs associated with communications and project recognition required to meet GOA signage guidelines are eligible for MSP funding (see Schedule 2e).

To discuss project recognition options or communications requirements, please call Municipal Affairs at 780-422-7125, toll free by first dialing 310-0000, or email MA.MunicipalStimulus@gov.ab.ca.

Schedule 1:

Entities Eligible for a Contribution

Applicants may contribute funds to the following eligible entities:

- non-profit organizations, as defined in Section 241 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* (i.e., a society, credit union or co-operative established under a law of Canada or Alberta; a corporation that is prohibited from paying dividends to its members and distributing the assets to its members on a winding up; or any other entity established under a law of Canada or Alberta for a purpose other than to make a profit).
- libraries and library systems established under the *Libraries Act*;
- regional services commissions established under Part 15.1 of the *MGA*;
- controlled corporations as defined in Section 241 of the *MGA*; and
- provincial agencies, crown-controlled school jurisdictions, universities, colleges, technical institutes, the Alberta Health Services Board, and other health boards, excluding charter schools and school societies that are included in the GOA annual report.

When contributing to a non-profit organization, the municipality must bind the organization to all MSP conditions and obligations that apply to the municipality with respect to the project, including adherence to provincial regulations/standards and Municipal Affairs access to project records; and maintain adequate control over public access to the asset, or over the municipal service that it provides.

It is recommended the municipality enter into a binding legal agreement with the non-profit organization to protect the municipal interest in the asset or facility and to meet the obligations of the certification. Municipal Affairs does not require a copy of this agreement.

Schedule 2:

Eligible Capital Project Activities

Costs directly related to, and in support of the following activities are eligible for MSP capital funding, where the activity is associated with an eligible asset defined in Schedule 3.

2.a) Construction and Development

- Engineering and architecture, including design, tender preparation and advertising, if part of an accepted construction project.
- Construction supervision. Where capital projects are constructed or developed using municipal staff, all labour costs, including benefits, attributable to work carried out on and off the construction site, as follows:
 - On-site costs: site supervision; operating, leasing, maintenance, and insurance costs attributable to municipal construction equipment used at the construction site; and equipment mobilization and demobilization costs.
 - Off-site costs: staff and space costs associated with off-site design and construction of project components that are subsequently installed on site; off-site construction supervision, material requisitioning and site monitoring; and off-site general project management including contract management, purchasing and procurement of materials and services, project scheduling, and budget monitoring.
- Where capital projects are constructed or developed using construction equipment that is owned or leased by the municipality, the following costs are eligible:
 - costs of locating the equipment at and removing the equipment from the construction site (mobilization and demobilization).
 - all operating, leasing, maintenance, and insurance costs attributable to the use of the construction equipment at the construction site.
- Restoration of grass standard landscaping in areas disturbed by construction or reconstruction of infrastructure facilities.

2.b) Betterment

The enhancement of the service potential of a capital asset (including land) that results in an increase in physical output or service capacity, lowering of associated operating costs, extension of the useful life, or improvement in the quality of output, including:

- Land betterment (i.e. rehabilitation, reclamation, and remediation) on land owned by a municipality or eligible entity, where the land is intended for a specific, eligible capital asset; or the betterment activities are intended to address/mitigate health and safety concerns (with or without a resulting capital asset).
- Significant enhancements or improvements for the safety of users of transportation or other municipal infrastructure system.
- Energy efficiency upgrades.

2.c) Rehabilitation

The complete replacement or rebuilding of a major component of a capital asset (including land) to extend its useful life beyond the original expected or design life. Project examples include:

- Repaving or re-gravelling a road surface.
- Replacing or re-lining a section of water or wastewater line between logical system nodes or intersections.
- Replacing the roof or the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system of a building.
- Substantial reconstruction of the interior of a building.

2.d) Non-routine Maintenance

Any non-routine, but recurring activity necessary to ensure that an asset reaches its normal design life and/or retains an acceptable appearance throughout its life, such as:

- Painting or refinishing of building components.
- Repair or replacement of individual parts of an infrastructure asset's major components or systems, such as repairing cracks and holes in a road, repairing or replacing sections of water or wastewater lines, replacing the compressor in a building's air conditioning system.
- Aggregate loss activities such as dust abatement, or sealant application.

2.e) Other

- Relocation and adjustment of associated utilities, including gas and electric utilities.
- Communications and project recognition costs for MSP-funded projects required to meet GOA signage guidelines.
- Other capital infrastructure costs as may be deemed appropriate by Municipal Affairs.

Schedule 3: Eligible Capital Project Assets

Costs directly related to, and in support of the following assets are eligible for MSP capital funding, where the asset is associated with an eligible activity defined in Schedule 2.

The Minister will assess all projects against the program objectives and eligibility criteria when reviewing project applications. Regardless of the examples below, final decisions on project eligibility are at the Minister's sole discretion.

3.a) Municipal Roadways, Bridges, and Related Facilities and Equipment

- Roadways, bridges, and related structures [including costs associated with aggregate purchase, abatement, hauling, crushing and storage (pit or facility), and the application of new gravel to roadways and/or non-routine re-grading of existing gravel back onto roadways]
- Railway or Light Rail Transit (LRT) grade separations and roadway crossings
- Other ancillary works such as sidewalks, commuter bikeways, lighting and energy efficient retrofitting, traffic control signals, pedestrian signals, storm drainage, and utility relocations
- Traffic management projects such as major intersection improvements, major traffic signal coordination, etc.
- Noise attenuation devices as a part of a qualifying project, and rehabilitation of existing noise attenuation devices on qualifying roadways or transit ways, consistent with the municipality's noise attenuation policy
- Pedestrian trail systems along roadways

- Parking facilities
- Snow dump sites and snow storage facilities

3.b) Public Transit Facilities

- LRT lines, station structures, park and ride facilities, and LRT maintenance facilities. LRT lines must be designated in the municipality's transportation system bylaw
- Major public transit terminals and transit garages
- Comprehensive transit-stop retrofit programs to achieve a "barrier free path of travel" to accessible transit services
- System-wide capital transit improvement or betterment projects
- Major capital transit security devices, communication equipment, and other public safety enhancements

3.c) Water Supply, Treatment, and Distribution Systems

- Raw-water supply lines and storage facilities (reservoirs)
- Water treatment facilities
- Water quality management and monitoring systems (e.g. SCADA system), if part of a larger project
- Water pumping facilities
- Treated-water supply lines, storage facilities and related works
- Water distribution system extensions, betterment, and replacements, including individual services to the property line

3.d) Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems

- Wastewater collection system extensions, betterment, and replacements, including service mains to the property line
- Wastewater pumping facilities and lift stations
- Wastewater lines from the collection system to the wastewater treatment facilities

- Wastewater treatment facilities
- Outfall wastewater lines from wastewater treatment facilities to the point of discharge or disposal and related works

3.e) Storm Water Drainage Systems and Facilities

- Storm water ditches and major relocation of existing storm water ditches
- Storm water or waterway flooding containment structures
- Storm water collection lines including service lines, and catch basins
- Storm water retention ponds and treatment facilities
- Outfall storm water to the point of discharge or disposal and related works

3.f) Solid Waste Management Facilities and Equipment

- Waste collection depots
- Recycling and material recovery facilities
- Organics management systems
- Thermal treatment systems
- Waste disposal landfills

3.g) Police, Fire and Emergency Services

- Police stations
- Police training facilities
- Fire halls
- Fire training facilities
- Emergency operations centres
- Emergency vehicle storage and administration facilities
- Multi-service emergency response facilities

- Rural signage systems
- Ambulance stations

3.h) Disaster Mitigation

- Infrastructure that reduces or eliminates long-term impacts and risks associated with natural disasters, for example:
 - Infrastructure to manage and control flood water movement, including floodwalls and flood gates
 - River stabilization infrastructure, including spurs, berms and ripraps
 - Development of fire breaks

Note: excludes normal routine, maintenance and operational work (e.g., dredging of sediment, gravel removal, debris traps, etc.)

3.i) Regional and Community Airport Facilities and Equipment

- Primary runway, cross-wind runways, secondary runways and taxiways, and runway extensions
- Aprons
- Primary taxiway from main/terminal apron to runway
- Airport buildings, including terminals and storage areas/sheds
- Development areas, access roads, fencing and drainage
- Lighting and navigation equipment

3.j) General Government and Administration

- Public works facilities
- Maintenance equipment buildings
- Sand and salt storage sheds
- Animal control facilities and shelters

- Fuel storage tanks
- Operational services buildings
- Telecommunication infrastructure (e.g., fibre optic or copper cable, radio, cell towers, satellite links)

3.k) Public Health and Welfare

- Daycare centres
- Seniors' centres
- Family and community support facilities
- Youth centres
- Cemeteries

3.l) Parks, Recreation, Sports, and Other Community Facilities

- Recreational and sports facilities, including baseball diamonds, swimming pools, ski areas (except for those that serve professional or semi-professional sport facilities that are primarily commercial operations)
- Campground facilities
- Playgrounds and equipment
- Permanent park facilities
- Public wharves, docks, and piers
- Trail systems
- Other projects may be eligible at the Minister's sole discretion.

3.m) Libraries

- Library buildings

Schedule 4:

Ineligible Capital Projects Activities

The following activities whether related to, or in support of a capital asset are not eligible for MSP capital funding. See Schedule 2 for eligible capital project activities and Schedule 3 for eligible capital assets.

4.a) Acquisition

- Purchase or replacement of vehicles and equipment including:
 - Transit vehicles, LRT vehicles, "low-floor" standard buses, "low-floor" articulated buses, and accessible community public transit vehicles
 - Solid waste and recycling collection container systems, Waste transfer vehicles, landfill compactors, loaders, and material handlers
 - Fixed central communications and computerized information management hardware and software that is integral to the delivery of police services, Peace officer vehicles, Police vehicles under municipal jurisdiction
 - Specialized firefighting and rescue vehicles, specialized firefighting and rescue protective equipment, and fixed central communications and computerized information management hardware and software that is integral to the delivery of fire services
 - Emergency response telephone systems, portable emergency power generators, and fixed central communications and computerized information management hardware and software that is integral to the delivery of emergency services
 - Ground ambulances, as well as basic on-board equipment necessary for vehicle functionality
 - Fixed central communications and computerized information management hardware and software that is integral to the delivery of ambulance services
- Purchase or replacement of heavy equipment
- Purchase or replacement of ancillary or small equipment used to provide services in connection with an infrastructure asset, such as appliances, furniture, remote data access terminals, meter reading devices, radios, equipment location devices, and geographic positioning systems

- Purchase or replacement of cars and other fleet vehicles
- Purchase of land and rights-of-way, and any associated legal and survey fees

4.b) Functional Planning, Studies, and Infrastructure Management Systems

- Functional plans, studies, and system-wide reviews that directly relate to capital infrastructure
- Infrastructure management systems capable of recording and retrieving information on various types of infrastructure, including key infrastructure characteristics and condition, on a consistent basis to assist systematic infrastructure planning and management, and collection and input of data

4.c) General Government and Administration

- Construction, betterment, rehabilitation and non-routine maintenance of municipal halls or administrative buildings
- General municipal administration activities
- Planning expenditures not directly related to specific capital infrastructure
- Public relations, stakeholder relations, partnership and governance development, communication/media services, and grant funding application and reporting activities
- Management of programs to monitor/maintain existing facilities and components of facilities

4.d) Operating Support

- Routine maintenance, including any routinely scheduled, recurring, or superficial activity necessary to ensure that an asset reaches its normal design life and/or retains an acceptable appearance throughout its life, such as:
 - vehicle servicing or oil changes
 - snow sweeping/removal (including provincial highways)
 - cleaning of buildings or facilities
 - the operation of facility mechanical systems
- IT software purchases i.e. Muniware

- Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- Depreciation or amortization
- Loan Fees
- Operating costs

4.e) Other

- Land betterment (i.e., rehabilitation, reclamation, remediation) where the land is intended for resale
- Land betterment where the land is not intended for a specific eligible capital asset, nor is the land being bettered to mitigate/address health and safety concerns
- Constructing or developing subdivisions, except for some typical subdivision development costs, such as road and sidewalk construction, water and wastewater lines to the property lines, and purchase of transportation and utility corridor rights-of-way
- Project costs structured to be financed by an established, long-term funding strategy (e.g. Off-site or Community Revitalization levies)
- Borrowing costs
- Water license costs
- Costs funded under other grant programs
- Beautification and cosmetic activities, including fixed permanent artistic components of buildings and facilities, community welcome signs, and decorative lighting
- Professional or semi-professional sport facilities that are primarily commercial operations, such as those that serve major junior hockey leagues
- Relocation and adjustment of associated utilities, including gas and electric utilities
- Projects previously submitted under the MSI or GTF
- Projects that will create new operational funding requirements for the province
- Projects that will require dedicated operational funding from the province

Municipal Stimulus Program

Summary

- \$500-million allocation-based program structured on the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI), for construction of capital projects before December 31, 2021.
- Funding is distributed based on the Gas Tax Fund (GTF) allocation formula (largely per capita with a \$50,000 minimum; summer villages receive a base of \$5,000 plus the per capita amount).
- Project eligibility based on MSI guidelines, modified to exclude categories and activities with minimal contribution to economic recovery.
- Municipalities have broad discretion to apply for projects within the eligibility criteria, but Minister retains authority to approve projects.
- Municipalities will be required to report on progress in reducing municipal red tape.

Objectives

- Sustain and create local jobs.
- Enhance provincial competitiveness and productivity.
- Position communities to participate in future economic growth.
- Reduce municipal red-tape to promote job-creating private sector investment.

Program Overview

- Program is open to municipal authorities, Metis Settlements, and the Townsite of Redwood Meadows.
- Municipalities must commit to submitting an annual Red Tape Reduction report for each of 2020 and 2021. They will be required to indicate to the Minister's satisfaction how they have made progress in the following areas since the stimulus program was announced:
 - What steps have been taken to make it easier to start up a new business in the municipality?
 - What steps have been taken to streamline processes and shorten timelines for development and permit approvals?
 - What steps have been taken to make the municipality a more attractive destination for new investment and/or tourism?
- The red tape reduction report template will require municipalities to identify how they have reduced red tape from among several provided options, or they may identify their own actions. They will also be required to provide relevant metrics and/or a qualitative description of specific actions they have taken.
- Projects must begin construction in 2020 or 2021, and all funds must be expended before December 31, 2021, or repaid to the province. However, projects may continue past this date using other sources of funding.
- Municipalities must indicate the amount of funding required in both 2020 and 2021 for each project.
 - Payments for 2020 expenditures will be issued once municipalities sign the conditional grant agreement and receive approval on their project application(s).
 - Payments for 2021 expenditures will be issued in May 2021, unless municipalities identify a requirement to receive funding earlier.

- Projects must result in the construction or major rehabilitation of a capital asset that falls within one of the eligible categories.
 - Project categories are based on modified MSI project categories.
 - Some MSI eligible projects, such as rolling stock, equipment purchases, and infrastructure management systems are not be eligible, as they do not support economic development or job creation.
- Projects *must* not create new operational funding requirements for the province and *must* not, as a result of the projects, lead to higher/increased municipal taxes.
- Projects previously approved for MSI or GTF funding are not eligible and municipalities will not be permitted to withdraw and resubmit MSI or GTF projects to gain eligibility.
- Proponent must attest that the project would not go ahead this year or next year in the absence of support through the stimulus program.

Allocations

- Funding is allocated using the Gas Tax Fund (GTF) formula (per capita with a minimum funding amount of \$50,000; summer villages receive \$5,000 plus the per capita amount.)
 - Approximately 30.6% will go to Calgary, 23.1% will go to Edmonton, and 46.3% will go to other municipalities.
- This allocation formula favours more populous urban municipalities, but, previously announced stimulus funding delivered through the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program, the Alberta Water/Wastewater Partnership, and the First Nations Water Tie In benefits primarily rural and small urban municipalities.

Municipality	Allocations	
	\$	%
Calgary	\$152,831,311	30.6%
Edmonton	\$115,567,274	23.1%
Other Municipalities	\$231,601,415	46.3%
<i>Other Cities</i>	<i>\$83,401,530</i>	<i>16.7%</i>
<i>Towns</i>	<i>\$56,781,658</i>	<i>11.4%</i>
<i>Villages</i>	<i>\$5,337,096</i>	<i>1.1%</i>
<i>Summer Villages</i>	<i>\$873,117</i>	<i>0.2%</i>
<i>Rurals</i>	<i>\$59,567,950</i>	<i>11.9%</i>
<i>Strathcona County</i>	<i>\$11,694,461</i>	<i>2.3%</i>
<i>RM of Wood Buffalo</i>	<i>\$13,276,133</i>	<i>2.7%</i>
<i>Metis Settlements</i>	<i>\$669,470</i>	<i>0.1%</i>
Total	\$500,000,000	100.0%

Administration Process and Timing

Process Step	Estimated Timing
Program Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application process, program guidelines, and allocation amounts are posted on a program website - Municipal Affairs hosts webinar for municipalities to provide additional details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program materials available by July 28, 2020
First Project Intake Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipalities prepare and submit applications - Submitted applications uploaded into SharePoint - Project reviews - Project approvals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Until October 1, 2020 - Project approvals on a rolling basis, as soon as reviewed - Project reviews continue until complete
Re-allocation Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funds uncommitted by municipalities to an approved project re-allocated by the Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall 2020
Second Project Intake Period (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Second intake opened if substantial amounts of funding remain unallocated after first intake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 1, 2021, to April 1, 2021 - Project reviews continue until complete, approvals issued as decisions are made
Project Initiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notification letters sent to successful applicants - Recipients sign conditional grant agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following project approval
Project Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payments to recipients - Project construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payments following signing of conditional grant agreements and approval of project applications - Payments complete by October 2021
Reporting Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2020 reporting - 2021 reporting 	Red Tape Reduction Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 1, 2021 (2020 progress) - February 1, 2022 (2021 progress) Financial Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 1, 2021 (2020 reporting) - May 1, 2022 (2021 reporting)

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Dear Municipal Chief Administrative Officers:

As a follow-up to my message of July 3, 2020, we continue our efforts to support you as the provincial economy opens along with your municipal operations and services in accordance with the Alberta Relaunch Strategy and direction from the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Attached is a frequently asked questions document covering relaunch strategy information, as well as common inquiries received by our ministry. Updates will continue to be issued on a biweekly basis.

I encourage you to continue to visit www.alberta.ca for the latest COVID-19 information and www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx for past issues.

I trust these updates provide you with the timely information and answers you need. Please reach out if you have any remaining questions to ensure we address them to the best of our ability.

Sincerely,

Paul Wynnyk
Deputy Minister

Attachment – Frequently Asked Questions

Municipal Governance

During the COVID-19 Outbreak

Frequently Asked Questions – July 17, 2020

Alberta Municipal Affairs will continue to provide biweekly updates capturing frequently asked questions and providing information on new tools and resources as they become available.

The following addresses Ministerial Orders [MSD:019/20](#), [MAG:014/20](#), and [MSD:036/20](#), as well as mask distribution, municipal enforcement, the COVID-19 status map, and links to bilingual COVID-19 resources.

Municipal Affairs Updates

Previous COVID-19 updates are available at www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx

Public Health Emergency

Do the Ministerial Orders that provided extensions to legislated timelines and deadlines lapse on August 14, 2020, similar to Ministerial Orders (MOs) made under the *Public Health Act (PHA)*?

NO. MOs [MSD:019/20](#) (intermunicipal collaboration frameworks), [MAG:014/20](#) (assessment and tax recovery), and [MSD:036/20](#) (planning and development) were enacted under the *Municipal Government Act*, not the *Public Health Act (PHA)*; therefore, they remain in effect until they are repealed or replaced. It is only MOs made under Section 52.1(2) of the *PHA* that will lapse on August 14, which is 60 days after the state of public health emergency lapsed.

Municipal Advisory Services

If you have further questions, please call 780-427-2225 or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000 or email ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca

Mask Distribution

Is there a plan in place to get non-medical masks to Albertans that do not have access to drive-thru locations across the province?

YES. Understanding that not all Albertans can access a drive-thru, a model was created resulting in masks being provided to 49 municipalities for distribution. There were also masks distributed to First Nations and Metis Settlements, seniors' facilities, homeless shelters, women's shelters, street outreach programs, senior-serving organizations, residential addiction treatment facilities, and foster and kinship parents. In addition, non-medical masks were distributed to places of worship and masks were provided to both Calgary and Edmonton for distribution through their transit.

Those who cannot access a restaurant partner or access masks through alternate municipal or community providers can contact Alberta 211 for assistance.

A&W, McDonald's, and Tim Hortons partner restaurants are handing out eight masks per person for this second round of distribution.

Is the second round of mask distribution underway?

YES. Masks are now available at more than 700 partner restaurant locations, including those without drive-thru service, adding more than 100 new locations and expanding the availability of masks to Albertans. No purchase is necessary to pick up masks in restaurants, either at the counter or through drive-thrus.

Masks are also being distributed through libraries, food banks, Metis Nation of Alberta, Native Friendship centres, the Centre for Newcomers, and 20 municipal transit authorities, including another distribution to Edmonton and Calgary. The second round will also include the distribution of masks to all other groups included in the first distribution, unless they choose to opt out. As of June 29, eleven municipalities have advised that they have enough masks remaining from round one distribution and do not wish to participate in a second distribution. Additional information and feedback forms to submit concerns or complaints about the distribution of mask are available at alberta.ca/masks.

General Questions

There have been instances of public gatherings that contravene public health orders for social distancing or limits to the size of gatherings (e.g., weekend gatherings on local beach areas). Do municipalities have authority to ensure the public health orders are enforced?

YES. Municipalities have the authority to close or restrict access to municipal parks and facilities. Community signage may also promote public awareness and education. In addition, local bylaws can be enacted and enforced.

Community peace officers are encouraged to continue educating individuals on the public health orders. If enforcement is required, the RCMP or public health inspectors are authorized to enforce orders issued under the *PHA*.

Are municipalities notified before the public when their regions are put on “watch” status on the COVID-19 status map?

YES. The COVID-19 status map shows the level of risk in regions and information about local health measures. It also shows the rate of COVID-19 cases and the number of active cases. Regions are designated as 'open', 'watch' or 'enhanced relaunch' status. When the number of active COVID-19 cases identified in a region increase and leads to a 'watch' status, the Pandemic Response Planning Team facilitates engagement with Alberta Health Services, Alberta Health, and the Chief Administrative Officer to inform the municipality ahead of the public notification going live on the status map.

Is information about COVID-19 awareness and actions to prevent the spread available in French or any other languages?

YES. Printable posters are available with information and tips on a number of pandemic-related topics. Many of these posters are available in French and other languages: www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information-posters.aspx.

French posters can be found at the following link: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-help-prevent-the-spread-information-posters-french-language>.

Municipalities can encourage community businesses and organizations to take advantage of these resources and other French guidance documents available at: open.alberta.ca/dataset?tags=COVID-19&language=fr-CA&sort=date_modified+desc.

Have a question?

If you have a specific question you would like answered in an upcoming update, please email your request to ma.lqsmail@gov.ab.ca.

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Dear Municipal Chief Administrative Officers:

As a follow up to my message of July 17, 2020, we continue our efforts to support you as the provincial economy opens along with your municipal operations and services in accordance with the Alberta Relaunch Strategy and direction from the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Since my last update, the province announced additional funding for shovel-ready projects to help with your COVID-19 response.

Attached is a frequently asked questions document covering further information on the additional funding, relaunch strategy information, as well as common inquiries received by our ministry. This will be our final biweekly update. Any future updates will only be issued if changing circumstances warrant further updates.

I encourage you to continue to visit www.alberta.ca for the latest COVID-19 information and www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx for past issues.

I trust these updates have provided you with the timely information and answers you needed as we all worked through the COVID-19 pandemic challenges. I commend you for being a part of the leadership shown throughout the province to keep Albertans safe and now to safely reopen your community in a fashion that continues to ensure the health and safety of your staff, residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Paul Wynnyk
Deputy Minister

Attachment – Frequently Asked Questions

Municipal Governance

During the COVID-19 Outbreak

Frequently Asked Questions – July 31, 2020

Over the last several months, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented unique operational challenges for local government operations. Since March 2020, Alberta Municipal Affairs has released 15 Municipal Governance (During the COVID-19 Outbreak) updates, which remain available at www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx.

The following issue will be the last regularly scheduled update. Future information will be provided to you on a timely basis as new information arises.

This final issue provides information on the additional funding available to help municipalities address operational needs relating to COVID-19 and respond to recent questions about updated relaunch strategies and resources.

Municipal Advisory Services

If you have any questions relating to municipal governance, finance, planning, etc., please call:

780-427-2225 or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000 or email ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca

Funding to Help Municipalities Cope with COVID-19

The province recently announced additional funding for infrastructure projects as part of Alberta's Recovery Plan and additional funds to support municipal operating costs during the pandemic. Are there additional details and can we apply now for the funds?

YES. Municipalities and Metis Settlements can now apply for capital funding under the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP), which is providing \$500 million for projects aimed at supporting local jobs and stimulating the economy. MSP project eligibility is based on the Municipal Sustainability Initiative guidelines, modified to exclude categories and activities with minimal contribution to economic recovery. MSP funding has been allocated using the same formula as the federal Gas Tax Fund and municipalities can access their allocation by submitting project applications before October 1, 2020. More information about the MSP, including program guidelines, project application forms and allocation amounts, is available on the [program website](#). MSP applications will be reviewed as they are received and payments will begin shortly after projects are approved.

The province also announced \$606 million in funding, shared on a 50/50 basis between the federal and provincial governments, to support municipal and public transit operating costs. Further information about this funding will be made available soon.

General Questions

Has additional information been made available to assist municipalities with addressing beaches and recreational areas near water?

YES. A [guidance document](#) is now available to support local authorities, visitors and operators in reducing the risk of transmitting COVID-19 at recreational water sites.

If public gatherings contravene public health orders for social distancing or limits to the size of gatherings (e.g., gatherings on local beach areas), can public health orders be enforced?

YES. Municipalities have the authority to close or restrict access to municipal parks and facilities. Community signage may also promote public awareness and education. In addition, local bylaws can be enacted and enforced.

Community peace officers are encouraged to continue educating individuals on the public health orders. If enforcement is required, the RCMP or public health inspectors are authorized to enforce orders issued under the *Public Health Act*.

Our municipality is planning an outdoor vocal concert? Is there new information available?

YES. Municipalities planning outdoor vocal concerts (a vocalist with or without a band) should review the [Guidance for Outdoor Vocal Concerts](#) prepared by [Alberta Biz Connect](#) to ensure steps are being taken to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among attendees (including workers, volunteers, patrons and the general public).

Have a question?

If you have a specific question you would like answered, please email your request to ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca.

Have there been other relevant updates and information made available to help municipalities and businesses reopen during stage 2?

YES. [Alberta Biz Connect](#) has also released new guidance documents addressing [sport, physical activity and recreation](#), [swimming pools and whirlpools](#), and [trade shows and exhibiting events](#). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention and control measures and is subject to change, as it will be updated as needed. Current information can be found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information.aspx>.

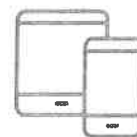


Additional Resources

Are there additional resources for municipalities to help with the COVID-19 response and reopening of communities?

YES. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities continues to compile a list of links and resources for municipalities at <https://fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities>.

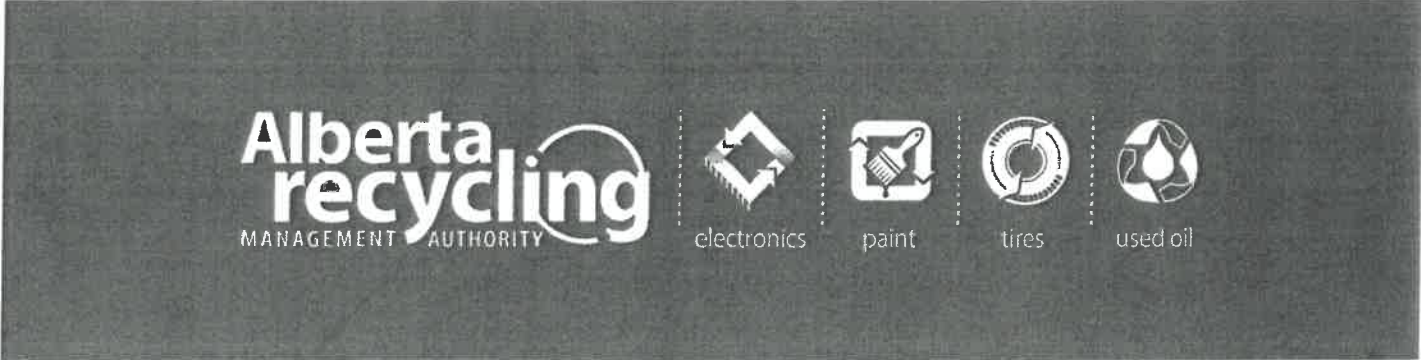
In addition, Alberta municipal associations continue to provide comprehensive resources to assist members during the pandemic. The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association has developed a webpage to act as a quick first reference with links to credible sources for up-to-date information at <https://auma.ca/business-services/employee-benefits/employers/covid-19>. The Rural Municipalities of Alberta's COVID-19 response hub is accessible via <https://rmalberta.com/about/covid-19-response-hub/>.



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Expanded Electronics Recycling Program - Pilot Project Update

On May 11, 2020 the Alberta Environment Minister announced its approval of ARMA's Electronics Expansion Pilot Project and we are now working towards launching on September 1, 2020. On behalf of the Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA), I want to thank you for your continued support as a valued stakeholder during this extensive planning and preparation phase.

Today, we would like to provide you with an interim update as many of you have shown great interest, as well as have had questions, regarding what to expect and how you can start preparing for the electronics pilot project launch this fall.

Presentations to Registered Collectors

There are 155 municipalities and Indigenous communities registered with ARMA's recycling programs across Alberta. Our Operations Team has been reaching out to these collection sites to offer a virtual and/or in-person presentation. To date, we have completed presentations to approximately 65% of our registered sites with attendees ranging from frontline site staff to those in public waste administration.

In addition to these presentations to collection sites, we have also been receiving requests for presentations to regional waste management authorities and commissions, as well as some of our key partner organizations. We will be providing all of our presentation information on a forthcoming pilot project microsite that will evolve over the course of the pilot project. Watch for it!

Common Questions

The questions asked to date either from phone inquiries, at the presentations we've delivered so far, or through general conversation pointed to some common themes. I want to provide a summary of the top three themes of interest that have been most asked about from our presentations, to date:

1. The electronics expansion pilot project will NOT be an administrative burden to collection sites.

While pilot project materials will need to be stored separately from the current program and ineligible materials, sorting by category or unit counting will not be required for pilot project items. In other words, all that is required will be planning for additional separate storage which can be done simply by reaching out to your service provider to make arrangements for these three categories:

1. Current program
2. Pilot materials

3. Ineligibles

ARMA will be providing new pilot project signage for all collection sites (link to e-pilot sign)

2. This is an opportunity for municipalities to generate additional revenue.

The pilot project will be providing \$155 per tonne in funding for the pilot material collected and will be on the same payment schedule as current program claims. We are estimating that the project could generate an additional \$3.76 million in revenue for collection sites based on the estimated 24,600 tonnes of additional pilot material to be collected over the course of the two-year project.

3. The pilot project paperwork will be simple.

While a separate claim must be submitted for pilot materials, we heard your concerns and worked hard to streamline the paperwork. The process to submit will be straightforward and available on our website.

The Benefits – Economic and Environmental

As announced, this two-year electronics pilot project could see an additional 24,600 tonnes of electronics recycled through the program and will add additional jobs and economic impact to Alberta. An expanded electronics program has the potential to inject \$30 million GVA annually into Alberta's economy and create 360 additional full-time jobs in the recycling sector.

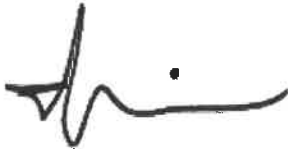
The environmental benefits include:

- Reduction in the volume of electronic waste entering landfill and incinerators.
- Reduction of landfill space required, providing land use benefits for surrounding communities.

- Potential opportunities to reduce the need to mine raw materials by introducing a life-cycle approach to reuse existing extracted raw materials.
- Increased public awareness of waste management initiatives in recovery and recycling to incentivize voluntary recycling.

With the data that ARMA will gather from this project, we will be able to provide the government and others with critical information that will help them determine the best course of action to modernize the electronics recycling program for the long-term. Alberta continues to lead in building recycling options for our residents.

Again, thank you for your continued support, stay tuned for more information as we approach September 1 and if you have any questions at this time regarding the pilot, please email us at epilot@albertarecycling.ca.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Gugenheimer', with a small dot above the 'i'.

Ed Gugenheimer
CEO

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From: President <President@auma.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 1:13 PM
Subject: \$1.1 billion Safe Restart funding

Good Afternoon Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs,

Yesterday, the Government of Alberta announced it is providing financial support as part of the Safe Restart program. AUMA VP Tanya Thorn joined Premier Kenney, Ministers Madu and McIver, Mayors Iveson and Nenshi, and RMA President Al Kemmere in announcing additional funding supports for municipal operating costs.

The province has confirmed it will match the Government of Canada's \$296 million with a further \$296 million to help municipalities maintain critical services Albertans rely on every day. The Government of Alberta had previously announced \$500 million in stimulus funds for infrastructure projects. This means a total commitment of \$1.1 billion for Alberta's communities.

Of the \$592 million, \$452 million will be allocated to operational support and \$140 million to transit supports. The transit supports will be allocated using a formula that considers ridership and projected losses. We continue to work with the government on financial supports for those communities hit hard by the decline in the tourism industry.

Furthermore, Municipal Affairs has confirmed the \$500 million capital stimulus funds will be allocated to all Alberta municipalities based on the MSI formula. The province requires the funds be allocated to projects by October 1, 2020, and that all funds be spent by December 31, 2021. Details of the allocation amounts for each municipality and the precise guidelines for using the funds can be found on the Government of Alberta website.

When advocating for these funds, we have been clear that there cannot be a full recovery without strong municipalities. We need municipalities to lead recovery efforts on the ground, which requires rehiring laid-off employees and offsetting members' revenue losses.

In conjunction with FCM and other municipal leaders, AUMA has worked hard to help our governments understand the financial crisis our municipalities are facing. This is a good first step to rebuilding a stronger Alberta by rebuilding its strong communities.

We will share more details as they become available.

Sincerely,

Barry Morishita | President
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From: President <President@auma.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 10:24 AM
Subject: CORRECTION: \$1.1 billion Safe Restart funding

Good Morning,

In our e-mail concerning the \$1.1 billion Safe Restart funding, we stated that "Municipal Affairs has confirmed the \$500 million capital stimulus funds will be allocated to all Alberta municipalities based on the MSI formula."

The \$500 million capital stimulus funds will now be allocated based on the Gas Tax Fund formula as stipulated in the Municipal Stimulus Program guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) Allocations

The allocated amounts represent the maximum funding available to municipalities through the MSP. Municipalities must commit their funding allocation to project(s) by October 1, 2020, or risk losing access to their allocation. Municipalities must also spend all allocated funding on accepted project(s) by December 31, 2021.

Municipality	Allocated MSP Funding
Total	\$500,000,000
Cities	
AIRDRIE	\$8,387,879
BEAUMONT	\$2,286,566
BROOKS	\$1,717,777
CALGARY	\$152,831,311
CAMROSE	\$2,227,845
CHESTERMERE	\$2,464,394
COLD LAKE	\$1,778,401
EDMONTON	\$115,567,274
FORT SASKATCHEWAN	\$3,202,571
GRANDE PRAIRIE	\$8,212,428
LACOMBE	\$1,662,384
LEDUC	\$3,926,484
LETHBRIDGE	\$12,063,074
LLOYDMINSTER	\$2,335,183
MEDICINE HAT	\$7,519,659
RED DEER	\$12,006,017
SPRUCE GROVE	\$4,251,472
ST. ALBERT	\$7,855,108
WETASKIWIN	\$1,504,288
Towns	
ATHABASCA	\$352,447
BANFF	\$1,054,963
BARRHEAD	\$544,302
BASHAW	\$98,661
BASSANO	\$143,356
BEAVERLODGE	\$293,012
BENTLEY	\$128,141
BLACK DIAMOND	\$320,947
BLACKFALDS	\$1,203,550
BON ACCORD	\$181,751
BONNYVILLE	\$763,377
BOW ISLAND	\$242,850
BOWDEN	\$147,398
BRUDERHEIM	\$165,822

Municipality	Allocated MSP Funding
CARDSTON	\$464,659
CARSTAIRS	\$484,629
CASTOR	\$110,429
CLARESHOLM	\$449,325
COALDALE	\$1,033,091
COALHURST	\$330,932
COCHRANE	\$3,480,131
CORONATION	\$111,737
CROSSFIELD	\$401,421
DAYSLAND	\$97,948
DEVON	\$781,921
DIDSBURY	\$626,202
DRAYTON VALLEY	\$860,018
DRUMHELLER	\$948,813
ECKVILLE	\$138,245
EDSON	\$1,000,165
ELK POINT	\$172,598
FAIRVIEW	\$356,370
FALHER	\$124,456
FORT MACLEOD	\$352,685
FOX CREEK	\$307,752
GIBBONS	\$375,507
GRIMSHAW	\$323,086
HANNA	\$304,186
HARDISTY	\$65,853
HIGH LEVEL	\$474,525
HIGH PRAIRIE	\$304,780
HIGH RIVER	\$1,670,349
HINTON	\$1,174,664
INNISFAIL	\$932,766
IRRICANA	\$144,545
KILLAM	\$117,562
LAMONT	\$210,874
LEGAL	\$159,879
MAGRATH	\$289,446
MANNING	\$140,622
MAYERTHORPE	\$156,907
MCLENNAN	\$94,025
MILK RIVER	\$98,305
MILLET	\$231,200
MORINVILLE	\$1,175,972
MUNDARE	\$101,276
NANTON	\$259,254
NOBLEFORD	\$151,915
OKOTOKS	\$3,447,442
OLDS	\$1,091,694

Municipality	Allocated MSP Funding
OYEN	\$121,484
PEACE RIVER	\$813,302
PENHOLD	\$423,531
PICTURE BUTTE	\$215,153
PINCHER CREEK	\$432,921
PONOKA	\$859,305
PROVOST	\$237,500
RAINBOW LAKE	\$94,501
RAYMOND	\$504,124
REDCLIFF	\$665,667
REDWATER	\$244,038
RIMBEY	\$305,137
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	\$788,696
SEDGEWICK	\$96,403
SEXSMITH	\$311,437
SLAVE LAKE	\$790,598
SMOKY LAKE	\$114,590
SPIRIT RIVER	\$118,275
ST. PAUL	\$708,816
STAVELY	\$64,308
STETTLER	\$707,509
STONY PLAIN	\$2,120,862
STRATHMORE	\$1,608,061
SUNDRE	\$324,394
SWAN HILLS	\$154,649
SYLVAN LAKE	\$1,761,165
TABER	\$1,001,829
THORSBY	\$120,652
THREE HILLS	\$381,808
TOFIELD	\$247,367
TROCHU	\$125,764
TURNER VALLEY	\$304,186
TWO HILLS	\$171,528
VALLEYVIEW	\$221,453
VAUXHALL	\$145,258
VEGREVILLE	\$678,505
VERMILION	\$493,307
VIKING	\$128,735
VULCAN	\$227,872
WAINWRIGHT	\$745,309
WEMBLEY	\$180,206
WESTLOCK	\$606,351
WHITECOURT	\$1,212,940
Villages	
ACME	\$77,622
ALBERTA BEACH	\$121,000

Municipality	Allocated MSP Funding
ALLIANCE	\$50,000
AMISK	\$50,000
ANDREW	\$50,519
ARROWWOOD	\$50,000
BARNWELL	\$112,569
BARONS	\$50,000
BAWLF	\$50,163
BEISEKER	\$97,354
BERWYN	\$63,952
BIG VALLEY	\$50,000
BITTERN LAKE	\$50,000
BOYLE	\$109,954
BRETON	\$68,231
CARBON	\$59,435
CARMANGAY	\$50,000
CAROLINE	\$60,861
CEREAL	\$50,000
CHAMPION	\$50,000
CHAUVIN	\$50,000
CHIPMAN	\$50,000
CLIVE	\$84,991
CLYDE	\$51,114
CONSORT	\$86,656
COUTTS	\$50,000
COWLEY	\$50,000
CREMONA	\$52,778
CZAR	\$50,000
DELBURNE	\$106,031
DELIA	\$50,000
DEWBERRY	\$50,000
DONALDA	\$50,000
DONNELLY	\$50,000
DUCHESS	\$128,973
EDBERG	\$50,000
EDGERTON	\$50,519
ELNORA	\$50,000
EMPRESS	\$50,000
FOREMOST	\$64,308
FORESTBURG	\$104,010
GIROUXVILLE	\$50,000
GLENDON	\$58,602
GLENWOOD	\$50,000
HALKIRK	\$50,000
HAY LAKES	\$58,840
HEISLER	\$50,000
HILL SPRING	\$50,000

Municipality	Allocated MSP Funding
HOLDEN	\$50,000
HUGHENDEN	\$50,000
HUSSAR	\$50,000
HYPHE	\$98,305
INNISFREE	\$50,000
IRMA	\$61,931
KITSCOTY	\$116,016
LINDEN	\$98,424
LOMOND	\$50,000
LONGVIEW	\$50,000
LOUGHEED	\$50,000
MANNVILLE	\$98,424
MARWAYNE	\$72,035
MILO	\$50,000
MORRIN	\$50,000
MUNSON	\$50,000
MYRNAM	\$50,000
NAMPA	\$50,000
PARADISE VALLEY	\$50,000
ROCKYFORD	\$50,000
ROSALIND	\$50,000
ROSEMARY	\$50,000
RYCROFT	\$72,748
RYLEY	\$57,414
SPRING LAKE	\$83,090
STANDARD	\$50,000
STIRLING	\$150,845
VETERAN	\$50,000
VILNA	\$50,000
WABAMUN	\$81,069
WARBURG	\$91,054
WARNER	\$50,000
WASKATENAU	\$50,000
YOUNGSTOWN	\$50,000
Summer Villages	
ARGENTIA BEACH	\$8,209
BETULA BEACH	\$6,902
BIRCH COVE	\$10,349
BIRCHCLIFF	\$18,908
BONDISS	\$18,076
BONNYVILLE BEACH	\$14,985
BURNSTICK LAKE	\$6,783
CASTLE ISLAND	\$6,189
CRYSTAL SPRINGS	\$11,062
GHOST LAKE	\$14,747
GOLDEN DAYS	\$24,010

Municipality	Allocated MSP Funding
GULL LAKE	\$25,921
HALF MOON BAY	\$9,993
HORSESHOE BAY	\$13,677
ISLAND LAKE	\$32,102
ISLAND LAKE SOUTH	\$12,251
ITASKA BEACH	\$7,734
JARVIS BAY	\$30,319
KAPASIWIN	\$6,189
LAKEVIEW	\$8,566
LARKSPUR	\$10,230
MA-ME-O BEACH	\$18,076
MEWATHA BEACH	\$15,698
NAKAMUN PARK	\$16,411
NORGLENWOLD	\$37,451
NORRIS BEACH	\$9,517
PARKLAND BEACH	\$23,187
PELICAN NARROWS	\$22,949
POINT ALISON	\$6,189
POPLAR BAY	\$17,244
ROCHON SANDS	\$15,223
ROSS HAVEN	\$24,019
SANDY BEACH	\$38,046
SEBA BEACH	\$25,089
SILVER BEACH	\$12,726
SILVER SANDS	\$24,019
SOUTH BAPTISTE	\$12,845
SOUTH VIEW	\$12,964
SUNBREAKER COVE	\$14,628
SUNDANCE BEACH	\$13,677
SUNRISE BEACH	\$21,047
SUNSET BEACH	\$10,825
SUNSET POINT	\$25,089
VAL QUENTIN	\$34,955
WAIPAROUS	\$10,825
WEST BAPTISTE	\$9,517
WEST COVE	\$22,711
WHISPERING HILLS	\$21,879
WHITE SANDS	\$19,264
YELLOWSTONE	\$21,285
Municipal Districts and Counties	
ACADIA NO. 34, M.D. OF	\$58,602
ATHABASCA COUNTY	\$935,381
BARRHEAD NO. 11, COUNTY OF	\$747,449
BEAVER COUNTY	\$701,922
BIG LAKES COUNTY	\$487,720
BIGHORN NO. 8 M.D. OF	\$159,574

Municipality	Allocated MSP Funding
BONNYVILLE NO. 87, M.D. OF	\$1,516,770
BRAZEAU COUNTY	\$923,732
CAMROSE COUNTY	\$1,029,406
CARDSTON COUNTY	\$532,652
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY	\$359,341
CLEARWATER COUNTY	\$1,420,129
CYPRESS COUNTY	\$910,775
FAIRVIEW NO. 136, M.D. OF	\$190,666
FLAGSTAFF COUNTY	\$444,333
FOOTHILLS COUNTY	\$2,706,174
FORTY MILE NO. 8, COUNTY OF	\$425,670
GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1, COUNTY OF	\$2,674,793
GREENVIEW NO. 16, M.D. OF	\$1,142,926
KNEEHILL COUNTY	\$594,464
LACOMBE COUNTY	\$1,229,463
LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY	\$1,295,554
LAMONT COUNTY	\$463,471
LEDUC COUNTY	\$1,638,016
LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124, M.D. OF	\$334,141
LETHBRIDGE COUNTY	\$1,230,652
MINBURN NO. 27, COUNTY OF	\$378,955
MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY	\$1,554,095
NEWELL, COUNTY OF	\$894,371
NORTHERN LIGHTS, COUNTY OF	\$434,585
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY	\$224,781
OPPORTUNITY NO. 17, M.D. OF	\$378,123
PAINTEARTH NO. 18, COUNTY OF	\$249,863
PARKLAND COUNTY	\$3,815,342
PEACE NO. 135, M.D. OF	\$207,664
PINCHER CREEK NO. 9, M.D. OF	\$352,447
PONOKA COUNTY	\$1,165,630
PROVOST NO. 52, M.D. OF	\$262,106
RANCHLAND NO. 66, M.D. OF	\$50,000
RED DEER COUNTY	\$2,322,821
ROCKY VIEW COUNTY	\$4,684,275
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY	\$264,484
SMOKY LAKE COUNTY	\$292,537
SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, M.D. OF	\$240,472
SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133, M.D. OF	\$83,208
ST. PAUL NO. 19, COUNTY OF	\$768,845
STARLAND COUNTY	\$245,584
STETTLER NO. 6, COUNTY OF	\$661,625
STURGEON COUNTY	\$2,437,530
TABER, M.D. OF	\$852,648
THORHILD COUNTY	\$386,800
TWO HILLS NO. 21, COUNTY OF	\$432,802

Municipality	Allocated MSP Funding
VULCAN COUNTY	\$473,574
WAINWRIGHT NO. 61, M.D. OF	\$532,415
WARNER NO. 5, COUNTY OF	\$469,176
WESTLOCK COUNTY	\$858,235
WETASKIWIN NO. 10, COUNTY OF	\$1,329,075
WHEATLAND COUNTY	\$1,044,622
WILLOW CREEK NO. 26, M.D. OF	\$663,884
WOODLANDS COUNTY	\$565,104
YELLOWHEAD COUNTY	\$1,306,966
I.D. NO. 04 (WATERTON)	\$60,980
I.D. NO. 09 (BANFF)	\$122,197
KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$50,000
SPECIAL AREAS (2, 3 AND 4)	\$497,348
Specialized Municipalities	
CROWSNEST PASS, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$707,064
JASPER, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$545,609
LAC LA BICHE COUNTY	\$1,145,423
MACKENZIE COUNTY	\$1,487,290
STRATHCONA COUNTY	\$11,694,461
WOOD BUFFALO, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	\$13,276,133
Metis Settlements	
BUFFALO LAKE	\$84,991
EAST PRAIRIE	\$69,657
ELIZABETH	\$76,552
FISHING LAKE	\$70,727
GIFT LAKE	\$106,031
KIKINO	\$121,009
PADDLE PRAIRIE	\$68,587
PEAVINE	\$71,916
Redwood Meadows	
REDWOOD MEADOWS	\$128,379

Notes:

1. MSP funding is allocated on a per capita basis, according to the 2019 Municipal Affairs Population List. Municipalities with smaller populations are allocated a minimum allocation of \$50,000, with the exception of summer villages, which are allocated a base allocation of \$5,000, in addition to the per capita amount.

2. In accordance with the Minister's discretion, Improvement District No. 12 (Jasper National Park), Improvement District No. 13 (Elk Island), Improvement District No. 24 (Wood Buffalo), Improvement District No. 25 (Willmore Wilderness), and Improvement District No. 349 have been excluded from the MSP funding allocation model.

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From: Angela Duncan <@gmail.com>
Sent: August 5, 2020 8:46 PM
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Subject: AUMA Villages West Update

Hello Mayors, Councillors, and CAO's,

I hope that you are all having a great summer and taking some time to enjoy the nice weather. I took a bit of a break from the ordinary myself and joined our President, Barry Morishita, for part of his AUMA summer tour. I had the pleasure of visiting various communities and meeting amazing people in Northwestern Alberta, including the Villages of Berwyn, Hines Creek, Rycroft, and Hythe. I must say, we have some strong, unique, and resilient communities that have come up with innovative ways to deal with local issues in these challenging times. I also gained valuable insights that will help me advocate on behalf of villages. I am hoping to join him for at least one more day on the tour to visit some more of our amazing villages.

It has been a very busy time at the AUMA, and we are working hard to advocate and provide resources for our members. Below is a little bit about what we are currently working on.

Municipal Leaders Caucus

Our MLC in Fairview, held last week, was a huge success. There was a lot of great information and networking. We have 4 more MLC's planned throughout August to help us engage and communicate with everyone. We will be in Vermillion on Aug 6, Stony Plain on Aug 11 (will be available virtually as well), Nanton on Aug 19, and Sylvan Lake on Aug 20. Topics of discussion include physician recruitment and rural healthcare, policing, Local Government Fiscal Framework, a fair deal for municipalities and more! [Click here](#) to register or for more information.

Assessment Model Review

You may have heard that the province is doing an assessment model review for pipelines and wells. Many counties and MD's are very concerned about what this means for them and it will definitely have an impact on urban municipalities as well. AUMA is currently determining the impacts on our members, working on a position, preparing a submission for the province, and compiling information and advocacy materials for our members. To help inform our position and submission, as well as to provide information and understand the impact on our members, we will be holding a town hall in the near future. Please watch for information on this as it will come up very quickly and your direction is important. I have also heard some concerns about what this will mean for ICF's. I will point out that the province has made it clear that ICF's are about cost sharing, not revenue sharing, so this should not impact ICF's.

Policing

I know that many are waiting for information on the rollout of new resources from the police costing model. The province put out an update on the new resources that have been allocated thus far. Municipalities were not consulted on the roll-out of these resources, we have expressed our concerns about this to the province. We continue to advocate for no pay without say. The Interim Police Advisory Board has now met 3 times. We have a lot to cover and will be looking for your input and feedback in the near future. There should be a survey coming out in early September and I would really appreciate it if you can take the time to fill it out and give us your feedback.

COVID-19 Funding

AUMA is happy that last week the province announced COVID-19 funding for municipalities. I will not get into the details as the funding model is a little tricky. President Morishita sent out an email last week detailing the info and there were quite a few that the province sent out as well. We are pleased that the government took many of our

recommendations into account when determining funding needs and allocation. Please let us know if you need help sorting out the grants and their requirements.

Convention

Registration is open for our 2020 Convention. The convention will be held virtually this year, with the possibility of some in-person attendance. We will be making a decision on the final format by the end of next week. We have an exciting lineup including a Keynote from Peter Mansbridge! Even if you cannot attend in person, I hope that you are able to attend virtually.

LAEA

We are disappointed that the province has passed Bill 29 without including the changes proposed by the AUMA. You can read our full statement here. We are continuing to advocate on this matter as local democracy and the sanctity of our elections is extremely important. We believe that the changes made will allow big money, including unions and corporations, to heavily influence local elections. In addition, the high donation limit and the fact that a person can donate the maximum amount of \$5000 to an unlimited number of candidates allows for "slates" of candidates.

As you can see, we have been extremely busy, and there are many more items that we are working on as well. If you have any questions on these or anything else, please feel free to ask me. I will point out that the province is making changes and passing legislation at a record pace. We are often not given very much, if any, notice of upcoming changes. Timelines for feedback and consultation are tight, sometimes only 2 weeks. This makes it very difficult to review the information and changes, figure out the impact on municipalities, and formulate a position and advocacy plan. It has also made it difficult to engage with our members. So, please reach out to me if there is something going on that is affecting your community that you think the AUMA should be aware of. I really do appreciate it.

Also, Director for Villages West is up for election this year. I am happy to announce that I will be running for re-election for both Director of Villages West and Vice President for Villages and Summer Villages. I truly hope that I have served you well and that you will place your trust in me again as both Director and Vice President.

Sincerely,

Angela Duncan

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From: President <President@auma.ca>
Sent: August 7, 2020 6:28 PM
Subject: AUMA statement on AHS changes to municipal 911 dispatch

Good evening Mayors, Councillors and CAOs,

Below is our statement that we released today regarding AHS changes to municipal 911 dispatch.

AUMA statement on AHS changes to municipal 911 dispatch

Earlier this week, Alberta Health Services announced that EMS 911 dispatch services will be consolidated across the province, taking away dispatch centres operated by four AUMA member municipalities: Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer, and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. These four municipally-run EMS dispatch sites have provided reliable, efficient EMS dispatch services for decades, with response times at or below provincial benchmarks.

We share the Government of Alberta’s commitment to the delivery of effective, efficient, and accessible EMS services for Albertans, but two aspects of this sudden announcement are concerning.

1) We need more information about the impact of consolidation on response times.

While we understand a move toward efficiency, we have not seen data to indicate that response times will not be negatively impacted. Monetary savings should not be the main driver of this decision. A delay in response times, even of a few seconds, will cost lives and erode trust in the system.

2) We are frustrated by the lack of consultation.

We are extremely disappointed with the lack of consultation both by the provincial government in making this announcement and their consultant, Ernst & Young, who failed to consult with municipalities during their comprehensive review process. Due to a lack of consultation in 2007, the first time ambulance dispatch was consolidated, significant issues arose. The transition had to be paused, which resulted in ambulance service delays and project cost overruns. Municipal engagement and consultation are critical to ensuring that changes to provincial policies and programs are successfully implemented.

This announcement caught us, and our four impacted member municipalities, by surprise. Substantive changes should not occur in a vacuum or without consulting stakeholders. The mayors of Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo made every effort to communicate with the provincial government, as they outlined in their media conference on August 5 (view part 1, part 2, and part 3). It is unfortunate that these collaborative efforts were not returned by the Government of Alberta.

Albertans will measure the success of this change not by the dollars saved, but by any changes to EMS services and response times. We urge the Minister of Health to rethink this decision and keep EMS dispatch located in the communities.

We wish to work with the Government of Alberta to provide the most efficient and effective system of EMS response that best serves those in need and saves lives. As we stated last month, a real commitment by the provincial government to collaborate with AUMA and its membership is the only way forward to rebuild the prosperity of our communities and our province.

Best regards,

Barry Morishita | President
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EMS dispatch consolidation to benefit patients

August 4, 2020

CALGARY – Alberta Health Services (AHS) is announcing today that EMS 911 dispatch services will be consolidated across the province, further improving patient care and fiscal efficiency.

In alignment with a recommendation from the EY AHS Review, the EMS 911 calls handled by four municipally-run contracted satellite dispatch sites located in Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer and the Municipality of Wood Buffalo will be transitioned to one of three existing AHS EMS dispatch centres. These four municipally-run sites had remained separate from the AHS EMS provincial dispatch system established in 2009.

This transition affects EMS 911 dispatch services only; all local municipal fire, police and Medical First Response (MFR) will continue to be dispatched by the local municipalities.

“The adoption of this recommendation from the EY AHS Review is a further evolution of Alberta’s promise to put patients first,” said Tyler Shandro, Alberta’s Minister of Health. “The provincial EMS dispatch system allows for better coordination of all EMS resources, including ground ambulances, and air resources, and reliable response times. EMS dispatch consolidation supports improved health integration and will facilitate broader health reforms.”

This province-wide EMS dispatch system will improve patient care through more efficient coordination of all EMS resources, which allows EMS to send the nearest available ambulance to a patient regardless of geographic boundaries. EMS 911 dispatch also has the ability to involve real-time physician consultation on emergency calls to ensure patients get the highest quality care when they need it.

“The consolidation is the right decision for any Albertan needing emergency medical care,” said Dr. Verna Yiu, AHS President and CEO. “This will improve care and ensure we are being fiscally responsible.”

“This is about Albertans and providing the best care to 911 callers and patients. 911 callers will notice no change when they call for emergency help. By bringing all EMS services together, we are better able to maintain consistency and ensure sustainability of EMS dispatch services across all communities” said Darren Sandbeck, Chief Paramedic and Senior Provincial Director, AHS EMS.

While this consolidation is not primarily a financial decision, consolidation of the four municipal satellite dispatch centres will eliminate duplication and save over \$6 million annually.

The transition will take place over approximately six months, commencing August 4, 2020. When the transition is complete, EMS calls will be seamlessly transitioned from municipal call centres, to the AHS EMS provincial communications centres located in Peace River, Edmonton and Calgary. Callers to 911 will not notice any change.

To ensure resources are in place to meet increased call volume to the EMS Communications Centres, AHS EMS will hire 25 new Emergency Communications Officers (ECOs). Current municipal employees will be encouraged to apply for these roles.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

For media inquiries, contact:

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AHS Communications
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aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: President <President@auma.ca>
Sent: August 7, 2020 1:49 PM
Subject: Invitation to Assessment Model Review Virtual Session

Dear Mayors and CAOs,

AUMA will be hosting an information and discussion session for members on the Assessment Model Review for regulated properties, specifically, Wells and Pipelines. This session will be held online through Zoom on **Friday, August 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

To register for this session, please click [this link](#).

As reported in our [July 29th Digest](#), the Government of Alberta started a confidential information sharing and review regarding regulated property tax assessment related to wells and pipelines in January 2020. This Assessment Model Review engagement was jointly led by Municipal Affairs and the Associate Ministry of Energy and Natural Gas. The last of four meetings involving representatives from these ministries, industry, and municipal associations took place in May.

This review was embargoed at the request of the provincial government. All participants agreed to refrain from sharing information or discussions with anyone beyond the direct participants, including members. The embargo was lifted in late-July and discussions amongst municipalities and with MLAs and Ministers have now begun.

If proposed assessment model changes are implemented, they will have far-reaching impacts on municipal tax revenue, primarily for rural municipalities where wells and pipelines represent a large portion of the local assessment. Urban municipalities will be less directly impacted, but the reduction in rural property assessment would result in urban municipalities becoming responsible for a greater share of provincial education property taxes. Most notably, the proposed changes to the assessment model could have regional impacts and the potential for negative impacts on municipal viability.

Join us in this virtual online meeting on August 14th to learn about the province's aim in undertaking this review and what the process has entailed to date. We will provide an update on AUMA's Assessment Model Review actions to date and those planned in the immediate future.

We also want to hear your thoughts about the province's proposals and what steps AUMA and municipalities need to take to ensure that the province receives and acts on our feedback.

Thank you.

Barry Morishita | President
 Mayor, City of Brooks

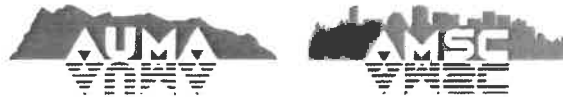
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Update on the Provincial Industrial Property Assessment Model Review (AMR)

July 29, 2020

The Assessment Model Review engagement process began in January 2020 and has been jointly led by Municipal Affairs and the Associate Minister of Energy and Natural Gas. The last of four meetings involving representatives from these ministries, industry, and municipal associations took place in May. The meetings were attended by three AUMA representatives, as well as four RMA representatives. The following industry organizations also participated:

- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)
- Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA)
- Explorers and Producers Association of Canada (EPAC)
- Canadian Property Tax Association (CPTA)

The process was embargoed at the request of the provincial government. All participants agreed to refrain from sharing information or discussions with anyone outside of the direct participants (including members).

According to the provincial government, the aim of the current Assessment Model Review process is to modernize the assessment model for regulated properties for wells and pipelines, and develop options for assessment model changes that take into account current costs, economic circumstances, and industry practices with a view to enhancing industry competitiveness while also ensuring the ongoing viability of municipalities. The assessment model review only included the asset classes for wells and pipelines. The asset classes for machinery and equipment (M&E) are out of scope for this review.

Municipal Affairs developed four scenarios of how the assessment of wells and pipelines could be changed, and then presented these to the working group for feedback. Each of the scenarios proposes to significantly reduce the assessment value of these properties through changes in depreciation rates.

If implemented, each scenario will have far-reaching impacts on municipal tax revenue, primarily for rural municipalities where wells and pipelines represent a large portion of the local assessment.

Urban municipalities would be less directly impacted, but the reduction in rural property assessment would result in urban municipalities becoming responsible for a greater share of provincial education property taxes. Most notably, the proposed changes to the assessment model could have regional impacts and the potential for negative impacts on municipal viability.

Since the conclusion of the meetings, Municipal Affairs staff have been formally briefing government ministers and MLAs on the engagement process. Briefings included the models developed, data, analysis, and stakeholder feedback discussed during working group meetings.

The provincial assessor just advised that the briefing period has concluded and the embargo has been lifted. Municipal Affairs plans to move forward the outcomes of the Assessment Model Review for consideration by decision-makers by the end of August 2020.

AUMA's Advocacy

From now until the end of August, AUMA, together with RMA, will engage in direct advocacy with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, other relevant ministries (Energy, Economic Development and Trade, etc.), MLAs, and relevant opposition critics. AUMA's advocacy will be principles-based and solution-oriented. RMA's advocacy will emphasize the disastrous impacts implementation of any scenario will have on rural municipalities.

Also, representatives of CAPP will be invited to the next AUMA Board meeting to discuss possible solutions that could be mutually beneficial for industry and municipalities. We acknowledge that industry needs support, but on a temporary basis, that incents investment and employment growth. Temporary financial supports that do not change the fundamentals of assessment should be considered.

AUMA will be developing information/communication packages for members on the Assessment Model Review to assist in understanding the impacts and providing tools to use in providing feedback to MLAs and Ministers.

If you have any questions, please contact AUMA's Advocacy staff at advocacy@auma.ca.

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From: President <President@auma.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: Assessment Model Review Urban Impacts Report
Attachments: Urban Report Cards June 30 - Alberta Beach.pdf

Dear Mayors and CAOs:

To maximize the understanding of the impact of the province’s Assessment Model Review focusing on regulated properties (review only included Wells and Pipelines), AUMA and RMA completed data analysis on the assessment base loss and tax revenue loss for each municipality in Alberta. The Impacts Report for your municipality is attached to this email.

The province’s Assessment Model Review process created four (4) scenarios, by adjusting various assessment model variables (i.e. depreciation rates, capitalized costs, rates for land holdings, etc.). These scenarios are labeled A, B, C and D, on the attached Impact Reports, with scenario A being the least impactful to municipal revenues and scenario D being the most impactful. Your report also includes potential municipal responses to these losses.

AUMA will be hosting an information and discussion session for members on the Assessment Model Review which will be held through Zoom on Friday, August 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Join us this Friday to learn about the province’s aim in undertaking this review and what the process has entailed to date. We will also more fully explain these municipality Impact Reports.

We also want to hear your thoughts about the province’s proposals and what steps AUMA, and municipalities need to take to ensure that the province receives and acts on our feedback.

If you have specific questions about your Impacts Report, please email Jody Dittrich, Policy Analyst, at jdittrich@auma.ca.

Thank you,

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ALBERTA BEACH - ASSESSMENT MODEL REVIEW

IMPACTS REPORT

Municipal Impacts

Based on the data provided by Municipal Affairs and your reported financial data from the MFIS database, our models make the following predictions for your municipality. Please keep in mind that due to the limits of data provided, we are unable to project past the first year of implementation. Because of the significant changes to the depreciation curves under most of the models, we suspect that there will be further negative impacts in the future.

Scenario Tax Impacts	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
Total Assessment Base Loss	\$-231,544 (-0%)	\$-231,935 (-0%)	\$-231,935 (-0%)	\$-231,935 (-0%)
M&E Assessment Base Loss (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%
LP Assessment Base Loss (%)	-12%	-12%	-12%	-12%
M&E Tax \$ Loss (2019 Mill Rate)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Linear Tax \$ Loss (2019 Mill Rate)	\$-2,322	\$-2,326	\$-2,326	\$-2,326
Percent Loss of Total Revenue	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%

Municipal Response Options

We recognize that members with dramatic changes in revenue will have very few opportunities to respond. We have provided some general statistics to illustrate the context that these changes may have on operations. These should not be seen as recommendations only provided for context.

Potential Rural Municipality Response Impacts	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
Residential Mill Rate Increase	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
	OR			
Non-Residential Mill Rate Increase (Excluding 5:1 limits)	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%
Tax capacity shortfall due to 5:1 ratio (includes tax capacity loss still required to achieve 5:1)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	OR			
Workforce Cuts to cover losses (% of total FTE's)	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
FTE's at risk	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	OR			
Total Expense Reduction % (including capital infrastructure investment)	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
	OR			
Time shortfall can be covered by Unallocated Reserves (months)	2117	2114	2114	2114

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From: Daryl Weber <@telus.net>
Sent: August 11, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Alberta Offic
Subject: Fwd: MEDIA RELEASE - Regional Relief and Recovery Fund Update - Community Futures Stream
Attachments: Regional Relief and Recovery Fund News Release .docx; Untitled attachment 00020.html

FYI

Sent from my iPhone
 Thanks Daryl Weber

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Subject: MEDIA RELEASE - Regional Relief and Recovery Fund Update - Community Futures Stream

Good morning we are pleased to provide you with an update and media release, as attached, on the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF Fund)provided by the Federal Government to be distributed to small and medium size businesses through Community Futures Offices across Alberta.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments in regards to the attached release.

Michelle Jones,

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August 10, 2020

Media Release – Regional Relief and Recovery Fund Update – Community Futures Stream

Community Futures Yellowhead East (CFYE) is pleased to provide an update on the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) – Community Futures Stream.

Community Futures Yellowhead East is one of 27 offices in Alberta that is collaborating with Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) to support rural businesses with contributions of up to \$40,000. The Fund is open to small and medium-sized businesses located in rural regions within Western Canada that have not qualified for other federal COVID-19 financial support programs.

The RRRF-Community Futures Stream of funding has had a tremendous uptake of applicants, with demand exceeding funding available.

To date, Community Futures Yellowhead East has distributed \$903,650 of its allocated amount of \$977,777 in RRRF funding to eligible businesses in the CFYE region, with a number of applications continuing to be assessed. While CFYE will not be able to provide RRRF funds to all applicants, it encourages business owners to continue to apply through the online portal, as it will be keeping a waiting list and providing the information to the federal government on those small business owners still requiring assistance.

"As we all struggle to understand the new world we are now faced with, it is apparent this pandemic has created business challenges we have yet to fully discover. CFYE has already begun the process of understanding these challenges as we develop sustainable recovery strategies. A critical part of recovery is the financial stability for our business sector, and as such, the Community Futures network has been chosen to provide federal funding through the RRRF program to add to our host of business training and support to our communities' businesses. Since 1986, CFYE's priority has been, and continues to be, the strength and viability of our entrepreneurs and the regional municipalities we serve. Whether you are new to the world of self-employment or a seasoned professional, CFYE is there to help guide and keep you on the path to success."

Carol Webster, CFYE Board Chair

"Businesses across rural Alberta have been hit hard by COVID-19, and we stand with them. Thanks to the partnership of Western Economic Diversification Canada, Alberta's Community Futures organizations are working closely with business owners to help them retool, reopen and get Albertans back to work. Our message is clear: we've been here for you with immediate measures, we're here for you as our economy reopens and we'll get through this, together. We're working with you to support good, local jobs and help Alberta's small businesses come back strong."

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, MP for Ahuntsic-Cartierville, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, and Minister responsible for Western Economic Diversification Canada

Because of the overwhelming interest in the RRRF program, Community Futures Yellowhead East has also developed a series of new loan products to help address the needs of small and medium-sized businesses that have been affected by the impact of COVID-19. These products complement the CFYE's suite of loan products by further assisting existing storefront business owners and new startup businesses that may be looking for quick cash flow loans. All new products offer low interest rates, quick processing and turnaround times, three (3) months no interest with no payments, and a variety of other loan terms.

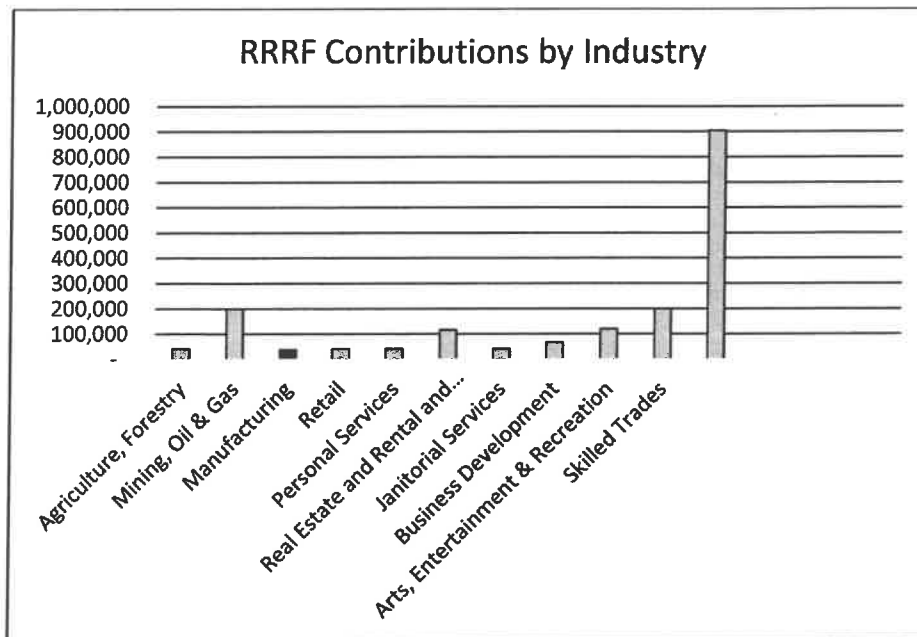
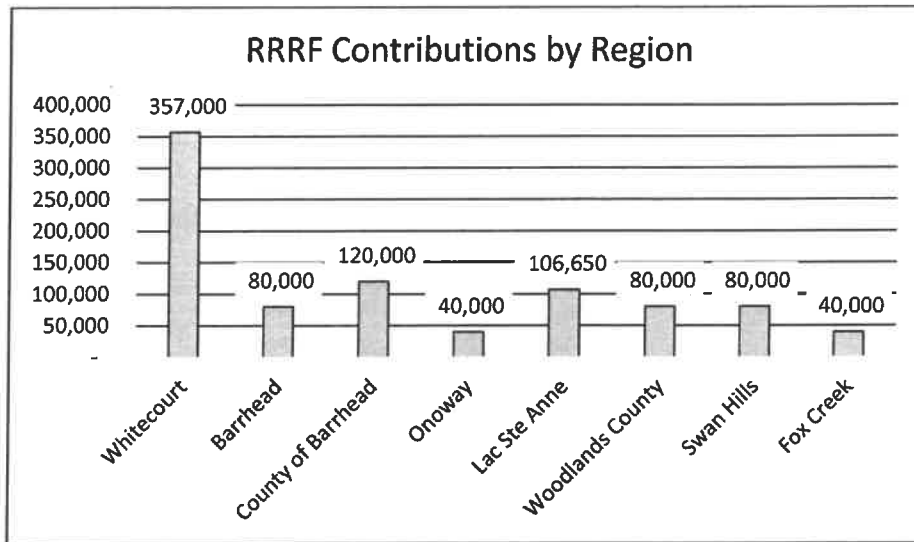
For more information on the services and supports provided through Community Futures Yellowhead East, including coaching, training, or lending programs, or to book an appointment with a representative, please call 780-706-3500 or email mjones@albertacf.com.

BACKGROUNDER:

The attached graphs provide an overview of the RRRF funding distributed, including the number of businesses that have received funding to date, the communities within the Community Futures Yellowhead East Region where funding recipients are located, the business sectors being supported, and the average number of employees per business.

CFYE RRRF Funding

*The following two graphs represent \$ amounts



- Businesses approved for RRRF funding employed anywhere from 1-21 employees, with the average employing 2-3 staff.
- Number of RRRF recipients supported per municipality:

Town of Whitecourt – 10	Woodlands County – 1	Town of Onoway – 1	Lac Ste Anne County – 4
Town of Barrhead – 4	County of Barrhead – 1	Town of Fox Creek – 1	Town of Swan Hills – 2



JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: REGIONAL LEADERS REVIEW DUAL CALL-OUT FIRE SERVICES MODEL MLA Getson applauds strengthened collaboration between Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services and Onoway Regional Fire Services.

Sangudo, Alberta, Monday, July 20, 2020 – Lac Ste. Anne County recently met with adjacent municipal officials to review the integrated fire services model that exists between Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services and Onoway Regional Fire Services operated by Northwest Fire Rescue. This unique model leverages the infrastructure and capacity of these public and private-sector contingents to provide comprehensive, collaborative and timely fire services to the greater Lac Ste. Anne region.

Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland MLA Shane Getson was in attendance for the review, and expressed interest in sharing the ongoing successes of the County's hybrid support model with other regions in the province. He suggested that the model that could fill the gap in areas where industry has the ability to augment services and support.

"We're lucky in our area to have a hybrid model of service and coverage when it comes to fire fighting and rescue services," stated MLA Getson. "I was pleased to be part of a coordination meeting recently to review the coverage and interface between the two groups, and the representatives from the communities they serve."

"After a little over a year with a new dispatch and coverage procedure I was also pleased to see now that there is enough information to perform a lessons learned review, and to tweak the system as required to continue to improve on efficiencies, and to maintain or improve services because of it."

During the review, MLA Getson commended the municipal leaders on their progress, stating: **"we need you, and our community is better off because of the work that you are performing and the cooperation you are showing to develop this innovative model."**

The dual call-out agreement between Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services and Northwest Fire Rescue (the Town of Onoway's private-sector contractor) is a derivative of a standard mutual aid model. Under this agreement, both departments are simultaneously notified when a critical event occurs; resources are then coordinated based upon the crews and apparatus closest to the scene. By contrast, under a standard mutual aid agreement, the decision to engage outside resources would be the purview of the host municipality's fire department.

Collective Approval of Collaborative Model

"Intermunicipal collaboration can be tricky at the best of times," shared Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman. "We have had challenges and rough patches along the way. However, thanks to the perseverance, cooperation and respect of all involved, we've created a viable, resourceful fire services model that distributes resources in ways that meet the demands of a wider segment of the Lac Ste. Anne County region — both today and years into the future."

Judy Tracy, Mayor of the Town of Onoway, expressed pride in the continued collaborative work of Onoway Regional Fire and Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services. "The highways in the region have become safer to travel since the establishment of a dual call out system," shared Mayor Tracy. "The Fire Chiefs from both departments have overcome much in order to establish a cohesive working environment for all highways calls. While the system may still need some tweaking, it is working and that is good news for all who travel on the highways."

Other municipal leaders present at the review echoed the sentiments of Reeve Blakeman and Mayor Tracy. Bernie Poulin, Mayor of Silver Sands and representative of the the Summer Villages Lac Ste. Anne County East (SVLSACE), applauded the County's approval on dual call-outs on the region's highways. "Our residents now have superior response times helping ensure their future quality of life," he stated.

"Alberta Beach is very proud to be working in collaboration with our municipal neighbours on this very important issue," added Alberta Beach Mayor Jim Benedict. "The dual call out system has improved response times, saving lives and delivering cost-sharing efficiencies. We would like to Thank the County for having faith in our fire service, and taking the huge step of entering into this dual call-out agreement."

The County looks forward to building upon the successes of this unified framework, and continuing to strengthen the collaborative potential between Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services and Onoway Regional Fire Rescue with the shared goal of servicing and safeguarding the community at large.

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LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY



August 7, 2020

Village of Alberta Beach
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Attn: Kathy Skwarchuk, CAO

Re: Alberta Beach Boat Launch

Lac Ste. Anne County Council is pleased to provide you with a funding contribution of \$10,000 for the maintenance and/or enhancements of the Alberta Beach Boat Launch.

Please find payment enclosed.

As indicated in our joint letter to MLA Getson, there is “need for ongoing commitment from stakeholders, in order to continue to operate the most used recreational boat launch on Lac Ste. Anne.” Although the County can’t commit to ongoing support at this time, we do hope this funding will provide some assistance now.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trista Court".

Trista Court
General Manager of Community & Protective Services

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From: NSWA <water@nswa.ab.ca>
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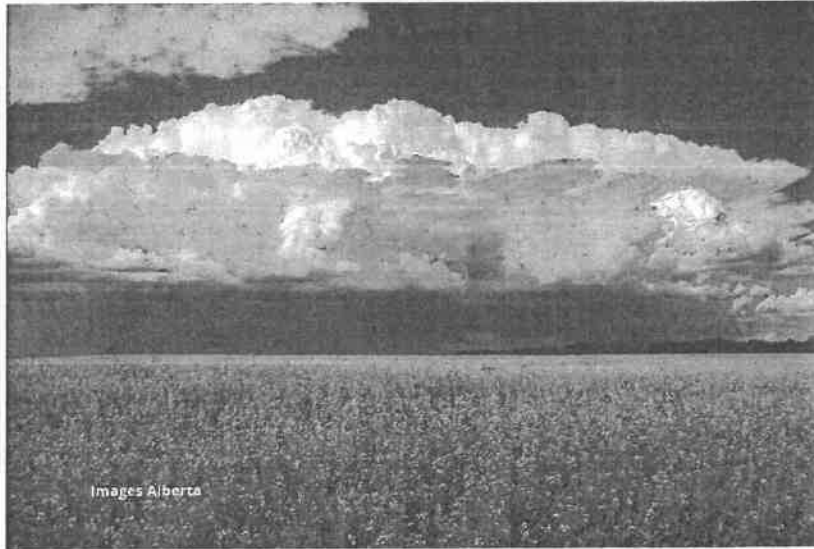
***IN STREAM* Newsletter**

JULY 2020

HATS OFF to AGRICULTURE!

NSWA wants to say thank you to everyone who works in agriculture - from government to local farmers. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to provide food for our families. You care about our watershed and you work to preserve it in many ways.

Hats off to all of you!



WHERE IN THE WATERSHED IS THIS?

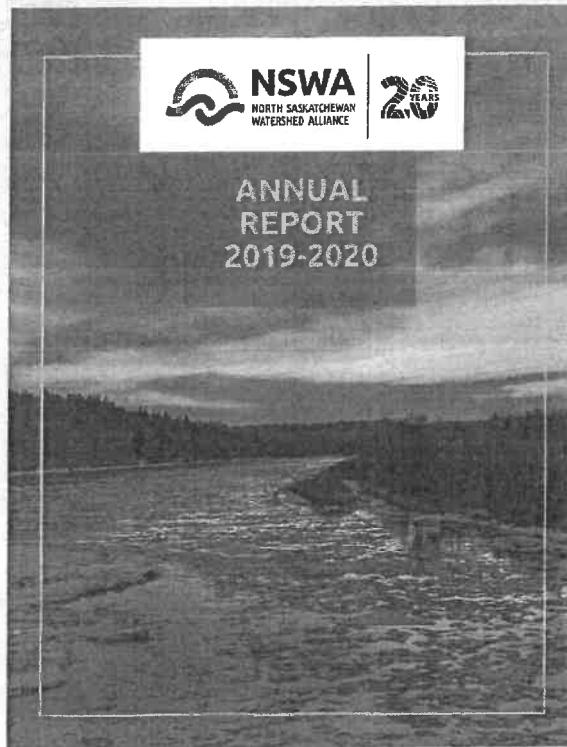
This photo shows one of hundreds of canola fields in bloom in this subwatershed . Send your guesses to water@nswa.ab.ca - the first person to correctly answer will win a copy of *Living in the Shed*. (Hint: You see many beautiful canola fields in this area of the watershed, downstream of last month's Ram River location). Congratulations to Peter for winning a copy of *Living in the Shed* .

Want some **#RoamClose2Home** ideas? Follow us on social media to see features on unique places for day trips and staycations in our watershed. Our book, *Living in the Shed*, can be used as a tour guide to the watershed. You can order a copy at our [SHOP](#).

Send us some watershed stay-cation photos (water@nswa.ab.ca) so we can share them on our social media pages. Each month we will choose a photo to win a copy of *Living in the Shed*! Also watch for NSWA 20th Anniversary giveaways over the next few months. We hope you enjoy your summer wherever you may roam!

NSWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 24, 2020



NSWA held our first virtual AGM for our **20th Anniversary** and over 50 people were in attendance. If you were not able to join us, our 2019-2020 Annual Report and Financial Statement are posted on our website. We are still planning a **NSWA 20th Anniversary Reunion** celebration for a later date.

2019-2020 AGM Reports



20 YEARS OF MEMORIES ~ DO YOU REMEMBER?

Candace Vanin has been a NSWA supporter since the beginning of the organization, and served on the NSWA Board for many years. She contributed her expertise to the *Integrated Watershed Management Plan* and many other projects. Candace was also very involved with the formation of the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance.

Candace continues with her work as a Land Use Specialist at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Thanks, Candace, for your contributions to the NSWA!

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE ECO-BUFFERS



The VRWA posted a new blog on their website ***"How Ecobuffers can reduce our Impact on the River"***. Check out past articles on the health of the Vermilion River, Stories of Stewardship and more. On June 26th ,the VRWA held its Annual General Meeting. Their Annual Report and Financial Statement are both posted on the VRWA website for your information.

VRWA Ecobuffers

WELCOME RACHEL AND JILLIAN



We are happy to have **Rachel and Jillian** with NSWA for July and August to do a variety of work including helping ALMS (Alberta Lake Management Society) conduct some lake sampling (photo taken at Hasse Lake), riparian GIS work and assisting on communications work. If you have any projects that they could help with over the next few months (invasive weed pulls, riparian tree planting, etc.) let us know. Most summer events have been put on hold, but we are always willing to help in any way we can.



A Weston Family Initiative

ALUS TWO HILLS PROJECT

The **County of Two Hills** has both the North Saskatchewan and Vermilion Rivers running through it. Agriculture is one of the major activities in the County. The ALUS Two Hills project will involve work with farmers and ranchers to help establish projects. Participants receive annual, per-acre payments for the management and maintenance of these projects on their land.

Through their ALUS projects, participants will help to produce cleaner water, cleaner air and more biodiversity, including pollinator habitat, for the benefit of everyone in the community.

ALUS does great work in many communities in the North Sask River watershed.

Hats off to **ALUS!**

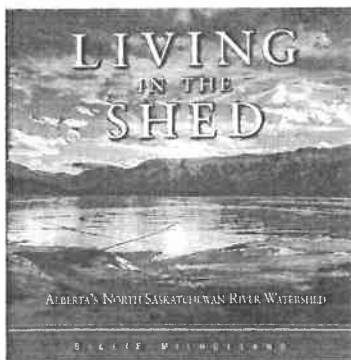
OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The **Miistakis Institute's** [Map of Beaver Co-existence Tools](#) is a knowledge sharing platform that allows exploration of beaver co-existence tools in Alberta.

The **Alberta Government** publishes a [Agri-News bulletin](#) with developments across the province - the July 13th edition featured several projects in our watershed.

The **Alberta Land Use Knowledge Network** is hosting a Riparian Management Course online. Register on their [website](#).

Check out the new **NSWA DISCOVER** section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning over the summer.



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Subject: The 2021 Census of Population questionnaire has been published / Publication du questionnaire du Recensement de la population de 2021

Le texte en français suit.

Hello,

I am pleased to announce that the 2021 Census of Population questionnaire has been published on Statistics Canada's website.

Statistics Canada will conduct the next census in May 2021, and the questions being asked reflect our needs for information based on rigorous testing. Canadians have relied on census data to tell us about how our country is changing and what matters to us, for over a century.

Through good and challenging times, the census has been depicting Canada's changing mosaic—giving Canadians facts on where they came from, where they are, and where they are heading. We all depend on key socio-economic trends and analysis from the census to make important decisions that affect our families, our neighbourhoods and our businesses.

Decisions on the 2021 Census have been made in collaboration with Canadians and for Canadians. To write the next chapter of Canada's data foundation, Statistics Canada conducted country-wide engagements as well as a census test with over 135,000 households. This helped us to determine whether new or revised questions allowed for timely and relevant data—the kind of data that decision makers in communities across the country use to plan services that support employment, education and health care.

With census data, you will not only be able to see which areas within your municipality have experienced growth or decline, but you will also know the characteristics of your population, thereby allowing for the delivery of public services to meet local needs. This information helps your municipality measure and respond to the needs of citizens for housing, transit, schools, infrastructure, and the environment.

Statistics Canada has adapted its approach to the reality of COVID-19 to ensure that every Canadian has an opportunity to be heard and that the 2021 Census is conducted in the best and safest way possible. We anticipate nearly 100% participation by all Canadians and 80% of them are expected to complete the questionnaire through an efficient, secure and user-friendly online application. The census has been redesigned to ensure Canadians and census enumerators are safe by limiting the amount of contact needed to participate in this important exercise.

With the continued support and collaboration of millions of Canadians, the new 2021 Census will provide even more accurate information, including disaggregated data that all levels of government, businesses, communities, and individual Canadians can trust to make informed decisions.

For an exclusive and in-depth look at the census, its history, the laws that regulate it, and how it is planned and conducted, please consult [Painting a Portrait of Canada: The 2021 Census of Population](#) online.

For the latest 2021 Census information and developments, I invite you to visit our website [The road to the 2021 Census](#) and also follow us on social media.

Sincerely,

Anil Arora
Chief Statistician of Canada
Statistics Canada / Government of Canada
anil.arora@canada.ca

The English text precedes.

Bonjour,

Je suis heureux d'annoncer que le [questionnaire du Recensement de la population de 2021](#) a été publié sur le site Web de Statistique Canada.

Statistique Canada réalisera le prochain recensement en mai 2021, et les questions qui y seront posées reflètent nos besoins en renseignements fondés sur des tests rigoureux. Depuis plus d'un siècle, les Canadiens s'appuient sur les données du recensement pour nous dire comment notre pays évolue et ce qui compte pour nous.

Dans les bons moments et les moments plus difficiles, le recensement a dépeint la mosaïque changeante du Canada, donnant aux Canadiens des faits sur d'où ils viennent, où ils se trouvent et où ils se dirigent. Nous dépendons tous des tendances socioéconomiques clés et des analyses du recensement pour prendre des décisions importantes qui ont une incidence sur nos familles, nos quartiers et nos entreprises.

Les décisions relatives au Recensement de 2021 ont été prises en collaboration avec les Canadiens et pour les Canadiens. Pour rédiger le prochain chapitre de la principale source de données du Canada, Statistique Canada a mené des consultations à l'échelle nationale ainsi qu'un test du recensement auprès de plus de 135 000 ménages. Cela nous a aidés à déterminer si des questions nouvelles ou révisées permettraient d'obtenir des données opportunes et pertinentes, soit le type de données que les décideurs des collectivités de partout au pays utilisent pour planifier des services qui soutiennent l'emploi, l'éducation et les soins de santé.

Les données du recensement vous permettront non seulement de savoir quels secteurs de votre municipalité ont connu une croissance ou un déclin, mais aussi de connaître les caractéristiques de votre population, ce qui permettra la prestation de services publics répondant aux besoins locaux. Ces renseignements aident votre municipalité à mesurer les besoins des citoyens en matière de logement, de transport, d'écoles, d'infrastructures et d'environnement, de même qu'à répondre à ces besoins.

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La collaboration et le soutien continus de millions de Canadiens permettront au nouveau Recensement de 2021 de fournir des renseignements encore plus précis, y compris des données désagrégées auxquelles tous les ordres de gouvernement, les entreprises, les collectivités et les particuliers canadiens pourront se fier pour prendre des décisions éclairées.



Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board

July 10, 2020

Attention: Council
Village of Alberta Beach
Box 278
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

RE: Municipal Funding to Local Libraries

The Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board (the Board) was established through bylaw of Lac Ste. Anne County (LSAC) and operates three service point libraries: Darwell Public Library, Rich Valley Public Library, and Sangudo Public Library. The Board recognizes that County residents also access libraries in our neighboring municipalities, thus provides funding to the Alberta Beach Municipal Library, the Mayerthorpe Public Library and the Onoway Public Library. All funding provided by the Board is provided on an equitable per capita basis, based on library service areas determined by the Board. The County's population figures are determined by the most current data available, which for 2020 is the 2016 census data.

Annual increases in funding to the Board from LSAC confirms the commitment of LSAC Council to supporting libraries in local communities, with per capita funding growing from \$8.28 per capita in 2008 to \$15.57 per capita in 2020.

In many rural communities, libraries are a hub for information, socialization, and connectiveness. Sadly, they also struggle financially to make ends meet. I write to you today to ask you to review what funding your municipality currently provides to your local library (or libraries) and to request any additional funding increases possible to support those facilities. I know that any funding provided will be used conscientiously to support the patrons of that library in the most effective means possible.

Please take the time to visit your local library, talk to the Library Manager, and see what you and your municipality can do to support the amazing work they do in your community. If we all work together to support this community resource, they not only will survive, but will thrive.

Sincerely,

Judy Kidd, Chairperson
Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board

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Cc: kristen.tavner.lsp@assembly.ab.ca; Councillors; Mike Primeau
Subject: Letter from Lac Ste. County to Urban Neighbours re: Provincial Assessment Review Model
Attachments: Provincial Assessment Model Review - Letter to Urban Municipalities 20200730.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon Urban Neighbours,

Please find attached a copy of a letter from Lac Ste. Anne County regarding the recent Provincial Assessment Review Model. We urge you to reach out to your provincial elected and voice your concerns. Please feel free to contact Reeve Blakeman at 780-918-1916 or CAO Mike Primeau at 780-785-3411 if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Stacey Wagner

Communications & Information Manager

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July 30, 2020

Dear Urban Neighbours

Subject: Provincial Assessment Model Review

We are writing to each of you to advise and request your assistance with the extremely important changes proposed by the Provincial Government respecting the Assessment Model Review.

Information is enclosed that explains what is being proposed for 2021. The simple fact is Lac Ste. Anne County is looking at a net reduction in M&E and Linear taxation revenue of \$1.3 million to \$1.9 million.

While this is only proposed at this time, the Province is close to making its decision. We need you to inform your (our) MLA, in addition to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Premier Kenney, that the effect of the proposed changes will have drastic effects. External funding provided by Lac Ste. Anne County to its urban partners is threatened. The County will not be in a position to support any of your facilities or programs, as we would need to cut our budget by the \$1.3 million - \$1.9 million in 2021.

Please reach out to your provincial elected and voice the very real concerns. This will have an immediate effect on all of you.

If you require additional information please contact Reeve Blakeman at 780-918-1916 or CAO Mike Primeau at 780-785-3411.

We thank you for your support of this devastating proposal for municipalities throughout the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Blakeman', written over a horizontal line.

Joe Blakeman

Reeve, Lac Ste. Anne County

Enclosure

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Importance: High

In addition to my last email, please find attached the documents that were prepared by RMA and discussed at the Special Meeting of Council held today regarding the Provincial Assessment Model Review.

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LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY - ASSESSMENT MODEL REVIEW

IMPACTS REPORT

Municipal Impacts

Based on the assessment model review scenarios provided by the Government of Alberta and financial data from the MFIS database, RMA's models make the following municipal predictions. Due to the limits of data provided, we are unable to project past the first year of implementation. Because of the significant changes to the depreciation curves under most of the models, there will be increased impacts in the future as assets age.

Scenario Tax Impacts	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
Total Assessment Base Loss	\$-69,066,199 (-3%)	\$-74,652,414 (-4%)	\$-80,680,971 (-4%)	\$-102,181,337 (-5%)
M&E Assessment Base Loss (%)	-14%	-14%	-14%	-14%
LP Assessment Base Loss (%)	-22%	-25%	-27%	-35%
M&E Tax \$ Loss (2019 Mill Rate)	\$-180,030	\$-180,030	\$-180,030	\$-180,030
Linear Tax \$ Loss (2019 Mill Rate)	\$-1,139,963	\$-1,246,727	\$-1,361,944	\$-1,772,859
Percent Loss of Total Revenue	-5%	-6%	-6%	-8%

Municipal Response Options

The response options below demonstrate how significant non-residential assessment and taxation is for rural municipalities. Even a modest reduction in oil and gas assessment may require municipalities to drastically increase tax rates or reduce expenses. In other words, changes to assessment have significant domino effects on rural municipalities. These illustrate hypothetical impacts that the changes may have on operations based on available data. These should not be seen as recommendations, as they are only provided for context.

Potential Rural Municipality Response Impacts	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
Residential Mill Rate Increase	17.1%	18.5%	20.0%	25.3%
OR				
Non-Residential Mill Rate Increase (Excluding 5:1 limits)	21.8%	24.0%	26.5%	36.1%
Tax capacity shortfall due to 5:1 ratio (includes tax capacity loss still required to achieve 5:1)	\$18,125	\$149,325	\$290,914	\$795,882
OR				
Workforce Cuts to cover losses (% of total FTE's)	16.8%	18.2%	19.7%	24.9%
FTE's at risk	12.46	13.47	14.56	18.44
OR				
Total Expense Reduction % (including capital infrastructure investment)	5.64%	6.10%	6.59%	8.35%
OR				
Time shortfall can be covered by Unallocated Reserves (months)	0	0	0	0

Assessment Model Review IMPACTS REPORT

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

The Government of Alberta is proposing assessment model changes, which could affect your municipality's revenue.

TOTAL REVENUE MAY
CHANGE BY AS MUCH AS

↓ 8%

For more context and scenarios, please review the back.

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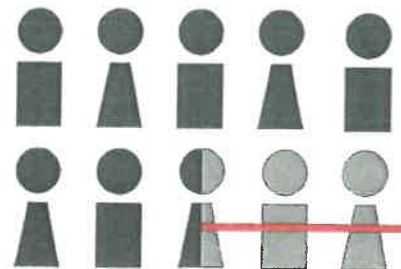
RESIDENTIAL MILL RATE
BY AS MUCH AS

↑ 25.3%



OR

FULL-TIME STAFF
BY AS MUCH AS 24.9%



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Over the past several months, RMA has participated in a Government of Alberta-led review of the assessment model for oil and gas properties such as wells and pipelines. In addition to RMA, the following organizations participated in the review:

- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
- Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
- Canadian Energy Pipeline Association
- Canadian Property Taxpayers Association

According to the Government of Alberta, the review was intended to “modernize” the assessment model for oil and gas properties to enhance industry competitiveness while ensuring municipal viability.

Due to strict confidentiality requirements, RMA has been unable to provide members with an update on the review process. At this point, the Government of Alberta has finalized recommended changes to the model and have briefed relevant provincial ministers and decision-makers on the recommendations. RMA (and the other organizations involved in the review) now have an opportunity to advocate to those same ministers and decision-makers on the impacts of the recommended changes.

The review concluded with four scenarios to be presented to provincial decision-makers, each of which represents different changes to the assessment model and different impacts on municipalities and industry. All scenarios reduce overall assessment values of the property impacted by the review, with province-wide reductions ranging from 7% in scenario A to 20% in scenario D. However, the impacts of the changes vary among municipalities and companies. Some municipalities will lose significant assessment value, while others will see their assessment increase. Similarly, some companies will benefit greatly from each scenario in the form of reduced assessments, while others (mainly small companies) will see massive increases in assessment. This document shows the province-wide impacts of each scenario. RMA is not aware of whether the Government of Alberta favors a specific scenario. Industry representatives have vocally supported scenario D, which most drastically reduces assessment.

Unfortunately, no multi-year impact analysis has been shared for the scenarios. All data focuses only on the first year of implementation, though due to steeper depreciation curves and other changes, municipal impacts will become more severe as assets age. It is important to note that even municipalities that are minimally impacted in year one may face much more serious impacts in year five or ten.

As will be evident in this document and other information shared with members, RMA is strongly opposed to the recommended changes to the assessment model and their impacts on both municipal viability and industry competitiveness. The remainder of this document will summarize key points from various RMA input during the review process that demonstrates the impacts of the recommended changes on municipalities and industry and proposes alternative approaches to enhancing industry competitiveness that are more transparent, targeted and effective than the proposed assessment model changes. This information was provided to the Government of Alberta during the review process and has been submitted formally to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in advance of the internal provincial minister and decision-maker briefings.

MUNICIPAL IMPACTS

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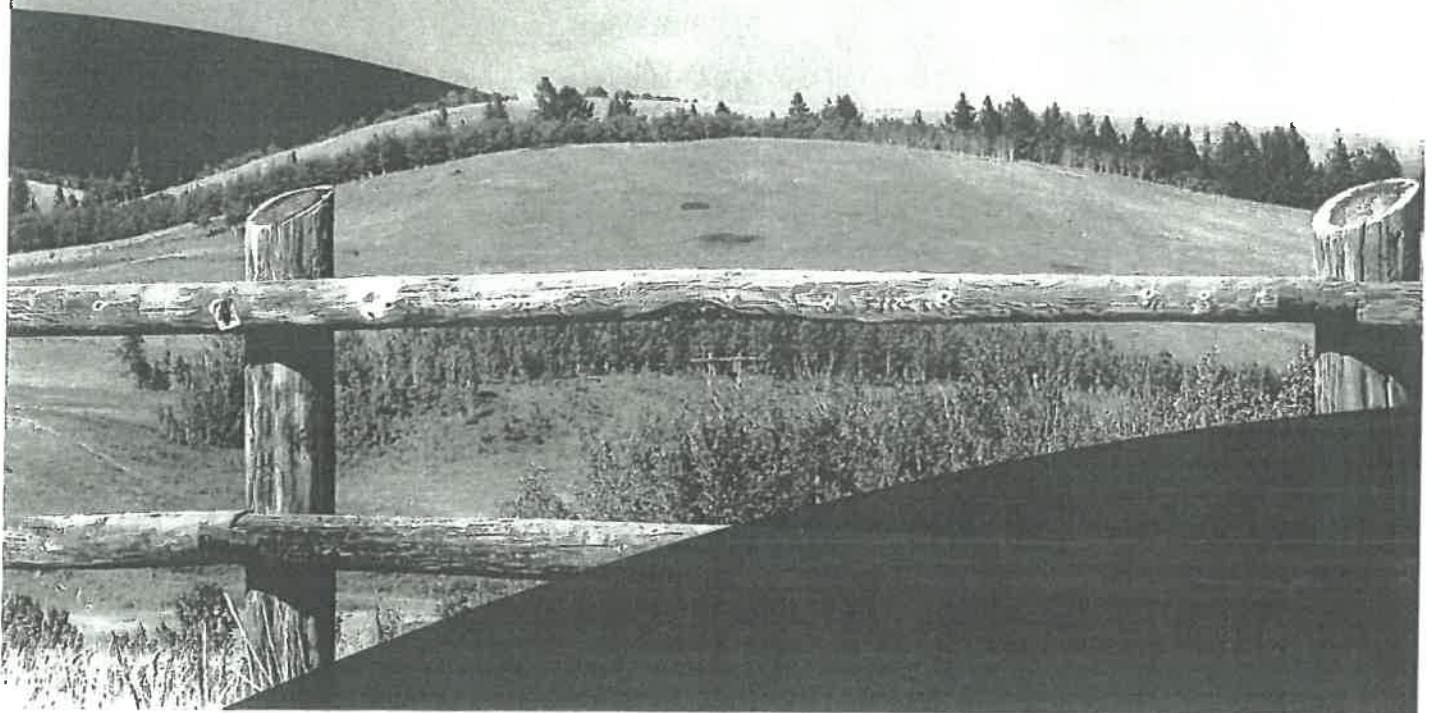
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RMA
RURAL MUNICIPALITIES
of ALBERTA

Rural Municipalities of Alberta
Assessment Model Review –
Outcomes Summary



Technical Summary of Proposed Changes

The Government of Alberta has based the review process around four scenarios for changes to various aspects of the assessment model, with each resulting in a different level of impact to municipalities and industry in the form of overall assessment reductions. The review process was focused primarily on discussing the impacts of the various scenarios rather than the technical details. However, the Government of Alberta revised the scenarios repeatedly throughout the review process based mainly on ongoing data, information and suggestions received from industry. Unfortunately, RMA was not provided this data or detailed information on why the scenarios were continually changed.

As RMA was not involved in the year-long technical reviews that preceded the current review, it is unknown the extent to which the changes in each scenario are informed by the work of the technical reviews. Specific technical questions about the rationale behind the changes in each scenario should be direct to Alberta Municipal Affairs.

The technical changes in each scenario are summarized below (based on summary information provided to RMA by the Government of Alberta):

Current

Wells

- Base costs - Follows CCRG
- Depreciation - A set factor of 0.67 (67% asset value applied)
- Additional Depreciation - Production
- Land Assessment - 1766 to 12,792
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - None

Pipelines

- Base Costs - Follows CCRG
- Depreciation - A straight factor of 0.67 (67% asset value applied for all pipe types [less than 10 inches or greater than 10 inches])
- Multi line adjustment - Not applicable
- Additional Depreciation - Production
- Land Assessment - Not applicable
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - Not applicable
- Age - Not applicable

Scenario A – 7% overall assessment decrease

Wells

- Base costs - All costs designated by the CCRG are removed, and stimulation costs are removed.

- Depreciation - Begins at 10% and ends at 90%, dropping 5% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years.
- Additional Depreciation - None applied.
- Land Assessment - No changes to the current land assessment listed in the Minister's Guidelines.
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - A factor of 0.65 is applied to deep horizontal wells.

Pipelines

- Base Costs - All costs designated by the CCRG are removed, and a straight cut is used for crossings.
- Depreciation - For all pipe types less than 10 inches, depreciation begins at 10% and ends at 90%, dropping 5% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years. For all pipe types greater than 10 inches, depreciation begins at 10% and ends at 90%, dropping 3% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 26 years.
- Multi line adjustment - A factor of 0.80 is applied to all pipe greater than 10 inches.
- Additional Depreciation - 0.95 for CFB Suffield.
- Land Assessment - Not applicable.
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - Not applied.
- Age - Updated to reflect new information.

Machinery and Equipment – Well Sites

- Base Costs - All costs designated by the CCRG are removed.
- Depreciation - Depreciation begins at 25% and ends at 90%, holding 25% for the first four years, and dropping 5% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years.
- Additional Depreciation - Loss in value from site-specific causes.
- Land Assessment - Included in the well assessment.
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - Legislated 77%.

Machinery and Equipment – Facilities

- No change from the current
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - Legislated 77%.

Scenario B – 9% overall assessment decrease

Wells

- Base Costs - All costs designated by the CCRG are removed, and stimulation costs are removed.
- Depreciation - Begins at 25% and ends at 90%, holding at 25% for the first four years, and dropping 5% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years.
- Additional Depreciation - None applied.
- Land Assessment - Maintain current land assessment listed in the Minister's Guidelines, except the land assessment is reduced to zero when maximum depreciation is achieved.
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor: - A factor of 0.65 is applied to deep horizontal wells. A factor of 0.80 is applied to SAGD wells.

Pipelines

- Base Costs - All costs designated by the CCRG are removed, and a straight cut is used for crossings.
- Depreciation - For all pipe types less than 10 inches, depreciation begins at 10% and ends at 90%, dropping 5% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years. For all pipe greater than 10 inches, depreciation begins at 10% and ends at 90%, dropping 3% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 26 years.
- Multi line adjustment - A factor of 0.80 is applied to all pipe greater than 10 inches.
- Additional Depreciation - 0.95 for CFB Suffield.
- Land Assessment - Not applicable.
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - Not applied.
- Age - Updated to reflect new information.

Machinery and Equipment – Well Sites

- As described in Scenario A.

Machinery and Equipment – Facilities

- No change from the current.

Scenario C – 14% overall assessment decrease

Wells

- Base Costs - All costs designated by the CCRG are removed, and stimulation costs are removed.
- Depreciation - Begins at 25% and ends at 90%, holding at 25% for the first 4 years, and dropping 5% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years.
- Additional Depreciation - None applied.
- Land Assessment – Maintain current land assessment listed in the Minister’s Guidelines, except the land assessment is reduced to zero when maximum depreciation is achieved.
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - A factor of 0.65 is applied to SAGD wells.

Pipelines

- Base Costs - All costs designated by the CCRG are removed, and a straight cut is used for crossings.
- Depreciation - For all pipe sizes less than 10 inches, depreciation begins at 25% for the first four years and ends at 90%, dropping 5% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years. For sizes greater than 10 inches, depreciation begins at 25% for the first four years and ends at 90%, dropping 3% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 26 years.
- Multi line adjustment - Factor of 0.80 is applied to all pipe greater than 10 inches.
- Additional Depreciation - 0.95 for CFB Suffield.
- Land Assessment - Not applicable.
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - Not applied.
- Age - Updated to reflect new information.

Machinery and Equipment – Well Sites

- As described in Scenario A.

Machinery and Equipment – Facilities

- No change from the current.

Scenario D – 20% overall assessment decrease

Wells

- Base Costs - All costs designated by the CCRG are removed, and stimulation costs are removed.
- Depreciation - Begins at 25% and ends at 90%, and dropping 8% between year zero and year one, and by 4 % per year thereafter until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years.
- Additional Depreciation - 0.10 for zero production. Maximum depreciation is 0.10.
- Land Assessment - The land assessments are as follows:

Zone	Land Value – Single Pad	Land Value – Multi Pad
Central	3,838	512
NE	2,164	288
NW	1,589	212
SE	2,781	371
SW	2,424	323
Other	0	0

- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - SAGD receives a 0.65 factor

Pipelines

- Base Costs - All the costs designated by the CCRG are removed, and a straight cut is used for crossings.
- Depreciation - For all pipe sizes less than 10 inches, depreciation begins at 25 % for the first four years and ends at 90%, dropping 5% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 16 years. For sizes greater than 10 inches, depreciation begins at 25% for the first four years and ends at 90%, dropping 3% per year until maximum depreciation (factor of 0.10) is reached in 26 years.
- Multi line adjustment - A factor of 0.70 is applied to all pipe greater than 10 inches.
- Additional Depreciation - 0.95 for CFB Suffield.
- Land Assessment - Not applicable.
- Statutory Level or Adjustment Factor - Not applied.
- Age - Updated to reflect new information.

Machinery and Equipment – Well Sites

- As described in Scenario A.

Machinery and Equipment – Facilities

- No change from the current.

RMA's Response to Proposed Technical Changes

As noted, RMA was not involved or provided any information from the technical review processes that informed the development of the scenarios. Notably, every iteration of each scenario focused on increased tax relief to industry. Given the lack of available technical information, detailed data or methodology for the calculations used it is difficult to form an opinion on the scenarios outside of the reality that they will all negatively impact rural municipalities and will only become worse as assets continue to age. The proposed scenarios read as a wish list of industry and will cause significant harm to rural municipalities who have been strong partners to industry development for decades.

Further, these scenarios add even more tax policy items into the assessment model, which already includes many **existing** issues and challenges, including:

- Some of the excluded costs under the CCRG would not be excluded under the cost approach to value, and have been excluded under the CCRG to reflect historic negotiated decisions.
- The yearly setting of the assessment year modifier in Schedule B is not transparent and is not data driven based on changes to construction costs.
- The setting of the assessment year modifier is subject to ministerial discretion as impacted by the advocacy of industry groups.
- The age lives of machinery and equipment are set between 15 – 20 years at which time the equipment is fully depreciated; these artificially shortened age lives contrast with the actual life of a facility at 40 – 60 or more years.
- During the first five years equipment is assessed it receives an immediate 25% depreciation (the purpose of this tax policy was to provide an incentive to construct new machinery and equipment, however, there is no data to track whether this policy achieved this goal).
- The depreciation in Schedule C for machinery and equipment reaches a floor of 40% remaining; the purpose of this policy dating from the mid 1980s was to provide consistency and stability for municipalities.
- The statutory factor contained in the *Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation*, further reducing the M&E assessment by a factor of 23%; the statutory factor represents a historical policy which should be reconsidered to see if it is still relevant.

As shown, many existing tax policies within the assessment model are still in existence despite their original intent (often investment incentive programs) having long since passed. This highlights the danger of the 'permanence' and lack of transparency of using the assessment model to engage in obvious tax policy initiatives, which is the primary intent of the current review.

Despite the “unknowns” in the proposed scenarios and lack of detail in the review process, there are a number of observations RMA has made about the suitability of the proposed changes:

Major Concerns

► **Base Costs Exclusions**

The rates in the *Minister’s Guidelines* should reflect the typical cost to construct, or in this case drill, the well. Construction costs include both labour and equipment. The only costs which can be excluded are those under the *Construction Cost Reporting Guide (CCRG)*.

Absent any additional information from the technical reviews, it is impossible to evaluate specific changes to base costs in these scenarios. However, they appear to be a departure from the intended value of reflecting accurate costs of construction, appear to arbitrarily exclude costs, and are potentially an embedded tax policy for industry.

► **Depreciation**

The scenarios include the introduction of depreciation of wells and pipelines, where the current assessment model uses a fixed rate of 0.67 (67%) asset value at all asset ages. The new scenarios add an age table for depreciation for pipelines and wells. The depreciation ranges from a high of 90% asset value or 75% asset value when new (depending on the scenario), to a floor of 10% asset value once fully depreciated. The asset life of depreciation is either 16 or 26 years depending the asset type and the scenario.

In the absence of technical review information, and based on conversations during the review process, it appears that this new depreciation approach is based on the economic profitability of the assets. This represents a marked departure from the current regulated valuation approach, which focuses on typical wear and tear (physical depreciation) and typical technological changes over time (functional depreciation) rather than market value.

These new scenarios are contrary to the principles underlying regulated assessment, and imports market value principles into the regulated assessment process. Depreciating wells and pipelines on the premise of profitability solely for the purpose of reducing assessment is one-sided, as the proposed scenarios do not include a mechanism to increase the assessment during healthy economic times.

► **Land Assessment**

Scenarios B and C set the land component at zero to when a well has reached maximum depreciation. Scenario D introduces set land value rates based on the region and well characteristics, though the proposed values are well below the current land value ranges, which are already nominal and do not reflect market value.

Land typically does not depreciate and should reflect market values, so this can only be considered an additional tax policy to benefit industry.

► **Other Adjustments, Statutory Factors and Depreciations**

The scenarios include a range of additional adjustments, statutory factors and depreciations. This includes a 0.75 factor for SAGD wells, a 0.70 factor for a multi-line adjustment, a 0.10 factor for zero production, among others. Again, without technical review information provided, it appears that these adjustments are actually very specific tax reduction policy initiatives to support particular asset types, that are being embedded into the assessment model. RMA is concerned that if the additional tax policy incentives are embedded in the assessment model then there will be no mechanism to know whether the policies have achieved their objectives and no mechanism to remove them after the objectives have been achieved. This phenomenon can be seen in the large amount of historical tax initiatives that are currently embedded in the assessment model. If history repeats itself, these adjustments (which are a clear response to current market factors) will remain in the assessment model for decades, with no ability to dial them back when market conditions correct.

Areas of Support

▶ ***Base Costs - Updating***

As noted above, the base cost rates should reflect the typical cost to construct, or in this case drill, a well. In this spirit, RMA supports the need to regularly review and update base costs to accurately reflect changes in construction costs, technological advances, and other necessary changes.

RMA would support a meaningful review process, undertaken by objective experts, and using detailed data. While RMA is hopeful this accurately describes the work conducted in the technical reviews, the work of the technical review has not been shared, so it is impossible to know what process was followed.

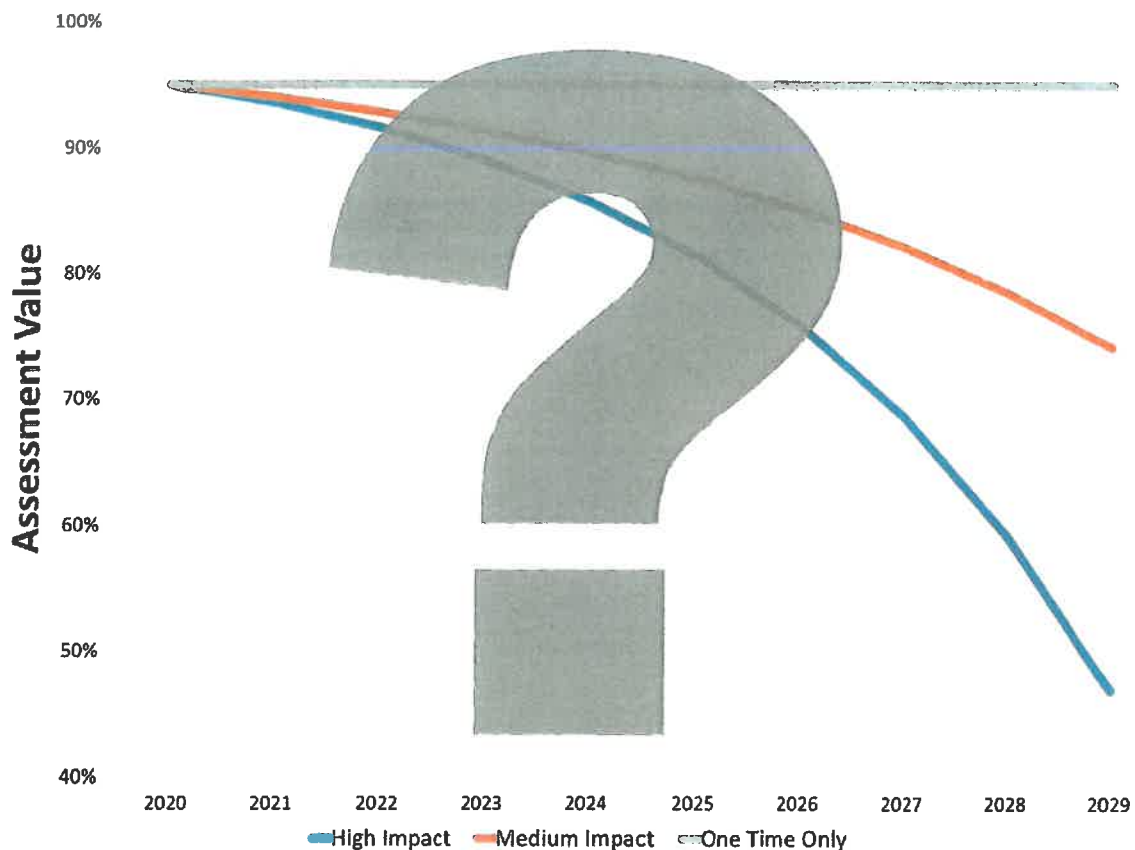
▶ ***Changes to the Assessment Year Modifier***

It appears that the review will include a move to an open, transparent, specified formula and data sources for the Schedule B Assessment Year Modifier being set out in the *Minister's Guidelines*. In the past, this modifier has not been transparent on how it was calculated. The inclusion of the formula, with reference to the public data sources, would increase transparency, predictability and consistency for all stakeholders.

Municipal Impacts of Proposed Changes

Each of the four scenarios proposed by the Government of Alberta would significantly reduce the overall rural municipal assessment base. This section will provide an overview of municipal fiscal impacts and potential municipal response mechanisms to the changes. It is important to note that the impacts of the scenarios vary significantly by region: a few municipalities actually benefit from the changes in some scenarios, while many lose huge amounts of assessment value and associated tax revenue. The analysis below shows average impacts as well as impact range to provide further support to the unpredictable and drastically different impacts that the changes produce across the province.

Due to limitations on the data provided during the review, RMA is only able to accurately model the impacts of the change in 2021. Due to changes to asset depreciation curves, it is likely that reductions will become more severe in each year beyond 2021. The lack of a long-term impact analysis is an extremely serious flaw of the review process. Due to the more aggressive depreciation curves inserted into all models, even municipalities who are relatively unaffected by the scenarios in 2021, will see the value of assessed value of existing property decrease much more rapidly than under the current model. Unfortunately, due to the lack of data provided during the review process, it is impossible to know how significant long-term impacts will be, as this is dependent on the age and type of each municipality's asset base.



What is known is that proceeding with such significant change with no knowledge of the long-term impacts it will have on the assessment base is highly concerning, which is why RMA has repeatedly called for a long-term impact analysis of the changes on both municipalities and industries prior to implementation.

It is important to continue to note that the data below is for 2021 only.

Overall municipal assessment base change (\$) – RMA members

Scenario Tax Impacts	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
Average among all rural municipalities	-126,863,993	-174,416,214	-277,155,495	-\$382,073,334
Least impacted municipality	+1,844,854,368	+1,510,074,086	+38,816,782	-5,088,160
Most impacted municipality	-1,059,619,509	-1,258,803,514	-1,495,636,950	-2,175,007,683

While average assessment base losses worsen somewhat consistently across the four scenarios, the actual individual municipal impacts of each scenario vary significantly. While many rural municipalities may be able to adapt to an assessment base loss between \$100 - \$400 million, for the several in each scenario that would face losses near or exceeding \$1 billion in assessment, the consequences may be much more extreme.

While the dollar amount losses paint a concerning picture, an even more impactful way to consider the scenarios is by looking at the percentage of assessment lost.

Overall municipal assessment base change (%) – RMA members

Scenario Tax Impacts	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
Average among all rural municipalities	-14	-16	-19	-24
Least impacted municipality	+16	+13	+1	-1
Most impacted municipality	-52	-52	-53	-56

A major weakness of using the assessment model to support industry competitiveness is that its complexity results in widely different regional impacts of any changes. The scenarios proposed by the Government of Alberta are no different. The chart below looks at the percentage of municipalities that will experience assessment base losses in excess of 10% under each scenario, divided by RMA district.

Percentage of municipalities with assessment base loss above 10% - by RMA district

District	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
1- Foothills-Little Bow	92%	100%	100%	100%

District	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
2 – Central	62%	69%	85%	85%
3 – Pembina River	46%	54%	54%	77%
4 – Northern	53%	60%	73%	93%
5 – Edmonton East	77%	85%	85%	92%
Overall	62%	68%	80%	88%

While rural municipalities across the province are severely impacted by the proposed changes, large reductions in revenue are most widespread across all scenarios in RMA’s district one, which consists of thirteen municipalities in the far south of the province. Many of these municipalities are already suffering from unpaid taxes on oil and gas properties. The disproportionate regional impacts, and lack of mitigation strategies on the part of the Government of Alberta demonstrate the inequities built into the review process and proposed changes.

The information above speaks to the severe and inequitable impacts that the proposed scenarios have on the assessment bases of rural municipalities. While this is important, to adequately understand the consequences of these reductions, it is important to consider how they will impact municipal revenues and service delivery. Because each municipality will be impacted to different extents and select different responses, the information below provides hypothetical “average” rural municipal responses based on the impacts of the various scenarios and publicly available municipal data.

Potential Response Options – Average Rural Municipality

	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
Residential mill rate increase	85.78%	106.63%	148.23%	199.43%
Or				
Non-residential mill rate increase (excluding 5:1 limits)	15.63%	19.33%	22.76%	31.89%
Tax capacity shortfall due to 5:1 ratio (includes tax capacity loss still required to achieve 5:1)	\$4,806,050	\$4,952,061	\$5,093,415	\$5,608,241
Or				
Workforce cuts to cover losses (% of total FTEs)	11.52%	14.82%	21.59%	28.82%
Total rural municipal FTEs at risk	957	1,231	1,793	2,394
Or				
Average total expense reduction % (including capital infrastructure investment)	9.28%	10.78%	12.82%	16.24%
Or				

	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D
% of rural municipalities that could not cover shortfall for one year with unrestricted reserves	44.9%	40.6%	42.0%	50.7%
% of rural municipalities that could not cover shortfall for two years with unrestricted reserves	60.8%	57.9%	63.7%	73.9%

In reality, most municipalities will react to the loss in revenue through a combination of tax rate increases, service level reductions, and debt. However, the examples above show how significant the reductions in assessment will be for rural municipalities.

More importantly, it shows the likelihood that other commercial property owners and residents will “pay the price” in subsidizing a property tax break to the oil and gas industry in the form of increased non-residential and residential tax rates or reduced services. The assessment approach for other commercial and residential properties is not being reviewed to give property owners “a break” during these challenging economic times; this manipulation of the assessment model is only being offered to the oil and gas industry. All other properties will be assessed in the same manner, and either receive a lower level of service or pay higher taxes to subsidize the municipal revenue lost from the oil and gas industry. **In other words, the tax burden will simply be shifted away from the oil and gas industry and on to all other businesses and residents. Most municipalities will simply have no other choice.**

Industry Impacts of Proposed Changes

*****Please note –** The Government of Alberta has indicated that the data used to determine tax impacts of each scenario on specific companies may not be fully accurate. As RMA must rely on the Government of Alberta to provide this level of detailed information, the conclusions below are reflective of the data provided during the review, and any inaccuracies are the result of the information provided.

Both RMA and its members have a long history of supporting and collaborating with Alberta's oil and gas industry. The final section of the report will propose an array of options to support industry competitiveness that are both fairer and more effective than manipulating the assessment model. This section will focus on evaluating the Government of Alberta's claim that the assessment model review is intended to enhance industry competitiveness and consider the extent to which it meets this priority.

"Industry competitiveness" was never defined during the review process, and the industry stakeholder representatives involved in the review (Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers [CAPP], Canadian Energy Pipelines Association [CEPA] and the Explorers and Producers Association of Canada [EPAC]) provided no evidence as to how reduced property assessments would enhance competitiveness in comparison to other industry cost drivers. There was also no consideration or respect afforded by industry to the important role that municipal infrastructure and services play in supporting oil and gas industry competitiveness by providing safe and reliable access to natural resources.

In addition to a lack of evidence as to the link between assessment and competitiveness, the recommended scenarios result in shockingly different outcomes for different oil and gas companies. While the overall oil and gas industry would see assessment reductions under each model, those benefits are not distributed equitably.

RMA has divided the 750 oil and gas companies that own property impacted by the review into the following categories based on the overall value of their assessed assets:

- Tier 1 (assessed asset value over \$500 million) – 27 companies
- Tier 2 (assessed asset value \$100 million - \$500 million) – 63 companies
- Tier 3 (assessed asset value \$20 million - \$100 million) – 98 companies
- Tier 4 (assessed asset value (\$1 million - \$20 million) – 227 companies
- Tier 5 (assessed asset value under \$1 million) – 335 companies

The table below shows how companies of different sizes would be impacted by assessment scenario D, which is favored by industry.

Industry Assessment Impacts – by Company Size – Scenario D

	Percent of Total firms	Percent of Total Assessment Base	Average Savings	Percent of total savings	Percent of firms with tax increases
Tier 1	3.60	62.14	-\$7,184,488	71.72	0
Tier 2	8.40	26.55	-\$868,011	20.22	6
Tier 3	13.07	8.83	-\$176,215	6.38	8
Tier 4	30.27	2.32	-\$18,828	1.58	16
Tier 5	44.67	0.16	-\$819	0.10	29

For comparison purposes, the impacts in the table below are for scenario B, which still has major revenue implications for municipalities but has been dismissed by industry as not meaningful in enhancing competitiveness.

Industry Assessment Impacts – by Company Size – Scenario B

	Percent of Total firms	Percent of Total Assessment Base	Average Savings	Percent of total savings	Percent of firms with tax increases
Tier 1	3.60	62.14	-\$4,358,795	108.88	19
Tier 2	8.40	26.55	+\$51,529	-3.00	46
Tier 3	13.07	8.83	+\$49,230	-4.46	47
Tier 4	30.27	2.32	+\$5,380	-1.13	40
Tier 5	44.67	0.16	+\$928	-0.29	41

What is significant about both scenarios is the disproportionate benefit that the largest oil and gas companies in the province receive. In each scenario, Tier 1 is the only group of companies who receive benefits that exceed their share of the actual assessment base. In scenario D, which has the most extreme negative impacts on municipal viability, all tiers benefit, though the extent of benefits decrease as company size decreases. In scenario B, tiers 2-5, which comprise 723 of 750 companies impacted by the review, collectively face increased costs, while the 27 tier 1 companies receive huge assessment and tax relief. Additionally, in both scenarios, many of the smallest companies (tiers 4 and 5) would face assessment increases.

What does this mean? Industry is arguing that scenario D is the only option to truly enhance competitiveness, and that may be true given the options developed. Scenarios A, B and C would hurt municipalities and hurt most oil and gas companies, while scenario D would decimate municipalities and provide at least modest relief to all company tiers (though again, even under scenario D, 145 companies would face assessment increases). The only groups that win in every scenario are the

largest oil and gas companies operating in Alberta, many of which have holdings worldwide and would be under no obligation to reinvest savings in the province.

What this industry analysis shows is that the assessment model review is not meeting its mandate of enhancing competitiveness and supporting municipal viability. It is reducing assessments for the largest and most well-connected companies on the backs of small oil and gas producers and municipalities.

RMA supports an assessment model review, but this analysis proves that the current process is inequitable. A review should focus on updating data and methodology to maintain an objective assessment system, and industry competitiveness should be address using the alternatives on the following page.

Alternative Approaches to Enhancing Industry Competitiveness

Although not part of the review process, RMA conducted an analysis of alternative approaches to enhancing industry competitiveness and evaluated them based on the following five principles:

Equitable in Cost Sharing	Equitable in Benefits Sharing	Tangibility	Sustainability	Transparency
All activities enacted to support oil and gas competitiveness should be equitably born through a partnership between the Government of Alberta and Alberta municipalities and reflect the relative powers and financial tools available to each level of government to support industry.	All activities enacted to support oil and gas competitiveness should equitably benefit companies in the oil and gas sector and not be focused on large companies to the detriment of smaller entities.	Financial contributions to industry either through direct investment or tax reduction should be designed to elicit direct, observable action by industry in the form of capital investment or employment creation.	Solutions cannot be solely focused on short-term gains or impacts but should put in place mechanisms that consider the potential for times of greater prosperity. Sustainability to municipalities means that revenue over the taxable life of the asset justifies infrastructure investments to support industrial development.	The goals, contributions, benefits and mechanisms put in place to support industry must be reported in a manner that is understandable to provincial taxpayers and municipal ratepayers. Mechanisms have built-in means for regular review and potential revision to maintain equitability and fairness.

Based on these principles, RMA analyzed 13 options (including manipulation of the assessment model) to support industry competitiveness and assigned each a score out of five – a high score indicates a strong option based on RMA's principles. Options and scoring were as follows:

Policy Alternatives	Scoring Factors					Total Score
	Cost Sharing	Benefits Sharing	Tangibility	Sustainability	Transparency	
Tax and Royalty Forgiveness						
Assessment Manipulation (Current Review)	1	2	1	1	1	1.2
Municipal Tax Rebate Policy	1	3	1	2	3	2.0
Tax Rebate Policy on New Investment	3	3	4	2	3	3.0
Education Property Tax Requisition Adjustments	5	3	1	3	3	3.0
Oil & Gas Royalties Reduction	5	3	2	3	4	3.2
Additional Mill Rate Categories	3	4	1	3	3	2.8
Property Tax Incentives Expansion	2	2	4	1	4	2.6

Mill Rate Ratio Adjustment	2	3	1	2	3	2.2
Downtime and Production Tax Rebates	2	2	2	2	1	1.8
Income Tax Reduction / Tax Credits	5	4	5	3	4	4.2
Direct Incentives						
Environmental Remediation	5	2	4	4	3	3.6
Incentive Based Grants / Shared Investment	4	4	5	4	4	4.2
Direct Infrastructure Investment Program	5	3	4	4	4	4.0

What this analysis shows is that making changes to the assessment model to support industry competitiveness during a difficult economic time is a poor option by all measures, and there are many other approaches the province could take that would better support competitiveness. Changing the assessment model is inequitable, as it places the entire burden for industry savings onto municipalities. It is also inequitable in how the benefits are distributed, as the section above demonstrates that large companies receive significant assessment reductions, while assessment will increase for many small companies. The approach lacks tangibility in that there is no link between any cost savings provided to industry and capital investment or job creation in Alberta. The approach is also not sustainable as the aggressive depreciation curves proposed will have long-term impacts on municipalities that are even more serious than the immediate impacts summarized above. Finally, the approach is not transparent as any industry incentives are “baked” into the assessment model in a way that is not easily visible, and very difficult to change or remove when they are no longer required.

On the other hand, many alternatives in the table above score much higher in all principle categories. For example, incentive based grants/shared investments (in which government provides financial support based on a company meeting specific targets or committing to particular levels of investment) score highly in all categories, as it fairly shared the cost burden and benefits, provides a direct link between the incentive given and measurable actions taken on the part of the company, is sustainable in the sense that the incentive would not be provided if the company’s action did not lead to a long-term benefit to the province, and is highly transparent as the incentive is only provided based on the company undertaking a specific action.

RMA’s full submission to the Government of Alberta includes a complete analysis of all the options above. **What is important for members to consider is that the province’s stated goal of using the assessment system for industry competitiveness fails in meeting every principle identified by RMA as characteristic of an effective industry competitiveness enhancement tool.** RMA can provide members with more detailed information on the tools and analysis upon request.



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Assessment Model Review

Alberta's assessment model is intended to provide a means for all properties in the province to be assigned an objective annual value for the purposes of property taxation and to inform municipal grants and requisitions. While most properties are assessed based on their market values, designated industrial properties such as wells and pipelines are assessed based on several regulated factors linked to depreciation, size, materials, etc. By attempting to use the assessment system to enhance industry competitiveness, the 2020 review and subsequent changes to how these regulated properties are assessed has compromised the objectivity of the regulated assessment model, and will result in serious fiscal impacts to municipalities, while actually compromising the competitiveness of many small oil and gas companies.

What is RMA's position on the role of Alberta's assessment system?

- Alberta's assessment model is intended to provide an objective and data-driven method to valuing properties in the province.
- Any changes to the regulated assessment models should be based on new information, new methodology, and accurately assessing new technology and equipment.
- Alberta's assessment system should not be modified or amended to address short-term challenges of a specific industry or property type.
- Tax exemption policies should not be built into the assessment system. Such policies should be implemented in a transparent and targeted manner.

What are the risks and challenges associated with using the regulated assessment system to enhance industry competitiveness?

- The regulated assessment model is highly complex and not designed to be used to provide targeted support to specific industries or property types. As such, any attempts at targeted industry support through assessment manipulation will have unintended impacts on both property owners and municipalities.
- "Ability to pay" is not a factor in the assessment process for any regulated and non-regulated property in Alberta, and should not be built into the model for wells, pipelines, and other oil and gas equipment. This should be addressed through other provincial policy tools.

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- Manipulating the assessment system to support industry competitiveness will have a wide range of impacts on municipal assessment values, which affect municipal revenues, grant distribution, requisition calculations, and will have both local and regional impacts across Alberta.
- A reduction in assessment will force municipalities to make a range of revenue-generation and spending changes, including some combination of raising tax rates on residential and non-residential property classes, reducing service levels, revising or cancelling intermunicipal agreements, or potentially facing non-viability. The actual impacts of the proposed changes will vary widely by municipality.
- There is no mechanism to require the oil and gas industry re-invest any cost savings received through changes to the assessment model in Alberta in the form of job creation and/or capital investment.

What is RMA's position on the outcomes of the 2020 assessment model review for regulated oil and gas properties?

- The final scenarios recommended to provincial ministers based on the review process will have severe negative impacts on rural municipalities in the form of reduced assessment values and taxation revenues.
- The final scenarios recommended to provincial ministers based on the review process have not been adequately evaluated in relation to enhancing industry competitiveness and supporting municipal viability, which the Government of Alberta identified as the two review priorities.
- The final scenarios recommended to provincial ministers based on the review process will have widely different impacts on municipalities in different regions of the province. Municipalities that primarily host older oil and gas infrastructure will be much more negatively impacted than municipalities that host newer oil and gas infrastructure.
- The data used to develop the final scenarios recommended to provincial decision-makers is incomplete, as it is based on only one year of impacts. Due to the significant changes to depreciation curves used in each scenario, the multi-year impacts of the changes will be much more impactful and must be considered in a final decision on changes to the assessment model.
- The final scenarios recommended to provincial ministers based on the review process will have significantly different impacts on oil and gas companies of different sizes. The largest oil and gas companies operating in Alberta will benefit significantly, while the smallest oil and gas companies will, in many cases, face significantly higher assessments.

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How will the outcomes of the 2020 assessment model review impact municipal sustainability?

- Municipalities rely on fair, objective and consistent property assessment system to adequately plan and budget.
- Under the four scenarios proposed by the Government of Alberta, Alberta municipalities will lose between \$109 million and \$291 million in tax revenue in 2021, with likely increases each year as assessable property depreciates.
- Under the scenario favored by the oil and gas industry, the average rural municipality will lose over 12% of its revenues in 2021, and 10 municipalities will lose over 20% of their revenues.
- Municipalities have limited tools to generate revenue. Significantly reducing property assessments will force municipalities to increase non-residential and residential tax rates, reduce service levels, eliminate staff positions, and/or consider dissolution. A rural dissolution would have significant cost and service implications, as the average rural municipality manages 1955 kilometres of road over 120 bridges, most of which exist to provide industry access to natural resources and markets.
- Industry has formally requested that municipal tax rates be frozen for non-residential properties. This, along with the changes to the assessment model favored by industry, would require municipalities to raise their residential tax rate by an average of 199% to offset revenue losses.
- Including capital and infrastructure investment, the average municipality would be required to reduce expenses by over 16% to offset revenue losses in the oil and gas industry's preferred scenario.
- When combined with increased policing costs, reduced grant funding, and COVID-19-related property tax deferrals, many rural municipalities will lack the ability to adapt to the revenue reductions that will be the result of the scenarios proposed by the Government of Alberta.

How will the outcomes of the 2020 assessment model review impact oil and gas industry competitiveness?

- Throughout the review process, no data or information linking assessment reductions to competitiveness enhancements was provided by industry stakeholders or the Government of Alberta.
- Although the oil and gas industry as a whole will receive modest cost reductions through the reduction of

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property assessment, there is absolutely no requirement or incentive that will ensure any savings benefit Alberta in the form of increased industry investment and job creation.

- Based on the Government of Alberta's proposed scenarios, the largest oil and gas companies operating in the province will receive a disproportionate share of benefits from changes to the assessment model. Small and locally-owned companies will, on average, receive significantly less benefit, and in many cases will face significant assessment increases.
- Many of the companies that will benefit most from the assessment model review have holdings worldwide and are under no obligation to reinvest savings in Alberta.
- Under the proposed changes to the assessment model favored by industry, over one-third of all oil and gas companies would face assessment increases, while the largest oil and gas companies would receive benefits that greatly exceed their share of the assessment base.

What alternatives would better enhance oil and gas industry competitiveness while supporting municipal sustainability?

- There are a wide variety of tax and policy tools available to enhance oil and gas industry competitiveness.
- Any tool to enhance industry competitiveness should be evaluated on five principles:
 - Equitable in cost-sharing – are the costs of supporting industry shared equitably among different levels of government?
 - Equitable in benefits-sharing – are the benefits of an incentive or support distributed equitably within industry and do they reach the sub-sets of industry that need it the most?
 - Tangibility - Do the benefits of the tool lead to direct, observable action by industry that provides an overall provincial benefit (capital investment, job creation, etc.)?
 - Sustainability – Does the tool prioritize long-term growth and investment for industry and is it adjustable or cancellable if it is no longer needed?
 - Transparency – Is the tool understandable to taxpayers? Are the province-wide benefits easily observable? Does the tool have a built-in means for regular review and modification?

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From: Dena Krysik <dkrysik@lsaf.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 7:47 AM
To: Bernie Poulin; petersmyl@whitecourt.ca; Town CAO; aboffice; cao@onoway.ca; Trista Court; Ross Bohnet
Subject: Request for Municipal support

Good morning,

Please accept this email as a formal request to the Mayor and Council for your municipality to provide a letter of support to the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation regarding our intent to submit an application to the Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Sustainable Affordable Housing fund for the purpose of obtaining a Planning Grant.

Planning grants are designed to assist housing providers to initiate more sustainable affordable housing projects in their communities. The ultimate goal of this offer is to help providers successfully develop outputs that may support applications for additional sources of funding for further development of energy efficient affordable housing projects, such as SAH's study grant or CMHC's Seed Funding.

The Lac Ste. Anne Foundation Board of Directors feel an overall assessment of our current portfolio as well as a needs assessment to determine future development in all communities we support is critical at this time.

This grant is intended to support the initial planning phase of projects through a variety of activities and based on the needs of the Foundation. Activities supported by the planning grant include:

- **Project initiation:** meetings, project scoping, work plan and timelines, background review, project visioning and goal setting;
- **Needs assessment:** evaluating housing stock, resident support, preliminary review of building opportunities;
- **Basic financial assessment:** review of current budget information, tasks and scope to assess magnitude of project costs and potential savings and funding sources;
- Stakeholder engagement activities;
- Support to identify qualified design consultants and contractors.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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From: Daryl Weber <darylweb@telus.net>
Sent: July 23, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Alberta Offic
Subject: Fwd: Board Meeting Followup
Attachments: image003.png; Untitled attachment 00003.html; Affordable Housing Review.xlsx; Untitled attachment 00006.html; 5bi Correspondence-Minister of Seniors & Housing.pdf; Untitled attachment 00009.html

FYI

Sent from my iPhone
Thanks Daryl Weber

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dena Krysik <dkrysik@lsaf.ca>
Date: July 23, 2020 at 9:04:18 AM MDT
To: Ann Morrison <anndon@telus.net>, Bernie Poulin <bpoulin@xplornet.com>, Daryl Weber <darylweb@telus.net>, "Pat St. Hilaire" <psthilaire@onoway.ca>, Ray Hiltz <rayhiltz@whitecourt.ca>, Ross Bohnet <rbohnet@lsac.ca>, "Sandy Morton (Sandy.Morton@mayerthorpe.ca)" <Sandy.Morton@mayerthorpe.ca>
Subject: Board Meeting Followup

Good morning,

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If you need any assistance, please let me know.

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1. How can we get more value for government spending on housing? (anticipate this also includes how can it be more efficient in the service delivery, scope is wide open).

Lodge	Senior Self Contained	Rent Supplement
Give the management bodies set amount of Capital Maintenance money each year let us maximize the dollars	Increase DD and minimum rent, possibly flat rent scales (assist in ensuring appropriate rent is charged to maintain the unit)	Cap rent sup (this will assist in ensuring clients move on from the programs and not make it a life-long option)
Allow flexibility in creating multi market models (start thinking outside the box)	Repurpose older manors in remote locations to affordable family or market units to assist in generating revenue to maintain the aging infrastructure	No rent scale for income support (ie: renting a 4 bedroom at \$920/month)
Complete regular/ongoing regional needs assessments to determine priority communities and work with appropriate HMB's/Municipalities to construct	Give the management bodies set amount of Capital Maintenance money each year let us maximize the dollars	Increase DD and minimum rent, possibly flat rent scales (assist in ensuring appropriate rent is charged to maintain the unit)
Review/change legislation to support sustainable housing programs (in many areas our hands are tied)		No exemptions on income (for rent calc purposes) 1. EG. Child tax credit
Develop appropriate funding models that address and meet rural needs vs urban		Discontinue "Row Housing" builds, design/construct facilities that clients can maintain and be accountable to (1 bedroom units that single clients with no dependents can be placed into, with current legislation they do not fit any of the current programs and remain on waitlists for years)
LAP funding based on Suite count not resident eligibility		

2. How can the government address housing needs through the private market?

Lodge	Senior Self Contained	Rent Supplement
Utilize their own HMB's through multi market models	Utilize their own HMB's through multi market models	Utilize their own HMB's through multi market models

Dena Krysik

From: Seniors and Housing Minister <SH.Minister@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: July 9, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Seniors and Housing Minister
Subject: Affordable Housing Review

Importance: High

Dear Board Chairs:

Earlier today, I was pleased to launch an Affordable Housing Review. This review moves forward on our government's commitment to Albertans that we would make housing more affordable and accessible. Alberta's affordable housing system needs to be financially sustainable and able to address growing demand.

Nearly half-a-million Albertans spend more than 30 per cent of their household income on rent, which is the standard for affordability, and waitlists for social and affordable housing get longer each year. Currently, more than 110,000 Albertans live in affordable housing. We know we need to transform Alberta's affordable housing system to better meet the needs of Albertans, while living within our means.

To help us reach this vision, I have appointed an independent panel of 10 housing partners and experts, chaired by MLA Mickey Amery, to lead this review and identify how we can make the affordable housing system more efficient and effective.

The Affordable Housing Review Panel will consider the supports required for Albertans in critical housing need, analyze market trends and projections, and compare approaches to housing in other provinces. The panel will also engage the perspectives of housing providers, private companies, and civil society organizations, to identify innovative solutions for Albertans in housing need.

It is important the panel hear your perspective, as you are on the front lines of providing housing for Albertans in need. You may be asked by the panel to provide input into the review process through a written submission or presentation. You may also wish to send your thoughts to the panel to help inform their work as they begin their meetings. This can be done by emailing AffordableHousingReview@gov.ab.ca OR visiting the [panel website](#).

I look forward to continuing to work with you as the panel completes its review, and as we consider its recommendations this fall.

Sincerely,

Josephine Pon
Minister of Seniors and Housing

cc: Housing Management Body Chief Administrative Officers

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Affordable Housing Review Panel

The panel will explore ways to make Alberta's affordable housing system more efficient and effective. Share your feedback by August 31, 2020.

Overview

The Affordable Housing Review Panel has been appointed to review Alberta's affordable housing system. This review will explore ways we can make affordable housing even more affordable and accessible for people with low income. Nearly 500,000 Albertans spend more than 30% of their household income on housing, which is unaffordable according to the standard for affordability. This is causing waitlists for affordable housing to get longer each year. Currently, more than 110,000 Albertans live in affordable housing, while 19,000 more households are on waitlists.

The panel's recommendations will be used to transform how Alberta's affordable housing system is delivered so it is financially sustainable and able to address growing demand.

Timeline

- Open

August 31, 2020

- Results under review
- Completed

Who is listening

Ministry of Seniors and Housing

Mandate

The panel will identify ways to make affordable housing more efficient and effective, including examining legislation and how housing assets are funded and operated. Its work will be guided by 3 questions:

1. How can we get more value for government spending on housing?
2. How can government address housing needs through the private market?
3. What are the reasons people need subsidized housing and what role should government play?

To successfully complete its work, the panel will:

- consider the supports required for Albertans in critical housing need
- analyze economic factors and housing market trends
- compare the approaches other provinces and territories are taking to affordable housing

The panel will seek the perspectives of stakeholder organizations that represent the interests of populations groups most in need of affordable housing. The panel will also consider the perspectives of housing providers, private companies and civil society organizations to identify potential solutions to meet the needs of Albertans who need affordable housing.

The panel will submit its final report to the Minister of Seniors and Housing by September 30, 2020.

Get involved

Share your thoughts and suggestions on affordable housing by August 31, 2020. These submissions will be reviewed by the panel and will help inform its work.

Email your submissions to the panel at AffordableHousingReview@gov.ab.ca.

Panel members

The panel includes members with a diverse range of expertise and backgrounds as housing providers, developers, civil society organizations, academics and housing advocates.

Mickey Amery, MLA Calgary-Cross, chair

Mickey Amery was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Calgary-Cross on April 16, 2019. He was the 913th Member to be sworn in to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Prior to serving with the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Amery was a practicing lawyer and business owner in Calgary. He has worked on a number of cases of national significance in the areas of Aboriginal law and consumer protection. Mr. Amery holds a bachelor's degree in political science, a bachelor's degree in economics and a Juris Doctorate degree in law.

Paul Boskovich

Paul Boskovich is president of Genstar Development Company and oversees all aspects of the organization from operations, finance, investor relations and human resources. Paul has been a key leader in the homebuilding and development industry in Canada for several years and currently is the past Chair of BILD Calgary Region, the incoming Chair for BILD Alberta as well a Board member for the Canadian Home Building Association (National). Paul has a MBA from the Haskayne School of Business and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of British Columbia.

Lauren Ingalls

In May 2011, Lauren Ingalls joined Westwinds Communities as the CAO. Since 1993, Lauren has worked exclusively as the CAO/CEO in the seniors and social housing industry with 4 different agencies ranging from 78 to 1,500 units and constructing over 540 seniors and affordable housing units. She has operated most housing programs in the sector including supportive living, enhanced lodge, dementia care, social housing, seniors independent living, rent supplement, near market and market rental accommodation.

Jeffrey Johnson

Jeffrey David Johnson has demonstrated a high level of leadership in both private sector and public office. He served 2 terms as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and served in several key positions, including Minister of Education, Minister of Seniors and Housing, Minister of Infrastructure and 5 years as a member of Treasury Board including a stint as Vice-Chair. Since elected office, Jeff has been involved in several business ventures including raising capital for a number of business initiatives. He also does extensive advisory work on P3 projects in Alberta.

Sam Kolia

Sam Kolia, as chairman and CEO of Boardwalk, serves a team of more than 1,600 associates located in four provinces. Sam is a Fellow of the Real Estate Institute (FRI) and a Certified Property Manager (CPM) and over the years has been the recipient of numerous awards, including Top 40 Under 40, Western Canada's Real Estate Entrepreneur of the year award, the Pinnacle award and the Canadian

Governor General award, in recognition of Queen Elizabeth's 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee Medal.

Javaid (Jerry) Naqvi

In 1964, Javaid Naqvi left his family and his native country of Pakistan and came to Toronto, Canada in the quest to make a future. Today, Naqvi's Cameron Corporation is a multi-faceted real estate company with investments in commercial, retail, land development, home building, and multi-family with both office and industrial opportunities on the horizon. Mr. Naqvi's accolades include EY's Entrepreneur of the Year Prairies Winner in Real Estate/Construction, 2013 Ernst & Young finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year and 2011 Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Marcia Nelson

Marcia Nelson is an executive fellow with the Haskayne School of Business and the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary. Prior to this appointment in May 2019, Marcia served as the Deputy Minister of Executive Council, Cabinet Secretary and head of the Alberta Public Service, and previously held several deputy minister positions, including Innovation and Advanced Education, Infrastructure, Health and Housing and Urban Affairs. Marcia is also currently a board member with Alberta Blue Cross.

Raymond Swonek

Raymond is the chief executive officer of Greater Edmonton Foundation Seniors Housing (GEF) in Edmonton, and president of the Alberta Seniors Communities & Housing Association. GEF Seniors Housing is the largest provider of seniors subsidized and affordable independent living in Alberta, serving more than 3,800 seniors who live in one of 43 GEF communities. He is a chartered professional accountant with more 30 years of business experience in Canada, New Zealand and Australia. He has worked in senior management roles in the seniors housing industry since 1997.

Dr. Sasha Tsenkova

Dr. Sasha Tsenkova is professor of planning at the University of Calgary and a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners. She holds a Ph.D. in Architecture (Technical University, Prague) and a Ph.D. in Geography (University of Toronto). Dr. Tsenkova specializes in urban planning, housing policy and sustainable urban development. Her research and professional activities in these areas for the World Bank, Council of Europe and the United Nations include a range of housing and urban projects in more than 20 countries.

Rachelle Venne

Rachelle Venne is the chief executive officer of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW). She has over 20 years of experience building collaborative partnerships in the non-profit, corporate and government sectors. In 2012, Rachelle received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her community service with REACH Edmonton. In March 2017, Rachelle was selected as one of 6 Canadian NGO delegates to attend the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

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From: Daryl Weber <darylweb@telus.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Alberta Offic
Subject: Fwd: Board Meeting Followup

FYI
LSA Foundation it's just looking to see if there is any opportunities in Alberta Beach to partner with for affordable housing for seniors are low income I was going to bring this up to the consul at our next meeting but unfortunately I will be away so maybe you could drop her a note if there is any opportunities in Alberta Beach

Sent from my iPhone
Thanks Daryl Weber

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sandy Morton <Sandy.Morton@mayerthorpe.ca>
Date: August 13, 2020 at 12:18:22 PM MDT
To: Dena Krysik <dkrysik@lsaf.ca>
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Subject: Re: Board Meeting Followup

What is it as a community that you want to see as affordable housing options?
I asked council at Monday's meeting:
we have land available for single family dwellings : like to see more infill
we have two apartment buildings that are full we need more
we have land shovel ready to build on
maybe partner together on the manufactured housing lots in Parkview Place shovel ready service connection ready

On Aug 13, 2020, at 8:56 AM, Dena Krysik <dkrysik@lsaf.ca> wrote:

Good morning,

I just wanted to follow up on this initiative. Have any of you received any feedback from your councils at this time regarding the Affordable Housing Review? If so, please forward me your feedback/input and I can incorporate into our spreadsheet for submission.

Thank you,

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From: Dena Krysik
Sent: July 23, 2020 9:15 AM
To: 'Ann Morrison'; 'Bernie Poulin'; 'Daryl Weber'; 'Pat St. Hilaire'; 'Ray Hilts'; 'Ross Bohnet'; 'Sandy Morton (Sandy.Morton@mayerthorpe.ca)'
Subject: Board Meeting Followup

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From: Jordan Denesha <jdenesha@mbedmontonwest.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 3:04 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Mercedes-Benz Edmonton West Cruise Event

To the Administrative Office of Alberta Beach,

My name is Jordan Denesha I'm the media and events coordinator at Mercedes-Benz Edmonton West.

September 20, 2020 we're looking to host a private cruise event for our driving club. This would be an event involving somewhere around 30 high end Mercedes-Benz and exotic vehicles. We plan on cruising from our dealership to a lake within 1 hour of Edmonton.

I'm currently scouting locations for this cruise and would like to reach out to you to see if we can have ~30 (official number to be determined closer to event) parking spaces reserved on 50 Ave next to 49 St between the hours of 10:30AM and 12:30PM. This would serve multiple functions;

A) it would help keep our driving club parked in an organized manner

B) it would create an event space within your downtown sector, driving business and tourism during late season. Since we'll be inviting local photographers to the event it will also provide a lot of media attention to the Alberta Beach community.

C) we would also be looking at inviting food trucks/organizing other entertainment for our driving club.

Let me know your thoughts on this and if we can arrange something together.

Thank you for your time!

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From: Fred White <fwpbase@gmail.com>
Sent: July 23, 2020 11:34 AM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com; VAN GARDENER
Subject: Road Repair: AB Public Works, Town Council and Associated Administration

Specifically: The perennial deep ruts and soft road surfaces on the rear ingress/egress to our property from the village road running on the east side of our pharmacy/apartment and garage buildings.

This issue has been a problem over the last two years. A couple attempts at resolving the issue worked only for a short time with minimal results. As this was a very troublesome issue for all people using the entrance as well as residents going south on this street we needed a solution. I met with an experienced construction company and they assured me that with this repair the problem would be resolved. I know all the frequent rains had exacerbated the problem but he insisted the repair would be successful.

We had the work done a few weeks ago and to date the road has stayed solid and dry. The heavy trucks do not create any water holding ruts at all. The road slopes east and water drains and leaves the road surface perfectly. As you know we have had several 50mm plus rains with no erosion or surface softening.

We will fax a copy of the invoice for the work completed and would hope the Village would participate in some of the cost. I did intend to help with the cost of the repair but with the constant rain problems the public works did not have time for a proper fix.

I hope this is a reasonable request as a lot of people are not now being inconvenienced and as well the public works department will be free from constant and frequent repairs.

Without Prejudice
Thank You
Fred White Pharmacy Inc.

Fred White

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Refer to email sent July-23, by Fred White, FWP/ME.