

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION
5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - a. Regular Council Meeting of November 16, 2021
6. DELEGATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. 2022 Interim Budget
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Community & Social Services – FCSS Regulation Review Q&A Document
 - b. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance November 19, 2021
 - c. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance November 26, 2021
 - d. Alberta Counsel –The News November 24, 2021
 - e. Alberta Counsel –The News December 7, 2021
 - f. Alberta Education – Provincial Education Requisition Credit Program
 - g. Alberta Invasive Species Council – AISC Quarterly Update
 - h. Alberta Health Operations – Covid-19 Municipal Update November 17, 2021
 - i. Alberta Health Operations – Covid-19 Municipal Update November 24, December 1 & 8, 2021
 - j. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update November 15, 2021
 - k. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update November 22, 2021
 - l. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update December 6, 2021
 - m. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update December 13, 2021
 - n. Alberta Municipalities – Director Introduction & New Name
 - o. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly November 25, 2021
 - p. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly December 1, 2021
 - q. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly December 8, 2021
 - r. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly December 15, 2021
 - s. Alberta Recreation & Parks Association – Congratulations & Introductory Letter
 - t. Alberta Treasury Board & Finance – Loans to Local Authorities – Loan Pricing Announcement
 - u. Communities Choose Well – The Choose Letter November 2021
 - v. Community Futures Yellowhead East – Regional Business News & Events
 - w. Grasmere School – Thank You Card
 - x. Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta – Congratulations Letter
 - y. Honourable Kaycee Madu, Alberta Justice & Solicitor General – Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study
 - z. Honourable Ric McIver, Alberta Municipal Affairs – Congratulations Letter
 - aa. Honourable Shane Getson, MLA – Congratulations Letter
 - bb. Library Association of Alberta – Congratulations & Introductory Letter
 - cc. National Police Federation – Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study
 - dd. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – November 2021 In Stream Newsletter
 - ee. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – December 2021 In Stream Newsletter
 - ff. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – Introduction Letter & Calendars
 - gg. Yellowhead Regional Library – New Training Resources for Library Boards & Municipalities
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Beach & District Lions Club – SnoMo Days 2022
 - b. The Marc Group – Partner with Alberta Beach Farmers Market - BagVertising
 - c. Town of Onoway – First Responders Thank you
15. NEW BUSINESS
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

5.a

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PRESENT:

- Mayor Bud Love
- Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan
- Councillor Debbie Durocher
- Councillor Tara Elwood
- Councillor Daryl Weber
- CAO Kathy Skwarchuk
- Asst. CAO Cathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Love called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

- 15.b Signing Authorities
- 15.c Laptop for Council Use
- 15.d Capital Region Assessment Services Commission – Assessment Review Board Agreement 2022-2024

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#175-21

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

No closed meeting session was held.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

#176-21

ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2021:

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Organizational Council Meeting of October 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#177-21

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2021:

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

DAVE IVES, FIRE CHIEF, ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES – FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:

Fire Chief Ives gave a brief background report on Onoway Regional Fire Services, their training programs, manpower as well as vehicle and equipment strengths and further reported they need volunteers. He gave three presentations which included the 2020 year end fire department performance statistics on response times and ratio of calls compared to the 5 year average as well as the 2021 first six months statistics. His second presentation included statistical data on the call types, chute times and response times for fire department response to calls in Alberta Beach. His third presentation included statistical data on the dual call out agreement with Lac Ste. Anne fire services for highway response which shows how Onoway Regional Fire Services has been improving the emergency response capabilities on the Alberta highways in the area. Fire Chief Ives requested Council work towards a formal call out agreement for automatic aid on highway response through a joint response protocol with Lac Ste. Anne County. Mayor Love and Council thanked Fire Chief Ives for his presentation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

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

MOVED BY Mayor Love that Alberta Beach decline participation at this time in Lac Ste. Anne County ACP Grant Partnership to conduct studies related to old nuisance grounds. Further discussions took place with regards to an ACP grant application to include in-depth studies for updates to the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), as well as a trail study and brownfield study and it was therefore suggested to set up a meeting between the four municipal partners for further discussion. Mayor Love rescinded his motion.

#178-21

ACP GRANT OPPORTUNITIES – REQUEST FOR MEETING:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council direct administration to set up a meeting with Lac Ste. Anne County, the Summer Village of Sunset Point and the Summer Village of Val Quentin to discuss regional ACP grant opportunities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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#179-21 COUNCIL AND STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council and staff Christmas lunch be cancelled this year due the Covid-19 health restrictions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#180-21 MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None.

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of October 28, 2021.
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Mgmt Society meeting of October 26, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of November 10, 2021.
West Inter-lake District (WILD) Water Commission meeting of November 12, 2021.
Muni-101 Council Orientation & Training Course of November 15-16, 2021.

COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher reviewed and submitted report on the following meeting:
Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting of November 10, 2021.

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

Councillor Elwood reviewed and submitted report on the following meeting:
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of November 9, 2021.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the following meeting:
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of November 10, 2021.

MAYOR LOVE:

Mayor Love reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
MLA What Matters To You Town Hall meeting of November 9, 2021.
Onway Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony held on November 11, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

The administration department submitted a report for information on the 2021 Development Permits issued to date.

#181-21

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA BEACH MUNICIPAL LIBRARY – 2021-2022 LIBRARY BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

The Alberta Beach Municipal Library submitted the 2020-2021 Library Board Highlights which included statistical information as well as services and programs offered from October 2020 to September 2021.

ALBERTA COUNSEL – NEWSLETTERS:

At a Glance Newsletters of October 22 & 29, 2021 as well as the October 27, 2021 issue of The News was received from Alberta Counsel.

ALBERTA COUNSEL – UPCOMING EVENTS & NEW WEBINARS:

Information was received from Alberta Counsel regarding upcoming events & new webinars.

ALBERTA COUNSEL – AUMA CONVENTION INVITATION TO HOSPITALITY SUITE:

An invitation was received from the Alberta Counsel to their hospitality suite at the AUMA Convention as well as the upcoming Rural Municipalities Association Convention.

ALBERTA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – WILD-LAND URBAN INTERFACE STRUCTURAL FIRE INTEGRATION:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Emergency Management Agency regarding their announcement that AEMA will be building a new capability in regional field operations to support the integration of structural fire providers in Alberta, both municipal and industry into wild-land urban interface response.

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ALBERTA HEALTH OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

Covid-19 Municipal Updates of October 29 & November 3, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Operations.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 Community Updates of October 12, 18, November 1 & 8, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT ON HEALTH CARE & PLANNING:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services regarding the virtual engagement sessions on health care planning for Edmonton and surrounding communities.

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

Correspondence was received from Alberta Infrastructure regarding the engagement outcomes on the Infrastructure Accountability Act & the 20 Year Strategic Capital Plan, also attached was a copy of Bill 73 the Infrastructure Accountability Act which has received first reading.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2020 DETAILED ASSESSMENT AUDIT FOLLOW-UP:

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 2020 Detailed Assessment Audit for Alberta Beach to confirm that Alberta Beach is in compliance and the audit is concluded.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2022 & 2023 MSI ALLOCATION ESTIMATES:

Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded the 2022 & 2023 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital and operating allocation estimates which shows a reduction in the capital allocations from the previous year and the operating allocation to remain the same as the prior year.

ALBERTA OMBUDSMAN – FAIRNESS UPDATE:

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Ombudsman which included 10 frequently asked questions from municipalities regarding the role of the Alberta Ombudsman and the process for handling complaints as well as 10 tips for developing and administering fair rebate programs.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA/AMSC DIGESTS:

AUMA/AMSC Digests of October 20, 27, November 3 & 10, 2021 was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA RESOLUTIONS BOOK:

The AUMA Convention 2021 Resolutions Book was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

FORTIS ALBERTA – BETWEEN THE LINES UPDATE FOR GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDERS:

An update for Government and stakeholders was received from Fortis Alberta to advise that Fortis has remained fully functional from a customer service and operations perspective throughout the pandemic and further to advise that in light of the economic challenges in the province and associated hardships faced by many customers they have temporarily suspended the collection of reconnection of service fees.

FORTIS ALBERTA – CONGRATULATORY LETTER & AUMA CONVENTION CUSTOMER RECEPTION INVITATION:

A formal Council congratulatory letter was received from Fortis Alberta as well as an invitation to their Fortis Alberta AUMA Customer Reception at the AUMA convention.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTER:

The October 2021 In Stream Newsletter was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

TOWN OF ONOWAY – COUNCILLOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Correspondence was received from the Town of Onoway which included their new Councillor Committee appointments. It was noted that The Town of Onoway appoints a Council representative to the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC)

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC):

#182-21

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council direct administration to seek further information on the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

#183-21

MOVED BY Mayor Love that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

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#184-21 ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LION'S CLUB – SNOMO DAYS 2022 SPONSORSHIP:
MOVED BY Mayor Love that the Alberta Beach & District Lion's Club be advised that Council is willing to provide gold sponsorship for SnoMo Days 2022 in exchange for in-kind work provided by the village as done in past years' subject to the event following all provincial health restrictions and further that Alberta Beach be named as additional insured under their liability policy for the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#185-21 ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES SOCIETY – MUSEUM HERITAGE PARK LEASE:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council enter into negotiations to renew the lease of the Heritage Village Park with the Alberta Beach & District Museum and Archives Society and further that Council appoint Councillor Durocher and the CAO to be the lead in the negotiations as per Council's direction and further they be advised that Council will take their requests into consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#186-21 ALBERTA BEACH SENIORS 50+ CLUB – SIGNAGE:
MOVED BY Mayor Love that the Alberta Beach Seniors 50+ Club be advised that Council is not in favour of their request to install a sign at the three way stop and further they be advised that there are other electronic signs they have access to posting their information and events and further that they also be advised that a development permit is required for the installation of a sign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#187-21 ALBERTA NWT COMMAND ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION – MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK:
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the request from the Alberta NWT Command Royal Canadian Legion for advertising in their Military Service Recognition Book be approved for a business card advertisement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#188-21 ALBERTA BEACH MUNICIPAL LIBRARY – 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council ratify the Alberta Beach Municipal Library Board members as follows; Betty Meads, Helen Purnell, Cathy VandenBiggelaar, Chaddie Langman, Kathy Dion, Riley Ekins, Sharon Hansen, Judy Jackson, Judy Valiquette, Tara Elwood as Council representative and further that Donna Warwaruk be appointed as their Auditor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#189-21 SIGNING AUTHORITY:
MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approve to appoint a 3rd Councillor to the Council signing authority appointment and further the member be Councillor Elwood.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAPTOP FOR COUNCIL USE:

A brief discussion was held regarding acquiring additional laptops for Council use when needed. Council requested administration to request quotes for additional laptops for budget discussions.

#190-21 CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD AGREEMENT 2022-2024:
MOVED BY Mayor Love that the Assessment Review Board Agreement 2022-2024 with Capital Region Assessment Services Commission be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

No questions came forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Mayor – Bud Love

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

COUNCIL:

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

ALBERTA BEACH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – PURCHASE OF ALBERTA BEACH AGLIPLIX:

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

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

ADMINISTRATION:**TVRSSC – REQUEST ROAD & SIDEWALK REPAIR:**

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

Sept. 21/21 Letter was sent to TVRSSC.

Oct.19/21 Sidewalk repair has been completed.

Nov.16/21 Road has been repaired, however TVRSSC has been made aware of the deficiency that the water is now pooling in the centre of the road which they will have the contractor finish the asphalt compaction in the spring. It was also brought to TVRSSC attention that there is a gap next to the sidewalk which they will work to repair.

SCHEDULE OF FEES & RATES BYLAW:

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

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

Nov.16/21 CAO has requested that the Development Officer review the rates in the bylaw pertaining to development and has asked for comments on implementing additional fees for variance, changes in application or change of scope.

PARKING OF OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL:

Nov.16/21 CAO has requested comments from the Development Officer regarding the complaint of parking overweight vehicles (semi tractor trucks) in residential zones, whether to restrict the overweight vehicles through the implementation of a parking bylaw or through the traffic bylaw. Also discussed the issue of camping overnight in the commercial parking lots. (The D.O. is also aware that we are waiting for comments on a parking bylaw from Patriot Law as well)

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

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

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

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

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

S.V. OF SUNSET POINT – ACP GRANT PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP A RECREATION/TRAIL MASTER PLAN:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council direct the CAO to follow up and request further information from the Summer Village of Sunset Point regarding their request for participation in an ACP Grant Partnership to develop a Recreation/Trail Master Plan.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP CONTEST:

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

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:

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

COUNCIL AND STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

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

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CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD AGREEMENT:

Nov.16/21 MOVED BY Mayor Love that the Assessment Review Board Agreement 2022-2024 with Capital Region Assessment Services Commission be approved as presented.

PUBLIC WORKS:**MUNICIPAL STIMULUS PROGRAM – ALBERTA BEACH STORM OUTFALL PROJECT:**

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

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

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

2022 Interim Budget

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME STATEMENT		(1)
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Period 2: -	End	000000000
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Ratios:	% of Account	
Graphs:	# of Columns, Scale	0 0

Description	'22 INT. BUDGET
REVENUE	
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	811,213.45
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	418,177.28
COMMERCIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	93,095.23
COMMERCIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	35,342.31
FARM TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	76.71
FARM TAXES (SCHOOL)	39.54
POWER & PIPELINE (MUNICIPAL)	16,814.95
POWER & PIPELINE (SCHOOL)	6,383.56
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (MUNICIPAL)	1,652.84
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (SCHOOL)	75.34
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL (DI)	141.52
MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX	730,645.00
LIBRARY LEVY	0.00
MISC. OTHER LEVY	0.00
TOTAL TAXES	2,113,657.73
PENALTIES & COSTS ON TAXES	52,000.00
FRANCHISE - ATCO GAS	31,000.00
FRANCHISE - FORTIS	34,000.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	12,000.00
PROVINCIAL GRANTS	
RESTRUCTURING GRANT	0.00
CONDITIONAL FGTF	0.00
CONDITIONAL MUNICIPAL GRANTS	0.00
CONDITIONAL MSI GRANT	21,210.00
FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
OTHER	0.00
ADMIN	
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE	4,800.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,200.00
TAX CERTIFICATES	1,500.00
PHOTOCOPIES\FAXES\POSTAGE	300.00
PENALTIES\COSTS - N.S.F. FEES	400.00
HAWKER PEDDLER LICENSES	1,200.00
RENTAL AND LEASE	8,600.00
PROV\FED CONDITIONAL GRANT	2,000.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
PATROL	
SALES TO OTHER LOCAL GOV'T	34,200.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00
Description	'22 INT. BUDGET

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	'22 INT.BUDGET
FINES	6,000.00
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - DONATIONS	0.00
FEEES DUE TO COUNTY FROM UNPAID	0.00
RENTAL & LEASE	24,000.00
UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT	3,500.00
PROVINCIAL CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	6,800.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00
DISASTER SERVICES	0.00
AMBULANCE GRANT	0.00
AMBULANCE STATION RENTAL	10,200.00
ANIMAL LICENSES	600.00
BY-LAW FINES	500.00
COMMON SERVICES	
PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	500.00
RENTAL AND LEASE	66,000.00
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	54,800.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00
ROADS	
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
SALE OF TCA	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00
STORM SEWER & DRAINAGE	
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00
SEWER	
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHGS	0.00
SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
SOLID WASTE	
CONTRACT WITH OTHER MUNICIPAL	0.00
SALE OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0.00
Description	'22 INT.BUDGET

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	'22 INT. BUDGET
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	150.00
DEVELOPMENT PERMITS	6,000.00
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES	1,000.00
SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS	0.00
ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES\DEF.REV	32,055.00
SALE OF PUBLIC LAND	0.00
BOAT LAUNCH	10,000.00
TRANSFER RESERVE\DEF.REV.	25,850.00
PARKS	
FEDERAL\PROVINCIAL GRANT(ICAP)	0.00
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
UNCONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	10,000.00
PARKING LOT REVENUE	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00
RECREATION FACILITIES	
SALE OF SERVICE - FEES\CHARGES	0.00
REGIONAL RECREATION	24,058.00
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00
CONDITIONAL PROVINCIAL GRANT	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	3,000.00
CAMPGROUND	
USER FEES (SEASONAL)	200,000.00
WEEKEND SITES	10,000.00
CAMPGRD CABIN RENTAL	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,500.00
WINTER STORAGE	24,000.00
DEBIT MACHINE ADJUSTMENTS	0.00
RENTAL & LEASE	9,600.00
M.R.T.A. GRANT	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00
CULTURE	
LIBRARIAN WAGE REIMBURSEMENT	0.00
GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,093,880.73
CAPITAL:	
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	0.00
Description	'22 INT. BUDGET

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	'22 INT. BUDGET
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00
TOTAL	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS:	
CAPITAL PROJECT-ROADS	432,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-SHOP	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-DRAINAGE	3,700.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-WALK PATHS	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-STORM OUTFALL	202,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-ADMIN BLDG	53,000.00
TOTAL	690,700.00
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE	690,700.00
REQUISITIONS:	
SCHOOL FOUNDATION	0.00
ASFF	471,874.71
OVER\UNDER LEVY UTILIZED	11,856.62-
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL	141.53
TOTAL REQUISITIONS	460,159.62
BUSINESS INCOME PROFIT	0.00
TOTAL	3,324,421.11
Description	'22 INT. BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

EXPENSE STATEMENT		(1)
Period 1: -	--- Begin	01Jan2021
	--- End	31Dec2021
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Period 2: -	--- End	000000000
	--- Type	
Ratios:	% of Account	
Graphs:	# of Columns, Scale	0 0

Description	'22 INT. BUDGET
COUNCIL	
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS - MAYOR	9,784.00
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS	34,593.00
MEETING FEES	16,250.00
HONOURARIUM DEDUCTIONS	1,500.00
COUNCIL TRAVEL	2,000.00
CONFERENCES\CONVENTIONS	5,000.00
INTERNET & PHONE EXPENSE	6,000.00
COUNCIL PROMOTIONAL	6,000.00
MISC. SUPPLIES	1,000.00
TOTAL	82,127.00
ADMINISTRATION	
ADMINISTRATOR	113,375.00
SALARIES	175,372.00
PAYROLL TO\FROM BUS INC	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	53,400.00
SCP PAYROLL	0.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00
TRAINING	500.00
TRAVEL	200.00
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	3,200.00
TELEPHONE\INTERNET\SATELLIT	4,000.00
ADVERTISING	1,200.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS\MEMBERSHIPS	2,750.00
PRINTING	1,300.00
LEGAL	3,000.00
AUDITOR	11,500.00
SERVICE CONTR-PHOTO, FAX, POS	4,500.00
SERVICE CONTR - ALARM	500.00
PURCHASED EQUIPMENT REPAIR	9,500.00
CONTRACT - JANITOR	6,000.00
INSURANCE	54,000.00
W.C.B.	12,600.00
STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	4,500.00
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	2,000.00
VILLAGE PROMOTION	4,000.00
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	0.00
UTILITIES	6,200.00
DEBT REPAYMENT	0.00
SHORT TERM BORROWING FEES	0.00
Description	'22 INT. BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	'22 INT.BUDGET
BANK CHARGES	1,000.00
TAX REBATES & CANCELLATIONS	0.00
OTHER & BLDG REPAIRS	10,000.00
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	486,097.00
ELECTION \ CENSUS	
SALARIES & WAGES	3,000.00
ADVERTISING	800.00
GOODS & SUPPLIES	1,500.00
TOTAL	5,300.00
ASSESSMENT SERVICES	
ASSESSMENT SERVICES	25,570.00
TOTAL	25,570.00
PATROL	
ADMINISTRATION	0.00
SALARIES & WAGES	76,125.00
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUNDING	45,215.00
CITIZENS ON PATROL	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	14,675.00
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	0.00
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	0.00
TELEPHONE	5,500.00
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	500.00
AUX PROG\CRIME PREVENTION	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00
VEHICLE REPAIR	5,000.00
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	0.00
STATIONERY & OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00
MISC. SUPPLIES	2,500.00
UNIFORMS & ACCOTREMENTS	1,000.00
FUEL & OIL	7,000.00
UTILITIES	4,000.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	165,015.00
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT	
BYLAW\ANIMAL CONTROL	0.00
PARKING ENFORCEMENT	0.00
POUND FEES	1,000.00
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	500.00
SIGNS	0.00
TOTAL	1,500.00
Description	'22 INT.BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	'22 INT. BUDGET
FIREFIGHTING	
FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORAIUMS	0.00
TELEPHONE	0.00
FIRE CONTRACT	92,659.00
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00
GOODS AND SUPPLIES	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2,100.00
BUILDING REPAIR	5,000.00
UTILITIES	7,200.00
CAPITAL	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	106,959.00
DISASTER SERVICES	
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	7,500.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
AMBULANCE SERVICES	
AMBULANCE CONTRACT	0.00
BUILDING REPAIRS	3,000.00
UTILITIES	4,800.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	7,800.00
COMMON SERVICES	
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER	0.00
PUBLIC WORKS WAGES	197,925.00
EXTRA PERSON	0.00
STEP\SCP\SUMMER PAYROLL	20,000.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - MGR	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	36,000.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - STEP	1,500.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00
PAYROLL TO BUSINESS INCOME	0.00
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	2,000.00
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	200.00
POSTAGE, FREIGHT & DELIVERY	0.00
TELEPHONE	2,600.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,000.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	30,000.00
VEHICLE REPAIR	18,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	4,000.00
GENERAL GOODS	15,000.00
SIGNS	1,000.00
NON BUDGETED ITEMS	0.00
SAFETY SUPPLIES	2,500.00
FUEL & OIL	20,000.00
UTILITES - SHOP	14,000.00
BOAT LAUNCH MTCE	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
Description	'22 INT. BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	'22 INT. BUDGET
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	374,725.00
ROADS AND STREETS	
GRAVEL\SAND\ETC.	18,000.00
CRACK FILLING\LINE PAINTING	32,000.00
UTILITIES - STREET LIGHTS	94,000.00
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00
STREET LIGHT PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	144,000.00
STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE	
GENERAL SUPPLY-CULVERTS	8,000.00
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	0.00
DRAINAGE STUDY	5,600.00
TOTAL	13,600.00
WATER SYSTEM	
WATER COMM. OPERATING	18,174.22
WATER COMM. DEBENTURE	40,923.08
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	59,097.30
SANITARY SEWER	
TVRSSC MAINTENANCE AGREE	242,157.00
TVRSSC SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00
TVRSSC DEB. - LAGOON	85,826.00
TVRSSC UPGRADE	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	573,683.00
GARBAGE COLLECTION	
GARBAGE WAGES	50,750.00
GARBAGE CONTRACT	0.00
REGIONAL LAND FILL	23,000.00
RECYCLING	7,000.00
ANNUAL WASTE ROUND-UP	0.00
FUEL & OIL	9,000.00
TRUCK REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	10,000.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	99,750.00
COMPOST FACILITY	
PURCHASED SERVICE - CLEANUP	5,500.00
GENERAL SUPPLIES	0.00
TOTAL	5,500.00
Description	'22 INT. BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	'22 INT.BUDGET
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	
CONTRACT - DEVELOPMENT OFF	21,600.00
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	2,800.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	500.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	24,900.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	500.00
TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	0.00
REVENUE & COST SHARE STUDY	32,056.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	1,000.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	33,556.00
LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION	38,703.53
PIER\BOAT LAUNCH	25,850.00
PIER TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
RECREATION & FACILITIES	
REGIONAL RECREATION	30,073.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	21,000.00
EAST END BUS	9,000.00
LSA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT	0.00
UTILITIES	4,700.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	64,773.00
PARKS	
CONTRACT SERVICES	10,000.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	7,000.00
UTILITIES	4,700.00
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	3,425.00
PARK PROJECTS	0.00
PARK PROJECTS	0.00
CONTRIBUTED ASSETS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	25,125.00
CAMPGROUND:	
ADVERTISING & SIGNS	100.00
POSTAGE, FREIGHT, DELIVERY	0.00
PHONE\INTERNET\SATELITTE	2,200.00
PRINTING	500.00
CAMPGROUND MANAGER CONTRACT	44,400.00
CAMPGROUND SUMMER HELP	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,000.00
Description	'22 INT.BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	'22 INT.BUDGET
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	3,000.00
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	500.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	2,500.00
FUEL & OIL	1,000.00
REPAIR MATERIALS	5,000.00
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	10,000.00
UTILITIES	27,000.00
IMPROVEMENTS	20,000.00
DEBIT\VISA BANK FEES	500.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	117,700.00
CULTURE	
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00
REIMBURSE LIBR WAGE	0.00
UTILITIES	0.00
GRANT TO LIBRARY	12,050.00
YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY	4,540.28
TOTAL	16,590.28
LOSS ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00
AMORTIZATION OF TCA	65,000.00
CAPITAL:	
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	45,000.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00
TOTAL	45,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS:	
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ROADS	432,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SHOP	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-DRAINAGE	15,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WALKING PATHS	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-STORM OUTFALL	212,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ADMIN BLDG	50,000.00
TOTAL	709,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	754,000.00
BUSINESS INCOME EXPENSES	0.00
TOTAL	3,324,421.11
Description	'22 INT.BUDGET

2021 Development Permits						***High Lighted are NEW***	
Permit #	Date	Municipal	Lot	Block	Plan	Proposal	Approved
20DP45-01	28-Dec-20	4836 - 59 Street	37	5	722MC	Variance to rear yard setback for existing shed	Approved at MPC Dec 15-20
20DP49-02	10-Jan-21	5027D - 50 Avenue	7	6	3321BQ	Hair Salon	Approved - submitted in 2020
20DP51-01	09-Jan-21	5128 - 49 Avenue	10	3	3321BQ	Grading\Second Access\Driveway Ext.	Approved - submitted in 2020
21DP01-01	03-Feb-21	4812 - 50 Avenue	5	9	3321BQ	Addition to Existing Dwelling	Approved
21DP02-01	01-Mar-21	5244 - 47A Avenue	7	20	6269CG	2nd Access	Refused
21DP03-01	01-Feb-21	5904 - 49 Avenue	41	5	722MC	RV Temporary Accomodations	Approved
21DP04-01	19-Mar-21	4819 - 46 Avenue		R	3321BQ	Retail Garden Market & Sign	Approved
21DP05-01	17-Mar-21	4643-47A Avenue	6	17	3321BQ	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP06-01	29-Mar-21	4603 - 46 Avenue	2	5	3210TR	Demo of Dwelling\Constr. SFD W\ Variance to Front Yard Setback	Approved
21DP07-01	27-Mar-21	5011 - 53 Street	8	1	3321BQ	Demolition of Accessory Bldgs\Constion of Garage	Approved
21DP08-01	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP08-02 (correct south side setback)	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP08-03 (5' setback change on North side)	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP09-01	31-Mar-21	4611 - 46 Avenue	4	5	3210TR	Construct 8' x 12' Deck	Approved
21DP10-01	30-Mar-21	5231 - 51 Avenue	9	1	3321BQ	Demolition\Construct Dwelling W\Front Yard Variance	Approved
21DP11-01	01-Apr-21	4720 - 48 Street	7	2	3529BZ	Demolition\Construct Shed	Approved
21DP12-01	06-Apr-21	4715 - 47 Street	1	17	3321BQ	Sign	Approved
21DP13-01	26-Apr-21	4712 - 52 Street	5A	13	3321BQ	Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP14-01	26-Apr-21	4712 - 52 Street	5A	13	3321BQ	Fence w\Variance	MPC-April 20, 2021 (Approved)
21DP15-01	12-Apr-21	4207 - 43 Avenue	18	2	O423757	Construction of Dwelling	Approved
21DP16-01	25-Jun-21	4204 - 43 Avenue	18	2	O423757	Garden Suite	Approved
21DP17-01	06-May-21	5039 - 50 Avenue	10	6	3321BQ	Demolition and Construction of Commercial Bldg w\Surveillance Suite	Approved
21DP18-01	09-May-21	5203 - 50 Avenue	1	2	3321BQ	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP19-01	02-May-21	5719 - 51 Avenue	11	10	201BT	Demolition & Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP20-01	10-May-21	3800 Museum Rd	4	1	O820136	Addition of Sunroom\Deck	Approved
21DP21-01	07-May-21	4807 - 51 Street	11	23	6269CG	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP22-01	08-May-21	4925 - 46A Avenue		OT	8722787	Lot Grading	Approved
21DP31-01	17-May-21	5012 - 54 Street	13	3,4	201BT	Construct 2nd Balcony	Approved
21DP32-01	06-Jun-21	4728 - 44 Street	17	3	6604AO	Demolition of all Structures	Approved
21DP33-01	13-Jun-21	5115 - 47 Avenue	6,7	25	8506ET	Demolition of all Structures	Approved
21DP35-01	28-Jun-21	4802 - 51 Street	7	11	3321BQ	Home Occupation - Business Office	Approved
21DP36-01	04-Jul-21	5007 - 56 Street	11	12	201BT	Detached Garage	Approved
21DP37-01	20-Jul-21	4516 - 46 Street	13	4	4696MC	Existing Sea Can	MPC-July 20-21 (Approved)
21DP38-01		5219 - 49 Avenue	1	18	6269CG	Chain Link Fence	Withdrawn
21DP39-01	18-Jul-21	4920 - 55 Street	5	3	201BT	Construct Detached Garage & Second Access	Approved
	28-Jun-21	5803 - 49 Avenue	12	7	7821242	No permits on file for dwelling-was applying for permit for existing dwelling.	Withdrawn
21DP40-01	04-Jul-21	Main Beach	1 to 5		3321BQ	Retail - Rental Business	Approved
21DP41-01	27-Jul-21	5231 - 48 Avenue	4	20	6269CG	Construction of SDD	Approved
21DP42-01	17-Jul-21	4627 - 47 Avenue	6	18	4593MC	Demolition of Dwelling & Detached Garage	Approved
21DP43-01	20-Jul-21	4319 - 47 Avenue	1	5	4569HW	Demo Existing Cabin\Moved in Dwelling	MPC-July 20-21 (Approved)
21DP44-01	04-Aug-21	4632 - 46 Avenue	49	1	898MC	Replacement of 12' x 42' Deck (Balcony)	Approved
21DP45-01	06-Aug-21	4724 - 51 Street	2	12	3321BQ	Installation of Cistern	Approved
21DP46-01	18-Aug-21	4724 - 51 Street	2	12	3321BQ	Modular Home	MPC-AUG 17-21 (Approved)
21DP47-01	12-Aug-21	5311 - 51 Avenue	7	14	201BT	Demolition of Cabin\Outbuildings	Approved
21DP48-01	26-Aug-21	4712 - 50 Avenue	10	9	3321BQ	Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP -01		4520 - 46A Street	8	2	3210TR	Covered Deck\Deck w\Railing - Variance Required	MPC-Sept 21-21 (Approved)
21DP49-01	23-Sep-21	4603 - 46 Avenue	2	5	3210TR	Temporary Propane Tank	Approved
21DP50-01	20-Oct-21	4627 - 47 Avenue	6	18	4593MC	Placement of Modular with Variance to Rear Yard Setback\Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP52-01	01-Nov-21	4424 - 50 Avenue	10	B	3510BZ	Demo Existing Cabin	Approved
21DP53-01	22-Nov-21	4807 - 52A Street	10	14	3321BQ	Home Occupation (Home Based Business) - Mechanical Services	Approved
21DP54-01	30-Nov-21	5042 - 50 Avenue	W10	5	3321BQ	Demolition of Existing Cabin	Approved

Alberta Beach Village Office

cc: Shelley, Angela

From: CSS FCSS Admin <CSS.FCSSAdmin@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: December 14, 2021 4:23 PM
To: CSS FCSS Admin
Cc: Karen Wronko; Julie Skrepnek
Subject: Re: FCSS Regulation Review Q & A Document
Attachments: FCSS Regulation_QA.pdf; OC FCSS Regulation.pdf

Sent on behalf of Karen Wronko:

Good afternoon,

Julie Skrepnek, Director of Community Preventive Programs, and I have been attending the FCSSAA zone meetings over the last few weeks and have fielded a number of questions around the changes to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Regulation which took effect on July 1, 2021 that add the flexibility to provide vulnerable Albertans with direct assistance like food provision during extraordinary times of crisis, such as pandemics or natural disasters. Questions we heard from FCSS practitioners at the zone meetings have related to when section 2.1(3) applies and the circumstances of when a local FCSS program can exercise their authority to provide direct assistance under that section of the regulation. The purpose of this email is to build upon the information provided in my May 3, 2021 email (below) and the attachments provided at that time (attached to this email).

Section 2.1(2) of the FCSS Regulation lays out what a FCSS program must not provide. The text of the section reads as follows:

- (2) Services provided under a program must not*
 - (a) provide primarily for the recreational needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals,*
 - (b) subject to subsection (3), offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family,*
 - (c) be primarily rehabilitative in nature, or*
 - (d) duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency.*

Subsection (b) above points to section 2.1(3), which was added on July 1, 2021. The section reads as follows:

- (3) Services provided under a program may offer direct assistance including money, food, clothing or shelter to sustain an individual or family during a public health emergency under the Public Health Act or any extenuating circumstances such as fire or flood as the Minister may determine.*

Public Health Emergency as declared by the Public Health Act

If a public health emergency is declared under the *Public Health Act* in a particular region or province wide, a local FCSS program can provide direct assistance to sustain an individual or family. No additional funds will be provided under the FCSS Grant Program to cover the cost of this assistance. Money used for direct assistance should be **existing** FCSS funds, and could be either municipally contributed or provincially contributed funds. If a public health emergency has been declared under the *Public Health Act*, local FCSS programs **do not need to seek approval** from the Minister or any Community and Social Services department representative to reallocate their FCSS funding on direct assistance, as allowed under the FCSS Regulation. Funds can be used for direct assistance during a public health emergency, which includes the period of the public health emergency itself and for a reasonable period of time thereafter if direct assistance is required to improve the circumstances of individuals and families related to the emergency. The Government of Alberta will continue to monitor and communicate to local FCSS programs regarding the use of the provision after the public health emergency has ended. As communities may experience the effects of public health emergencies differently, the need to use funds for direct assistance may differ between local FCSS programs. This

section is not intended to replace other assistance that would be available from the Government of Alberta but rather to provide another tool for FCSS partners to address an immediate need.

Extenuating circumstances

Section 2.1(3) of the FCSS Regulation has a second circumstance whereby a local FCSS program can provide direct assistance, that being in extenuating circumstances such as fire or flood as the Minister may determine. In these circumstances, the Minister may approve the use of existing FCSS Grant Funding, again either the provincial or municipal contribution, to provide direct assistance. As with a public health emergency under the *Public Health Act*, no additional funds will be provided under the FCSS Grant Program to cover the cost of providing direct assistance. For the purposes of this section of the FCSS Regulation, the Minister has delegated the authority to the Executive Director, Civil Society and Community Initiatives to approve the use of grant funding for direct assistance during an extenuating circumstance. As with a public health emergency, the Government of Alberta will continue to monitor and communicate to local FCSS programs regarding the use of the provision related to the extenuating circumstance. As with the public health emergency provision, this section is not intended to replace other assistance that would be available from the Government of Alberta but rather to address an immediate need.

If your local FCSS program is considering providing direct assistance, ask the following key question to determine if you need to seek permission to do so or not:

- Has a public health emergency, which impacts your region, been declared under the *Public Health Act*?
 - **If yes**, then your local FCSS program could consider reallocating available FCSS funding within your local program to provide direct assistance.
 - **If no** public health emergency has been declared but there are extenuating circumstances, such as fire or flood, then you could seek approval from the Executive Director, Civil Society and Community Development, to use available FCSS grant funding for direct assistance. We will work to review your request in a timely manner.

Please keep in mind, before considering using the provisions of section 2.1(3) of the FCSS Regulation, you must work through your normal approval channels within your organization.

In terms of reporting and use of section 2.1(3), we would suggest this be treated like a program. Funding used for direct assistance should be entered as a separate line item in the Annual Report, with the title FCSS Regulation section 2.1(3), and a description that includes dates and basic details of what direct assistance was provided and when so that it can be easily identified. It could also be aggregated such as FCSS Regulation section 2.1(3) x date to y date.

Please feel free to reach out to either Julie Skrepnek or myself if you have additional questions. Julie can be reached at julie.skrepnek@gov.ab.ca. You can contact me at karen.wronko@gov.ab.ca or 780.616.0135.

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Subject: FCSS Regulation Review Q & A Document

Sent on behalf of Karen Wronko:

Good Afternoon:

As you know, in fall 2020 Community and Social Services launched a review of the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program. The review began with stakeholder engagement focusing on four themes:

- FCSS Mandate;
- Funding Prioritization;
- Enhanced Collaboration and Coordination; and
- Accountability and oversight.

Through the review process, FCSS stakeholders were invited to provide input to the review through an online survey. One of the messages CSS heard from stakeholders through the survey and other communication was the need for flexibility in responding to emerging and changing social needs during extenuating circumstances such as those faced by Albertans during the pandemic.

The review has concluded and will result in the development of a framework to strengthen the FCSS program. The framework, which will be developed in consultation with stakeholders and implemented later this year, will have a stronger focus on prevention and enhanced accountability measures. Throughout the development of the framework, FCSS programs will continue to have avenues for input related to the administration of FCSS funding.

The review also presented the opportunity to make changes to the FCSS Regulation, which was set to expire next year. Regulation amendments were proposed to allow for the provision of direct assistance in the case of a public health emergency under the *Public Health Act* or extenuating circumstances as determined by the Minister, align FCSS audit requirements for review engagements with ministry requirements, and address the expiry date and other minor housekeeping changes.

The Regulation changes will take effect on July 1, 2021 and are outlined as follows:

- Add the flexibility to provide vulnerable Albertans with direct assistance like food provision, during extraordinary times of crisis, such as pandemics or natural disasters. The current regulation does not allow intervention supports.
- Align FCSS audit requirements for review engagements with CSS requirements by changing the threshold for a review engagement report from \$100,000 to \$250,000.
- Repeal section 12 as this section refers to a previous section of the Regulation, which was repealed in 1995 and is no longer required in the current Regulation.

- Improve the consistency of the language in the Regulation around the word “services” to clarify that municipal costs of a program relate to “services provided under the program”.
- Extend the expiry date to June 30, 2032.

A copy of the amended Regulation is attached for your information. We have also included a Q & A document to help in answering any questions you may have.

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Q&A for the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Amended Regulation

Q. Why were changes made to the FCSS Regulation?

A. The FCSS Regulation was set to expire on June 30, 2022 and required review to ensure it remains current and relevant. The FCSS Review and stakeholder feedback received through the review process, provided the opportunity to address the upcoming expiry date and propose other changes to provide additional flexibility, consistency and address minor housekeeping changes.

Specifically, the changes addressed were as follows:

- extend the regulation expiry date;
- add a provision to allow for direct assistance under extenuating circumstances (e.g. food security, transportation of seniors to COVID vaccinations during pandemic, food/clothing during floods, fires, etc.);
- change the review engagement reporting requirements from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to align with Ministry standards; and
- other housekeeping amendments recommended by Legal Services to update the regulation and provide consistency.

Q. Will the changes to the Regulation affect my community's funding?

A. The changes to the Regulation will not affect your FCSS funding allocation. The existing funding model allocates funding based on the population of a municipality with a slight adjustment for median income.

Q. What is the rationale behind the change allowing the provision of direct assistance under extenuating circumstances?

A. At the beginning of the pandemic, there was a strong demand for food and other basic needs. Food security was identified as one of the most common areas for funding requests during the initial round of applications for COVID-19 emergency social services funding.

The new provision will support the need to respond quickly to emerging and changing social needs in the midst of a health emergency like the pandemic. The provision can be applied without the need for a Ministerial Order, avoiding unnecessary delays to implement and allowing for the timely provision of needed resources in times of emergency.

Q. What types of services could I use FCSS monies for in extraordinary circumstances as allowed in the Regulation?

A. Currently the FCSS Regulation does not allow for direct assistance in the form of clothes, money, food or shelter. In a health emergency or other extenuating circumstance, the Minister would determine if there was a need to use the provision and would also identify the type of direct assistance to be provided. In the current pandemic, the primary need identified has been food/food security.

This change will provide flexibility to address social needs in emergency situations.

Q. If enacted by the Minister will FCSS programs be required to provide direct assistance as identified by the special provision?

A. The new provision is intended to assist FCSS programs in providing greater flexibility to address emergent needs during times of extraordinary crisis, emergencies or other extenuating circumstances. Every community is different and needs and circumstances may differ. Individual FCSS programs will continue to make local funding decisions based on the needs and priorities identified in their respective communities.

Q. Why did we extend the Regulation date in 2021 when the expiry date was not until 2022?

A. The current FCSS Regulation expires on June 30, 2022 and requires review to extend or remove the expiry date.

During recent engagements with stakeholders for the FCSS Review, we heard the Regulation is operating as intended in allowing FCSS programs to address the needs and priorities of their communities. The FCSS Review presented the opportunity to address the expiry date along with the development of an accountability framework and avoid the need for a separate Regulation review.

Q. When will the new accountability framework be in place and how will it be communicated to stakeholders?

A. Work on the development of the new FCSS accountability framework will begin this summer with plans to be implemented later this fall. Community and Social Services will ensure FCSS stakeholders are engaged in the development of the accountability framework, have the opportunity to provide input, and are kept informed of its progress.

Q. What happens between now and the July 1, 2021 date when the Regulation changes come into force?

A. The Regulation continues to operate as it currently exists. The Regulation changes, including the new provision, take effect on July 1, 2021.



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The Lieutenant Governor in Council makes the Family and Community Support Services Amendment Regulation set out in the attached Appendix.

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Recommended by: Minister of Community and Social Services

Authority: Family and Community Support Services Act
(section 7)

APPENDIX

Family and Community Support Services Act FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES AMENDMENT REGULATION

1 The *Family and Community Support Services Regulation* (AR 218/94) is amended by this Regulation.

2 Section 2.1 is amended

(a) in subsection (2)(b) by striking out “offer” and substituting “subject to subsection (3), offer”;

(b) by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) Services provided under a program may offer direct assistance including money, food, clothing or shelter to sustain an individual or family during a public health emergency under the *Public Health Act* or any extenuating circumstances such as fire or flood as the Minister may determine.

3 Section 3 is amended

(a) by repealing clause (f) and substituting the following:

(f) monitoring and evaluation of the services provided under the program in the municipality,

(b) by repealing clause (g) and substituting the following:

(g) evaluating the service delivery effectiveness of the program,

(c) by repealing clause (h) and substituting the following:

(h) advertising and promoting the services to be provided under the program in the community,

(d) by repealing clause (j) and substituting the following:

(j) operating a board or committee for the delivery of the services under the program,

(e) by repealing clause (k) and substituting the following:

(k) providing training for staff and volunteers for the delivery of services under the program,

(f) by repealing clause (m) and substituting the following:

(m) employment of staff to deliver family and community support services under the program.

4 Section 6 is amended by striking out “\$100 000” and substituting “\$250 000”.

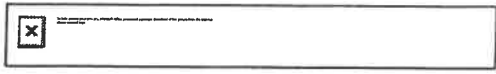
5 Section 6.1 is amended by striking out “\$100 000” and substituting “\$250 000”.

6 Section 12 is repealed.

7 Section 13 is amended by striking out “June 30, 2022” and substituting “June 30, 2032”.

8 This Regulation comes into force on July 1, 2021.

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Alberta Signs onto Federal Childcare Program

After months of negotiations, the provincial government has signed onto the federal government’s child care plan announced in the 2021 federal budget. The bilateral agreement will see Ottawa commit \$3.8 billion that will be invested in lowering child care fees, increase the number of spaces, and professional development for licensed programs.

By early 2022, the deal will see fees reduced by an average of 50% for families with children zero to kindergarten. By 2025-26, licensed child care fees will be reduced to an average of \$10 per day for the same age group. The deal includes the addition of 42,500 licensed spaces in the next five years along with wage top-ups for child care educators.

AIOC CEO Steps Down

It was quietly announced recently that CEO of the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation has stepped down from her position with the organization. The press release did not disclose a reason for her departure. Chief Operating Officer Matthew Machielse will assume the position of interim-CEO.

“I have dedicated my life to supporting Indigenous prosperity and the creation of an equitable economy. I am proud to have committed myself to standing up AIOC and positioning it strongly to continue to support Indigenous partnerships and economic growth as a first-of-its-kind model for all of Canada,” said Alicia Dubois. “I am also extremely proud of the team we have built. They will take AIOC’s vision and continue to advance prosperity and wellness in Indigenous communities and empower generations to come.”

AUMA Announces Rebranding at Convention

The organization that once went by the name of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association will now be going by a new name. AUMA will now be known as Alberta Municipalities as part of a total brand refresh. Alberta Municipalities has said that their operational structure will not be changing, only the name and image will.

Interim President Angela Duncan said that there was confusion created with having both AUMA and the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation under the same umbrella. "We felt that instead of having two brands, a single brand would more represent the advocacy and support we provide" She would also indicate that it has been more than thirty years since the organization did a brand refresh.

Major Carbon Capture Investment

Through Alberta's Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) fund, Alberta will be investing up to \$131 million into Alberta's Industrial Energy Efficiency and Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage Program. The announcement comes after the province made a \$750 million announcement in 2020 to support industries reducing carbon emissions.

This year's investment focuses on seven projects that will receive \$100 million in funding. The remaining funds will be allocated to other carbon capture projects. Premier Jason Kenney said at a press conference that "the seven successful projects we have selected so far are game-changers for cutting emissions in Alberta." He would also indicate that, "these investments will help create jobs, spur economic growth and continue the hard work that we are doing to protect our environment as a responsible and sustainable energy leader."

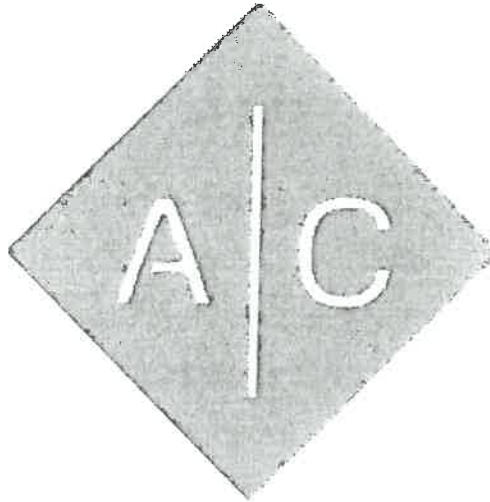
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**New Parliamentary Secretaries Appointed**

Following the United Conservative Party's annual general meeting last weekend, Premier Jason Kenney has appointed five MLAs parliamentary secretary positions with the provincial government. Although these individuals do not have the same capacity as a minister or associate minister, parliamentary secretaries provide critical support to ministers by assisting with house business and department-related duties.

The appointments were made as follows:

- **Nathan Neudorf** - Ministry of Environment and Parks for Water Stewardship
- **Jackie Lovely** - Associate Ministry of Status of Women
- **Jeremy Nixon** - Ministry of Community and Social Services for Civil Society
- **Dan Williams** - Ministry of Culture and for la Francophonie
- **Searle Turton** - Ministry of Energy

ATB Financial Forecast

Alberta's crown financial institution released its most recent projections which paints a more optimistic future for the province than we have received in some time. While it is mostly positive, it also highlights some economic realities that remain a concern. Fortunately, ATB Financial is projecting a strong rebound for real GDP, projecting a 6.3 per cent bounce back in 2021 following a significant contraction of 7.9 per cent last year.

Unemployment rates are also improving as they project an improvement from 11.4 per cent to 8.9 per cent this year.

The projections explained that while we are seeing a significant spike in oil and gas, we are not expected to see the 'boom' of years past due to a reluctance to invest in expanded production and continuing transportation constraints as a result of pandemic-related measures. It also anticipates inflation will remain high while also acknowledging the difficulty in accurately projecting future changes due to continued economic uncertainty.

Children Will Not be Included in Restrictions Exemption Program

Although Alberta children in the 5 – 11 year old age bracket are now eligible for a pediatric version of a COVID-19 vaccine, the province has indicated that youth will not be subject to the constraints of the Restrictions Exemption Program. Premier Jason Kenney explained the decision, saying that he does not want parents to feel pressured and that it is not fair to stigmatize children.

Speaking to the rollout of vaccines to this age group, Health Minister Jason Copping reported that the province will not be setting up in-school vaccination clinics. "As you may be aware, we actually ran clinics for kids in junior high and high schools and that wasn't all that successful. Given the scale of the program, we're going to use what's tried and true, which is the AHS high through-put clinics, which has been successful to date."

Possible Breach on Vaccine Records Website

On the day Alberta was set to release an updated vaccination QR code for travelling Albertans, a possible breach has been reported to the Information and Privacy Commissioner. While first indications do not suggest it is an external breach, some Albertans attempting to access their own information reported that they downloaded another individual's information.

The information included in the downloads include the name, birthdate, and COVID-19 vaccination information. When the reports were received, the provincial government shut down the website to correct the issue. Health Minister Jason Copping apologized, saying "protecting Albertans' personal information is always our top priority and I apologize for this potential breach. Alberta Health took immediate action by taking the website and the updated record down. I want to assure Albertans they will be kept informed once the

investigation is complete and the updated record for travel will be available as soon as the technical issue is addressed.”

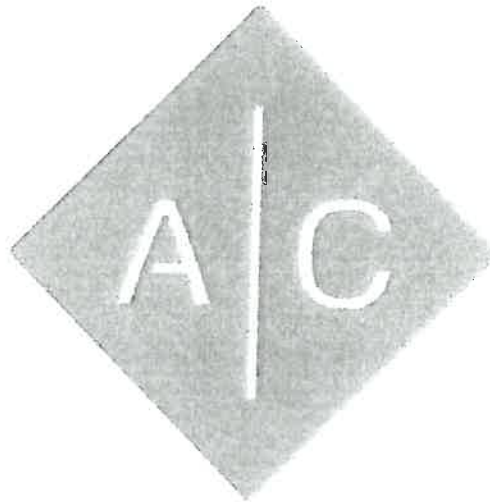
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In our feature article, we look at recent news surrounding child care and vaccines for 5 - 11 year olds.

On page 5, Alexandra Carlile reviews the 2021 UCP AGM that occurred over the weekend.

Finally, our Key Influencer in this issue is Cynthia Moore, President of the UCP Board.

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Oct 27 • Written By Zack Ziolkowski

Congratulations on your Election to Municipal Council! So, Now What?

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

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

1. Teamwork

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

2. Role of Administration

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

3. Code of Conduct

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

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

4. How to Handle the Media

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

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

You also need to pay attention to your social media as you are no longer a private citizen with the ability to post whatever you want. You are now a representative of

Council and your municipality as a whole and need to ensure that your posting is reflective of that.

5. Personal Branding

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

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

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

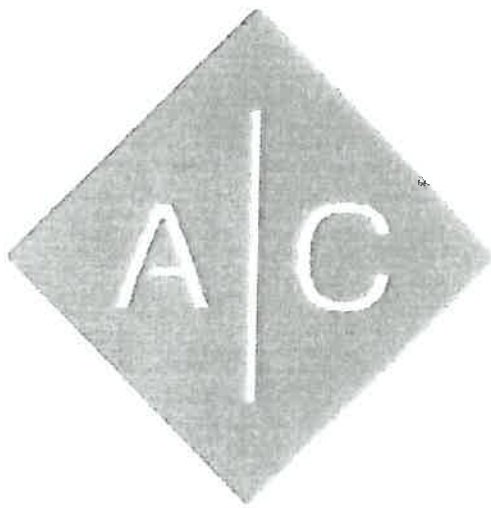
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WRAPPING UP GIFTS AND SESSION – 2021 COMES TO A CLOSE

Aaron Singleton

In what will be a surprise to absolutely no one, the fall sitting of the Alberta Legislature has been extended by an additional week at the time of writing. Six government remain on the Order Paper to be processed, including both the *Infrastructure Accountability Act* and the *Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)* which have been the centre of some debate since being read a first time.

There are ten private member bills which are stuck in second reading (with the exception of Bill 206 which has been referred to the Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights). It may be too soon to say whether or not the United Conservative Government will resume in February with a Speech from the Throne. Should this happen, bills such as the *Cost of Public Services Transparency Act* and the *Traffic Safety (Maximum Speed Limit for Provincial Freeways) Amendment Act, 2021* would completely fall off the government's agenda if not passed prior to prorogation. Of course, they could always be reintroduced when a new session began (or this discussion becomes a moot point should session merely adjourn).

Fiscal Update Summary

Long gone are the days of debating whether the UCP or NDP had a better plan to balance the provincial budget. Of course, neither party had any idea that we would be bombarded by the impact of a pandemic for nearly two years. While the government does not pretend that they have a chance at balancing the budget as promised in 2019, each fiscal update seems to be a bit more positive than the last.

The provincial government has reduced the deficit by more than \$12 billion from Budget 2021 forecasting. Alberta is now projecting an annual deficit of \$5.8 billion for this fiscal year, followed by yearly reductions which is expected to drop to \$2.3B in 2023-24.

While this is excellent news on the deficit front, taxpayer supported debt is projected stay high at \$101.5 billion. It is expected to rise up to \$107.1 billion next year while setting at \$106.6 billion in 2024.

Provincial revenues experienced substantial increases over projections, including a \$14.2 billion increase to \$57.9 billion this year. As this fiscal update outlines, much of Alberta's economic resurgence can be attributed in part to soaring oil prices. Royalties for bitumen reached \$6.1 billion above projections while crude oil exceeded expectations by \$858 million.

WTI projections do appear to be strong, but the current economic climate and market volatility make projections difficult to predict. Last week, there was a huge double-digit drop in pricing which was obviously not reflected in the update. WTI is projected to sit at US\$70.50/bbl for this year but expect to see a drop to \$63.50 by 2023-24.

Despite this recovery, the updates make it clear that the coast is not yet clear.

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We witnessed significant improvements with our projected net assets, though Alberta remains in the negatives. A \$12.3 billion improvement is excellent; however, we are still \$11.5 billion in the red. Alberta

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During the second year of his Political Science degree at the University of Alberta, Aaron worked as the campaign manager for a candidate in the 2011 federal election. He was able to translate that experience into a public service career that includes various positions with Service Alberta and Justice & Solicitor General. He also served as the Foreign Policy Advisor for Security Council at the University of Alberta's HSMUN conference where he developed his understanding of pragmatic policy analysis.

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is projecting for those numbers to get even worse once again by 2023-24.

Budget Submission Speculation

Shifting focus from retrospective to consultative – the provincial government released its annual budget submission survey a short time following the release of the fiscal update. Albertans will have until January 15th to provide their submissions on the questions offered by the province with Budget 2022 anticipated to be released at the end of February.

As usual, the questions asked by the survey can be somewhat indicative of general themes that could compose Budget 2022 (though they cannot be taken as gospel until the budget itself is released). Looking at the fiscal update from November 30th, it is reasonable to expect another austerity budget in an effort to reduce spending to continue paving the road towards a balanced budget.

Question 12 in the survey asks Albertans to identify three fiscal umbrellas which they would like to see spending reduced "if the government needs to reduce spending". Given the \$5.8 billion deficit and more than \$100 billion tax-payer supported debt load, it is incredibly unlikely that this government will not seek to further reduce spending. An interesting observation is that the survey writer elected not to sort the options in alphabetical order, putting health and education at the top and energy at the bottom. While this could very well be a random order, context is always important. On the next page, survey respondents are offered seemingly leading options for items such as supporting oil and gas, maintaining Alberta's tax advantage, and investing in infrastructure.

It is interesting to see K-12 education listed on this survey question. During the 2019 provincial election, the party platform indicated that "a United Conservative government will maintain or increase education funding while seeking greater efficiency by reducing administrative overhead and pushing resources to front line teachers." Semantics aside, the UCP has kept its promise of maintaining funding for primary education (with the common counter argument being that maintained funding despite an increasing student population actually amounts to a cut). While spending and funding are not always synonymous, including the possibility of reducing K-12 spending in the pre-budget survey gives rise to worry for school boards, teachers, parents, and students.

The survey also raises the question of whether the next budget could include some significant changes to the health portfolio. In addition to health being included in a question of what umbrellas should see reduced spending, the next question asks whether or not Albertans agree or disagree with "new fees for government services (some provinces have health care premiums, for example)." Bill 80 makes numerous changes to the Health Insurance Premiums Act, so this may be an item to watch in Budget 2022.

Elections Alberta Report on Social Media Fumble

Last week, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices met to hear a presentation from Glen Resler, the Chief Electoral Officer of Elections Alberta on the subject of some controversy that arose from the 2021 municipal elections. On election day, a user of the Elections Alberta Twitter account got into a back-and-forth with economist Andrew Leach (a thread which has since been deleted). Leach had accused the account holder of pushing out incorrect information during the election.

One of the tweets in question read, "I'm sure you're well aware of the federalist state, the three levels of government, and how extra veres (sic) and intra veres (sic) powers are assigned, just as much as an old tweet holds no value versus an up-to-date one. Move on, Andrew."

Elections Alberta representatives acknowledged that there were concerns about the wording on the equalization referendum questions, but ultimately stood by the information provided insofar as what the result of a 'yes' vote would mean.

"While the wording on the Elections Alberta website could have been more technically precise, the information provided explicitly stated that a yes vote would not end equalization payments, and explicitly explained the extent to which the outcome would be binding.

He would also go on to say that he would be recommending that Alberta develop a framework for information provision on referendum questions be developed to ensure a balance of proponent and opponent messaging.

While certain details that are protected by confidentiality could not be disclosed (including whether or not the offending staffer is still employed by Elections Alberta), committee members were able to have some of Albertans' questions answered. Following an internal investigation, it was determined that the individual violated codes of conduct and other policies as they responded to individuals without prior approval from superiors.

Resler suggested that "while I appreciate the quick action that my office took to respond to this incident, this should never have happened."

We want to wish everyone in the Alberta Counsel family a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season! Our next issue of The NEWS will be released on January 11, 2022.



THE NEWS
from ALBERTA COUNSEL



ZACK ZIOLKOWSKI
Associate

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POLITICAL EVENTS

NDP – Evening with Ariana Mancini
Saturday, December 9th @ 7:00 pm

Location: Grand Ballroom, Shell Place at MacDonald Island Park, Fort McMurray

- Join Rachel Notley and Arianna Mancini to discuss the by-election in Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche
- Tix: Free (albertandp.ca/events)

UCP – Dueling Pianos

Friday, December 10th @ 6:00 pm

Location: Venue Bar and Grill, Cochrane

- Join the Airdrie – Cochrane UCP Association for an evening of music
- Tix: \$65 (unitedconservative.ca/events)

UCP – Calgary-Cross AGM

Wednesday, December 22nd @ 7:00 pm

Location: Makami College, Calgary

- Join the Calgary-Cross constituency association for their AGM. You must be a member in order to vote.
- Tix: Free (unitedconservative.ca/events)



Source: Twitter

KEY INFLUENCER PROFILE

TARA JAGO

Executive Director of Issues Management

Sydney McHale

Tara Jago has replaced Matt Wolf as Executive Director of Issues Management for Jason Kenney after Wolf's resignation from the position on December 3, 2021. Jago brings to this position her experience in Alberta as Issues Manager for Tyler Shandro in his former role as Minister of Health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She also brings her experience as Chief of Staff and Senior Strategic Advisor to Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development, Nate Horner.

Tara Jago hails from Manitoba, where she completed post-secondary education and started work in politics. She attended Brandon University until 2015 where she studied in Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education degree programs. After graduating with Greatest Distinction—a GPA of greater than 3.9—and worked as a Legislative Intern at the Manitoba Legislative Assembly. The following year, Jago worked as a Policy Analyst for the Progressive Conservative Caucus of Manitoba. She started at the Office the Premier of Manitoba in 2017 as an Issues Management Officer and later became Manager of Legislative Affairs.



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AT A GLANCE

In the Media



PASCAL RYFFEL Director of Government Relations

After completing his MA in Media and International Development, Pascal spent four years with the Alberta NDP Caucus. Pascal has been directly involved in Alberta politics for almost two decades, including as a candidate in 2008, and has a deep and current knowledge of Alberta politics. Pascal has been with Alberta Counsel since 2015.

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New Parliamentary Secretaries Appointed

Following the United Conservative Party's annual general meeting last weekend, Premier Jason Kenney has appointed five MLAs parliamentary secretary positions with the provincial government. Although these individuals do not have the same capacity as a minister or associate minister, parliamentary secretaries provide critical support to ministers by assisting with house business and department-related duties.

The appointments were made as follows:

- **Nathan Neudorf**
Ministry of Environment and Parks
for Water Stewardship
- **Jackie Lovely**
Associate Ministry of Status of Women
- **Jeremy Nixon**
Ministry of Community and Social Services for
Civil Society
- **Dan Williams**
Ministry of Culture and for la Francophonie
- **Searle Turton**
Ministry of Energy

Possible Breach on Vaccine Records Website

On the day Alberta was set to release an updated vaccination QR code for travelling Albertans, a possible breach has been reported to the Information and Privacy Commissioner. While first indications do not suggest it is an external breach, some Albertans attempting to access their own information reported that they downloaded another individual's information.

The information included in the downloads include the name, birthdate, and COVID-19 vaccination information. When the reports were received, the provincial government shut down the website to correct the issue. Health Minister Jason Copping apologized, saying "protecting Albertans' personal information is always our top priority and I apologize for this potential breach. Alberta Health took immediate action by taking the website and the updated record down. I want to assure Albertans they will be kept informed once the investigation is complete and the updated record for travel will be available as soon as the technical issue is addressed."

The End of Photo Radar as We Know It?

Many Albertans will be celebrating the news out of Edmonton this week that will change the rules around photo radar. It was announced this week that starting April 2022, municipalities will no longer be allowed to use photo radar in areas like freeways and off ramps where drivers need to rapidly accelerate. Municipalities will also keep photo radar off roads with speed limits lower than 50km/hour, with the exception of school zones and construction zones where children or workers are present.

The new rules also state that radar locations must be advertised online and through social media. Photo radar has been a hot button issue for Albertans for years, many saying that it does little to increase safety and is just used as a money grab. Photo radar generated an astounding \$203 million in Alberta in the 2019-20 year. Both the NDP and UCP initiated studies to determine the benefits of photo radar, and the NDP said they are prepared to outright ban it.

First case of Omicron variant confirmed in Alberta

Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Deena Hinshaw confirmed on Tuesday, November 30th that the first case of the COVID-19 Omicron variant had been identified in Alberta. The traveler returned to the province after traveling to Nigeria and the Netherlands. Medical professionals fear that the omicron strain may be more infectious than previous versions, but they haven't determined if the strain will lead to more a severe illness. The Canadian government has already banned travel from many African countries to slow the transmission of the virus.

Despite the ban, 156 Albertans have visited the banned locations in the past two weeks, these travelers were connected and advised to isolate for two weeks to prevent the spread of infection. As of Tuesday, there are 434 people in Alberta hospitals with COVID-19, including 81 in intensive care. A total of 3,248 Albertans have died since the beginning of the pandemic. No confirmation as to what the restrictions will look like over Christmas.



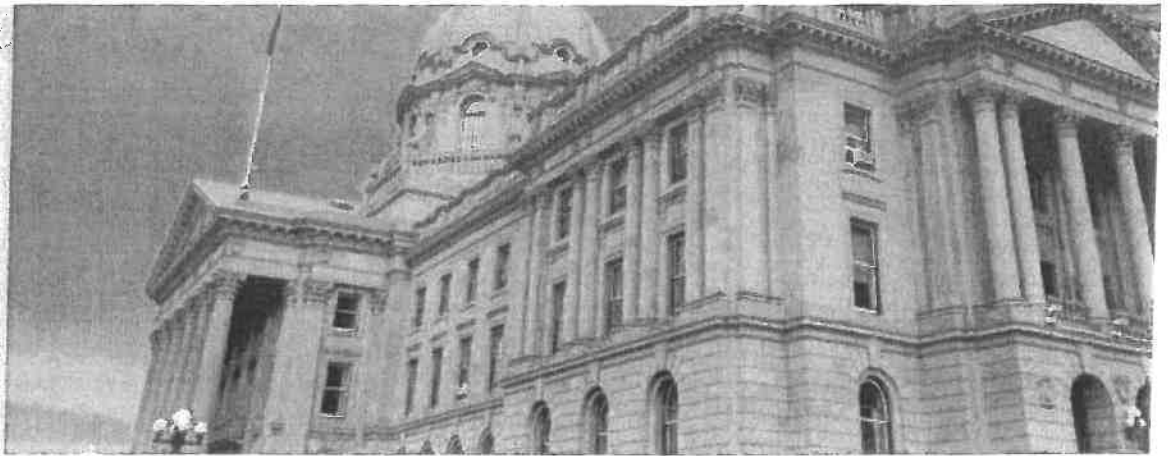
**ALEXANDRA
CARLILE**
Junior Associate

Alexandra is an experienced campaigner and a dedicated political activist. She was accepted into the Conservative Party of Canada internship in 2014, and after standing out as an exemplary operative she was hired as the youngest woman in the Conservative Party war room during the 2015 election. She has since gone back to school and received her Bachelor of Commerce with a focus on marketing.

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T'WAS THE NIGHT AFTER SESSION

Aaron Singleton

Twas the night after session, when all through the chamber
Not an MLA was stirring, not even Nate Horner;
The staffers went home without so much as a care,
In hopes that their to-do list would mostly be bare;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of affordable childcare danced in their heads;
And Kenney in his suit, and Notley in running gear,
Had just settled down for a glass of Christmas cheer,
When out on the steps there arose such a clatter,
Speaker Cooper sprang from his chair to see what was the matter.
Away to the window he flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
With a quick gander of his parliamentary eye
He knew in a moment that something was awry.
Off in the distance, it was so easy to see,
That old Annex Building would soon no longer be.
Times over the year, Premier shuffled his caucus,
Sometimes as a result of something causing a raucous.
Copping in Health; Shandro now in Labour
Perhaps this new cabinet will next meet in Taber?
Omicron is here, Delta arriving before,
If you need a booster, they are at your local pharmacy store.
Open for Summer, REP in the fall,
But at least we had rodeo for one and for all.
Following the sights of a dreadful crash,
Our most bountiful resource has recovered in a flash;
Despite losing KXL, the province has felt the grace of recovery,
Even if not much was found in the Allen Inquiry.
Of course, t'would be an atrocity,
To not acknowledge new leaders in our city.
Sohi back in Edmonton and Calgary has Gondek,
And that referendum about equality with Quebec.
Left to the past are the legacies of Iveson and Nenshi,
Don leaves after two terms, Naheed after three,
The AUMA even saw a complete change in identities,
For now, they shall be known as Alberta Municipalities;
As they prepare to enter opposition for year number three,
Recruiting for 2023 has begun for the NDP;
But we also may see, emerging from the shadows of 2018
The possible return of the last Wildrose lead, Brian Jean.
With 2021 firmly in the rearview of the Premier,
And 365 days to prepare for, and a short break ever near
Kenney and team seek to end COVID and return to regular times,
And maybe even pursue provincial police to fight rural crimes;
The year is gone, but the challenges of yesterday remain,
Stripes of blue or orange, from partisan fighting we must refrain.
So to all of our readers, whether you vote left or if you vote right,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!



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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: taxprogramdelivery@gov.ab.ca
Sent: December 15, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: Provincial Education Requisition Credit Program

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

The province recognizes that uncollectable property taxes from oil and gas companies continue to be an issue for some municipalities. In response, Alberta's government recently announced we are restoring a special lien and have amended the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* to give municipalities priority over other creditors where companies, whether operating or bankrupt, owe taxes. In addition, changes have been made to the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) program to relieve the burden of unpaid taxes on municipalities while continuing to encourage the pursuit of unpaid taxes through all available means.

I am pleased to share that the PERC program has now been extended through the 2023 tax year. Beginning with the 2021/22 PERC intake, municipalities will no longer be required to write off unpaid property taxes prior to submitting an application. It is expected that municipalities will continue efforts to collect any unpaid amounts. If any property tax that formed part of a PERC application is recovered, the education portion is required to be remitted back to the province. Applying for PERC does not change the obligation for a municipality to continue to remit the education property tax requisition. This change to PERC will also apply to the Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC) program.

The program credit amount has also been increased. For the 2021/22 application intake, a maximum of \$30 million will be available. In each of 2022/23 and 2023/24, a maximum of \$15 million will be available. In the event that the total application amount exceeds these maximum provincial credit amounts, credits will be granted to municipalities on a first come, first paid basis, determined by the order complete applications have been received.

The application deadline is January 15, 2022, for the 2021 tax year and prior years. If you have questions regarding the PERC program, please contact the Grants and Education Property Tax Branch at 780-422-7125, toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, or by emailing taxprogramdelivery@gov.ab.ca. Questions related to DIRC should be directed to Ken Anderson, Manager, Finance and Administration, at 780-427-8962 or by emailing ma.asbcia.asmt@gov.ab.ca.

Alberta's government has supported industry and municipalities through the collapse of energy prices, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the economic downturn. I am confident that the *MGA* amendments and PERC program changes will help to balance tax accountability and municipal sustainability.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver

Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officer

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From: Alberta Invasive Species Council <info@abinvasives.ca>
Sent: December 3, 2021 9:45 AM
To: =?utf-8?Q??=
Subject: AISC Quarterly Update ✨

Remember to click on [View this email in your browser](#) to see the pretty pictures!



Seasons greetings from the AISC!



Happy holidays to all! We hope you take time to enjoy the holiday season and best wishes to you and yours in the New Year!

Do you enjoy our punny posts? Do you need greeting cards for the holidays? We've got you covered! This year we are piloting a new project with fun holiday greeting cards (like this one above!) for you to purchase and send to your friends, family and colleagues!

The proceeds from these cards will help preserve and protect Alberta's natural habitats from invasive species - get your 5-pack for \$30 (shipping included!) before the holiday season is over!

[Click here to purchase greeting cards!](#)

Save the date!

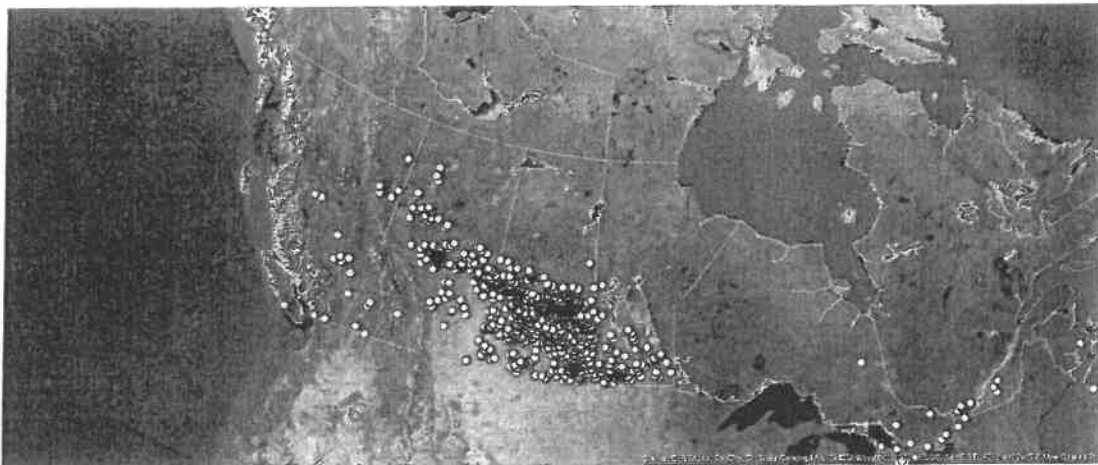


Join us in **March 2022** for our Annual Conference! This year we are keeping things virtual and hosting a 5 day conference in the mornings from March 14-18, 2022.

Currently, we are in the planning stages for the conference - any updates will be on our website or social media pages. **Please contact us at info@abinvasives.ca for any questions.**

[Click here for conference details](#)

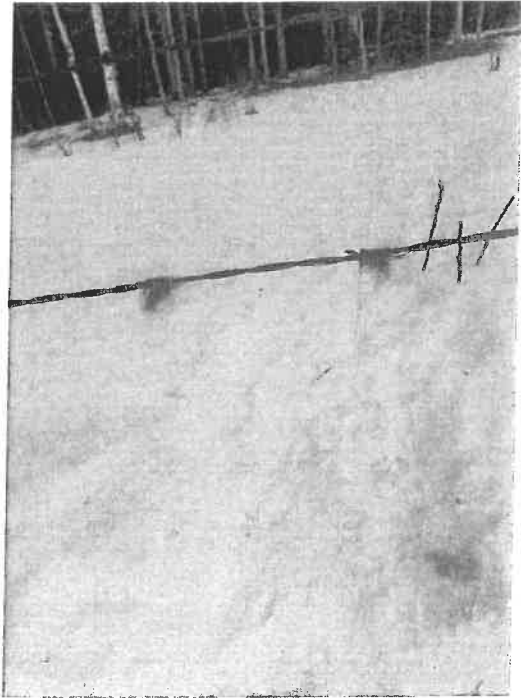
Squeal on Pigs!



Map from Dr. Ryan Brooks, University of Saskatchewan

Sounder the alarms! Feral pigs, also known as wild boar at large, have made quite a splash in the mud since discovering populations in Elk Island National Park! This is the first known occurrence in a national park, however, these animals are extremely prevalent across the Canadian prairies.

Please spread the word to your friends, family, and communities by squealing on wild boar - keep your eyes squealed for our new **'Squeal on Pigs!'** billboard near Red Deer, be sure to tag us on social media!



Winter is among us, which means sightings of wild boar will be less and less - lucky for us they tend to leave a few traces behind!

- Grey to brown tufts of hair on barbwire fences
- Tracks and trailing from groups/sounders (tracks are more round compared to tracks of a deer)
- Boar droppings
- Trampled or destroyed crops

Need additional resources or more images? We've created new informational rack cards! These informational cards are live on our website, along with more wild boar signs to view. Feel free to contact us at communications@abinvasives.ca for printed copies of the rack cards.

[Click here for article on why banning hunting may be best to control wild boar at large](#)

[Click here for article on wild boar in Elk Island National Park](#)

[Email AF.wildboar@gov.ab.ca to report a sighting](mailto:AF.wildboar@gov.ab.ca)

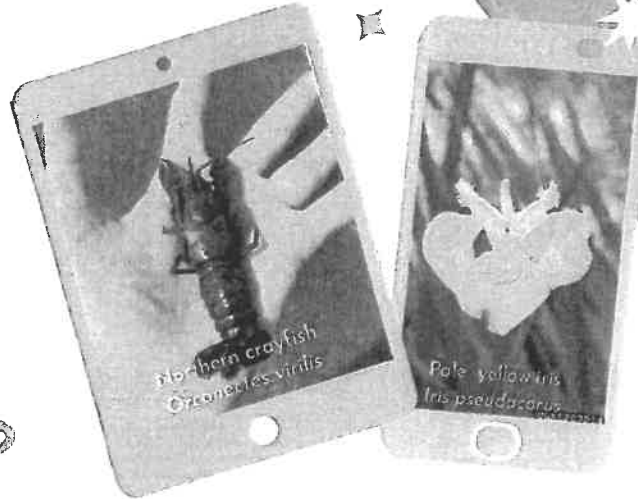
[Click here for the NEW 'Squeal on Pigs!' rack card](#)

Contest until December 12 - win \$250 to MEC!!



EDDMapS CONTEST!

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In December, AISC will randomly draw a winner from all submitted reports to EDDMapS!

DOWNLOAD FOR FREE NOW!



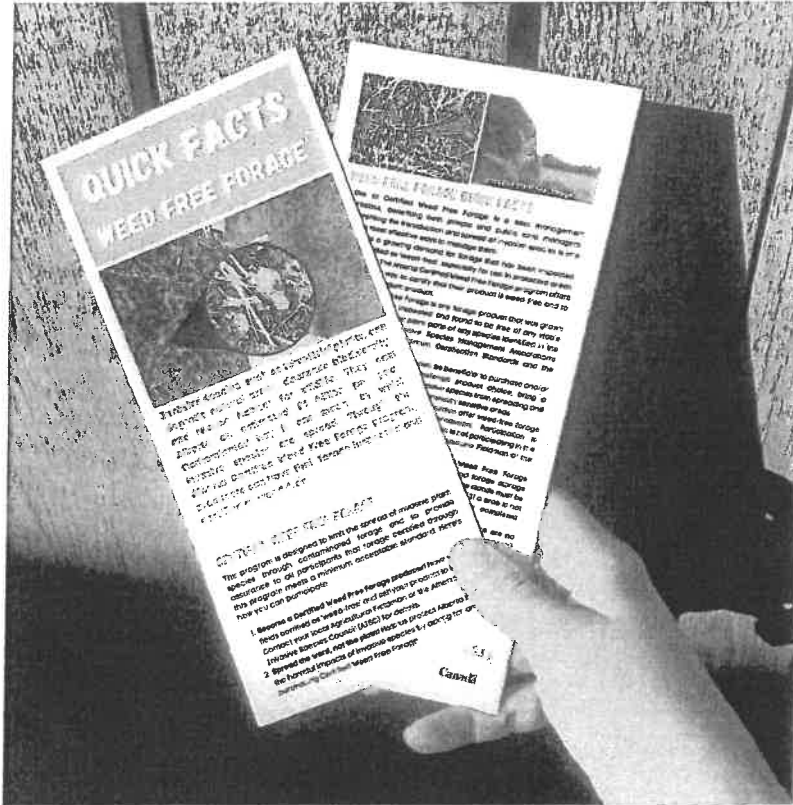
Enter our EDDMapS contest in honour of the new EDDMapS app launch by downloading the FREE app and submitting an invasive species report by December 12, 2021!

- Your goal for this contest is to:
 - **download** the new EDDMapS app
 - **report** any kind of invasive species (plant skeletons included!)
 - **sit tight until December 12, 2021!** A winner will be randomly drawn from all submitted reports and win a **\$250 gift card to Mountain Equipment Coop (MEC) and AISC prize pack!**

Download the EDDMapS app on iPhone or Android to win!

Watch the latest EDDMapS video with AISC's Executive Director

Certified Weed Free Forage



Are you baling what we're swathing when it comes to Weed Free Forage?! No need to go hay-wire - we've made a rack card to help answer any questions about the Alberta Certified Weed Free Forage Program! These cards are now live on our website and available in print.

Please contact us at communications@abinvasives.ca for printed copies.

Interested in becoming a Certified Weed Free Forage inspector or producer? Please contact info@abinvasives.ca for more information!

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Coming soon!

Be sure to visit our website and follow our social media pages to stay on top of the latest invasive species news within the province! Stay tuned to AISC for more information on these exciting programs and events:

- Join us at the:
 - [AAAF In-Service Training](#) in Edmonton on December 7-8, 2021.
 - [Nutrient Management Free Webinar Series](#) with Lethbridge County, County of Warner and County of Newell on January 24th, 31st and February 7th, 2022 at 10-11AM.
 - [Native Prairie Speaker Series Free Webinar](#) for updates on the AISC's 2021 Biocontrol Release Program on March 2, 2022 at 11AM.
- Participate in the:
 - [Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) from February 28 to March 4, 2022.
 - EDDMapS contest until December 12, 2021 - download and report to win!
 - [NAISMA Biocontrol Misconceptions and Untapped Opportunities Free Webinar](#) on December 15 at 12PM.
- Attend the Annual AISC Conference from March 14-18, 2022 - we're going virtual, again!
- Listen to [WindSpeaker](#) radio for our new 'Don't Let it Loose' radio ad!



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From: Alberta Health Operations <AH-Operations@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: November 22, 2021 10:06 AM
Subject: COVID-19 Municipal Update
Attachments: Covid-19 Municipal Update (2021-11-17).pdf

Hello,

Thank you for attending the COVID-19 Municipal Update last week, please see the slides from the presentation attached.

Khrystyna

Khrystyna Rewa

Stakeholder Relations
Health Emergency Operations Centre
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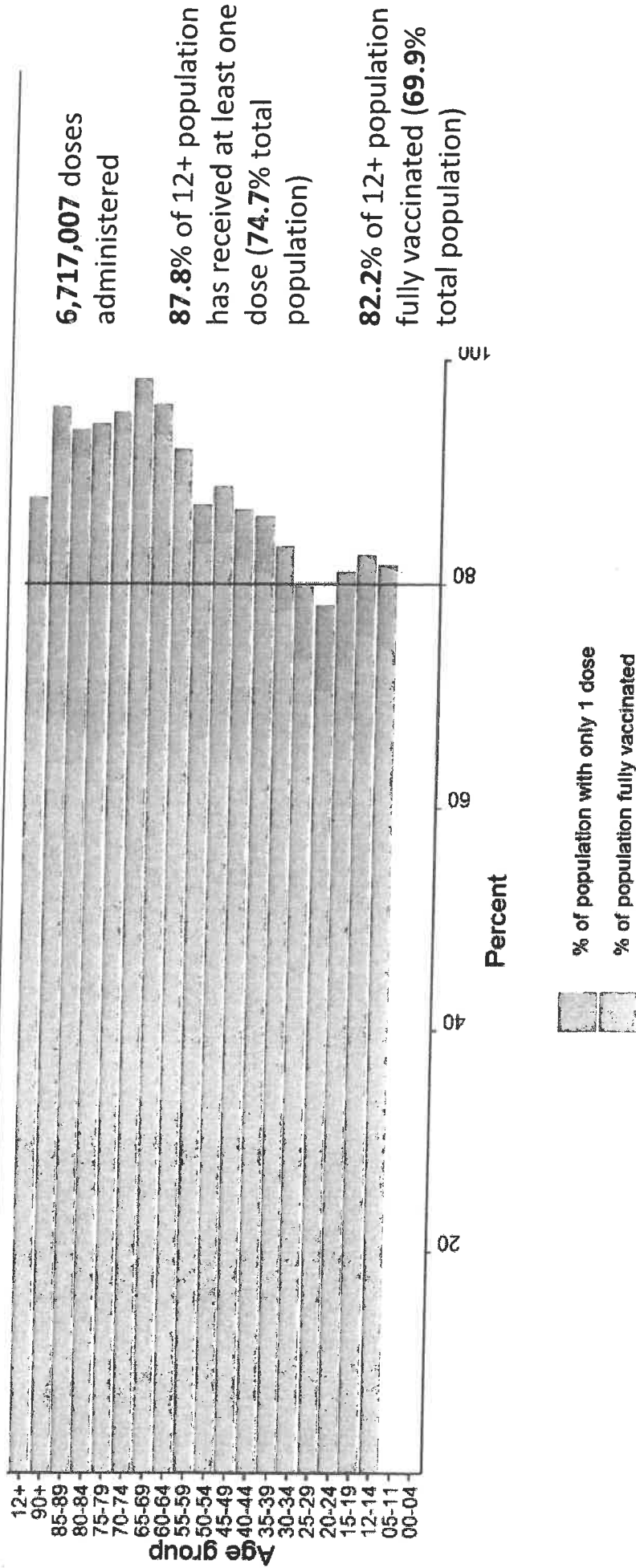
Update

Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Ethan Bayne, Incident Commander, Emergency Health Operations Centre

November 17, 2021

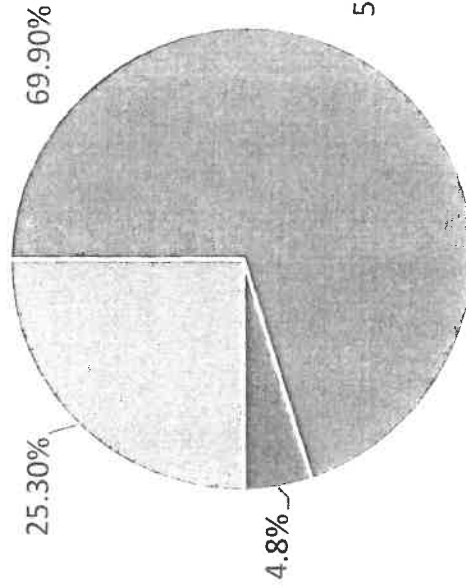
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Alberta Vaccine Coverage (November 14, 2021)

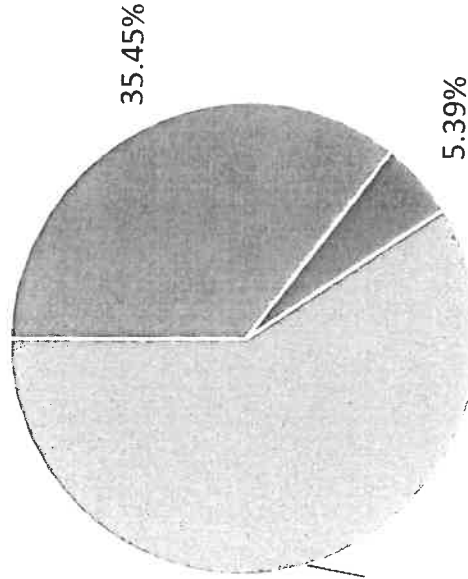


Current State by Vaccination Status (Nov 14, 2021)

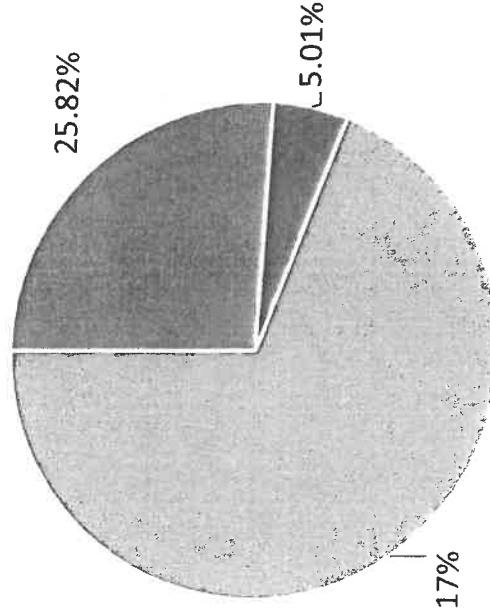
Total Population



Active Cases



Hospitalized



Complete
 Partial
 Unvaccinated

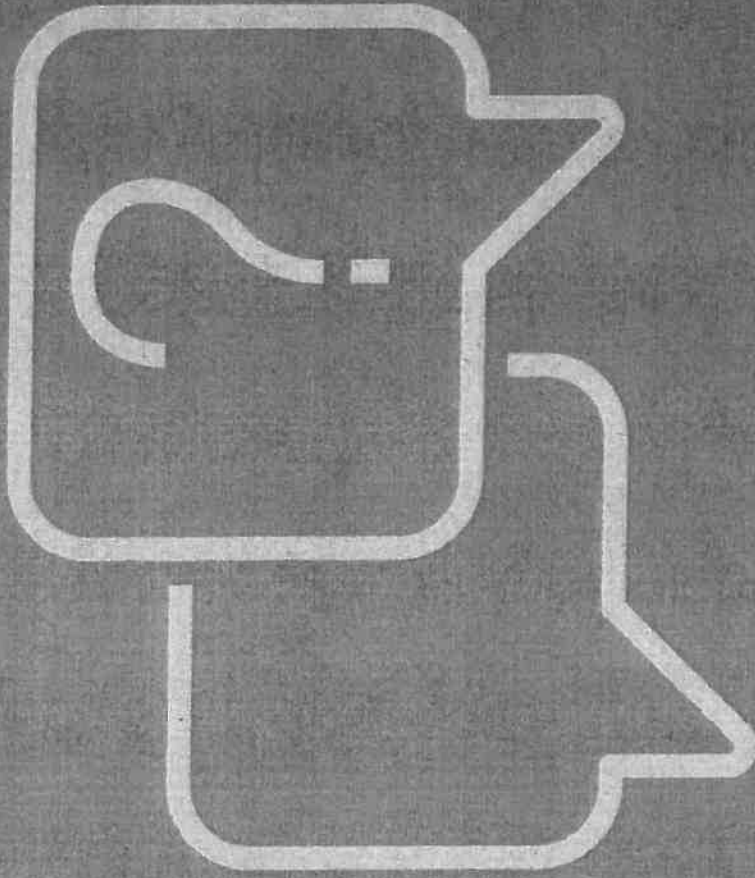
COVID-19 Public Health Measures

Enhanced Record with QR Code

The enhanced record with QR code is now the only valid proof of vaccination under REP.

- Vaccine records from First Nations, military, other provinces, and international travellers continue to be accepted.
- Either digital or paper copy of the record will be acceptable.
- Albertans can request a printed version of the proof of vaccination with a QR code at no cost from a local registry agent office or by calling 811.
- Albertans can download their record online.

Thank you!



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From: Khrystyna Rewa <Khrystyna.Rewa@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: December 8, 2021 1:16 PM
Subject: COVID-19 Update Municipal Slides
Attachments: Most Recent Covid-19 Municipal Update (2021-11-24).pdf; Covid-19 Municipal Update (2021-12-1).pdf; Covid-19 Municipal Update (2021-12-8).pdf

Hello,

Please see attached the slides for November 24th, December 1st and 8th. As mentioned in the call today, going forward these will be sent out after the presentation.

Thank you,

Khrystyna

Khrystyna Rewa

Health Emergency Operations Centre
Government of Alberta

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Alberta COVID-19

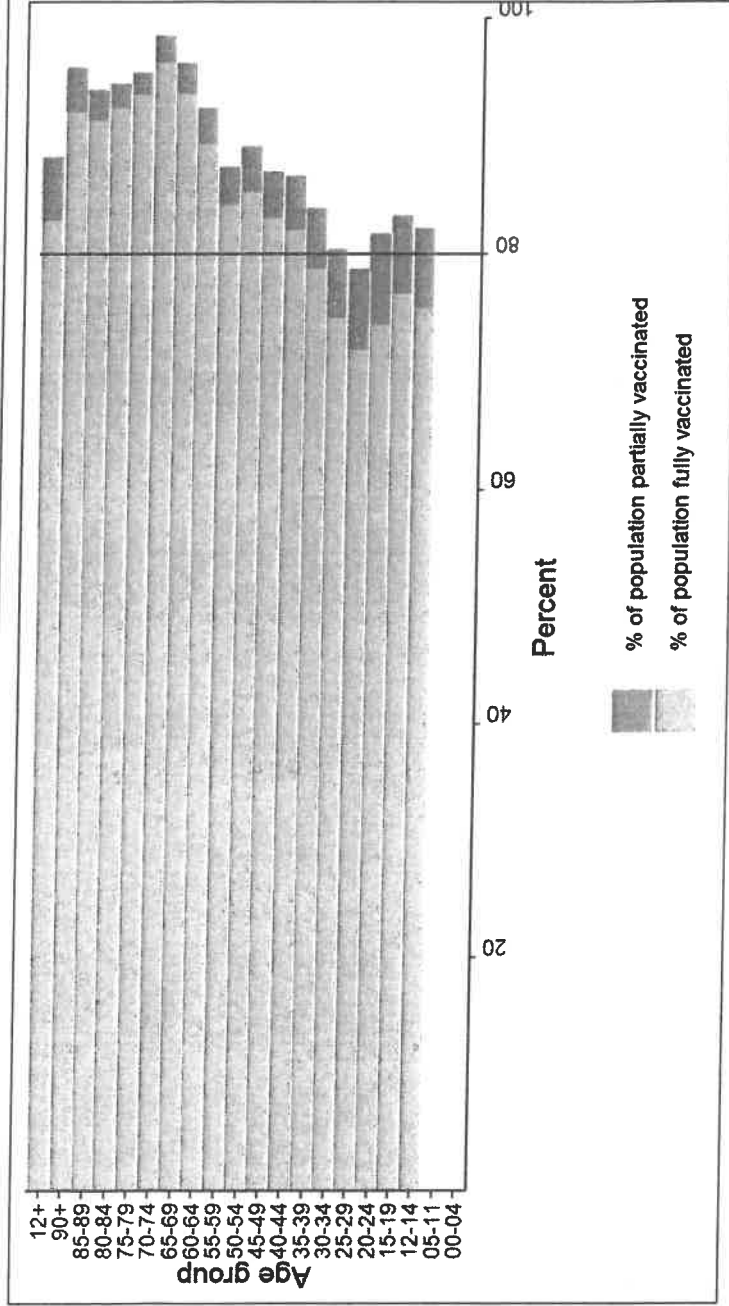
Update

Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, Public Health Physician
Ethan Bayne, Incident Commander, Emergency Health Operations Centre

November 24, 2021

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Alberta Vaccine Coverage (November 22, 2021)



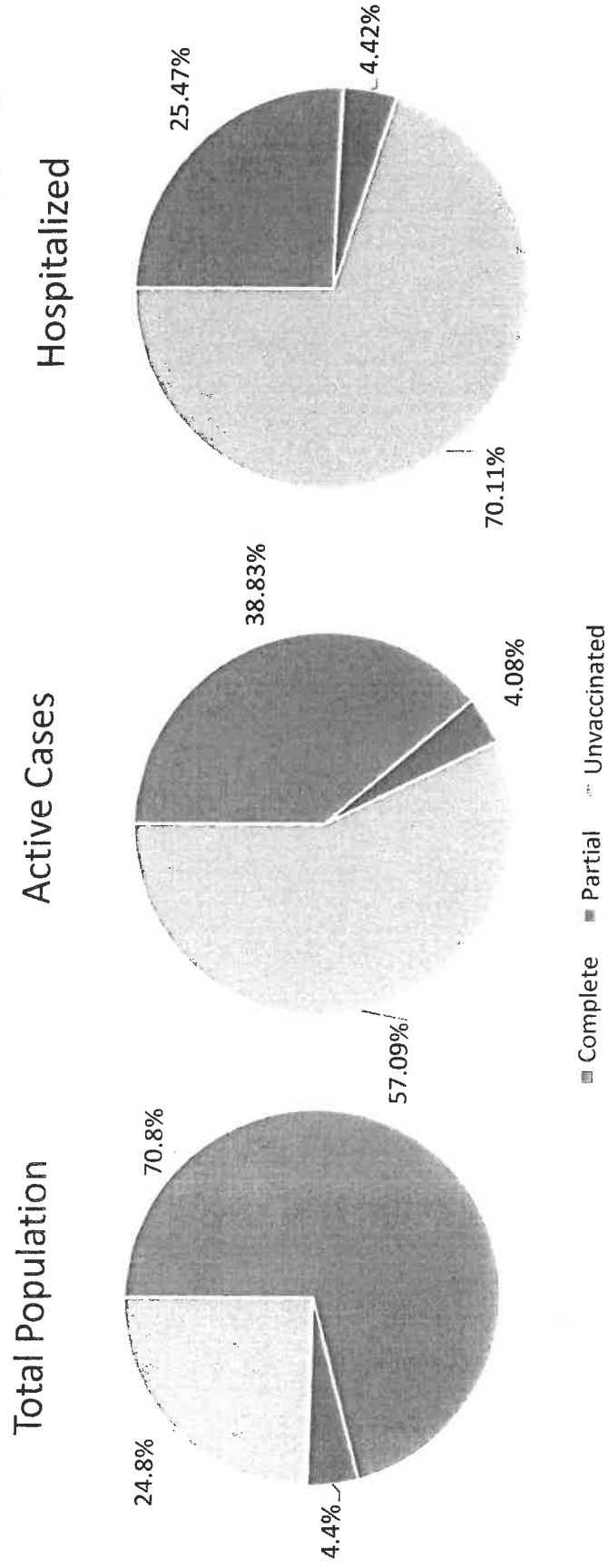
6,807,172 doses administered

88.4% of 12+ population has received at least one dose (**75.2%** total population)

83.3% of 12+ population fully vaccinated (**70.8%** total population)



Current State by Vaccination Status (Nov 22, 2021)



Alberta Immunization Program



Updates to the COVID-19 Immunization program

(1 of 2)

Pediatric Vaccines

- Following Health Canada's authorization of pediatric vaccines, AB will begin administration of these vaccines for 5-11 year olds who do not have contraindications to the vaccine starting Friday, November 26th, with appointment booking effective today.
- For children 5 to 11 years of age, the dose interval should be at least 8 weeks between dose 1 and dose 2 of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) COVID-19 vaccine.
- The CMOH will host a **telephone town hall on November 30th**, 2021 from 6:30-8 for all parents and guardians to answer any questions they have about pediatric vaccines. You or your members are welcome to join. Link to register: <https://alberta.ca/article-vaccines-for-children-telephone-town-hall.aspx>

Updates to the COVID-19 Immunization program

(2 of 2)

Changes to recommended dose intervals for adults.

- For Albertans aged 12 years and older, the recommended interval between dose 1 and dose 2 is now 8 weeks for an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) and Moderna (Spikevax)) and at least 8 weeks for the AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria) COVID-19 vaccine, noting that mRNA vaccines are recommended over viral vector vaccines.
- Current data shows that extending the interval between the first and second dose by several weeks leads to higher immune responses and greater protection.

Preferential use of Pfizer mRNA vaccines for 12-29 year old Albertans to start and/or complete their primary series (including immunocompromised eligible for a third dose as their primary series).

- The preferential recommendation is based on recent data indicating a higher rate of myocarditis and/or pericarditis following vaccination with Moderna (Spikevax) relative to Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) in those aged 12 to 29 years, particularly among males in Alberta. It should be noted that the risk is still considered rare with all vaccines.
- People ages 12 to 29 can still take the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, if they choose, with informed consent.

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Outdoor Holiday Parade Guidance

Outdoor Santa Claus or Holiday Parades

Rep Eligibility	Yes – with controlled access for participants.
Masking	Not required.
Distancing	2 metres of physical distance from those who are not: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- part of their household, or- their two close contacts for individuals who live alone.
Performers (including individuals on parade floats)	Distancing not required from each other during performance activities. Distancing required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- While walking/marching.- Performance groups from each other in staging areas and during the parade.
Food/Beverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May operate outdoor services only (if not under REP).- Candy and other items should not be handed to viewers; other mechanisms that maintain 2 metre rule should be considered.

Santa Photos Guidance

It is suggested to setup virtual photo options, whenever possible.

Santa Photos in Malls	
Rep Eligibility	No – majority of participants under 12.
Masking	Required, including in the photo.
Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Participants must be physically distanced from Santa and any other staff/performers.- Appropriate barriers would also be acceptable.

Indoor Procession/Parades Guidance

If possible, malls should host a virtual parade accessible online.

Mall Holiday Procession and Parades

Rep Eligibility	No – malls are not eligible.
Masking	Required.
Distancing	All attendees must be at minimum 2 metres away from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- different households; and- performers.
Performers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- If in-person, there should be only one performer (e.g., Santa Claus)- If there are several individuals in the procession, they should be 2 metres apart from each other in staging areas and during the parade
Food/Beverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Performers should not hand out items to the attendees.- Cannot be consumed in the mall area

Non-Health-Care Agencies Receive Free PPE

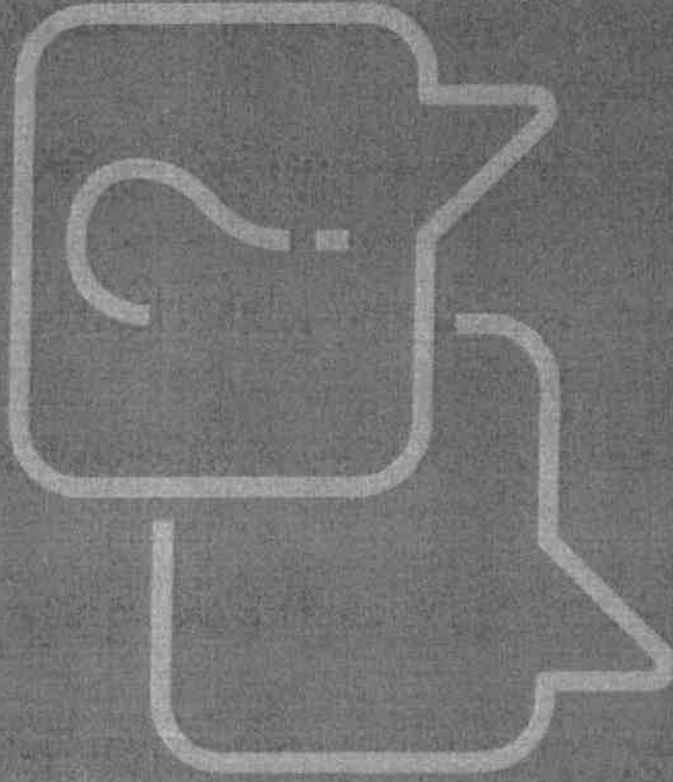
The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) is distributing surplus personal protective equipment (PPE) to an expanded group of non-health-care organizations across Alberta.

The following non-health-care organizations will receive PPE from the AEMA at no cost:

- daycares and day homes
- food service providers, meat-packing service providers, food banks, trucking companies, NGOs, oil and gas services
- general municipal groups including Metis Settlements and First Nations
- private home care providers that are not publicly funded directly or through contracts

Privately owned health service providers, physiotherapy clinics, primary care physicians, optometry clinics and diagnostic imaging clinics will also receive PPE from the AEMA at no cost.

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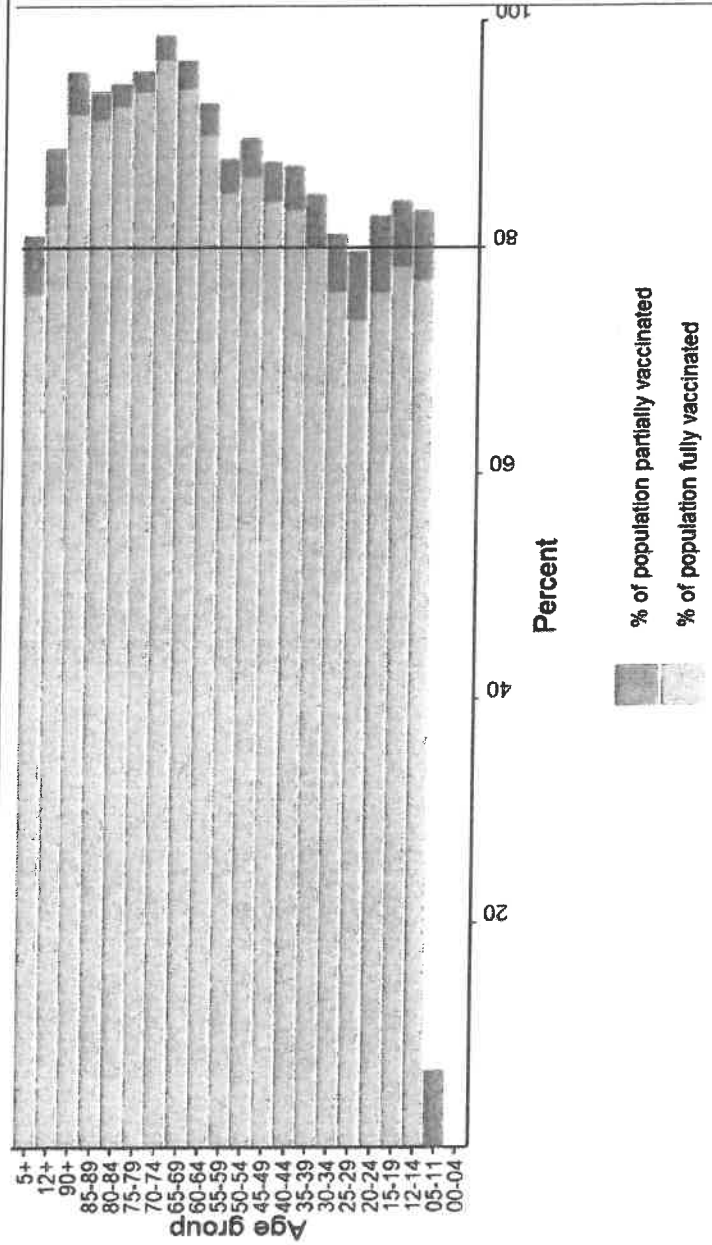
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Alberta Vaccine Coverage (November 29, 2021)



6,890,791 doses administered

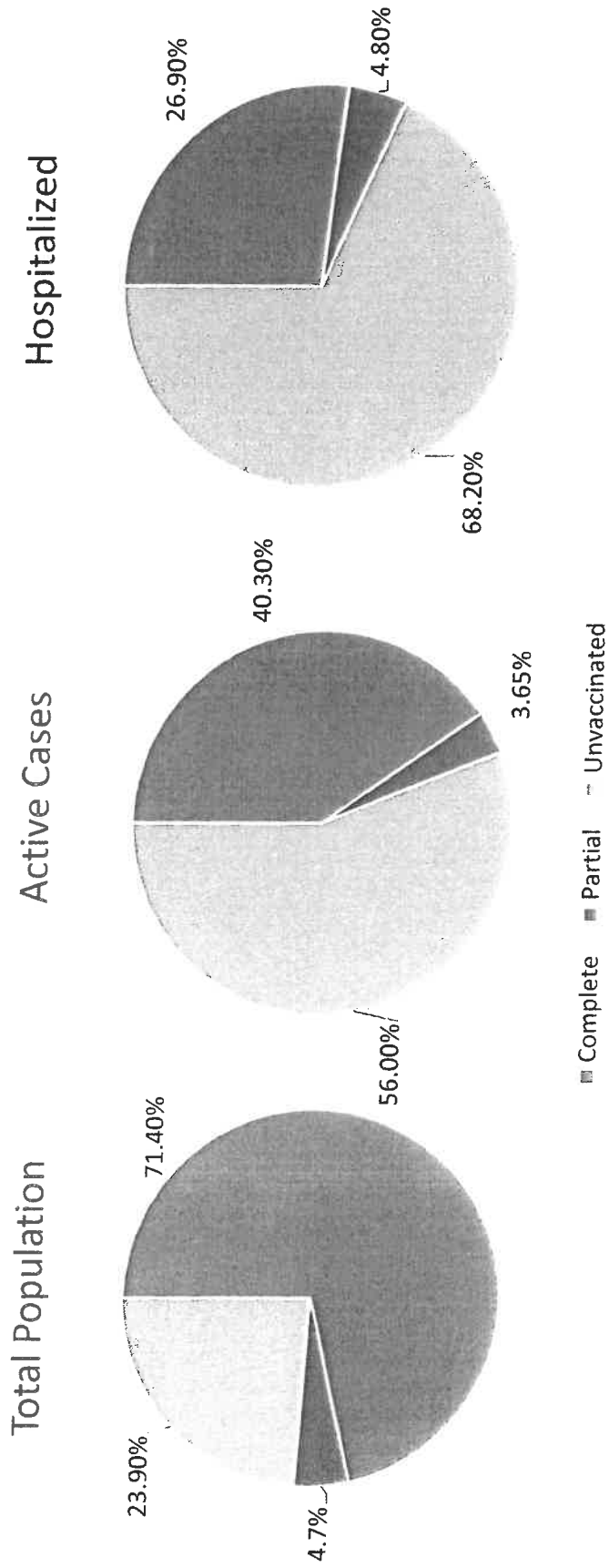
81.03% of Albertans 5 years of age and up have received at least one dose and **76.01%** have been fully immunized.

88.75% of Albertans 12 years of age and up have received at least one dose and **83.92%** have been fully immunized.

76.12% of all Albertans have received at least one dose and **71.41%** have been fully immunized.



Current State by Vaccination Status (November 29, 2021)



Omicron Variant (B.1.1.529)

- On November 26, the WHO classified this B.1.1.529 as a variant of concern named Omicron and has called for enhanced surveillance, genomic sequencing, and case reporting.
- As of Nov. 29th, there are confirmed cases in Canada including:
 - Three confirmed cases in Ontario and four additional suspected cases.
 - One confirmed case in Quebec
 - One suspected case in Alberta [Confirmed on Nov 30, 2021]
- In Alberta, all positive test samples are screened for the Delta variant, and full genetic sequencing is done on all non-Delta variant samples where sufficient genetic material is present.

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Restriction Exemption Program (REP) Updates

- Ski hills
 - Can implement the REP for indoor areas to permit indoor dining and other indoor activities.
 - If participating in the REP, they are not required to adhere to physical distancing requirements for enclosed chairlifts and gondolas. Indoor masking is still required for enclosed areas.
- Tradeshows
 - Paid-entry markets and trade shows, including artisan and craft fairs and holiday markets, will be able take part in the REP.
- Clarification on Stadium and Concession Seating
 - Consuming food and/or drinks while remaining seated where there is no table.
- REP Safety Training Now Available
 - Employers can visit alberta.ca/restrictions-exemption-program-safety-training.aspx to learn more about the training and how to enrol their employees.

REP Timing for 12 Year Olds

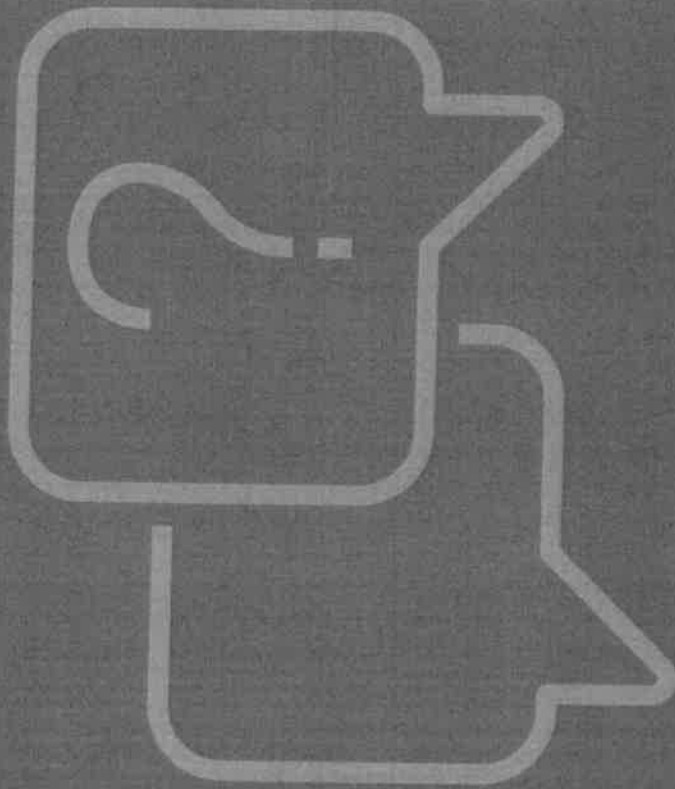
Following an individual's 12th birthday there will be a grace period to allow them to become fully vaccinated under REP.

- 10 week grace period: 8 week interval between the two doses, plus two weeks.

Guidance for Day Camps

- Two metre spacing between individuals who are not members of the same household for:
 - indoor and outdoor settings,
 - communal dining halls, and
 - communal accommodation.
- Physical distancing is not required for children when participating in:
 - Youth sport (e.g. team sports),
 - Fitness, and
 - Performance activities (e.g. drama productions).
- Overnight camps are required to operate in cohorts.
- Spectator attendance at indoor sports/performance activities is limited to 1/3 fire code capacity

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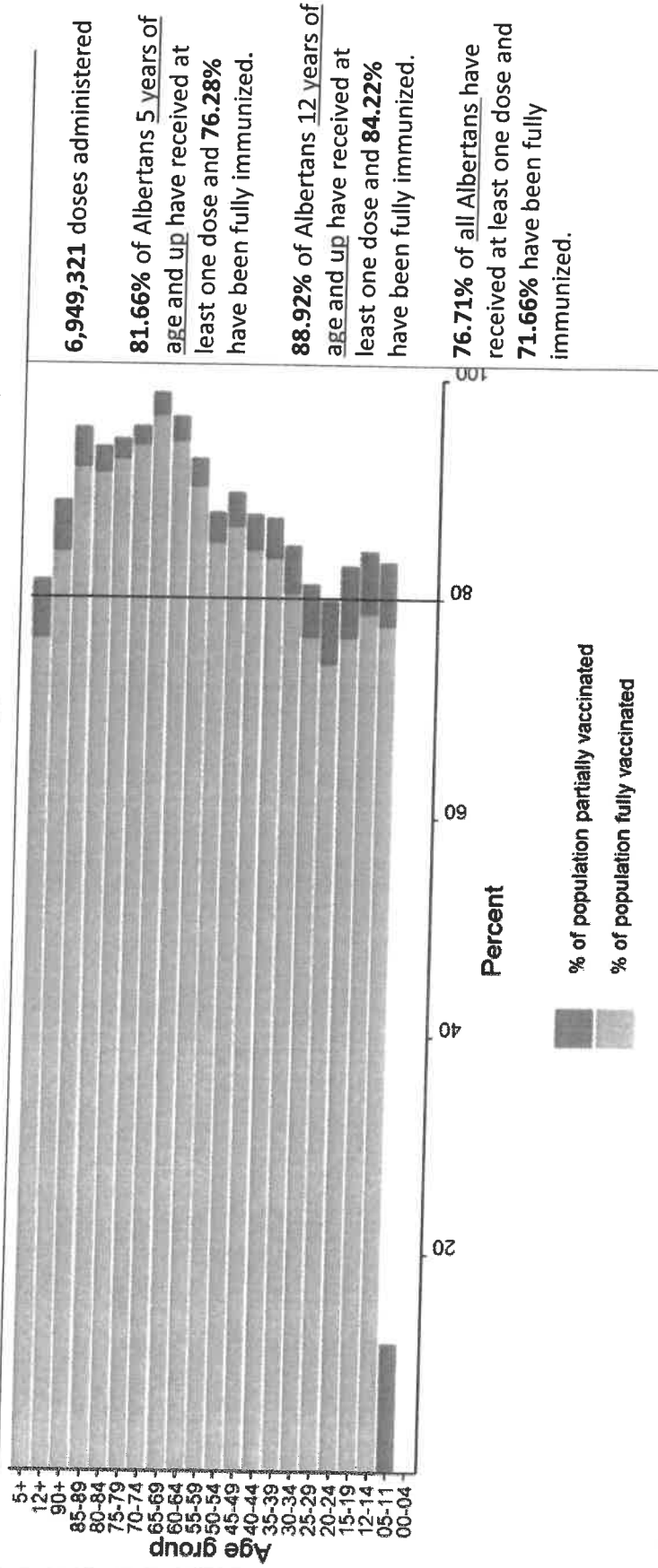
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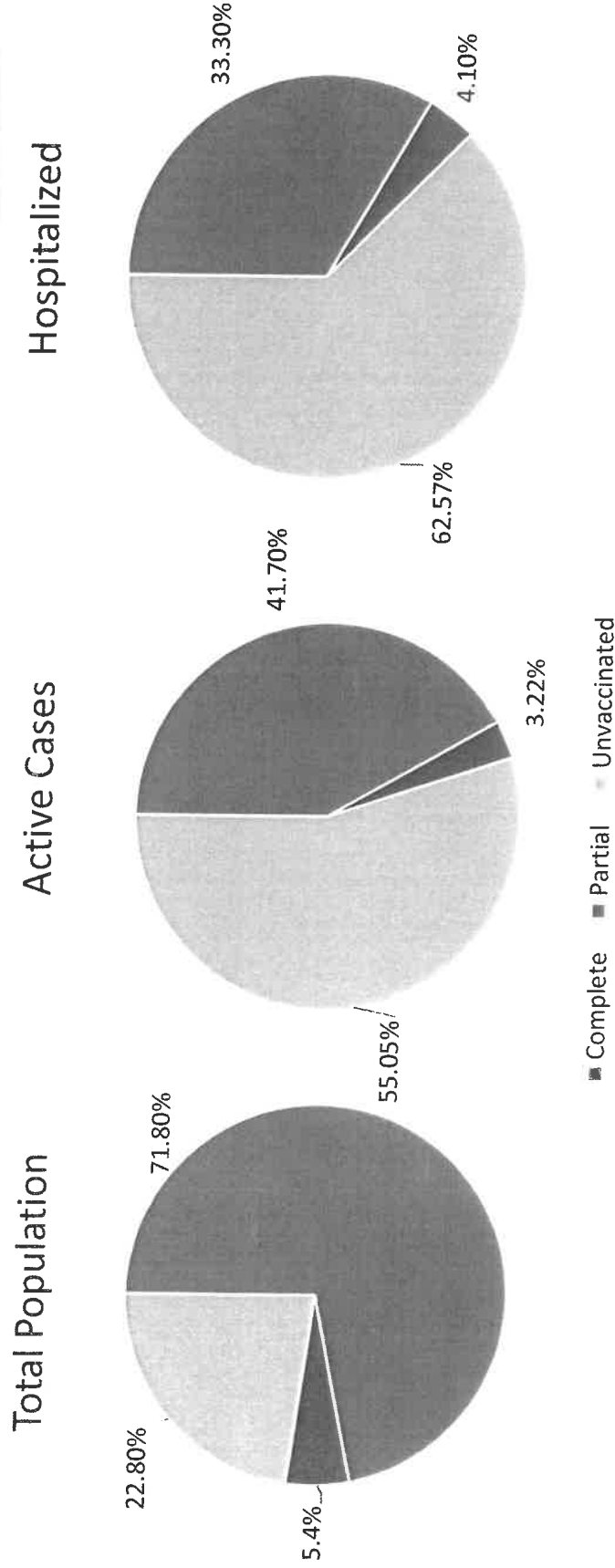
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Current State by Vaccination Status (December 05, 2021)



Omicron Variant (B.1.1.529)

- 11 confirmed Omicron cases in Alberta are all travel-related
- Two schools have been notified of positive COVID-19 cases that might involve the Omicron variant
 - Two students who tested positive for COVID-19 are household contacts of a confirmed Omicron case
 - Genomic sequencing for these two cases is underway to confirm variant type
- Alberta will continue enhanced testing, screening, genomic sequencing, and contact tracing measures as a precaution until more is known
- Current response goal is still to delay spread of Omicron until more is known.
- All COVID-19 cases identified in international travellers from any country will be subject to: Full case investigation; Contact notification; PCR testing for all close contacts; and Rapid testing for specific settings like schools and childcare settings.
- All COVID-positive samples are screened for Delta variant, and all non-Delta samples will be sent for whole genome sequencing to confirm Omicron.

Updated Public Health Guidance

QR Code Verifier App – after 12th birthday

Reminder: There is a 10 week grace period after the 12th birthday during which children will be exempt from having to show a QR code, negative test or medical exemption to enter REP facilities.

QR Code Reader App will not have the ability to recognize the grace period.

- Children 12 years +10 weeks will require QR code to enter REP facilities.

Expanded Eligibility for Booster Shots

- As of Dec 6 booster shots available to persons aged 60+, a minimum of 6 months after receiving 2nd dose.
- Others currently eligible:
 - First Nations, Métis and Inuit people (18+)
 - Health-care workers who received 2nd dose <8 weeks after 1st dose
 - Individuals who received 2 doses of AstraZeneca or 1 dose Janssen
 - Seniors living in congregate care
 - Individuals (12+ years) with eligible immunocompromising conditions
- Alberta has approved booster shots for all Albertans 18+ years.
- Roll-out schedule for next eligible age group to be announced soon.

Guidance for Holiday Parties

As the season approaches, here are the key guidelines:

- Holiday parties should not be hosted at the work places.
- Office holiday parties are not permitted in private dwellings.
- Workplace holiday parties at a facility participating in REP must follow the requirements for screening.
- A maximum of 20 persons may attend an outdoor social gathering, with 2 metres physical distancing between households if not under REP.

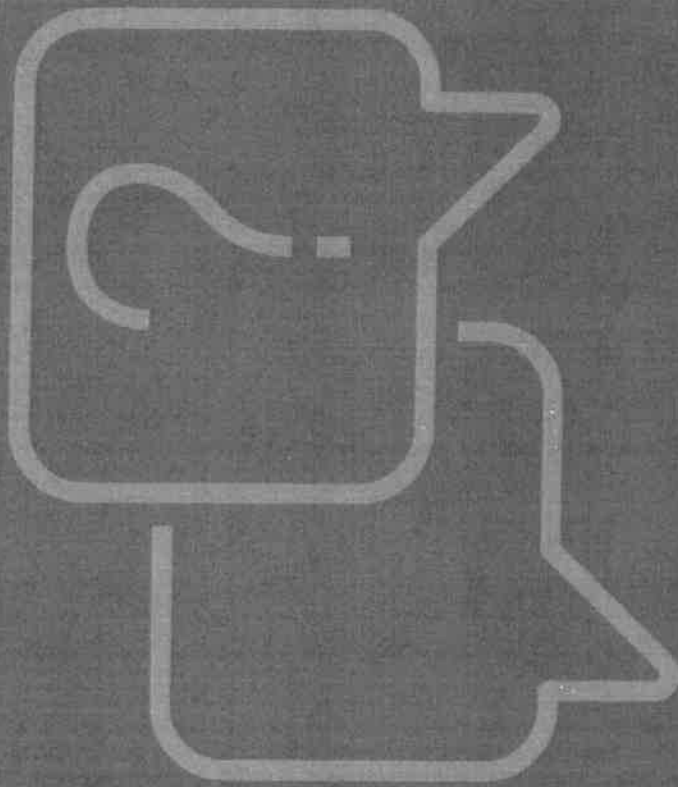
Follow up on Questions

- Enforcement and adherence to the rules.
- Use of QR code scanner app to verify work outside of the REP facility framework.
- Church meetings and gatherings.

Resources on Vaccines for Children

- [Alberta Health Services - COVID-19 Immunization for Children Under 12](#)
- [Alberta Health - COVID-19 vaccines and records](#)
- [Government of Canada – Vaccines for Children](#)

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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

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

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

As of Sunday, November 14 we have 275 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 102 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds. As of Friday morning, there were 209 patients in ICU, about half of whom are COVID-19 positive.

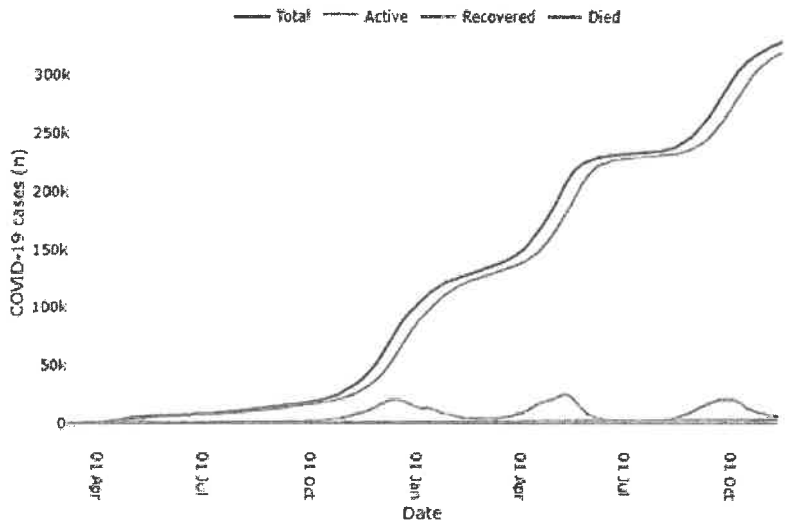
Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is at 78 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 124 per cent.

These numbers are updated daily; learn more at [AHS Facilities: ICU Updates & Temporary Space Reductions](#).

New and Active Cases

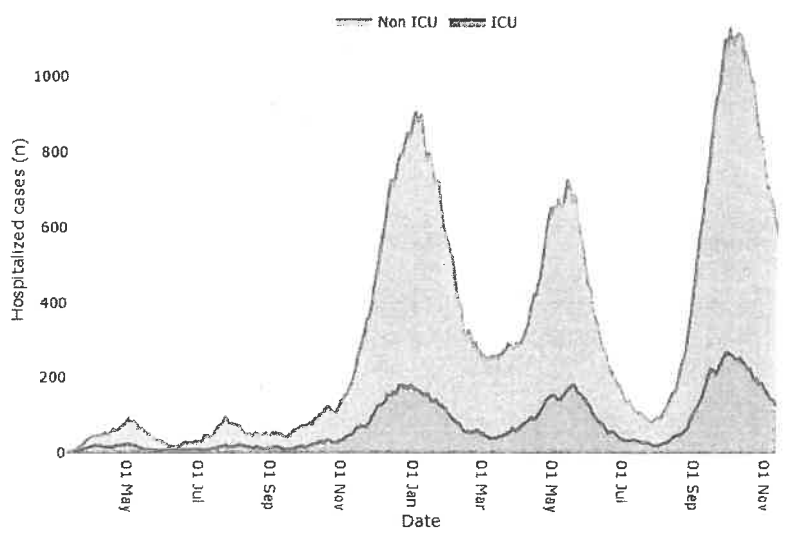
As of November 9, there was an average of 452 new cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to 454 cases per day the previous week (Oct. 28 to Nov. 3). Four out of five zones reported decreases in the number of new cases per day, ranging from a 1.03 per cent decrease in the Edmonton Zone to a 13.6 per cent decrease in both the South and Central zones. Over the past six days, the Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 858 (a six-day average of 143 cases per day), compared to 854 new cases the previous week (a seven-day average of 122 cases per day).

As of Nov. 11, there are 5,745 active cases in Alberta, an 11.8 per cent decrease compared to Nov. 3. Most zones reported a decrease in active cases. For the sixth consecutive week, the Calgary Zone reported the most active cases with 1,777, and was the only zone that did not report a decrease in cases compared to last week.



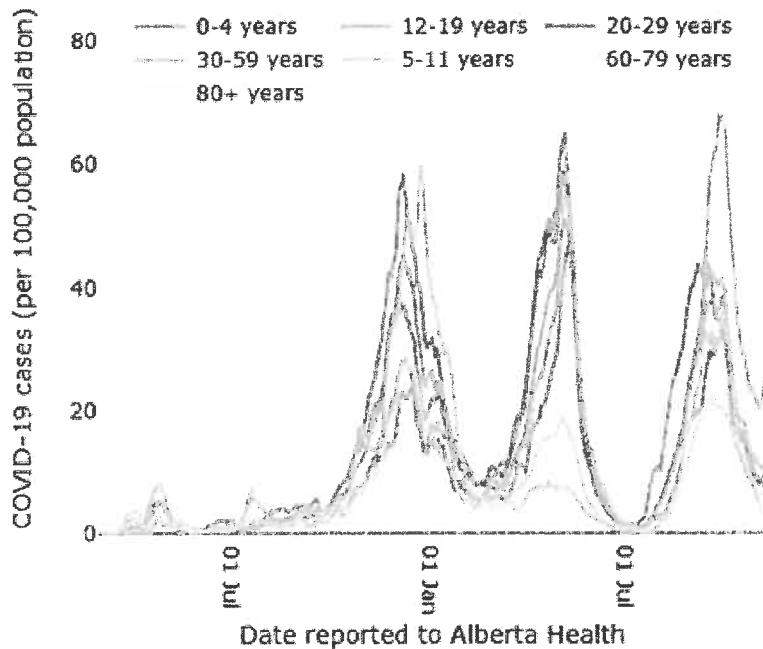
Hospitalizations

On Nov. 9, 459 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds with COVID-19, compared to 540 on Nov. 3; a 15.0 per cent decrease.



Cases By Age Group

As of Nov. 6, children ages five to 11 – who are currently ineligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine – had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 25.6 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans ages 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 10.7 cases per 100,000 people. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are shown below.



Variants of Concern

For variants of concern, the lab is utilizing targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing. From Nov. 1 to Nov. 7, the average percent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 46 per cent. Of those strain-typed the rolling average was 99.6 per cent Delta variant. The remaining 0.4 per cent were a wild variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of Nov. 9, a total of 328,189 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 14,634 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.5 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 319,017 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious.
- From Nov. 4 to Nov. 9, 56,995 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 9,499 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 4.21 per cent to 5.28 per cent. As of Nov. 9, a total of 5.9 million tests have been conducted and 2.5 million individuals have been tested.
- As of Nov. 9, 3,164 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 27 deaths over the past week. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The R value is updated every two weeks. From Oct. 25 to Oct. 31 the provincewide R value was 0.87 and the previously reported value was 0.85. Alberta Health did not update the R value this week.
- Public reporting of schools continues and you can find more information, [here](#).

COVID-19 Immunizations

Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) Vaccine Arrives in Alberta

As announced by Alberta Health Friday, November 12, Albertans 18 and older can now book appointments to receive the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine by calling Health Link at 811. Due to limited supply, the Janssen vaccine will only be administered at AHS clinics in select locations across the province.

At this time, only one dose of the Janssen vaccine is needed to be fully immunized.

Albertans who choose the Janssen vaccine are eligible for a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine at least six months after receiving their first dose. For more information, or to see the full announcement, see the [news release](#) on the Alberta Health website

Vaccine Availability Updates

AstraZeneca - Currently, there is no supply of AstraZeneca in the province but supply is expected later this year. More information will be available at that time.

Novavax - [Novavax Inc.](#) announced the completion of its rolling submission to Health Canada for the authorization of its COVID-19 vaccine, on November 1. Novavax says the filing marks the first protein-based COVID-19 vaccine submission for authorization to regulatory authorities in Canada.

Health Canada is responsible for reviewing and approving vaccines for use in Canada, and for the distribution of vaccines to the provinces. Alberta Health is responsible for provincial vaccine policy setting, vaccine allocation and determining eligibility criteria. To learn more about the vaccine review process, the vaccines currently approved for use in Canada, and the status of vaccines currently under review, visit [Vaccines and treatments for COVID-19: Progress](#)

Third Doses for Eligible Populations, Including Healthcare Workers

Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine are now available to additional Albertans, including:

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

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

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

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

At this time, booster doses are not recommended or available for the general population. Vaccines continue to provide strong protection against severe outcomes for the general population. Alberta Health will continue to monitor data and expert advice in this area.

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

Health Canada continues to review a submission from Pfizer-BioNTech to authorize use of its COVID-19 vaccine in children five to 11 years of age. The vaccine will only be authorized for use if the independent scientific review of the submission shows the benefits outweigh potential risks in this age group. The assessment will include a review of evolving information about the health impacts of COVID-19 and variants of concern on children in Canada.

As we await approval from Health Canada and decisions from Alberta Health, we are preparing our teams, as well as updating our policies, processes and resources, so AHS can support vaccine rollout in a

child- and family-friendly manner. We will also ensure Alberta families have the relevant information they need to inform their decision about getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

No Evidence for Increase in Miscarriages or Stillbirths After COVID-19 Immunization

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for those who are pregnant, planning to become pregnant and those who have recently given birth.

As Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Deena Hinshaw said on November 9, there is no evidence miscarriages or stillbirths have increased after COVID-19 vaccines have been made available. Evidence shows there has actually been a slight, but steady reduction in the number of miscarriages in Alberta starting in 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and has continued over the following two years.

COVID-19 infection in pregnancy is a risk to both parent and child, and being fully immunized can help protect pregnant individuals from severe outcomes from the virus. Health Canada and Alberta Health continually monitor information on adverse reactions to ensure vaccine programs are safe and effective.

We encourage anyone who is hesitant about getting immunized to seek out trusted, expert sources for information. This includes talking with your healthcare provider, calling Health Link at 811 to speak with a registered nurse, and exploring resources available:

- [Vaccines, pregnancy and fertility telephone town hall Oct. 27](#)
- For healthcare providers: [Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy – Applying the PrOTCT Framework to Conversations with Patients](#)
- [Vaccine myths and facts](#)
- ahs.ca/vaccinepregnancy

Travel and COVID-19 Immunization

As of November 8, the U.S. has reopened its borders to fully immunized travellers and individuals immunized with any combination of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine (or a single dose of Janssen) authorized by U.S. regulators or the World Health Organization – including AstraZeneca.

New Canadian federal vaccine requirements to board a flight, train or ship were implemented at the end of October. From Oct. 30 to Nov. 29, there is a short transition period when travellers who don't yet qualify as fully vaccinated will be able to travel if they can show a valid COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours of travel. More information is available at [COVID-19 Boarding flights and trains in Canada](#).

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Records with QR Code Required for REP Nov. 15

Beginning today, November 15, COVID-19 vaccine records must include a [QR code](#) in order for Albertans to enter any business or venue taking part in the [Restrictions Exemption Program](#). Vaccine records without a QR code, including the paper immunization record received at your appointment, will no longer be accepted, with the exception of First Nations and military vaccine documents.

Businesses will use the [AB COVID-19 Records Verifier app](#) to scan your QR code. When scanned, it displays your name, birthdate and vaccination status. It is not connected to other personal info.

If you received your vaccine at an AHS clinic, pharmacy or physician office in Alberta, visit alberta.ca/CovidRecords to get your record with a QR code. Save it to your phone or download it and print it off. If you need assistance accessing or printing your record, visit a [participating registry office](#) where they can print it off for you, or call Health Link at 811 to have your record mailed to you.

If you were recently immunized, it may take up to two weeks for your online records to be updated with the latest dose. If it has been longer than that and there is a dose missing, or there are other issues with your record, visit alberta.ca/CovidRecordsHelp for assistance.

Things You Need to Know

Outpatient Monoclonal Antibody Treatment for COVID-19

AHS has begun administering a new monoclonal antibody treatment recently approved by Health Canada to some COVID-19 patients. Sotrovimab is a new drug developed to treat COVID-19 patients with mild to moderate symptoms. It is the first treatment offered to outpatients in Alberta and is administered by intravenous infusion within five days of symptom onset.

In Phase 1 of the AHS rollout, treatment will focus on COVID-19 patients who are either:

- 65 years of age or older and have not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Solid organ transplant patients or stem cell transplant patients, regardless of vaccination status.

Patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and whose symptoms began less than four days ago can call 1-844-343-0971 to find out if they qualify to receive Sotrovimab.

In the first phase, EMS Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) will administer Sotrovimab by IV infusion in patients' homes or continuing care sites. In Fort McMurray, administration will occur at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre. Patients will receive the IV infusion treatment over one hour, and will be observed for another hour post-treatment. A healthcare provider will conduct follow-up assessment within five days of receiving the treatment.

AHS is working to expand access to this treatment in more areas of the province, as quickly as possible. The program will be evolving over the next couple of weeks.

Sotrovimab is not a replacement for the COVID-19 vaccination. Albertans are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This is a treatment available to those who are at a higher risk of worsening symptoms from the disease, and who may require hospitalization.

For more information about Sotrovimab, please visit ahs.ca/covidopt.

Influenza Immunization Update

As of November 6, 916,184 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered across the province, and three cases of influenza have been confirmed so far this season.

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

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

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

Verna's Weekly Video Message – A Look Back and a Look Forward with Nancy Guebert

It has been more than 20 months since the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Alberta.

Some days, it feels like time has passed in the blink of an eye. Then there are those days when we acutely feel every challenge, big or small, and the collective effort it has taken us to get through this pandemic. But, every step of the way, you have persevered and shown remarkable dedication. Some of you have even come back from retirement to lend a hand.

One of those people is Nancy Guebert, who has held numerous leadership roles in her healthcare career. When I (Verna) called Nancy in the spring of 2020 to see if she was interested in "un-retiring" to join the Emergency Co-ordination Centre as director, she didn't hesitate.

As Nancy is re-retiring this week. I thought this was a good opportunity to sit down with her for a bit of a

look back and to talk about what lies ahead.



Mobile Mammography Program Visiting Onoway, Standoff and Glenwood

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- Onoway Heritage Centre on Dec. 9, 10 and 11.
- Lavern Clinic Glenwood on Nov. 16.
 - Need a ride? Call to book your mammogram appointment, then call the BTDH Medical Transportation Dept. at 403-737-2604.
- Blood Tribe Department of Health on Nov. 17, 18 and 19.
 - Need a ride? Call to book your mammogram appointment, then call the BTDH Medical Transportation Dept. at 403-737-2604.

Appointments are required. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

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

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

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

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

Alberta Healthy Living Program Workshops Promote Healthy Living

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

Diabetes management: those working to manage pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes are invited to attend free information sessions via Zoom starting Nov. 18 and 29.

Improve heart health: Heart wise sessions start on Nov. 25. These online sessions are open to central zone residents interested in developing healthier lifestyles and those diagnosed with high blood pressure and high cholesterol, or people diagnosed with risk factors for heart disease such as diabetes.

Adult weight-management: This series of free workshops is led by AHS health professionals who share their expertise and guide interactive group sessions online. The Zoom workshops will be offered starting Nov. 26.

Join the Conversation

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

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

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Calgary Teen Hosts Free Virtual Concert for Healing and Hope

Fourteen-year-old Kaiya Gamble is an emerging singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist recognized for her positivity, philanthropic spirit and empowering messages. She has a unique perspective on the pandemic: her mother is an emergency department physician and her father is a helicopter pilot with STARS Air Ambulance.

Watching her parents work on the frontline for more than a year compelled her to express her gratitude to healthcare workers, and offer support to patients, families and everyone affected by COVID-19, by hosting a free benefit concert in May 2021.

The performance, Kaiya Live, was postponed due to public health restrictions, but has since been recorded and is streaming on her YouTube page on Saturday, November 20, at 7 p.m. She is joined by band members of Canadian Country Music Association and Juno Award-winning country artist Brett Kissel, along with special performances by Lenka and Edo Kahn.

Tune in to share in the joy this talented young Albertan seeks to spread around the world.



Foundation Good News

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

Donations Help Raise Funds for Cardiology Equipment at Red Deer Regional Hospital



The Red Deer Regional Health Foundation (RDRHF) recently announced the Cardiology unit at the Red Deer Regional Hospital received three Electrocardiogram (ECG) machines with funds raised from earlier this year.

In February 2021, Canadian Pacific (CP) matched every donation, including a \$20,000 gift from Ron and Donna Durham of Red Deer. In total, over \$60,000 was raised and the ECG machines have since been purchased and are now in operation.

Donations to the [Red Deer Regional Health Foundation](#) provide funding for programs, services and medical equipment for Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre and other health care centres throughout Alberta Health Services Central Zone.

New Staff Wellness Space Supported by Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation

Over the course of the pandemic, our foundation partners have continuously stepped up to show their support for our patients and staff. As the COVID-19 pandemic wears on, their gestures of kindness continue to be critically important as we care for our patients, ourselves and each other.

Keeping this in mind, the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation recently approached their donors to support staff wellness at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. The response to the foundation's request was

overwhelming and resulted in approximately \$300,000 in donations.

Thanks to this funding, the Royal Alexandra Hospital now has a new temporary rest area where healthcare providers can go to gain calm, quiet and solitude. In addition to this new space, site leadership is exploring other initiatives to promote staff well-being and to recognize the hard work their teams have contributed throughout the pandemic.

Thank you to the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation and their donors for this remarkable gift. We are grateful for all they have done, and continue to do, for our patients and healthcare workers.



Gratitude from Albertans

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

Thank you for the excellent care when my surgery was moved from Red Deer to Olds. Every effort for comfort was carried out and I appreciated the warmth of the blankets, the fuzzy socks and the good snack after the recovery.

—Shannon Glover

Thank you all for being so welcoming and supportive of us MacEwan nursing students. I appreciate all of the learning experiences (e.g., wound care, nursing, physio, etc.) I got to take part in and for the experience to work within such a cohesive team environment. Keep being amazing!

— Anonymous

Thank you so much for taking the time and having enough patience to teach students through such a difficult time. Truly makes me appreciate this profession so much more than I did to begin with. You all are so resilient and I hope to embody the same strength you have when I become a nurse!

— Anonymous

I would like to express my gratitude to all the nurse practitioners in the organization providing exemplary care to patients and families every day. I am honoured to be a part of such an amazing, caring and compassionate group of individuals who excel in the care that they deliver to a variety of different populations in diverse clinical settings. Take this opportunity to celebrate your achievements, and those of your colleagues. Happy Nurse Practitioners' Week!

— Kim S.

Wrapping Up

This week we want to pay tribute to our veterans and those serving in Canada's Armed Forces, recognizing the two Remembrance Days which fell last week. Indigenous Veterans Day is observed each

year on November 8, as a national day for recognition and remembrance of more than 200 years of military service by First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities. The other national Remembrance Day, which took place yesterday on November 11, also honours those who have served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace.

We are ever grateful for the sacrifices made to preserve our freedoms, including the privilege of the high-quality healthcare afforded in this country. In turn, we are thankful to be able to serve and protect Albertans every day through the healthcare we deliver.

We continue to be encouraged by the shrinking COVID-19 hospitalization and ICU rates and the relief that brings for our teams of staff and physicians, and the system as a whole. Whether you are on the front lines or supporting Albertans from a little further back, or supporting those who provide care, we humbly thank you. Keep hanging in there.

As always, with gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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Together 4 Health Headlines

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

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 [clicking here](#). And [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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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

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

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

As of Friday, November 19 we have 262 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 89 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds. There are currently 214 patients in ICU.

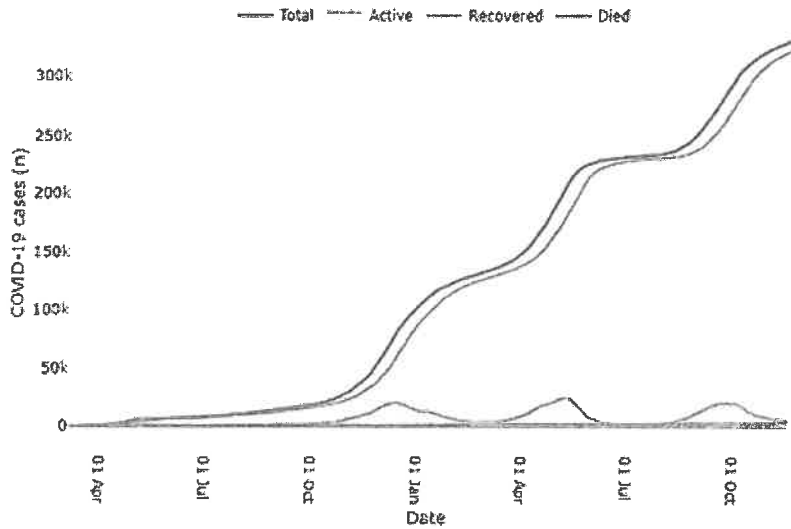
Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is at 82 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 124 per cent.

These numbers are updated daily; learn more at [AHS Facilities: ICU Updates & Temporary Space Reductions](#).

New and Active Cases

As of November 17, there was a seven-day average of 370 new cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to 453 cases per day the previous week (Nov. 4 to Nov. 10), an 18.3 per cent decrease. All zones reported decreases in the number of new cases per day, ranging from a 4.3 per cent decrease in the Calgary Zone to a 33.3 per cent decrease in the North Zone. Over the past week, the Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 943 (an average of 135 cases per day), compared to 990 new cases the previous week (an average of 141 cases per day).

As of Nov. 17, there were 5,384 active cases in Alberta, a 10.4 per cent decrease compared to Nov. 9*. Most zones reported a decrease in active cases: the zone with the largest reported decrease was the Central Zone, down 19.3 per cent from Nov. 9*. For the seventh week in a row, the Calgary Zone reported the most active cases with 1,817, and was the only zone that did not report a decrease in cases compared to the last report. (*This reporting date was affected by Remembrance Day.)

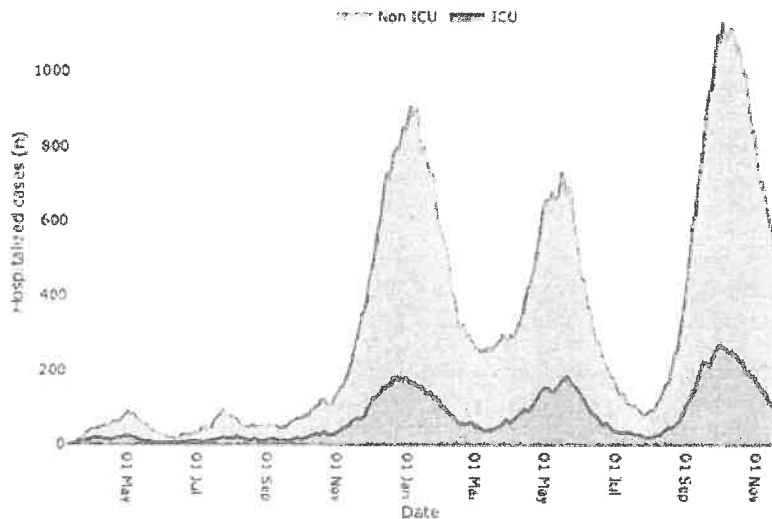


Hospitalizations

A total of 404 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on Nov. 17, compared to 461 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Nov. 10, a 12.4 per cent decrease.

The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Nov. 17 is as follows:

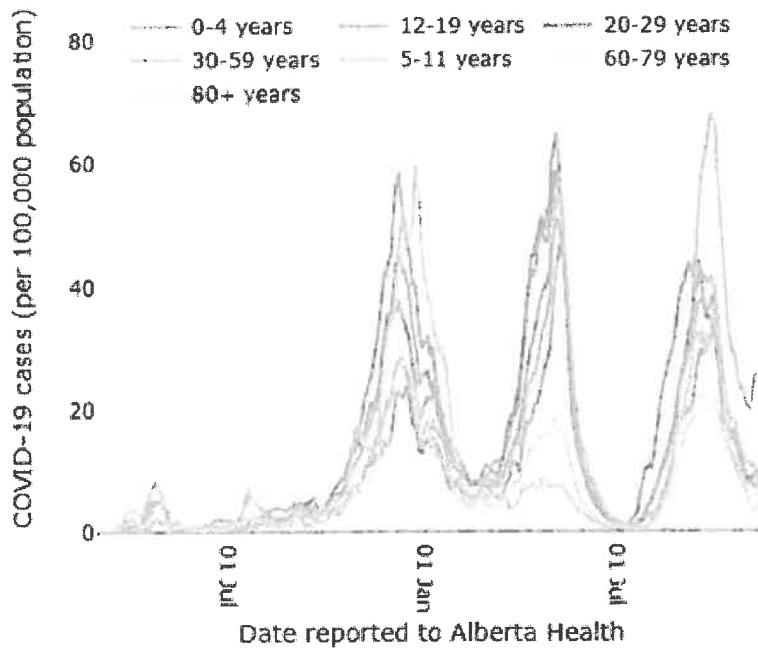
- 158 hospitalizations with 44 of those in ICUs in the Edmonton Zone
- 113 hospitalizations with 22 of those in ICUs in the Calgary Zone
- 111 hospitalizations with 9 of those in ICUs in the Central Zone
- 63 hospitalizations with 6 of those in ICUs in the North Zone
- 53 hospitalizations with 13 of those in ICUs in the South Zone



Cases By Age Group

As of Nov.14, children aged five to 11 – who have been ineligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine – had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 20.57 cases per 100,000

children. Albertans aged 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 8.71 cases per 100,000 people. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are shown below.



As of Nov. 17, 3,209 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 45 deaths since the last report. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.

Variants of Concern

For variants of concern, the lab is utilizing targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing. From Nov. 9 to Nov. 15, the average of positive samples that were strain-typed was 46 per cent. Of those strain-typed, the rolling average was 99.6 per cent Delta variant. The remaining 0.4 per cent were a wild variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Other Notable COVID-19 Related Information:

- As of Nov. 17, a total of 331,214 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 14,808 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.5 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 322,621 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious.
- From Nov. 11 to Nov. 17, 55,755 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 7,965 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 4.33 per cent to 5.62 per cent. As of Nov. 17, a total of 6,036,473 tests have been conducted and 2,564,912 individuals have ever been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The R value is updated every two weeks. From Nov. 1 to Nov. 14 the provincewide R value was 0.92 and the previously reported value was 0.87.
- Public reporting of outbreaks in schools continues and you can find more information, [here](#).

Covid-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers

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

As of November 17:

- 85,836 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 8,818 (or 10.27 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 6,499 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 673 (or 10.36 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,319 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 6,055 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 367 (or 6.06 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 271 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 23 (or 8.49 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 96 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

Health Canada Authorizes COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5 to 11 Years Old

On Friday, November 19 Health Canada approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children five to 11 years of age.

As announced by Alberta Health, vaccines are expected to arrive in the province this week. We will roll out the vaccine as quickly and safely as possible, and appointments will be made available for booking once we receive supply. More information regarding bookings and appointments will be shared once they are available.

Until now the Pfizer vaccine was approved for use in people 12 years and older. As we await decisions by Alberta Health, and supply of the vaccine, we are preparing our teams, as well as updating our policies, processes and resources, in order to rollout the vaccine in a child-and family-friendly manner.

Parents can register their child online through the Alberta Vaccine Booking System in advance of appointments being available. Please note, registration does not mean you will get advanced notice or priority when vaccine is available.

This is the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized in Canada for use in children under 12 years of age.

To ensure parents, guardians and families have current, reliable information and resources to help them make an informed decision about immunizing their children, AHS has launched a new webpage at ahs.ca/vaccinekids. The webpage features:

- Videos with advice from top pediatric specialists
- Strategies to help children who are afraid of needles
- Frequently asked questions
- A new interactive game that teaches children the importance of getting the vaccine, while encouraging them to continue to wear a mask, physically distance, and wash their hands to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19.

Help Take Down COVID-zilla!



Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) Vaccine Available to 18+

The Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine is now available for Albertans 18 years of age and older. At this time, only one dose of the Janssen vaccine is needed to be fully immunized. A booster dose of an mRNA vaccine is recommended after six months.

Due to limited supply, the vaccine will only be administered at AHS clinics in select locations across the province. People may have to travel outside their home community to get to a clinic providing this vaccine. Call Health Link at 811 to book an appointment. Appointments are available across the province.

At this time the Janssen vaccine is only for people who haven't had any doses of the COVID-19 vaccines before. It will not be provided as a second dose or a booster dose.

The Janssen vaccine is a viral vector vaccine. For more information, see the [COVID-19 vaccines – viral vector-based info sheet](#) and [MyHealth Alberta](#).

Based on current evidence, the greatest level of protection comes from mRNA vaccines. However, all vaccines being used in Alberta have been determined to be safe and effective. It is much better to be immunized against COVID-19 than to get the disease itself. We encourage anyone who has not received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to book an appointment as soon as possible.

Other Vaccine Availability

Currently, there is no supply of AstraZeneca in the province but supply is expected later this year. More information will be available at that time.

Health Canada Receives Submission from Moderna to Authorize the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine in Children Aged 6 to 11

Health Canada received a [submission](#) on Nov. 16 from Moderna seeking authorization for the use of its COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 to 11 years of age.

This is the second submission Health Canada has received for the use of a COVID-19 vaccine in this younger age group. On Oct. 18, 2021, Health Canada received a submission for the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in children aged 5 to 11 years of age, which was authorized November 19.

Health Canada will only authorize the use of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine in children if its independent and thorough scientific review of the data in the submission shows that the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risks in this age group. The assessment will include a detailed review of clinical trial results, as well as other evolving data and information about the health impacts of COVID-19 and variants of concern on children in Canada.

Third Doses Continue to be Available for Eligible Populations

Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine continue to be available to eligible populations, including frontline healthcare workers who provide direct patient care and who had their first two doses of vaccine less than eight weeks apart. For a full list of all groups that are eligible, visit alberta.ca/vaccine.

Available evidence shows that overall protection from the vaccine is best when a booster dose is administered at least six months after the previous dose.

At this time, booster doses are not recommended or available for the general population. Vaccines continue to provide strong protection against severe outcomes for the general population. Alberta Health continues to monitor data and expert advice in this area.

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

Things You Need to Know

Physician Immunization Tops 99 Per Cent; Staff Close to 96 Per Cent

The response to our [Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy](#) has proven very positive. We are pleased to share that almost 96 per cent of our full-time and part-time employees and more than 99 percent of physicians have submitted proof of immunization to date.

This is an important milestone in our effort to keep our people, patients and all Albertans safe. We thank our staff, physicians, volunteers and students for their ongoing efforts to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks in AHS facilities, preserve workforce capacity, and protect vulnerable Albertans.

Valid Forms of Proof of Vaccination for R.E.P

As of Nov. 15, COVID-19 vaccine records must include a [QR code](#) in order for Albertans to enter any business or venue taking part in the [Restrictions Exemption Program](#).

Paper immunization records without a QR code will no longer be accepted, except for the following forms of proof of vaccination:

- Other [provincial and territorial vaccine records](#)
- First Nation vaccine records
- [ArriveCan app](#) and valid international travel identity document (for international travellers, visitors and international students)
- Canadian Armed Forces vaccine records
- U.S. Military proof of vaccination and ID card

Valid identification that matches the vaccine record is also required for adults 18 and over. Visit [Restrictions Exemption Program – Proof of vaccination](#) for more information.

AHS continues to receive a high volume of COVID-19 immunization records submitted to Public Health, immunization clinics and through the [online Alberta Immunization Record Self Submission Portal](#), which require further review and verification.

Following submission, verified submission information will display in your [MyHealth Records](#) account, but it may take two to three weeks for your information to show. The teams are doing everything they can to work through this recent surge in requests as quickly as possible.

Alberta Health is also receiving high volumes of requests for immunization records with a QR code. If you are experiencing issues getting your immunization record with a QR code, please visit alberta.ca/CovidRecordsHelp.

Sotrovimab Treatment Eligibility Expanded

COVID-19 positive patients who are aged 55 and older and are unvaccinated, are now eligible to receive sotrovimab, a new monoclonal antibody treatment recently approved by Health Canada.

It is the first treatment to be offered to outpatients in Alberta and is administered by intravenous infusion within five days of symptom onset.

In phase one of the AHS rollout, treatment will focus on COVID-19 patients who are either:

- aged 55 or older and have not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine
OR
- solid organ transplant patients or stem cell transplant patients, regardless of vaccination status

Patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and whose symptoms began less than four days ago may call 1-844-343-0971 to find out if they qualify to receive Sotrovimab. AHS is working to expand access in more areas of the province as quickly as possible. The program will be evolving over the next couple of weeks.

Sotrovimab is not a replacement for COVID-19 vaccination. Albertans are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This is a treatment that is available to those who are at a higher risk of worsening symptoms from the disease and who may require hospitalization.

For more information about Sotrovimab, please visit ahs.ca/covidopt.

CMOH Exemption Allowing COVID-19 Positive Designated Support Person Access in Maternity Rescinded

The [Exemption request from CMOH order 39-2021: designated family & support person for obstetrical patients](#) has been rescinded. Please refer to the [Designated Support Person and Visitor Access Guidance in Acute Care](#) for information regarding support person access in maternity services.

Sites will now follow the AHS policy regarding Designated Support Persons and Visitors Exhibiting COVID-19 Core Symptoms, who are a Confirmed Case of COVID-19, or a Close Contact as outlined in section 3.0 of the [Designated Family/Support Access and Visitation Directive in Acute Care](#). The [Designated Support Person and Visitor Access Screening Form in Acute Care](#) has also been updated to reflect this rescinded exemption.

A new [frequently asked questions page](#) with information about designated support access in maternity services during COVID-19 is now available for patients and families. Learn more about designated support person and visitor access during COVID-19 at ahs.ca/visitation.

Government of Canada Adjusts Border Measures

Effective Nov. 30, 2021, the Government of Canada will expand its list of accepted vaccines for the purposes of entry into Canada and exemption from some testing and quarantine requirements, to include Sinopharm, Sinovac, and COVAXIN, matching the World Health Organization's (WHO) Emergency Use Listing (EUL).

Also on Nov. 30, [fully vaccinated](#) travelers with right of entry, who depart and re-enter Canada by land or by air within 72 hours of leaving the country, do not have to provide a pre-entry molecular test result.

This exemption is only for trips originating in Canada taken by Canadian citizens, permanent residents or individuals who depart and re-enter by land or by air and can demonstrate that they have been away from Canada for less than 72 hours. Details about all of the changes being made by the federal government to border measures are available, [here](#).

Influenza Immunization Update

As Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Deena Hinshaw said [Nov. 16](#), as we head into winter and more activities move indoors, we can expect to see a rise in the number of Albertans with respiratory symptoms and other illnesses, including seasonal influenza.

We need Albertans to stay vigilant.

Last year, we had our strongest influenza vaccine campaign with more than 1.1 million Albertans receiving influenza immunization. So far this year, uptake has been slower. As of Nov. 13, 850,283 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is about 19.2 per cent of the population. Please note, an issue was identified with last week's influenza immunization data, so the number of doses of influenza vaccine administered has dropped since last week.

One additional influenza case has been identified this past week, bringing the total to four confirmed

cases of influenza, so far this season.

The influenza vaccine won't prevent COVID-19, but it will reduce your chances of getting sick with the flu and spreading it to others. The flu can be very serious, especially for the very young and the very elderly, and it can put additional pressure on our healthcare system.

By reducing your likelihood of getting influenza, you are reducing your likelihood of having any symptoms that may cause you to need to stay home or go for COVID-19 testing. You are also reducing the chance of spreading the virus to your loved ones.

If you still need to get a COVID-19 vaccine dose, you can even get the vaccine at the same time as your flu shot.

For more information on influenza, visit ahs.ca/influenza. Interactive aggregate data is available online at [Alberta influenza statistics](#).

Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre and Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Earn Recognition

Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre and Medicine Hat Regional Hospital were recognized by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) for the quality of care and positive results related to the facilities' surgical patients and program. The AHS facilities have been named among 90 hospitals worldwide that participated in the college's National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP) which achieved praiseworthy outcomes for surgical patient care last year.

Participating sites are required to track the outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures and collect data assessing patient safety, which is used to direct improvement in the quality of surgical care. The goals of NSQIP are to reduce infection, illness or death related to a surgical procedure, and to provide a foundation for surgeons to apply best scientific evidence to the practice of surgery.

New Continuing Care Beds Opened in Ponoka and Drayton Valley

New continuing care beds have opened in Ponoka and Drayton Valley. Located within Seasons Retirement Communities facilities, these Supportive Living Level 4 (SL4) beds - 20 in Ponoka and 12 in Drayton Valley - are for individuals with more complex medical needs, including chronic disease management and assistance with daily activities, such as meal assistance (including tube feeds), mechanical lift or two-person transfers, medication assistance or administration. Seasons Retirement Communities expects to open 12 more SL4 beds in Drayton Valley over the next several months.

SL4 beds were introduced to these communities this past summer, when Seasons Retirement Communities transitioned 16 beds in Drayton Valley and 20 in Ponoka. The decision to offer this higher level of care was made following a thorough review, and consideration of current and future needs of both communities.

North Zone Healthy Living Program Invites Residents to Courses

The Alberta Healthy Living Program (AHLPP) offers free workshops to help adults better manage their chronic conditions. Workshops are offered virtually (by Zoom) to all those living in Northern Alberta.

Workshops teach residents how to manage diabetes, heart and stroke care, weight management, stress, CPD and chronic pain. Find a class that interests you and register here: <https://www.healthylivingprogram.ca/>.

For more information contact North Zone Chronic Disease Management at 1-877-349-5711, or email northzonevirtualeducation2@ahs.ca.

Mobile Mammography Trailer to Visit Taber

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Taber Heritage Inn Hotel and Conference Centre, 4830 46 Ave., on the south side of the Inn along Heritage Drive, Nov. 29 and 30, and Dec. 1 – 4. Appointments are required. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

Women ages 50-74 — the group most at risk of developing breast cancer — will have local access to mammography services when the Alberta Health Services Screen Test program arrives in the community. Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for hundreds of women in Alberta communities where mammography is not readily available.

Join the Conversation

Upcoming Council Meetings

SOGIE PAC hosts a regular public meeting on Saturday, November 27, 9 - 10 a.m. The SOGIE PAC welcomes The Alex Community Health Centre (aka [The Alex](#)) in Calgary as it provides an overview of its program and services, particularly as they relate in care provided to LGBTQ2S+ patients. Please contact sogie.pac@ahs.ca for the meeting link.

Learn About Patient and Family Centered Care with Lesser Slave Lake HAC

The Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council (HAC) invites you to participate in our upcoming virtual Community Conversation about Patient and Family Centred Care on **Monday, November 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Learn about the core concepts of Patient and Family Centred Care, AHS programs and initiatives in the North Zone. Hear stories of how AHS is working to redefine the relationships in health care by placing an emphasis on collaborating with patients and families to improve experiences in all health care settings. Participants will be invited to share experiences and perspectives as well.

You can register for the session [here](#).

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Verna's Weekly Video Message – National Philanthropy Day

On Monday, Nov. 15, many charities and non-profits celebrate National Philanthropy Day. This day recognizes the philanthropic individuals and organizations across North America, and their exceptional contributions to the charitable sector.

That includes our amazing [69 foundation partners](#) who raise approximately \$275 million each year to support the healthcare system, which includes equipment, programs and research across the province.

With me (Verna) today, to tell us more about the work their foundations and how they have navigated the pandemic, are:

- Keith Curtis, Executive Director, Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation
- Vicki Koersen, Fundraising Coordinator, Taber and District Health Foundation
- Saifa Koonar, President and CEO, Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation



Several of Alberta Health Services' own philanthropic partners are taking part in National Philanthropy Day by nominating more 20 individuals and organizations for awards. One of this year's nominees includes the Randhawa family (pictured here). Amar Randhawa and his family are being recognized by the Alberta Cancer Foundation to thank them for their fundraising efforts in memory of their late mother, Gurmeet Randhawa.



Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation Extra Life Edmonton Game Day 2021

On Nov. 6, gamers stayed up for 25 hours in support of sick kids! The event raised \$215,000 for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation by the end of Game Day.

This year's event marked the 10 year anniversary and part way through the night hit an incredible milestone, raising over \$2 million in the last 10 years for sick kids and their families.



Gratitude from Albertans

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

Wrapping Up

We have often talked about the challenges and pressure brought about by this pandemic, but the adversity of COVID-19 has also provided the opportunity for AHS teams to demonstrate innovation and resilience. Over the past 20 months we have many accomplishments and milestones to celebrate from teams across the organization.

Today we want to recognize our lab teams who have now completed more than six million COVID-19 tests, since the virus was detected in Alberta in early 2020. Right from the start, their hard work and dedication were critical to the pandemic response in our province. Testing continues to be one of our most important methods of managing COVID-19 and we thank our lab teams for the effort they put in every day to keep Albertans safe.

Vaccinations are another vital tactic in reducing the spread and severity of COVID-19. Friday marked another major milestone in our pandemic response with the approval of COVID-19 vaccines for children aged five to 11 by Health Canada. AHS has been actively preparing our teams and infrastructure in anticipation of this decision and we can now move forward quickly with vaccinating children, once we receive the vaccine in our province. Providing immunizations to those aged five to 11 will further reduce the spread of the virus, while protecting these young Albertans.

Thank you to all who have been immunized to date — don't forget to get your flu shots as well. It is our responsibility to do all we can to keep those we love, and ourselves, safe from illness.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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AHS President & CEO

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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

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

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

As of Friday, December 3 we have 242 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 69 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds. There are currently 192 patients in ICU.

Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is at 79 per cent, as of December 3. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 111 per cent.

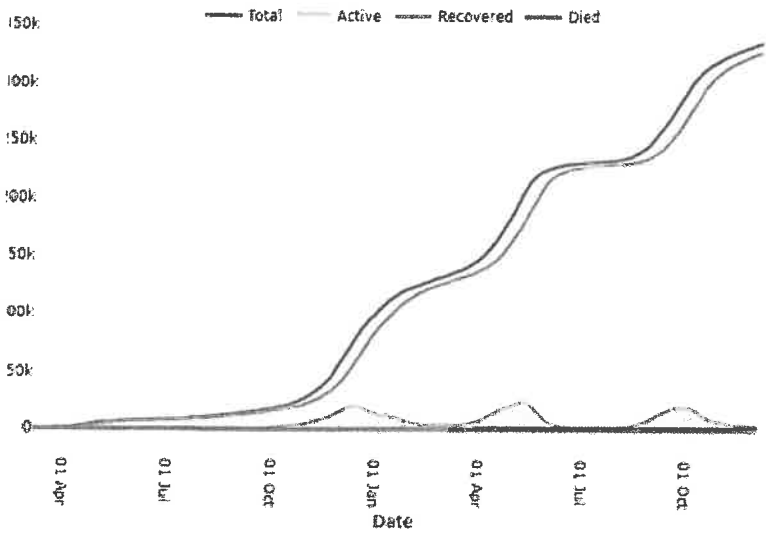
- In Calgary Zone, we currently have 87 ICU beds, including 21 additional spaces. Calgary Zone ICU is operating at 80 per cent of current capacity (including 15 COVID patients in ICU).
- In Edmonton Zone, we currently have 101 ICU beds, including 29 additional spaces. Edmonton Zone is operating at 86 per cent of current capacity (including 33 COVID-19 patients in ICU).
- In Central Zone, we currently have 18 ICU beds, including six additional spaces. Central Zone ICU is operating at 83 per cent of current capacity (including six COVID-19 patients in ICU).
- In South Zone, we currently have 24 ICU beds, including seven additional ICU spaces. South Zone ICU is currently operating at 42 per cent capacity (including six COVID-19 patients in ICU).
- In North Zone, we have 12 ICU spaces (split between Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray), including six additional ICU spaces. North Zone ICU is currently operating at 83 per cent capacity (including six COVID-19 patients in ICU).

These numbers are updated daily; learn more at [AHS Facilities: ICU Updates & Temporary Space Reductions](#).

New and Active Cases

Over the seven-day period ending on Dec. 1 there was an average of 315 new cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to 382 cases per day the previous week (Nov. 18 to Nov. 24), a 17.5 per cent decrease. Four out of five zones reported decreases in the number of new cases per day compared to the previous week, ranging from an 11.9 per cent decrease in Calgary Zone to a 37.5 per cent decrease in Central Zone. Edmonton Zone was the only zone to report an increase in the number of new cases per day with 87 new cases per day, compared to 85 new cases per day the previous week (Nov. 18 to Nov. 24). Over the past week, Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 884 (an average of 126 cases per day).

As of Dec. 1, there are 4,539 active cases in Alberta, a 12.3 per cent decrease compared to Nov. 24. Most zones reported a decrease in active cases: the zone with the largest reported decrease was South Zone, down 20.6 per cent from Nov. 24. For the ninth week in a row, Calgary Zone reported the most active cases with 1,765.

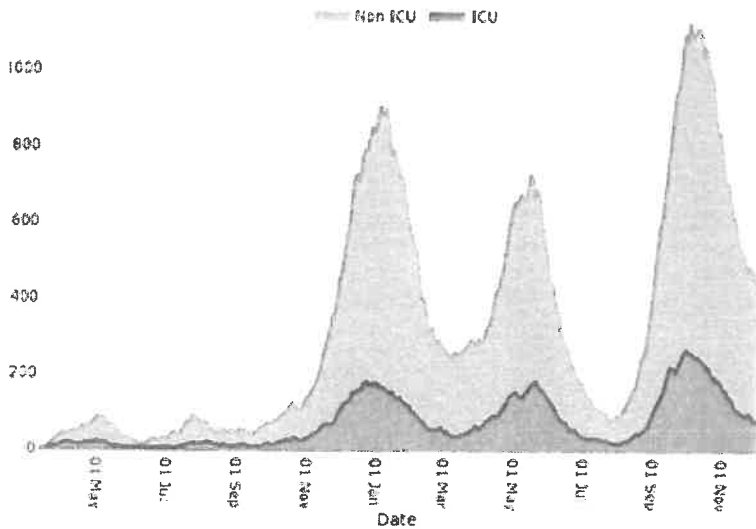


Hospitalizations

Total of 343 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on Dec. 1, compared to 374 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Nov. 24, an 8 per cent decrease.

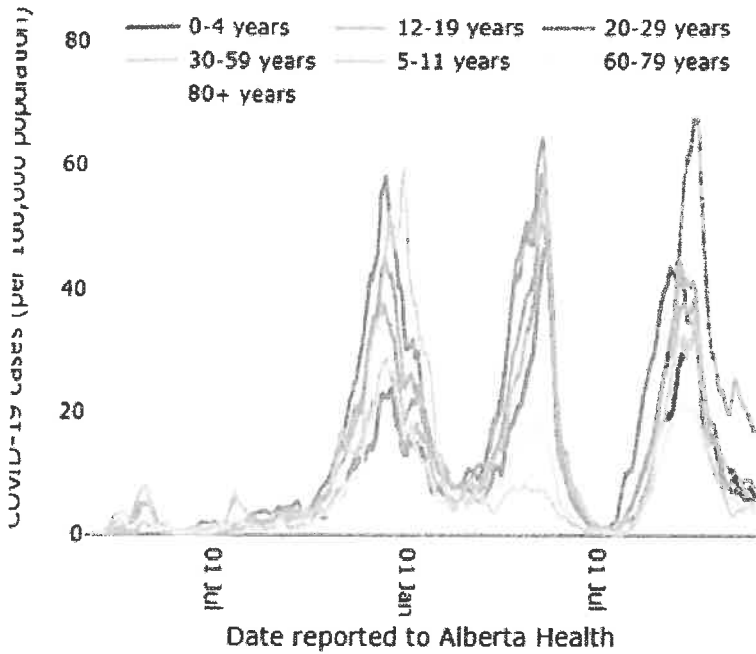
The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Dec. 1 is as follows:

- 132 hospitalizations with 40 of those in ICUs in the Edmonton Zone
- 104 hospitalizations with 17 of those in ICUs in the Calgary Zone
- 80 hospitalizations with 6 of those in ICUs in the Central Zone
- 59 hospitalizations with 6 of those in ICUs in the North Zone
- 44 hospitalizations with 7 of those in ICUs in the South Zone



Cases By Age Group

As of Nov. 28, children aged 5 to 11, who, until last week, were ineligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, had the highest seven-day rolling average of daily COVID-19 cases, with 16.43 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans aged 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 7.57 cases per 100,000 people. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are shown below.



As of Dec. 1, 3,257 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 25 deaths since the last report. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.

Variants of Concern

For variants of concern, the lab ended targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing on Nov. 23. From Nov. 23 to Nov. 29, the average percentage of positive samples that were strain-typed was 92 per cent. Of those strain-typed the rolling average was 99.8 per cent Delta variant. The remaining 0.2 per cent were a wild variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

First Cases of Omicron in Alberta

Last week Alberta Health announced the identification of the first cases of the Omicron variant in Alberta. The World Health Organization designated the Omicron (B.1.1.529) SARS-CoV-2 variant as a variant of concern on Nov. 26. The Government of Canada has implemented enhanced border measures for all travellers who have been in 10 African countries within 14 days of arriving in Canada.

Early evidence suggests there may be an increased risk of transmission and reinfection with this variant, so people who have been previously infected with COVID-19 could be re-infected more easily. There is no evidence of increased disease severity yet.

Alberta's genomic surveillance system is capable of detecting Omicron, and the Public Health Agency of Canada, Alberta Health, and AHS continue to monitor for this variant.

Being fully immunized has historically provided a high level of protection against severe outcomes even with new variants of concern.

Other Notable COVID-19 Related Information:

- As of Dec. 1, a total of 336,043 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 15,102 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.5 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 328,247 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious.
- From Nov. 25 to Dec. 1, 53,456 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 7,637 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 3.88 per cent to 4.64 per cent. As of Dec. 1, a total of 6,145,923 tests have been conducted and 2,589,440 individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The R value is updated every two weeks. From Nov. 15 to Nov. 28 the province-wide R value was 0.88 and the previously reported value was 0.92.
- Public reporting of outbreaks in schools continues and you can find more information, [here](#).

COVID-19 Testing For Healthcare Workers

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

as of Nov. 30:

- 86,696 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 8,981 (or 10.36 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 6,652 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 679 (or 10.21 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,329 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 6,106 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 376 (or 6.16 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 276 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 23 (or 8.33 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 100 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

Additional Booster Vaccines Announced

As announced by [Alberta Health](#) on Dec. 1, Albertans 18 years and older will be eligible for a booster dose in a staged approach, starting with those aged 60+. These eligible Albertans can now book appointments for a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine six months after receiving their second dose. First appointments will be available beginning on Dec. 6.

Third doses will be available by appointment only. All eligible individuals can book appointments for third doses online with participating pharmacies by using the Alberta vaccine [booking system](#). Albertans can also call 811, [participating pharmacies](#) or participating physicians' offices. Individuals who live on a First Nations reserve can access third doses through local public health clinics on-reserve.

Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine continue to be available to other eligible populations, including frontline healthcare workers who provide direct patient care, had their first two doses of vaccine less than eight weeks apart, and are at least six months from their second dose. For a full list of all groups that are eligible, visit [alberta.ca/vaccine](#).

Vaccine Availability

AstraZeneca - Currently, there is no supply of the AstraZeneca vaccine in the province. Additional supply is expected in the middle of December. Individuals requiring second doses of AstraZeneca should call Health Link to get on a wait list for notification when the vaccine has arrived. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) - The Janssen vaccine continues to be available for Albertans 18 years of age and older. Due to limited supply, the vaccine is only administered at AHS clinics in select locations across the province. Call Health Link at 811 to book an appointment.

Only one dose of the Janssen vaccine is needed to be fully immunized. A booster dose of an mRNA vaccine is recommended after six months. At this time, the Janssen vaccine is only for people who haven't had any doses of the COVID-19 vaccines before. It will not be provided as a second dose or a booster dose.

Vaccine Rollout to Children 5 to 11 Continues

More than 40,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been given to children aged 5 to 11, since appointments opened for this age group last Friday. Appointments continue to be available for this age group across the province at AHS immunization clinics and select pharmacies.

Appointments must be booked [online](#) or by calling Health Link at 811. Walk-ins are not available at this time. Children who live on a First Nations reserve can access doses through the nursing stations or public health clinics on-reserve.

Alberta Health has recommended that the interval between first and second doses for this age group should be at least eight weeks. It is recommended that you are not required, to wait for a period of at least 14 days before and after the administration of the COVID-19 pediatric vaccine and the administration of another vaccine. We are making this recommendation so we can accurately monitor adverse events following COVID-19 immunization and not incorrectly attribute the event to another vaccine. It is not due to any safety concern; there is no evidence that giving two vaccines within 14 days cause

y increased risk to individuals.

outine school immunizations can be administered regardless of spacing from COVID-19 vaccine due to the fact that both school immunizations and COVID-19 immunizations are important and the 14-day spacing could be a barrier, preventing a child from getting vaccines.

an individual presents at a clinic or another immunizer, individuals should not be turned away from receiving more than one vaccine on the same day if they are within the 14-day period between the COVID-19 vaccine and another vaccine.

r more information, go visit ahs.ca/vaccinekids.

r a bit of fun, help take down COVID-zilla with a new interactive game at ahs.ca/CovidZilla.



COVID-19 Immunization in St. Albert for 5-11 Year Olds

Starting today, December 6, Alberta Health Services will offer COVID-19 immunizations for 5 to 11 year olds at the St. Albert Public Health Centre, at 2100 Winston Churchill Ave. Families can book appointments through the [Alberta Vaccine Booking System](#) or by calling Health Link at 811.

Things You Need to Know

Move to New Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Complete

On Saturday, December 4, AHS moved into the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital (GPRH). A total of 99 patients - including Carol and Priscilla, pictured below - were relocated from the former Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Hospital. 1,192 AHS staff members were involved in the move, along with 24 physicians, 95 volunteers, and a pipe band.



It took approximately 11 hours to shift care to the new site, with the first patient leaving the QEII at 6:45 a.m. and the last patient leaving at 4:50 p.m. on Saturday. The move finished ahead of schedule thanks to extensive preplanning, and enthusiastic cooperation and collaboration across the various teams involved.

Patients were transported to GPRH using a total of 17 different Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicles, including eight traditional ambulances, tactical care units, one neonatal intensive care (NICU) ambulance, a 40 foot multi-patient EMS bus, four non-urgent transport units, and a recreation therapy bus.

The first emergency department visit at the new hospital took place at approximately 6:45 a.m. The first surgery was completed at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, while the first baby was born on site on December 5th at 7:35 a.m.

Thank you to our patients and their families for your patience and support during the move. We are also grateful for all of our dedicated teams and community partners who assisted with this monumental task.

For more information on the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital, visit ahs.ca/gprh.

Updated COVID-19 Record Available to Albertans

Alberta's new vaccine card is now available through the Alberta Health website. The updated card aligns with Canadian federal standards, and is the proof of vaccination required for international and domestic travel. In addition to featuring both of Canada's official languages, a change to the size of the printable QR card, as well as the cardholder's first and middle name are now included.

When accessing the card, the website allows those with booster doses to choose either a single or double sided document displaying all vaccines, pending on preference. Alberta Health also anticipates a mobile-friendly version to be available in the near future.

Albertans can access the new version of the vaccine record with the QR code at alberta.ca/CovidRecords. Albertans can also continue to obtain their updated vaccine record at no cost by visiting a registry agent office or by calling Health Link at 811.

Albertans planning to travel need to check the required travel documents with the [Government of Canada](https://www.international.gc.ca) and their destination ahead of any provincial or international travel.

Accepted Proof of Vaccination for Restrictions Exemption Program (REP)

The following are considered valid forms of proof of vaccination accepted by operators participating in the [REP](#):

- [Alberta vaccine record with QR code](#) (paper or digital)
- [Vaccine records from other provinces and territories](#)
- First Nation vaccine records
- Out-of-country vaccine records along with a valid ID, such as a passport
- Canadian Armed Forces vaccine records
- U.S. Military proof of vaccination and ID card

AHS continues to receive a high volume of COVID-19 immunization records submitted through the [online Alberta Immunization Record Self Submission Portal](#), which require further review and verification. Verified submission information will display in your [MyHealth Records](#) account, but it may take two to three weeks. Our teams are doing everything they can to work through these requests as quickly as possible.

If you are experiencing issues getting your immunization record with a QR code, please visit alberta.ca/CovidRecordsHelp.

Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy Updated - Testing Option Introduced

In the [direction of the Government](#), AHS will temporarily introduce frequent, targeted COVID-19 testing as part of our [Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy](#). Only work locations at significant risk of service disruptions due to staffing shortages, resulting from employees who are not fully immunized, will be part of the testing program, which will be reviewed by the end of March 2022.

Eligible employees who are not fully immunized at a very limited number of work locations will be able to provide proof of negative COVID-19 tests, starting Dec. 13, 2021, to ensure uninterrupted patient care. The list of work locations is still being finalized, and employees at affected work locations will receive a formal notification if the testing option is available to them. The immunization policy deadline will also be adjusted to Dec. 13 to accommodate the introduction of targeted testing.

We've had an overwhelmingly positive response to the policy and we're extremely grateful to all employees and physicians who are now fully immunized. To date, 97 per cent of AHS full-time and part-time employees and more than 99 per cent of physicians have submitted proof of immunization.

We stand by our immunization policy, which was implemented to protect patients and healthcare workers. Patient care has always been the focus of our policy – we must do everything we can to ensure vulnerable patients are protected in our care. We continue to recommend COVID-19 immunization as part of our overall approach to protect patients and one another.

Fluenza Immunization Update

As of Nov. 27, 977,359 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is about 22.1 per cent of the population. No additional influenza cases were identified this past week, leaving the total at five confirmed cases of influenza, so far this season.

Although the influenza activity we are seeing right now is less than we would see in a typical season, with changes to public health restrictions, more people travelling, and as more activities move indoors during the winter season, we can expect to see a rise in the number of Albertans with respiratory symptoms and other illnesses, including seasonal influenza.

Now more than ever we need Albertans to get immunized against influenza, to protect themselves, their families and community. For more information on influenza, visit ahs.ca/influenza. Interactive aggregate data is available online at [Alberta influenza statistics](#).

Verna's Weekly Video Message: Debunking Vaccine Myths

While COVID-19 vaccines have been proven safe and effective, I know many Albertans still have questions. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation out there, especially on social media. This can cause a lot of confusion and lead to people being hesitant about getting the vaccine.

Joining me (Verna) to dispel some of the more common myths is Dr. Mark Joffe, an infectious disease specialist and our Vice President and Medical Director, Cancer Care Alberta, Clinical Support Services and Provincial Clinical Excellence.



Dr. Verna Yiu sits down with Dr. Mark Joffe to discuss vaccine myths and why it is important for children to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Please Stay Home When Sick and Stay Vigilant

As a reminder, it's important that we continue to take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and other viruses. In addition to being immunized for both COVID-19 and influenza, we cannot overstate the importance of staying home when sick.

Now is not the time to let your guard down. We must all continue to be diligent in modelling safe work practices. This includes adhering to personal protective equipment (PPE) measures, washing your hands regularly and physically distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Our actions matter and we each have a role to play in protecting each other.

Temporary Closure of Elk Point Emergency Department Extended

The Elk Point Healthcare Centre emergency department (ED) will continue to be temporarily without on-site physician coverage for a 24-hour period starting at 8 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Nursing staff will remain on-site in the ED providing triage and assessments, and referrals for patients to alternate EDs in surrounding communities as needed.

Patients are asked to call 911 if they have a medical emergency during this time. EMS calls will be re-routed to St. Therese – St. Paul Healthcare Centre in St. Paul, 35 km away. Depending on their needs, patients seeking care at the ED in Elk Point may also be made aware of services available through local pharmacies. Residents are reminded to call Health Link at 811, which is available 24/7 for non-emergency, health-related questions.

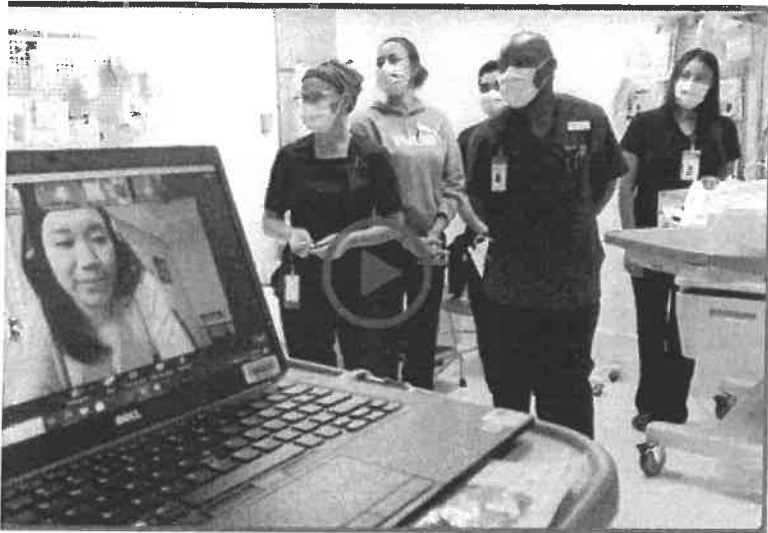
AsS continues to secure on-site physician coverage for those hours, and will provide another update on physician recruitment and physician coverage for the local ED in mid-January.

Wabasca Nursing Team Wins RhPAP 2021 Rhapsody Rural Health-Care Heroes Award

The pandemic has brought various challenges to all of our lives, to say the least, but our healthcare teams continually push beyond obstacles and barriers to continue to teach, learn and grow. One team in particular, broke through the barriers and won the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Rhapsody Health-Care Heroes Award for their innovation in implementing virtual health technology to train nurses.

Before the pandemic, AHS would visit rural healthcare centres to train healthcare staff, but restrictions implemented due to the pandemic to ensure patient and staff safety created barriers to this training. Partnering with eSIM™ (Educate, Simulate, Innovate, Motivate), a provincial Quality & Health Improvement Simulation program, the nursing team at Wabasca/Desmarais Healthcare Centre introduced virtual simulation to keep up-to-date on procedures.

Rhapsody Awards recognize rural Alberta health professionals or teams which demonstrate superior commitment to their patients, healthcare team, and community. Congratulations to the Wabasca/Desmarais Healthcare Centre nursing team!



Mobile Mammography Service to Visit Vermilion

Women ages 50-74 - the group most at risk of developing breast cancer - will have local access to mammography services when the AHS' Screen Test program visits Vermilion. The mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at Vermilion Senior's Centre, 5324 50 Ave. on Dec. 15-18, 20 and 21. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling toll-free 1-800-667-0604.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast and has proven to be the most effective way to detect breast cancer. Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of clients and staff. Details will be shared when residents book an appointment.

Learn How to Manage Stress in Challenging Times

Albertans looking for ways to identify and manage stress are invited to join two free online workshops facilitated by Alberta Health Services. Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage - Strategies for Managing Your Stress in Challenging Times is an interactive workshop that includes basic discussions of stress plus looks at different ways to manage stress, including 2 HeartMath® breathing techniques. Participants come away with an understanding of the impact of emotions on the body plus an action plan to address their own stress.

AHS Launches Virtual Wellness Courses

Wellness Exchange provides free, online courses that focus on topics including exploring healthy connections. Five different online courses are available ranging in topics from managing reactions, helpful thinking, and increasing confidence through effective problem solving. Albertans can register for any all courses. Find more resources for Albertans at Help in Tough Times.

Join the Conversation

Mountain HAC Engagement Event

t's Talk About Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion on **Tuesday, December 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** This virtual event will focus on creating spaces that are emotionally and culturally safe, understanding gaps in cultural values and what you can do to support the conversation. Registration is required: [here](#).

Join Us for a Session on the Opioid Crisis in the Greater Edmonton Area

During the COVID-19 pandemic a spotlight has been shown on the impacts of opioids and the prevalence in Alberta. Drug poisoning has worked its way into our cities, towns, suburbs, and homes. There is no silver bullet to addressing this crisis; it requires collaboration and coordination between organizations and communities.

On December 8th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, the Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council invites you to join us to learn more about this important topic. The session will include information and data about drug poisonings in the Zone, health promotion and prevention efforts, and available services and supports in the community. Participants will also hear stories from individuals with lived experiences.

Register for this virtual event and get the zoom access link: visit [Eventbrite](#) or email us at Community.Engagement@ahs.ca (subject line: Greater Edmonton).

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

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

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

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

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

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

Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation 2021 Courage Awards

Each year staff at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital nominate their patients for the prestigious Courage Award. The criteria for nomination includes demonstrating courage and serving as a role model to other patients during their rehabilitation journeys. This year three inspiring individuals were chosen as recipients.

Christine suffered the devastating loss of her daughter, son and mother in less than a year. Not long after, she received a cancer diagnosis. She was referred to the START Psychiatry Day Hospital at the Glenrose where her positivity and kindness inspired others.

David, a farmer from central Alberta, suffered severe electrical burns following a tractor accident. He had multiple surgeries and lost his left arm and right leg. His rehabilitation included relearning how to walk and receiving a prosthesis.

Shortly before starting Grade 9, Isabelle found out she had a brain tumour. After undergoing surgery to remove the tumour, she was diagnosed with anterior fossa syndrome and lost the ability to move and speak. Isabelle spent 7 months at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, where she continuously impressed her care team with her hard work and gratitude.

Northern Lights Health Foundation 2021 Festival of Trees Raises \$410K

The 32nd annual Festival of Trees, presented by Syncrude, was completely online with joy and festivities for all ages. It once again brought the community together and has spread hope for a happier, healthier 2022. The weekend was also another successful fundraiser for the Northern Lights Health Foundation!

Together, the foundation raised \$410,000 (after expenses) for healthcare initiatives in the Wood Buffalo region.



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A sincere thanks and appreciation to all the frontline workers; a special thank you to the biomedical engineering technologists. Without them installing and maintaining all the equipment used in hospitals and clinics, the nurses and doctors wouldn't be able to treat the patients. Biomedical engineering technologists are often forgotten, but play a vital role in healthcare.
Sharon

Thank you to the Labs! Thank you to the hard working lab staff who worked long hours, in challenging conditions.
Cheryl

It's difficult to find the words to express my gratitude to our frontline healthcare professionals. They are selfless, compassionate and patient beyond measure, and continually put their lives on the line for all of us. Thank you for choosing this profession, for continually going above and beyond the call of duty, and for never giving up. Your work, your steadfast presence and your love for the work that you do have not gone unnoticed. You are all a gift to our world. You are loved, you are a blessing to us all and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please take care of yourselves and each other.
Christine

Wrapping Up

We don't think we could have said it better than what was conveyed by Christine in the gratitude note above. We completely agree that our teams continually demonstrate a commitment to healthcare in this province that is a true reflection of compassion and professionalism.

Healthcare staff across the province continue to amaze us with their ability to be flexible and nimble in the face of so many unknowns, as we saw with our teams in Wabasca. And, we echo the sentiments expressed above – please take care of yourselves and those around you, especially as we embark on a busy holiday season.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

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

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

As of December 10 we have 228 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 55 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds. On December 10 there were 185 patients in ICU.

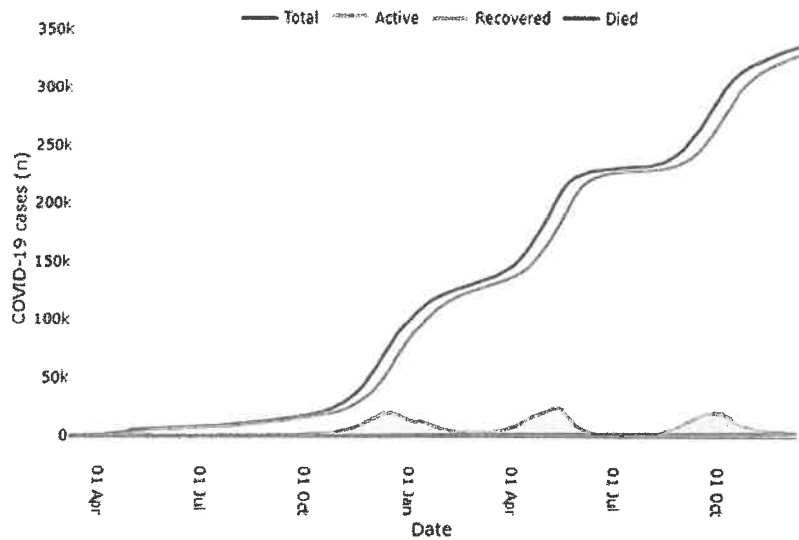
Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is at 81 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 107 per cent.

Learn more at [AHS Facilities: ICU Updates & Temporary Space Reductions](#).

New and Active Cases

For the seven-day period ending on Dec. 8 there was an average of 301 new cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to 313 cases per day the previous week (Nov. 25 to Dec. 1), a 3.8 per cent decrease. The North and South zones were the only zones to report a decrease in the number of new cases per day with a 39.1 per cent and 15.8 per cent decrease, respectively. Central Zone reported the largest increase in new cases per day with 40 new cases per day, compared to 35 new cases per day the previous week (Nov. 25 to Dec. 1). For the second week in a row, Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 887 (an average of 127 new cases per day).

As of Dec. 8, there are 4,094 active cases in Alberta, a 9.8 per cent decrease compared to Dec. 1. Most zones reported a decrease in active cases. The zone with the largest reported decrease was North Zone, down 33.6 per cent from Dec. 1. For the tenth week in a row, Calgary Zone reported the most active cases with 1,682. Edmonton Zone was the only zone that did not report a decrease in active cases compared to the last report.

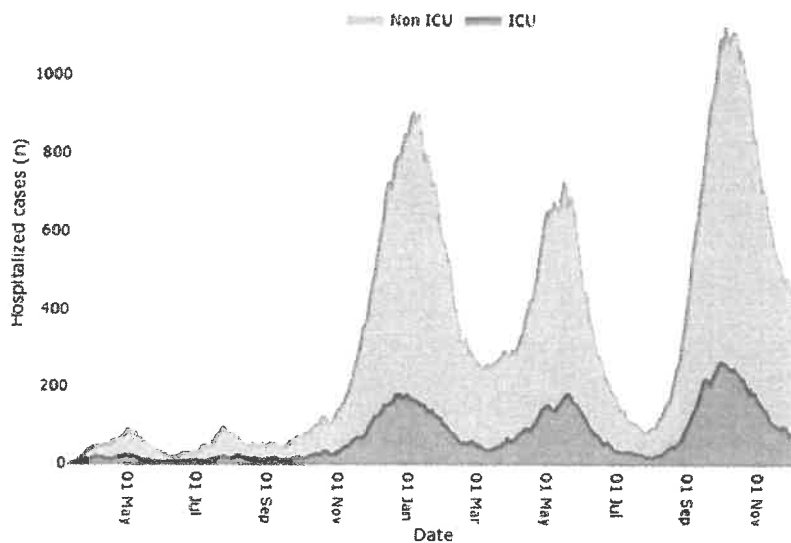


Hospitalizations

A total of 298 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on Dec. 8, compared to 347 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Dec. 1, a 14.1 per cent decrease.

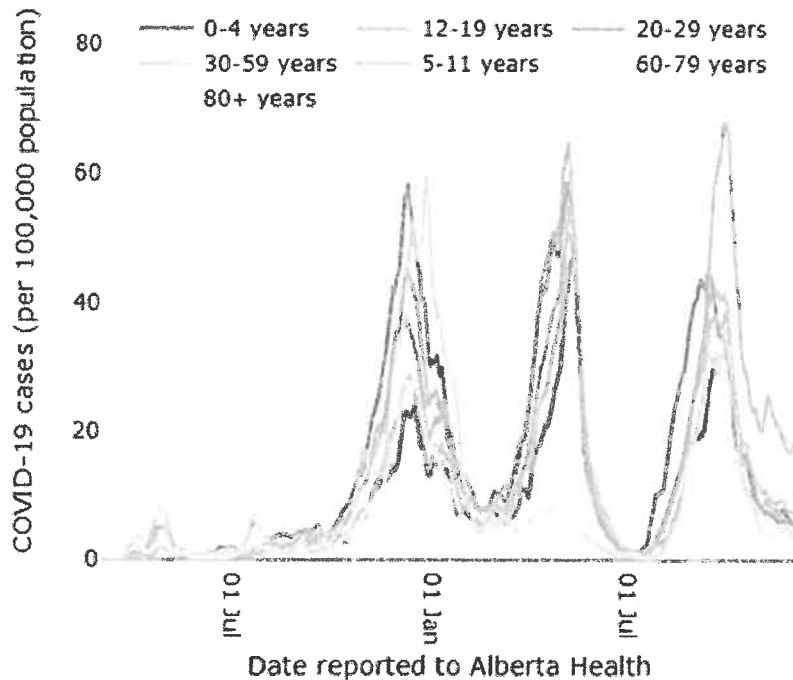
The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Dec. 8 is below:

- 125 hospitalizations with 38 of those in ICUs in Edmonton Zone
- 104 hospitalizations with 17 of those in ICUs in Calgary Zone
- 67 hospitalizations with 6 of those in ICUs in Central Zone
- 43 hospitalizations with 4 of those in ICUs in North Zone
- 29 hospitalizations with 5 of those in ICUs in the South Zone



Cases By Age Group

As of Dec. 5, children aged 5 to 11 – who were, until recently, ineligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine – had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases again this week, with 19.14 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans aged 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 6.71 cases per 100,000 people. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are shown below:



Variants of Concern

For variants of concern, the lab ended targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing on Nov. 23. From Nov. 30 to Dec. 6, the average per cent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 92 per cent. Of those strain-typed the rolling average was 99.0 per cent Delta variant, 0.8 per cent Omicron variant, and 0.2 per cent wild type. Details regarding the Omicron variant in Alberta are outlined below. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Omicron Variant Cases in Alberta

Last week Alberta Health announced additional cases of the Omicron variant in Alberta bringing the total number of cases to 17. While we are still learning about this variant, early evidence suggests there may be an increased risk of transmission and re-infection, so people who have been previously infected with COVID-19 could be re-infected more easily. There is no evidence of increased disease severity yet, however, evidence is still emerging.

The Government of Canada has implemented enhanced border measures for all travellers who have been in any country other than Canada and the United States within 14 days before arriving in Canada, as a precautionary measure.

All international travellers arriving in Canada must ensure they are aware of, understand, and comply with all federal requirements regarding COVID-19. Please continue to adhere to provincial measures and precautions in place: all current guidance and algorithms consider international travel and advise appropriate precautions.

AHS to Notify Close Contacts of Omicron Cases

With the Omicron variant identified in Alberta, contact tracing for all close contacts of cases who are positive, or suspected to be positive with the Omicron variant, will now take place.

AHS stopped contact tracing for close contacts in August 2021. Due to the Omicron variant, AHS is re-introducing the process to those potentially exposed to this highly contagious new variant to recommend they get a COVID-19 test, and to provide further instructions. Contact notifications will also occur for close contacts of COVID-19 cases who have recently travelled outside of Canada and the United States where it hasn't been determined yet if they are positive for the Omicron variant.

AHS will notify these Albertans with a phone call, letter or text message. These close contacts will be asked to monitor for symptoms, and if they develop symptoms, to isolate, and be tested right away.

Albertans who are a close contact of an Omicron positive case or an international traveller, and who are not fully immunized, are recommended to stay home and avoid going to public places until at least 14 days have passed since the last close contact with the person who tested positive with COVID-19.

For more information about contact tracing and getting a COVID-19 test, visit the [AHS website](#).

Other Notable COVID-19 Related Information:

- As of Dec. 8, a total of 338,141 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 15,228 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.5 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 330,776 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious.
- From Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, 56,439 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 8,063 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 3.55 per cent to 4.41 per cent. As of Dec. 8, a total of 6,202,409 tests have been conducted and 2,601,747 individuals have ever been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The R value is updated every two weeks. From Nov. 15 to Nov. 28 the provincewide R value was 0.88 and the previously reported value was 0.92. The R value was not updated this week.
- Public reporting of outbreaks in schools continues and you can find more information [here](#).

COVID-19 Immunizations

Reminder About Booster Doses

As announced by [Alberta Health](#), additional Albertans 18 years and older will be eligible for a booster dose in a staged approach, starting with those aged 60+. These eligible Albertans can now book appointments for a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine six months after receiving their second dose.

For a full list of all groups that are eligible, visit alberta.ca/vaccine.

Appointments can be made through the [online booking tool](#), [participating clinics](#), pharmacies and doctor's office, or by calling Health Link at 811. Individuals who live on a First Nations reserve can access third doses through local public health clinics on-reserve.

Misinformation on Vaccine

Last week a social media post relating to the COVID-19 vaccine and alleged hospital admissions of children related to the vaccine made its rounds on Twitter. AHS responded to the post to ensure Albertans know we support and encourage the administration of COVID-19 vaccine for all eligible age groups. As well, AHS clarified that we are not seeing hospital admissions related to the vaccine in the 5 to 11 age group.

In Alberta, more than 64,000 children between the ages of 5 – 11 have received their vaccine. Close to seven million vaccine doses have been provided to Albertans in all age groups. Of these, just over 2,000 individuals have reported an adverse event, most of which have been mild to moderate and include rash, or pain and swelling where the needle was given.

We encourage everyone to review current, credible evidence to make the best and most informed decision about your health. In addition to the AHS site we recommend:

- Vaccines for Children: [Health Canada](#) and the [Canadian Pediatric Society](#)
- [Alberta Health](#)
- Health Canada ([Debunking Myths](#) and [NACI Recommendations](#))
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

Vaccine Rollout to Children 5 to 11 Continues

Appointments continue to be available for those aged 5-11 across the province at AHS immunization clinics and select pharmacies. Appointments must be booked [online](#) or by calling Health Link at 811. Children who live on a First Nations reserve can access doses through the nursing stations or public health clinics on-reserve.

Alberta Health has recommended that the interval between first and second doses should be at least eight weeks. It is recommended, but not required, to wait for a period of at least 14 days before and after the administration of the COVID-19 pediatric vaccine and the administration of another vaccine. Routine school immunizations can be administered regardless of spacing from the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine Availability

AstraZeneca - Currently there is no supply of the AstraZeneca vaccine in the province. Additional supply is expected later in December. Individuals requiring second doses of AstraZeneca should call Health Link to get on a wait list for notification when the vaccine has arrived. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) - The Janssen vaccine continues to be available for Albertans 18 years of age and older. Due to limited supply, the vaccine is only administered at AHS clinics in select locations across the province. Call Health Link at 811 to book an appointment.

The Janssen vaccine is now available for individuals with a contraindication to currently available COVID-19 vaccines. This includes people who have had a dose of COVID-19 vaccine previously and had a serious adverse reaction. A minimum of 28 days from any previously received COVID-19 vaccine is required. Only one dose of the Janssen vaccine is needed to be fully immunized.

mRNA vaccines continue to be recommended as the most safe and effective vaccine choice, for all those that are able to receive them. Individuals without a contraindication to an mRNA vaccine, who have been immunized with a single dose of Janssen as their only vaccine, are recommended to have a booster dose of mRNA vaccine after six months.

Things You Need to Know

Public Alert: Spike in Opioid Related EMS Calls

Alberta Health Services has recently seen a higher-than-average number of opioid-related EMS responses in Calgary and Edmonton. In Calgary, there was 85 opioid-related EMS responses from Nov. 29 – Dec. 5. During the last month EMS responded to between 44-58 calls a week. In Edmonton, there were 140 opioid-related EMS responses from Nov. 29 – Dec. 5. During the last month EMS responded to between 57-112 calls a week.

Work is underway to connect with local partners to understand the circumstances, local context, and support required.

If you or someone you love needs help related to substance use, help is available that reduces the risk of overdose and death. In an emergency, call 911 or go directly to your nearest emergency department. For support or treatment options call the [Addiction Helpline](#) at 1-866-332-2322, or for a listing of available opioid dependency programs visit [Opioid Agonist Treatment Clinics in Alberta - College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta | CPSA](#).

AHS also has the **Virtual Opioid Dependency Program**; call 1-844-383-7688 to start today.

The Digital Overdose Response System (DORS) is a free, discrete mobile app that can help prevent overdose deaths among people using opioids and other substances while alone, available in Edmonton, Calgary and surrounding communities. The DORS app can be downloaded from any smart phone's app store, or through the links available on [DORSApp.ca](#).

Emergency Wait Times Now Online Across Edmonton Zone

Real-time estimated wait times are now available online for all [emergency departments in the Edmonton Zone](#), including urgent care services, giving Albertans another tool to help them decide where to access

care for themselves and their families.

Last week, wait times for the emergency department at the Devon General Hospital, and urgent care services at the East Edmonton Health Centre were added to complete the list of Edmonton Zone hospitals on the [AHS website](#) and the [AHS mobile app](#).

Online estimated emergency department wait times were first posted for hospitals and urgent care centres in the Calgary Zone in July 2011, and then in the Edmonton Zone in June 2012, followed by the Red Deer Regional Hospital in early 2016 and the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital and Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge in September 2017.

Appointment of New AHS Board Chair

As announced by [Alberta Health](#) on Dec. 9, Minister of Health Jason Copping has appointed Gregory Turnbull, QC, to the [position of AHS Board Chair](#) for a three-year term, effective Dec. 8.

We want to thank David Weyant, QC, AHS's former Board Chair, who recently resigned to pursue other opportunities and interests. We are grateful for David's contributions during his time as Board Chair, with two years spent helping AHS navigate the pandemic, and for his ongoing dedication to serving Albertans.

As a former partner with McCarthy Tétrault LLP Greg has more than 35 years of experience in corporate governance. He has acted as director, officer and counsel to boards and special committees, including in the medical sector. Greg is currently a member of the Advisory Council at the School of Public Policy and the Dean's Advisory Council at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. He is also a long-term member of the Calgary Health Foundation, where he has most recently served as the Chair of the governance committee.

We look forward to working closely with Greg in the coming months as we develop a shared vision for AHS.

Influenza Immunization Update

As of December 4, 1,016,859 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta; which is about 23 per cent of the population. One additional influenza case was identified this past week, leaving the total at six confirmed cases of influenza so far this season.

Although the influenza activity we are seeing right now is less than we would see in a typical season, with changes to public health restrictions, more people travelling, and as more activities move indoors during the winter season, we can expect to see a rise in the number of Albertans with respiratory symptoms and other illnesses - including seasonal influenza.

Now more than ever we need Albertans to get immunized against influenza, to protect themselves, their families and community.

For more information on influenza, visit ahs.ca/influenza. Interactive aggregate data is available online at [Alberta influenza statistics](#).

Wastewater Used to Detect COVID-19

Researchers at the University of Alberta and University of Calgary have teamed up to expand their COVID-19 wastewater monitoring programs across the province. The joint effort monitors the wastewater of approximately 3.2 million people or nearly three-quarters of the population of Alberta, via sampling at 17 wastewater treatment plants and facilities across the province. The Government of Alberta has provided \$3.4 million in funding to support the program.

Researchers from University of Calgary are monitoring wastewater treatment plants in Fort McMurray, Airdrie, Canmore, Calgary, Drumheller, Okotoks, Strathmore and Taber, while researchers from University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry are covering Grande Prairie, Cold Lake, Fort Saskatchewan, Edmonton, Red Deer, Banff, High River, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge.

In total, the wastewater of 25 cities, towns and communities is being monitored for traces of the virus in this way. The program is expected to grow as additional municipalities begin to participate.

Samples will be taken three times a week and results will be shared on the [COVID-19 Data Tracker](#)

website, which allows members of the public to view recent data points in different communities, to see how cases are trending. Researchers at the Cumming School of Medicine's Centre for Health Informatics have been providing regular online reporting of the wastewater results from Calgary for nearly a year with publicly available real-time data.

The program builds on several successful COVID-19 wastewater projects that have been led by teams from the University of Alberta and UCalgary respectively, in partnership with Alberta Health Services, The City of Calgary, and EPCOR.

Verna's Weekly Video Message: Spotlight on Pharmacy Services

We often talk about the challenges and pressure brought about by this pandemic, but the adversity of COVID-19 has also provided the opportunity for AHS teams to demonstrate innovation and resilience.

Over the past 20 months, there have been many accomplishments to celebrate from teams across the organization. One of those teams is Pharmacy Services. From ordering drugs and keeping them stocked in hospitals around the province, to testing and releasing new drugs as research becomes available, the Pharmacy Services team has done some incredible work.

Joining me (Verna) to tell us more are:

- Tracey Simpson, Director, Procurement, Inventory and Service Performance, Pharmacy Services
- Jeremy Slobodan, Director, Drug Utilization, Information & Stewardship, Pharmacy Services



Addiction & Mental Health Clinic to Move in Innisfail

The AHS Addiction and Mental Health clinic in Innisfail moved today - Monday, Dec. 13. The new location provides expanded space and more confidential areas for clients as it moves from its current location at the Innisfail Health Centre, to the new clinic located at 5056 50 St.

The new clinic location will officially open on Tuesday, Dec. 14 and will continue to provide assessment and treatment for children, youth, adults and seniors with addiction or mental health concerns. Appointments can continue to be made by calling: 403-227-4601 or 403-507-8174.

As always, for 24/7 help, please call the Addiction Help Line at 1-866-332-2322 and the Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642.

Mobile Mammography Service to Visit Edson

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Edson Healthcare Centre (3837 6 Ave., northeast side of the building) on Jan. 5-8, Jan. 10-15 and Jan. 17-19. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast and has proven to be the most effective way to detect breast cancer. Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of clients and staff. Details will be shared when residents book an appointment.

Join the Conversation

Learn How to Manage Stress in Challenging Times

Albertans looking for ways to identify and manage stress are invited to join two free online workshops facilitated by Alberta Health Services. Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage – Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times is an interactive workshop that includes basic discussions of stress plus looks at different ways to manage stress, including 2 HeartMath® breathing techniques. Participants come away with an understanding of the impact of emotions on the body plus an action plan to address their own stress.

Health and Provincial Advisory Council Annual Reports

Visit ahs.ca/advisorycouncils to review the Annual Reports from each of AHS' 12 Health Advisory Councils, four Provincial Advisory Councils, and Wisdom Council.

AHS' Advisory Councils are finished their meetings for the remainder of 2021, and look forward to meeting again in the new year. Upcoming Health Advisory Council Meeting information can be found at ahs.ca/advisorycouncils.

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

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

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

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

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

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

Regional EMS Foundation Supports Front Line Workers

The Regional EMS Foundation is proud to support frontline workers this Christmas season with a light display in the Northern Spirit Light Show. The show includes a handmade ambulance by Kathy Miles (a local volunteer with the Peace Draft Horse Club) as well as the message, "There is always light, Thank you, Health Care Workers."

Proceeds from the annual event will help four food banks in the region, in addition to 20 schools for the breakfast and



lunch programs.

Read more about the [Northern Spirit Light Show](#) and the Regional EMS Foundation [here](#).

Northern Lights Health Foundation Teddy Delivery in New Transport Chair

The second of two Stryker Transport Chairs arrived at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre. Thanks to the [Northern Lights Health Foundation](#), these chairs are being used in the Diagnostic Imaging department and Emergency Department.

These chairs have lot of great features - oversized foot pedal lock/unlock buttons, swing away arm rests and leg rests to allow easy loading/unloading of the patient, a pouch to put patient charts, easy load oxygen tank holder, and integrated IV pole. These transport chairs turn on a dime and are easy to clean and maintain.

Funds to purchase chairs were donated by Raymond James. The chair is loaded with teddies donated by community members to the Tree of Hope during the Festival of Trees.

Gratitude from Albertans

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

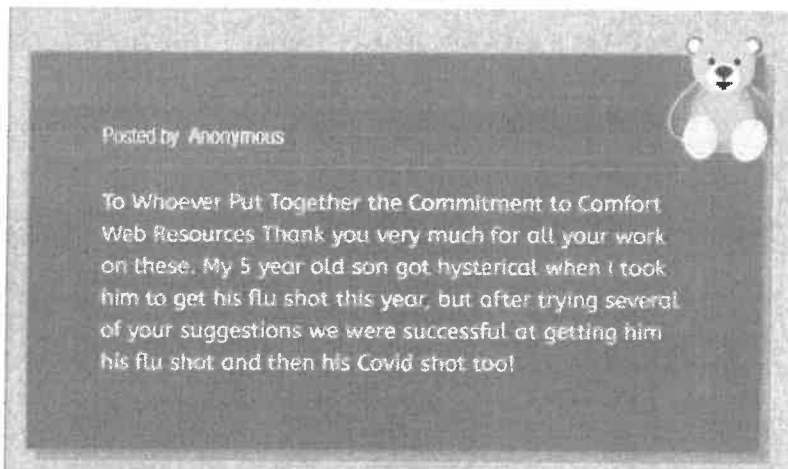


Thank you to all the healthcare workers that have done so much over the course of the pandemic going above and beyond!
—Sarah Burgess

Thank you so much for all you do for our communities. You are forever appreciated.
—Anonymous

Thank you for being our true heroes.
—Carmen Ma

Thank you to everyone that continues to show up and care for patients. I'm sorry the last two years have been so hard on you all. You're doing amazing!
—Anonymous



Wrapping Up - Pandemic Positives

It is so easy and understandable to lament the toll this pandemic has taken on us.

We have endured much and persevered through some very heavy months, but this week, as we draw closer to the end of this year, we want to reflect on some of the opportunities COVID-19 has provided.

- As we noted with our Pharmacy Services above, we have all exponentially grown our resilience and ability to adapt to ever-changing circumstances.
- We have developed creative approaches to providing care and conducting our daily work, in ways we never would have, had we not been tested by the demands of the pandemic.
- In the midst of vitriol and misinformation, we have seen tenderness and understanding, like nothing we have ever experienced.
- While being separate, we have been deliberate and intentional about connecting with others, which has nurtured relationships.
- We have been collectively open to new ideas and shown our vulnerability with each other in the most overwhelming moments.
- We have seen you demonstrate remarkable compassion, reminding us of the goodness of humanity.

We are so thankful for these experiences and all that they've taught us in the past 21 months.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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Hello Mayors and Councillors,

Congratulations on your recent election/re-election. For those of you who do not know me, I am the Director of Villages West and Vice President of Villages and Summer Villages for Alberta Municipalities (formerly Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, AUMA), which means that I represent you and your village on the Alberta Municipalities Board. I hope that things are going well as you get to know your roles and/or new council members. Normally, I send updates on Alberta Municipalities advocacy initiatives and important events and issues that I feel may be important to you or your community. Since we just had our AGM and board elections at our convention, I will send a more fulsome update email after we have had our first board meeting and done committee appointments, likely in the new year. In the meantime, I want to ensure that you are aware of our rebranding and name change, as well as tell you a little about me.

At Convention, I had the pleasure of introducing our new and exciting name. We did extensive engagement with our members before deciding on our new name and brand. During our stakeholder engagement, we consistently heard our members saying:

- they do not define themselves as being 'urban' or 'rural', but as municipalities and communities.
- they were confused by the split brand presented as Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC); and
- that 'AUMA' and 'AMSC' were simply a jumble of letters that held no real meaning for them.

As a result, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC) are now **combined under a single brand name, Alberta Municipalities.**

You can view our brand video and read more [about the brand](#) at our new website, [abmunis.ca](#).

Now, a little about me. I was first elected to my village council in 2013 and became Deputy Mayor in 2017. I was elected Director of Villages West on the Alberta Municipalities Board in 2018, Vice President of Villages and Summer Villages in 2019, and just wrapped up a brief stint as Interim President. I am currently in my 3rd year of a Bachelor of Professional Arts Degree in Governance, Law, and Management with Athabasca University and I am the proud mother of two wonderful boys. I am a passionate advocate for communities and work hard to ensure that small communities have a strong and knowledgeable voice at the board and executive table. Over the last couple of years, I have had the pleasure of visiting many of your communities, and I have learned so much about what makes each of them unique and yet oddly similar. I hope to continue visiting your communities over the next year to meet you and learn more about your issues and initiatives and how I can better represent you. I also encourage you to get in touch with me if you have questions, comments, concerns or you just want to chat about what is going on in your community; my contact information is below, and please note my new email address, angeladuncan@albertabeach.com. I look forward to working with you.

Finally, I have been working to update my email list, but have not managed to track down everyone's email addresses yet. I am hopeful that CAO's will fan this out to councils and that if you did not receive this directly from me that you please forward me your email address so that I can add it to my records. Conversely, if you do not wish to receive update emails from me, please let me know and I will take you off my list.

Thank you and I hope you have a wonderful day,

Angela Duncan

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Alberta Municipalities' Response to Study on Provincial Police Service

Last month, the Government of Alberta released the full PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) feasibility study on an independent provincial police service. Read the study, see the estimates, and learn what clarifications Alberta Municipalities has requested from the Province.

We are conducting more in-depth analysis of the study this winter, and we will hold a member engagement event on Friday, January 21, at 10 a.m. to share the results of our analysis and hear your feedback on next steps.



ADVOCACY UPDATES



AUMA re-brands; now Alberta Municipalities

Our association has changed its name to Alberta Municipalities in line with our members' preference.

When we work together and speak as one, we can achieve great things.

Alberta Municipalities. Strength in Members.

Have your say - Economic Corridor Task Force (ECTF)

The Government of Alberta's Economic Corridor Task Force (ECTF), chaired by Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland MLA Shane Getson, is studying the potential for strategic economic corridors to get our province's goods, services, and natural resources to market. Submit your feedback by Dec 6, 2021.



FCM Webinars on Gender-Based Violence and Online Safety for Women Municipal Leaders

Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) is a three-year project supporting social inclusion initiatives. Register for the Nov 29 or Dec 9 webinars on ending gender-based violence and online safety for women leaders in the municipal sector.

CASUAL LEGAL: "On the Record": Understanding the Role of a Record of Proceedings

The Record of Proceedings is significant because it is the evidence that the Court of Queen's Bench will consider in assessing the reasonableness of the municipal council's decision.

INNOVATION



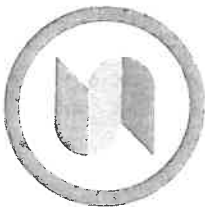
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GOOD TO KNOW

Municipalities can access funding, talent, and solutions to challenges through Mitacs, a not-for-profit organization that fosters growth and innovation in Canada. Through Mitacs's internship programs, municipalities can access a range of research expertise and specialized skills from Canada's post-secondary institutions to advance innovation, policy, and local projects. Mitacs interns — ranging from college and polytechnic students, university undergraduate and graduate students, to postdoctoral fellows — can help municipalities address a broad range of challenges from infrastructure renewal, including waterways and roads, to agricultural and food supply issues, to COVID-19 pandemic-related. To learn more, go to mitacs.ca



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

By better understanding your facilities' energy use, you can start your energy efficiency journey. The Tool Lending Library can help. Borrow energy auditing tools to help perform technical energy audits and inform your energy efficiency projects for free through the Tool Lending Library. The Tool Lending Library offers over 20 different types of tools.

Congratulations! Rocky Mountain House on the launch of the Clean Energy Improvement Program

The Town of Rocky Mountain House is the first in Alberta to launch the Clean Energy Improvement Program. Learn more about this innovative financing tool for residential and commercial property owners to help make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades more affordable.

VALUABLE LINKS



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- Administrative Assistant - Legislative, Community & AG Services
- Protective Services Officer (CPO1) - Fire Dept Liason
- Asset Management Co-ordinator
- Director of Corporate Services
- Application Support Analyst
- Youth and Business Development Coordinator
- Gas Billing Administrative Assistant
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DECEMBER 1, 2021

QUICK LINKS

Alberta Recycling Management Authority Updates

Still time to register for Munis 101



Update from the Legislature - Dec 1, 2021



The legislature is in session this week and is expected to sit until December 9, one week later than originally scheduled.

- Mid year Fiscal Update and Economic Statement
- Further details on new childcare agreement
- Covid-19 Vaccination Progress
- Fall 2021 Legislation Status

ADVOCACY UPDATES



Alberta Recycling Management Authority Updates: ePilot, Household Hazardous Waste, and Paint Programs

Alberta Recycling Management Authority is hosting two webinars updating municipalities on the ePilot, Household Hazardous Waste, and the Paint programs.

CASUAL LEGAL: “Absolute and Unfettered”: Provincial Authority Over Municipal Elections

The Supreme Court of Canada recently confirmed that provinces have the power to unilaterally make changes to municipal electoral institutions, even when a municipal election is imminent.

GOOD TO KNOW

Are you a communications specialist for your community, company, or a non-profit? If so, you may be interested in taking a few minutes to help build resilience to large-scale disruptions in our province.

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency is conducting a short survey of communications professionals to inform the development of programming and resources to help build resilience across the province. [Click this link](#) to share your thoughts. The survey will run from November 30 to December 14, 2021.

Miistakis Institute is hosting a [webinar](#) on the Municipal Natural Infrastructure Asset Inventory. The natural infrastructure asset inventory aims to help municipalities create a spatial resource and database using the best available data. Once complete, the inventory allows users to self-identify the ecosystem services they are most interested in and the natural infrastructure assets that support them. This [webinar](#) will introduce the Town of Cochrane’s pilot project and guidebook to support municipalities’ work in natural infrastructure asset inventory.

Effective November 15, 2021, some Water Act surface water and groundwater licenses are now managed in the **Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS)**. DRAS is a digital tool supporting Alberta Environment and Parks’ (AEP) regulatory modernization initiative. Rolled out in stages until 2023, DRAS will eventually move all applications online, supporting all authorization types managed by AEP under the *Water Act*, *Public Lands Act*, and *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.



Still time to register for Munis 101

Space is still available for in person Munis 101 orientation sessions taking place in Strathmore on December 6 and 7, Three Hills December 9 and 10, as well as Blackfalds on December 11 & 12.

VALUABLE LINKS



JOBS CONNECT

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Fire Chief
- Environmental Inspector
- DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
- Senior Financial Analyst
- Deputy Fire Chief- FT
- Manager of Transportation
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Update from the Legislature - Dec 8

Water Grant Programs - Annual Intake Deadline Extended

Third Round of Housing Supply Challenge Launching Soon



New Guidelines for Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE)

Alberta Municipalities' past advocacy on this topic has supported the use of ATE based on research showing that ATE helps decrease motor vehicle collisions, thereby reducing injuries, fatalities, and property damage.

Read more about the changes coming into effect in April 2022.



ADVOCACY UPDATES



How Alberta's population estimates will apply to 2022 funding

In recent months, some Alberta Municipalities members have asked what population data will be used by the provincial government to calculate the allocation of provincial funding to municipalities in 2022.

The Province has provided some clarity. See their responses here.

Update from the Legislature - Dec 8

- Provincial election date
- 2022 Provincial Budget Consultations
- Select Special Committee to Examine Safe Supply
- Covid-19 Vaccination Progress
- Fall 2021 Legislation Status



Water Grant Programs – Annual Intake Deadline Extended

Alberta Transportation has extended the intake deadline for the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership and the Water for Life grant programs to **February 28, 2022**.

Third Round of Housing Supply Challenge Launching Soon

With up to \$300M of funding available, the Housing Supply Challenge invites applicants from across Canada to propose innovative solutions to affordable housing barriers.

Alberta Municipalities Presents: Mitacs – Research, Innovation and Local Governments

Trying to solve a challenge, start a project, or improve your community? Tired of applying for grant after grant and not getting enough funding? Alberta Municipalities is hosting a webinar with Mitacs to help solve some of the challenges that you are facing as a municipality.

December 15, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Next EPR Virtual Session – December 10, 2021

Alberta Environment and Parks' next Extended Producer Responsibility virtual session is on **December 10, 2021, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Come and discuss the opportunities and implications of EPR programs.

CASUAL LEGAL: Risks of Holidays Restructurings

We strongly encourage taking the time to consider if any such staffing decision can wait until January and, if it can, to hold off on terminations until then.

INNOVATION



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GOOD TO KNOW

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' **Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL)** project is a three-year social inclusion initiative (2021-2024). Its aim is to increase the participation and retention of women in municipal leadership and support a more diverse, inclusive and equitable environment in local governments. During the term of the project, FCM will be offering a variety of learning opportunities and online events.

Sign up now for Digital Citizenship and Online Safety for Women Leaders in the Municipal Sector being held on December 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. EST. This is a free, 2-hour workshop with Glitch, a leading UK advocacy organization. Learn how to identify and document different types of online abuse, how you can help if someone else is targeted and much more. **Register here.**

Alberta Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development is hosting a virtual engagement with stakeholders to discuss changes to the Bee Regulations that may affect Alberta's beekeeping industry. The session is on December 16, 2021, from 11 a.m. to noon. Please contact **bee@gov.ab.ca** no later than Tuesday, December 14, 2021, to register your attendance. The ministry also has an **online survey** that will be open until December 23, 2021.

Apply to become a Municipal Energy Champion by Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

We know municipalities are stretched thin, making capacity and staff time two of the biggest barriers to reducing energy consumption. The **Municipal Energy Champions Program** enables you to overcome these barriers with FREE expert advice and networking over a nine-month period. Learn more and submit your Municipalities EOI [here](#).

Climate Adaptation Challenge Winners Announced

It's official! **Two municipalities** will take the Climate Adaptation Challenge: the City of St. Albert and Sturgeon County. With one urban and one rural participant, we will be able to explore and develop solutions for potentially very different adaptation needs.

New! Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant

Intact Public Entities and the Intact Foundation have launched the **Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant** to help municipalities adapt to climate change and keep people safe. They're investing \$1 million in cities and towns across Canada that are developing practical and effective solutions to protect communities from floods or wildfires.

The Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant application window is open until January 31, 2022. [Learn more here](#).



Virtual offering of Munis 101

Registration is open for a virtual offering of Munis 101 which will take place over four interactive zoom sessions on Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., from January 6 to 27.

Demand for this offering is high. Don't miss out on the chance to work towards your **Municipal Elected Leaders Certificate**, learn from municipal experts and connect with peers.

Space is still available for the last in-person Munis 101 orientation sessions in **Blackfalds on December 11 and 12**.

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- Director of Infrastructure
- Intergovernmental Affairs Advisor
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Announcing More Workshops on Canada's History and the Municipal Role in Reconciliation

EPR Municipal Workshop - Free Webinar

Do you have an innovative wastewater project?



Meeting with Alberta Senators

Alberta Municipalities' Executive Committee met with Senators Patti LaBoucane-Benson, Paula Simons, and Karen Sorensen on December 9. Together, they comprise three-quarters of Alberta's current Senate delegation.

Read more about their discussion covering a wide range of issues of interest to Alberta municipalities.



ADVOCACY UPDATES



Save the Date: Announcing More Workshops on Canada's History and the Municipal Role in Reconciliation

Explore how past government policies have defined today's relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Registration will open in early-January 2022, and it will be announced through our Weekly e-newsletter.

EPR Municipal Workshop - Free Webinar

What would residential recycling look like under an EPR program? What will the impacts be on household hazardous waste programs?

Join us for an EPR workshop on January 5 at 10:30 a.m. to find out.



Do you have an innovative wastewater project?

Alberta Municipalities is working with partners to improve the delivery of wastewater infrastructure in Alberta.

If you have an innovative pilot that you would like the task force to consider, please email it to us by January 14, 2022.



Funding Available to Celebrate Emergence from COVID-19

Municipal governments are eligible to apply. The application deadline is January 10, 2022.

CASUAL LEGAL: Reasonableness is in the Eyes of the Beholder: Council's Power to Pass Municipal Bylaws

Recently, the Alberta Court of Appeal considered whether four municipal bylaws relating to land redesignation should be struck down.

GOOD TO KNOW

The Government of Alberta is seeking funding proposals from non-profit organizations that have at least two years experience providing supports to newcomers. Eligible projects can involve supports for settlement and integration, language assessment, or English language services. While municipal governments are unable to apply, municipalities may want to share this opportunity with local non-profits engaged in this type of work. The deadline to apply is January 4, 2022.

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP (RMRF) is hosting a virtual seminar on important and trending topics in employment law. The agenda boasts a lineup of timely topics focused on the legal landscape and how it relates to labour and employment in Alberta. Leaders, managers, and human resources professionals will all benefit from participating in this webinar. Please follow the link to learn more about the event and register .

Saturday, December 18 is Alberta's province-wide Skate Day. It is a wonderful opportunity for community recreational centres to give up their public skate times to offer a free day for the public. Hockey Canada would love to have as many communities as possible take part in Skate Day, so we encourage you to be part of the excitement! With the IIHF World Junior Championship taking place in Alberta this year, it is a great opportunity to celebrate grassroots hockey and our community spirit! Reach out to lrougeau@hockeycanada.ca for event materials so your municipality can take part in the fun .

**Don't delay; nominate a
Municipal Energy Champion
by Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021.**



**Municipal
Climate Change
Action Centre**

The Municipal Energy Champions Program helps small municipalities choose staff members to become energy champions that will manage municipal energy use. Champions identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption and save money. The Municipal Energy Champions Program is FREE to participate in – but can save you thousands.

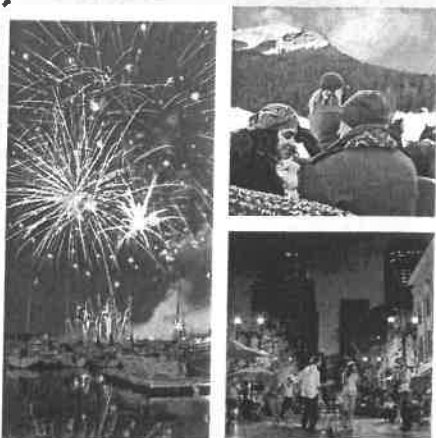
Submit your Expression of Interest today!



EOEP Gearing up for 2022

Early in 2022, EOEP will roll out our course plan for the year. We will ensure that every course is offered at least once. Most of the classes will be offered virtually to bring together participants from across Alberta to learn from municipal experts and each other.

VALUABLE LINKS



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- Municipal Accountant
- Manager, Operations Parks and Roads
- Digital Marketing Specialist
- CAO
- Director, Organizational Strategy & Culture
- Manager, Municipal Projects
- Manager of Landfill Operations
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Dear Mayor Love and Council,

Please find attached a letter of congratulations and introductions from Heather Cowie, President of the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association. If you have any questions or follow-up please reach out to me at 780-415-1745 ext. 102 or sallan@arpaonline.ca

Sincerely,

Steve Allan

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Alberta Recreation and Parks Association

December 6, 2021

Dear Mayor and elected Councillors,

On behalf of the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA), I would like to extend my congratulations on your recent election to your municipal council! You should be proud of the passion and dedication you have to making your communities better places to live, work and play.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Association. ARPA is a non-profit, volunteer run organization whose purpose is to collaboratively support our members and partners to (re)create healthy citizens, communities and environments, enhancing the wellbeing of all Albertans. The majority of municipalities in Alberta are members with ARPA, especially those that have recreation and parks within their planning and services.

Recreation and parks are the heart of our communities and often serve as the hubs for communities to gather and connect. In a recent study ARPA undertook, 77% of Albertans surveyed strongly agree that public recreation services are essential to their community and over 95% believe that recreation and parks make a community a desirable place to live.

Over the past 18 months, Albertans have reconnected with nature and the outdoors. This has led to both opportunities and challenges. Over this same period the pandemic and changing restrictions has made it difficult to provide consistent, equitable and quality recreation programs in our indoor spaces.

ARPA is here to help our municipal members more than ever to support our citizens and communities to recover and re-engage with the activities they have always loved, or maybe just recently discovered. We are here to support your staff, volunteers and community leaders. We are also here to help you as elected officials.

I would also like to highlight the important role you have as a member of council to ensuring everyone in your community has access to affordable, quality recreation and park experiences. If you and your council would like to learn more about providing leadership to the recreation and parks in your own communities please contact us in regards to the Recreation and Parks for Elected Officials training we have available for both virtual and in-person. We would also love to host you at our annual Conference next October in Jasper. We will send you all invitations next summer once we have the program finalized.

Once again, my sincere congratulations on your appointment to council. We value the work you are doing to support the quality of life in your community, and we encourage you to reach out at any time with questions or simply to connect. You can contact our Executive Director, Steve Allan at 780-415-1745 ext. 102 or sallan@arpaonline.ca

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Cowie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather Cowie
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Please see the attached for recent changes to loan pricing for the Loans to Local Authorities program. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.

The logo for the province of Alberta, featuring the word "Alberta" in a stylized, cursive script font, followed by a small square icon.

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Loans to Local Authorities – Loan Pricing Announcement

Historically, loans have been provided to local authorities with low interest rates and generous other terms by the government, directly or through a provincial corporation. Unfortunately, Alberta can no longer afford to continue lending money to local authorities below market interest rates. Starting in December 2021, the interest rates charged on new loans to local authorities will be revised to better reflect the market cost of borrowing for local authorities, using rates for large municipalities in the bond market as the proxy for municipal costs. As a result of this change, lending rates will increase by approximately 0.50 per cent to 0.75 per cent over what rates were in the past. The indicative interest rates table on the local authorities loan web page (<https://acfa.gov.ab.ca/loan-form-script/rates.html>) has shown the new rates since October 15, 2021.

Alberta will continue to lend money to local authorities. For most borrowers, the rates and other terms, such as being able to borrow at fixed rates for periods beyond five years, will continue to be attractive when compared to other methods of borrowing.

As a result of the pandemic and other fiscal and economic impacts over the past several years, Alberta's debt has grown substantially, and Alberta's Loans to Local Authorities program is funded by provincial borrowing. This change will help ensure the program is sustainable going forward.

My contact information is provided below. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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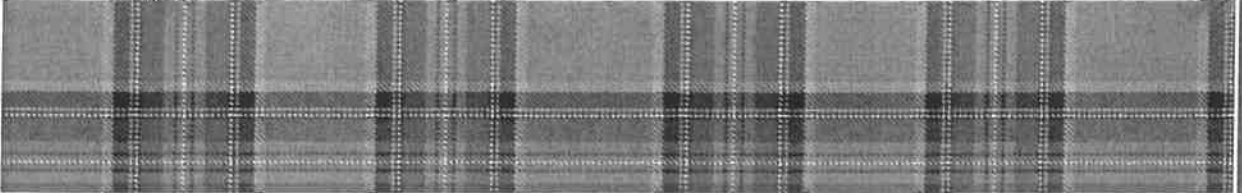


What's Happening at Communities ChooseWell

With the snow falling and holidays on the way, Communities ChooseWell wants to celebrate all the accomplishments of 2021 and highlight all the opportunities to look forward to in the new year:

- Holiday and New Year wishes from the Communities ChooseWell Staff
- Healthy Communities Framework webinar recording
- Indigenous Oral Knowledge Hub
- 2021 Award Winner Spotlight

Read below and toast the season with us!



Season's Greetings!

Another year has come and gone, and as we reflect on 2021, we continue to be inspired by the passion, dedication, and hard work of Champions all across Alberta. In spite of the pandemic-related challenges that have continued to impact our lives throughout the year, we are so proud of the impact that you've made in your community – and we hope you are too! As we look forward to 2022, our communities will need YOU more than ever, so be sure to take time to rest, relax, and recharge this holiday season.

We can't wait to connect with you in the New Year, and stay tuned for more information about the 2022 Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium. Until then – from all of us at ChooseWell and ARPA – Happy Holidays, and all the best for a healthy, active New Year!

-- Matt, Patrick, Aleysha, Breanna & Maddison



Learning & Connecting



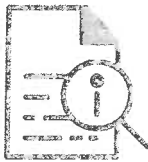
In Case You Missed It:
Communities ChooseWell Healthy Community Webinar Recording

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the first webinar in our new Healthy Community Webinar Series! We hope that everyone gained new insight into creating healthy places from our two guests: Bonnie Ellis from the Town of Vulcan, and Dr. Karen Lee from the Housing for Health project.

Whether you missed part of the webinar, want to rewatch the session, or want to share the webinar with a colleague -- We have you covered!

Click the button below to access the recording. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year for the next webinar in the series.

Watch the Recording!



Resources



Check out ARPA's Indigenous Oral Knowledge Hub

Over the past year, many of you have reached out to us for resources related to reconciliation. If you have some time over the holiday season to explore deeper into your own reconciliation journey, we suggest that you take a look at the [ARPA Indigenous Oral Knowledge Hub](#).

In this Hub, we have gathered all of our resources, alongside some external guest additions, to share with you. Our huge thanks go to the Elders and to our partners who have shared the gift of these incredible stories and teachings.

Another friendly reminder to also check out ARPA's newest resource on reconciliation, our [Indigenous Awareness & Engagement Toolkit](#).



It's Back!

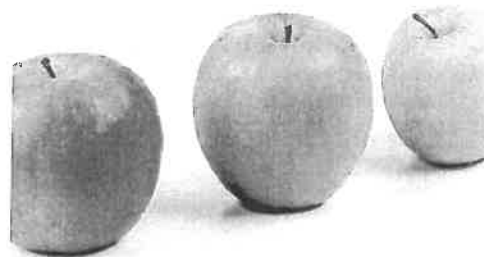
ParticipACTION releases the 2nd edition of the Report Card on Physical Activity for Adults

This year's Report Card looks at the impact COVID-19 has had on our physical activity levels and highlights how Canada faces a physical inactivity crisis deepened by the pandemic.

Public health guidelines meant park playdates, fitness classes and other once accessible ways to stay active either fell to the bottom of our priority lists or were no longer available. So, it's no surprise that adults earned an "F" grade in sedentary behaviours and active transportation this year.

The health of Canadians is directly linked to their social and mental well-being, sense of belonging and inclusion,

2021 Alberta Nutrition Report Card



The Grades Are In

2021 Alberta Nutrition Report Card

In this final installment of the Alberta Nutrition Report Card, researchers highlight the impacts of COVID-19 and it's policies on the food environments for children and youth.

School, community and public health programming has a large impact on developing healthy eating behaviour for children and youth. Public policy related to COVID responses put a pause on many of the most influential and health promoting activities. As a result of shifting priorities or paused opportunities, Albertan food environments not only didn't improve, but regressed to a grade of "D".

The Nutrition Report Card outlines the key areas where future efforts could be

and ability to be productive and feel part of a community. These can all be positively impacted just by being active. That's why everyone living in Canada needs to make physical activity a regular part of their everyday lives!

focused to positively impact the health of children and youth.

Read the report below to learn more!

Read the Report!

Read the Report!



Celebrating Communities



2021 Most Significant Change Award Winners Spotlight

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

Virtual Physical Health Challenge

Communities ChooseWell is thrilled to award Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) with a 2021 Most Significant Change Award for their Virtual Physical Health Challenge.

The Virtual Physical Health Challenge was a virtual challenge aimed at promoting healthy physical activity, mindful eating and sleeping practices. Open to the entire ACFN community, the program ran over the span of six weeks and included five weekly challenges. ACFN also hosted three virtual classes weekly, led by three ACFN fitness, yoga and kickboxing instructors.

The challenge was a success! The community completed 482 Health Challenges and ACFN hosted 17 fitness classes that had a total attendance of 259 people! Moreover, the challenge reached international levels. There were participants from almost every province in Canada as well as from Hawaii and Australia!

The community loved the Challenge:
"I love the connection that I get from the fitness classes."

"I feel way better, stronger and happier, plus I am sleeping better!"

Moving forward ACFN will continue to offer the fitness classes and challenge. As the programmers put it: *"the members want it, they were the true stars of this initiative, they showed up and put in the work. We owe the success to them, we also owe it to our members to keep encouraging them with opportunities such as these."*

Join us in congratulating Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation!

[More stories from ChooseWell Communities](#)



Funding

External Funding Opportunities

Looking for funding opportunities? Communities ChooseWell keeps a list of external funding sources on our website. To add an ongoing opportunity to our list, please contact us at choosewell@arpaonline.ca.

[More Funding](#)

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Subject: Regional Business News & Events
Attachments: BusinessLink-Collateral-Poster-October-29-2021.jpg; CareerExpo2021_8.5x11Poster.jpg; Employer Roundtable Discussion Invitation.jpg

Hello and season's greetings from Community Futures Yellowhead East!

Today I hoped to share a few business items of interest to our region.

Digital Main Street is a program that helps main street businesses achieve digital transformation. The program is built around an online learning platform, structured training programs, and our **Digital Service Squad (DSS)**, a team of street-level team members will help main street businesses grow and manage their operations through technology. Community Futures Yellowhead East has successfully interviewed for the DSS position and is excited to roll-out this partnership offering in **January of 2022**.

For more program details: <https://dep.businesslink.ca/>

To register your business for this support: https://digitalmainstreet.ca/business-account/registration/?utm_source=bl&utm_medium=microsite&utm_campaign=dss

The **Whitcourt Career & Education EXPO** is coming up on **Thursday, FEB 24, 2022** and sign up is available now for Registrants, and Exhibitors. This annual event is coming to us on a virtual platform, which should be sure to extend the reach for students, job seekers and employers attending this regional conference. All public are welcome to join and engage with industry professionals and post-secondary organizations. See demos and presentations, network, enjoy conversations, and discuss employment opportunities.

To register to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/208708632137>

To register as an exhibitor:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqkAYVa0hMbJU1ITEAs6S1UDv1RBxYM7YOYGr-9irSM514ww/viewform>

The **Rural Training Business Case Roundtable** is a focus group conducting session 2 of 2 this coming **Thursday, DEC 15 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM**. Your input on local training needs and skills demands is vital and is being gathered to further a business case being discussed with post-secondary and educational training organizations to identify actionable priorities, and roll-out possible local training opportunities.

Attend via this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83190665093>

Email feedback if unable to attend: economicdevelopment@whitcourt.ca

To learn more about Community Futures Yellowhead East business coaching, training, loans, tools, resources, and events check out our great new website - www.yellowheadeast.albertacf.com.

Many thanks for your time,

Ellen

Community Economic Development (CED) Coordinator

Community Futures Yellowhead East

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Office of the Premier, 307 Legislature Building, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6 Canada

November 8, 2021

His Worship Bud Love
Mayor
Alberta Beach
PO Box 278
Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0

Dear Mayor Love:

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I would like to offer you sincere congratulations on your recent election as Mayor of the Alberta Beach. You are now fortunate to lead a truly great Alberta community!

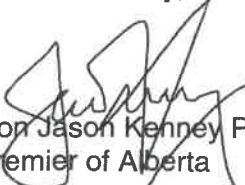
The Alberta Beach and our entire province have been through several challenging years. Our economy still has not fully recovered from the 2015 economic downturn, the impact of which was magnified by last year's global COVID-19 recession and energy price collapse. Despite these challenges, Albertans have continued to demonstrate true resilience, and our province's greatest strength—a deep and abiding entrepreneurial culture.

Thanks in part to the determination of Albertans, we are experiencing a remarkable economic recovery across our province. With historic new investments across our economy, Alberta is now leading Canada in economic and job growth, and we are projected to continue the momentum in 2022. It is critical that we work together to continue this exciting progress so that those who have experienced so much adversity in recent years can fully participate in the current and coming recovery.

I very much look forward to working with you, your administration, and the Alberta Beach Council toward this end. Whatever political differences may exist, we all serve the same citizens who broadly share the same aspirations: the opportunity to achieve their potential through a strong economy, in a safe community with a high quality of life. You have my commitment to seek solutions together in a respectful and collaborative way. I am excited to meet with you in the weeks ahead to identify common goals and areas in which we can get real results for your residents, and for all Albertans.

With best of luck for a successful mandate as mayor, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Hon Jason Kenney PC MLA
Premier of Alberta

cc: Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Ministry of Justice <ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: November 16, 2021 10:43 AM
To: Ministry of Justice
Cc: MA Minister; Douglas Morgan; Dennis Cooley
Subject: Engagement Invitation for APPS Transition Study
Attachments: 4835 MA.pdf; Instructions - MA.pdf

Dear Mayor/ Reeve and Council:

Please find the attached letter from Honourable Kaycee Madu QC, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

Regards,

Office of the Minister of
Justice and Solicitor General

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JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

Office of the Minister
MLA, Edmonton - South West

AR 43835

Dear Mayor/Reeve and Council:

I am pleased to announce the release of the *Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study* completed by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Canada, and to invite your municipality to participate in further engagement on the findings of this report.

The Department of Justice and Solicitor General will be hosting virtual and in-person municipal engagement sessions between January 2022 and March 2022. Municipal engagement sessions will be open to municipal elected representatives, municipal employees, and organizations representing municipalities. Please see the attachment for instructions on how to register for a session near your community.

The engagement sessions will explore the concepts and information outlined in PwC's work, gather feedback on these ideas as well as local policing perspectives that will be used to refine PwC's proposed model and inform provincial government decision making. Discussions during the engagement sessions will draw on material from all three PwC reports:

- PwC's Final report: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/apps-transition-study-final-report>
- PwC's Current state report: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/apps-current-state-report>
- PwC's Future state report: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/apps-future-state-report>

It is important to emphasize that no decisions have been made with regard to Alberta establishing its own provincial police. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is an important Canadian institution consisting of exceptional women and men who perform great work, risking their lives every day to keep our communities safe. While Alberta's government has the utmost respect and appreciation for the work of the RCMP's front-line members, we also have a responsibility to examine our model of provincial policing to see if there are other innovative alternatives that would increase policing services for Albertans, involve Albertans in key decision-making processes, is cost-effective, and places community policing at the forefront.

In 2020, the Fair Deal Panel consulted with tens of thousands of Albertans and heard many people's frustrations with the challenges of relying on a contracted provincial police force that is ultimately managed by Ottawa. The panel recommended that the province create an Alberta Provincial Police Service to replace the RCMP. The Alberta government supported this recommendation in principle, but committed to additional analysis. In October 2020, Justice and Solicitor General contracted with PwC to develop this analysis, and on April 30, 2021 PwC delivered their report. PwC's *Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study* details the operational requirements, process steps, and costs of a potential transition to an Alberta provincial police service.

The *Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study* presents an innovative provincial policing model that would:

- Increase the number of front-line police officers and civilian specialists serving our communities;
- Have dedicated mental health nurses and social workers to assist front-line police response;
- Prioritize community policing that would see Albertans recruited and serving in their local communities;
- See less transfer of officers in and out of communities (and the province) which would increase police knowledge of local public safety issues and improve detachment staffing levels;
- Reduce federal/provincial jurisdictional barriers that limit the integration of police services across Alberta;
- Have a governance model to increase the provincial police's accountability to local priorities and policing needs;
- Introduce new approaches to detachment deployment models to reduce police response times; and
- Leverage efficient back-office functions by utilizing existing provincial government resources to make the provincial police more cost effective.

I encourage you to attend a virtual or in-person engagement session to discuss the proposed model for an Alberta provincial police service, and to discuss what this model could mean for your community. If you have questions about the engagement sessions, please contact my department by emailing jsg.appstranstionstudy@gov.ab.ca.

Yours very truly,



Kaycee Madu, QC
Minister

Attachment

cc: Honourable Rick McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Registration Instructions

Justice and Solicitor General: Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study Secretariat

Event overview

The Government of Alberta is engaging with municipalities on concepts presented in the *Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study* prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

The department of Justice and Solicitor General will be facilitating in-person and virtual engagement sessions with municipalities between January and March 2022. In-person sessions will be held at many locations across Alberta. These sessions are open to municipal elected representatives, municipal employees and organizations representing municipalities.

Engagement sessions will focus on key concepts presented in the transition study with the intent to refine the model presented by PwC and inform future decisions on an Alberta Provincial Police Service.

Space is limited and the content is the same for all sessions. For this reason, we ask that individuals only sign-up for one session in this series.

Sessions are open to participants from multiple municipalities. Participants are encouraged to sign-up for a session near their community. Specific event locations will be added as soon they are available. Registrants will receive an email when the event address is available.

Discussions during the engagement sessions will draw on material from all three PwC reports. For more information about the transition study and associated engagement activities, please visit the following webpages:

- PwC's Final Report: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/apps-transition-study-final-report>
- PwC's Current State Report: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/apps-current-state-report>
- PwC's Future State Report <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/apps-future-state-report>
- Government of Alberta engagement webpage: <https://www.alberta.ca/provincial-police-service-engagement.aspx>

Registration Instructions

To register for a session, follow the Eventbrite link to the session that works best for your location and schedule.

Engagement Registration

Dates (2022)	Time	Location ¹	Registration Link
January 10	8:30am to 11:00am	Sherwood Park	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-tickets-205687315297

¹ Addresses will be provided when available.

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January 10	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Fort Saskatchewan	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205689582077
January 11	8:30am to 11:00am	St. Albert	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205692831797
January 11	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Stony Plain	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205694827767
January 12	9:00am to 11:30am	Westlock	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205696663257
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January 13	8:30am to 11:00am	Ft. McMurray	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205698619107
January 24	8:30am to 11:00am	Okotoks	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205699200847
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January 25	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Pincher Creek	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205701507747
January 26	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Lethbridge	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205704877827
January 27	8:30am to 11:00am	Medicine Hat	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205706542807
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January 28	8:30am to 11:00am	Strathmore	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205708769467
February 7	8:30am to 11:00am	Red Deer	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205710614987
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March 4	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Smoky Lake	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205746843347
March 7	8:30am to 11:00am	Slave Lake	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205887935357
March 8	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Peace River	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205749681837
March 9	2:00pm to 4:30pm	High Level	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205750975707

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March 15	8:30am to 11:00am	Virtual	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205752861347
March 16	8:30am to 11:00am	Virtual	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205774887227
March 17	8:30am to 11:00am	Virtual	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205777184097
March 18	8:30am to 11:00am	Virtual	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205778157007
March 28	8:30am to 11:00am	Whitecourt	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205781055677
March 28	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Valleyview	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205782520057
March 29	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Grande Prairie	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205783091767
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April 1	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Edmonton	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205785950317

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November 10, 2021

His Worship Bud Love
Mayor
Alberta Beach
PO Box 278
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Dear Mayor Love and Council,

Congratulations on your election to office and choosing to serve as an elected official for Alberta Beach.

Our government looks forward to working with you to make life better for Albertans. As our economy recovers, there are many opportunities for us to collaborate on shared priorities like jobs and public safety, and making sure Albertans have access to strong public services they can count on, like transportation, infrastructure, parks and libraries.

It is an honour and privilege to serve Albertans in elected office. As elected officials, we strive to act with integrity, to work openly and transparently, and to actively demonstrate our democratic accountability to Albertans. This is fundamental to our success as stewards in managing the affairs of our offices and in achieving demonstrable results for our communities.

Once again, I extend my congratulations and thanks for your willingness to participate in our democratic process and for your commitment to Albertans. I wish you all the best in this new term of office, and look forward to meeting and working with you to provide good government, improve our communities, and faithfully serve the needs of Albertans.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister



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Shane Getson, MLA
Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland

November 7, 2021

Dear Mayor Love,

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you and your council on your election campaign and victory!

It is not without careful consideration that anyone steps forward for public office with the numerous challenges that we are facing as a region, and as a province at this current time, and I sincerely thank you for doing just that, to be there for the electorate.

As the MLA for Lac Ste Anne – Parkland, I truly appreciate the sacrifice you have made to pursue your passion for public service and look forward to working with you in the months ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at your earliest available opportunity at either (780) 967-0760 or lacsteanne.parkland@assembly.ab.ca. so that we may arrange a time to meet, and to renew our work together.

Best regards,

Shane Getson, MLA

MLA Lac Ste Anne/Parkland

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From: LAA Info <info@laa.ca>
Sent: November 16, 2021 6:18 PM
To: LAA Info
Subject: Letter of Congratulations to newly elected council
Attachments: Library_Association_of_Alberta_Letter_of_Congratulations.pdf

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Please see the attached pdf for a letter to the newly elected council.

All the best and stay safe,

Lorisia on behalf of LAA

Library Association Of Alberta

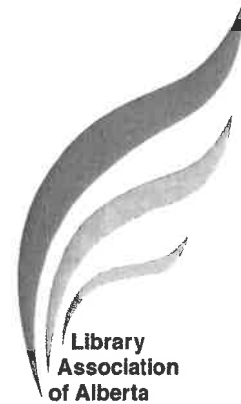
c/o The Alberta Library
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Edmonton, AB, T5J 2V5

Library Association of Alberta

November 15, 2021

Dear Mayor and elected Councillors,

On behalf of the Library Association of Alberta, I would like to extend my congratulations on your recent election to your municipal council! I'm sure you are eager to begin your work serving constituents.



The purpose of this letter is to introduce the Library Association of Alberta (LAA) as a valuable partner in advocating for your library. The LAA is a non-profit, volunteer run organization whose mission is to strengthen the library community in Alberta by effectively advocating for libraries and library workers from all sectors.

Like you, the LAA believes that libraries are a thriving and vital aspect of Alberta's communities. They are places that serve all members of the community with the programs, resources and technology necessary to build thriving communities and informed citizens. Local entrepreneurs, students, families, newcomers, seniors and educators are just a few examples of the types of people that use your local library to build skills, gain employment, make connections and most importantly, build community.

I am also writing today to highlight the important relationship between municipalities and public libraries. As a member of council, you have the ability to make a significant impact on your community through your support of your local library. If you would like to learn more about the relationship between municipal council and library boards, we recommend [this short document](#) from the Alberta Government. We also encourage you to reach out to your local library if you haven't already, to see firsthand the great work being done for community members.

Once again, my congratulations on your appointment to council. We value the work you are doing to build your community, and we encourage you to reach out at any time with questions or simply to connect.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk MacLeod".

Kirk MacLeod

Library Association of Alberta, President

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Colin Buschman <cbuschman@npf-fpn.com>
Sent: December 8, 2021 6:05 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Letter to Alberta Beach re APPS
Attachments: NPF to Alberta Beach re APPS 12082021.pdf

This email was sent on behalf of NPF President, Brian Sauvé

Dear Mayor Love,

On behalf of the National Police Federation (NPF) and its Members, please find attached a letter regarding a recent Pollara Strategic Insights survey completed on the eve of the Government of Alberta’s (GoA) release of the Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) Transition Study and released last week by the NPF. Establishing a provincial police force remains a very low priority for Albertans with almost 2/3 saying it “does not help at all” and 70% opposing replacing the RCMP.

We hope you will join us in calling on the GoA to listen to Albertans and invest in the existing Alberta RCMP rather than wasting hundreds of millions of dollars on a transition no-one is asking for. If you require any additional details on the APPS and what the NPF is doing to support your communities, please visit KeepAlbertaRCMP.ca.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

Colin Buschman

Western Government Relations Advisor | Conseiller, Relations Gouvernementales de l’ouest

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December 8, 2021

His Worship Bud Love
Mayor of Alberta Beach
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Email: aboffice@albertabeach.com

Dear Mayor Love,

On behalf of the National Police Federation (NPF) I write to you today to share a recent Pollara Strategic Insights survey completed on the eve of the Government of Alberta's (GoA) release of the Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) Transition Study and released last week by the NPF.

Support for the Alberta RCMP has held strong in ongoing surveys over the past year despite the heavy politicization on the issue. Establishing a provincial police force remains a very low priority for Albertans with almost 2/3 saying it "does not help at all" and 70% opposing replacing the RCMP.

The NPF welcomed the long-awaited PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) Transitional Study as it reconfirmed that not only would Albertans be receiving fewer trained police officers versus the RCMP, but the APPS would cost taxpayers more than \$550 million, representing \$188.3 million a year in lost federal contributions on top of the transition costs of over \$366 million. Albertans would be paying more and getting less, as the proposed APPS policing model would see only 1,613 fully trained officers versus the Alberta RCMP's current 3,097. We all know rural policing is complex and situations can evolve quickly. Alberta needs more fully trained officers, not fewer.

Beyond the numbers, we have heard repeatedly from Albertans and municipalities that they are happy with the services the Alberta RCMP provides and would like to continue having them be a part of their communities. In November, we had the privilege of meeting with municipal elected officials at both the Alberta Municipalities as well as the Rural Municipalities of Alberta tradeshows where we heard firsthand the positive impact RCMP Members have had in your communities and how we can continue to work to improve public safety in the province. We also recently attended the United Conservative Party convention where it was clear that the proposed APPS does not have broad support.

Support for the Alberta RCMP doesn't just come from local politicians, it also comes from Albertans. The Pollara Strategic Insights survey showed that 80% of Albertans in RCMP-served communities remain satisfied with RCMP policing. The GoA should focus on the priorities that matter to Albertans: decreasing rural response times, increasing resources for police, finding solutions to the revolving jailhouse door, and tackling crime in our communities.

We hope you will join us in calling on the GoA to listen to Albertans and invest in the existing Alberta RCMP rather than wasting hundreds of millions of dollars on a transition no-one is asking for. From

January 10th to April 1st, the GoA will be hosting “engagement sessions” throughout the province and we would encourage all elected officials to attend these meetings and speak up for their constituents and communities. We encourage all municipal governments to speak out publicly against this expensive and politized police transition and keep the pressure on the GoA to walk away from this costly proposal.

If you require any additional details on the APPS and what the NPF is doing to support your communities, please visit KeepAlbertaRCMP.ca. If you have any questions or comments or would like to schedule a meeting, please feel free to contact Colin Buschman, Western Government Relations Advisor, at CBuschman@NPF-FPN.com.

The working relationship we have developed with you and city councillors is extremely important to us and we are always happy to meet with you and all communities across Alberta to better understand what Albertans really want and need.

Thank you again for your attention and ongoing support.

Regards,



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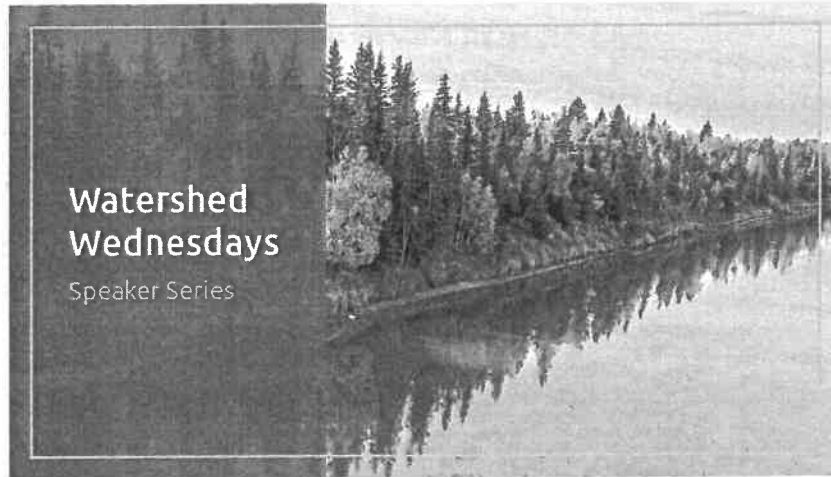


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NSWA welcomes the new councillors, reeves and mayors elected in the watershed. We look forward to new opportunities to collaborate and work together on watershed projects in your communities. We wish you all the best in this next term.

FINAL WATERSHED WEDNESDAY WEBINAR for 2021



Join NSWA for the last **Watershed Wednesday webinar of 2021 on December 1, 2021** - an online webinar (Zoom) from noon to 1 p.m. The webinars will begin again in February 2022.

December 1 - WATER QUALITY

- Craig Emmerton (Alberta Environment and Parks) and Steph Neufeld (EPCOR) - *The WaterSHED Water Quality Monitoring Program for the North Saskatchewan River and its Tributaries*
- Sarah Depoe (Alberta Environment and Parks) - *The North Saskatchewan River Surface Water Quality Management Framework.*

Please register on Eventbrite - the Zoom link will be sent out the day before the webinar. We look forward to meeting with you.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

STORIES OF STEWARDSHIP



Tuesday November 30 2021

3:30-5pm

Zoom Webinar

An event to celebrate landowner restoration projects and stewardship activities in the Vermilion River Watershed

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VRWASTORIES](https://tinyurl.com/vrwastories)
OR WWW.VRWA.CA



The **Vermilion River Watershed Alliance** is hosting a **Stories of Stewardship Webinar** online **November 30 from 3:30-5pm**.

This is a community networking event, celebrating land and water stewardship, sharing stories and information. This event will highlight wetland and riparian area restoration and enhancement projects by landowners in the Vermilion River watershed over the past 5 years.

Together, landowners have worked to restore over 20 kilometers of riparian areas along the Vermilion River, creeks, and tributaries, as well as over 150 hectares of wetlands. We're celebrating this success together as a community. This event will feature story telling by landowners involved in the projects, and information about future opportunities from the Land Stewardship Centre.

REGISTER



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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR WEB PORTAL TRAINING



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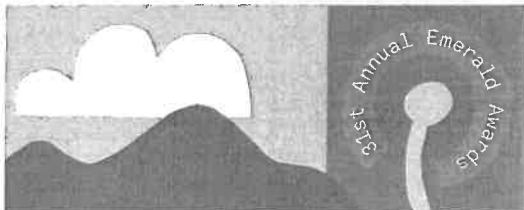
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Do you want to learn more about the new **Riparian Web Portal** and how to use it? Join the NSW and the Battle River Watershed Alliance to learn more about this exciting new website.

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EMERALD AWARDS



WATER ACT LICENCES CHANGES

Important changes have come as of November 15, 2021 to how some *Water Act* licences are submitted and managed by Alberta Environment and Parks.

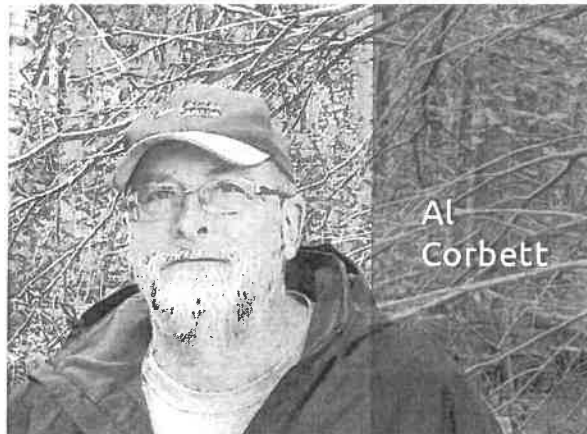
Alberta Environment and Parks is taking significant steps toward streamlining its regulatory system with the development of a new Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS). The system was successfully launched in June 2021 with the migration of *Water Act* approval applications, approval amendment applications, and Code of Practice notices.

Now, the final stages of preparation are being made for the next update to the new Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS). On November 15, 2021, Alberta Environment and Parks will enable DRAS to manage *Water Act* surface water and groundwater licences, as well as amendments and amalgamations to existing licences.

Please read the fact sheet for more information.

FACT SHEET

MEET OUR NSWA BOARD MEMBERS



Our featured NSWA Board member for November is **Al Corbett**.

He currently works with the Drainage Council as their WPAC coordinator and as

Favorite place in the watershed:

A favorite pastime in the watershed is exploring the Frog Lake subwatershed where Al has a cabin - he enjoys meeting

the Education and Awareness coordinator in the three watersheds where districts are active (North Sask, Battle and Red Deer River basins). Prior to retirement, he served with Alberta Environment and Parks to design, construct and operate water structures throughout the province over a thirty-three-year period.

As part of his awareness responsibilities with drainage districts, he serves with other groups including the NSWA, BRWA, VRWA and an ALUS Partner Advisory Committee and other NGOs involved in water issues. He also assists districts in resolving technical issues with district water management concerns including survey, construction or structure design.

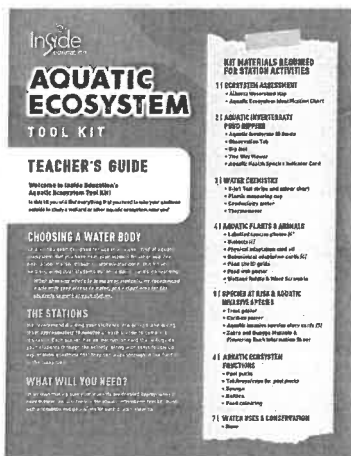
the people, travelling on the trails and back roads and enjoying the changing seasons.

Favorite Hobbies:

Hobbies include landscaping, carpentry and other projects around his properties and collecting used books, particularly tall ship fiction about the 17th to 20th centuries and atlases depicting map development during that period.

Favorite NSWA memory:

"Favorite memories are all connected to the forums NSWA provides to inform people about the various aspects of partners' connections to the watershed. Meeting our supporters and finding common interests and new knowledge of their lives on the land and water is the best part of my time on the Board."



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TOOL KIT

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

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Landowners Group.

TD Green Space Grants, a program funded by TD Bank and administered by the Arbor Day Foundation, provides support to municipalities in the communities served by TD Bank. Through this program, municipalities are eligible to receive grants of up to \$25,000 (CAD) in support of green infrastructure development, tree planting, forestry stewardship, and community green space expansion as a way to advance environmental and economic benefits toward a low-carbon economy. Deadline to apply is December 17, 2021.

Dr. Robert Holmberg (Athabasca University) has posted a series of seven videos about the world's freshwater resources "Nature's Waterworks: how lakes and rivers function". You can check out these informative videos on [YouTube](#).

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GIVING TUESDAY

SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

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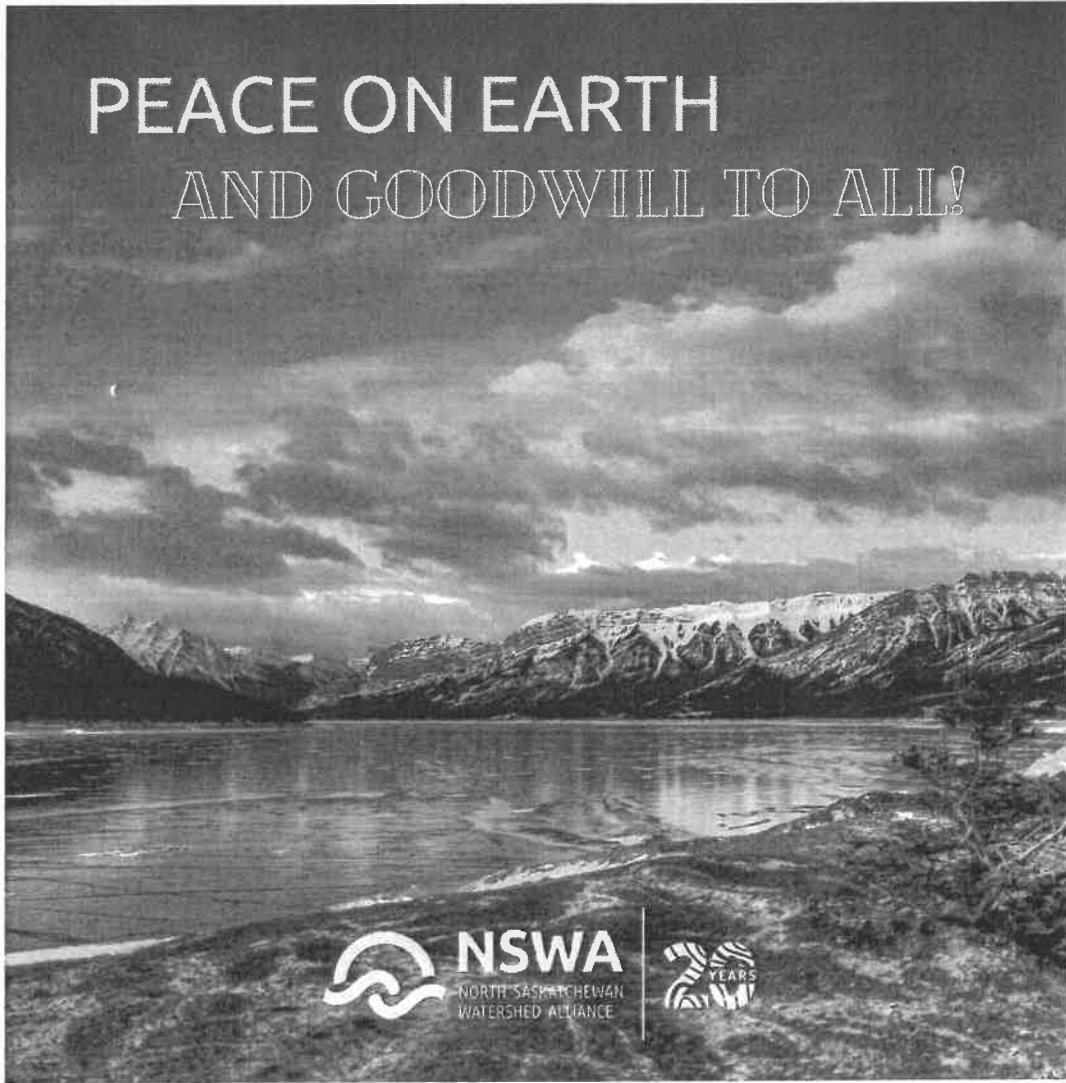


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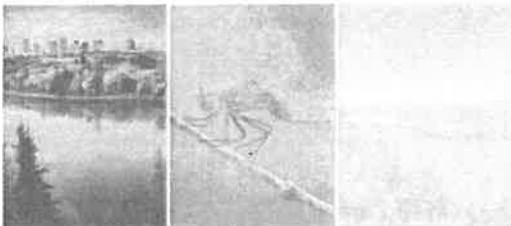
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PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TO ALL!



All of us at the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance wish you peace and contentment this holiday season. We hope you can enjoy the serenity of the many beautiful spaces in our watershed. We look forward to making connections with you in 2022 and working together for a healthy and resilient watershed.

Watershed Wednesdays **Speaker Series 2021**



Over 65 people attended our December 1 webinar on **Water Quality in the North Saskatchewan River Basin**. The presentations are posted on our website under Resources and the recording is posted on our YouTube channel. Our Watershed Wednesday Speaker Series will start up again in February 2022.

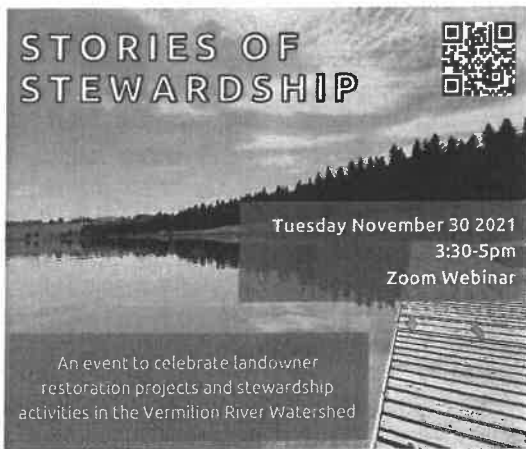
If you sign up for our mailing list you will receive notifications for these speaker series, as well as other valuable watershed

information. Go to our website www.nswa.ab.ca and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

For these presentations and others in our Speaker Series check the link below.

PRESENTATIONS

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CONGRATULATIONS ALMS!



ALMS was awarded the **Leadership and Service Award for Community Outreach and Education** at the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) 2021 online conference. Congratulations **ALMS!**

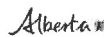
FUNDING AVAILABLE!

LANDOWNERS WANTED!

Lamont County in partnership with The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance and Cows and Fish to provide funding and other support for wetland and/or riparian restoration & enhancement activities to landowners within Lamont County (see reverse map for project area).



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Brett Weeks, Agricultural & Environmental Coordinator
 Brett.w@lamontcounty.ca
 780-895-2585



In partnership with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA), Cows & Fish, and the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance, Lamont County is facilitating projects to restore and enhance wetlands and riparian areas in the region. Increasing the ability of wetlands and riparian areas to carry out their natural functions as described above will help improve watershed resiliency to floods and drought. These projects are funded in part by the Government of Alberta's Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program. Funding levels can cover up to 80% of eligible expenses.

For information contact Brett Weeks at Brett.w@lamontcounty.ca

SOIL EROSION WEBINAR - WHERE'S THE DIRT?



JOIN COWS AND FISH, LAMONT COUNTY, AND THE VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

WHERE'S THE DIRT

GETTING TO THE ROOT OF SOIL EROSION

Learn how to keep soil where it belongs, and more!

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12:30-2:00 PM

Online Webinar
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In the **Riparian 101 workshop**, you will learn the **"Why and How of the Riparian Intactness Assessment Project"** - how it applies to your work, and how it can improve the health of our watersheds.

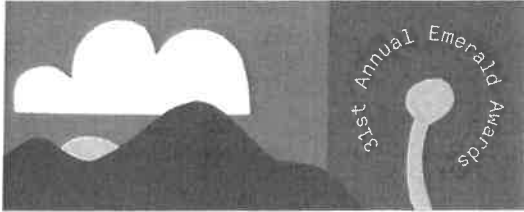
Topics will include:

- Information about the project, and why the BRWA and NSW are pursuing it
- An overview of the methods used to measure riparian intactness, pressure, and prioritization
- The importance of riparian areas for watershed health Tools and resources for governments, agriculture, and ENGOs to apply this knowledge
- Share your thoughts on the project and its potential relevance to your work.

Register at least 48 hours in advance.

The 101 webinar is a pre-requisite for the **"Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal" 102 Workshop**. For more information:

Workshop Registration



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He is the Regulatory Services Manager at **Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission** (ACRWC). ACRWC provides wastewater transmission and treatment services for its thirteen member municipalities which surround the City of Edmonton.

This department manages ACRWC's: Regulatory reporting to Alberta Environment and Parks and Environment Canada and



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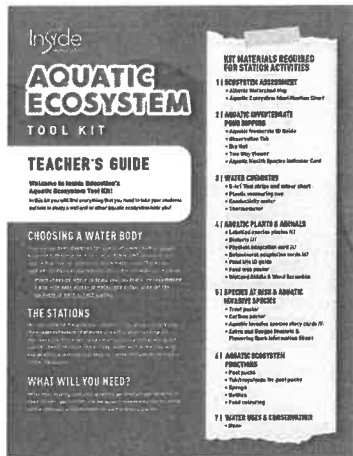
"I live in the NSR valley in the Edmonton Capilano neighbourhood. I cherish the beauty of the river and valley and make good use of the extensive trail system. I also love to go hiking in the mountains."

About NSWA:

"Being a new Board member, I have appreciated feeling welcome and learning more about NSWA and our worthy efforts surrounding educating people about the

Climate Change; Environmental Management System; Source Control Program which includes inspection, monitoring, and permitting of Industrial, Commercial and institutional facilities within our member municipalities; Laboratory Services; and Occupational Health and Safety Program.

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OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

[Athabasca Watershed Council](#) has a number of [videos](#) about watershed health and some interesting events coming up.

AWES has a webinar about how shelterbelts can help with snow and water management. Check [Eventbrite](#) for more information and to register.

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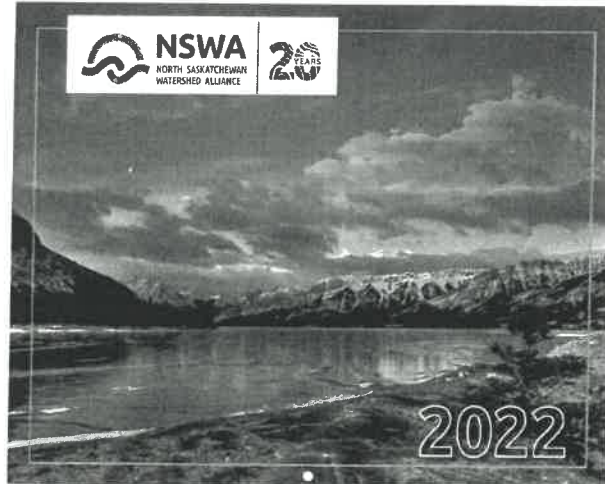
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The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) is one of eleven provincially designated Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils in Alberta and a key partner in the Government of Alberta's *Water for Life Strategy* that has three main goals:

- *safe, secure drinking water supply*
- *healthy aquatic ecosystems*
- *reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy*

The NSWA provides leadership in watershed planning in the North Saskatchewan River watershed through collaborating with the Government of Alberta, local municipalities, industry and other non-governmental organizations. Together we complete technical studies and research projects, foster watershed partnerships and share knowledge on the benefits of healthy and resilient watersheds

Please accept these copies of NSWA's 2022 calendar for your Council as a small token of our thanks for supporting our work towards a healthy and sustainable North Saskatchewan watershed. The calendar features photos of our twelve subwatersheds and contains useful information on watershed health.

If you would like to learn more about the NSWA and the work we do in the watershed you can visit our website at www.nswa.ab.ca. If you have any questions you can also contact me at 587-525-6827 or leah.kongsrude@nswa.ab.ca.

All the best,

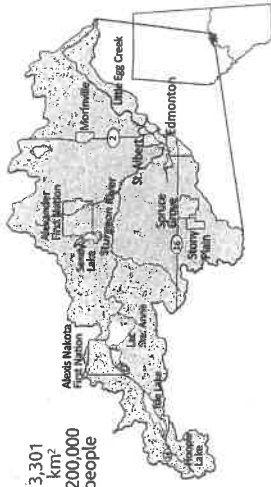


Leah Kongsrude, Executive Director

About the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance (SRWA)

- A municipally-led watershed stewardship group that works in partnership with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA).
- Guided by a Steering Committee of elected officials and a Technical Advisory Committee of technical staff and volunteers.

3,301 km²
+200,000 people



Priority Issues in the Watershed

- Poor water quality due to excess nutrient and sediment inputs
- Low water levels in late summer and fall in rivers, creeks and lakes
- Impacts from extensive agriculture and rapid urbanization
- Loss of wetlands, riparian areas and other environmentally sensitive areas

Prairie-fed watershed

The Sturgeon River is a small, precipitation and groundwater-fed prairie river. This means that whatever happens on the surrounding land will have large impacts on the quality and quantity of water in the watershed.

Watershed Land Cover

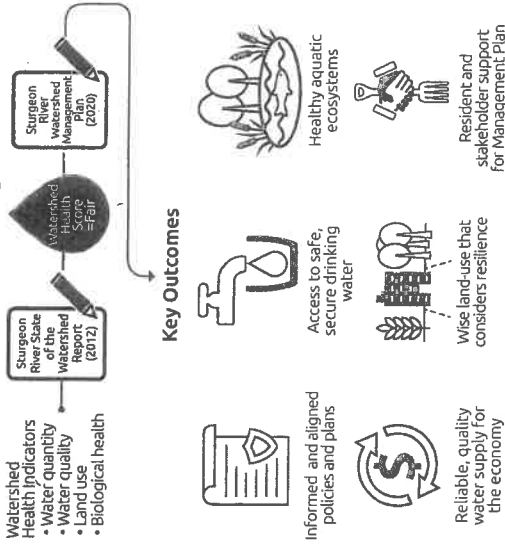


The Sturgeon River Watershed includes:

- Sturgeon River
- Big Lake
- Altim Creek
- Isle Lake
- Carrot Creek
- Lac Ste. Anne
- Killini Creek
- Matchaway Lake
- Little Egg Creek
- Manawan Lake
- Riviere-Qui-Barre
- Sandy Lake



Watershed Planning



Technical Reports

Several technical reports have been completed to address data gaps within the Sturgeon River Watershed. These include:

- Water Supply and Demand
 - Groundwater Overview and Condition
 - Natural Areas Mapping
 - Riparian Areas Assessment
 - Aquatic Ecosystem Health & Water Quality Assessment
 - State of Lac St. Anne and Isle Lake Watersheds
- To read these reports in more detail, please see: <https://www.nswa.ab.ca/the-sturgeon-river-watershed>



Protecting riparian areas and wetlands are one of the priorities for the SRWA. These vital transition areas between land and water mitigate the impacts of floods and drought, and preserve water quality.

THE STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



Above: Lac Ste. Anne, Bill Trout
Cover: Mouth of Sturgeon River, Bill Trout

Our SRWA Partners

- Lac St. Anne County
- Parkland County
- Sturgeon County
- City of Edmonton
- City of Spruce Grove
- City of St. Albert
- Town of Gibbons
- Town of Morinville
- Town of Onoway
- Town of Stony Plain
- Village of Alberta Beach
- Summer Villages of Lac Ste. Anne & County East
- Alexander First Nation
- Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
- Métis Nation of Alberta

- Alberta Conservation Association
- Alberta Environment and Parks
- Big Lake Environmental Support Society
- Wagner Natural Area Society

To find out more, please contact:

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From: Laurie Haak <LHaak@yrl.ab.ca>
Sent: November 24, 2021 4:59 PM
Cc: Karla Palichuk; Wendy Sears; ask YRL
Subject: FW: New training resources for library boards and municipalities
Attachments: Appointments to the Municipal Library Board November 2021.pdf; Appointments to the Intermunicipal Library Board November 2021.pdf; Appointments to Library System Boards November 2021.pdf; Municipal Councils and Library Boards Roles and Responsibilities November 2021.pdf

Hello,

Please see the Alberta Municipal Affairs Public Library Service Branch (PLSB) message with information for library boards and municipalities regarding board appointments and governance training opportunities. Contact the PLSB at libraries@gov.ab.ca to book a virtual board orientation.

Thank you and have a great day!

Laurie Haak

SHE/HER
Executive Assistant

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From: Public Library Services Branch <Libraries@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: New training resources for library boards

Hello everyone,

Public Library Services Branch is pleased to expand its offering of information brochures and pagers for use by library boards and municipalities. Our latest pagers cover board appointments:

- Appointments to the Municipal Library Board
- Appointments to the Intermunicipal Library Board
- Appointments to Library System Boards

We have also updated our brochure entitled *Municipal Councils and Library Boards: Roles and Responsibilities*.

You will find a copy of each of these documents attached to this email. Please feel free to share these with fellow board members and/or municipal councillors and staff in your network.

In addition to our information documents, PLSB has released a recording of a presentation made earlier this year at SALC, entitled "[Library Boards and Councils: Roles and Responsibilities](#)." This may be a good refresher for boards and newly elected councils.

PLSB would also like to let you know that the Community Development Unit of Alberta Culture and Status of Women is continuing their Board Development Webinar Series by offering free live interactive webinars again this fall. The lineup of topics include:

- Committees and Meetings
- The Role of the Board Treasurer
- Cybersecurity: What's the Board's Role?

To accommodate the different schedules of board members, sessions are offered in the evenings and afternoons. The schedule is online now on Eventbrite at <http://albertacdu.eventbrite.com/>.

PLSB staff have completed a refresh of the Board Basics Workshop and are now working on preparing it for virtual delivery. We will begin offering workshops via Zoom in the new year. An email with more information will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, we are available virtually for board orientations. Please let us know if your board would be interested by emailing libraries@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you,
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Appointments to the Municipal Library Board

A Fact Sheet for Alberta Public Library Boards and Councils

Municipal councils select individuals from their communities to sit on a library board. These individuals are appointed to the library board to ensure comprehensive and efficient library services are provided to the community. Councils appoint individuals with unique skills and perspectives to create a competent, well-rounded library board.

Appointment Basics

Board Members

As per the *Libraries Act*, council may appoint between 5 and 10 board members to a municipal library board. Of these appointees, no more than two may be municipal councillors (for more information about appointing councillors to a municipal library board, see Public Library Services Branch (PLSB)'s *Appointing Councillors to the Municipal or Intermunicipal Library Board* fact sheet).

Only the council of the municipality that established the library board has the authority to appoint members. The council of a neighbouring municipality cannot appoint board members to a board that they did not have a role in establishing. When making an appointment, council should include the name of the individual(s) being appointed and their term length in the motion.

Term Limits

Library board members are appointed for a term not exceeding 3 years. A board member cannot automatically serve more than 3 consecutive terms. If council wishes to have an individual on the municipal board for longer than 3 terms, 2/3 of the majority of council must vote in favour of re-appointing that individual for another term. This 2/3 majority vote must occur every time the individual is re-appointed. If a former board member who has not served on the board for a period of time seeks to be appointed to the board again, council may appoint this individual for a brand new term, regardless of whether they served 3 terms during their previous time on the board.

Selecting Board Members

Council has the prerogative to decide who is appointed to the municipal library board; however, it is good practice for council to involve the library board with recruitment and selection of board members. The board can suggest what skillsets would be beneficial to the board, assist with any interview processes, and put forward names to council. It is then council's decision whether or not to appoint the suggested individuals. Council does not simply approve the names put forward – they must *appoint* each individual. Please note that library staff, as employees of the board, cannot be board members. Staff can attend board meetings in a supporting capacity if the board desires.

Councils are only responsible for appointing individuals, and may not appoint officer positions. The election of officers is a process that happens at the board table amongst board members.

It is recommended that council not add details surrounding appointments within the municipal establishment bylaw. This can lead to inflexibility and redundancy (or contradiction) with clauses stated within provincial legislation. The establishment bylaw simply creates the municipal library board.

Board Turnover

Once a board member's term expires, council has two options – appoint the individual again (ensuring 2/3 of council has approved the resolution if beyond 3 consecutive terms), or opt not to reappoint. In the latter case, council must appoint another individual to the board as soon as reasonably possible, particularly if board membership drops below the minimum of 5 members.

A board member is not permitted to serve more than three terms (unless approved by 2/3 of council) to allow for turnover of library board membership and allow new individuals to be appointed and share their perspectives. The library board belongs to the whole community – not simply a select few individuals. Other community members should have the opportunity to have a voice at the table should they wish to. Councils in smaller communities may assert that it is

a struggle to find new individuals to appoint to the library board, citing a lack of willing volunteers from the community to sit on the board. It is worthy of note that there is no residency requirement for library board members. Board members need not live in the same municipality as the council that created the board. In fact, it can be beneficial to appoint individuals living outside of the municipality to garner perspective from surrounding municipalities, whose community members may utilize those library services.

Municipal vs. System Appointments

Note that appointing an individual to a municipal library board is not the same process as appointing an individual to a regional library system board. Municipalities that are members of a library system have the ability to appoint an individual to the system board to represent their municipality (for more information about system board appointments, see PLSB's *Appointments to the Library System Board* information sheet). This individual can serve on both the local and the regional system boards should council desire, but each appointment must be made separately.

The Importance of Ensuring ALL Board Members are Appointed

Having individuals on the library board that are not appointed by council not only poses a significant legal risk to the board and library, but to the individual who is not appointed. Decisions and motions made at board meetings, if challenged, would not be likely to hold up in a court of law. Minutes signed by a board member who is not legally appointed would technically not be approved from a legal standpoint. While it is important that board members are appointed when first selected for the board, it is also important that council track when board member terms are expiring to ensure members are appointed for another term (if being reappointed) before their current appointment expires. If a gap exists between appointments, any voting or motions made by that individual would not be legally valid. A Board Member Tracker Template is included with this information sheet.

Board Member Responsibilities

Council appoints *individuals* to municipal library boards, not representatives or officer positions. There is no seat on a municipal library board reserved for council, and councillors do not have a designated role to fill on the library board. They should not act as a representative of the municipality or any other group or organization. Board members may bring skills and knowledge from these other roles, but represent only themselves and their own views when it comes time to vote or make decisions. Councils may not appoint alternates

to these library boards because an alternate cannot represent the views of another individual.

Once a library board is established, it is an autonomous corporation – a legal entity separate from the municipality that established it. It has full management and control of library services in the community. Board members have fiduciary duties to fulfill in their roles. This includes the duty of care – each board member must be knowledgeable about their role and carry out their duties with the degree of care and attention that can reasonably be expected of them – and the duty of loyalty – to act honestly and in the best interests of the board and library, regardless of other boards and committees that individual may sit on.

Support and Resources

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<The (Name of Municipality) Library Board>

Requirements as per the *Libraries Act*, section 4:

- Only the municipal council that established the library board has the authority to appoint board members
- Minimum of 5, maximum of 10 board members can be appointed to the municipal library board
- A maximum of 2 board members may also be councillors from the municipality that established the board
- A single term on the board cannot exceed 3 years
- After 3 consecutive terms, 2/3rds of council must approve the individual being reappointed for each consecutive term thereafter (e.g. for a fourth, fifth term)
- Alternates are not allowed

Name of board member	Date of initial appointment	Current term ends	Number of terms served	History (e.g. motion # or date of letter of appointment)
Bob Smith	October 15, 2014	October 15, 2019	2	Motion#12345s – appointed for a 2 year term Motion#98765f – appointed for a 3 year term

Appointments to the Intermunicipal Library Board

A Fact Sheet for Alberta Public Library Boards and Councils

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Appointment Basics

Board Members

As per the Libraries Regulation, the councils who are party to an intermunicipal agreement may appoint between 7 and 10 members in accordance with their agreement. Of these appointees, only one member of council from each municipality that is a party to the agreement may be appointed (for more information about appointing councillors to the library board, see Public Library Services Branch (PLSB)'s *Appointing Councillors to the Municipal or Intermunicipal Library Board* fact sheet).

Only the councils of the municipalities that signed the intermunicipal agreement have the authority to appoint members. The council of a neighbouring municipality cannot appoint board members to a board that they did not have a role in establishing. When making an appointment, councils should include the name of the individual(s) being appointed and their term length in the motion.

Term Limits

Library board members are appointed for a term not exceeding 3 years. A board member should not serve more than 3 consecutive terms. If council wishes to have an individual on the board for longer than 3 terms, it is best practice for the municipalities party to the intermunicipal agreement to make a special resolution acknowledging this. If a former board member who has not served on the board for a period of time seeks to be appointed to the board again, they may be appointed for a brand new term, regardless of whether they served 3 terms during their previous time on the board.

Selecting Board Members

The councils party to an intermunicipal agreement have the prerogative to decide who is appointed to the intermunicipal library board; however, it is good practice for the councils to involve the library board with recruitment and selection of board members. The board can suggest what skillsets would be beneficial to the board, assist with any interview processes, and put forward names to the councils. It is the decision of the councils whether or not to appoint the suggested individuals. Council does not simply approve the names put forward – they must *appoint* each individual. Please note that library staff, as employees of the board, cannot be board members. Staff can attend board meetings in a supporting capacity if the board desires.

Councils are only responsible for appointing individuals, and may not appoint officer positions. The election of officers is a process that happens at the board table amongst board members.

The councils party to the intermunicipal agreement have predetermined the composition of the board within their agreement, including how many individuals are appointed and by which council, term lengths, and other provisions (for more information about intermunicipal boards, see PLSB's *Intermunicipal Library Boards: Establishment and Responsibilities* fact sheet).

Board Turnover

Once a board member's term expires, councils have two options – appoint the individual again, or opt not to reappoint. In the latter case, another individual must be appointed to the board as soon as reasonably possible, particularly if board membership drops below the minimum 7 members.

Turnover of library board members allows for new individuals to be appointed. The library board belongs to the whole community – not simply a select few individuals. Other community members should have the opportunity to have a voice at the table should they wish to. Councils in smaller communities may assert that it is a struggle to find new individuals to appoint to the library board, citing a lack of

willing volunteers from the community to sit on the board. It is worthy of note that there is no residency requirement for library board members. Board members need not live in the same municipalities as the councils who are party to the agreement. In fact, it can be beneficial to appoint individuals living outside of the jurisdiction to garner perspective from surrounding municipalities, whose community members may utilize those library services.

Intermunicipal vs. System Appointments

Note that appointing an individual to an intermunicipal library board is not the same process as appointing an individual to a regional library system board. Municipalities that are members of a library system have the ability to appoint an individual to the system board to represent their municipality (for more information about system board appointments, see PLSB's *Appointments to the Library System Board* fact sheet). This individual can serve on both the local and the regional system boards should councils desire, but each appointment must be made separately.

The Importance of Ensuring ALL Board Members are Appointed

Having individuals on the library board that are not appointed by council not only poses a significant legal risk to the board and library, but to the individual who is not appointed. Decisions and motions made at board meetings, if challenged, would not be likely to hold up in a court of law. Minutes signed by a board member who is not legally appointed would technically not be approved from a legal standpoint. While it is important that board members are appointed when first selected for the board, it is also important that each council track when board member terms are expiring to ensure members are appointed for another term (if being reappointed) before their current appointment expires. If a gap exists between appointments, any voting or motions made by that individual would not be legally valid. A Board Member Tracker Template is included with this information sheet.

Board Member Responsibilities

Councils appoint *individuals* to intermunicipal library boards, not representatives or officer positions. There is no seat on an intermunicipal board reserved for council, and councillors do not have a designated role to fill on the library board. They should not act as a representative of the municipality or any other group or organization. Board members may bring skills and knowledge from these other roles, but represent only themselves and their own views when it comes time to vote or make decisions. Councils may not appoint alternates

to these library boards because an alternate cannot represent the views of another individual.

Once a library board is established, it is an autonomous corporation. It has full management and control of library services in the community. Board members have fiduciary duties to fulfill in their roles. This includes the duty of care – each board member must be knowledgeable about their role and carry out their duties with the degree of care and attention that can reasonably be expected of them – and the duty of loyalty – to act honestly and in the best interests of the board and library, regardless of other boards and committees that individual may sit on.

Support and Resources

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<Legal name of library board>

Requirements as per the *Libraries Act*, section 4 & *Libraries Regulation*, section 17.1:

- Only the municipal councils that are party to the intermunicipal agreement forming the library board have the authority to appoint board members
- A minimum of 7, maximum of 10 board members can be on an intermunicipal library board
- Only one member of council from each municipality that is party to the agreement may be appointed to the intermunicipal library board
- A single term cannot exceed 3 years
- Alternates are not allowed

Name of board member	Date of initial appointment	Current term ends	Number of terms served	History (e.g. motion # or date of letter of appointment)
Bob Smith	October 15, 2013	October 15, 2019	2	Name of Municipality, Motion#12345s – appointed for a 3 year term Name of Municipality, Motion#98765f – appointed for a 3 year term

Appointments to Library System Boards

A Fact Sheet for Alberta Public Library Boards and Councils

Becoming a System Member

Regional library systems provide their members with a variety of services, which may include dedicated consultants, technical support, collection development assistance, and training. The systems also distribute the Public Library Network services provided by the province to its member libraries. These services include interlibrary loan software and delivery, an econtent suite, SuperNet, and services to the print disabled community as well as Indigenous persons living on reserve.

As per the *Libraries Act*, a jurisdiction, such as a municipality, improvement district, special area, Metis settlement or school authority, may become a system member. A jurisdiction may determine that local library services can be enhanced by joining a library system. Jurisdictions have the option to join a library system.

To become a member, a jurisdiction must agree to the terms of the system agreement and receive approval from the Minister responsible for libraries to join the system. If a municipality has a local municipal or intermunicipal library board, the local board must agree to receive system services.

As system members, jurisdictions have the ability to appoint an individual to the library system board. Jurisdictions are more than just system members -the library system IS its members. Members contribute to the functionality of the system and its services via the voices appointed to the system board.

Appointment Basics

Board Members

As per the *Libraries Act*, the council of each jurisdiction that is a member of a library system may appoint an individual to the library system board. Only the council of the jurisdiction that is a signatory to the system agreement has the authority to appoint members. When making an appointment, council should include the name of the individual(s) being appointed and their term length in the motion.

As systems are comprised of jurisdictions, an individual appointed to the board is considered a representative of that jurisdiction. Whereas local municipal and intermunicipal boards are made up of individual members with their own perspectives and ideas, system board members represent the perspectives and ideas of the jurisdiction as a whole. Therefore, the *Libraries Regulation* allows for an alternate to be appointed to a system board to attend board meetings in the event that the representative cannot. An alternate must give notice that they are attending a meeting of the board, and may not act in place of the primary board member at more than 2 consecutive meetings without the system board's approval.

Term Limits

Library system board members are appointed for a term not exceeding 3 years. A system board member must have a specified term, and cannot be appointed to serve for more than 9 consecutive years. If council wishes to have an individual on the system board for longer than 3 terms, 2/3 of the majority of council must vote in favour of re-appointing that individual for another term. This 2/3 majority vote must occur every time the individual is re-appointed. If a former board member who has not served on the system board for a period of time seeks to be appointed to the board again, council may appoint this individual for a brand new term, regardless of whether they served 9 consecutive years during their previous time on the board.

Selecting Board Members

Council has the prerogative to decide who is appointed to the library system board. Often, councils will appoint councillors to the system board. While permitted, it is not required that council appoint a councillor to this board. Council may appoint any resident of the jurisdiction as a representative. It is best practice that the individual appointed to the system board from a municipality have some ties to the local municipal or intermunicipal board. This is to ensure the system representative is familiar with local board issues, as well as the functionality of the local library service points, and is therefore able to bring concerns to the table on their behalf.

An individual can serve on both the local and the system boards should council desire, but each appointment must be made separately.

Board Turnover

Once a board member's term expires, councils have two options – appoint the individual again (ensuring 2/3 of council has approved the resolution if beyond 9 years), or opt not to reappoint. In the latter case, council should appoint another individual to the board as soon as reasonably possible.

Consecutive terms may not exceed nine years total (unless 2/3 of council approves) to allow for turnover of library board membership and allow new individuals to be appointed and share their perspectives. Other community members should have the opportunity to have a voice at the table should they wish to.

The Importance of Ensuring ALL Board Members are Appointed

Having individuals on the library system board that are not appointed by council not only poses a significant legal risk to the board and jurisdiction, but to the individual who is not appointed. Decisions and motions made at board meetings, if challenged, would not be likely to hold up in a court of law. Minutes signed by a board member who is not legally appointed would technically not be approved from a legal standpoint.

While it is important that board members are appointed when first selected for the board, it is also important that council track when the board member's term is expiring to ensure they are appointed for another term (if being reappointed) before their current appointment expires. If a gap exists between appointments, any voting or motions made by that individual would not be legally valid. A Board Member Tracker Template is included with this information sheet.

Board Member Responsibilities

As representatives of the member jurisdiction, system board members are expected to attend all meetings of the library system board, be familiar with the work of the board, and serve on committees as the board requires. It is important that a municipal system representative have regular

communication with the local municipal or intermunicipal board to ensure they are primed on the work of the board and aware of any concerns about the services being received from the system. It will be difficult for a system board member to contribute in discussions and the decision making of the system board without this knowledge. Likewise, the representative should report back to the jurisdiction and local library board to ensure everyone is well-informed with consistent information about system services.

Support and Resources

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<Legal name of library board>

Requirements as per the *Libraries Act*, section 16 & *Libraries Regulation*, Section 32

- A single term cannot exceed 3 years
- After 9 consecutive years, 2/3rds of that council must approve the individual being reappointed for each consecutive term thereafter by a resolution acknowledging subsequent terms (e.g. for a fourth, fifth term)
- Alternates are allowed

Name of board member	Date of initial appointment	Current term ends	Number of year served	History (e.g. motion # or date of letter of appointment)
Bob Smith	October 15, 2013	October 15, 2019	6	Motion#12345s – appointed for a 3 year term Motion#98765f – appointed for a 3 year term

Municipal Councils and Library Boards

Roles and Responsibilities

Public Library Service in Alberta: An Overview

In Alberta, public library service is municipally based. A municipality may choose to provide public library service at a local level by having a library board in the community, and/or having library service at a regional level by joining a library system.

A municipality makes the decision to have public library service in their community. One way to do this would be to have council pass an establishment bylaw under the *Libraries Act* (Part 1, Section 3) to create a municipal library board for the provision of public library service. Upon its creation, the library board is a governing board and is a corporation with full management and control of the public library and public library service delivery in the community (Part 1, Section 7).

Alternately, up to three municipalities may decide to partner by entering into an intermunicipal agreement and requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs form an intermunicipal library board on their behalf (see Part 1.1 of the *Libraries Act*). Upon its creation, an intermunicipal library board is a governing board and is a corporation with full management and control of the public library and public library service delivery in the municipalities that are parties to the intermunicipal agreement.

Municipalities may also join a regional library system. A library system is made up of jurisdictions working in partnership to provide regionally based centralized library system service which enhances and supports local library service. Also, residents benefit from system membership by having access to public libraries at a regional and provincial level.

Legislation: The *Libraries Act* and the *Libraries Regulation*

In Alberta, public library service is governed by the *Libraries Act* and *Libraries Regulation*.

The *Libraries Act* sets the legal framework for public library service through the establishment of library boards, who manage public library service on behalf of the municipality.

The *Libraries Regulation* sets out sound management practices for library boards.

The *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) and the *Libraries Act* are two distinct pieces of legislation. Neither is superior to the other because the MGA and the *Libraries Act* do two separate things:

- The MGA is the law under which municipalities in Alberta operate, govern and are governed.
- The *Libraries Act* and *Libraries Regulation* form the legal basis for public library service in Alberta.

Public library boards in Alberta are not subject to the MGA (e.g. library board members are appointed by the terms outlined in the *Libraries Act*, not the MGA).

The Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) of Alberta Municipal Affairs is the provincial body that administers public library legislation and the provincial Public Library Network. PLSB staff are responsible for the administration of the *Libraries Act* and *Libraries Regulation*, delivering operating grants to municipal and system library boards, plus building and maintaining the provincial Public Library Network. PLSB staff members are available to consult with library boards, library staff and municipal councils. For more information about PLSB, visit albertalibraries.ca.

The Public Library Network links public libraries at a provincial level and enables sharing, primarily by two means: a provincial policy framework and a technological infrastructure. The purpose of the Public Library Network is to support equitable and seamless access to public library resources and services for Albertans. This is done through things such as interlibrary loan brokering and delivery, the centralized acquisition of electronic content, and SuperNet connectivity.

The Roles and Responsibilities of Municipal and Intermunicipal Library Boards

Municipal and intermunicipal library boards are the legal entities that manage and control the library and public library



service delivery. The formation of these boards is defined by the *Libraries Act*.

The library board is a governing board, not an advisory board – it has full management and control of the library and public library service delivery in the municipality. This is defined in legislation (*Libraries Act*, Section 7 and 12.5).

Upon establishment, the library board is a corporation administered under the *Libraries Act* with full management and control of library service. It is a legal entity able to sue or be sued, enter into contracts, employ staff and regulate its own procedure and business. The library manager is employed by the board and reports directly to the board, while any additional library staff members are employees of the board but report to the library manager.

The library board is accountable not only to council, but to all citizens of the municipality and to the provincial government.

A library board:

- passes policies and may pass safety and use bylaws to enable the provision of public library service delivery.
- determines library service priorities and creates a plan of service based on community needs assessments.
- is responsible for acquiring sufficient library funding, requesting funds from council and applying for provincial grants.
- keeps financial records and bank accounts, undergoes an annual financial review and prepares and manages its own budget.
- can have reserve accounts and investments.
- chooses its own officers (e.g. chair, treasurer).
- may operate one or more public library service points and through regional initiatives participates in providing services beyond its local community.

The 9 Roles and Responsibilities of Municipal Councils

Unlike boards established under the *Municipal Government Act*, the *Libraries Act* sets out a specific relationship between council and the municipal/intermunicipal library board and system library board. Council's role in public library service delivery is limited to the following nine responsibilities.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIBRARY BOARD

The decision of whether or not to have public library service in the community is made by the municipal council. If council decides that it would be beneficial to have public library service in the community, they may either pass a bylaw to establish a municipal library board or partner with up to two

neighbouring municipalities to form an intermunicipal library board.

Forming a Municipal Library Board

Council must pass a bylaw under the *Libraries Act* 3(1) to establish a municipal library board. Once established, the library board can only be dissolved by order of the Court of Queen's Bench, or if the municipality itself dissolves.

Establishment bylaws should only state that the library board is being created as per the *Libraries Act*. It should not be worded as establishing "the library" and extra information, such as how appointments are and how often the board meets, should not be included as the *Libraries Act* already sets those parameters. Sample establishment bylaws are available from PLSB.

Upon establishment, the library board has full management and control of the public library and public library service in the community. It is a corporation with all the rights and responsibilities that comes with that designation. Library boards may operate one or more public library service points (libraries), and may enter into agreements with other library boards. An agreement of this type allows the residents of each board to use library facilities and services in both communities.

Section 3(4) of the *Libraries Act* states that, on being established, the municipal library board's legal name is "The (name of municipality) Library Board". This name should be used on all legal and formal documents.

Forming an Intermunicipal Library Board

Instead of forming a municipal board, a municipality may alternatively pass a bylaw to enter into an agreement with up to two additional municipalities to apply to have the Minister of Municipal Affairs form an intermunicipal library board.

Forming an intermunicipal library board is a formalized, legislated process whereby municipalities come together under a single library board to deliver public library services to residents of all the municipalities that are party to the agreement. This library board serves as the governing board for these municipalities.

Before this board can be established, the municipalities must enter into a formal agreement (the content of which is outlined in the *Libraries Regulation*), which is then approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Once formed, the intermunicipal library board is also a corporation with full management and control of public library service in the municipalities, the same as a municipal library board.

The legal name of the intermunicipal library board is set out in the ministerial order that establishes the board. This name should be used on all legal and formal documents.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO MUNICIPAL AND INTERMUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARDS

Council appoints and unappoints library board members to municipal and intermunicipal library boards under the terms set out in the *Libraries Act* (sections 4, 5, 12.3, and 31), and the *Libraries Regulation* (section 17.1).

A municipal library board must have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 board members. Intermunicipal library boards must have a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 10 board members.

Upon appointment, a board member becomes part of a legal entity (the library board) responsible for governing the delivery of public library service in the community and receiving local and provincial tax dollars to provide quality library service. Board members have a fiduciary responsibility to employ the duty of care - acting with competence and diligence - as well as the duty of loyalty - acting in the best interest of library service in the community.

Only the council of the municipality that established the board or signed the intermunicipal agreement can appoint to a library board. The council of a neighbouring municipality cannot appoint board members to a board that they did not have a role in establishing.

However, the council of the establishing municipality(ies) can appoint individuals from neighbouring municipalities to the library board, as there are no residency requirements imposed by the legislation. Having individuals from neighboring municipalities can help to strengthen relationships and bring a broader perspective to the table.

For municipal library boards, council may appoint up to two board members who are also councillors on their council (i.e. councillors of the municipality that established the library board). For intermunicipal boards, each municipality that is party to the agreement may appoint one board member who is also a councillor on their council.

- If a councillor is appointed to the library board, they have the same role and responsibilities as the other board members and should not be referred to as a "Council Rep" or something similar. There is no designated role for a municipal councillor on a municipal or intermunicipal library board
- Councillors from neighbouring municipalities may be appointed to the library board and do not count against the limit of councillors as they are not from the establishing municipality(ies).

- Council may also choose to not appoint any councillors to the library board.

An employee of the library board cannot be appointed to the library board.

There is no provision for alternates to be appointed to a municipal or intermunicipal library board.

All appointments to the municipal or intermunicipal library board shall be for a term of up to three years.

A library board member is eligible to be reappointed for up to two additional consecutive terms. If council wishes to appoint a board member for more than three terms, at least 2/3 of the whole council must pass a resolution stating that the member may be reappointed as a member for more than 3 consecutive terms. This must be done for each time the member is reappointed beyond three consecutive terms.

A library board member is disqualified from remaining a member of a board if the person fails to attend, without being authorized by a resolution of the board to do so, three consecutive regular meetings of the board.

The term of office of a board member continues until a new board member is appointed by council in that member's place.

The appointments to the library board shall be made on the date fixed by council. Any vacancy arising from any cause must be filled by council as soon as reasonably possible for council to do so.

Best practices for appointments

When appointing board members, make sure the motion lists the name(s) of the individual(s) and includes the length of term (one, two, or three years).

- Send the library board a list of appointments including the length of terms.
- Send a letter to each appointee with their term length and expiry date.
- Collaborate with the library board to develop a recruitment strategy that meets the needs of the council, the library board and the community.

3. FUNDING LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICE

The *Libraries Act* (section 8) states that municipal library boards must prepare and submit their budget, along with an estimate of the money required during the ensuing fiscal year to operate and manage the municipal library, to municipal council before December 1.

This estimate is formally known as **local appropriation**, and is operational funding provided from local tax dollars to the library board for the delivery of public library service.

It is the responsibility of council to approve, in whole or in part, the estimate of local appropriation requested by the library board. Council **does not** have the authority to approve the library board's budget. If council is unable or unwilling to provide the requested amount in full, it is the responsibility of the library board to make adjustments to their budget to reflect their funding situation.

For intermunicipal library boards, the process is very similar. The board must submit to each municipality that is party to the intermunicipal agreement a budget and estimate of the money required (local appropriation) from each municipality for the following fiscal year for operations (*Libraries Act* 12.6). The terms specifying when the budget and estimate must be submitted and how the intermunicipal library board calculates the estimate and each municipality's share of the funding, etc. are set out in the intermunicipal agreement that the municipalities sign for the library board to be established by the Minister (*Libraries Regulation* 17.1(f)(g)).

Cost-share Agreements

Sometimes a municipality may enter into a cost-share agreement with another municipality to fund local library services. This is most often the case when a municipality without a library board recognizes that their residents use the services provided by a library in a neighbouring municipality.

When a cost-share is in place, it is best practice for the library board to receive the funding directly from the each of the municipalities involved, rather than from one municipality to another municipality, which then forwards it to the board. It is important that municipal funding for library boards is transparent and captured accurately.

Ideally, public library services would not be included in municipal cost-share agreements. The library board, as an autonomous corporation, has the responsibility to acquire sufficient funding for library services, and is consequently directly accountable to its funding providers. If the library board is not involved in the cost-share transaction, there is no opportunity for the board to build a relationship with the municipality that is providing funding through the cost-share agreement. This prevents the library board from being able to demonstrate value, return on investment and negotiate future funding levels.

4. PROVIDING FOR LIBRARY BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

The *Libraries Act* (Section 10) states that municipal library boards may request funding from council for acquiring property for a library building, or for erecting, repairing, furnishing and equipping a building to be used as a

municipal library. The council may provide the funds, or a portion of the funds, as council considers expedient.

These capital funds may be borrowed by council under the authority of a borrowing bylaw, as outlined in the terms of the MGA.

5. DETERMINING THE FINANCIAL REVIEW

Section 9(b) of the *Libraries Act* states that the municipal library board must have a person who is not a member of the library board, and whose qualifications are satisfactory to council, review the library board's accounts each calendar year, and the financial report shall be in a form satisfactory to council. Upon completion, the library board must submit the financial report to council.

For intermunicipal library boards, the requirements are similar (*Libraries Act* 12.7). However, the terms specifying the form of the financial review and the process for the approval of the financial reviewer is set out in the intermunicipal agreement (*Libraries Regulation* 17.1(h)).

Because local library service is a municipal service funded in large part by local tax dollars, the library board is accountable to council for that funding. Therefore, it is up to council to decide the level of financial review (e.g. a full audit, a notice to reader) and to approve the person or company the library board wishes to have review their accounts.

If or when financial reviewers change, council must pass a motion approving the new reviewer. Councils should take care not to embed a specific term length for the reviewer in their motion. Doing so may result in council having to re-approve the reviewer repeatedly or unnecessarily.

6. RECEIVING LIBRARY BOARD BYLAWS

Council receives the library board's bylaws for the safety and use of the library after they have been passed by the library board. Best practice is to have council make a motion noting receipt and acceptance of the library board's bylaws.

If council feels that the library board's bylaw is not in keeping with comparable municipal bylaws, council may disallow it. Council cannot make changes to the library board's bylaws, however; the library board is responsible for amending or replacing the bylaw, taking into consideration council's feedback. Once revised, the board provides the new version to council for acceptance.

7. RECEIVING LIBRARY BOARD REPORTS

Required management practices under the *Libraries Regulation* state that library boards must have certain policies, including confidentiality of user records, finance,

and personnel policies. Municipal and intermunicipal library boards must also develop a Plan of Service based on a community needs assessment, and submit an annual report to the province. Council may receive these reports and policies, as well as meeting minutes, from the library board for information purposes.

A recommended practice is to have the Chair of the library board (or a delegation) present to council about the library board's activities, instead of relying upon a member of council appointed to the library board to provide information. This helps keep the roles of being a councillor and a library board member separate.

8. PARTICIPATING IN A REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Being part of a library system means that all residents will have access to library service even if there is not a library in the municipality. It allows residents to access digital resources provided through the library system and visit public libraries located elsewhere in the system's region to access their services.

Library systems also provide professional and technical support to staff in public libraries within the system area so that even the smallest library has access to advice and assistance, along with the cost effectiveness and cooperation made possible by working through a larger unit. They also manage library resource development and sharing at the regional level. As well, library systems function as nodes within the provincial Public Library Network, connecting resources available provincially to residents using municipal libraries in small rural communities.

Library system boards are created under the *Libraries Act* (section 14) and library systems were established by the Minister responsible for public libraries when municipalities in an area agreed to jointly provide library system services. Upon establishment, library system boards are corporations with all the rights and responsibilities that comes with that designation.

The system that a municipality is eligible to join is determined by the prescribed boundaries in section 34(1) of the Libraries Regulation. All municipalities, with the exception of Edmonton and Calgary due to their size, are eligible to join a library system.

Municipalities that are part of a library system are required to pay an annual per capita levy. This levy is independent of any funding that goes to a local municipal or intermunicipal

library board. The library system per capita levy is similar to a membership fee and supports library system operations.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARDS

When a municipality becomes party to the system agreement, and is approved by the Minister to join the system, council may appoint an individual to the library system board. This individual is not required by legislation to be a municipal councillor.

Participating in a library system is more than just being a "member" of the system. The municipalities that sign the system agreement *are* the library system, with their appointed board member providing input and making governance decisions at board meetings about the direction of the system and its services.

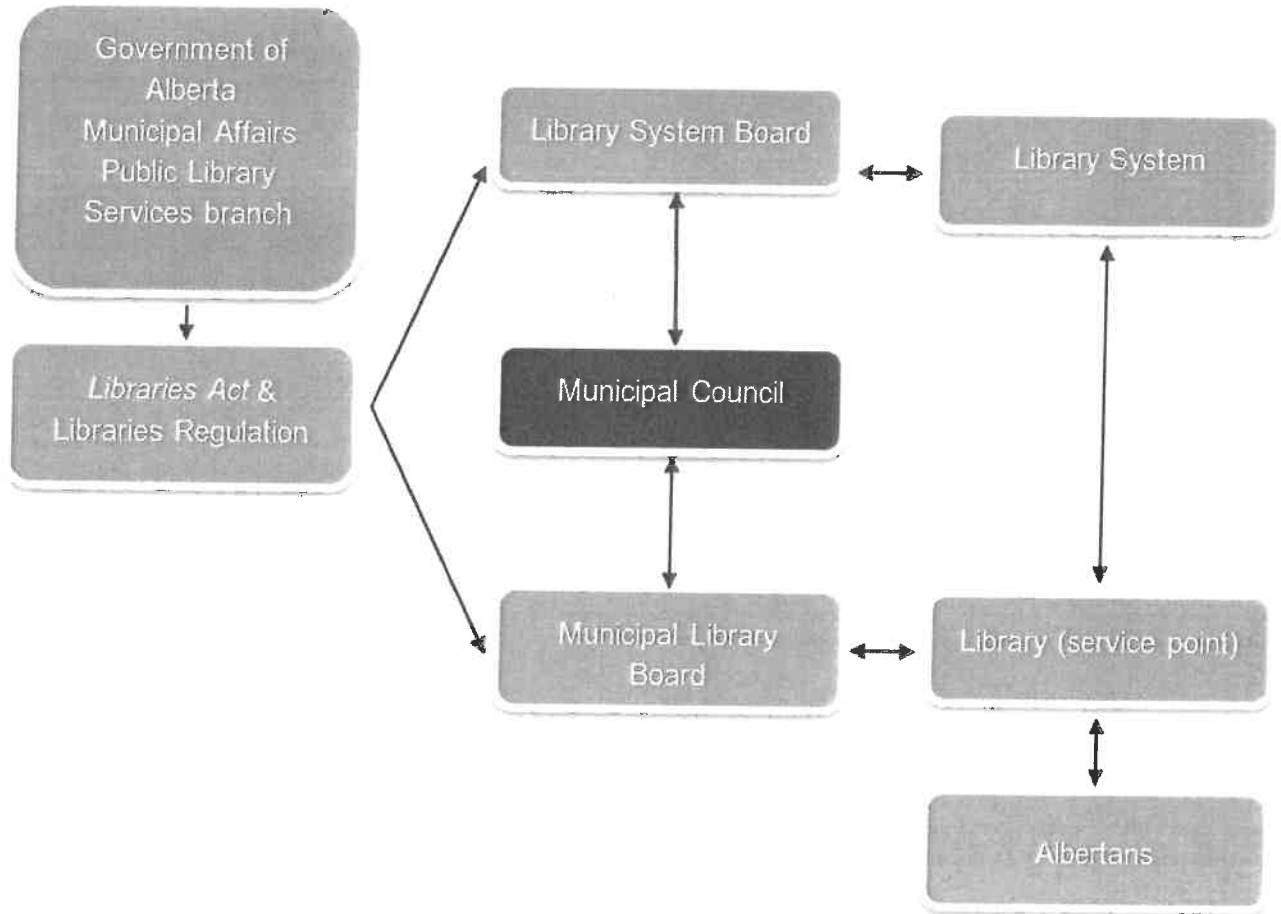
Appointments to a library system board are different than appointments to a municipal or intermunicipal library board. When appointing to a library system board, council must adhere to the following, as set out in the Libraries Regulation (Section 32):

- A single term cannot exceed three years.
- Council shall not appoint a library system board member to serve for more than 9 consecutive years without the approval of 2/3rds of all the members of that council.
- Any vacancy in the membership of a library system board shall be filled by council as soon as reasonably possible.
- Council may appoint an alternate to a library system board if the library system board member is unable to attend a library system board meeting and has given notice to the library system board that an alternate member will attend. (This is not allowed for municipal or intermunicipal library boards).
- The alternate member shall not act in place of the library system board member at more than two consecutive meetings except by resolution of the library system board.

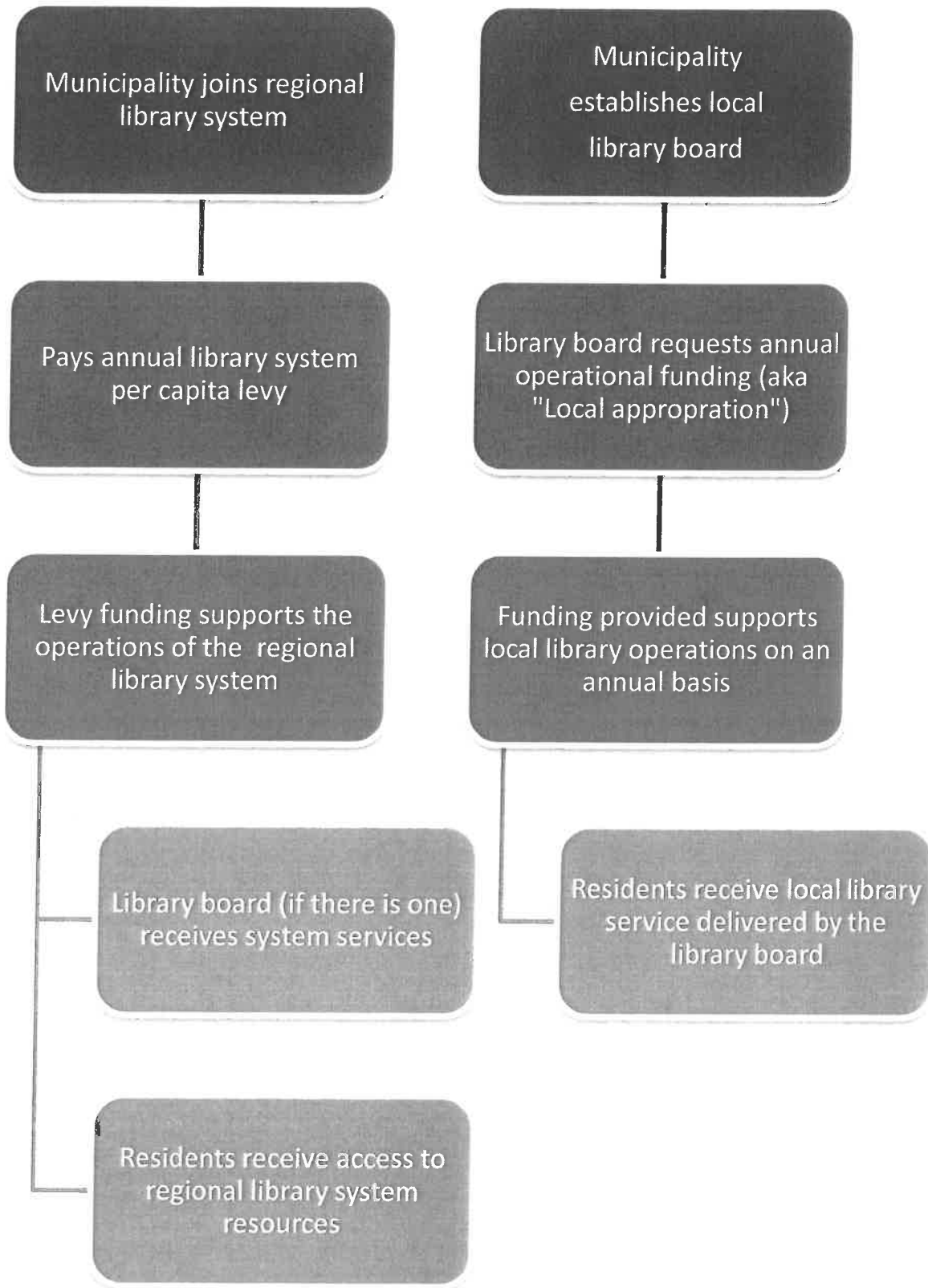
Support and Resources

If you have any questions please contact the Public Library Services Branch by phone at 780-427-4871 (toll free by dialing 310-0000 first), or by email at libraries@gov.ab.ca. Information is also available on the PLSB website at www.albertalibraries.ca.

Structure of Public Library Service in Alberta



Municipal Funding Streams for Public Library Service





Alberta Beach & District
LIONS CLUB
Box 126, Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0



November 17, 2021
Village of Alberta Beach
Box 278
Alberta Beach, AB, T0E 0A0

The Alberta Beach & District Lions Club will again be hosting SnoMo Days Feb 19-21 2022. We sincerely thank you for your past support, creating a great winter activity for the Village.

We respectfully request the following support from the Village

- Clear snow on ice for drag race track, parking and ice park
- Build track for OHV Challenge event
- Contribute to the washroom expense for festival activities (Lions will have heated flush toilets washrooms)
- Supply garbage cans and picnic tables
- 2 fire pits on lake for ice park
- 1 fire pit at skating rink (Beach Wave Park)
- Spectator stands alongside drag race track
- Barricades to direct traffic

The Village of Alberta Beach will be named on the Lions Club insurance policy and the fireworks provider will also name the village on their insurance policy.

We will send you a copy of the schedule of events when complete.

Thank you for your commitment which will grant Gold Sponsorship level for your in-kind donation.

Terry Scheiris
Alberta Beach & District Lions Club
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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Cory O'Connor <coryo@themarcgroupinc.com>
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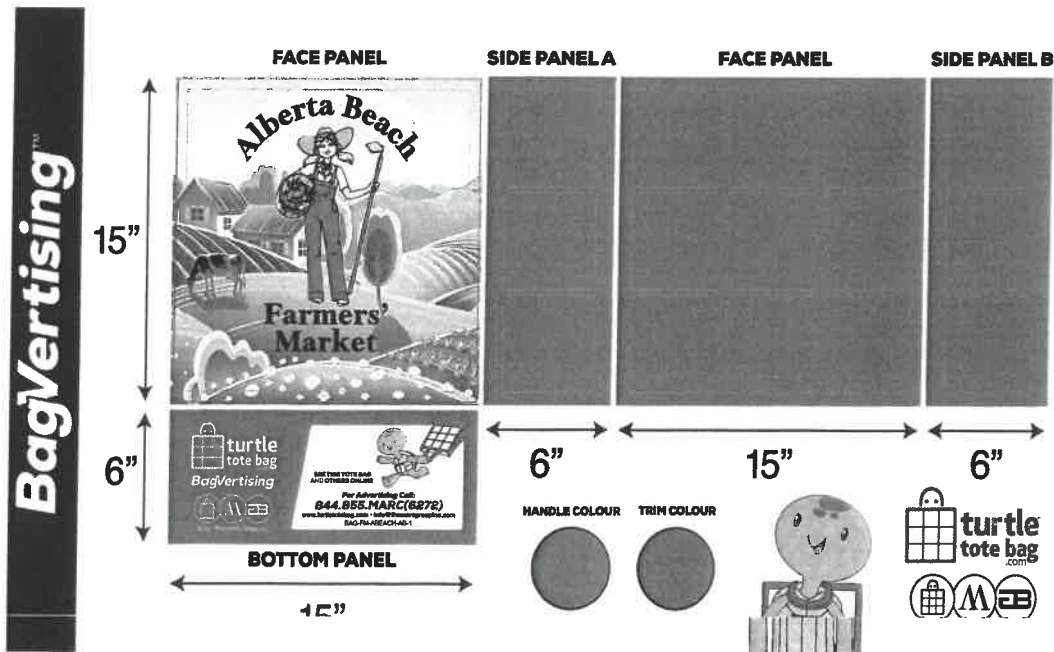
The MARC Group has teamed up with **Alberta Beach Farmers Market** to launch a NEW Community Program for the Summer 2022 Market Season!

With BagVertising™ you can get your brand into the hands of thousands of potential clients.

Our Turtle Tote Bags are large, full colour, reusable, shopping bags. (Measuring 15" x 15" x 6")

One side of the bag will be promoting The Farmers' Market and the rest of the bag will feature advertising space for local businesses and companies.

We will be creating **2,500 bags.**



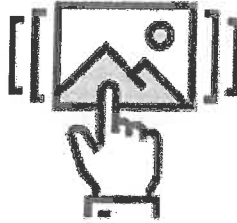
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Co-Brand

Your business with this locally recognized community organization.



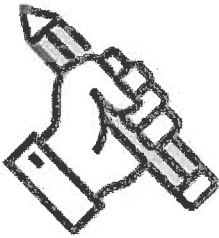
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Thousands of reusable bags will be distributed to potential clients in your area!



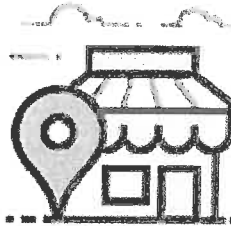
Exclusive

Industry exclusivity puts you ahead of your competition.



Free Ad Design

Work with our professional design team until you are 100% satisfied with your ad.



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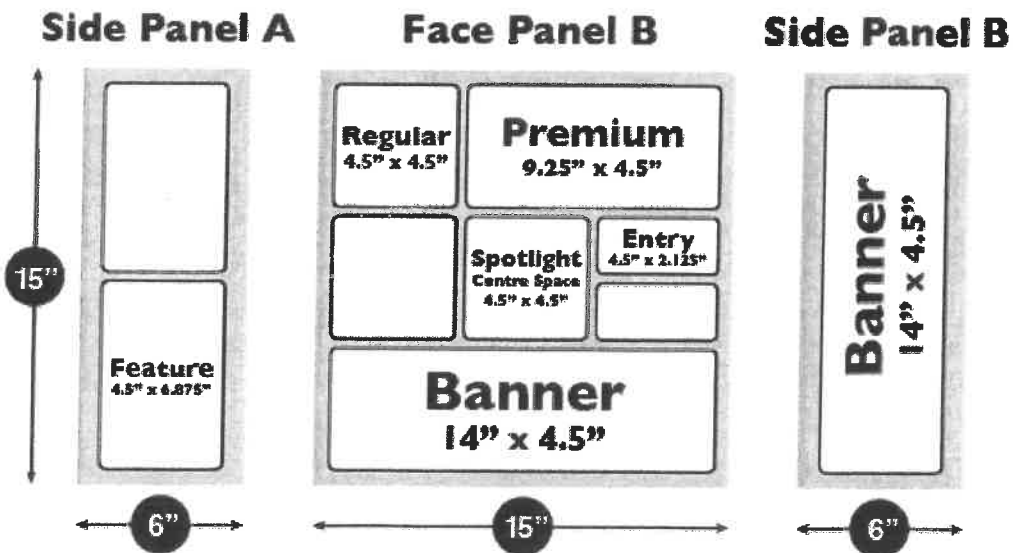
Bags are quickly distributed for long-term use in the community!



Price

Prices start as low as pennies per impression!

Sizing Chart



EVERYONE WILL SEE YOUR TOTE BAG ONLINE!

Entry - \$550 (half a regular 22 cents a bag) Regular - \$950 (38 cents a bag) Spotlight - \$1275
Feature - \$1500 Premium - \$1900 Banner - \$2850

Turtletotetotebag.com is our new website and database for all of our Turtle Tote Bag programs. Our latest Turtle Tote Bags feature a QR code that once scanned with a cell, will bring customers to your bag's personal webpage. From there, customers will see an online version of the bag and your ad, which is also linked to your website, email and phone number. The number of interactions your ad gets from

TurtleToteBag.com is traceable, that way we can provide you with the exact number of hits our bags brought to your business through TurtleToteBag.com.

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December 6, 2021

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Attention: His Worship Bud Love

Dear Mayor Love:

Re: First Responders Thank You

Bud, our Council had a tribute banner printed up to express our residents and Council's sincere appreciation to Onoway Regional Fire Services for their dedicated service. Many Onoway residents signed the banner.

The Town of Onoway challenges other municipalities to Say It Forward and to show appreciation to those who serve as our first responders. We believe this is especially important during the pandemic.

I've enclosed a copy of the photo and ad that Onoway placed in the newspaper when I presented the banner, for your reference.

Yours truly,

Lenard Kwasny, Mayor
Town of Onoway

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c.c. Council, Town of Onoway
Wendy Wildman, Chief Administrative Officer

Onoway, A Tiny Town With A Big Heart Says Thank You To First Responders

Newly elected Mayor of Onoway, Len Kwasny presents Fire Chief David Ives, FF Kowal, FF Neill, EMR Postmus, FF Araza, Cpt. Lindstrom with a big Thank You. A tribute signed by residents of the town with the challenge for other municipalities to Say It Forward and show appreciation for those who serve to keep us safe. Thank You - two simple words when expressed can make a positive difference for a lifetime.

