

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AND BEING HELD FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022 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 January 18, 2022
6. DELEGATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
 - a. Council (Mayor) – Resignation
 - b. Nomination – Mayor (& Official Oath of Office)
 - c. Council Committee Appointment Vacancies
 - d. Notice of By-Election Day and Nomination Day
 - e. Appointment of Returning Officer & Substitute Returning Officer
 - f. CAO Report Action List
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. Financial Report
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Beach & District Lions Club – SnoMo Days
 - b. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance Newsletter January 21, 2022
 - c. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance Newsletter January 28, 2022
 - d. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance Newsletter February 4, 2022
 - e. Alberta Counsel – The News January 25, 2022
 - f. Alberta Counsel – The News February 9, 2022
 - g. Alberta Health Services – AHS Together4Health Headlines January 24, 2022
 - h. Alberta Health Services – AHS Together4Health Headlines January 31, 2022
 - i. Alberta Health Services – AHS Together4Health Headlines February 7, 2022
 - j. Alberta Health Services – EMS System Pressure and Mitigation Plan
 - k. Alberta Health Services – Community Lab Services across Alberta
 - l. Alberta Health Services – Covid 19 Municipal Update February 10, 2022
 - m. Alberta Invasive Species Council – AISC Conference and AGM 2022
 - n. Alberta Seniors and Housing – Age Friendly E-News February 2, 2022
 - o. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly January 19, 2022
 - p. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly January 27, 2022
 - q. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly February 2, 2022
 - r. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly February 9, 2022
 - s. Alberta Municipalities – Friday News February 4, 2022
 - t. Alberta Municipalities – Provincial Engagement on Alberta Provincial Police Service
 - u. Alberta Municipalities – Appointment to the Alberta Water Council
 - v. Alberta Municipalities – Elected Officials Education Program - Corporate Finance & Planning
 - w. Alberta Municipalities – Spring 2022 Municipal Leaders' Caucus
 - x. College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta – Response to Streamlining Foreign Physicians
 - y. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM News January 24, 2022
 - z. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM News January 28, 2022
 - aa. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM News February 7, 2022
 - bb. Fortis Alberta – AUC Notice Letter - Maximum Investment Levels
 - cc. Fortis Alberta – Streetlight Refund and Interim Dispute Process
 - dd. Lac Ste. Anne Foundation – 2022 Municipal Requisition
 - ee. Municipal Climate Change Action Centre – The Electric Vehicle Charging Program
 - ff. National Police Federation – KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour
 - gg. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – January 2022 In Stream Newsletter
 - hh. Northern Gateway Public Schools – Alberta Rural Education Symposium
 - ii. Statistics Canada – Findings of the 2021 Census Coming Soon
 - jj. Statistics Canada – 2021 Census Data
 - kk. Town of Gibbons – Letter regarding Bill 21 - Provincial Administrative Penalties Act
 - ll. Yellowhead Regional Library – Information for Municipal Councillors

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14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives Society – Request for Support
 - b. Farm Safety Centre – Safety Smart and Sustainable Farm Families Programs Request for Support
15. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Amending 2022 MSI Memorandum of Agreement
 - b. Capital Region Assessment Services Commission – Appointment of ARB Officials 2022
 - c. Lac Country Home Improvements - Cabin Country Re-Store – Lease Proposal
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING JANUARY 18, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

- Mayor.....Bud Love

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#001-22 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION: None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

#002-22 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2021: MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 21, 2021 be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

#003-22 TOWN OF ONOWAY CHALLENGE – FIRST RESPONDERS THANK YOU: MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve to purchase three individual banners for EMS, Police and Fire to show our appreciation and thank our first responders and further that the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin be invited to participate. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None.

BYLAWS & POLICIES:

#004-22 BYLAW #287-22 THE FEES AND RATES BYLAW: MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Bylaw #287-22, being a bylaw to establish a schedule of fees and rates for the municipality be read a first time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
#005-22 MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Bylaw #287-22 be read a second time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
#006-22 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that unanimous consent be given to Bylaw #287-22 to proceed to third reading. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
#007-22 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #287-22 be read a third & final time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#008-22 GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY #G.3.5 SNOW & ICE CONTROL POLICY: MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that General Village Policy #G.3.5 Snow & Ice Control Policy be approved as amended. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

Councillor Elwood gave a brief report on the Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of January 11, 2022.

COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher gave a brief report on the Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting of January 12, 2022.

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COUNCILLOR WEBER:
No meetings to report.

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:
Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the Alberta Beach & Lac Ste. Anne County Engagement meeting of January 14, 2022.

#009-22

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 COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES – FCSS SURPLUS POLICY:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Community & Social Services regarding the FCSS Surplus Policy which was recently approved.

ALBERTA COUNSEL – AT A GLANCE & THE NEWS:
At a Glance newsletter of January 7, 2022 as well as the January 11, 2022 issue of The News was received from Alberta Counsel.

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT – 2022 ALBERTA FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ENGAGEMENT:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Environment and Parks regarding the 2022 Alberta Fisheries Management public engagement sessions being held regarding fisheries management and proposed regulatory changes.

ALBERTA HEALTH OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPAL UPDATES:
Covid-19 Municipal updates of December 15 & 22, 2021 as well as January 12, 2022 was received from Alberta Health Operations.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:
Covid-19 Community updates of December 20, 2021 as well as January 4 and 10, 2022 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES YEAR END REVIEW:
The Alberta Municipalities Year End Review was received from Alberta Municipalities.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES VILLAGES WEST UPDATE:
An Alberta Municipalities Villages West update was received from Alberta Municipalities.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – RE-ASSIGNMENTS TO RMA PEMBINA DISTRICT #3:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities announcing their appointments to RMA Pembina District #3.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS:
The Weekly Newsletters of December 22, 2021 as well as January 12, 2022 was received from Alberta Municipalities.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – NEW FIRESMART PROGRAM OFFERING:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities advising that the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta is now accepting expressions of interest for its new FireSmart Program.

BROWNLEE LLP – EMERGING TRENDS IN MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR:
Correspondence was received from Brownlee LLP regarding the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar being held in Edmonton on February 17, 2022.

COMMUNITIES CHOOSEWELL – THE CHOOSE LETTER:
The Choose newsletter of January 2022 was received from Communities ChooseWell, it was noted that ChooseWell Healthy Community Grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 are available for community projects and applications are being accepted until February 28, 2022, Council requested this be added to the next round table meeting.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM – SCOTTS CANADA 2022 GRO FOR GOOD GRANTS INITIATIVE:
Correspondence was received from Communities in Bloom regarding Scotts Canada 2022 Gro for Good Grants initiative which is a \$2,500.00 grant to support community gardens and green spaces, applications are being accepted until February 28, 2022 and Council requested this be added to the next round table meeting.

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – DIGITAL ECONOMY PROGRAM:
Correspondence was received from Community Futures Yellowhead East regarding their Digital Economy Program.

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FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES – FCM VOICE NEWS:
The FCM Voice news of January 10, 2022 was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

FORTIS ALBERTA – 2022 FORTIS ALBERTA APPROVED RATES:
Correspondence was received from Fortis Alberta to advise that the Alberta Utilities Commission has approved the 2022 Fortis Alberta distribution rates.

#010-22

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS – LETTER IN SUPPORT FOR STREAMLINING FOREIGN PHYSICIAN ASSESSMENTS:
A letter was received from the Municipality of Crownsnest Pass requesting Council extend support for Streamlining Foreign Physician and Nurse Assessments in Alberta.
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council approve to provide a letter of support for Streamlining Foreign Physician and Nurse Assessments in Alberta.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NATIONAL POLICE FEDERATION – KEEP-ALBERTA-RCMP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOUR ON PROPOSED APPS:

Correspondence was received from the National Police Federation regarding the KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour on the proposed APPS and the recently announced APPS Transition Study.

TOWN OF TOFIELD – RURAL ALBERTA ADOLESCENT VACCINE PROVISION:

The Town of Tofield forwarded a copy of their letter to the Premier regarding the Rural Alberta adolescent vaccine provision.

WILD WATER COMMISSION – NOTICE OF ORTHOPHOSPHATE ADDITIVES IN THE EPCOR SYSTEM:

Correspondence was received from Wild Water Commission regarding the Notice of Orthophosphate Additives in the Epcor System beginning in December 2022.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE (APPS) REPORT WEBINAR:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding an important webinar they are hosting on January 19, 2022 to review and discuss the Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) which is being proposed by the Alberta Provincial Government.

#011-22

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Councillor Elwood be approved to attend the Provincial Police Service (APPS) Report webinar hosted by Alberta Municipalities on January 19, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#012-22

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

QUESTION PERIOD:

No questions arose.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Mayor – Bud Love

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

Kathy Skwardnek CAO Alberta Beach.

To my fellow councilors, staff and residents of Alberta Beach it is with great regret and on the advice of doctors that I feel I must resign my position of mayor and councilor for Alberta Beach. I must focus all my energy on the fight ahead. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be mayor and councilor and I wish you all the best in the years to come. Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time for me.

Kathy Skwardnek

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Council Committee Appointments

Organization Meeting Results of October 19, 2021

COMMITTEE	B. Love	A. Duncan	D. Durocher	T. Elwood	D. Weber	Meeting Information
A.B. AG SOCIETY AGLIPILEX OPERATIONS COMMITTEE		X		ALT		Ag Society Mtg held last Thur of the month at 7:00 pm Mtgs held at Agliplex
A.B. CAMPGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE	X				X	As required. Mtgs held in A.B. Council Chambers.
A.B. INTER-MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE	X	X				As required. Mtgs held in A.B. Council Chambers.
A.B. LIBRARY BOARD				X		Monthly-2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Mtgs held at A.B. Library.
A.B. MUSEUM & ARCHIVES			X			Monthly-2nd Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mtgs held at Museum Heritage Park.
A.B. PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	X				X	As required. Mtgs held in A.B. Council Chambers.
BEACHWAVE PARK STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE			X			As required. Mtgs held in A.B. Council Chambers.
COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST				ALT.	X	Bi-Monthly 3rd Thur. 6:00 p.m. supper, 6:30 p.m. mtg. Mtgs held at YEBDC Ofc in Whitecourt.
DARWELL REGIONAL WASTEWATER TRANSMISSION LINE STEERING COMMITTEE		X				As required.
EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	X	X	X	X	X	As required. Mtgs held in A.B. Council Chambers.
FCSS TRIVILLAGE COMMITTEE		X				As required. Usually 2 mtgs per year. Mtgs held in Onoway Council Chambers
HWY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION	X				ALT	Exec. Mtgs. held Monthly 3rd Monday in LSA County Ofc at 9:30 a.m./ Annual General meeting open to all council & held in Spring (April/May) following Exec. Mtg. (date to be announced).
INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF) COMMITTEE	X	X		ALT.		As required.
LAC STE. ANNE EAST END BUS					X	Bi-Monthly 2nd Monday at 9:00 a.m. in Onoway or A.B. Council Chambers.
LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION				ALT.	X	Monthly- 3rd Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Mtgs held at Lodges in Mayerthorpe, Whitecourt or Onoway.
LILSA (LAKE ISLE & LAC STE. ANNE WATER QUALITY MGMT SOCIETY)		X				As required. (Mtgs held in various locations)
LAND USE BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE		X	X			Meetings with Development Officer as required
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION	X	X	X	X	X	As required - takes place during regular Council mtgs.
PARTNERS IN PROGRESS			X			As required. Mtgs held in Onoway Council Chambers
REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE				X		As required. Mtgs held in Onoway Council Chambers or at Onoway Heritage Center
REGIONAL RECREATION BOARD STEERING COMMITTEE			X			As required.
REGIONAL REVENUE & COST SHARING STEERING COMMITTEE		X				As required. Mtgs held in A.B. Council Chambers.
SARLUC (STE. ANNE RECREATIONAL LAKE USE COMMITTEE)	X				X	As required.
SARM (STE. ANNE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITIES) COMMITTEE	X	X		ALT		As required.
STONY CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION (No Appointment)						Monthly-3rd Tuesday 7:00 pm Stony Plain Prov. Bldg (No Council Appt - Same night as Council Mtg
STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE		X				As required - Mtgs held in Parkland County
T.V.R.S.S.C. (TRIVILLAGE REGIONAL SEWER SERVICES COMMISSION)		X			X	Bi-Monthly-3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Mtgs held in Sunset Point Ofc.
1WAG (WATERSHED ACTION GROUP)			X			As required. Mtgs held in Onoway Heritage Center
WILD WATER COMMISSION	ALT.	X				As required - Mtgs held in Parkland County Office.
YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY	ALT.	ALT.		X		4 per year Mondays 10:00 a.m. Lunch Mtg. Mtgs held in Spruce Grove YRL office.

as of 21/10/2021

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NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION AND NOMINATION DAY

The following motion is required for the By-Election:

Motion:

that a By-election for one (1) Council Vacancy be held April 4, 2022, and that Nomination Day be held March 7, 2022.

Background Information:

Nomination Day is to be held 4 weeks prior to the By-election Day.

Advertising requirements:

Notice of Nomination Day must be published once a week in each of the 2 weeks before Nomination Day.

Notice of By-Election must be published once a week in each of the 2 weeks before the By-election Day.

Although Nomination Day is 4 weeks before the By-election day, a person may file a nomination to become a candidate within the period beginning on the day after the resolution is passed to set a date for the By-election and ends at 12 noon on nomination day.

Proposed dates & advertising for Nomination Day & By-election Day:

Nomination Day – March 7, 2022

Notice of Nomination Day advertising dates – Week of February 21 and Week of February 28, 2022.

By-election Day – April 4, 2022

Notice of By-election Day advertising dates – Week of March 21 and Week of March 28, 2022.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND SUBSTITUTE RETURNING OFFICER

The following motion is required for the By-Election:

Motion:

that Kathy Skwarchuk be appointed as the Returning Officer and further that Cathy McCartney be appointed the Substitute Returning Officer.

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.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE (APPS) REPORT WEBINAR:

Jan.18/22 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Councillor Elwood be approved to attend the Provincial Police Service (APPS) Report webinar hosted by Alberta Municipalities on January 19, 2022.

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.

Dec.21/21 Development Officer has suggested to implement a fee of \$100.00 for a major variance and a fee of \$100.00 for change in application or change in scope. Administration will prepare the bylaw for next meeting.

Jan.18/22 Bylaw #287-22 rec'd third & final reading.

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)

Dec.21/21 Development Officer is preparing comments and will submit by next meeting.

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC):

Nov.16/21 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.

Dec.21/21 CAO has requested information from OIC of Parkland RCMP, Insp. Mike Lokken.

Jan.18/22 CAO contacted Parkland RCMP for update, was advised that Corporal Zanbak is the contact for the CPAC (Community Policing Advisory Committee). CAO has forwarded on the request for information to Corporal Zanbak.

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES SOCIETY – MUSEUM HERITAGE VILLAGE PARK LEASE:

Nov.16/21 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.

COUNCIL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Dec.21/21 **MOVED BY** Councilor Durocher that Council approve the reimbursement to a maximum of \$750.00 per Councillor every four year term for the purchase of an electronic device to be used specifically for Council business with the funding to come from the 2021 or 2022 Council budget and further that administration draft a policy for the purchase and use of Council electronic devices.

Jan.18/22 Draft Policy was distributed for Council review & comments.

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB – SNOMO DAYS 2022:

Dec.21/21 **MOVED BY** Councillor Weber that the Alberta Beach & District Lion's Club be advised that Council has approved that the village provide snow clearing on the ice for the drag race track, parking and ice park, the building of a track for the OHV challenge subject to the ice conditions, as well a \$300.00 contribution to the washroom expense, the supply of garbage cans, picnic tables, two fire pits at the ice park, one fire pit at Beachwave Park, spectator stands at drag race track and barricades to direct traffic and further that Council approve to permit a Fireworks Display to be set off from the Boat Launch on SnoMo Days provided that the fireworks is conducted by a licensed Pyro-Technician carrying adequate property and liability insurance.

Jan.18/22 Email was sent to the Lion's Club to advise on Council's approval & fireworks permit has been completed.

TOWN OF ONOWAY CHALLENGE – FIRST RESPONDERS THANK YOU:

Dec.21/21 **MOVED BY** Councillor Elwood that Alberta Beach accept the challenge from the Town of Onoway to show appreciation and to thank our first responders and Council will discuss appreciation ideas at the next meeting.

Jan.18/22 **MOVED BY** Councillor Weber that Council approve to purchase three individual banners for EMS, Police and Fire to show our appreciation and thank our first responders and further that the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin be invited to participate.

GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY #G.3.5 SNOW & ICE CONTROL POLICY:

Jan.18/22 **MOVED BY** Councilor Durocher that General Village Policy #G.3.5 Snow & Ice Control Policy be approved as amended.

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS – LETTER IN SUPPORT FOR STREAMLINING FOREIGN PHYSICIAN ASSESSMENTS:

Jan.18/22 **MOVED BY** Councilor Elwood that Council approve to provide a letter of support for Streamlining Foreign Physician and Nurse Assessments in Alberta.

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 Councilor 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.

Financial Report
December 31, 2021
(Pre-Audit)

BALANCE SHEET	Beg:000000000	End:31Dec2021	Type: A	{C U}	Name
ASSETS					
CASH ON HAND:					
CASH REGISTER FLOAT	100.00		1		A111
CASH ON HAND - PETTY CASH	100.00		1		A112
BANK	171,627.55		1		A121
INVESTED CASH - TERM DEPOSIT	0.00		1		A122
BANK T-BILL SAVINGS #25	974,556.47		1		A125
BANK CUSTOM PLAN #26 (1.3M)	0.00		1		A126
TOTAL CASH		1,146,384.02	2		TOTC
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:					
TAXES & GRANTS-IN-LIEU REC	199,863.97		1		A210
RECEIVABLE FROM OTHER GOVTS:					
GST COLLECTED\PAID OUT-A230	12,896.65		1		A230
ITC	3,712.89		1		A231
GST SHARED SERVICES - A232	0.00		1		A232
CONDITIONAL PROV GRANTS	0.00		1		A248
RECEIVABLE OTHER LOCAL GOVT:	0.00		1		A250
ADMIN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	59,324.19		1		A270
ADMIN RECEIVABLE - AFDA	4,162.73		1		A275
TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00		1		A271
ALL OTHER RECEIVABLES	364,661.20		1		A290
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		636,296.17	2		TAR
PREPAID EXPENSES					
PREPAID EXPENSES	47,684.94		1		A412
REQUISITION UNDER\OVER LEVY	0.00		1		A413
SUPPLIES INVENTORY	9,984.18		1		A164
TAX SALE SURPLUS (BANK ACCT.)	0.00		1		A474
LAND HELD FOR RESALE	0.00		1		A570
FIXED ASSETS:					
ENGINEERING STRUCTURES	6,004,669.04		1		A610
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-ENG.STRUC	3,189,142.47		1		A615
BUILDINGS	2,935,650.15		1		A620
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-BUILDINGS	872,742.12		1		A625
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	947,280.28		1		A630
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-MACH&EQ	652,260.45		1		A635
LAND	1,349,990.57		1		A640
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-LAND	0.00		1		A645
VEHICLES	321,795.29		1		A650
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-VEHICLES	294,120.29		1		A655
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	652,757.05		1		A660
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-LAND IMPR	496,541.94		1		A665
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		6,707,335.11	2		TFA
TOTAL ASSETS					
				8,547,684.42	3 TA
SHORT TERM LOANS					
SHORT TERM LOANS	0.00		1		L121
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE					
FEDERAL - G.S.T.	0.00		1		L230
Description	Beg:000000000	End:31Dec2021	Type: A	{C U}	Name

BALANCE SHEET	Beg:00000000	End:31Dec2021	Type: A	C U	Name
FEDERAL - REC GEN	0.00		1		L231
PAYROLL - ACCRUED HOLIDAY PA	3,234.23		1		L235
PAYROLL - AMEBSWITH	0.00		1		AMEBSWITH
PAYROLL - R.R.S.P.	0.00		1		RRSPACC
PAYROLL - UNION	0.00		1		UNION
PAYROLL - EMPL RECEIVABLES	0.00		1		EMPLREC
PAYROLL - AHC PREMIUM	0.00		1		AHCWITH
PAYROLL - CANADA SAV BOND	0.00		1		CANSAV
PAYROLL - ADVANCES	0.00		1		ADV
PAYABLE TO OTHER LOC GOVT	0.00		1		L270
TRADE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,640.66		1		L270TP
KIDS IN ACTION	0.00		1		KIDSIA
BIKES FOR KIDS	0.00		1		B4KIDS
VILLAGE MAP\BROCHURE	0.00		1		MAPAP
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM	0.00		1		CIBLOOM
ALL OTHER PAYABLES	7,400.00		1		L290
DEPOSITS	18,891.50		1		L291
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		31,166.39	2		TAP
TAX SALE SURPLUS TRUST	0.00		1		L410
DEFERRED REVENUE	40,797.20		1		L411
DEFERRED REVENUE	0.00		1		L412
DEFERRED REVENUE	0.00		1		L413
RESERVES FOR OPERATING		0.00	2		L700
TAX RATE STABILIZATION		187,907.39	2		L701
ADMIN & P.W. INCOME-STAFF		0.00	2		L702
ADMIN & P.W. INCOME-VILLAGE		0.00	2		L703
INSURANCE PROCEEDS- HAYLAND		44,536.80	2		L704
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS		0.00	2		L705
STREET IMPROVEMENTS		0.00	2		L706
CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS		0.00	2		L707
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- 100 YR		7,295.92	2		L708
SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS		0.00	2		L709
SCHOOL PROJECTS		0.00	2		L710
DRAINAGE & WATER STUDY		0.00	2		L711
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUND		69,029.00	2		L712
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN		0.00	2		L713
TOTAL OPERATING RESERVES			3		L790
RESERVES FOR CAPITAL					
GENERAL CAPITAL		803,451.47	2		L750
ADMINISTRATIVE EQUIPMENT		6,803.01	2		L761
LAGOON RECONSTRUCTION		10,205.00	2		L762
PARK RESERVE SALE PROCEEDS		0.00	2		L763
PARKS AND RECREATION DEV		34,494.45	2		L764
PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT		40,959.73	2		L765
CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT		0.00	2		L766
FIREHALL		0.00	2		L767
MSI GRANT RESERVES		0.00	2		L799
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING		44,694.92	2		L768
PATROL EQUIPMENT		25,164.00	2		L770
Description	Beg:00000000	End:31Dec2021	Type: A	C U	Name

BALANCE SHEET		Beg:000000000	End:31Dec2021	Type: A	C U	Name
AMIP GRANT RESERVES		0.00		2		L771
EAST END BUS		0.00		2		L772
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			965,772.58	3		L760
TOTAL EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS		6,707,335.11		2		L800
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - 31\12\94	2,676,756.13			1		L900
ADJUSTED SURPLUS (PRIOR PERIOD	551,829.92			1		L902
SURPLUS FROM 1\1\95	2,261,094.13			1		L901
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	0.00			1		L905
CURRENT FUNDS USED FOR TCA	0.00			1		L910
CURRENT AMORTIZATON EXPENSE	1,225,399.57			1		L915
NET BOOK VALUE OF TCA DISPOSAL	235,936.38			1		L920
CONTRIBUTED TCA	0.00			1		L925
TOTAL SURPLUS		493,844.03		2		ACCUMSURP
TOTAL LIABILITIES			8,547,684.42	3		TL
PROOF			0.00	3		PROOF
DAY OF <u>Dec 31</u> , 2021						
Description		Beg:000000000	End:31Dec2021	Type: A	C U	Name

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME STATEMENT		(1)	(2)
Period 1: --- Begin		01Jan2021	01Jan2021
End		31Dec2021	31Dec2021
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Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
REVENUE		
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	811,213.45	811,035.43
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	418,177.28	418,085.57
COMMERCIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	93,095.23	93,095.22
COMMERCIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	35,342.31	35,342.29
FARM TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	76.71	76.71
FARM TAXES (SCHOOL)	39.54	39.55
POWER & PIPELINE (MUNICIPAL)	16,814.95	16,814.95
POWER & PIPELINE (SCHOOL)	6,383.56	6,383.56
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (MUNICIPAL)	1,652.84	1,652.84
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (SCHOOL)	75.34	75.34
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL (DI)	141.52	141.53
MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX	730,645.00	728,895.00
LIBRARY LEVY	0.00	0.00
MISC. OTHER LEVY	0.00	0.00
TOTAL TAXES	2,113,657.73	2,111,637.99
PENALTIES & COSTS ON TAXES	52,000.00	60,206.48
FRANCHISE - ATCO GAS	31,000.00	30,762.20
FRANCHISE - FORTIS	34,000.00	58,403.42
INVESTMENT INCOME	12,000.00	9,468.23
PROVINCIAL GRANTS		
RESTRUCTURING GRANT	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL FGTF	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL MUNICIPAL GRANTS	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL MSI GRANT	21,210.00	21,210.00
FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
OTHER	0.00	233.35
ADMIN		
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE	4,800.00	4,800.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,200.00	1,275.04
TAX CERTIFICATES	1,500.00	3,270.00
PHOTOCOPIES\FAXES\POSTAGE	300.00	77.10
PENALTIES\COSTS - N.S.F. FEES	400.00	245.00
HAWKER PEDDLER LICENSES	1,200.00	576.67
RENTAL AND LEASE	8,600.00	9,575.00
PROV\FED CONDITIONAL GRANT	2,000.00	17,072.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	36,898.20
PATROL		
SALES TO OTHER LOCAL GOV'T	34,200.00	31,272.27
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00	1,300.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
FINES	6,000.00	4,945.30
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00	2,857.15
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00	0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - DONATIONS	0.00	0.00
FEES DUE TO COUNTY FROM UNPAID	0.00	0.00
RENTAL & LEASE	24,000.00	24,000.00
UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT	3,500.00	3,866.20
PROVINCIAL CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	6,800.00	14,170.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00	0.00
DISASTER SERVICES	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE GRANT	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE STATION RENTAL	10,200.00	10,200.00
ANIMAL LICENSES	600.00	575.00
BY-LAW FINES	500.00	540.00
COMMON SERVICES		
PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES	0.00	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	500.00	550.80
RENTAL AND LEASE	66,000.00	62,889.62
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	54,800.00	61,633.33
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
ROADS		
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
SALE OF TCA	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
STORM SEWER & DRAINAGE		
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00
SEWER		
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHGS	0.00	0.00
SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00	245,700.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
SOLID WASTE		
CONTRACT WITH OTHER MUNICIPAL	0.00	0.00
SALE OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	150.00	0.00
DEVELOPMENT PERMITS	6,000.00	7,900.00
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES	1,000.00	1,590.47
SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS	0.00	0.00
ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS	0.00	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES\DEF.REV	32,055.00	0.00
SALE OF PUBLIC LAND	0.00	0.00
BOAT LAUNCH	10,000.00	10,000.00
TRANSFER RESERVE\DEF.REV.	25,850.00	25,964.29
PARKS		
FEDERAL\PROVINCIAL GRANT(ICAP)	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
UNCONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	10,000.00	11,200.00
PARKING LOT REVENUE	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
RECREATION FACILITIES		
SALE OF SERVICE - FEES\CHARGES	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL RECREATION	24,058.00	24,058.00
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	22,600.00
CONDITIONAL PROVINCIAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	3,000.00	3,000.00
CAMPGROUND		
USER FEES (SEASONAL)	200,000.00	195,000.00
WEEKEND SITES	10,000.00	36,816.48
CAMPGRD CABIN RENTAL	0.00	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,500.00	1,880.88
WINTER STORAGE	24,000.00	23,400.00
DEBIT MACHINE ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	0.00
RENTAL & LEASE	9,600.00	9,600.00
M.R.T.A. GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
CULTURE		
LIBRARIAN WAGE REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00
GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,093,880.73	3,203,220.47
CAPITAL:		
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	0.00	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		
CAPITAL PROJECT-ROADS	432,000.00	439,397.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-SHOP	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-DRAINAGE	3,700.00	11,402.53
CAPITAL PROJECT-WALK PATHS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-STORM OUTFALL	202,000.00	199,207.91
CAPITAL PROJECT-ADMIN BLDG	53,000.00	10,588.75
TOTAL	690,700.00	660,596.19
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE	690,700.00	660,596.19
REQUISITIONS:		
SCHOOL FOUNDATION	0.00	0.00
ASFF	471,874.71	471,874.71
OVER\UNDER LEVY UTILIZED	11,856.62	11,856.62
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL	141.53	0.00
TOTAL REQUISITIONS	460,159.62	460,018.09
BUSINESS INCOME PROFIT	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,324,421.11	3,403,798.57
Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

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

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
COUNCIL		
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS - MAYOR	9,784.00	10,608.40
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS	34,593.00	35,318.00
MEETING FEES	16,250.00	13,400.00
HONOURARIUM DEDUCTIONS	1,500.00	1,331.65
COUNCIL TRAVEL	2,000.00	657.62
CONFERENCES\CONVENTIONS	5,000.00	4,682.26
INTERNET & PHONE EXPENSE	6,000.00	6,200.00
COUNCIL PROMOTIONAL	6,000.00	5,350.87
MISC. SUPPLIES	1,000.00	3,650.78
TOTAL	82,127.00	81,199.58

ADMINISTRATION		
ADMINISTRATOR	113,375.00	112,912.45
SALARIES	175,372.00	174,251.62
PAYROLL TO\FROM BUS INC	0.00	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	53,400.00	51,848.06
SCP PAYROLL	0.00	0.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00	0.00
TRAINING	500.00	0.00
TRAVEL	200.00	52.20
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	3,200.00	3,560.30
TELEPHONE\INTERNET\SATELLIT	4,000.00	3,940.85
ADVERTISING	1,200.00	943.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS\MEMBERSHIPS	2,750.00	2,743.34
PRINTING	1,300.00	1,065.63
LEGAL	3,000.00	4,591.00
AUDITOR	11,500.00	11,600.00
SERVICE CONTR-PHOTO,FAX,POS	4,500.00	4,196.77
SERVICE CONTR - ALARM	500.00	395.80
PURCHASED EQUIPMENT REPAIR	9,500.00	8,659.18
CONTRACT - JANITOR	6,000.00	6,000.00
INSURANCE	54,000.00	55,523.74
W.C.B.	12,600.00	12,615.63
STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	4,500.00	4,588.49
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,500.00	1,289.46
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	2,000.00	1,135.83
VILLAGE PROMOTION	4,000.00	6,029.47
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	0.00	36,898.20
UTILITIES	6,200.00	5,511.74
DEBT REPAYMENT	0.00	0.00
SHORT TERM BORROWING FEES	0.00	0.00

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
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Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
BANK CHARGES	1,000.00	1,028.93
TAX REBATES & CANCELLATIONS	0.00	0.00
OTHER & BLDG REPAIRS	10,000.00	9,615.61
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	16,072.00
TOTAL	486,097.00	537,069.30
ELECTION \ CENSUS		
SALARIES & WAGES	3,000.00	2,736.05
ADVERTISING	800.00	472.00
GOODS & SUPPLIES	1,500.00	832.37
TOTAL	5,300.00	4,040.42
ASSESSMENT SERVICES		
ASSESSMENT SERVICES	25,570.00	23,520.40
TOTAL	25,570.00	23,520.40
PATROL		
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00
SALARIES & WAGES	76,125.00	72,527.13
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUNDING	45,215.00	45,215.00
CITIZENS ON PATROL	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	14,675.00	8,571.30
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00	503.77
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	0.00	0.00
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	5,500.00	5,411.92
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	500.00	350.00
AUX PROG\CRIME PREVENTION	0.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00	3,697.49
VEHICLE REPAIR	5,000.00	4,416.62
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	0.00	0.00
STATIONERY & OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	295.23
MISC. SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,314.40
UNIFORMS & ACCOTREMENTS	1,000.00	890.13
FUEL & OIL	7,000.00	4,208.87
UTILITIES	4,000.00	3,674.49
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	165,015.00	152,730.63
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT		
BYLAW\ANIMAL CONTROL	0.00	0.00
PARKING ENFORCEMENT	0.00	0.00
POUND FEES	1,000.00	927.43
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	500.00	166.28
SIGNS	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	1,500.00	1,093.71
Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
FIREFIGHTING		
FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORAIUMS	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	0.00	0.00
FIRE CONTRACT	92,659.00	93,616.45
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
GOODS AND SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2,100.00	2,117.44
BUILDING REPAIR	5,000.00	6,898.95
UTILITIES	7,200.00	7,701.18
CAPITAL	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	106,959.00	110,334.02
DISASTER SERVICES		
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	7,500.00	6,146.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE SERVICES		
AMBULANCE CONTRACT	0.00	0.00
BUILDING REPAIRS	3,000.00	1,030.41
UTILITIES	4,800.00	5,503.87
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	7,800.00	6,534.28
COMMON SERVICES		
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER	0.00	0.00
PUBLIC WORKS WAGES	197,925.00	197,522.10
EXTRA PERSON	0.00	0.00
STEP\SCP\SUMMER PAYROLL	20,000.00	18,101.80
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - MGR	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	36,000.00	32,726.63
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - STEP	1,500.00	567.51
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL TO BUSINESS INCOME	0.00	0.00
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	2,000.00	3,631.45
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	200.00	184.18
POSTAGE, FREIGHT & DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	2,600.00	2,005.61
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,000.00	11,259.98
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	30,000.00	32,034.66
VEHICLE REPAIR	18,000.00	33,014.22
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	4,000.00	1,884.71
GENERAL GOODS	15,000.00	16,388.69
SIGNS	1,000.00	823.06
NON BUDGETED ITEMS	0.00	0.00
SAFETY SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,312.26
FUEL & OIL	20,000.00	21,634.50
UTILITES - SHOP	14,000.00	15,598.91
BOAT LAUNCH MTCE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	374,725.00	389,690.27
ROADS AND STREETS		
GRAVEL\SAND\ETC.	18,000.00	27,522.38
CRACK FILLING\LINE PAINTING	32,000.00	35,835.50
UTILITIES - STREET LIGHTS	94,000.00	98,583.89
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
STREET LIGHT PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	144,000.00	161,941.77
STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE		
GENERAL SUPPLY-CULVERTS	8,000.00	11,469.58
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
DRAINAGE STUDY	5,600.00	0.00
TOTAL	13,600.00	11,469.58
WATER SYSTEM		
WATER COMM. OPERATING	18,174.22	18,174.22
WATER COMM. DEBENTURE	40,923.08	40,923.08
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	59,097.30	59,097.30
SANITARY SEWER		
TVRSS MAINTENANCE AGREE	242,157.00	242,156.00
TVRSS SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00	245,700.00
TVRSS DEB. - LAGOON	85,826.00	85,826.00
TVRSS UPGRADE	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	573,683.00	573,682.00
GARBAGE COLLECTION		
GARBAGE WAGES	50,750.00	50,646.69
GARBAGE CONTRACT	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL LAND FILL	23,000.00	20,985.54
RECYCLING	7,000.00	8,289.55
ANNUAL WASTE ROUND-UP	0.00	0.00
FUEL & OIL	9,000.00	9,735.00
TRUCK REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	36,715.28
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	99,750.00	126,372.06
COMPOST FACILITY		
PURCHASED SERVICE - CLEANUP	5,500.00	5,580.00
GENERAL SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	5,500.00	5,580.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
MUNICIPAL PLANNING		
CONTRACT - DEVELOPMENT OFF	21,600.00	21,600.00
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	2,800.00	2,465.54
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	500.00	580.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	24,900.00	24,645.54
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	500.00	200.00
TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
REVENUE & COST SHARE STUDY	32,056.00	0.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	1,000.00	713.61
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	33,556.00	913.61
LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION	38,703.53	38,703.53
PIER\BOAT LAUNCH	25,850.00	43,455.86
PIER TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
RECREATION & FACILITIES		
REGIONAL RECREATION	30,073.00	30,073.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	21,000.00	8,386.71
EAST END BUS	9,000.00	9,000.00
LSA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	4,700.00	5,063.10
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	31,817.76
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	64,773.00	84,340.57
PARKS		
CONTRACT SERVICES	10,000.00	12,635.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	7,000.00	9,009.61
UTILITIES	4,700.00	5,093.64
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	3,425.00	3,425.28
PARK PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
PARK PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CONTRIBUTED ASSETS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	25,125.00	30,163.53
CAMPGROUND:		
ADVERTISING & SIGNS	100.00	0.00
POSTAGE, FREIGHT, DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
PHONE\INTERNET\SATELLITE	2,200.00	2,172.67
PRINTING	500.00	225.25
CAMPGROUND MANAGER CONTRACT	44,400.00	48,703.30
CAMPGROUND SUMMER HELP	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,000.00	299.37
Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	3,000.00	1,856.79
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	500.00	23.96
WASTE DISPOSAL	2,500.00	2,392.64
FUEL & OIL	1,000.00	913.58
REPAIR MATERIALS	5,000.00	9,448.52
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	10,000.00	5,699.65
UTILITIES	27,000.00	36,174.59
IMPROVEMENTS	20,000.00	14,420.42
DEBIT\VISA BANK FEES	500.00	553.86
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	117,700.00	122,884.60
CULTURE		
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00
REIMBURSE LIBR WAGE	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
GRANT TO LIBRARY	12,050.00	12,050.00
YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY	4,540.28	4,540.28
TOTAL	16,590.28	16,590.28
LOSS ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00	0.00
AMORTIZATION OF TCA	65,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL:		

CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	0.00	1,602.49
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	45,000.00	55,417.10
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	45,000.00	57,019.59
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		

CAPITAL PROJECTS-ROADS	432,000.00	439,397.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SHOP	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-DRAINAGE	15,000.00	11,402.53
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WALKING PATHS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-STORM OUTFALL	212,000.00	209,207.91
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ADMIN BLDG	50,000.00	10,588.75
TOTAL	709,000.00	670,596.19
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	754,000.00	727,615.78
BUSINESS INCOME EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,324,421.11	3,339,814.62

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL

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February 01, 2022

Attention: Lac Ste Anne County, RCMP and Village of Alberta Beach

Greetings everyone;

The Alberta Beach Lions are hosting our charity SnoMo Days February 19, 20 and 21st. It is our request Law Enforcement would continue having extra patrols and a higher visibility on this weekend. Our intent is to prevent consumption of alcohol and drugs during this family fun event. There will be snowmobile and ATV rally's along with the snowmobile drags on Sunday. In the past, we have had between 5,000 and 6,000 folks attend this event. Your participation in the past has significantly contributed to the success of a much safer event and is greatly appreciated.

Attached are the event times and our emergency response contact information. Thank you for your assistance in the past years and hope members will be available again this year.

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A Revival of Passenger Trains in Alberta

One Alberta-based firm wants to revive railway travel in the province. Alberta Regional Rail Inc. (ARR) has proposed a passenger line connecting cities across the province. Beginning with an express line between Calgary and Edmonton and eventually expanding the lines to include transportation between Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Lake Louise, Red Deer, Wainwright, Lloydminster, Jasper, Grande Prairie, and Fort McMurray.

Vern Raincock, Director of Global Sourcing for ARR stated that linking all the major regions of the province together is the main goal of the project. Similar projects have existed elsewhere in Canada for decades, notably the Go Train in Toronto and the West Coast Express. ARR officials say that improving accessibility between municipalities would help local businesses. They are hoping to have the first train in operation by 2030.

Alberta Jails Have the Highest COVID-19 Rates in the Country

Congregate living facilities have been challenged during COVID-19, and jails have been no exception. According to University of Ottawa criminology professor Justin Piche, "Alberta has performed very, very badly in comparison to other jurisdictions".

However, only seven per cent of all inmates in Alberta correctional facilities since the start of the pandemic have tested positive for COVID-19. COVID-19 rates are highest in adult facilities, with negligible rates in youth centres in the province.

Justice Minister Kaycee Madu Stripped of Duties

After another controversial week for the UCP, Premier Jason Kenney has removed Justice Minister Kaycee Madu from his cabinet position. The latest controversy comes after it was revealed that Minister Madu contacted Edmonton's Chief of Police after he received a distracted driving ticket for using his cellphone while driving through a school zone. Police Chief Dale McFee assured reporters that Minister Madu "never asked to get out of the ticket"; instead, Madu expressed concern about people of colour being stopped by police and voiced concerns that he was being unlawfully surveilled.

Madu said he paid the ticket in full and told reporters that he has "the utmost respect for our men and women in uniform". Premier Kenney has appointed an independent investigator to review the case and determine what, if any, violations occurred. Until the situation has been resolved, Energy Minister Sonya Savage will act as interim-Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

COVID-19 on January 21, 2022

As of January 21, there are 1,131 people in hospital with COVID-19 with 108 people in intensive care. Provincial ICU capacity is at 82% and hospitals in the province are sitting at 89% of total capacity. The province announced this week that they are expanding the number of beds available for COVID-19 positive patients. Infection rates have fallen by eight points to 33% this week with the province reporting eight more COVID-19 related deaths bringing the total to 3,421.

Alberta has a confirmed total of 64,519 active cases with Dr. Deena Hinshaw telling media that the true figure is likely 10 times that number. The Premier told reporters he was hopeful, stating that "if the Omicron variant performs in Alberta like it has in jurisdictions all around the world, we can reasonably expect that we may now be beginning on the down-slope of transmission".

Alberta Education Moves Forward with K-6 Curriculum

The Alberta Government is moving forward with its controversial K-6 school curriculum. The province has formed a curriculum implementation advisory group comprised of school board trustees, superintendents, and teachers all of whom are piloting the curriculum. The Alberta Teachers' Association was notably not included in the organization of the advisory group,. The ATA has voiced various concerns, including arguing that the level of engagement with teachers is inadequate.

President Jason Schilling stated that “teachers implement curriculum and need to be meaningfully involved in its development”. The government intends to have the new curriculum implemented in the fall of 2022 which, according to Schilling, is not enough time for teachers to prepare for the change. “They can’t expect teachers to do this work over the summer to get prepared”, argued Schilling. The majority of the curriculum changes are to be implemented in the fall of 2022, with select subjects being delayed until the fall of 2023.

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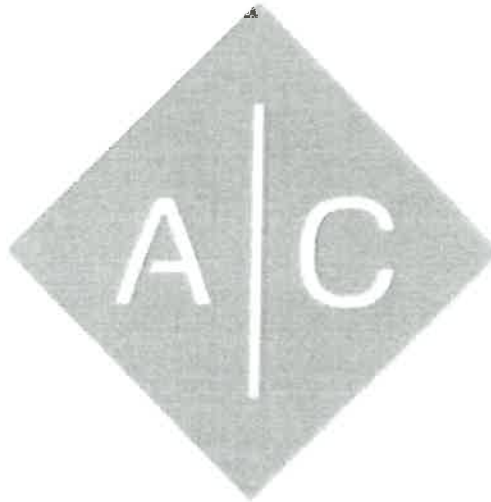
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End in Sight for Vaccine Passports

Premier Jason Kenney announced that he hopes the Restrictions Exemption Program and other public health measures can be lifted by the end of March. The current vaccine passport system in Alberta allows non-essential businesses to operate with fewer restrictions if customers provide proof of vaccination, a negative test result, or a medical exemption. The Premier guaranteed that the removal of restrictions will be based on data and that the province will not remove measures that will result in higher transmission and hospitalization rates. Premier Kenney added that he is “pretty confident it will come in before the end of March”. This announcement comes after the U.K. Government announced that masks and vaccine passports are no longer required.

As of this week, there are 1,469 people in the hospital with COVID-19 including 106 in the ICU. Over 80% of Albertans have received one dose of the vaccine, 74% have received two doses, and 32.1% have received three doses. A total of 3,518 people in the province have died as a result of COVID-19 infection.

Teachers Plan to Leave Alberta

An Alberta Teachers’ Association (ATA) survey distributed in November of 2021 reveals a shocking behind-the-scenes look at the way Alberta teachers are feeling. The survey polled 1,300 teachers province wide,

representing 2.8% of the province's 46,000 teachers. Of the teachers polled, 37% reported they won't be teaching in Alberta next year, 16% planned to retire, 14% said they were leaving to find a different job, and 7% said they plan on leaving the province to teach elsewhere.

ATA president Jason Schilling said of teachers that "they feel like this government doesn't care about them, and they feel like this government doesn't support the work that they're doing in the middle of a pandemic." 92% of teachers reported feeling exhausted and 88% reported high stress levels. Education Minister Adriana LaGrange recognized that the pandemic has been challenging on teachers while questioning the validity of the survey. NDP Education Critic Sarah Hoffman blamed the UCP Government for not giving schools the resources they needed during the pandemic.

Alberta Health Care Workers Face Increased Harassment and Violence

As the pandemic continues through its second year, health care workers suffer the consequences of frustrated Albertans, staff shortages, longer wait times, and limited resources. Abuse of hospital and healthcare workers is unfortunately not uncommon and it's not a problem unique to Alberta healthcare workers. According to the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), roughly 50% of emergency department nurses will be sexually harassed or assaulted this year.

It's not just patients that are attacking healthcare workers, in May of 2021, Calgary mayoral candidate Kevin Johnston made multiple threats to AHS. Along with threats to publish the names and addresses of AHS workers, he told his followers "I intend to do a lot of harm to AHS and I mean a lot of harm. God, you guys are not going to like what I do." Johnston is out on bail pending multiple charges in multiple provinces.

Province Delays Change to Traffic Ticket System

The province announced this week that they are "pausing the rollout of Phase 2 (of the SafeRoads Alberta Plan)". The UCP said the program was intended to reduce the number of traffic violation challenges clogging up the already overloaded police and court system. The province said that more than 2 million traffic tickets are issued each year in Alberta and to keep up with the challenges, the courts are dedicating 10 courtrooms per day just for traffic tickets. Controversy stems from the fact that drivers will now have to pay a fee if they wish to dispute a traffic ticket. The non-refundable fees range from \$50 to \$150 depending on the cost of the ticket.

The new system also implements a seven-day limit on challenging a ticket. Critics argue that many Albertans can't afford a \$150 non-refundable fee which will make justice unaffordable for countless Albertans. A joint statement from Ministers Rajan Sawhney and Sonya Savage said, "we will take the next 90 to 120 days to ensure that we communicate and consult with Albertans and that they are educated on the changes proposed in Phase 2. We will listen to what Albertans have to say and we will share the benefits of these changes with them".

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End to COVID-19 Restrictions Just Around the Corner

Kenney announced that next week Albertans will have an end date to COVID-19 vaccine passports along with a plan to phase out all health restrictions by the end of February. Alberta's neighbour to the east has announced similar plans to lift all COVID-19 restrictions within the next few months. As of this week, more than 91% of all Canadians over the age of 18 have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

There are currently 33,879 confirmed cases in Alberta, with 1,598 people in hospital and 112 in intensive care. Countries around the world including England, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, and others have relaxed or altogether eliminated COVID-19 restrictions.

Erin O'Toole Ousted as Conservative Party of Canada Leader

On February 2, the CPC caucus voted 73 to 45 to remove Erin O'Toole as leader of the Conservative Party of Canada. This decision comes after months of inner-party conflicts including a petition released by Saskatchewan CPC Senator Denise Batters, Q.C., multiple letters from electoral district associations across the country, open letters from Members of Parliament, and more.

Former Wildrose Party leader and vocal opponent of Jason Kenney, Brian Jean, wasted no time and took to Twitter to attack the Premier and challenge his leadership. “If the UCP caucus had secret ballot rules like these, then Kenney would have been removed a long time ago. But they don’t and bullying, threats and intimidation are how Jason Kenney keeps control” was Jean’s official statement on the matter. Jean is the UCP candidate for the currently vacant riding of Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche and has made it clear that once elected, he is gunning for the Premier position. Premier Kenney will be facing a leadership vote in the spring.

Protestors Impede Traffic at U.S. Border Crossing

A group of protestors frustrated with COVID-19 restrictions have set up a blockade on the highway leading to Alberta’s main U.S. border crossing. The protestors are acting in solidarity with the “freedom convoy” who raised over \$10 million dollars travelling across the country protesting mandatory vaccinations for drivers as well as other COVID-19 restrictions. The Alberta protest is comprised of semi-trailers, heavy equipment, and trucks flying Canadian flags and donning signs saying “we want freedom” as well as other related slogans.

The blockade, which began on Sunday, has stranded travellers and cross-border truckers, compromised essential trade routes, and impeded access to goods and services for residents on both sides of the border. Protestors agreed Wednesday to open a lane of traffic in each direction for necessary travel, but RCMP has been unable to negotiate terms to end the blockade.

No End in Sight for Rising Utility Prices

Albertans are struggling to keep up with the rising utility costs in the province. Electricity prices have fluctuated dramatically over the past year, going as low as four cents per kilowatt-hour to as high as 17 cents. The outrageous prices Albertans are paying are partially caused by out-of-control administrative charges. There is no relief in sight with more carbon taxes, global instability, and cold winters coming to Albertan. As a result, many are unsure if they are going to be able to keep up. The UCP has mused that it may consider reintroducing rebates if these steep prices persist. The UCP had scrapped electricity price caps back in 2019.

Albertans Heading to the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics

11 athletes from Alberta will be heading to Beijing for the 2022 Winter Olympics. Alberta’s athletes include Brooke Voigt of Fort McMurray competing in big air and slopestyle snowboarding, Dawn Richardson of the Edmonton area competing in bobsled, Christine de Bruin of Stony Plain competing in bobsled, Melissa Lotholz

of Barrhead competing in bobsled, Adam Tambellini of Edmonton competing in men's ice hockey, Daniel Carr of Leduc competing in men's ice hockey, Daniel Sunderland of Fort McMurray competing in bobsled, Emerance Maschmeyer of Bruderheim competing in women's ice hockey, Geoff Walker of Beveridge competing in men's curling, Maddison Pearman of Ponoka competing in speed skating, and Mark Kennedy of St. Albert competing in curling.

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In our feature article, Rob Reynolds, Q.C. takes a deep dive into the timing of elections and by-elections in Alberta.

Sydney McHale provides insight into Bill 81 and some of the consequences that could arise.

Finally, our Key Influencer in this issue is Mandi Johnson, Chief of Staff for Advanced Education.

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

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TIMING OF BY-ELECTIONS AND ELECTIONS: NOT AS EASY AS YOU MAY THINK

Robert Reynolds, Q.C.

Right now, there is a vacancy in the Alberta Legislature. This vacancy arose when Laila Goodridge, the then MLA for Fort McMurray – Lac La Biche, resigned her seat on August 15, 2021 to run for Member of Parliament in the federal constituency of Fort McMurray – Cold Lake. She was successful in that bid. One might think that the triggering date for the calling of a by-election is the date of the Member's resignation. However, when a Member resigns their seat, section 32 of the Legislative Assembly Act, the Clerk of the Assembly must send a warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer informing them of the vacancy.

That section provides that the election for that constituency must be held within 6 months of the delivery of the warrant. So, it is the delivery of the Clerk's warrant, not the date of resignation that is the triggering event. In short, the election must be called, not necessarily held, within 6 months after the warrant is sent from the Clerk of the Assembly to the Chief Electoral Officer.

As a former Clerk, I can tell you that every effort is made to have the warrant delivered to the Chief Electoral Officer the same day as the resignation to avoid confusion. In this case, the warrant must have been delivered on the same day as the resignation because the Elections Alberta website states that the by-election must be called by February 15, 2022.

If the by-election is to be held on a Monday, (the usual practice for elections in Alberta) it would have to be called no later than February 14, 2022, as that is the last Monday before the expiry of the 6-month time limit. Under the *Election Act*, the by-election occurs 28 days after the writ of election is issued. So, if the writ is issued on February 14th, the by-election would be held on March 14, 2022. As provided for in section 39 of the *Election Act*, every election is made by the passing of an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. That would be Cabinet by another name with the Lieutenant Governor signing the Order.

Some may find it interesting that section 32(3) of the *Legislative Assembly Act* states that orders for by-elections arising from vacancies "need not be made" if the vacancy occurs "during the last year of the legal life of the Assembly." The simple question is "what is the last year of the legal life of the Assembly". Simple questions do not always produce simple answers. Section 38.1 of the *Election Act* requires that elections be held in the 3-month period starting March 1 and ending May 31 in the "4th calendar year following polling day in the most recent general election." Accordingly, Alberta does not have fixed election dates but election seasons. The last provincial election was April 16, 2019. Therefore, the next election must be held no later than May 31, 2023 and could be as early as March 1, 2023. The last year of the legal life of the Assembly would arguably start on March 1, 2022. I say "arguably" because section 1(4) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* ("the Charter") states that "...no House of Commons and no legislative assembly shall continue for longer than five years from the date for the return of writs at a general election of its members".

To my knowledge, no court has yet ruled on whether the last year of a Legislature is the 4-year period under provincial election legislation or the five-year period under the Charter. In any event, the issue does not arise in the Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche by-election as the vacancy occurred before the last year of the Assembly. If the Government waits until February 1st to call the by-election, then it would take place in the last year of the Assembly (if you adopt the 4-year period) but the *Legislative Assembly Act* stipulates that the vacancy, not the election, occur in the last year of the legal life of the Assembly.

To add a different dimension to the subject of election timing, while elections must be called 4 years after the last provincial election, there is nothing to prevent the election from being called earlier. Section 38.1(1) of the *Election Act* specifically states that:

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"Nothing in this section affects the powers of the Lieutenant Governor to dissolve the Legislature, in Her Majesty's name, when the Lieutenant Governor sees fit".

This section of the Act has been used to justify the calling of provincial elections prior to the 4-year mark. One example was in 2015. The previous provincial election was held on April 7, 2012 (remember Alison Redford?). The late Premier Prentice sought dissolution of the Legislature on April 7 for a May 5, 2015, election. As a sidenote, dissolutions of Legislatures or Parliaments are not declared by the Government or the Assembly; they must be granted by the Lieutenant Governor provincially or the Governor General federally. This power to dissolve is one of the prerogatives of the Offices.

The early election call was challenged in court. In *Engel v Prentice*, 2020 ABCA 462, Engel and Rigney had challenged the calling of the election on the grounds that the fixed election period prevented the Premier from asking the Lieutenant Governor to dissolve the Legislature and order an early election. They also argued that their rights under section 3 of the Charter were violated. That section provides that "every citizen of Canada has the right to vote in an election of members of the House of Commons or a legislative assembly and to be qualified for membership therein."

The Court of Queen's Bench held that the dissolution of the Legislature by the Lieutenant Governor and the resulting "early" election did not violate the Election Act and that there was no violation of section 3 rights under the Charter. The Court of Appeal upheld that decision and leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was denied.

We will have to wait to see if a Government in Canada with fixed election dates or seasons wanted to go beyond the 4-year limit.

Election timing is not as straight forward as one might think. In this case, there will be a by-election for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche sooner or later.

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Wednesday, January 26th @ 7:00 pm
Location: Online

- Join the Brooks – Medicine Hat Constituency Association for their AGM. You must be a member to vote.
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Location: Online

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After serving as the Chief of Staff for Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, one of the province's most experienced staffers has moved to a new department. Mandi Johnson took over the reins as Chief of Staff to Minister Demetrios Nicolaides in Advanced Education in December 2021. She had worked in her previous position since the UCP took office in 2019.

Johnson is no spring chicken in the world of provincial politics in Alberta. She started her time in government as the Communications Officer for Government Caucus from 2012-2013 under the Progressive Conservative, specializing in web and social media roles. In June 2013, she changed teams to work for the then up-and-coming Wildrose Alliance as their Social and Digital Media Manager – a role she held until leaving government in October 2017.

Following her departure from the Wildrose, Johnson moved into the private sector to work as the Director of Marketing and Digital for Zephyr Ventures, a communications firm specializing in marketing and political campaigns.

Johnson is incredibly well-regarded in government circles as having a tireless work ethic. A testament to that anecdote can be seen in her former ministry where her previous workload is now being split among three different chiefs. Given the work Minister Nicolaides has underway with Alberta 2030 and the ongoing management of post-secondary education, her drive to get things done will no doubt be a welcome addition to the Advanced Education team.

Source: Twitter



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AT A GLANCE

In the Media

Alberta to Fast-Track Tech Worker Visas

On January 13, the province announced the "Accelerated Tech Pathway" through the Alberta Immigration Nominee program. The program hopes to attract highly skilled foreign tech workers to fill the job shortages in Alberta's growing tech industry. Labour and Immigration Minister Tyler Shandro announced that "tech professionals across Canada and overseas can be permanent residents in as early as six months if they have a job offer in an in-demand tech occupation". The program coincides with ongoing pressures to diversify the Albertan economy and move away from reliance on the oil and gas industry.

Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation Doug Schweitzer added that "Alberta's technology sector continues to see record growth and a corresponding demand for highly skilled professionals. This accelerated immigration pathway will help attract the best and the brightest talent from across the globe". This new program comes with glowing endorsements from several tech firms in Alberta as well as tech workers from around the world.

Post Secondary Institutions to Remain Online

While K-12 students return to in-person learning, post secondary institutions have announced they will remain online through February. The University of Alberta, Calgary, and Lethbridge have announced a delay in in-person learning until after Reading Week. University residences will remain open and select in-person course components such as labs and midterms may still take place in person. Student unions are calling on the province to provide the same support they are providing to K-12 institutions by making rapid testing and medical grade face coverings available to post secondary students and faculty.

Alberta has the lowest vaccination rate of all the provinces with 77% of all Albertans aged 5+ being fully vaccinated, a total of 7,981,543 doses have been administered in the province. Nation wide, 81% of Canadians aged 5+ are fully vaccinated.

Justice Minister Kaycee Madu Stripped of Duties

After another controversial week for the UCP, Premier Jason Kenney has removed Justice Minister Kaycee Madu from his cabinet position. The latest controversy comes after it was revealed that Minister Madu contacted Edmonton's Chief of Police after he received a

distracted driving ticket for using his cellphone while driving through a school zone. Police Chief Dale McFee assured reporters that Minister Madu "never asked to get out of the ticket"; instead, Madu expressed concern about people of colour being stopped by police and voiced concerns that he was being unlawfully surveilled.

Madu said he paid the ticket in full and told reporters that he has "the utmost respect for our men and women in uniform". Premier Kenney has appointed an independent investigator to review the case and determine what, if any, violations occurred. Until the situation has been resolved, Energy Minister Sonya Savage will act as interim-Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

Alberta Education Moves Forward with K-6 Curriculum

The Alberta Government is moving forward with its controversial K-6 school curriculum. The province has formed a curriculum implementation advisory group comprised of school board trustees, superintendents, and teachers all of whom are piloting the curriculum. The Alberta Teachers' Association was notably not included in the organization of the advisory group. The ATA has voiced various concerns, including arguing that the level of engagement with teachers is inadequate.

President Jason Schilling stated that "teachers implement curriculum and need to be meaningfully involved in its development". The government intends to have the new curriculum implemented in the fall of 2022 which, according to Schilling, is not enough time for teachers to prepare for the change. "They can't expect teachers to do this work over the summer to get prepared", argued Schilling. The majority of the curriculum changes are to be implemented in fall of 2022, with select subjects being delayed until the fall of 2023.

A Revival of Passenger Trains in Alberta

One Alberta based firm wants to revive railway travel in the province. Alberta Regional Rail Inc. (ARR) has proposed a passenger line connecting cities across the province. Beginning with an express line between Calgary and Edmonton and eventually expanding the lines to include transportation between Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Lake Louise, Red Deer, Wainwright, Lloydminster, Jasper, Grande Prairie, and Fort McMurray.

Vern Raincock, Director of Global Sourcing for ARR stated that linking all the major regions of the province together is the main goal of the project. Similar projects have existed elsewhere in Canada for decades, notably the Go Train in Toronto and the West Coast Express. ARR officials say that improving accessibility between municipalities would help local businesses. They are hoping to have the first train in operation by 2030.



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THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES AND IMPLICATIONS OF BILL 81

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The final sitting of Alberta's legislative session was wrapped up after hours of heated debate and the passing of a controversial new bill. Bill 81, the Election Statutes Amendment Act, received Royal Assent on December 8, 2021. Its amendments, intended to make the voting process easier and to improve election finance rules, will have repercussions on politics in our province. Three United Conservative Party MLAs voted against the Bill in its third and final reading, unusually departing from caucus solidarity: Dave Hanson, Leela Aheer, and Richard Gottfried. Critics of the Bill have labeled it undemocratic and contrary to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Bill 81 amends Alberta's election finance laws to address what the UCP called the "AFL loophole". As a third-party advertiser, the Alberta Federation of Labour ("AFL") has actively criticized UCP policy and even launched a "Stand Up to Kenney" campaign. At the same time, the AFL controls two seats on the NDP provincial council. The UCP argues that this makes the AFL a branch of the NDP, able to skirt the financing and spending laws applicable to political parties. The new Bill prohibits any individuals or groups "affiliated" with a registered party from third-party political advertising. It directly targets the purported loophole and makes Kenney good on the promise he campaigned on to close it.

In closing the AFL loophole, the new Bill shuts out the AFL as a vocal UCP critic. However, the wide net cast by Bill 81's vague definition of affiliation could catch many other groups. The Bill grants the Chief Electoral Officer broad discretion, and a group may be deemed "affiliated" if any member makes a public statement in support of or in opposition to a registered party. The constitutional concerns start here—namely, that the Bill stifles freedom of expression, protected under section 2(b) of the Charter. These concerns are exacerbated by Bill 81's changes to election advertising. The Bill allows only "a person ordinarily registered in Alberta" to contribute to third-party election advertising. Because only individuals are permitted to pay for election advertising, unions and civil society are, in effect, silenced during the election period. Altogether, these provisions will impede a number of groups from speaking out on government policy that affects them.

Our country values free expression as being crucial to democratic governance. The Supreme Court of Canada maintains that the connection between freedom of expression and political process is "perhaps the linchpin" of section 2(b) protection. The courts often have no trouble finding that a freedom of expression infringement has occurred. However, many infringing laws and government actions are nevertheless upheld. Charter rights are not absolute, and section 1 of the Charter allows governments to demonstrate that infringements are reasonably justified. Simply put: Bill 81 may infringe freedom of expression, but that's only the first hurdle.

In February 2021, a similarly controversial bill was passed in Ontario by Ford's government. Bill 254, Protecting Ontario Elections Act, increased restrictions and regulations of third parties wishing to speak out on elections or issues of public policy. It immediately stirred controversy because of its perceived impact on freedom of expression, and a Charter challenge was led by the Working Families Coalition ("WFC"). By June 2021, Ontario's Superior Court of Justice struck down several of Bill 254's crucial provisions for infringing s 2(b) rights. The infringements were not saved by s 1.

The WFC's successful Charter challenge may be encouraging to groups in Alberta wishing to bring an analogous case against Bill 81. However, the "success" was short lived. The Ontario government almost immediately pushed a new bill through the legislature that reversed the decision of the Court, invoking yet another section of the Charter – section 33. Section 33, also known as the "notwithstanding clause" allows Parliament or provincial legislatures to temporarily override certain portions of the Charter when creating laws. A notwithstanding clause declaration expires after 5 years but can be reenacted indefinitely. While use of the provision across Canada is rare, section 33 adds another layer of complexity to Charter challenges generally and more to consider in the question of Bill 81. Ford's government maintained that in invoking the clause, it protected elections from outside influence by whatever means necessary. A further challenge of the section 33 override in December 2021 failed.

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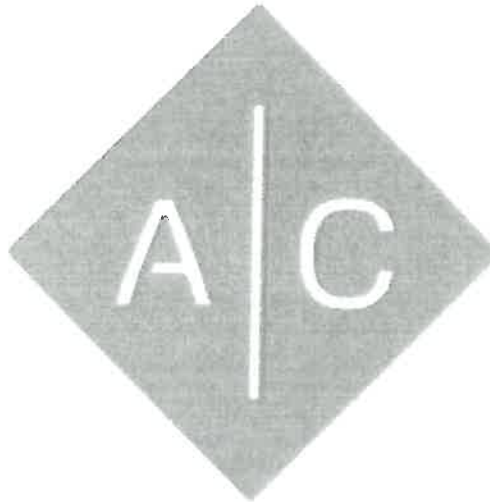
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In our feature article, we dive into the decision to [change COVID-19 public health restrictions](#).

Aileen Burke shares more details on [the philosophy of the Housing First initiative in a continuation of her mini-series on housing](#).

We also feature an article by Briggs Larginho from our legal team [recapping a recent Court of Appeal decision regarding Indigenous interests in AUC decisions](#).

Finally, our Key Influencer in this issue is [Cathy Heron, Mayor of St. Albert and the President of Alberta Municipalities](#).

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

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PUSHING PAST PANDEMIC PUBLIC POLICY PRESSURES

Aaron Singleton

By the time anyone reads this, it is incredibly plausible that Albertans will know of the provincial government's plan to begin once again lifting restrictions.

At the time this article was in the research phase, public knowledge (as indicated by Premier Jason Kenney) was that the province had reached the peak of the Omicron wave, meaning we could reasonably expect restrictions begin to be lifted by the end of March. The Restrictions Exemption Program was among those specifically mentioned.

Shortly thereafter, we were told that the end of February was the most likely time we could expect to see easement.

Late last week, it then turned into "very soon, likely within days" for what we are not supposed to call a vaccine passport. We were also told during a Facebook Live from Premier Kenney that nearly all public health restrictions could be gone sometime later this month.

"After two years of this, we simply cannot continue to rely on the blunt instrument of damaging restrictions as that as a primary tool to cope with a disease that will likely be with us for the rest of our lives."

Alberta is not the only province signaling that they are prepared to begin softening public health measures in an effort to return to some semblance of normalcy. Our eastern-neighbour Saskatchewan has announced they will begin to reduce measures this week as well. Both appear to be following the lead of the United Kingdom and Denmark whom started taking similar steps at the end of January and beginning of February.

This will be Alberta's second attempt at a safe reopening, following the ultimately unsuccessful Best Summer Ever that kicked off on Canada Day 2021. As we are all but certain restrictions are to be lifted, we will take a look at how the political landscape has influenced both of our restriction relaxations.

Best Summer Ever

We all remember the narrative. Open for summer – open for good. At the time, there was plenty of reason for optimism that the plan would work. On July 1, there were 36 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 announced with only 109 individuals hospitalized with the virus in non-ICU beds. Albertans had answered the call to reach the vaccination threshold needed to remove nearly all restrictions (though the Restrictions Exemption Program was non-existent at the time). Things looked positive.

The Delta variant was just starting to become public knowledge but the low numbers of sick individuals in the province at the time made many feel that reopening was still relatively low risk. Of course, hindsight proved to us that this would turn into the deadliest wave of the pandemic to date. It did not take long for Delta to become the dominant strain and to bring our province's health care system to the brink of collapse. This is not said lightly given we were monitoring for the triggering of the Critical Care Triage Protocol.

Politically, there was some pressure for the move to be made, but it was not to the extent that we saw last week. The United Conservative Party first announced in spring 2021 that they would hold a leadership review in fall 2022. On May 13th, we watched in real time as MLA Todd Loewen expressed his loss of confidence in the Premier. Ultimately, the Premier was able to quash any potential uprising, resulting in the ejection of Loewen and MLA Drew Barnes from the UCP Caucus.

Ultimately, the Best Summer Ever led to what was (at the time) the wave of highest transmission and impact on our health care system. The Restrictions Exemption Program was eventually introduced in September as a way to incentivize increased vaccine uptake and to reduce transmission in most public spaces.

Then came Omicron.

After two years of this, we simply cannot continue to rely on the blunt instrument of damaging restrictions as that as a primary tool to cope with a disease that will likely be with us for the rest of our lives.

Premier Jason Kenney



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The End of the Restrictions Exemption Program

To once again qualify this section, there has been no formal announcement at the time of writing; therefore, we will operate under the assumption the REP will come to an end sometime this week or in the near future.

There are some very obvious differences in our public health situation now versus the Best Summer Ever. While ICU beds are still being stretched, there is a much lower demand which is a step in the right direction. However, it is known that individual facilities in urban settings are still experiencing serious strain on ICU resources (most prominently in Edmonton, Calgary, and Red Deer). It also should not be overlooked that we are still experiencing record-high levels of hospitalizations. Double digit deaths continue to be recorded daily, as well.

Unlike Best Summer Ever, vaccine rollout has been expanded to include children in the 5-11 year old range and it appears we are inching closer to approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children 6 months to 4 years old in the United States. All positive steps towards improving immunity levels in the general population.

However, unlike Best Summer Ever, there is deafening subtext that most are acutely aware of.

On April 9th at the Cambridge Red Deer Hotel and Conference Centre, the UCP will be hosting a special general meeting for the purpose of conducting Premier Jason Kenney's leadership review. We are a mere 60 days away from the event, which means you can most certainly guarantee that Premier Kenney has begun to campaign party members, starting with his MLAs.

If you were paying attention to the social media channels of government MLAs this past week, you will likely have already deduced how much internal pressure the Premier is facing from his Caucus. The Coutts blockade has served as an incredibly strong internal wedge issue at the worst possible time for Kenney. Even his own cabinet has shown a public divide.

Ministers Doug Schweitzer and Rajan Sawhney have both publicly spoken out against the blockade. When asked whether the blockade was the sort of incident that the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act was developed for, Schweitzer said "110 per cent". He would even go so far as to say he would be very interested in learning why his Caucus colleague, MLA Grant Hunter, thought it a wise idea to attend to show support for the protest.

While these two did not directly speak out against COVID-19 restrictions, Government House Leader Jason Nixon was among those who did.

In a public letter, Nixon wrote that "my position on vaccine mandates is that they need to end. I've told this to the Premier, to caucus, and now to you. You'll note that the Premier said they'll be gone imminently, and I'll hold him to it." The Government House Leader didn't hold back in his criticism of the Restrictions Exemption Program, saying that mandates are "not as effective against the current COVID-19 situation as much as health officials expected."

Multiple other MLAs have indicated their support for removing the vaccine passport though their support of the protest happening down in Coutts. Those include MLAs Michaela Frey, the aforementioned Grant Hunter, and Shane Getson. The UCP Rural Caucus had to release a statement denying claims from the blockade participants suggesting they had struck a deal with the government to allow for some movement in exchange for the vaccine passport being rescinded.

As we alluded to earlier in this article, it would be unfair to say this move is entirely political as other jurisdictions have begun (or are planning) to implement similar public health policy decisions. Even well prior to the pandemic arriving in our province, the Alberta Government generally gives significant weight to interjurisdictional policy analyses as a way to determine what path forward we could travel on a given issue. However, the political lens cannot be ignored in this context.

Dr. Deena Hinshaw offered a word of caution during a recent press conference. "While our leading indicators of wastewater surveillance and positivity are signaling that we are on the other side of the fifth wave, and it is encouraging to see that hospitalizations may be at a plateau, at the same time it is critical to remember that half of all of our cases come in the second part of the wave, and transmission is still very high."

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Alberta Counsel – Non-Profit Day 2022
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Location: Matrix Hotel, Edmonton

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KEY INFLUENCER PROFILE

CATHY HERON

Mayor of St. Albert
President of Alberta Municipalities

Zack Ziolkowski

Cathy Heron was first elected to St. Albert City Council in 2010, serving for two terms before successfully running for Mayor in 2017. Cathy was recently re-elected as Mayor in the most recent municipal election. She was also elected as the President of Alberta Municipalities (formerly Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) at their Fall Convention, where she has been a member of the Board since 2015 serving as Director, Cities under 500,000 followed by Vice President, Cities under 500,000.

In addition to the numerous Boards and volunteer positions she has held over the years, Cathy previously worked as an Environmental Analyst after earning her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alberta and her Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

In her role as President of Alberta Municipalities she will be a voice for municipalities across the province and lead efforts provincially and federally. Alberta Municipalities has a strong track record of standing up for the needs of municipalities and we are certain to be hearing much from Ms. Heron in the future. It will be interesting to see her approach to working with the UCP government given that municipal funding under the Local Governments Fiscal Framework will need to be established in the near future.

Alberta's urban municipalities have elected a strong leader that will be a key influencer in the province for years to come.



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RESPONSES TO HOMELESSNESS – A MINI-SERIES ABOUT THE EVOLUTION OF ALBERTA’S RESPONSE – PART FIVE

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We’re nearing the end of our mini-series! This article provides a bit more context to Housing First through a look at the three primary schools of thought associated with it.

The Three Schools of Thought

Housing First has broad connotations. To help breakdown some of the nuances, this philosophy has largely been grouped under three different schools of thought, each represented by their own champions: Dr. Sam Tsemberis, Iain DeJong, and Stephen Gaetz.

Dr. Sam Tsemberis founded Pathways in Housing in New York in 1992. Developed on the assumption that housing is a human right, this model of Housing First provides immediate access to permanent supportive housing (PSH) and targets the unhoused population who have concurrent mental health and addiction problems. Pathways focuses on psychiatric rehabilitation and an individual’s right to choose; it was “designed to address the needs of consumers from the consumer’s perspective” (Tsemberis et al., 2004, pg. 651). Consistent with the next two schools of thought, Pathways does not place any prerequisites on individuals participating and has a focus on wrap-around supports. In this model, these wrap-around services are offered through Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams that are traditionally comprised of “social workers, nurses, psychiatrists, and vocational and substance abuse counselors who are available to assist consumers 7 days a week 24 hours a day” (Tsemberis et al, 2004, pg. 652). They have since added a nurse practitioner and a housing specialist to the team.

Iain DeJong’s school of thought focuses on the ground level, program fidelity to the Housing First philosophy, and wrap-around supports. DeJong argues that those working in the homeless serving sector should be able to tell anyone what the method and approach is that they are using to do so. As such, DeJong focuses on the training of front-line staff, a coordinated access point, as well as the use of the SPDAT. The SPDAT and the vSPDAT was created by DeJong following his involvement with the At Home/Chez Soi study to prioritize service provision in a “defensible, reliable, consistent and valid way” (De Jong 2011, pg. 1). The vSPDAT and the SPDAT are meant to be utilized to determine who should be served and what type of housing intervention should be used. The vSPDAT is meant to be used as a screening tool to determine if the individual needs Housing First or rapid re-housing intervention and, from there, who needs to complete the full SPDAT. The SPDAT provides case managers with case management focus. With the continued demonstrated success of the SPDAT, communities across North America have been utilizing the SPDAT for many years, and the use of the SPDAT continues to spread.

The final of the three schools of thought is championed by Stephen Gaetz. This school of thought is largely focused on systemic change and targeting policy changes at the federal level. At a high-level, Gaetz views Housing First as a tiered system of sorts, where philosophy acts as the guiding principle for the work being done. Following this is the integrated systems approach which highlights the need for a systems approach to ensure the philosophy of Housing First is being adhered to. This means building a system of care where “all services and program elements...are guided by the principles of the model.” (Gaetz, 2014, pg. 15). Meaning, while not all interventions are Housing First programs, each service within the system of care should support the Housing First goals (Gaetz, 2014). Furthermore, a systems approach must also consider elements of service that may contribute to homelessness, such as the justice, education, and health systems (Gaetz, 2014). Program model follows and refers to the operationalized services offered by a community/agency. Touted as one of the many advantages of Housing First, Gaetz is quick to acknowledge that there is not just one standard program model to abide by (Gaetz, 2014). The final tier, case management, looks at the options available to best provide the wrap-around supports for participants. This often is broken down into two categories: assertive community treatment (ACT; where “a multidisciplinary team in the community where the individual lives, rather than in an office-based practice or an institution, provides case management” (Gaetz, 2014, pg. 16).) and intensive case management (ICM; a team based approached for participants who are less complex but still need intensive support for a shorter period (Gaetz, 2014).

Next Time

Our next article in the series will look at some of the stats that support the use of Housing First and different complicating factors. In the meantime, should you have any comments or questions, please share them through email at a.burke@albertacounsel.com.

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In the Media

Province Delays Change to Traffic Ticket System

The province announced this week that they are "pausing the rollout of Phase 2 (of the SafeRoads Alberta Plan)". The UCP said the program was intended to reduce the number of traffic violation challenges clogging up the already overloaded police and court system. The province said that more than 2 million traffic tickets are issued each year in Alberta and to keep up with the challenges, the courts are dedicating 10 courtrooms per day just for traffic tickets. Controversy stems from the fact that drivers will now have to pay a fee if they wish to dispute a traffic ticket. The non-refundable fees range from \$50 to \$150, depending on the cost of the ticket.

The new system also implements a seven-day limit on challenging a ticket. Critics argue that many Albertans can't afford a \$150 non-refundable fee which will make justice unaffordable for countless Albertans. A joint statement from Ministers Rajan Sawhney and Sonya Savage said, "we will take the next 90 to 120 days to ensure that we communicate and consult with Albertans and that they are educated on the changes proposed in Phase 2. We will listen to what Albertans have to say and we will share the benefits of these changes with them".

End to COVID-19 Restrictions Just Around the Corner

Kenney announced that next week Albertans will have an end date to COVID-19 vaccine passports along with a plan to phase out all health restrictions by the end of February. Alberta's neighbour to the east has announced similar plans to lift all COVID-19 restrictions within the next few months. As of this week, more than 91% of all Canadians over the age of 18 have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

There are currently 33,879 confirmed cases in Alberta, with 1,598 people in hospital and 112 in intensive care. Countries around the world including England, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, and others have relaxed or altogether eliminated COVID-19 restrictions.

Erin O'Toole Ousted as Conservative Party of Canada Leader

On February 2, the CPC caucus voted 73 to 45 to remove Erin O'Toole as leader of the Conservative Party of Canada. This decision comes after months of inner-party conflicts including a petition released by Saskatchewan CPC Senator Denise Batters, Q.C., multiple letters from

electoral district associations across the country, open letters from Members of Parliament, and more.

Former Wildrose Party leader and vocal opponent of Jason Kenney, Brian Jean, wasted no time and took to Twitter to attack the Premier and challenge his leadership. "If the UCP caucus had secret ballot rules like these, then Kenney would have been removed a long time ago. But they don't and bullying, threats and intimidation are how Jason Kenney keeps control" was Jean's official statement on the matter. Jean is the UCP candidate for the currently vacant riding of Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche and has made it clear that once elected, he is gunning for the Premier position. Premier Kenney will be facing a leadership vote in the spring.

Protestors Impede Traffic at U.S. Border Crossing

A group of protestors frustrated with COVID-19 restrictions have set up a blockade on the highway leading to Alberta's main U.S. border crossing. The protestors are acting in solidarity with the "freedom convoy" who raised over \$10 million dollars travelling across the country protesting mandatory vaccinations for drivers as well as other COVID-19 restrictions. The Alberta protest is comprised of semi-trailers, heavy equipment, and trucks flying Canadian flags and donning signs saying "we want freedom" as well as other related slogans.

The blockade, which began on Sunday, has stranded travelers and cross-border truckers, compromised essential trade routes, and impeded access to goods and services for residents on both sides of the border. Protestors agreed Wednesday to open a lane of traffic in each direction for necessary travel, but RCMP has been unable to negotiate terms to end the blockade.

No End in Sight for Rising Utility Prices

Albertans are struggling to keep up with rising utility costs in the province. Electricity prices have fluctuated dramatically over the past year, going as low as four cents per kilowatt-hour to as high as 17 cents. The outrageous prices Albertans are paying are partially caused by out-of-control administrative charges. There is no relief in sight with more carbon taxes, global instability, and cold winters coming to Albertan. As a result, many are unsure if they are going to be able to keep up. The UCP has mused that it may consider reintroducing rebates if these steep prices persist. The UCP scrapped electricity price caps back in 2019.



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COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON CONSIDERING INDIGENOUS INTERESTS IN AUC DECISIONS

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In *Altalink Management Ltd v Alberta (Utilities Commission)*, 2021 ABCA 342, the Court of Appeal of Alberta provided valuable guidance regarding energy regulation and Indigenous economic interests.

Altalink Management Ltd. ("Altalink") built transmission lines through the Blood Tribe's and the Piikani Nation's reserve lands. Rather than entering into a typical Impact Benefit Agreement, the two Nations were given an irrevocable option to acquire a minimum of 30% to a maximum of 51% interest in the transmission lines on their lands.

The Parties chose to exercise their options to purchase a 51% interest in the transmission lines on their lands. They effected those purchase options by forming a limited partnership between Altalink and corporate representatives of the Nations.

Altalink, as general partner of the limited partnerships, filed applications to the Alberta Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to approve the sale and transfer of the interests in the transmission lines. The Commission approved the transfers on the condition that neither of the limited partnerships could recover \$60,000 in external auditor and hearing costs incurred for the regulatory proceedings from ratepayers (the customers) as part of their tariffs.

The Commission determined that the \$60,000 could not be included after applying its "no-harm test," which weighs the positive and negatives of a transfer on ratepayers to determine whether the transfer is in the public interest. If ratepayers may be harmed, the Commission considers if it can mitigate that harm by subjecting the transfer to conditions.

The Commission found that the ratepayers would not have to bear any associated costs for external auditors and hearing costs if Altalink continued to operate the assets without the Nations' interests in the transmission lines. The Commission considered this fact a negative for the ratepayers with no added benefit. It rejected the arguments that the savings from rerouting the transmissions lines through the reserve lands amounted to \$32 million and that there were three intangible benefits from the partnership, namely:

- "1) Access to the First Nations workforce; 2) Strengthening Altalink's relationship with other First Nations in Canada and the United States; and 3) supporting the alignment of interests between Altalink and the First Nations to enhance the long-term safe and reliable operation of utility assets on their reserve land."

Ultimately, the Commission concluded that the "no-harm test" was forward-looking and could not consider the \$32 million dollars in savings. It also held that there was insufficient evidence to support the intangible benefits. Therefore, these benefits do not offset the harm of increased costs for ratepayers.

Altalink appealed to the Court of Appeal of Alberta. The majority decision of the Court of Appeal held that the Commission erred by only viewing the "no-harm test" as forward-looking. The Court found that there was no legislative justification for doing so.

The Majority also held that "projects that increase the likelihood of economic activity on a reserve ought to be encouraged" as they are in the public interest.

Justice Feehan concurred with the Majority's reasons but further addressed Altalink's submissions that the Commission is obligated to consider the honour of the Crown and reconciliation when it engages with Indigenous collectives or their governance entities.

On the honour of the Crown, Justice Feehan noted that the Commission has a duty to consider and uphold it where it is relevant to the public interest. This responsibility is to be understood generously and purposively, not narrowly or technically. Justice Feehan further stated that reconciliation must be incorporated in any consideration of the public interest or public goals. Notably, Justice Feehan stated:

[121] An administrative tribunal with a broad public interest mandate, such as the Commission, must address reconciliation as a social concept of rebuilding the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the Crown by considering the concerns and interests of Indigenous collectives. This includes consideration of the interests of Indigenous peoples in participating freely in the economy and having sufficient resources to self-govern effectively.

Justice Feehan's reasons also demonstrate an interesting way in which the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People is being incorporated into jurisdictions, such as Alberta, where it has not been officially implemented. He suggests that bodies, like the Commission, can look towards UNDRIP as a tool to inform themselves of a fuller understanding of reconciliation.

Overall, both the Majority and the Concurring opinions held that Indigenous economic activity is in the public interest and must be considered by public decision-makers, such as the Commission. While it is unclear how far-reaching Justice Feehan's concurrence will be, regulators must be alive to special considerations of Indigenous economic activity and incorporate those special considerations into their decision-making when considering their public interest mandates.

¹ *Altalink Management Ltd v Alberta (Utilities Commission)*, 2021 ABCA 342 at para 37.

² *Altalink Management Ltd v Alberta (Utilities Commission)*, 2021 ABCA 342 at para 59.

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⁴ *A Res 61/295, UNGAOR, 61st Sess, Sup No 53, UN Doc A/61/295 (2007)* [UNDRIP].

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COVID-19 Status

COVID-19 Status Update from Dr. Verna Yiu

On January 20 I participated in a COVID-19 media update along with the premier, minister of health, and province's chief medical officer of health. I want to share my full comments with you.

My goal was to share - openly and transparently - the situation in our hospitals and in our larger system. I also wanted to publicly recognize the ongoing efforts of everyone at AHS and to show my appreciation. You can [watch the full video here](#).



Pandemic Response Unit activated in Edmonton today

In response to the ongoing pressures on our healthcare system, AHS has made the decision to activate the Pandemic Response Unit (PRU) at the Kaye Edmonton Clinic (KEC) effective today, January 24. Following staff and physician orientation, the KEC PRU is targeting Thursday, January 27 to begin admitting patients.

This decision was made due to capacity volumes facing Edmonton hospitals during the fifth wave of the pandemic. The opening of the PRU is a temporary measure and is one of several initiatives that will ensure our healthcare system can meet the increased demand caused by COVID-19.

Patients moved to the PRU could be patients recovering from COVID-19 who are no longer infectious or patients with less complex healthcare needs than those being cared for in traditional inpatient spaces. The KEC PRU will open with 18 beds initially, with plans to open another 18 beds, if required, the week of January 31. The beds will remain open for as long as they are needed to support capacity within the zone. This will be assessed on an ongoing basis.

In Calgary, the South Health Campus (SHC) PRU could be activated in the coming weeks. Teams are closely monitoring hospital capacity and are ready to open beds in the PRU should they be needed.

All Albertans continue to have a part to play in helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. Eligible Albertans are encouraged to get vaccinated, including their booster dose, as soon as they're able. For more information please visit: www.ahs.ca/vaccine.

COVID-19 Immunizations

National Kids and Vaccines Day

National Kids and Vaccines Day, January 27, aims to bring healthcare experts from across disciplines together to promote vaccine confidence to protect our largest unvaccinated cohort of Canadians - kids. The conference will focus on ways health care providers can increase vaccine confidence through sharing scientific evidence, sharing techniques to make needles less stressful for kids, what's new with Omicron and kids, and what communication strategies work best for families.

The day-long conference is one component of the Immunizing Children with Confidence project, a collaboration between [Children's Healthcare Canada](#) and [Solutions for Kids in Pain](#), co-hosted by [Stollery Children's Hospital & Alberta Health Services](#). [Learn more and register for the Immunizing Children with Confidence Vaccination Conversation.](#)

Fourth doses available for eligible immunocompromised Albertans 18+

Fourth doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are now available for immunocompromised individuals 18 years of age and older. A fourth dose is recommended a minimum of five months after the third dose. Eligible immunocompromising conditions include:

- Recipients of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell therapy.
- Individuals with moderate to severe primary immunodeficiency (for example, DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome).
- Individuals with Stage 3 or advanced HIV infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.
- Individuals undergoing immunosuppressive therapies (e.g., anti-B cell therapies, high-dose systemic corticosteroids, alkylating agents, antimetabolites, or tumor-necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors and other biologic agents).
- Transplant recipients, including solid organ transplants and hematopoietic stem cell transplants.
- Individuals with chronic kidney disease who are receiving regular dialysis.
- Individuals in active cancer treatment (chemotherapy, immunotherapy or targeted therapies), excluding those receiving only hormonal therapy, radiation therapy or surgery.
- Individuals on certain medications for autoimmune diseases, including rituximab, ocrelizumab and ofatumumab.

Fourth doses have not been approved for immunocompromised youth ages 12 to 17, but these youth continue to be eligible for third doses.

Get immunized – take the first mRNA vaccine available for your third dose

Please take the first mRNA vaccine available for a third dose rather than waiting for your preferred brand to be available. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines offer a high level of protection against severe outcomes from COVID-19.

Moderna is in good supply. Some Pfizer vaccine arrived this week and more supply is expected to arrive in the coming weeks. The Moderna vaccine is recommended for people ages 30 and up.

The Pfizer vaccine is recommended for people 12 to 29 years of age, as a cautionary measure. While there is a slightly increased risk of myocarditis in younger people related to Moderna, especially in males, individuals are much more likely to experience myocarditis from COVID-19 infection than the vaccine.

Albertans aged 18 and older who received their second COVID-19 vaccine at least five months ago

should book a third dose as soon as possible. Book appointments for third doses [online](#), by calling or walking into your local pharmacy, or calling Health Link at 811. In addition, there are some family physicians offering vaccines in their clinics.

Vaccine rollout to ages 5-11 continues

Children aged five to 11 who received their first COVID-19 dose eight weeks ago are eligible for a second dose. Book second dose appointments online or by calling Health Link at 811. Evening and weekend appointments are available at clinics to accommodate family schedules. Please check ahs.ca/vaccine for more information. First doses continue to be available.

Children can spread the virus even if they don't have symptoms. Immunization helps protect the health of others, including parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, classmates and the larger community.

As of Jan. 18, 42 per cent of children aged five to 11 have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. We strongly urge all parents/guardians to book their child in for their first dose, as soon as possible.

Emerging evidence suggests that longer intervals between the first and second dose result in a more robust immune response and higher vaccine effectiveness. However, parents/guardians can book a second-dose appointment before the recommended eight weeks if their child is immunocompromised or if a second dose is required for travel. The absolute minimum spacing between doses is 21 days.

More information is available at [COVID-19 Immunization for Children Under 12 – FAQ](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss with your immunizer.

Third doses not currently recommended for children/youth

In Canada, third doses are not currently recommended for children five to 11. They are also not currently recommended for those 12 to 17 years of age, unless they have an [eligible immunocompromising condition](#). Evidence continues to be reviewed nationally and provincially.

Get immunized after COVID-19 infection

There is no mandatory waiting period between having COVID-19 disease and being immunized; however, if you've had COVID-19, you must wait until you have completed your required [isolation period](#) and are feeling better before getting the vaccine, or your next dose.

Some medicines can affect the way your immune system responds to vaccines. People who take medicines that affect their immune system, or had medicine to treat their COVID-19 infection, should check with their doctor about when to get immunized.

For an overview of current evidence, general recommendations and clinical considerations, see [Information on Immunization after COVID-19 Infection](#) from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Vaccine availability

mRNA Vaccines – These vaccines continue to be recommended as the most safe and effective vaccine choice for those able to receive them. People 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 five months.

AstraZeneca – If you received AstraZeneca for your first dose, you can choose either the AstraZeneca vaccine or an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer/Moderna) for your second dose. Both options will provide additional protection and count as completing your vaccine series in Canada. International jurisdictions may have different standards for a complete immunization series. Call Health Link at 811 to book your second dose of AstraZeneca.

If you received two doses of AstraZeneca for your primary vaccine series, it is recommended that you receive an mRNA vaccine as your booster dose at least five months after your second dose. If you received the AstraZeneca vaccine as a first dose, followed by a two-dose mRNA vaccine series, a booster dose is not recommended or required at this time.

Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) – The Janssen vaccine is available for people 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 and only one dose of the Janssen vaccine is needed to be fully immunized. The Janssen vaccine is available for Albertans 18 years of age and older and is administered at AHS clinics in select locations across the province.

Things You Need to Know

Conversations with Yiu - A Discussion with the Minister of Health

As we embark on 2022, I (Verna) wanted to take the time to talk about what might lie ahead of us this year. To help me look ahead on what is in store for healthcare in 2022, I am grateful to be joined by the Minister of Health.

Jason Copping was named Minister in September, taking over the health portfolio in the midst of this ongoing pandemic. He came into this portfolio after serving as Alberta's Minister of Labour and Immigration. [Read the blog article.](#)



AHS prepares to roll out recently approved oral medication for COVID-19

AHS is working on rolling out a new oral medication to eligible COVID-19 patients, called Paxlovid. Recently approved by Health Canada, Paxlovid is a new anti-viral drug that has shown to prevent COVID-19 from progressing in high-risk patients with mild to moderate symptoms if taken within five days of symptom onset. As with any new medication, it will take some time to develop safe, efficient processes that ensure it's accessible to all Albertans who require it. AHS continues to administer Sotrovimab to eligible COVID-19 patients with mild to moderate symptoms. Close to 500 doses have been administered so far. For more information, visit ahs.ca/covidopt.

Addressing EMS capacity with 10-point plan

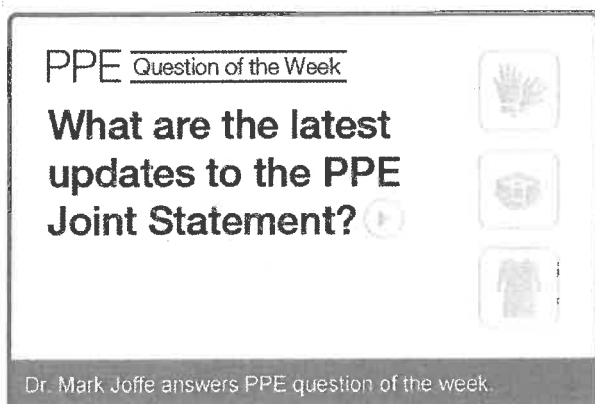
Today, January 24, Alberta Health Services (AHS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is announcing a comprehensive 10-point plan for addressing the extraordinary increase in EMS calls over the several months. The plan focuses on immediate short-term tangible actions that will help create capacity within our system, so that we can continue to be there for all Albertans.

Over the past several months, EMS calls have increased by approximately 30 per cent, with demands on the service now at historic levels. In addition to the pandemic, opioid-related 911 calls are up significantly, EMS has seen a spike in weather-related calls (both during the summer and early winter), and is experiencing increased demand on inter-facility patient transports largely due to COVID-19.

The new 10-point plan to address EMS capacity has both immediate and short-term actions and is designed to ensure the most critical patients are prioritized for receiving immediate care, while maximizing existing system capacity. [Details on the 10-point plan are available here.](#)

PPE Question of the Week: What are the latest updates to the PPE joint statement?

Late last year AHS, the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, Covenant Health, the Health Sciences Association of Alberta, and United Nurses of Alberta updated joint statement on the safe and effective use of PPE in our collective response to the pandemic. In this week's [PPE video of the week](#), Dr. Mark Joffe discusses the joint statement and what it means for AHS healthcare workers.



Influenza Immunization Update

As of Jan. 15, 1.13 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is approximately 25 per cent of the population. Thirty-nine (39) cases of influenza have been confirmed so far this season.

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

Update on Alberta Health, Alberta Medical Association Physician Negotiations

As announced by the [Government of Alberta](#) (GoA) Jan. 20, GoA and the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) are seeking opportunities to return to negotiations towards a provincial agreement.

In the interim, the following agreed upon actions are underway to work together to support the healthcare system:

- COVID-19 response: Collaboration to address the pandemic, including managing rapid testing in the community, guidance to give patients and updated recommendations on PPE requirements.
- Physician compensation: GoA agreed to delay the Dec. 31, 2021, implementation of some clinical stipend transitions, z-code fee reductions and AHS overhead policy, allowing time for further discussion.
- Virtual care: On Jan. 1, the government implemented [two high-priority changes](#) to recognize the value of physician time in patient care, as recommended by an Alberta Health/AMA/AHS/College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta virtual care working group and the Physician Compensation

Advisory Committee. Improving access to virtual care is increasingly important to patients who need to access care but wish to limit their personal interactions during the pandemic.

Next steps will include GoA working with the labour and management facilitator to prepare both sides to begin interest-based negotiations as soon as possible.

Mobile mammography to visit Stettler and Wainwright

Women ages 50-74 - the group most at risk of developing breast cancer – will have access to a mobile mammography trailer at:

- Stettler Hospital and Care Centre, 5912 47 Ave. on Feb. 2-5, 7-11.
- Wainwright Health Centre, 530 6 Ave. on Feb. 7-12, 14-16

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast and has proven to be the most effective way to detect breast cancer. Early detection allows for a greater number of options for treatment and a better chance of survival. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling toll-free 1-800-667-0604. Details will be shared when residents book an appointment.

Join the Conversation

Volunteer to support patients in the South Zone

Caring, compassionate people are being sought to serve as volunteers at the Raymond, Milk River and Cardston health centres to work with patients, as well as residents in long-term care. If you are interested in leading sing-alongs, playing musical instruments, providing pet therapy, or even applying nail polish for those who would like a little pampering, we would like to hear from you! Volunteers are required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination. For more information about joining Team AHS as a volunteer, please contact Carrie, 403-653-5252.

Join a conversation on suicide prevention in central Alberta

AHS and the Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council (HAC) invite you to a virtual conversation on suicide prevention in AHS Central Zone. An AHS health representative will share current statistics and available services, and we will discuss what you can do to help prevent suicide.

This conversation will be held, via Zoom, on Jan. 27 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Space is limited, so register early. Visit this [registration](#) page or email community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line 'Yellowhead'; you will be sent the registration link.

Volunteers wanted! Recruitment continues for AHS Health Advisory Councils

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

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

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

Tune in to support Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation Corus Radiothon

Support [Stollery Kids](#) at the the 23rd Annual Corus Radiothon is on January 27 and 28. Listen live on CISN Country 103.9, CHUCK @ 92.5, 630 CHED, Global News Radio 880 Edmonton, and Global Edmonton and pledge your support as dozens of families from backyards across Alberta share their Stollery story and show the impact your generosity makes.

Proceeds from this year's Corus Radiothon will help fund the best people, programs, research and much-

needed specialized equipment at the Stollery Children's Hospital.



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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.](#)

Celebrating \$3 million donation to Alberta Cancer Foundation

After losing their daughter Sheryl to cancer, local and generational philanthropists Philip, Harriet and Stuart Libin wanted to find a meaningful way to keep her memory alive.

In hopes of helping all Albertans facing cancer, they donated \$3 million to the Alberta Cancer Foundation in support of breast cancer research and clinical trials at the new Calgary Cancer Centre.

The Philip and Harriet Libin Auditorium, named in their honour, will offer tremendous impact to patients by housing patient advisory meetings, support groups and lectures.



UNITE HERE Local 47 makes major donation



Giving back to the communities in which they work is important to the members of the UNITE HERE Local 47 Camp Culinary and Hospitality Union. Not only do the members want to ensure that out of town workers have great living conditions when they are working, the members are also contributing to the region by donating to a number of charities.

The [Northern Lights Health Foundation](#) is pleased to announce a donation of \$100,000 from UNITE HERE Local 47 which represents thousands of Camp, Culinary and Hospitality workers at the Civeo, Horizon North, and Compass ESS camps in our region. This donation is unrestricted to the Foundation which will allow the Board of Directors to allocate the funds to current and emerging health care projects.

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.

Wrapping Up

This has been a long week and a long weekly update.

We are again being challenged with Omicron. We are providing care in alternate models, we are opening non-traditional care spaces, and we are asking many AHS staff and physicians to work in unfamiliar areas.

Despite these challenges, AHS remains committed to serving and supporting all Albertans as we fight through another wave of this unrelenting pandemic.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation for your support,



Dr. Verna Yiu
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COVID-19 Status

Separating Hospital Admissions Due to COVID-19

[Alberta Health](#) is providing the proportion of new hospital admissions that are due to COVID-19 - as compared to admissions because of other causes - online at alberta.ca/covid. Data from the last seven days indicate about 40% of new admissions to non-ICU spaces are due to COVID-19 infection directly, about 18% had COVID-19 as a contributing cause and about 42% are cases where the infection was not determined to be a cause of admission, or where it was not possible to determine.

For ICU, the percentage of new admissions due to COVID-19 directly was 56%; about 19% had COVID-19 as a contributing cause and about 25% were incidental infections or unclear.

Testing Eligibility Expanded to Include Children Under Two

Following Alberta Health's change to its testing policy, all symptomatic children under two years of age are now eligible for COVID-19 testing at AHS swabbing sites. Rapid antigen testing is not recommended for this age group.

Effective Jan. 27, molecular testing at AHS swabbing sites is available for:

- Children with symptoms under two years of age.
- People with symptoms who may be eligible for [Sotrovimab](#) (monoclonal antibody treatment).
- People with symptoms who are [household contacts](#) of a person who works in continuing care or acute care.
- People with symptoms who are pregnant.
- People with symptoms who live or work in isolated and remote First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities.
- Returning international travellers who become symptomatic within 14 days after their return to Canada.

The [COVID-19 Assessment & Testing tool](#) has been updated to allow all groups listed above to book a test with AHS.

Testing at AHS swabbing sites continues to be available for healthcare workers and workers in specific high-risk settings, including those in group homes, disability support and shelter workers, correctional facility staff in provincial / federal facilities, and individuals who provide services in a clinical care setting,

including hospitals and seniors congregate care facilities. People in these settings can use the [COVID-19 Assessment & Testing tool](#) for healthcare workers and workers in specific high-risk settings.

COVID-19 Immunizations

Fourth doses for eligible immunocompromised Albertans 18+

Fourth doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are available for people 18 years of age and older who are severely immunocompromised. A fourth dose is recommended a minimum of five months after the third dose. Fourth doses have not been approved for immunocompromised youth ages 12 to 17, but these youth continue to be eligible for third doses.

Get Immunized - take the first mRNA vaccine available for your third dose

Please take the first mRNA vaccine available for a third dose rather than waiting for your preferred brand to be available. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines offer a high level of protection against severe outcomes from COVID-19. Moderna and Pfizer are both in good supply at this time. The Moderna vaccine is recommended for people ages 30 and up.

The Pfizer vaccine is recommended for people 12 to 29 years of age, as a cautionary measure. While there is a slightly increased risk of myocarditis in younger people related to Moderna, especially in males, individuals are much more likely to experience myocarditis from COVID-19 infection than the vaccine.

Albertans aged 18 and older who received their second COVID-19 vaccine at least five months ago should book a third dose as soon as possible. Book appointments for third doses online, by calling or walking into your local pharmacy, or calling Health Link at 811. In addition, there are some family physicians offering vaccines in their clinics.

Vaccine rollout to ages 5 - 11 continues

As of Jan. 25, 44.2% of children aged five to 11 have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 9.9% have received two doses. Children aged five to 11 who received their first COVID-19 dose eight weeks ago are eligible for a second dose. Book second dose appointments online or by calling Health Link at 811.

Evening and weekend appointments are available at clinics to accommodate family schedules. Please check [ahs.ca/vaccine](https://www.ahs.ca/vaccine) for more information. We strongly urge all parents/guardians to book their child in for whichever dose they are eligible for, as soon as possible.

Emerging evidence suggests longer intervals between the first and second dose result in a more robust immune response and higher vaccine effectiveness. However, parents/guardians can book a second-dose appointment before the recommended eight weeks if their child is immunocompromised or if a second dose is required for travel. The absolute minimum spacing between doses is 21 days.

More information is available at [COVID-19 Immunization for Children Under 12 – FAQ](#) and at [ahs.ca/vaccinekids](https://www.ahs.ca/vaccinekids). If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss with your immunizer.

Get immunized after COVID-19 infection

There is no mandatory waiting period between having COVID-19 disease and being immunized; however, if you've had COVID-19, you must wait until you have completed your required isolation period and are feeling better before getting the vaccine, or your next dose.

Some medicines can affect the way your immune system responds to vaccines. People who take medicines that affect their immune system, or had medicine to treat their COVID-19 infection, should check with their doctor about when to get immunized.

For an overview of current evidence, general recommendations and clinical considerations see

Things You Need to Know

Verna's Video Message - Supporting the Mental Health of Albertans

The past two years haven't been easy, and we know the stress of COVID-19 affects everyone across the province. We see it in the patients we care for, in each other, and on the news and social media. We also know this stress adds up over time. Taking care of mental health is just as important as taking care of physical health.

Joining me (Verna) to discuss the impact COVID-19 is having on the mental health of Albertans and how AHS supports them through their challenges are:

- Kerry Bales, Senior Program Officer, Provincial Addiction and Mental Health.
- Dr. Nick Mitchell, Provincial Medical Director, Addiction and Mental Health.



AHS Responds to Inaccuracies in Newspaper Column

We wanted to share these two letters to the editor with you. They appeared in the Calgary Herald on January 28 in response to inaccurate information about the role of healthcare leaders and management.

- <https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/letters/your-letters-for-jan-28-2022>

- <https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-now-is-not-the-time-to-demoralize-health-care-workers-and-their-leaders>

10-point plan to mitigate EMS system pressure

AHS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have embarked on a comprehensive 10-point plan for addressing the extraordinary increase in EMS calls that we've experienced over the past months. This plan, which focuses on immediate actions that will help create capacity within our system will ensure EMS remains available and safe for all Albertans. [Review the 10-point plan here.](#)

Alberta Health will also be leading an EMS Advisory group over the coming months, and we look forward to new ideas and connections coming from that work. The pressures facing EMS are not unique to EMS, nor to Alberta. Across the country, EMS and healthcare systems are struggling with demand. EMS calls in Alberta alone have increased by approximately 30% over the last year, with demands on the service now at historic levels. Despite this historic increase in demand, EMS continues to respond to the vast majority of serious 911 calls quickly and appropriately, thanks to our dedicated EMS teams.

AHS, UNA Ratify New Collective Agreement

We'd like to express gratitude to the AHS and United Nurses of Alberta negotiating teams who worked tirelessly over the past several months to reach a new four-year collective agreement, which was announced January 27.

This agreement, which runs until March 31, 2024, sets out the terms and conditions for the more than 30,000 registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses who play a critical role in our healthcare system and our pandemic response. Our hope is this agreement provides some positivity and stability for our teams when they need it most. [Learn more here.](#)

AHS continues to negotiate collective agreements with Health Sciences Association of Alberta, AUPE General Support Services and AUPE Auxiliary Nursing.

DynaLIFE to Begin Providing Community Lab Service Across Alberta

AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) have reached an agreement on terms of a contract for DynaLIFE Medical Labs to deliver community laboratory services across the province, beginning July 1, 2022. DynaLIFE will also be responsible for laboratory testing of all community and non-urgent hospital lab work across the province.

DynaLIFE was selected as the preferred private-sector partner to provide community lab service through a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process and subsequent negotiations that took place throughout 2021.

In order to ensure that small rural and remote communities continue to receive the service they need, hospital and community health sites that currently handle less than 25,000 community blood test collections per year will continue to be provided by APL.

No job losses are anticipated as a result of the transition process, as DynaLIFE has agreed to assume all unionized, non-unionized and medical-scientific staff under existing collective agreements (where applicable) and provide the same, or similar, terms and conditions of employment as existing prior to the transfer. [Learn more here.](#)

Kaye Edmonton Clinic Pandemic Response Unit Opens to Patients

In response to the ongoing pressures on our healthcare system, AHS made the decision to open the Pandemic Response Unit (PRU) at the Kaye Edmonton Clinic (KEC). The first patients arrived on the unit on January 27. The number of patients fluctuates day to day.

The unit has staffing to support 18 beds. If needed, additional beds could be opened.

This decision to open the KEC PRU was made due to capacity volumes at Edmonton hospitals during the fifth wave of the pandemic. This activation is a temporary measure and one of several initiatives that will ensure our healthcare system can meet the increased demand caused by COVID-19.

Patients moved to the PRU could be patients recovering from COVID-19 who are no longer infectious, or patients with less complex healthcare needs than those being cared for in traditional inpatient spaces. The beds will remain open for as long as they are needed to support capacity within the zone. This will be assessed on an ongoing basis.

In Calgary, the South Health Campus (SHC) PRU could be activated in the coming weeks. Right now, hospitals in the greater Calgary area are managing. Teams are closely monitoring hospital capacity and are ready to open beds in the PRU should they be needed.

We would like to thank everyone who's been redeployed and is assisting with the KEC PRU's operation.

Visitor Screening Updated at Continuing Care Sites

Last week access requirements to continuing care sites were updated under the guidance of [CMOH Order 03-2022](#). Fully immunized visitors experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, loss of sense of taste or smell) will be restricted from continuing care sites for five days. Visitors experiencing COVID-19 symptoms who are not fully immunized will continue to be restricted from sites for 10 days. To enter a site, any symptoms must have resolved for at least 24 hours before entry and the isolation period must have passed.

This change reflects the updated isolation requirements outlined in [CMOH Order 02-2022](#), which account for a shorter infectious period in fully immunized individuals. Please review the screening questionnaires to ensure you are using the latest version: [Visitors to continuing care](#)

More information on designated support and visitor access is available at www.ahs.ca/visitation.

AHS Begins Issuing Paxlovid Prescriptions to Eligible Albertans

Today, January 31, AHS began issuing prescriptions for the anti-viral oral medication Paxlovid that was recently approved by Health Canada to treat at-risk patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 infection. Paxlovid is a new medication that was developed by Pfizer to treat eligible, high-risk patients with COVID-19 within the first five days of symptoms.

There are now two outpatient treatments available to at-risk patient groups. Paxlovid will be offered to patients who are most likely to develop severe COVID-19 illness and are at a greater risk of adverse outcomes, including hospitalization and death. Patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and whose symptoms began less than five days ago can call the dedicated Health Link line at 1-844-343-0971 to find out if they qualify to receive treatment and whether Paxlovid or the monoclonal antibody, Sotrovimab, is preferred.

These treatments are not replacements for COVID-19 vaccination. Albertans are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. For more information about outpatient treatments, please visit ahs.ca/covidopt.

New physicians now practising in Mayerthorpe and High Prairie

Dr. Bank-Anthony Uche Ekwem is a family medicine physician who will be providing care at Family Practice Associates and Mayerthorpe Healthcare Centre. He joins a team of four family medicine physicians providing services in Mayerthorpe.

Dr. Henry Ogbuehi is a family medicine physician who will be providing care at High Prairie Community Health and Wellness Clinic.

AHS has physician resource planners who are dedicated to identifying and pursuing international and domestic physician recruitment opportunities. They work closely with various community partners and organizations, such as local Health Advisory Councils, the Rural Health Professions Action Plan, and independent physician attraction and retention committees.

Influenza Immunization Update

As of Jan. 22, 1.17 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is approximately 26.6% of the population. No new influenza cases were confirmed in the past week. The total cases so far this season remains at 39.

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

APL Monitoring Omicron Lineage

Alberta's COVID-19 testing program has been actively monitoring the genetic code of SARS-CoV-2 in Alberta since the beginning of the pandemic to understand how the virus is evolving in our population and to detect the arrival of variant strains from outside the province.

Since its detection in late November, Omicron has rapidly replaced Delta as the dominant variant circulating in Alberta. Currently about 96% of all screened viruses are Omicron, which currently consists of three main lineages: BA.1, BA.2 and BA.3. BA.1 is the dominant Omicron lineage in Alberta; however, surveillance has detected 33 BA.2 (four from travel), with an additional 146 presumptive BA.2 (five from travel). BA.2 has been increasing in Denmark, the U.K. and Germany, and is thought to be the dominant lineage in India.

The test currently used at APL ProVLab for the detection of Omicron can identify both the BA.1 and BA.2 variants, and 1,500 tests are run per day. All samples that are presumptive BA.2 undergo full genome sequencing for confirmation as BA.2, which is performed on 800 to 1,000 viruses per week.

To date there is no evidence BA.2 has different biological characteristics compared to other Omicron lineages; however, there is some speculation that it may be more transmissible than BA.1.

New Dialysis Unit to Open in High Prairie

Local and area residents requiring renal dialysis will soon be able to receive treatment in High Prairie. The new High Prairie Renal Dialysis Unit, located within the High Prairie Health Centre, is slated to open to patients on Feb. 16. When it operates at full capacity the six-station unit will be open three days per week with the ability to treat 12 patients a day, meeting demand for this service in the area.

The Government of Alberta provided funding for the \$5.2-million unit; construction started in February 2021 and was completed the following October. Local and area dialysis patients will continue to receive this treatment in Slave Lake until the local unit opens. Dialysis will continue to be offered in Slave Lake.

Book Captures AHS Pandemic Response in Photos

Throughout the past two years AHS staff photographer Leah Hennel has been documenting our province's front-line workers and the COVID-19 patients they care for, showcasing the lives of the Albertans who refused to give up in the face of adversity. Leah is an award-winning photographer whose work continues to appear in print and online publications around the world.

Her photographs show how Albertans have adapted and found safe new ways to celebrate special occasions and accomplishments both major and minor. They also show how Albertans have dealt with the tragedies that the pandemic has brought.

This spring her second book, *Alone Together: A Pandemic Photo Essay* (Rocky Mountain Books), a collection of photos taken while working at AHS as well as during her own personal time, will be released. All proceeds from the book's sale will go to the foundations supporting the work of Alberta Health Services.



Join the Conversation

Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council to discuss COVID

Join the Greater Edmonton HAC at its next virtual meeting on Wednesday, February 2, from 6-9 pm. A presentation will be made on resources available for those with ongoing symptoms from Covid-19, as well as continued work in the Zone to manage outbreaks. Public is welcome, please join on Zoom at this [link](#).

Learn about the regulation of health professionals in Alberta with RhPAP

Alberta's Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) invites you to learn about the regulation of health professionals in Alberta – including why colleges exist, how they are run, and how they work to protect the public. There are currently 29 health regulatory colleges in Alberta, including the colleges that govern the practice of doctors and nurses, laboratory and x-ray technologists, physiotherapists, pharmacists, opticians, and paramedics.

Registration is required for this free event. [Click here to register](#). Contact Holly for more information: holly.handfield@rhpap.ca.

Be Well - Be Kind

Recognize Black History Month with AHS

In recognition of Black History Month, and in collaboration with the AHS Diversity & Inclusion Team and the Diversity and Racial Equity (DaRE) Workforce Resource Group, AHS has planned a number of activities for AHS staff, physicians and volunteers to celebrate Black History Month throughout February.

Learn more with these resources:

- [Best Practice Guide – Being an Ally](#)
- [Anti-Racism Position Statement](#)
- [Recommendations of the Anti-Racism Advisory Group Report](#)

AHS is committed to building a safer, more welcoming work environment where we can all feel safe and supported to stand up for each other and speak out against intolerance.

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.

UNITE HERE Local 47 donate \$100,000 to the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation

UNITE HERE! Local 47 have been long time supporters of the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital. They've been instrumental in many projects, including the renovation of the fully accessible courtyard and playground that so many Glenrose patients enjoy.

They recently presented the foundation with another significant investment in advancing rehabilitation outcomes. Read more about [Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation](#).



Windy Slopes Health Foundation 31st Annual Trees of Hope Campaign

2021 marked the 31st Annual Trees of Hope Campaign for the [Windy Slopes Health Foundation](#), which funds equipment and programs at the Pincher Creek Health Centre (PCHC). This year's project raised \$33,294.20 to purchase consumables for the equipment used to perform surgical procedures and interventions for Gynecological medical conditions.

Gratitude from Albertans

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

I am writing to say thank you to every single person who works in our healthcare system. Not only have you continued to do your jobs day after day through COVID-19, but you have done them at personal cost to yourselves and your families.... I know I am far from the only one who feels the profound gratitude I feel towards you, but I had to write and say thank you. You are true professionals and you are the real heroes in all of this.

— Barbara Jenkins

Wrapping Up

Bell Let's Talk Day encourages Canadians to talk openly about their mental health. Perhaps many of you took the opportunity last week to open up to the people you trust most to talk about struggles you may be having. Just remember: being aware of our mental wellness, and seeking support and help when needed, is something we all need to do each and every day.

By asking for help, and by supporting one another, we'll get through this together.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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Welcome to **Together4Health Headlines**, a weekly newsletter designed to keep you informed about key public health information and opportunities for you to connect with AHS. We are committed to ensuring our partners and stakeholders, like you, receive the information you need to help protect yourself, your family, colleagues and staff.

Please [respond to this short survey](#) to let us know if you're receiving the information you need in a format that is working for you.

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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

AHS continues to do all we can to ensure we have enough ICU capacity to meet patient demand. 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.

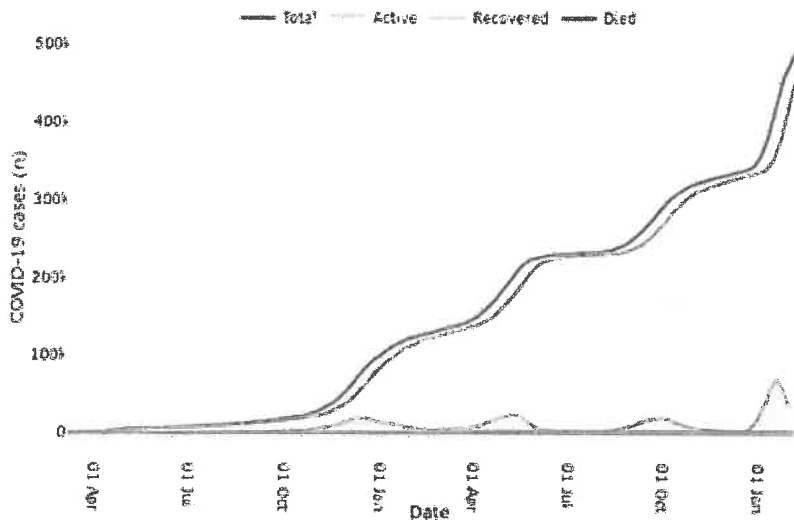
We currently have 241 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 68 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds. There are currently 201 patients in ICU. These numbers are updated daily; learn more at [AHS Facilities: ICU Updates & Temporary Space Reductions](#).

New and Active Cases

As of Feb. 2 there are 33,879 active cases in Alberta, a 23.5% decrease compared to Jan. 26. Three of five zones reported a decrease in active cases, compared to the last report, as shown in the table below.

	Active Cases (as of Feb. 2)	Active Cases (as of Jan. 26)	Percent Change
Calgary	13,771	20,779	-33.7%
Edmonton	10,415	14,219	-26.8%
North	2,918	2,560	14.0%
Central	3,633	3,675	-1.1%
South	2,741	2,563	6.9%
Unknown	401	505	-20.6%
Overall	33,879	44,301	-23.53%

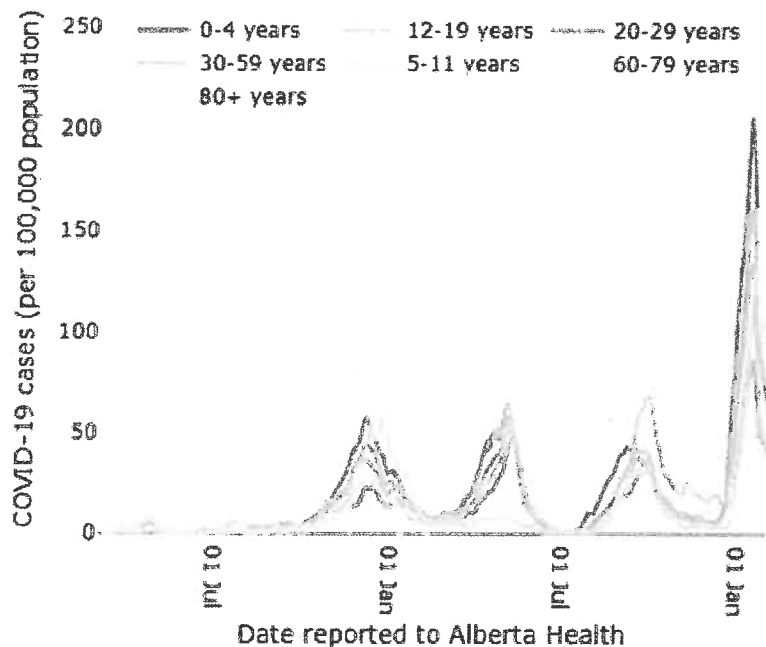
For the seven-day period ending Feb. 2, there was an average of 2,499 new cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to 3,083 cases per day the previous reporting period (Jan. 20 to Jan. 26), an 18.9% decrease. The Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 7,285 (an average of 1,041 new cases per day).



Please note: we know this data underestimates the number of people with COVID-19 across the province, and changes in testing eligibility make it difficult to compare cases week over week.

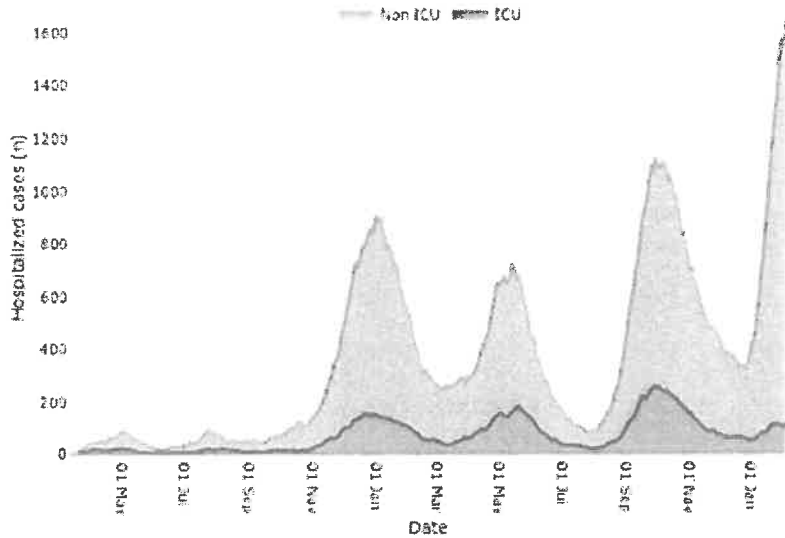
Cases by Age Group

As of Jan. 30, Albertans aged 80+ have the highest seven-day rolling average rate of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 88.29 cases per 100,000 people. Albertans aged 30-59 had the second-highest rate with 68.86 cases per 100,000 people, followed by those aged 20 to 29 with 58.71 cases per 100,000 people. Targeted testing will affect age groups differently. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are in the figure below:



Hospitalizations

A total of 1,472 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on Feb. 2, compared to 1,452 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Jan. 26, a 1.4% increase.



As of Feb. 2, 3,608 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 90 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

Targeted screening for variants of concern resumed on Dec. 23, 2021. For variants of concern, from Jan. 25 to Jan. 31, the average percent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 56%. Of those strain-typed the rolling average was 93.9% Omicron variant, 0.1% Delta variant, and 5.9% wild type or presumptive variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Other Notable COVID-19 Related Information:

- Alberta Health is providing the proportion of new hospital admissions that are due to COVID-19, as compared to admissions because of other causes, online at alberta.ca/covid. Data from the last seven days indicate approximately 41% of new admissions to non-ICU spaces are due to COVID-19 infection directly, 22% had COVID-19 as a contributing cause and 37% are cases where the infection was not determined to be a cause of admission, or where it was not possible to determine. For ICU, the percentage of new admissions due to COVID-19 directly was approximately 41%; 32% had COVID-19 as a contributing cause and 27% were incidental infections or unclear.
- As of Feb. 2, a total of 501,347 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 19,064 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 3.8 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 463,860 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious.
- From Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, 48,168 COVID-19 tests were completed, a seven-day average of 6,881 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 32.16% to 40.44%. As of Feb. 2, a total of 6,767,946 tests have been conducted and 2,713,515 individuals have ever been tested. COVID-19 testing eligibility has changed recently to accommodate the demand due to the increase in cases.
- 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 Jan. 24 to Jan. 30 the province-wide R value was 0.88 and the previously reported value was 1.00.

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 February 01:

- 92,311 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 19,541 (or 21.17%) have tested positive.
- Of the 7,777 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 719 (or 9.25%) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 11,880 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 6,423 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 862 (or 13.42%) have tested positive.
- Of the 315 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 26 (or 8.25%) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 551 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

Fourth Doses for Eligible Immunocompromised Albertans 18+

Fourth doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are available for people 18 years of age and older who are severely immunocompromised. A fourth dose is recommended a minimum of five months after the third dose. Fourth doses have not been approved for immunocompromised youth ages 12 to 17, but these youth continue to be eligible for third doses.

Get Your Third Dose As Soon As Possible

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are both in good supply at this time and offer a high level of protection against severe outcomes from COVID-19.

Albertans aged 18 and older who received their second COVID-19 vaccine at least five months ago should book a third dose as soon as possible. Book appointments for third doses online, by calling or walking into your local pharmacy, or calling Health Link at 811. In addition, there are some family physicians offering vaccines in their clinics.

Vaccine Rollout to Ages 5 - 11 Continues

As of February 1, 45.5% of children aged five to 11 have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 14.5% have received two doses. Children aged five to 11 who received their first COVID-19 dose eight weeks ago are eligible for a second dose. Book second dose appointments online or by calling Health Link at 811. Evening and weekend appointments are available at clinics to accommodate family schedules. Please check ahs.ca/vaccine for more information.

We strongly urge all parents/guardians to book their child in for whichever dose they are eligible for, as soon as possible.

More information is available at [COVID-19 Immunization for Children Under 12 – FAQ](#) and at ahs.ca/vaccinekids.

Get Immunized After COVID-19 Infection

There is no mandatory waiting period between having COVID-19 disease and being immunized; however, if you've had COVID-19, you must wait until you have completed your required isolation period and are feeling better before getting the vaccine, or your next dose.

Some medicines can affect the way your immune system responds to vaccines. People who take medicines that affect their immune system, or had medicine to treat their COVID-19 infection, should check with their doctor about when to get immunized.

For an overview of current evidence, general recommendations and clinical considerations see [Information on Immunization after COVID-19 Infection](#) from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Things You Need to Know

Conversations with Yiu - Creating Capacity in EMS

Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services recently [announced a comprehensive 10-point plan](#) to address the 30% increase in EMS calls that have been experienced over the last year.

This plan focuses on immediate actions that will help create capacity within our system and ensure EMS continues to remain available and safe for all Albertans. Alberta Health will also be leading an EMS Advisory group over the coming months, and we look forward to new ideas and connections coming from that work.

Joining vlog guest host Sean Chilton, Vice President of People, Health Professions and Information Technology, to [discuss the plan and how we are supporting EMS staff](#) are:

- Kathleen Fraser, Provincial Program Director, EMS Employee Program
- Darren Sandbeck, Senior Provincial Director and Chief Paramedic, EMS



Rapid Test Distribution Update

The Government of Alberta (Alberta Health) has undertaken a new process for distributing COVID-19 rapid test kits across the province. Shipments of the rapid test kits are out for delivery, including 475,000 tests to First Nations communities; 1,775,520 tests to pharmacies in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer; and 891,000 tests to AHS locations this week.

Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and are being distributed throughout the province to make supplies available to Albertans all over Alberta. Alberta Health is continuing to work with the federal government to secure additional rapid test kit supplies, as quickly as possible. If a specific location does not have kits available, Albertans are encouraged to [look online for additional locations](#).

As a reminder, you can pick up kits on behalf of a friend or family member provided you have their Alberta Health Care card information. The plan is to eventually transition rapid test distribution from AHS sites to pharmacies outside of Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer, as supply and distribution capacity permits.

Change in Omicron Incubation Period and Quarantine for Close Contacts

As [Alberta Health](#) announced last Thursday, current evidence indicates that Omicron has a shorter

incubation period than previous variants. Given that Omicron is the predominant strain of COVID-19 in the province, overall provincial guidance will be shifting to use of a 10-day incubation period. As such:

- People with a close contact exposure to COVID-19 will now be told to monitor for symptoms for 10 days instead of 14.
- Unimmunized household close contacts of a confirmed case will be recommended to stay home and away from other people (i.e. not attend work, school or other activities) for 10 days instead of 14.
- Outbreaks that are currently open for two incubation periods will be open for 20 days instead of 28.

Household contacts and other close contacts should continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and if they develop symptoms, isolate right away and use the [AHS COVID-19 Assessment & Testing Tool](#) for advice on managing mild symptoms, to help decide if you should talk to someone about your symptoms, and to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

This change is effective immediately and applies to all Albertans, including Continuing Care. There will be no immediate changes to acute care patient-related recommendations. However, these recommendations are under continuous review and updates will be provided as needed.

At this time, federal quarantine requirements that use a 14-day incubation period will stay as is.

Visitation Exemption for Designated Support Persons of Obstetrical Patients

A designated support person is an important support for obstetrical patients during their stay and AHS does all it can to ensure they can be accommodated. This is a critical part of our approach to patient-centred care. AHS has reduced restrictions for designated support persons of obstetrical patients. The exemption allows site access for asymptomatic designated support persons who are close contacts of a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.

If a support discloses that they have been in close contact with a positive or probable case of COVID-19 prior to arrival on site, they will be permitted to enter to support the patient, provided they meet other screening criteria. This exemption will make it possible for more patients to have their preferred person available to provide support during labour and to be present at birth.

Sites with outbreaks or on-watch situations may have additional restrictions. We encourage those who want to support a patient to make arrangements early with the care team. Our aim is to balance the needs of our patients and ensure they have support during their stay in hospital, while protecting our staff from illness so they can be there when Albertans need them. Learn more on the [AHS website](#).

Designated Support Persons and Visitors Can Wear Their Own N95 or KN95 Mask

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is critical to the health and safety of staff, visitors and those in our care. To support their protection, continuous masking is required at AHS sites. Designated support persons and visitors may now wear their own KN95 or N95 mask on site, provided the mask is clean. However, those supporting a COVID-19-positive or suspected COVID-19-positive patient may be provided with a best-fit KN95 mask or procedure mask.

AHS sites will continue to provide procedure masks and measures, including hand sanitation and COVID-19 screening, will remain in place, regardless of the type of mask worn.

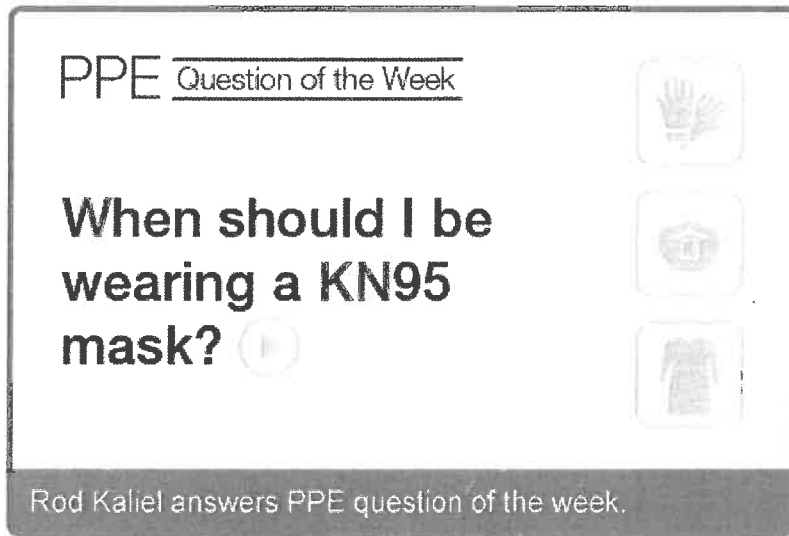
Providing PPE to Designated Support Persons of COVID-19 Patients

As a patient-centred organization, we believe that a designated support person is an important part of the patient's care team. The decision to provide KN95 masks to designated support persons of COVID-19-positive patients acknowledges the high risk of transmission in these settings. Enhanced PPE requirements for designated support persons protect not only the individual, but also staff, patients and others on site.

More information is available at ahs.ca/visitation and through [AHS' PPE Directive](#).

PPE Question of the Week – N95 Masks

When should I be wearing a KN95 mask, now that they are available in Congregate Living facilities? In this week's PPE video of the week, Rod Kaliei, Executive Director of Workplace Health and Safety provides a [quick update on masks, and the use of KN95s](#).



Influenza Immunization Update

As of January 29, 1.18 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is approximately 26.7% of the population. One influenza case was confirmed in the past week, bringing the total cases so far this season to 40.

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

By keeping the number of influenza cases and outbreaks low, we can help protect at-risk Albertans and reduce the pressure on our health-care system.

APL Collaboration to Speed Medical Technologies to Market

A lab dedicated to helping Alberta innovators bring new medical technologies to market faster will be a welcome addition to Alberta Precision Laboratories' Diagnostic and Scientific Centre (DSC) in Calgary, thanks to support from the Government of Alberta announced this week.

The DSC will host one of three labs that will be developed in Calgary and Edmonton by APL and DynaLIFE Medical Labs where researchers can work with licensed and accredited medical and scientific staff to test new diagnostic technologies. The Alberta Diagnostics Ecosystem Platform for Translation (ADEPT) program will receive \$3 million in funding over the next three years from [Alberta Innovates' Health Innovation Platform Partnerships \(HIPP\) program](#).

With lab tests being crucial to most healthcare decisions, any improvements to laboratory medicine through innovation directly benefit patients through greater precision, more convenience and faster turnaround times for results. Congratulations to APL's medical-scientific team for helping to bring the ADEPT program to life. Learn more on the [APL website](#).

New Program Offers Virtual Patient Triage

In January, Health Link 811 and Virtual Health programs launched a pilot program to further support the care of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new initiative offers Health Link the opportunity to, if clinically appropriate, refer patients needing medical assessment within four hours to a scheduled physician to virtually assess and triage them using phone or AHS Zoom. This team of physicians work alongside Health Link's long-established nursing team to support secondary triage of patient calls, providing timely access to urgent general medical advice for callers. At launch the program has capacity to offer assessment and triage to roughly 40 Health Link 811 callers every day.

Cardiac Monitoring Earns National Kudos

Advances in cardiac monitoring have earned an AHS program national kudos. The Performance Evaluation and Rhythm Follow Up Optimization through Remote Monitoring (PERFORM) program was recently awarded the 2021 Health Promotion and Advocacy Excellence Award in Cardiovascular Nursing by the Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses.

Patients have a device at home that they hold over their heart to read the signals of an implanted device to transmit the information to clinicians. This allows patients to avoid driving to in-person clinic visits.

Lois Hole Hospital Celebrates 7 Years of Cord Blood Donors

In January the Lois Hole Hospital for Women celebrated seven years of cord blood donation at the site, one of four public cord blood banks across Canada and the only location in Alberta. In that time, 37,000 moms who have chosen to donate their newborns' umbilical cord blood, bringing hope for untold numbers of patients in Canada and around the world.

Mobile Mammography Service to Visit Olds and Cold Lake

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- Olds Hospital and Care Centre, 3901 57 Ave., on Feb. 12, 14-19.
- Cold Lake Healthcare Centre, 314 25 Street, on Feb. 28, March 1-5 and March 7-8.

Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling toll-free 1-800-667-0604. 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.

Free Course from Better Choices, Better Health Chronic Pain and Long Covid Begins this Month

Albertans in Edmonton Zone living with chronic disease(s) and chronic pain have an opportunity to join a free AHS workshop designed to help them take control of their health.

Recently a workshop was added to expand support to Albertans living with COVID-19 symptoms and long COVID. The course is offered through Better Choices, Better Health® and is led by trained volunteer leaders, many of whom live with a chronic health condition. Virtual workshops start this month using Zoom. Registration is by phone at 825-404-7460 (press 3).

Red Deer Regional Hospital ED Gets by With a Little Help from Friends & Furballs

Staff at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre's (RDRHC) emergency department have developed a peer-support program to lean on one another through these tough times. The program's primary goal is to support colleagues after critical incidents or in difficult work situations. The team provides confidential peer-to-peer support, post-incident debriefs and assistance to connect with professional support when requested.

Another well-received initiative is the pet visitation program, offered by Volunteer Resources. Three days a week, one of three friendly dogs and their handlers drop by to visit staff in emergency, making meaningful connections and promoting healing. Staff have said they are grateful for these precious moments every day, while others said that a few minutes of "dog conversation" or a fur-baby hug is balm for their soul.



Join the Conversation

AHS Loves Our Volunteers, and We Are Recruiting!

Celebrate love this Valentine's Day by giving your time in support of your community. Volunteering with AHS is a great way to learn about careers in healthcare, gain valuable life experience and forge lifelong friendships.

Volunteers are an integral part of the healthcare team, supporting and enhancing the work of our healthcare professionals. Our volunteers engage in meaningful activities and roles such as patient visitation, patient and family advisors, way finders, spiritual care, auxiliary members, pet visitation and much more. [View current volunteer opportunities.](#)

Learn About the Regulation of Health Professionals in Alberta with RhPAP

Alberta's Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) invites you to learn about the regulation of health professionals in Alberta – including why colleges exist, how they are run, and how they work to protect the public. There are currently 29 health regulatory colleges in Alberta, including the colleges that govern the practice of doctors and nurses, laboratory and x-ray technologists, physiotherapists, pharmacists, opticians, and paramedics.

Registration is required for this free event. [Click here to register.](#) Contact Holly for more information: holly.handfield@rhpap.ca.

Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings

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.

- Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council meeting – join the HAC at its next virtual meeting on Monday, February 7, from 5-8 pm. Presentations include an EMS update, as well as HIV Edmonton/AHS who will discuss the provincial syphilis outbreak within the Lesser Slave Lake HAC area. Please email community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line "Lesser Slave Lake" for the meeting link.
- Tamarack Health Advisory Council meeting – join the HAC at its next virtual meeting on Thursday, February 10, from 5:30-8:30 pm. A presentation will be made by the Alberta Farm Safety Centre on initiatives to keep farmers safe in Alberta. Please email community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line "Tamarack" for the meeting link.
- Addiction and Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council - join the PAC at its next virtual meeting on Friday, February 11, from 5-8 pm. A presentation will be made by the AHS Diversity & Inclusion team. Please RSVP Anita Lal, at anita.lal@ahs.ca.

Volunteers wanted! Recruitment continues to two HACs with low membership. It's vital we find suitable members to fill vacancies and we ask you to please connect with your networks to help spread the word. Councils in most need are **Lesser Slave Lake and True North**, in the North Zone.

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.](#)

Celebrating Another Record-Breaking Corus Radiothon

On January 27 and 28 Stollery families, Hospital experts and researchers took over the airwaves to share their stories of hope and healing. We're thrilled to announce that - together - we raised a record-breaking \$1.8 million (gross revenue) to help fund the Stollery's most urgent needs: the best people, programs, research and specialized equipment to help Stollery kids from backyards across central and northern Alberta, and beyond.

This incredible accomplishment wouldn't be possible without the support of our Corus partners, Stollery families, Stollerific Hospital staff, volunteers, sponsors and generous donors. Read more [here](#).



Canadian Natural Keeps Residents Connected and On the Move

Over the past 20 years, Canadian Natural has invested well over \$1.2M into the healthcare system in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo through targeted donations and sponsorships to the Northern Lights Health Foundation. With the move of residents to the new Willow Square Continuing Care Centre came new opportunities to augment care, to ensure residents could access outside appointments, and to provide more engagement opportunities to reduce social isolation.

Thanks to the support of Canadian Natural, the Willow Square Centre was able to purchase a Collins Low Floor bus with wheelchair accessibility. This gives continuing care residents dependable medical and social transportation. While COVID may restrict some external programming at this time, Continuing Care residents are looking forward to resuming trips to schools for the Empathy for the Aging Program, concerts, award ceremonies, and programs at the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre, Treaty Days, and other important community events.



Lethbridge Public Health Team Boosts Morale with Thoughtful Gift to Acute Care Colleagues

A small gesture can go a long way to lift spirits for a colleague. Staff on acute care units at Chinook Regional Hospital recently got a morale boost thanks to a thoughtful gift - handwritten notes of appreciation and gift cards for a sweet treat - from the local public health team.

"It's very humbling, to know that other nurses feel like they want to reach out to you, and tell you they're thinking about you," says acute care nurse Jennifer Scherer. "Some days, you're going in to work and you don't know what you're going to see or do, and then you have something like that happen, and it just keeps you going. It gives you way more fuel."

The morale boost, in the form of Tim Horton's gift cards and notes of encouragement, were delivered by the public health team.



Wrapping Up

This pandemic continues to be a roller coaster of change. With hospitalizations at their highest ever rates during this pandemic, and significant numbers of Albertans lost to this virus again this week, we know COVID-19 is still taking an immeasurable toll.

We have also heard there may be an easing of some provincial restrictions by the Government of Alberta coming soon, which may require more adjustments in our practices and plans.

So much of what we've experienced has been well beyond our control, and the weeks to follow will continue to bring about change that we will need to roll with. If you are struggling with these changes, there is help available. Visit [Help in Tough Times](#) for a full list of the resources available to you.

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Community Engagement <Community.Engagement@albertahealthservices.ca>
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Subject: EMS Pressure and Mitigation Plan Memo

Message from

Dr. Mark MacKenzie
Provincial Medical Director, EMS

Darren Sandbeck
Chief Paramedic, EMS



EMS System Pressure and Mitigation

Good Afternoon Mayors, MLA's, Municipal Leaders, Chiefs, and First Nations Health Leads,

Today, Alberta Health (AH) and Alberta Health Services (AHS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are announcing a comprehensive 10-point plan for addressing the extraordinary increase in EMS calls that we've experienced over the past months.

This plan, which focuses on immediate actions that will help create capacity within our system, will ensure that EMS continues to remain available and safe for all Albertans.

Specifically, immediate actions of this plan include:

- An 'hours of work' project to help ease staff fatigue:
 - AHS will continue its rollout of the fatigue management (Hours of Work) project, which launched in November 2021. EMS is adjusting working hours, shifts and scheduling to help to alleviate fatigue among staff. AHS will invest a total of \$24.2M in the first two phases of this work.
- Transferring low priority calls to other agencies in consultation with EMS physicians:
 - EMS will be transferring non-emergency or low priority calls to other agencies such as Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) (and are currently working to include Health Link 811), where appropriate, and in consultation with OnLine Medical Consultation (OLMC) physicians in dispatch.
- Stopping the automatic dispatch of ambulances to motor vehicle collisions that don't have injuries:
 - As of December 1, 2021 EMS is no longer automatically sending an ambulance to a motor vehicle collision where there are no injuries reported. Previously an ambulance would have been dispatched automatically and the crew would need to confirm there are no injuries. These calls are now responded to by police or fire as appropriate.
- Continued hiring of paramedics.
 - EMS is constantly hiring qualified paramedics to fill vacancies.

- Launching pilot projects to manage non-emergency inter-facility transfers
 - Two pilot projects (Calgary Zone and North Zone) are underway where patients who do not need urgent medical care are transported to care homes, and residences by means other than ambulances.

In addition to the above, several more actions are planned for later this year:

- Integrated Operations Centre:
 - AHS will be adding an integrated operations center (IOC) to Calgary. This will mirror Edmonton's IOC, which has successfully brought together paramedic leads and hospital staff for operational oversight on management of integration between EMS and the hospital system to improve patient flow.
- Emergency Communications Evaluation:
 - EMS will be implementing additional dispatching processes provincially, including evaluation by an emergency communications officer to determine if an ambulance from out of area, though it may be closest to a 911 call, is most appropriate to respond. An additional level of 911 call assessment will ensure resources continue to be prioritized for the most urgent calls, while low priority events may be delayed when safe and appropriate to do so, in conjunction with physician advice and oversight.
- Pre-emption of ambulances
 - EMS will have the ability to pre-empt and divert ambulances to higher priority calls, when appropriate. This changes the way ambulances are assigned primarily in Calgary and Edmonton, and will assist with keeping resources in Suburban and Rural communities.
- Red Deer IFT Pilot Project:
 - A pilot project is also being proposed for inter-facility transports in the Central Alberta corridor that will allow dedicated resources for transfers, while leaving ambulances for community coverage and higher priority events.
- Strategic Provincial Service Plan:
 - Creation of a new 5-10 year Provincial Service Plan, which will look at all EMS services, and will be completed in September 2022.

Finally, Alberta Health will also be leading an EMS Advisory group over the coming months, and we look forward to new ideas and connections coming from that work. The pressures facing EMS are not unique to EMS, nor to Alberta. Across the country, EMS and healthcare systems are struggling with demand. EMS calls in Alberta alone have increased by approximately 30 per cent over the last year, with demands on the service now at historic levels. Despite this increase in demand, EMS continues to respond to the vast majority of serious 911 calls quickly and appropriately, thanks to our dedicated EMS teams.

We understand that you are hearing about these concerns from your communities and constituents. We are here to ensure you have the information you need to address those concerns.

AHS remains committed to EMS staff and patients, and this plan allows us to take immediate action to uphold that commitment. Critical patients will continue to be prioritized, and existing system capacity will be maximized. Albertans need our care. We are here. This plan allows us to act immediately, to maintain the high quality care that we are proud to deliver.

We thank all EMS teams for their ongoing dedication; our AHS and Alberta Health colleagues for the continued collaboration; and you – leaders in our communities, for your voice and your support.

We are in this together.

Please continue to reach out to us with your questions directly, through your EMS Zone leadership contacts. We are always available to talk and provide more information. If you do not have a contact, you can email Community.Engagement@AHS.ca.

Please see the following link to the press release:

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=817698A0B3E38-CB1E-7434-A9265705634345ED>

Many thanks,

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Alberta Health Services



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Notifications

COVID-19 Updates: Protecting Albertans from the Omicron variant.

- Public health restrictions to reduce transmission remain in effect.
- Book your vaccine: Albertans 5+ can get vaccinated now. Get booster when eligible.

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Government news

Jan 24, 2022

Addressing emergency medical services pressures

Immediate action and a future-oriented advisory committee will enhance emergency medical services (EMS) provided to Albertans.

On this page:

- Alberta EMS provincial advisory committee
- Alberta Health Services' 10-point plan
- Quick facts
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Addressing emergency medical services pressures – January 24, 2022



In response to growing demand for EMS services across Alberta, the government is launching a provincial emergency medical services advisory committee to provide immediate and long-term recommendations that will inform a new provincial EMS service plan. Meanwhile, Alberta Health Services (AHS) is immediately rolling out a 10-point plan to quickly add capacity to EMS.

Co-chaired by R.J. Sigurdson, MLA for Highwood, and Tracy Allard, MLA for Grande Prairie, the committee will provide recommendations to the Health Minister by May. Strategies that can be tested or more broadly implemented in the short term will be actioned in the meantime.

“Alberta’s government has been supportive of EMS throughout the pandemic. As we approach the peak of Omicron cases, we know the EMS system is seeing significant strain, which impacts service. We recognize this is a challenge and are taking immediate steps to improve emergency care access while we explore longer-term solutions.”

Jason Copping, Minister of Health

“Responding to medical emergencies is a critical need for all Albertans. I am honoured to have this opportunity to make a difference and improve the system for the long term. I look forward to working as co-chair on this committee and taking swift action on this matter.”

Tracy Allard, co-chair, Provincial EMS Advisory Committee, and MLA for Grande Prairie

“Thank you to the remarkable group of leaders who have agreed to serve on the advisory committee. They genuinely care about EMS staff and every Albertan and the communities they serve. Albertans expect that when they call 911 in their time of greatest need, EMS will always answer. The committee’s goal will be focused around ensuring and improving service to Albertans while supporting the most critical piece of that equation: our EMS staff across all of Alberta. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work.”

R.J. Sigurdson, co-chair, Provincial EMS Advisory Committee, and MLA for Highwood

“A strong, stable and reliable EMS system is vital to our health-care system, that’s why we’ve made this work a priority for Alberta Health Services. These actions will allow us to better support our EMS staff and front-line paramedics, and in turn this will ensure our patients receive the best care possible. We are extremely grateful to our entire EMS team for their service to Albertans.”

Dr. Verna Yiu, president and CEO, Alberta Health Services

“The College of Paramedics is pleased to be joining the Alberta EMS advisory committee and participate in the comprehensive review of EMS services in Alberta. Members and resources have

- been at critical capacity, and the opportunity to engage with all stakeholders to provide insights, advice and strategies is an important step in ensuring the highest quality of care for Albertans now and moving forward.”

Tim A. Ford, registrar, Alberta College of Paramedics

“The Alberta Paramedic Association is thankful that Health Minister Copping and the Government of Alberta have recognized the urgent need to establish this EMS advisory committee. Through this committee, we’re committed to working together to develop innovative solutions to fix the delivery of EMS, address challenges facing our paramedics and ensure a world-class EMS system for all Albertans, now and into the future.”

Dusty Myshrall, president, Alberta Paramedics Association

“Alberta Municipalities is pleased that the provincial government has responded to our call to action to review and address the EMS-related issues that currently exist. We look forward to working closely with the provincial government to ensure Albertans receive the agile, responsive and effective emergency medical services they need, now and for decades to come.”

Cathy Heron, president, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

“Rural Alberta covers large geographic areas, which requires emergency medical services to be provided in a manner that meets unique rural needs. The formation of this committee is promising, enabling a collaborative approach needed to address the urgent need for all areas of the province to have access to timely emergency services to protect the health of all Albertans, regardless of where they reside.”

Paul McLaughlin, president, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

“Emergency medical services are a critical component to the health-care system in Alberta. As such, it is imperative that EMS resources and those that care for Albertans are both prepared and available to respond in our time of need. Essential to a highly functioning EMS system are the appropriate deployment of resources when and where Albertans need it, utilizing the best available intelligence, technology and evidence-based care possible. I am excited to contribute to the success of the Alberta Provincial EMS Advisory Committee and I look forward to moving the system forward in a positive way for all Albertans.”

Trevor Maslyk, advance care paramedic and associate dean, School of Health and Life Sciences, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

“Bringing a local perspective to the provincial table will help Red Deer and central Alberta continue to shape the delivery of our emergency services. Our goal is to ensure all Red Deerians and Albertans are protected in an emergency. We appreciate the opportunity to work directly with our

municipal and provincial counterparts to determine where change is needed, and make a plan for Alberta-wide outcomes.”

Ken McMullen, chief of emergency services, City of Red Deer

“I am proud to be a member of this advisory committee as we ensure a safe and high-quality EMS service across Alberta. Together, we must recognize and respect our clients and stakeholders’ unique needs that will inspire us to be the best we can be.”

Joe Gray, operations manager, Cold Lake Ambulance Society

“We appreciate the opportunity for front-line firefighters, firefighter-paramedics and dispatchers to be included in the Alberta Provincial EMS Advisory Committee. There is much work to be done to address the issues in EMS provincewide. We are optimistic that this committee will identify opportunities and solutions to improve pre-hospital care and emergency response. We need to ensure every Alberta community has the timely emergency medical response they need. It’s important a future system supports all first responders to have healthy careers and the proper resources to do their work.”

Matt Osborne, president, Alberta Fire Fighters Association

“Medavie Health Services (MHS) West is proud to partner with AHS and EMS providers across Alberta to deliver the highest quality care to our communities. At MHS West, our mission is to improve the well-being of Canadians and we look forward to collaborating with AEPAC to help ensure a stronger, healthier future for Albertans today and well into the future.”

Terry Boettcher, general manager, Northeast Alberta, Medavie Health Services West

“Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee and represent patient and family voices. My family has been deeply impacted by experiences with EMS services and I am honoured to be a part of a team that can consider timely and sustainable solutions for both EMS personnel and Albertans. It is time for change and I’m pleased government recognizes we must work on this together.”

Michelle Hill, member, Patient and Family Advisory committee, Health Quality Council of Alberta

Alberta EMS provincial advisory committee

The committee will include contracted ambulance operators, unions representing paramedics, municipal representatives and Indigenous community representatives. Members will collaborate, identify concerns, provide advice and inform a new provincial EMS service plan.

Alberta Health Services’ 10-point plan

AHS is working with EMS staff and community and service delivery partners to ensure the most critical patients receive immediate care while maximizing existing EMS system capacity.

Five actions are already underway:

- Hiring more paramedics.
- Launching pilot projects to manage non-emergency inter-facility transfers.
- Initiating an 'hours of work' project to help ease staff fatigue.
- Transferring low priority calls to other agencies in consultation with EMS physicians.
- Stopping the automatic dispatch of ambulances to motor vehicle collisions that don't have injuries.

Five additional actions are to come:

- Creating a new integrated operations centre in Calgary, bringing paramedic leads and hospital staff together to improve integration, movement of resources and flow of patients.
- Evaluation by an emergency communications officer to determine if an ambulance from out of area, though it may be closest to a 911 call, is most appropriate to respond.
- Implementing a pilot project in Red Deer that will manage most patient transfers between facilities with dedicated transfer units, freeing up ambulances to handle emergency calls.
- Allowing ambulances to be pre-empted from assignments, instead of being automatically dispatched when a 911 call is received, to ensure more ambulances are available for critical patients.
- Developing a strategic provincial service plan for EMS delivery in the province.

Additionally, the province will issue a request for proposals to conduct a third party review of Alberta's provincewide EMS dispatch system in February. The objective review by external health system experts will provide further opportunities to address ongoing pressures, improve effectiveness and efficiency through best practices, and provide the best outcomes for Albertans who call 911 during a medical event.

Quick facts

- Over the last several months, EMS has received a 30 per cent increase in 911 calls.
- Similar EMS call volumes and challenges are happening across Canada and globally.
- AHS has increased the number of paramedics by more than 200 over the last two years, a nine per cent increase.
- The provincial EMS budget is \$15 million higher than it was in 2019.
- In addition to increased 911 calls, EMS pressures include:
 - EMS staffing fatigue and illness
 - hospital offload delays
 - more requests for patient transfers
 - delays in receiving new ambulances and specialized vehicle parts caused by global supply issues

Multimedia

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Message from
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& Mauro Chies**

DynaLIFE to begin providing community lab service across Alberta

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) have reached an agreement on terms of a contract for DynaLIFE Medical Labs to deliver community laboratory services across the province, beginning July 1, 2022. Please find attached a News Release with more information.

Contracting routine community lab work to DynaLIFE will enhance service for Albertans and generate cost savings that can be used to support other priorities and services across the healthcare system.

Please respond to this email with any questions, and we will be happy to follow up.

Sent on behalf of:

Mauro Chies, Vice President Cancer Care and Clinical Support Services, Alberta Health Services
Dr. Mark Joffe, Vice President and Medical Director Cancer Care Alberta, Clinical Support Services and Provincial Clinical Excellence

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DynaLIFE to begin providing community lab service across Alberta

EDMONTON – Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) have reached an agreement on terms of a contract for DynaLIFE Medical Labs to deliver community laboratory services across the province, beginning July 1, 2022.

Contracting community lab services to DynaLIFE is expected to generate savings aligned with estimates in the AHS Review - money that can be used to support other priorities and services across the healthcare system.

“Contracting routine community lab work to DynaLIFE will enhance service for Albertans and generate cost savings that can be used to support other priorities and services across the healthcare system,” says Minister of Health Jason Copping. “Partnering with DynaLIFE is an innovative solution that will build upon the success of Alberta’s provincially integrated lab system, which has proven to be one of the best of its kind in North America and is critical to providing high quality patient diagnosis and treatment across the healthcare spectrum.”

Approximately 65 per cent of provincial lab work, or 50 million tests per year, is generated from the community and will be delivered by DynaLIFE under contract to AHS. The contract will include operating patient service centres and mobile collection facilities in urban centres and large rural communities including Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Brooks, Lloydminster, Camrose, Airdrie, Cochrane, Okotoks, Strathmore, Leduc, Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove, St. Albert and Stoney Plain.

The agreement will see DynaLIFE invest in significant upgrades and expansion of patient service centres in communities including Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Fort McMurray and Grande Prairie. They will also invest in much-needed improvements to leased hub lab facilities in Calgary and Edmonton.

DynaLIFE has provided high-quality community lab service in Edmonton and several communities in AHS’s North Zone for more than 25 years. They will continue to provide service in these communities, and will begin providing lab service in cities and towns across the rest of the province under a new contract that will begin on July 1, 2022. DynaLIFE was selected as the preferred private-sector partner to provide community lab service through a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process and subsequent negotiations that took place throughout 2021.

“We are proud and very excited to build on our experience serving Albertans and bring our patient-centred focus to new communities across the province,” says DynaLIFE’s President and CEO Jason Pincock. “We look forward to working with AHS and APL on our plans that include much-needed upgrades and expansion of patient service centres and laboratory testing facilities in many of Alberta’s largest and fastest-growing communities.”

DynaLIFE will also be responsible for laboratory testing of all community and non-urgent hospital lab work across the province.

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In order to ensure that small rural and remote communities continue to receive the service they need, hospital and community health sites that currently handle less than 25,000 community blood test collections per year will continue to be provided by APL.

“Alberta Precision Laboratories will play a key role in ensuring all quality and service level requirements in the contract are being met by DynaLIFE,” says Mauro Chies, Vice President Cancer Care and Clinical Support Services, Alberta Health Services. “At the same time, APL will continue providing lab service at our acute care hospitals, along with the specialized lab testing, research and innovation that is critical to Alberta’s provincial lab system, such as the COVID-19 testing program that has been a pillar of our pandemic response.”

Final negotiations for a contract and detailed planning will now begin to ensure an orderly transition of staff and facilities from APL to DynaLIFE starting on July 1.

No job losses are anticipated as a result of the transition process, as DynaLIFE has agreed to assume all unionized, non-unionized and medical-scientific staff under existing collective agreements (where applicable) and provide the same, or similar, terms and conditions of employment as existing prior to the transfer.

More details will be provided to staff and community stakeholders in the coming weeks and months.

For media inquiries, contact:

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Hello,

For your reference, please see the slide deck from yesterday's Municipal call attached.

Kind Regards,

Khrystyna Rewa

Engagement Advisor
Health Emergency Operations Centre
Government of Alberta

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Alberta COVID-19

Update

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

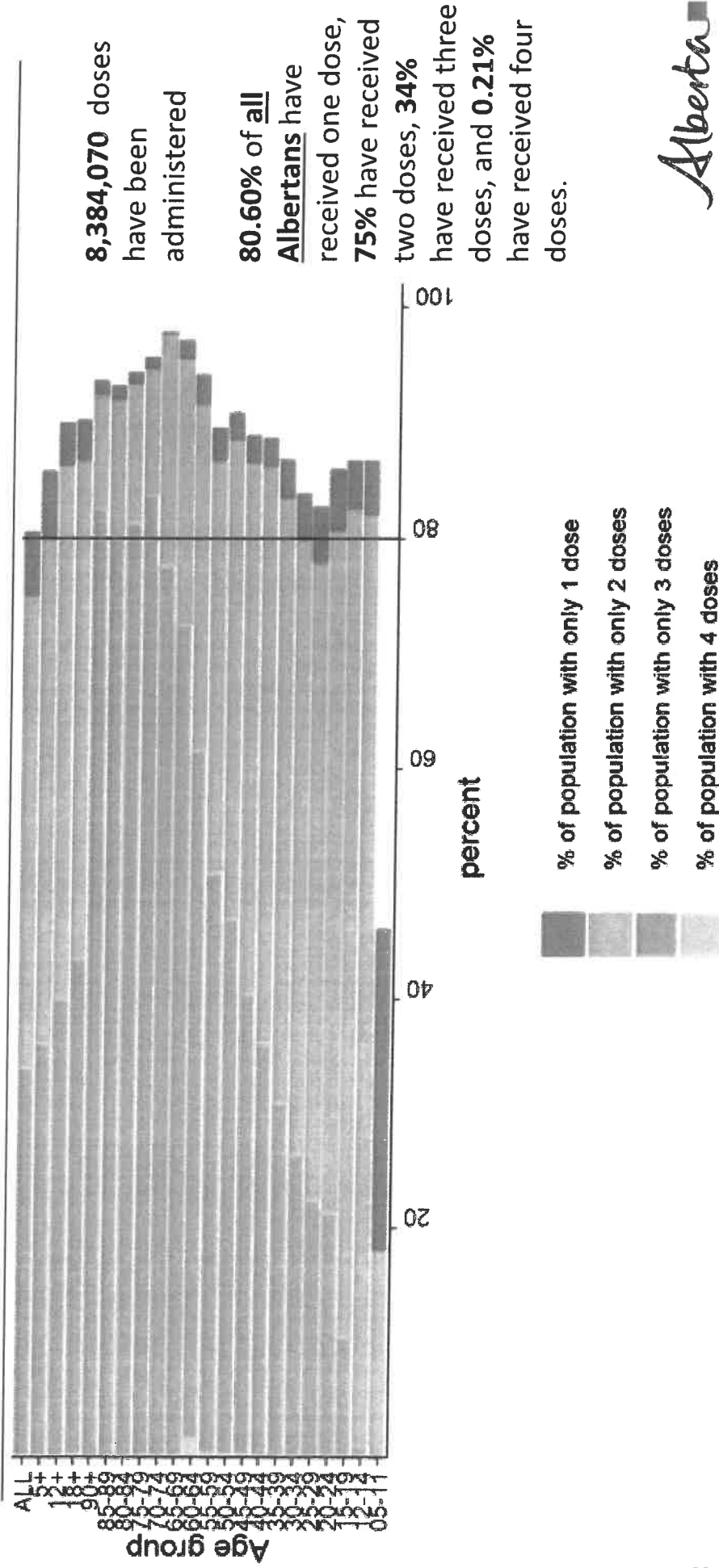
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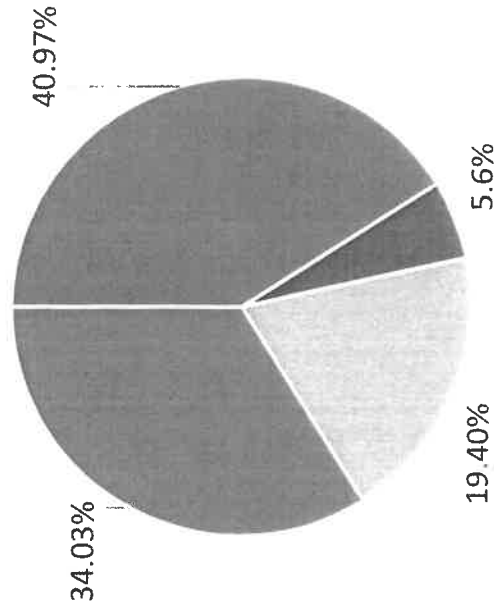
Alberta Vaccine Coverage by Age Group

(as of Feb 07, 2022)

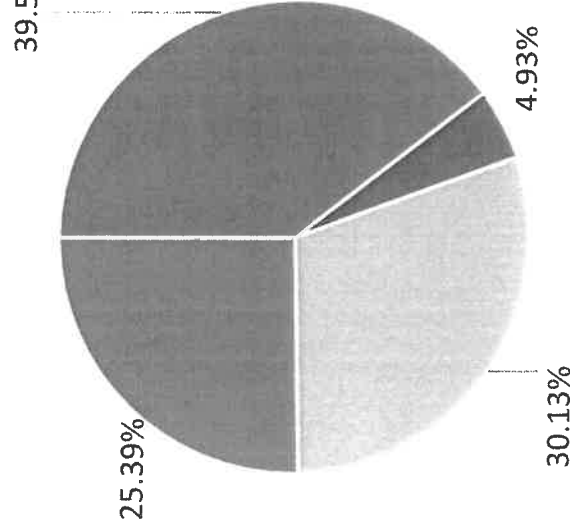


Alberta's Current State by Vaccination Status (as of Feb 07, 2022)

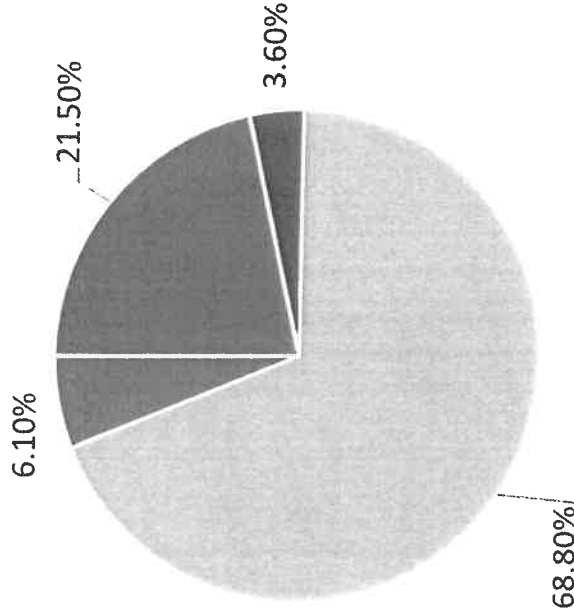
Total Population



Hospitalized (ICU + Non-ICU)



In ICU*

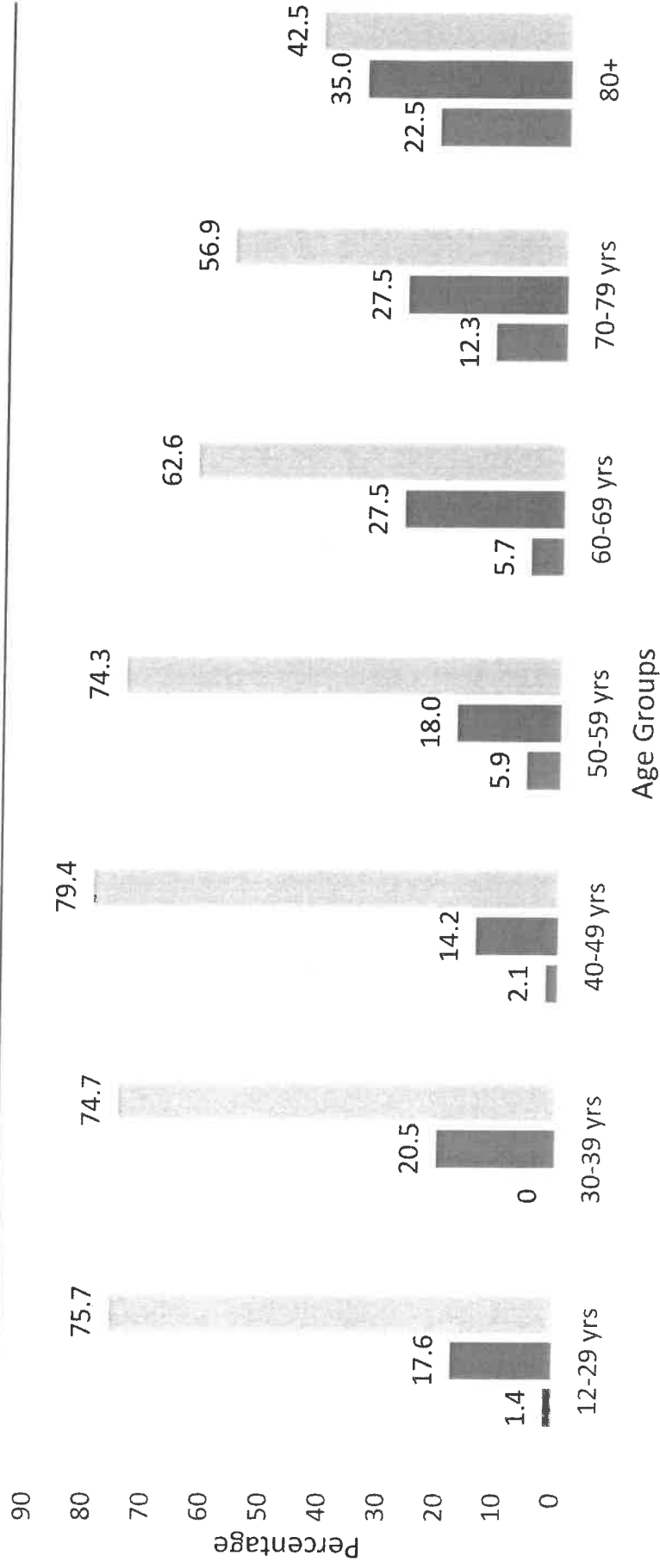


■ 2 Doses ■ 1 Dose ■ Unvaccinated ■ 3 Doses

*Hospitalized COVID-19 cases in ICU in the past 120 days (Oct 07, 2021 – Feb 07 2022) in Alberta



Alberta's COVID-19 cases in ICU by vaccine status (Oct 07, 2021 – Feb 07 2022)



Age group	3 doses & hospitalized (n)	3 doses & hospitalized (rate per 100K)	2 doses & hospitalized (n)	2 doses & hospitalized (rate per 100K)	Unvaccinated & hospitalized (n)	Unvaccinated & hospitalized (rate per 100K)
Under 5 years	0	0.00	0	0.00	265	98.96
5-11 years	0	0.00	0	0.00	86	38.31
12-29 years	15	10.01	299	44.86	334	229.10
30-39 years	37	19.51	357	90.74	414	391.39
40-49 years	44	20.51	231	74.91	415	605.37
50-59 years	83	32.05	303	135.49	540	993.94
60-69 years	138	45.90	498	357.22	647	2966.60
70-79 years	260	133.34	504	970.84	588	7338.99
80+ years	476	457.78	527	2159.39	417	4771.46
5+ years	1053	74.55	2719	147.47	3705	581.20

COVID-19 Booster Doses

Effective February 15, 2022, we will be opening up appointments for additional doses for the following age groups with certain health conditions that may put them at higher risk of severe outcomes of COVID-19:

1. Adolescents 12 to 17 years of age with eligible underlying health conditions including immunocompromising conditions, will be able to book a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Eligible Albertans 12 to 17 years of age may book their booster dose at least five months following their last dose of a COVID-19 vaccine primary series
 - This includes those with certain immunocompromising conditions who may have received a three-dose primary series (now eligible for a fourth dose booster).
 - Alberta continues to recommend that Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID 19 vaccine be offered as the preferred choice of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine for Albertans 12 to 29 years of age to start and/or complete their primary series and for their booster dose (including immunocompromised eligible for a three-dose primary series). Moderna (Spikevax) vaccine could be used if preferred by the patient with informed consent.

COVID-19 Booster Doses Contd..

2. Children ages 5 to 11 years of age with certain immunocompromising conditions will be eligible to book a third dose of the COVID-19 as part of a three-dose primary series.
 - Eligible Albertans 5 to 11 years of age are recommended to book their third dose at least 8 weeks following their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine Effectiveness

Omicron:

- Two doses of vaccine provide limited protection against Omicron infection after several months, but vaccine effectiveness against severe outcomes remains around 80%
- An mRNA booster dose provides better protection against Omicron infection (~ 60%), and around 95% protection against hospitalization
- Evidence indicates that recovery from infection provides some protection from infection and severe outcomes, but the combination of previous infection plus vaccination is even more protective
- Those who are unimmunized and not previously infected have the highest risk of severe outcomes
- The risk of transmitting is highest for unvaccinated cases, lower for cases with two doses, and the lowest for cases who have had three doses

3 Step Approach to Easing Public Health Measures

3 Step Approach to Easing Public Health Measures

Stage 1 – Effective February 9

- Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) ends, along with most associated restrictions.
- Entertainment venues continue to have some specific rules in place:
 - Restrictions on closing times, alcohol service, table capacity in restaurants and interactive activities remain in force.
 - Food and drink consumption in seated audience settings or during intermissions can resume.
- Capacity limits on all businesses, venues and facilities – whether previously REP or not – are removed, except for:
 - Facilities with capacity of 500 to 1,000, which will be limited to 500.
 - Facilities with capacity of >1,000 limited to 50%.

3 Step Approach to Easing Public Health Measures

Stage 1 (continued)

In addition, effective February 14:

- Masks no longer required for all children and youth in schools.
- Masks no longer required in any setting for children aged 12 and under.

3 Step Approach to Easing Public Health Measures

Stage 2 – Effective March 1 (if hospitalizations continue to trend downward)

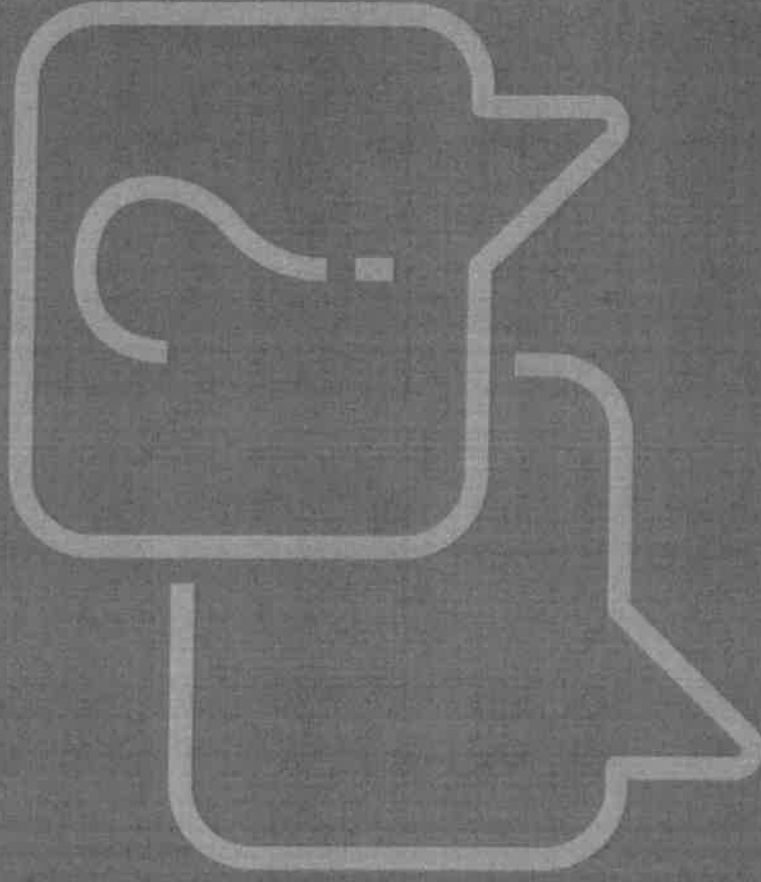
- Capacity limits will be lifted for all venues.
- Restrictions on liquor service, closing time and interactive activities in entertainment venues will be removed.
- Any remaining provincial school requirements (including cohorting) will be removed.
- Screening prior to youth activities will no longer be required.
- Limits on social gatherings will be removed.
- Provincial mask mandate will be removed.
- Mandatory work from home removed.

3 Step Approach to Easing Public Health Measures

Stage 3 – Date TBD

- COVID-specific measures in continuing care will be removed.
- Mandatory isolation becomes a recommendation only.

Thank you!



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MARCH 14-18, 2022

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Registration NOW OPEN!

Join us at the AISC's 2022 annual conference and AGM for a variety of sessions focused on invasive species. Certified pesticide applicator credits will be offered.

Sessions will be hosted in the mornings starting at 8:30am until lunchtime with the exception of an afternoon session on Wednesday, March 16th. Check out the conference agenda below! This is a virtual event. Get your tickets at Eventbrite now!

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[View the AISC 2022 AGM and Conference DRAFT Agenda](#)

AISC's members receive 50% off of their conference registration - be sure to renew your membership at the same time of ticket purchase to take advantage

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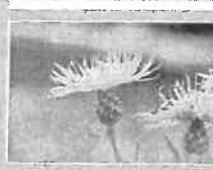

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Open to anyone studying invasive species topics relevant in Alberta!

The AISC is offering an opportunity for students, researchers and invasive species practitioners to present their work during the 2022 AISC virtual conference and AGM. This special session will consist of pre-recorded presentations, which will be played throughout the conference and offered to conference registrants on demand. Please submit all required information to info@abinvasives.ca by the deadlines listed below:

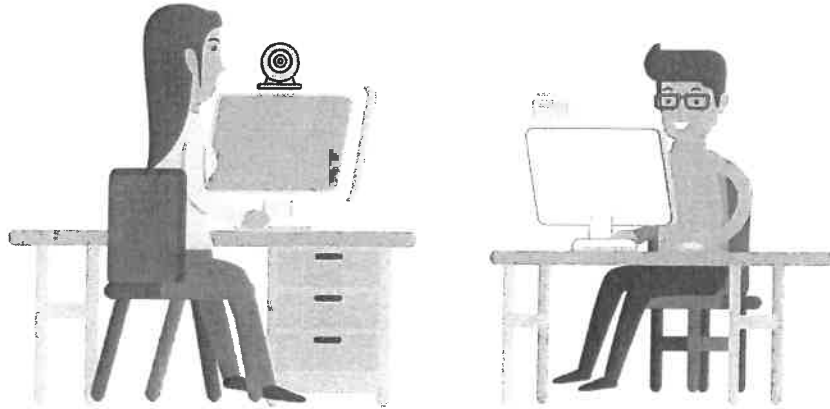
Pre-recorded presentation session guidelines:

- Submit the following by **Feb 14, 2022**
 - Talk title
 - Authors
 - Affiliation
 - Talk abstract (max 250 words)
- Submit the following by **March 7, 2022**
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- Public, e.g. Academia, NGO, Individual (x1);
- Government of Alberta (x2);
- Other Government (x2).

Nominations may come from members or can be self-nominated, simply click the button below for a nomination form that can be completed and emailed to: execdirector@abinvasives.ca.

Get your nominations to us **by March 7th, 2022!**

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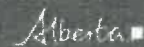
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Age-Friendly E-News



Minister's Seniors Service Awards 2022 - Nominate Today!

The Minister's Seniors Services Awards have honoured the contributions of countless Albertans, organizations and businesses make to improve the lives of Alberta's seniors. This is a wonderful opportunity to submit your nominations for Individuals, Businesses and Nonprofit Organizations who support seniors in Alberta, lead the way for improved services, and contribute to strong Alberta communities today! This year, the Special Service Award will go to the recipient that strives for collaboration to improve services for seniors.

Over the past months, there have been countless examples of individuals, nonprofit organizations and businesses stepping up in new and innovative ways to ensure seniors have the supports they need. Take a moment to nominate a business who introduced special hours for seniors, an organization that came up with an innovative way to deliver services, a senior community builder, or an organization that has worked collaboratively to deliver services to seniors.

The deadline to submit nominations is May 2, and it is easy to submit a nomination either [online](#), or by using [the fillable form](#). For more information about the Minister's Seniors Service Awards and to nominate an outstanding Albertan, please visit alberta.ca/MSSA.

Seniors' Week 2022 Co-Host Expression of Interest Extended to February 28!

Seniors' Week has been recognized since 1986 to celebrate and recognize the contributions seniors make to enhance the quality of life in Alberta. Each year, organizations hold events in communities throughout the province to show their support for seniors by declaring Seniors' Week locally. The week of festivities is kicked off with a provincial launch event hosted by Seniors and Housing partnering with a community or organization.

Seniors' Week 2022 is June 6 – 12, and the provincial launch will be on Monday, June 6. If your community or organization is interested in co-hosting the provincial launch event, [click here to submit a proposal before February 28, 2022](#).

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Below market rate loans no longer offered to local authorities

The provincial government quietly informed municipalities in December 2021 that it has changed its position and increased interest rates for new loans. This decision backtracks on promises made to municipal governments in 2019.



ADVOCACY UPDATES



Update from the Legislature - Jan 19, 2022

- Spring session announced
- Budget survey is still open
- Minister of Justice & Solicitor General steps aside

Priority Update: Alberta Environment & Parks

Alberta Municipalities is hosting an update and Q&A session with senior representatives of AEP on February 3, 2022, from 9 to 11 a.m. Register [today](#).

Awards recognize municipal administrators

Alberta Municipalities and the University of Alberta's Faculty of Extension are pleased to announce the 2021 recipients of the William F. Lede and Ernest Newman Memorial Bursary.

Are you considering hiring an intern?

If you are thinking about hiring an intern this summer, NOW is the perfect time to contact Mitacs to start the process.

Workshops on Canada's History & the Municipal Role in Reconciliation

Check out the eight virtual workshops exploring how past government policies have defined today's relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Submissions for Transportation Innovation Awards Due by Feb. 25

The Minister's Awards for Transportation Innovation (MATI) honour innovative transportation projects completed in the last two years.

Casual Legal: Public disclosure of private facts: Alberta Court of Queen's Bench recognizes new privacy tort

In the September 2021 decision of *ES v Shillington*, the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench recognized the new tort of Public Disclosure of Private Facts in Alberta.

INNOVATION

Solving municipal broadband - Strathcona County (Pt.1)

The Solving Municipal Broadband series of articles seeks to improve members' collective knowledge on this critical issue by showcasing the efforts occurring at municipal levels of government. Our inaugural article focuses on the rural and urban municipality of Strathcona County .

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Electric vehicle charging program is now open!

We are thrilled to share that the Action Centre will be delivering the Electric Vehicle Charging Program.



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

With matching funding from the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta, the Action Centre is providing **\$3.4 million in rebates** for municipalities to build charging infrastructure across the province.

Now is the time to put your community on the EV map. Draw visitors off the highway and into town with an electric car charging station—with up to 100% of the costs rebated.

Ready to get started? Attend our FREE webinar on Thursday, February 3, at 9:30 a.m. [Register here!](#)

GOOD TO KNOW

The 'Growing the North' economic development conference is going virtual again in 2022. The event will be hosted over three half days, from February 22 to 24. This year's conference will cover a wide range of topics, including leadership, resiliency, the future, truth and reconciliation, transportation, innovation, health care, forestry, oil and gas, alternative energy, agriculture, tourism, hemp opportunities, and the economy.

Tickets are on sale now at growingthenorth.com. Since its inception in 2010, the 'Growing the North' conference has helped municipal leaders and entrepreneurs explore economic development opportunities and examine innovation in the Peace Region of Northwest Alberta and Northeast B.C.

The CNC Research Program is bringing together municipal representatives from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba on January 25, 2022, for a roundtable discussion on the future of infrastructure planning and development in Canada. This discussion is your opportunity to share your municipality or municipal groups' concerns, perspectives, and priorities regarding locally relevant infrastructure-related issues such as regional connectivity, community economic development, broadband access and post-Covid recovery. To participate, please contact the Program Coordinator at corridor@ucalgary.ca. To learn more about the CNC Program, please visit www.canadiancorridor.ca

The [Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association \(ASCHA\)](#) will host a virtual information session for municipal elected officials to strengthen their understanding of the housing continuum in Alberta on February 17. We will explore the roles of municipalities and the potential impacts on seniors housing and community housing embedded in the new provincial Affordable Housing Strategy and government-led transformations in continuing care and home care.

[Register for Housing 101 for Municipal Elected Officials: 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 17.](#)

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) recently changed the Code of Practice for Hydrovac Facilities. The changes were based on engagement sessions that occurred in 2020 and 2021. For more information, please review the [Code of Practice](#), starting on page 36. If you have any questions on the code, please [contact AEP](#).

Community organizations can now apply for provincial funding to deliver mentorship programs to help newcomers find meaningful employment based on their work experience, education, and skills. By matching newcomers with mentors, new Albertans can establish professional connections to support their career interests. [Apply for the Alberta Immigrant Mentorship Innovation Grant](#) by February 14, 2022.

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP (RMRF) is hosting three in-person municipal law seminars across Alberta in February 2022. Here are the dates and locations:

- Feb. 4 – Central Alberta
- Feb. 11 – Southern Alberta
- Feb. 25 – Northern Alberta

Topics such as dealing with difficult ratepayers, planning and development, Bill 77, and linear taxes will be discussed. A “bear pit” session in which participants can submit legal questions for discussion with a panel of lawyers will also occur. [Learn more](#) about the events and register.

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Access to adequate internet connectivity continues to be a critical issue for many Alberta municipalities. For years, many communities across the province have taken it upon themselves to try to bridge the so-called 'digital divide.' At our recent 2021 Convention, the Alberta Municipalities Board presented a resolution advocating for the Government of Alberta to develop a Provincial Broadband Strategy. It passed with overwhelming membership support.

The Solving Municipal Broadband series of articles seeks to improve members' collective knowledge on this critical issue by showcasing the efforts occurring at municipal levels of government.

Our inaugural article focuses on the rural and urban municipality of Strathcona County, whose efforts are being led by Christopher Green, Infrastructure & Customer Support Manager.

2014, when it recognized the internet connectivity challenges faced by its rural resident population and commissioned a targeted feasibility study.

The intent of the study was to identify high-value opportunities that would increase the accessibility of internet services and lead to creation of its **Rural Internet Access Program**. To date, this program has subsidized 60+ wireless tower projects and increased rural internet access to 92% of its residents (up from 40% in 2014) and closed notable 'gaps in service'.

Despite the program's success, the municipality continued to look at ways to improve the performance of internet services available to its community. Initially, it looked to garner funding via federal grant programs; however, it determined it was either ineligible or unable to submit a competitive bid due to current **zoning**.

As more internet connectivity and performance issues were raised by business and residential community members, and as astronomical quotes from telecommunications companies' to lay fiber infrastructure were received, the County engaged the public to better determine how it should proceed. Notably, 80% of local businesses indicated they wanted the municipality to be actively involved in improving internet services.

Despite broadband not being a service traditionally offered or managed by a municipality, and not knowing how or what the service would look like in the future, the County boldly commissioned its Community Broadband project in the spring of 2020.

Next week, Part 2 in this series will detail how Strathcona County has gone to market.

For more information, contact **Dan Blackburn, Senior Director of Growth & Innovation, at Alberta Municipalities.**

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Future of Municipal Government Project to deliver research on key municipal topics

SAVE THE DATE: Spring MLC

Members' call for third-party review of EMS answered by provincial government



UPDATE: Alberta Municipalities' virtual summit on policing

Thanks to everyone who made time in their busy lives last Wednesday evening to join the board members for Alberta Municipalities' virtual summit on policing. More than 400 of you took part in the two-hour event.



ADVOCACY UPDATES



Members' call for third-party review of EMS answered by provincial government

Alberta Municipalities members passed a resolution at the 2021 annual Convention calling for the Government of Alberta and the Minister of Health to undertake an independent third-party review of the Alberta Health Services (AHS) emergency ambulance dispatch system. On January 24, 2022, the province government announced in a news release that this third-party review will take place this year.

Save The Date: Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus On March 9 & 10

Municipal leaders should save the date for Alberta Municipalities' Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus, to be held at the Edmonton Convention Centre on March 9 and 10.

Call for 2022 Requests for Decisions & Resolutions

RFDs for Spring MLC are intended for emerging issues that cannot wait to be debated at Convention in the fall. The RFD process is less formal than that of resolutions. [Learn more.](#)



Future of Municipal Government Project to deliver research on key municipal topics in 2022

Alberta Municipalities is embarking on a project to explore options for local governments to support thriving communities into the future. Research being led by the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy – and conducted by researchers with practical experience across Alberta and Canada – is intended to provide a solid, evidence-based foundation for municipally-led dialogue on the future of municipal government.

Learn How Your Municipality Can Support Reconciliation

Want to learn more about the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada? Looking for guidance on how to support relationship building and reconciliation? Well, you are in luck!

What to Know to Comply with Rail Crossing Safety Regulations

Transport Canada updated the Grade Crossing Regulations in 2019 to improve safety where roads cross federally regulated railroads.

Casual Legal: When is a Municipality an Employer for the Purposes of OHS?

In a case out of Ontario, the Court of Appeal determined that for the purposes of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislation, the driver of a contracted road grader was an employee of the City.

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New electric vehicle charger program

Demonstrate your municipality's confidence in the electric vehicle future by placing a convenient charging station in the heart of your community.



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

You can save up to 100% of the cost of purchasing and installing a new charging station. Participate without worrying about the upfront costs and the impact on your taxpayers. Applying to the program is straightforward, and our team provides one-on-one support so you can easily maneuver the application and purchasing process.

Ready to get started? Attend our FREE webinar on Thursday, February 3, at 9:30 a.m. [Register here!](#)

2 Billion Trees Commitment

The [2 Billion Trees \(2BT\) program](#) aims to motivate and support new tree planting projects. Over the next 10 years, up to \$3.2 billion will be invested in tree planting efforts to support provinces,

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Alberta Municipalities is joining Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) to help amplify this important work by inviting you to officially proclaim May 9 to 13 as Economic Development Week.

EDA & Alberta Municipalities have created the information you need. Follow these steps:

1. Customize the sample resolution
2. Have your Council/Mayor officially proclaim the week in your community and sign the resolution
3. Share the proclamation with local media and on your social media pages. Don't forget to tag EDA: @edaalberta
4. [Email us](#) and it will be added to the EDA website.

Last year, 34 communities participated in our Community Challenge. This year, we would like to meet or beat that number!

Involvement in the 2022 Community Challenge gives your community a voice, lets your community know you value the contribution of economic development, and helps support the work your economic development staff does throughout the year.

For more information on International Economic Development Week, visit the [EDA website](#).

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Access to adequate internet connectivity continues to be a critical issue for many Alberta municipalities. For years, many communities across the province have taken it upon themselves to try to bridge the so-called 'digital divide.' At our recent 2021 Convention, the Alberta Municipalities Board presented a resolution advocating for the Government of Alberta to develop a Provincial Broadband Strategy. It passed with overwhelming membership support.

*The **Solving Municipal Broadband** series of articles seeks to improve members' collective knowledge on this critical issue by showcasing the efforts occurring at municipal levels of government. This is the second of three articles in the series.*

Prior to commissioning its Community Broadband project in the spring of 2020, Strathcona County ('the County') was already actively trying to improve the accessibility and performance of available rural internet services, through its feasibility study and **Rural Internet Access Program** to participating in the development of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board's (EMRB) **broband study**.

In addition to being the first comprehensive regional study of the state of connectivity in the region, the EMRB report affirmed "that poor [internet] connectivity is a barrier to growth impacting rural counties, towns and even cities in the region".

Since getting the 'go ahead' from Council, Administration has been hard at work – establishing a steering committee, developing a Request For Proposal (RFP) to procure a future business partner(s), as well as creating a team to work full-time on this initiative through staff secondments.

Today, the organization is in midst of contract negotiations which it hopes to **complete by early 2022** – but the road to getting here was no simple task.

To manage complexity, one of the first things the County did was scope and focus its efforts. Based on the outputs of its public engagement, the priority areas needing broadband coverage were its rural and industrial areas.

Next, it shifted its attention to identifying the type of business model that needed to be established. Recognizing this type of service is not traditionally within the scope of municipal operations, the County adopted a more 'entrepreneurial mindset' and explored 13 different models.

After determining a partnership or joint venture model (or combination of the two) would work best, it issued a Request For Information (RFI). The intent of the RFI was to not only identify companies operating in this space that would be willing to work with the County, but to prepare for its next step which was to issue a request for proposal (RFP).

In addition to hiring a consulting company to support the development of its RFP, Strathcona County also engaged outside legal counsel who brought the requisite expertise to properly navigate this space.

Next week, Part 3 of this series will detail some of the outcomes of the RFP process, in addition to some of the lessons that Strathcona County learned and guidance for municipalities seeking to embark on this journey for themselves.

For more information, contact **Dan Blackburn, Senior Director of Growth & Innovation, at Alberta Municipalities.**

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Alberta Municipalities' EPR Submission



We have ongoing communications with AEP on how municipalities can support the development and implementation of EPR programs.

ADVOCACY UPDATES



Our Policing Hub has been updated with new content

Alberta Municipalities' online Policing Hub has been refreshed and updated to reflect discussions that occurred among the more than 400 participants who took part in our virtual Police Summit on January 19, 2022.

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Casual Legal: Don't wait in the weeds - Disqualifying councillors

A recent decision of the Court of Queen's Bench dealt with the costs payable to a councillor who was the subject of an application to disqualify her on the basis of having voted on a matter in which she was alleged to have had a pecuniary interest, and the fact she was indebted to the municipality for unpaid property taxes.

Priority Update: Alberta Environment & Parks

A year has passed since Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) updated municipalities on its regulatory modernization initiative. Alberta Municipalities is hosting an update and Q&A session with senior representatives of AEP on February 3, 2022, from 9 to 11 a.m.



Register today for EOEP's financial course

Hot on the heels of Munis 101, the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) is offering its Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance course from February 16 to March 9, 2022.

INNOVATION

Solving Municipal Broadband – Strathcona County (Part 3)

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Low Carbon Economy Challenge

The Low Carbon Economy Challenge's Champion stream is currently accepting Expression of Interest (EOI) submissions until March 25, 2022. This second intake will provide more than \$200 million in funding for GHG emission-reducing projects.



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

Applicants can request between \$1 million and \$25 million in funding for eligible project expenditures, with cost-share ranging from 25% to 75% of total project costs depending on the recipient type. Learn more about the application [requirements and processes here](#).

TOMORROW! Electric Vehicle Charging Program webinar.

Municipal Climate Change Action Centre's Calvin Lechelt will share details of the newly launched Electric Vehicle Charging Program at our upcoming information session.

At this webinar you'll learn about program eligibility, and the EOI and application process. [Register here!](#)

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The 2022 Canadian Brownfield Network (CBN) Conference will take place virtually on April 5 & 6, 2022. The conference will deliver cutting-edge content that explores the relationship between Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and brownfield land development. CBN's annual conference attracts participants from across Canada, including land developers, engineering firms, environmental remediation companies, and legal and financial experts. It will feature several engaging sessions, including Case Studies, Panel Discussions, and the HUB Awards. Register today!

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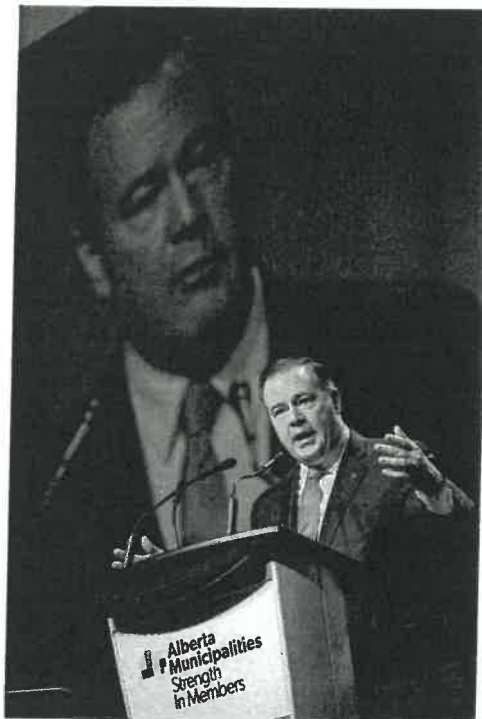


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Call for 2022 RFDs & Resolutions

Register for Spring MLC - March 9 & 10, Edmonton

One week until EOEP's finance course



Update from the Legislature: Changes to public health measures & Budget 2022

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ADVOCACY UPDATES



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Now is a great time to think about how we can continue to build resilient and thriving communities by being prepared for any disruption to our lives. Over the next eight weeks, we will be sharing a weekly preparedness message. Each message, starting in next week’s newsletter, will contain simple steps that Albertans can take to help them manage disasters, emergencies, and day-to-day disruptions.

You can champion the #BePrepared challenge by sharing these weekly messages with your community members. Let’s help each other reduce our risk from emergencies or disasters and build resilience by taking small steps towards becoming more prepared. [Get more information on how to be better prepared.](#)

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Friday News

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Welcome to this week's Friday News, a look at the stories important to you! Alberta Municipalities delivers all the information you need every week via our regular e-newsletters, Friday News, Jobs Connect, and The Weekly. Subscribe to all three!

Alberta Municipalities Mentions

Today, Alberta Municipalities' President, Cathy Heron, issued a response to a statement made by Premier Kenney last night on Facebook Live. In that statement the Premier said he is considering amending the Municipal Government Act to prevent municipalities from issuing bylaws enforcing masks and vaccination requirements. The Edmonton Journal was quick to carry the story.

Alberta Municipalities said it was "surprised and disappointed" by the provincial government's recent decision to increase lending rates to municipalities, whereas it used to offer municipalities loans with below-market interest rates. The rise will increase borrowing costs at a time when civic budgets are tight.

The federal government announced it will invest \$2 million into building electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Alberta. The funds will be delivered through the SouthGrow Regional Initiative in partnership with the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC). The federal government made a similar announcement two weeks ago, in which a \$2 million EV investment was made to be delivered through MCCAC.

On Jan. 25, the Alberta government announced that it has set up a provincial emergency medical services advisory committee, which will look into solutions for long ambulance wait times. Alberta Municipalities said it is pleased with the announcement. President Cathy Heron is the association's representative on this committee.

COVID-19

As of Feb. 3, there were 1,584 people in hospital with COVID-19 and 112 in ICU in Alberta.

Dr. Deena Hinshaw said on Feb. 3 that Alberta is shifting to an endemic approach to COVID-19. Premier Jason Kenney said a date for scrapping the Restrictions Exemption Program and other public health restrictions **will be announced next week.**

The **ongoing border protest at Coutts** has put pressure on the province to scrap public health restrictions. **Mayor Jim Willett said** being in the village "is kind of like being under siege."

Bonnyville has **run out of rapid test kits to give to businesses.** Across Alberta, many businesses are taking part in a program with their local chambers of commerce that provides them with enough kits to test asymptomatic employees twice a week. Alberta Health Services is supposed to supply the kits, but Bonnyville's Chamber of Commerce says it has not received a shipment for some time.

The Sherwood Park and the District Chamber of Commerce has **provided more than 12,000 rapid COVID-19 tests** to about 100 businesses since June.

Assessment & Taxation

Banff town council has **finalized the 2022 budget**, which includes \$20.2 million for tax-supported operating expenditures, a 4% increase from 2021. Mayor Corrie DiManno, who called it a "restraint budget," said that "Banffites are receiving good value for this budget. I am pleased that we are utilizing reserves for many new service enhancements and initiatives, rather than taxes."

The Town of Sylvan Lake's 2022 draft budget may see residents **paying 3.82% more in municipal taxes** on both residential and non-residential properties. Council plans to approve the budget at a regular meeting on Feb. 14 but are asking residents to provide feedback online by Feb. 11.

Morinville's town council is **mulling its budget options** after it balked at a 15.39% tax hike in December and passed an interim budget instead. Options include tax increases ranging from 4.5% to 6.92%, with attendant trade-offs in road repairs and deficits. Discussions are to continue on Feb. 8.

Property assessments are **up an average of 4.1% in Leduc.** The city noted, however, this does not mean that property taxes are likely to increase by much.

Diversity

February is Black History Month, and CBC has put together a list of historical events and celebrations happening **in Calgary** and **in Edmonton.**

Red Deer mayor Ken Johnston **made a proclamation to acknowledge Black History Month** and spoke to local media. "Black History Month is a reminder to latch onto the real stories, understand the culture folks have come from, and appreciate how Black Canadians and Red Deerians have helped build this province. They are enriching our city every day," he said.

Economic Development & Tourism

Sturgeon County is **exploring new regulations for cryptocurrency mines.** A Calgary-based company called MAGA Energy wants to use gas from 60 inactive wells in Sturgeon to power

the computer calculations needed to mine currencies such as Bitcoin. A mine set up at one of MAGA's sites in 2020 was shut down after noise complaints.

Lehigh Cement has **signed a memorandum of understanding with Enbridge** to develop "North America's first full-scale carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) solution for the cement industry" at its Edmonton plant, with the goal of capturing 780,000 tonnes of CO2 annually and sequestering it at Enbridge's storage hub near Wabamun.

Energy

Woodlands County **wants the provincial government to do a complete impact analysis** before the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) increases its transmission tariffs. The AESO is a not-for-profit organization that manages Alberta's power grid. Its most recent proposed increase could see local companies charged millions of dollars more for power every year.

Enbridge and the First Nation Capital Investment Partnership, which was recently formed by four Treaty 6 Nations, reached an agreement to proceed on **developing the Open Access Wabamun Carbon Hub**. Located west of Edmonton, the hub is intended to support other recently announced carbon capture projects in the region.

Environment

The provincial government announced that it has **expanded Kitaskino Nuwenēné Wildland Provincial Park**, which is south of Wood Buffalo National Park, by 375,000 acres. The park is the biggest contiguous area of protected boreal forest on earth.

A Statistics Canada survey shows that cities, including Calgary and Edmonton, are **losing their green spaces**. The survey used satellite data to compare changes in parks, urban green spaces, yards, and other areas in 2001, 2011, and 2019.

Indigenous Relations

The Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation chief and council **criticized law enforcement's approach** to handling of the blockade in Coutts and pointed to the disparity between how the government responds to Indigenous and non-Indigenous protests. "If peaceful protests of critical infrastructure at Coutts is allowed, then we expect the same to be true in the future should Indigenous people engage in similar forms of protest," **the statement says**.

The police force of the Tsuut'ina (or Tosguna) Nation has **taken over policing duties for the nearby community of Redwood Meadows**, which sits in the nation's traditional territory. This is the first time an Indigenous police force is overseeing a non-Indigenous community. The transfer of policing was agreed upon by Redwood Meadows town council, the RCMP, Tsuut'ina leaders, and the provincial government.

Lethbridge city council approved a motion to **provide \$500,000 annually to the Blackfoot Resources Hub**, which is run by the Kainai Nation (or Blood Tribe). The city's director of community services said the hub is "critical infrastructure needed for some of our population in Lethbridge. It'll be an outreach and help other services be able to see their services through the Blackfoot lens."

Infrastructure & Transportation

Crowsnest Pass council has **approved the preliminary draft of the master plan for the Pincher Creek Airport**, which is intended to guide the remainder of development. The master plan suggests that the airport, which mostly serves government officials, should be made into a hub for locals, tourists, and travellers. Pincher Creek town council has not yet approved the plan.

ISL Engineering and Consulting has presented Stony Plain's council with **the community's first housing strategy**. Council accepted the plan, which aims to ensure safe and affordable housing for residents, with the caveat that it should be re-evaluated once federal census data is released.

BGC Strathcona County, which provides programming for children and youth, is **asking the county to donate land** for a permanent home in Sherwood Park. It has three options for a facility: build a new one for \$9.3 million, renovate an old building for \$3.3 million, or build a new gymnasium on an existing structure for \$5.7 million.

Leduc Black Gold Rodeo introduced city council to the idea of **building a multi-purpose facility** behind the Leduc Recreation Centre. The proposed facility would be built on space currently used as a warm-up arena, and may take up some parking spots.

The Town of Hinton has **received \$2.3 million for affordable housing** through the federal government's Rapid Housing Initiative. The funding is going to the Boutin Lands Modular Homes project, which will provide eight units for up to 16 people from at-risk populations.

The Town of Sylvan Lake, having recently received a \$556,194 community revitalization grant from the federal government, is **developing an outdoor event space** to improve the look and feel of downtown and support its economic recovery. The plan is to extend Festival Street to 50A Ave. Construction starts this spring.

Stony Plain has **received \$600,000** from the federal government's Canada Community-Building Fund for rehabilitation of the Umbach Storm Pond and the Forest Green dewatering infrastructure station.

St. Albert is **switching its Saturday transit service to on-demand only**. The move could save the city \$223,000 per year.

Intergovernmental Relations

Edmonton Mayor Amarjeet Sohi has **submitted a request for \$49.7 million to the provincial government** to fund one-third of a permanent supporting housing project. The request came three weeks before the release of the 2022-2023 provincial budget. The money would help the city finish 552 units of supportive housing, completing its long-term plan to build a total of 900 units.

The City of Lloydminster, which is on the border between Alberta and Saskatchewan, was given approval by the Alberta government to **annex large sections of land from the County of Vermillion River**, which surrounds the city on the Alberta side. Lloydminster's own land supply has depleted drastically over the last 20 years due to significant growth.

Widely circulated images of St. Alberta-Edmonton MP Michael Cooper being interviewed in front of a swastika in Ottawa prompted Edmonton Mayor Amarjeet Sohi and St. Albert Mayor Cathy Heron to **express their disturbance and call for an apology**. Cooper has said that he has no association with the person displaying a swastika.

Municipal Governance

Lethbridge city council has asked administration to **look into creating an election ward system**. Council has voted unanimously in favour of a motion to consider a ward system, while 55.69% of Lethbridge voters said they supported such a system on a non-binding question included on the October municipal ballot.

Leduc County is thinking about **changing the advertising rules on its website**, which would allow it to advertise county information on its page instead of just through local media.

Stony Plain has **concluded its annual strategic planning**. "As we move through 2022, council is excited to emerge from the pandemic, advance critical projects, and strengthen partnerships for the benefit of our residents and businesses," said Mayor William Choy.

Spruce Grove's economic development advisory committee updated council about its **plan to develop the city's next five-year strategy**, which involves looking at the economic impacts of COVID-19, issues around the supply chain, and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is asking residents to **provide input on its Municipal Development Plan**, which will work as a blueprint for how the region develops over the next 20 years. The survey closes on Mar. 13.

Innisfail town council has **finally approved a flag policy**, which was first proposed in January but contained a clause about controversial or divisive flags that some councillors wanted clarified. The new wording more explicitly states that the town will not fly flags linked to racism, violence, or hateful organizations.

Safe & Healthy Communities

Lac La Biche residents have **organized a temporary housing program** for people sleeping rough in the Bonesville subdivision, which is about five kilometers away. Local builders, in partnership with the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 1, have expanded the encampment to include six heated cabins and sleeping arrangements for 24 people.

The province has **set up the Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experiment (RESIDE)**, which is providing \$20 million to fund 20 doctors to work in rural Alberta communities. The NDP opposition criticized the program, saying a similar program launched in 2020 was a dud.

Alberta's top court **dismissed the appeal of two Alberta harm reduction organizations** trying to prevent a government change that would have required supervised consumption site clients to provide their personal healthcare numbers. The requirement was supposed to take effect this week, but the government has now delayed the change until April 1 to ensure service providers have time to comply with the Health Information Act.

Edmonton police are using what they call a "game-changing" piece of facial recognition technology called NeoFace Reveal. The tech can be used to identify people involved in criminal activities, but only specific trained technicians will be able to use it. Calgary was the first in Canada to start using the system in 2014.

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Hello Mayors, Councillors and CAO's,

Alberta Municipalities held a virtual policing summit on January 19, 2022, to discuss the Government of Alberta's proposal to establish an independent Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). Justice and Solicitor General is holding engagement sessions across Alberta on this topic in early 2022, and this summit was intended to help prepare members for engagement by:

- Providing an overview and analysis of the proposed APPS service delivery model; and
- Gathering feedback from members on outstanding questions and concerns.

Attached is a list of key questions updated to reflect the feedback you shared at the summit. Alberta Municipalities encourages you to ask these questions at your local provincial engagement session (see attached Registration Instructions). We are also working with our policy committees to develop a Request for Decision (RFD) adopting an official policy position on an APPS. This RFD will be brought to Spring 2021 Municipal Leaders' Caucus for members' consideration.

You can find a recording of the January 19 summit, as well as links to reports and resources, on our [APPS webpage](#).

Thank you for supporting our advocacy on this important topic.

Cathy Heron | President

Mayor, City of St. Albert

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
January 25	8:30am to 11:00am	Claresholm	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205700173757
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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 14	8:30am to 11:00am	Virtual	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-provincial-police-transition-study-municipal-engagement-tickets-205752119127
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
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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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Alberta Provincial Police Service

Updated Key Questions for Engagement



Alberta Municipalities held a virtual policing summit on January 19, 2022, to discuss the Government of Alberta's proposal to establish an independent Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). Justice and Solicitor General is holding engagement sessions across Alberta on this topic in early 2022, and this summit was intended to help prepare members for engagement by:

- Providing an overview and analysis of the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) feasibility study and proposed APPS service delivery model; and
- Gathering feedback from members on outstanding questions and concerns arising from the PwC study.

Prior to the webinar, Alberta Municipalities shared a summary and analysis of the PwC study that highlighted key questions for municipalities to raise during engagement. The questions in this document have been updated below to reflect what we heard at our online event, and they are organized to align with the discussion topics that will be presented at provincial engagement sessions.

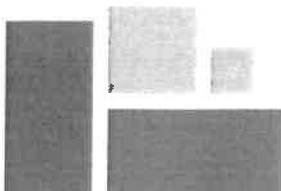
The provincial engagement sessions are narrowly focused on the service delivery model proposed in the PwC feasibility study. However, due to a lack of detail in the study, participants may find it difficult to give meaningful feedback. Additionally, the study is silent with respect to many key municipal considerations for an APPS, such as the impact on policing costs and what a new police funding model would look like. We very much encourage members to attend the sessions and share any feedback and concerns they have, even if this feedback is considered to be "out of scope" by Justice and Solicitor General.

Governance and Oversight

- How will APPS performance be measured and reported on?
- How will municipalities have a say in setting APPS priorities and direction, at both the provincial and local levels?
- The PwC study recommends that an APPS work with municipalities to develop community safety strategies. How will the APPS address any cost and capacity barriers to developing these strategies?
- How would existing local police commissions interact with the newly established Provincial Police Commission?
- How will provincial police commission members be selected? Will this be a political process or a competency-based process? Who would be responsible for recruitment and selection? How will the provincial commission be funded and administratively supported?
- How will local police committees be structured? What level of flexibility will be available for communities to populate and operate police committees as they see fit?
- What accountability mechanisms will be developed to ensure detachment leaders consider and report on the direction provided by local policing committees?
- How will detachments serving multiple communities balance the input received from various local policing committees?
- How will local policing committees provide input on provincial policing priorities to the provincial commission? How will the commission be accountable to local committees?

Learn more:

Please visit our [APPS webpage](#) to find links to the webinar recording, PwC feasibility study, Alberta Municipalities summary and analysis, and other resources, as well as information on how to register for a provincial engagement session.

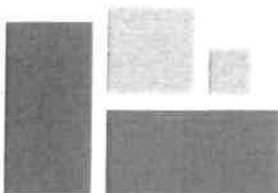


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Service Levels and Funding

- The PwC study proposes a hub model for APPS detachments in which select detachments will serve as regional hubs and host specialized services available to the entire region. How will locations for hub detachments be identified? Are existing detachments capable of serving as hubs? If not, will the costs of upgrading existing infrastructure be used as a consideration in the selection of hubs?
- How will staffing requirements for detachments be determined? Will municipalities be expected to provide civilian staff supports to their local detachments?
- The PwC study proposes two levels of police officers. Level 1 Officers would be trained to respond to all calls, while Level 2 Officers would be trained to respond to non-violent or non-urgent calls. What specific roles, responsibilities, and powers will Level 1 and Level 2 Officers have? How will this be determined?
- According to the PwC, the current system duplicates specialist services across the RCMP and Edmonton and Calgary Police Services, such as tactical teams and explosive device response. Under the proposed model, the APPS would contract with these police services to use many of their existing specialized services on a regional basis. Are Edmonton and Calgary willing to enter into this type of agreement with the APPS? What would be the costs of delivering specialized services to rural areas under a standalone APPS model?
- How will conflicts of interest and personal relationships be addressed in a model that emphasizes policing by residents in small and rural communities?
- Many support services for the RCMP, such as human resource management, corporate management, and communications, are paid through a divisional administration charge, which allows these costs to be consolidated and shared by all contract partners. The PwC study does not include an estimate of the cost to replace these services; in fact, the study states that “while further work is required to quantify the costs and time required, replacing the breadth of shared services at the termination of Contract Policing Agreements would be a very significant undertaking in terms of the complexity, cost, and duration of such a project.” How does the government plan to fund and provide these essential services for an APPS?
- Has the province considered insurance and liability costs for potential class-action lawsuits?
- When considering economies of scale, will the APPS be able to purchase goods and services at the same or better cost than the RCMP?
- The PwC study is silent on how municipalities would contribute to funding an APPS. Would the same population-based tiers remain or would costs be linked to service levels? What would the funding model look like for an APPS?
- How will the province offset the \$188 million loss in federal subsidies?
- The PwC study emphasizes the importance of providing a consistent level of service in rural and urban areas. How will levels of service will be determined? How will they differ from levels of service under the current model? How will a higher level of service in rural areas will be accomplished for the same or less cost than the current RCMP model?



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Integration

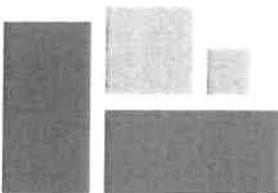
- Have the stakeholders identified to work in an integrated manner indicated their support for this model?
- Under the proposed APPS information-sharing model, would community peace officers have full access to information needed to perform their duties safely and effectively?
- The PwC study recommends co-locating policing services with other provincial and community services by basing the services in the same building and a shared work environment. Are there risks in closely linking social services with police that may result in vulnerable individuals being less likely to access social service agencies?
- How would co-location implemented when the current location of police service and other provincial and community services vary greatly across the province? Is the cost of physically re-locating services (presumably into detachments) included in the transition cost estimates? If so, how accurate is the cost projection?
- Will municipalities and service providers have an option as to whether they want to co-locate services?
- How would this approach impact existing municipal and non-profit property-related costs such as leases, building maintenance, etc.?

How you can help:

- **Attending a provincial engagement session and sharing your thoughts.**
- **Using Alberta Municipalities key questions when speaking to local media.**
- **Sharing Alberta Municipalities social media posts.**
- **Watching for media reports and further updates from Alberta Municipalities.**

Transition

- How will cost over-runs during the transition process be managed and communicated?
- Have training costs been included in the forecasting, especially since many RCMP officers do not transition over to provincial police services and there is extensive training that needs to be completed?
- How will the new APPS work with the RCMP on cross-jurisdictional issues and current joint ventures?
- Considering that many police services are experiencing difficulty with recruitment, are you confident that you can recruit enough members for the transition and why? Do you have a backup plan?
- What conversations have been had with stand-alone police services regarding shared training facilities and other services? Are those services amicable to the idea and do they have capacity to accommodate training significantly larger numbers of cadets?
- How is the provincial government going to fund the \$366 million of APPS one-time transition costs?
- How accurate will the cost comparisons found in the report between the current RCMP model and the proposed APPS models be if an actual transition does not occur until 2025? How might RCMP cost drivers and projected APPS cost drivers change in the time until transition occurs?



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Updated Key Questions for Engagement



Questions for MPSA Municipalities

- Will municipalities with populations over 5,000 still have the option to contract the RCMP?
- Will the creation of an APPS create barriers for municipalities that may consider a transition to their own municipal or regional police force? Do the cost/benefit projections account for the possibility of some municipalities exploring local police forces in place of APPS?
- How will governance and accountability arrangements change for municipalities with MPSAs under an APPS model? Will these communities still be eligible for provincial grants to offset the costs of policing?

Other Issues

- Changing the provincial police service provider will not have an impact on Alberta's overburdened justice system. How will the government ensure that the justice system is adequately resourced so that all Albertans have timely access to justice?
- Why hasn't the provincial government already implemented many of the PwC report's suggested policing improvements (integration of health and family services, effective performance metrics, improved governance and independent commission) under its current policing arrangements with the RCMP? What work has been done to evaluate the ability of the RCMP to adjust to meet the core values, innovations, and outcomes the government is seeking? What is the problem that the government is trying to solve?
- In the past, programming and services provided by the province that started out as a minimal cost to municipalities became an increasing burden to many municipalities as funding never increased and further costing and service expectations were downloaded with no recourse or input. Given this history, how can municipalities be confident that they will not incur increased policing costs from implementing an APPS?
- What is the government's engagement plan for First Nations, Metis and Indigenous peoples?
- Will the province government hold a referendum before a final decision is made, and what is the timeline for that?

MPSA or PPSA?

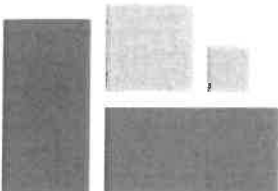
Urban municipalities with populations over 5,000 have three options for providing police services in their communities:

- Contract with the federal or provincial government or another municipality for the provision of policing services;
- Establish a stand-alone municipal police service; or
- Establish a regional police service with other municipalities, which may include the province.

The most common municipal policing arrangement in Alberta is the use of contract policing. Under this arrangement, the RCMP provides policing services to a municipality under the Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA). The MPSA is a bilateral memorandum of agreement signed between the federal government and a municipal government for the use of the RCMP as the Municipal Police Service.

Under the Police Act, the Alberta government is responsible for providing police services for those municipalities with populations of 5,000 or less, and to all municipal districts and counties. The province meets this obligation by contracting for the services of the RCMP to deliver police services to these municipalities, through the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA), signed between the Alberta and federal governments.

For more information about policing in Alberta, visit our [policing hub](#).



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From: Anita Sookar <Anita@abmunis.ca>
Sent: February 2, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Andre Asselin
Cc: Angela Duncan ; Kathy Skwarchuk; Tanya Thorn
Subject: Alberta Municipalities Appointment to the Alberta Water Council
Attachments: Alberta Water Council (Duncan) - 2022.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Asselin,

Please see attached letter from Alberta Municipalities CEO regarding our appointment to the Alberta Water Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Anita Sookar MSc, NCSO, CPHR, GPC.D | Governance Coordinator, Corporate Governance

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February 2, 2022

Andre Asselin
Executive Director
1400, 9915 - 108 Street
Petroleum Plaza, South Tower
Edmonton, AB T5K 2G8

Dear Mr. Asselin:

Re: Alberta Municipalities Appointment to the Alberta Water Council

On behalf of the Alberta Municipalities Board, I am pleased to appoint Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan, Village of Alberta Beach as Alberta Municipalities representative on the Alberta Water Council.

Deputy Mayor Duncan will be replacing Mayor Tanya Thorn, Town of Okotoks on this Council.

Please provide Deputy Mayor Duncan with any information on upcoming meetings and events. She can be reached at 780-868-5103 or angeladuncan@albertabeach.com.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Anita Sookar at 780-989-7406 or Anita@abmunis.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Rude".

Dan Rude
CEO, Alberta Municipalities

Cc: Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan, Village of Alberta Beach
Kathy Skwarchuk, CAO, Village of Alberta Beach
Her Worship Mayor Tanya Thorn, Town of Okotoks

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cc: Council

From: Exec. Assistant on behalf of Dan Rude <EA_DRude@abmunis.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2022 8:47 AM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: Register today for February's Corporate Planning and Finance Course

Hello Mayors, Councillors and CAOs,

Recognizing that budgeting is one of the most challenging aspects of municipal government, the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) is following on our Munis 101 course with a virtual offering of Corporate Planning and Finance.

Register for the course which will be held on Zoom over four evening sessions.

- Wednesday, February 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The course is taught by Rodney Boyko, a municipal finance expert with experience as a Chief Financial Officer. Rodney will guide participants through the role of elected officials in municipal financial planning, budgeting and monitoring, and how this differs from the role of administration. It will also help participants understand how the public financial processes differ from those you might be used to from the private sector.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn about the essentials of municipal finance and work towards your Municipal Elected Leaders Certificate (MELC).

EOEP's registrar is hard at work scheduling classes for the rest of the year, to ensure each course in our roster is offered at least once. Stay tuned for a full course schedule.

Dan Rude | Chief Executive Officer

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From: Cathy Heron <president@abmunis.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: Registration now open for Spring 2022 Municipal Leaders' Caucus
Attachments: Spring 2022 MLC Agenda.pdf

Good afternoon,

Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs are invited to register for Alberta Municipalities' Spring 2022 Municipal Leaders' Caucus being held March 9 and 10 at the Edmonton Convention Centre. We are pleased to offer the event both in-person and virtually.

This year's Caucus is open to municipal elected officials and senior administrators from Alberta municipalities, and is a tremendous opportunity to network and build consensus on key issues affecting your community. Attached is a copy of the draft agenda, which will be updated over the coming weeks as speakers are confirmed. Please visit our Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus Events webpage for more information on hotels and registration. The deadline for online registration is Friday, March 4.

Please note, all public health orders in place at the time of the event will be followed. This could include but it not limited to showing proof of vaccination or privately paid for negative test result within 72-hours, and masking while not actively eating or drinking.

Remember that Alberta Municipalities members may bring forward Requests for Decisions (RFDs) on emerging issues that cannot wait to be debated at our fall Convention. To submit an RFD, fill out an RFD template and send it, along with proof of council endorsement, to advocacy@abmunis.ca by Friday, February 18.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Cathy Heron | President

Mayor, City of St. Albert

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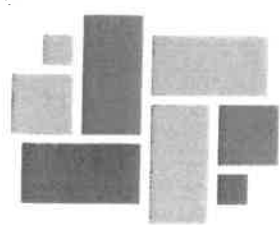
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**Draft Agenda for Spring 2022 Municipal Leaders' Caucus
 March 9 and 10, 2022
 Edmonton Conference Centre
 *Subject to Change***

Wednesday, March 9	
8:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	President's Opening Remarks
9:15 a.m.	Minister of Municipal Affairs' Remarks
9:30 a.m.	Ministers' Dialogue Session I
10:10 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Ministers' Dialogue Session II
11:10 a.m.	Premier's Remarks
11:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Education/Engagement Session I – Alberta Provincial Police Service
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m.	Requests for Decision
3:15 p.m.	Education/Engagement Session II - EMS
4:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Networking session

Thursday, March 10	
7:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Education/Engagement Session III – Municipal Financial Health and LGFF
9:15 a.m.	Alberta Municipalities President's Report
9:30 a.m.	Executive Committee Dialogue Session
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Education/Engagement Session IV – Future of Municipal Governance
11:30 a.m.	Opposition Leader's Remarks
11:45 a.m.	Closing Remarks
12:00 p.m.	Lunch



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The spring Caucus will open with a breakfast buffet on Wednesday, March 9 and will include a day-and-a-half of sessions on the proposed Alberta Provincial Police Service, EMS, municipal financial health, and more. Alberta Municipalities is also working with our provincial partners to schedule two Minister dialogue sessions, as well as addresses from Premier Jason Kenney and Opposition Leader Rachel Notley. Day one will conclude with a networking session for attendees and business and industry stakeholders.

Registration for RMA Members will open on February, 16.

2022 SPRING MLC AGENDA

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From: angeladuncan@albertabeach.com
Sent: February 7, 2022 1:29 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: FW: CPSA response to Jan. 27, 2022 letter
Attachments: CPSA-Alberta-Beach-022022.pdf; Letter of Support for City of Cold Lake and Streamlining Foreign Physi...pdf

Hi Kathy, for inclusion in our next council package.

Thank you,

Angela Duncan

Deputy Mayor, Alberta Beach
Vice President, Villages & Summer Villages, Alberta Municipalities
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From: Michael Caffaro <Michael.Caffaro@cpsa.ab.ca>
Sent: February 7, 2022 11:58 AM
To: angeladuncan@albertabeach.com
Cc: health.minister@gov.ab.ca; Gail Jones <Gail.Jones@cpsa.ab.ca>; hello@abmunis.ca
Subject: CPSA response to Jan. 27, 2022 letter

Dear Deputy Mayor Duncan:

Thank you for reaching out to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta to share the challenges facing Alberta Beach and communities like Cold Lake. I am the Assistant Registrar for Registration at CPSA, and my responsibilities include oversight of Physician Assessments in Alberta. Dr. Scott McLeod, CPSA Registrar, has asked that I respond to your letter.

I hope my response to the concerns you have raised demonstrates that physician assessment is an important part of our work, and that we have made strides in improving our processes for assessing internationally trained physicians.

Please feel free to contact me (coordinates below) directly if you have questions, or if additional information may be helpful to you or your constituents.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Caffaro (he/his)
Assistant Registrar – Registration

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February 7, 2022

Delivered by E-mail

Ms. Angela Duncan, Deputy Mayor
Alberta Beach
Box 278
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Dear Deputy Mayor Duncan:

I am the Assistant Registrar for Registration at CPSA, and my responsibilities include oversight of Physician Assessments in Alberta. Dr. Scott McLeod, CPSA Registrar, has asked that I provide a response to your letter of January 27, 2022.

Thank you for reaching out to CPSA to share your concerns about physician recruitment within our province. We understand how important community-based health care is to all Albertans, and that many Alberta municipalities face challenges in recruiting and retaining physicians. Our process for assessing the practice readiness of physicians coming into Alberta from outside Canada is structured to ensure Albertans receive an appropriate standard of care. In your letter, you requested that we examine this process to identify any areas for improvement. I am pleased to share that we have recently made some improvements to the assessment process, which I have detailed below.

First, I would like to provide a brief overview of the Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA) process, which physicians coming into Alberta who have trained outside Canada must undergo before they may enter independent practice. This process is specifically for physicians who do not have full Canadian credentials and is intended to ensure Albertans receive safe, high-quality care. The PRA consists of two parts: the Preliminary Clinical Assessment (PCA) of up to three months, followed by the Supervised Practice Assessment (SPA), which is another three months.

During the PCA, the physician being assessed (also known as the candidate) works under the direct observation of a CPSA-approved physician. This assessor oversees everything the candidate does, which includes reviewing their clinical competence, chart management and professionalism. At this stage, the candidate is not yet seeing patients independently.

Once the candidate successfully completes the PCA, they move on to the SPA. During the SPA, a CPSA-approved physician supervises the candidate, who may begin seeing patients in a semi-independent fashion in the community where they will practice on an ongoing basis.

It is often a challenge to recruit a sufficient number of qualified physician assessors for the PCA component of the Practice Readiness Assessment. Through the summer and fall of 2021, individual candidates were waiting upwards of four months for the PCA to begin. I would like to highlight that Alberta continued with PRAs despite the pandemic, whereas similar programs in other provinces put a complete stop to those assessments in 2020 and only restarted them in 2021. We continue to work with the Alberta Health Services' Zone Medical Directors to seek out physicians capable of performing these high-stakes assessments.

We have recently had success seeking out additional physician assessors for our roster. In November 2021, we trained a number of new assessors on conducting PCA assessments, and the majority have begun or will shortly begin assessing candidates. As of today, I can confirm there is now no backlog on the assessment of PRA candidates for rural family medicine physicians. Rather, the rate-limiting step for the foreseeable future may now be the availability of suitable candidate physicians who apply for registration with CPSA.

I recognize the challenges facing Alberta Beach, and communities like Cold Lake, whose request you supported in your letter. I hope my letter demonstrates to you that the physician assessment process is an important part of CPSA's work.

Please feel free to contact me directly if additional information may be helpful to you or your constituents.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael Caffaro
Assistant Registrar – Registration
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

CC: Hon. Jason Copping, Minister of Health
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Alberta Beach

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January 27, 2022

Via Email: registrar@cpsa.ab.ca

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta
2700, 10020 100 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0N3

Attention: Dr. Scott McLeod, Registrar

Dear Dr. McLeod:

Re: Letter of Support for City of Cold Lake and Streamlining Foreign Physician Assessments

The Municipality of Alberta Beach Council fully supports the request by the City of Cold Lake to have the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta consider streamlining the assessment process for physicians from outside of Canada but wish to extend this consideration be given to facilitate integration for those doctors in all communities in Alberta currently facing physician shortages.

Our current health crisis has clearly demonstrated the need for additional doctors to support and enhance caregivers that are overworked and stretched to capacity when there are many immigrant physicians sitting on the sidelines forced to work in underemployed positions to make ends meet.

We recognize that it is a great responsibility to ensure that foreign educated doctors are qualified to Canadian standards, but it appears that the current process is too cumbersome and that as a country we are losing out on this virtually untapped pool of skilled medical professionals.

We thank you for your kind consideration and hope that we can all work together to find a solution to this problem, or at the very least to make improvements to the current accreditation process by removing the significant barriers to becoming certified in our province.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Duncan".

Angela Duncan,
Deputy Mayor

cc: The Honorable Jason Copping, Minister of Health
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Subject: FCM Voice: Factsheets to help achieve your 2050 climate goals | What FCM has achieved for its members | Asset management case study | more

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NEWS | January 24, 2022



Factsheets to help your community achieve its 2050 climate goals

Are you a municipal elected official looking to help lead your community in implementing deep

carbonization initiative? Read our three factsheets to learn about how you can champion a more resilient community:

- [Municipal governance for deep decarbonization: Introduction on how to influence your community's transition](#)
- [Governance strategies for deep decarbonization: How to choose the right strategies and approach for deep decarbonization](#)
- [Governance components for deep decarbonization: How to build a good governance structure for deep decarbonization](#)

NEWS

What FCM has achieved for its members

Through unprecedented influence and access to key decision-makers in every federal party, FCM is securing historic progress for municipalities of all sizes—from \$4.3 billion in federal emergency operating support through the Safe Restart Agreement to landmark new investments in infrastructure, affordable housing, transit and rural transportation, universal broadband, climate adaptation, and more. We're also elevating the role of local governments—from a strengthened seat at the federal table to more direct tools that empower local leaders to build better lives.

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT FCM HAS ACHIEVED FOR ITS MEMBERS](#)

Update to grade crossing regulations

In response to FCM and advocacy from our partners, Transport Canada announced amendments to the Grade Crossings Regulations in 2021. New compliance deadlines based on a grade crossing's level of risk have been approved as follows: November 28, 2022 for high-priority grade crossings and November 28, 2024 for all other grade crossings.

FCM will continue to call for increased Rail Safety Improvement Program funding and better communication from Transport Canada and the railways to improve rail safety.

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RESOURCES

Case study: How asset management planning leads to sustainable futures

With a yearly influx of seasonal cottagers, The Village of Dunnottar, MB, realized it needed a formal asset management plan to better support both its vital tourism industry and permanent residents. After receiving support from our Municipal Asset Management Program, the village hired a consultant, trained its staff, completed an inventory of local assets, and more. With this

asset management plan in place, plus a 10-year capital budget to balance its activities, Dunnottar is planning for the future.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

Report: How councils can better evaluate infrastructure investment priorities

The best way to improve your municipality's infrastructure decision-making is to develop and implement an asset management plan that *integrates* with your existing financial management and investment decision-making processes.

Explore our new *Asset management insights: Planning and decision-making report*. You'll find background, guides and case studies to help your municipality ensure the reliable delivery of services. You'll also discover how other communities are using support from our Municipal Asset Management Program to establish and fund their infrastructure goals.

» [READ THE REPORT](#)

Roadmap to connectivity: a community guide to high-speed Internet

Accessible broadband is essential to Canadians everyday lives as well as the country's economic recovery. That's why FCM, in partnership with Telesat, published *Roadmap to connectivity: A guide to connecting your community to high-speed, reliable Internet*. The guide recognizes that reliable broadband begins with identifying a community's needs and demands and is designed to help underserved communities prepare solutions to bring them closer to connectivity.

» [READ THE ROADMAP](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

LC3 initiatives making headlines

Low Carbon Cities Canada (LC3) is advancing low carbon solutions in cities across the country. In Alberta, residents in Calgary and Edmonton will soon be able to see how efficient their and their neighbours' homes are. CBC wrote about what the pilot project aims to do.

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FCM TWEETS

Jan 24: Are you an elected official or senior manager who wants to help lead your [#CDNmuni](#) in significantly reducing

Jan 23: To build tomorrow's transit, cities need a solution to today's COVID-driven operating shortfalls. We're calling on the federal govt to commit to covering

Jan 23: FCM gets results because we bring together thousands of municipal leaders from coast-to-coast-coast. Together we

greenhouse gas emissions? Read our deep [#decarbonization factsheet](#):
<https://bit.ly/343C3mi>

transit operating shortfalls that are urgent and real, in partnership with the provinces.
<https://fcm.ca/recovery> [#CDNmuni](#)

form the strong & united national voice that's securing crucial support for [#CDNmuni](#). Join our nationwide team of municipal leaders:
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January 28, 2022



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FCM Canada's voice of local government



Laying the foundation for recovery

I've begun this new year with a real sense of optimism. While it's true that COVID-19 still presents big challenges in communities across this country, I truly believe that 2022 is the year we can lay a strong foundation for a better Canada on the other side of this pandemic.

It's hard not to be optimistic when you look at how much FCM has accomplished throughout COVID-19. When much of the world came to a standstill, we continued to push forward. And together, we've secured historic progress for municipalities—including landmark new investments in infrastructure, affordable housing, transit and rural transportation, universal broadband, climate adaptation, and more.

FCM's unprecedented influence and access to key decision-makers in every federal party continues to elevate the role of local governments—whether that's through a strengthened seat at the federal table or more direct tools that empower local leaders. And our incredible programs continue to offer funding, training and resources on everything from sustainability to asset management to gender parity.

As we enter the new year, the strength of FCM's united national voice has never mattered more. In the weeks and months to come, this country will have some very important conversations about what our post-COVID recovery should look like—and about what our shared future should look like. You know as well as I do that municipal leaders are central to this conversation.

That's why, last fall, FCM released *Partners for Canada's Recovery*. It's our roadmap for empowering municipalities to build a stronger, more inclusive Canada. It's full of smart local solutions on affordable housing, net-zero emissions, digital inclusion, and much more. This call to action to every federal party will guide much of our advocacy work in the months ahead, so I encourage you to take a look.

Looking ahead to 2022

FCM is already working hard on some early milestones for this year. In late March, we're presenting *Local Solutions to Net-Zero*, a special municipal stream at GLOBE Forum 2022—North America's longest-running sustainable innovation summit. We're so excited to showcase municipal innovation at its best. [Register today](#) for FCM's special municipal stream and receive a special discounted rate.

We're also working hard to ensure the next federal budget delivers progress for FCM members. That's coming as soon as this March. Throughout February, FCM board members will be dialing up the pressure by meeting with Members of Parliament across the country. We're calling this FCM Budget Days 2022, and we'll be pulling out the stops to keep your municipal priorities front and centre.

At every step of the way, our united message remains the same: Canada's recovery must be rooted in cities and communities of all sizes—the places where people live, work, and raise their family. As frontline governments, local leaders are essential partners in driving a strong recovery that Canadians can see and feel in their daily lives.

Together, this year, that's exactly what we're going to do.



Joanne Vanderheyden is the mayor of Strathroy-Caradoc, ON. She was elected FCM President in June, 2021.

SEND ME YOUR THOUGHTS

Please send me your comments. I would love to hear from you.

president@fcm.ca

613-241-5221

@MAYORJOANNEVDH TWEETS

Jan 24: Thanks to [@ROMA_Ont](#) for inviting me to speak to [#ROMA2022](#), to discuss the challenges and opportunities for rural municipalities in Ontario and how FCM is advocating for better tools to help smaller communities. Canada's economic recovery must include [#CDNmuni](#) of all sizes.

Jan 21: Thanks to this funding, FCM and [#GoC](#) are ensuring that communities across Alberta and BC are better equipped to make solid asset management decisions that will improve their residents' quality of life.

Jan 6: Every dollar invested in modernizing [#PublicTransit](#) generates three dollars in economic growth, as it drives higher productivity, shorter commutes, less congestion—and reliable progress toward our national goal of net-zero GHG emissions. <https://fcm.ca/recovery> [#CDNmuni](#)

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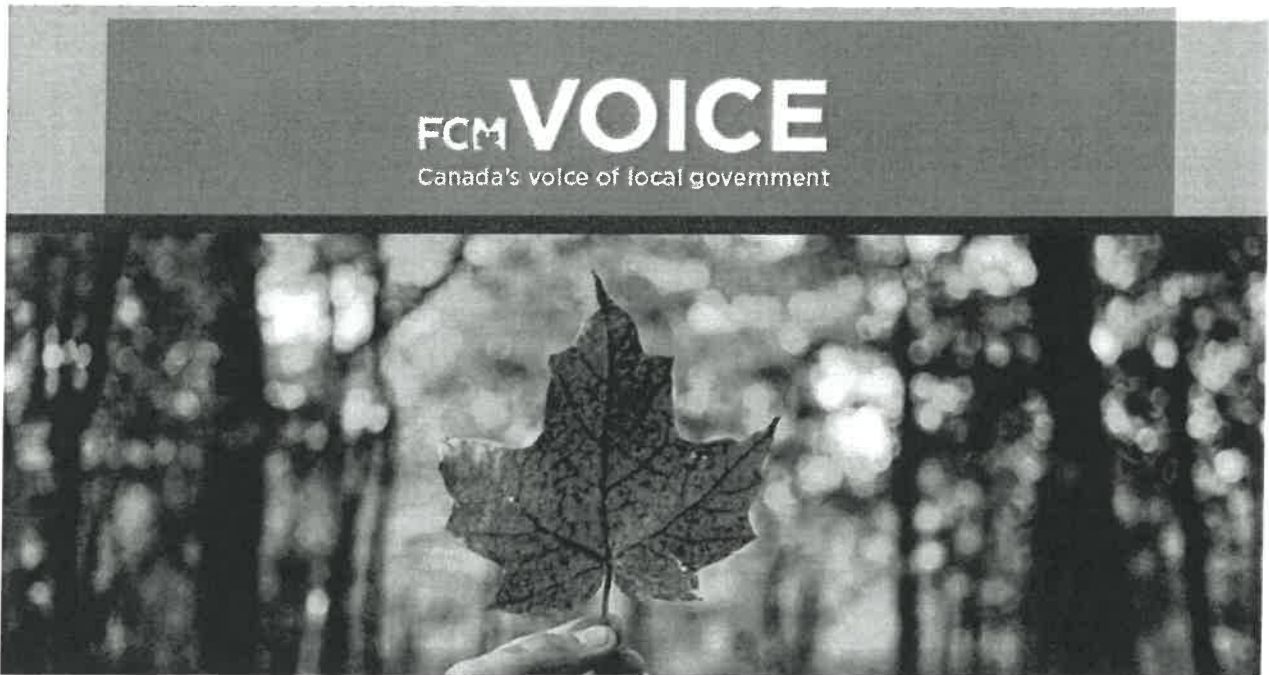
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NEWS | February 7, 2022



FCM Board taking action to shape Budget 2022

While local governments of all sizes are still facing real pandemic challenges, we're also key to driving tomorrow's strong recovery. With federal Budget 2022 on the way, now is the time for the voices of Canada's municipalities to be front and centre. Although the Budget date is still unknown, FCM's Board is mobilizing this month meeting with Members of Parliament from all parties to emphasize critical municipal priorities from *Partners for Canada's Recovery* including housing, infrastructure, transit and RCMP costs. Budget Days 2022 is just one piece of our pre-budget advocacy this year, along with targeted elected- and staff-level political meetings to advance member priorities.

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NEWS

CanWILL announces grant recipients

Our Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) program is thrilled to announce the names of the nine communities selected for Inclusive Community Initiative grants. With this funding, we are supporting municipalities and regions that are working in collaboration with local partners to help women (with a particular focus on Indigenous, Black, racialized, youth and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community) run for office or remain in leadership positions in local government.

» READ ABOUT THE SELECTED PROJECTS

FCM celebrates 35 years of international impact

Welcome to Canada's International Development Week! This year, FCM is marking 35 years of international programming. Our unique peer-to-peer approach has enabled dozens of elected officials, staff and technical experts from Canadian municipalities to forge professional relationships with counterparts in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Working together, they developed solutions to local challenges and helped to build local governments' capacity to address issues such as inclusive governance, economic development, financial management, climate change, disaster preparedness and mitigation.

» LEARN ABOUT OUR CURRENT PROJECTS

Being an FCM member makes your community stronger

Did you know that—in addition to the landmark progress that FCM is securing for communities of all sizes—FCM members also get access to exclusive benefits? From informative tools, tips and analysis from our policy, government relations and communications experts to valuable networking opportunities to the support of thousands of your municipal colleagues. One thing is clear: being an FCM member makes your community stronger.

» LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF FCM MEMBERSHIP

EVENTS

Register for GMF's energy modelling e-learning course

GMF's Energy Modelling Course is now available online. Designed for all municipal staff, this self-paced course focuses on foundational information and emphasizes the importance of energy modelling within municipal infrastructure projects. At the end of the course, you will be able to state the business case for energy modelling, understand key steps to create an energy model and know how to implement energy modelling into building and project design. This course is open to all municipal staff and those interested in energy modelling.

» SIGN UP FOR THE ONLINE COURSE

FCM IN THE NEWS

Net-zero energy affordable housing project in Alberta

Everyone in deserves a safe, affordable, and sustainable place to call home. That is why we are investing in communities to provide sustainable and affordable housing for residents. With funding from FCM's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative, the municipal corporation Heartland Housing Foundation will build 83 affordable housing units in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. The project will be the first Net-Zero Energy building in its portfolio. Postmedia has a story on the project.

» [READ THE STORY](#)

FCM TWEETS

Feb 2: Ending chronic homelessness and tacking housing affordability for all Canadians is a key goal for municipalities from coast to coast. FCM has some concrete proposals for how we can ensure that everyone has a place to call home:
<http://fcm.ca/recovery>
[#CDNmuni](#)

Feb 4: We are happy to announce the 9 projects selected for the 1st round of CanWILL's Inclusive Community Initiatives. These collaborations between local governments and community partners will support women who want to run for office. See project descriptions:
<https://bit.ly/3JaHCP2>

Feb 1: This month is [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) and we will be featuring key moments in Canadian municipal history impacting Black people and people of African descent. We continue to be committed to fighting anti-Black racism, both within our organization and in communities across Canada.

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Sent: January 31, 2022 2:33 PM
Cc: Nicole Smith; Dave Hunka
Subject: AUC Notice Letter - Maximum Investment Levels
Attachments: AUC Notice Letter - Maximum Investment Levels 01-31-2022.pdf; 27067_X0014_Notice of application - Application respecting refund of Fortis street light investment.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a letter regarding an Alberta Utilities Commission Notice - Application respecting the refund of the FortisAlberta Inc. streetlight investment.

Please feel free to contact your Stakeholder Relations Manager should you have any additional questions or require additional information.

Thank you,



We are FortisAlberta. We deliver the electricity that empowers Albertans to succeed. We keep the power on, not just because it's our job, but because we care about the people we serve. We are reliable, honest and dedicated to our work because our employees, customers and communities matter to us.

January 31, 2022

Re: Alberta Utilities Commission Notice - Application respecting the refund of the FortisAlberta Inc. streetlight investment

On Oct. 6, 2021, FortisAlberta wrote to you in respect of certain complexities regarding the refund of the streetlight portion of FortisAlberta's Maximum Investment Level. As this is an outstanding issue, FortisAlberta filed an application Dec. 17, 2021, with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), seeking their advice and direction.

To update you on recent developments, the AUC issued a Notice (Proceeding 27067) Jan. 26, in respect to the above noted application. In the Notice, the AUC has directed FortisAlberta to forward this Notice to you. As such, attached please find a copy of the above-mentioned Notice, or a digital copy is available on the AUC website at: <https://efiling-webapi.auc.ab.ca/Document/Get/711543>

Statements of intent to participate in this proceeding must be submitted to the AUC by:
Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.

To access the AUC eFiling System to file a statement of intent, please go to:

<https://www2.auc.ab.ca/layouts/15/auc.efiling.portal/login.aspx>

Please feel free to contact your Stakeholder Relations Manager or myself, should you have any questions or require further information with regards to the Notice.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hunka".

Dave Hunka
Manager, Municipalities, Customer Care & Connections
Enclosure



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Notice

Application respecting the refund of the FortisAlberta Inc. street light investment

Proceeding 27067
FortisAlberta Inc.

The Alberta Utilities Commission, the independent utilities regulator, will be considering an application from FortisAlberta Inc. requesting direction on whether its street light investment for new residential developments should be paid to the residential subdivision developer or to the municipality in the event these parties do not reach an agreement on this matter.

The Commission would like to ensure that those parties that are most likely to be impacted by the outcome of this proceeding are notified. Therefore, the Commission requests that the developers notify any other developers that they consider may be interested in participating in this proceeding. The Commission also directs Fortis to forward this notice of application to each municipality that has existing franchise agreements with Fortis, **by February 2, 2022**, and provide written confirmation of having done so on the record of this proceeding.

Statements of intent to participate must be submitted to the Commission in this proceeding by **4 p.m., February 9, 2022**.

For parties not yet registered on the proceeding, to identify the issues (within the limited scope as described above) that you intend to make submissions on and your preferred process steps for the proceeding, please visit the AUC website and log in to the eFiling System to file your submission for Proceeding 27067. If you do not have access to the internet, send your name, address, phone number, organization you are representing, description of your interest in the proceeding, position including information in support of the position and reasons why the AUC should decide in the manner recommended, and whether further process is required.

To learn more about the application and review process, contact:
Angela Corsi at angela.corsi@auc.ab.ca.

The application, and any associated documents being reviewed, are publicly available on our website. Alternatively, for further details about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, you may contact Fortis's representative, Dave Hunka, at 780-464-8311 or by email at dave.hunka@fortisalberta.com.

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available through the AUC's eFiling System. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

Issued January 26, 2022.

Alberta Utilities Commission

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From: Kelsey Nixon <kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com> on behalf of Stakeholder Relations Team <stakeholderrelations@fortisalberta.com>
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Subject: Streetlight Refund and Interim Dispute Process
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Good afternoon,

FortisAlberta requests municipalities to please review these attachments for important information relating to FortisAlberta Streetlight Refund investment levels. Should Municipalities choose to have their views heard by the AUC, FortisAlberta notes that statements of intent to participate in Proceeding 27067 must be submitted to the AUC by February 9th, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. To access the AUC e-Filing System to file a statement of intent, please go to: <https://www2.auc.ab.ca/layouts/15/auc.efiling.portal/login.aspx>

With any questions, please contact Nicky Smith (780-544-3307) or via e-mail nicole.smith@fortisalberta.com, your Stakeholder Relations Manager and she will be available to assist you further.

Thank you,



We are FortisAlberta. We deliver the electricity that empowers Albertans to succeed. We keep the power on, not just because it's our job, but because we care about the people we serve. We are reliable, honest and dedicated to our work because our employees, customers and communities matter to us.



February 4, 2022

Re: Streetlight Refund and Interim Streetlight Refund Dispute Process

On October 6, 2021, FortisAlberta communicated with our municipalities in respect of certain complexities regarding the refund of the streetlight portion of the FortisAlberta Maximum Investment Level (“**Streetlight Refund**”), following installation and energization of streetlights. As it became clear that this matter was unlikely to be resolved through further communication, on December 17, 2021, FortisAlberta filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) seeking the AUC’s advice and direction on who should receive the Streetlight Refund in the event that the municipality and developer disagree on where the Streetlight Refund should be directed.

Additionally, FortisAlberta notes that Alberta Municipalities (previously Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) is currently assessing its level of involvement in the proceeding. Based on communications with Rural Municipalities Association (RMA), it is FortisAlberta’s understanding that the association will not be intervening on behalf of Counties and Municipal Districts. Should you wish to participate separately, FortisAlberta encourages you to do so to ensure your views are heard by the AUC before it makes a decision on this matter. Please review FortisAlberta’s communication to municipalities, issued on January 31, 2022, for how to participate in the proceeding. Please note participation must be submitted to the AUC by **February 9th, 2022, at 4:00 P.M.**

Interim Streetlight Refund Dispute Process

FortisAlberta also wishes to communicate how disputes regarding the Streetlight Refund will be addressed on a prospective basis. As FortisAlberta is not privy to negotiated agreements (i.e. development permits, other agreements, understandings, contracts, etc.) between developers and municipalities, FortisAlberta encourages developers and municipalities to work together to determine where the Streetlight Refund should be directed.

Step 1: Independent of FortisAlberta, the developer will directly discuss the Streetlight Refund dispute with the municipality.

Step 2: Independent of FortisAlberta, the developer and municipality will come to an agreement on who should receive the Streetlight Refund. If this determination differs from what was previously communicated to FortisAlberta in the Municipal Approval for Electric Facilities Installation form, the municipality and developer will provide written notification to FortisAlberta of the change. Municipalities to provide written correspondence to Nicole Smith – Stakeholder Relations Manager (nicole.smith@fortisalberta.com).

Step 3: In the event that the developer and municipality are unable to resolve the matter between themselves, the developer will provide written correspondence to FortisAlberta setting out:

- ✓ the developer's action taken to date; including the dates/contact information between the developer and the municipality,
- ✓ the specific CRM (Customer Relation Management) request project number(s) and subdivision name(s), and
- ✓ that the developer and municipality disagree on where the Streetlight Refund should be directed.

Step 4: Your Stakeholder Relations Manager will independently contact the municipality to discuss and confirm the municipality's understanding of the Streetlight Refund dispute.

Step 5: If either party states there is a dispute, FortisAlberta will hold the Streetlight Refund for the specific CRM project number(s) provided. FortisAlberta will not issue payment until the AUC has provided their decision.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Smith".

Nicole Smith
Stakeholder Relations Manager

January 31, 2022

Re: Alberta Utilities Commission Notice - Application respecting the refund of the FortisAlberta Inc. streetlight investment

On Oct. 6, 2021, FortisAlberta wrote to you in respect of certain complexities regarding the refund of the streetlight portion of FortisAlberta's Maximum Investment Level. As this is an outstanding issue, FortisAlberta filed an application Dec. 17, 2021, with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), seeking their advice and direction.

To update you on recent developments, the AUC issued a Notice (Proceeding 27067) Jan. 26, in respect to the above noted application. In the Notice, the AUC has directed FortisAlberta to forward this Notice to you. As such, attached please find a copy of the above-mentioned Notice, or a digital copy is available on the AUC website at: <https://efiling-webapi.auc.ab.ca/Document/Get/711543>

Statements of intent to participate in this proceeding must be submitted to the AUC by:
Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.

To access the AUC eFiling System to file a statement of intent, please go to:
<https://www2.auc.ab.ca/layouts/15/auc.efiling.portal/login.aspx>

Please feel free to contact your Stakeholder Relations Manager or myself, should you have any questions or require further information with regards to the Notice.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hunka".

Dave Hunka
Manager, Municipalities, Customer Care & Connections
Enclosure

October 6, 2021

Re: Maximum Investment Level for Rate 31 Street Lighting (Investment Option)

FortisAlberta was recently made aware, through various discussions with both municipalities and developers, of certain complexities regarding the refund of the streetlight portion of the FortisAlberta Maximum Investment Level following installation and energization of the streetlight(s) (the "**Streetlight Refund**"¹).

The intent of this letter is to advise that those complexities only exist in the event that the municipality and the developer do not agree as to which entity receives the Streetlight Refund. It is FortisAlberta's position that the language of our Terms and Conditions, as currently drafted, allows for certain flexibility between the municipality and the developer. Therefore, the municipality and the developer are able to make certain commercial agreements between themselves on either a project-by-project basis, or for a more defined term.

FortisAlberta's current practice, as it relates to the Streetlight Refund, is to require the developer (more typically their engineering consultant) to work with the municipality to complete and submit to FortisAlberta's attention a checklist whereby the municipality directs who is to receive the Streetlight Refund. In the event the parties are unable to agree who receives the Streetlight Refund, FortisAlberta advises that we will defer to the municipality, as the Customer, to elect where the Streetlight Refund is to be directed.

In an effort to avoid any confusion, FortisAlberta further notes that several municipalities have negotiated and state in their development permits, other agreements, understandings, or contracts with developers where the Streetlight Refund is to be directed.

Please feel free to contact your Stakeholder Relations Manager should you have any questions or require further information.

Best regards,



Dave Hunka
Manager Municipalities, Customer Care and Connections

¹ Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms have the meaning ascribed to them in FortisAlberta's Customer Terms and Conditions of Electric Distribution Service (the "**Terms and Conditions**").



BEFORE THE ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION ACT*,
SA 2007, C A-37.2;**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE *ELECTRIC UTILITIES ACT*, SA 2003, C
E-5.1;**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF an application for advice and direction
respecting the refund of the FortisAlberta streetlight investment.**

APPLICATION OF FORTISALBERTA INC.

DECEMBER 17, 2021

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1.0 PURPOSE OF APPLICATION AND RELIEF REQUESTED

1. FortisAlberta Inc.'s (FortisAlberta or the Company) Customer Terms and Conditions of Electric Distribution Service (T&Cs)¹ govern the Company's relationships with its customers, including subdivision developers, that request a service connection to FortisAlberta's electric distribution system or other services.

2. Subdivision developers work with FortisAlberta to facilitate new service connections to each proposed lot and the installation of street lights within a subdivision. Pursuant to Table 1 of the Customer Contributions Schedules, which form part of the T&Cs, FortisAlberta invests in these new services and street lights. The FortisAlberta investment is designed to provide a reasonable level of investment to customers to offset the cost of new or upgraded distribution service facilities. Typically, the FortisAlberta investment is applied upfront to offset a portion of the contribution required from the customer. In new residential subdivisions, however, the subdivision developer is initially responsible for the total cost of each point of service within the subdivision, as these points of service may not be connected for a period of time. The FortisAlberta investment is then paid to the applicable party on an annual basis for those services that have been connected. In the case of street lighting, the FortisAlberta investment is paid (i.e. refunded) either to the subdivision developer or to the applicable municipality.

3. The approved language in the T&Cs regarding street light investment provides flexibility between the municipality and the developer to enter into commercial agreements regarding who receives the FortisAlberta investment. Accordingly, it has been FortisAlberta's practice to require the developer or their consultant to work with the municipality to submit documentation whereby the parties direct FortisAlberta in relation to who is to receive the street light investment. This practice has been in place for many years without issue. However, in June 2021, FortisAlberta began receiving requests from developers for street light investments where it has been asserted that no agreement was reached between the developer and municipality regarding the street light investment and, as such, the T&Cs require that the street light investment be paid to the developers. In contrast, municipalities have directed FortisAlberta to

¹ FortisAlberta Customer Terms and Conditions of Electric Distribution Service effective January 1, 2021 (approved in AUC Decision 25843-D01-2020). Where capitalized terms are used in this application but not defined, they have the meaning ascribed to them in the T&Cs.

provide the street light investment to the municipality. As a result of these differing positions, FortisAlberta is seeking the Commission's advice and direction prior to the issuance of any further street light investment payments where the developer and municipality are in dispute.

4. Given that the developers and municipalities have been unable to resolve this issue as between themselves, and as the timely resolution of this issue has been expressed to be of significant importance to developers and municipalities, FortisAlberta hereby requests the Commission's advice and direction on the issue of to whom the street light investment should be paid in the event of a dispute between a developer and a municipality regarding whether an agreement has been reached. In particular, pursuant to section 8 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*², FortisAlberta respectfully requests that the Commission commence a proceeding to consider the submissions of all interested parties on this matter.

5. FortisAlberta's interest in this Proceeding is limited in scope to determining which party, on a prospective basis, should receive the street light investment in the event that the municipality and developer disagree on where the street light investment should be directed. As FortisAlberta is not privy to agreements between developers and municipalities, and no disputes were identified to the Company prior to June 2021, FortisAlberta would not have the ability to investigate and retroactively apply the Commission's advice and direction to street light investments paid prior to being put on notice of the dispute.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Terms and Conditions

6. The applicable sections of the T&Cs regarding street light investment were initially proposed by FortisAlberta as part of its 2006/2007 Tariff Application.³ These provisions were proposed to provide clarity on whether the developer or the municipality should receive FortisAlberta's investment upon energization. At that time, FortisAlberta stated that in the case of residential

² SA 2007, c A-37.2.

³ Proceeding 15136, Exhibit 001-45 FortisAlberta 2006-2007 Application – Customer T&Cs (December 19, 2005).

subdivisions, the Company's investment should be paid to the developer. The Company, however, noted that street lights are an exception and the investment pertaining to street lights may be paid to the municipality, if permission to do so is explicitly expressed to FortisAlberta by way of an agreement between the developer and municipality that assigns the proceeds to the municipality.⁴ In response to an information request, regarding to whom the Company would make the refund with respect to street lights if there was no agreement,⁵ FortisAlberta stated:

It is FortisAlberta's expectation that issues surrounding all financial consideration between the Municipality and developer are covered off in an agreement between the two parties. FortisAlberta's obligation is to the party that originally paid the total cost of the facilities. The refund for street lights would be paid to the Municipality if FortisAlberta receives acknowledgement from both the developer and the Municipality.⁶

[Emphasis added]

7. The T&Cs, including the revisions regarding street lights, were the subject of a negotiated settlement, which was ultimately approved by the Commission's predecessor, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, in Decision 2006-063. The revised T&Cs became effective on January 1, 2007.

8. FortisAlberta's T&Cs regarding street light investment have remained largely unchanged since January 1, 2007. The applicable provisions are currently contained in sections 7.2.1 and 7.2.3 of the T&Cs and are reproduced below for ease of reference.

7.2.1 Customer Distribution Contribution

A Customer requesting a Service Connection may be required to make a contribution, calculated as follows:

$$\text{Customer Distribution Contribution} = \text{Customer Extension Costs} \pm \text{Customer Shared Costs} - \text{FortisAlberta Investment}$$

Customer Extension Costs include the cost of local Facilities required to extend Standard Service for the sole use of the individual Customer.

Customer Shared Costs are determined as follows:

⁴ Proceeding 15136, Exhibit 001-49 Section 7.5 - Terms and Conditions (December 19, 2005), pages 232-233.

⁵ Proceeding 15136, Exhibit 096 FIRM Information Request No.1 to FAI (1 – 161) – Feb 28, 06 (March 1, 2006), page 304.

⁶ Proceeding 15136, Exhibit 171 FIRM-FAI-001-161 Fortis IR Responses (March 22, 2006), page 304.

(a) For rural residential subdivisions, Customer Shared Costs are calculated based on the costs of the Facilities divided by the number of lots served.

(b) For irrigation and rural Points of Service with Expected Peak Demand less than 100 kW not covered in (a), Customer Shared Costs are calculated as Prepaid Line Share, based on the formulae shown in Table 3 of the Customer Contribution Schedules. Prepaid Line Share amounts are not refundable.

(c) For Points of Service with Expected Peak Demand greater than or equal to 100 kW, the Customer Shared Costs include:

- i. a portion of the cost of the new or existing shared Facilities. The Customer portion is determined based on the Customer's Load relative to the total Load supplied by the shared Facilities; and
- ii. the cost of system upgrades attributed to the Customer's Load.

In a new residential subdivision, since some Points of Service may not be occupied and connected immediately, the Subdivision Developer is initially responsible for the full Customer Extension Costs and Customer Shared Costs for each Point of Service. The FortisAlberta Investment is paid to the Developer, or in the case of street lights, the Municipality, as each Point of Service is connected, as described in Section 7.2.3.

[Emphasis added]

7.2.3 Refunds of Customer Contributions

Customer Distribution Contributions may be refundable for a period of 10 years. Refunds are applicable in the following situations:

(a) Customers not subject to Prepaid Line Share (see Table 3 of the Customer Contribution Schedules) may receive a refund based on the proportion of the costs of the shared extension that are used by the new loads relative to the total Load supplied by the shared extension. Refunds, in whole or in part, are made without interest to the current Customer at the Point of Service on an annual basis;

(b) Customers at an existing Point of Service where a Customer Distribution Contribution was paid may receive a refund when an Electric Service Agreement with an increased Contract Minimum Demand is executed, as described in Section 7.3.2; or

(c) in a residential subdivision, where the developer initially paid the total cost of the Facilities within the subdivision, applicable refunds are reviewed annually and made in accordance with the amounts set out in Table 1 of the Customer Contributions Schedules, for each residence that is connected and taking service within 10 years following the date of payment, to the current developer (or in the case of street lights, to the Municipality if so directed by an agreement between the developer and the Municipality, provided also that such agreement is communicated to FortisAlberta prior to any payment by FortisAlberta), without interest.

Under no circumstances shall the refund payable by FortisAlberta exceed the Customer's Distribution Contribution.

Customer Transmission Contributions may be refunded, without interest, to a Customer in whole or in part, if FortisAlberta receives a refund of Transmission Costs from the Independent System Operator, which can be attributed to the Customer.

[Emphasis added]

9. As further discussed below, FortisAlberta has historically sought confirmation regarding where to direct the street light investment as part of its Underground Electrical Distribution System (UEDS) Turnkey process.

2.2 UEDES Turnkey Process

10. FortisAlberta's UEDES Turnkey process allows developers of a new subdivision to obtain all electrical facilities, including street lights, under one contract with FortisAlberta. Pursuant to this process, FortisAlberta completes all work outside the boundaries of the subdivision while developers manage the installation of electrical facilities within their property. During the first phase of the UEDES Turnkey process, the developer is required to provide FortisAlberta with a signed copy of the Company's quote letter and the UEDES Agreement. Section 10.3 of FortisAlberta's UEDES Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A, states that unless the applicable municipal authority directs otherwise, the FortisAlberta investment amount for street lights shall be paid to the municipal authority. For ease of reference, section 10.3 of the UEDES Agreement is reproduced below:

10.3 Where applicable, FortisAlberta shall, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, during the Investment Payment Period, pay to the applicable municipal authority a portion of the Investment Amount for each streetlight fixture that is connected to and taking service from the Distribution System, unless the applicable municipal authority directs otherwise, in which case the streetlight portion of the Investment Amount shall be paid as directed by the applicable municipal authority.

[Emphasis added]

11. FortisAlberta's standard quote letter for UEDES, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B, also states that "[t]he streetlight investment will be payable as directed by the applicable municipal authority". During the third phase of the UEDES Turnkey process, FortisAlberta reviews the

applicable municipal approvals which are provided to the Company by the developer. As part of the municipal approval process, the municipality completes the Municipal Approval for Electric Facilities Installation form, a copy of which is attached as Appendix C. This form requires the municipality to confirm where FortisAlberta should direct the street lighting investment.

12. Historically, FortisAlberta has relied on the executed UEDS Agreement and quote letter agreed to by developers, and the Municipal Approval for Electrical Facilities Installation issued by municipalities, as confirmation from both developers and municipalities regarding where to direct the street light investment.

3.0 DEVELOPERS DISPUTE PRESENCE OF AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPALITIES

13. Starting in June 2021, a number of developers informed FortisAlberta that they did not have an agreement with municipalities and therefore, pursuant to section 7.2.3 of the T&Cs, the street light investment should be refunded to the developers.
14. In June 2021, FortisAlberta and Melcor Developments Ltd. (Melcor) had discussions regarding the payment of the street lighting refund in Melcor's subdivisions. Despite the presence of the UEDS Agreement, quote letter and Municipal Approval for Electric Facilities Installation form, which confirmed that the street light investment for Melcor's subdivisions should be paid as directed by the municipality, Melcor asserted that there is no agreement between it and the City of Airdrie. Melcor formally communicated its position in a June 16, 2021 letter to the City of Airdrie which was subsequently provided to FortisAlberta. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix D. The City of Airdrie responded to Melcor in a July 21, 2021 letter, which stated that the City of Airdrie considers that an agreement between developers and the municipality is in place as the City of Airdrie had collaborated with development industry partners in 2007, reaching a consensus that made the municipality eligible to receive the street light investment from FortisAlberta. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix E.
15. As FortisAlberta considers this a private law contractual issue that is best resolved between the municipalities and the developers, FortisAlberta encouraged these parties to come to a resolution

and subsequently inform the Company on where to direct the street light investment in accordance with the Commission-approved T&Cs. However, to FortisAlberta's understanding, the City of Airdrie and Melcor were ultimately unable to resolve the matter.

16. In August 2021, La Vita Land Inc. (La Vita Land) informed FortisAlberta that there is no agreement between it and the Town of Cochrane for three subdivision developments. Accordingly, La Vita Land requested that FortisAlberta direct any street light refunds to it as the developer. FortisAlberta subsequently informed La Vita Land that the Town of Cochrane had completed the Municipal Approval for Electric Facilities Installation form, which indicated that the street light refund should be directed to the municipality for the three developments. The UEDS Agreement and quote letter for La Vita Land's developments also confirm that the street light investment is to be paid in accordance with the direction provided by municipality. In light of the discrepancy between La Vita Land's position and the documentation provided to FortisAlberta, the Company encouraged the parties to resolve the matter between themselves. It is FortisAlberta's understanding that no resolution has been reached.
17. As a result of the concerns expressed by the developers, on October 6, 2021, FortisAlberta sent a letter attached as Appendix F, to municipalities and developers in the Company's service area to clarify its current practice regarding street light investment, which has historically been underpinned by agreements being demonstrated between the developers and municipalities. In its correspondence, FortisAlberta noted in the event the parties are unable to agree who receives the street light refund, the Company intended to defer to the municipality to elect where the refund is to be directed.
18. On October 14, 2021, Melcor, Anthem United and Qualico Communities (the Developers) sent a letter responding to FortisAlberta. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix G. The Developers asserted that the only reasonable interpretation of section 7.2.3 of the T&Cs is that "absent an agreement between the municipality and the developer directing the Streetlight Refund to be remitted to the municipality, the Streetlight Refund will be remitted to the developer." The Developers also stated that "[w]hile the municipality may ultimately become the "Customer" that is required to pay rates under Rate 31, it is the developer that is responsible for

the initial costs of installing streetlights and therefore ought to be entitled to the Streetlight Refund (absent an agreement otherwise between the developer and the municipality)”.

19. As it has become clear this issue is not likely to be resolved through further communication with the developers and municipalities, on October 21, 2021, FortisAlberta sent a letter to the Developers stating that the Company will be seeking the advice and direction of the Commission regarding the appropriate interpretation of the T&Cs. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix H.

4.0 RELIEF REQUESTED

20. As this issue has already been discussed between FortisAlberta and impacted stakeholders and it is clear that the guidance of the Commission would be of assistance to resolve this issue, FortisAlberta is seeking the Commission’s advice and direction. Consistent with the foregoing, FortisAlberta requests that the Commission commence a proceeding to consider the submissions of interested parties on this matter.
21. FortisAlberta notes that since becoming aware of this issue in June 2021, the Company has not issued refunds for the subdivision developments of Anthem United, La Vita Land, Melcor and Qualico Communities. The Company intends to direct these street light investments, as well as any future street light investments, to the appropriate party on a prospective basis in accordance with the Commission’s advice and direction.
22. Communications in respect of this Application should be made with:

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All of which is respectfully submitted by FortisAlberta Inc. this 17th day of December 2021:

“Original Signed by”

Todd Dettling
Vice President, Customer and Stakeholder Engagement

13.dd



February 09, 2022

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Attention: Kathy Skwarchuk, Chief Administrative Officer

RE: 2022 Municipal Requisition

Dear Kathy;

**PLEASANT VIEW
LODGE**
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Please accept this letter as formal communication regarding the approved 2022 Municipal Requisition amounts for your Community.

As per the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation Municipal Requisition Policy;

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The municipalities for which the organization provides supportive living accommodation shall be requisitioned annually based on the current year's approved budget. The total requisition shall be shared on the basis of the proportion that a municipality's equalized assessment bears to the total of the equalized assessments of all the municipalities to be requisitioned. Payments shall be made in quarterly installments the 1st banking day of January, April, July and October. Contributing Municipalities with total requisition in the annual amount less than \$20,000 shall pay on the 1st banking day of July. January quarterly payments will be equal to the previous year's quarterly payment. By April 1st the current year Equalized Assessment and approved current year's operating/capital deficit will be calculated and a balancing invoice will be issued.

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Yours truly,


Dena Krysik
Chief Administrative Officer

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Calvin Lechelt <clechelt@mccac.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2022 10:59 AM
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Subject: The Electric Vehicle Charging Program is now open!

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**Municipal
Climate Change
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Hi Kathy,

I'm thrilled to share that yesterday, Minister of Natural Resources, Jonathan Wilkinson announced that the Action Centre will be one of Natural Resources Canada's local partners to deliver the **Electric Vehicle Charging Program**.

Together with matching funding from the Government of Alberta, the Action Centre is providing over **\$3 million in rebates** for municipalities to build charging infrastructure across the province.

Now is the time to put your community on the EV charging map!

Please join me and learn more about the program by attending our information webinar on Feb. 3 at 9:30 a.m. Register early to secure your spot.

Please RSVP

About the program



The Electric Vehicle Charging Program supports municipalities installing new EV charging stations in public places, on-street locations, municipal property and for municipal vehicle fleets. Our team will help guide you to the right charging station for your community's needs.

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If you have any questions, simply respond to this email and I will be in touch shortly.

Thank you,

Calvin Lechelt, Program Lead, Energy Efficiency



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REBATES FOR MUNICIPALITIES

The Electric Vehicle Charging Program supports municipalities installing new EV charging stations in public places, on-street locations, municipal property and for municipal vehicle fleets. Our team can help guide you purchase the right charging station for your community's needs.

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Electrify local tourism: With growing consumer demand for electric vehicles, forward-thinking municipalities are looking for ways to welcome EV drivers. Adding a fast charging station to the map will attract electric vehicle owners to shop, eat and stay in your community.

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Demonstrate your commitment to future growth: Around 12% of Canada's climate pollution comes from cars and trucks burning fossil fuels. Switching to electric vehicles demonstrates your community's



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EVS?

Download our [EV Knowledge Guide](#) to learn about the electric vehicle market, regulatory environment, technological offerings, and more.

Use our [EV Savings Calculator](#) to see how much you can save from the lower maintenance and fuel costs associated with electric vehicles.

Tip: Access funding for electric vehicles for your municipal fleet with the [Electric Vehicles for Municipalities Program](#).

Get started

- [Submit an Expression of Interest](#)
- [Application Form](#)
- [EV Charging Program Guidebook](#)

The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre helps municipalities across Alberta lower energy costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve community resilience. Improve your community's overall energy efficiency and save money for years to come.

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Colin Buschman <cbuschman@npf-fpn.com>
Sent: February 9, 2022 5:45 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Letter to Alberta Beach re GoA Consultations
Attachments: NPF to Alberta Beach re GoA Consultations.pdf

This email was sent on behalf of NPF President, Brian Sauvé

Dear Mayor Love and Alberta Beach Council,

On behalf of the National Police Federation (NPF) and its Members, please find attached a letter regarding our Keep Alberta RCMP Community Engagement Tour and the growing concerns around the Government of Alberta's closed door APPS sessions. Albertans deserve answers to their questions and to understand why the government is proceeding with this unwanted idea. If you have recently attended one of the GoA's APPS presentations and would like to share any of your thoughts and feedback with us, we would appreciate hearing it and being able to pass it along.

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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February 9, 2022

His Worship Bud Love
Mayor of Alberta Beach
Email: aboffice@albertabeach.com

Dear Mayor Love and Alberta Beach Council,

As you might be aware, in January, the National Police Federation (NPF) launched the KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour to provide information and listen to Albertans about the provincial government's unpopular and wasteful plan to transition to a new provincial police service.

We are now just over half-way through our scheduled Community Engagement Tour, having completed three rounds of in-person events and three online sessions. We have visited twenty-two municipalities from Pincher Creek to Fort McMurray and met with hundreds of Albertans from all walks of life. From all these meetings, one thing is clear - Albertans want answers from their government and do not support this transition.

The Government of Alberta (GoA) has committed to making a decision about the future of the RCMP in Alberta this spring. However, the pressing concern that remains top of mind for the public is the limited options available to them to hear the government's presentation and have their questions answered. The GoA's sessions that are currently happening are only open to invited participants from municipal governments, and not to the general public or other groups, and we understand that even then, there are many questions the Alberta Justice team cannot answer.

If you have recently attended one of the GoA's APPS presentations and would like to share any of your thoughts and feedback with us, we would appreciate hearing it and being able to pass it along. This will allow us to let the public know what information is available to them through you, their elected officials. Albertans deserve answers to their questions and to understand why the government is proceeding with this unwanted idea.

A special thank you to all of you who have come out to our sessions so far, it has been great to talk with you about what this proposed transition might mean for your communities. If you have not yet attended one of our KeepAlbertaRCMP sessions, we still have a number of in-person and virtual sessions which can be found here: <https://www.keepalbertarcmp.ca/communityengagementtour>. Unlike the GoA, our presentations are open to all. Please feel free to send this link to anyone you think may be interested in attending.

Sincerely,

Brian Sauv 
President

Michelle Boutin
Vice-President

Kevin R. Halwa
Director, Prairie/North Region

Jeff McGowan
Director, Prairie/North Region

Community Engagement Tour

We want to hear from you - please join us! The KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour is coming to a municipality near you.

Please note events will follow provincial COVID-19 health and safety restrictions, including vaccine and mask requirements.

Send a letter to the Alberta Government to voice your concerns and to receive an alert when the next round of engagement sessions are confirmed and available for registration.

Location	Event date	Registration link
Leduc	February 14, 2022	Register here
Ponoka	February 14, 2022	Register here
Camrose	February 15, 2022	Register here
Wainwright	February 15, 2022	Register here
Vermilion	February 16, 2022	Register here
Bonnyville	February 16, 2022	Register here
Smoky Lake	February 17, 2022	Register here
Edmonton	February 17, 2022	Register here
Drayton Valley	February 18, 2022	Register here
Edson	February 28, 2022	Register here

Whitecourt	February 20, 2022	Register here
Valleyview	March 1, 2022	Register here
Grande Prairie	March 1, 2022	Register here
High Level	March 2, 2022	Register here
Peace River	March 3, 2022	Register here
Virtual session	March 3, 2022	Register here
Slave Lake	March 4, 2022	Register here
Virtual session	March 9, 2022	Register here

*Events may be rescheduled due to evolving COVID-19 restrictions. Every effort will be made to notify registrants of changes.

Past Events

- Sherwood Park - January 6, 2022
- Fort Saskatchewan - January 6, 2022
- St. Albert - January 7, 2022
- Stony Plain - January 7, 2022
- Westlock - January 10, 2022
- Athabasca - January 10, 2022
- Fort McMurray - January 11, 2022
- Okotoks - January 18, 2022
- Claresholm - January 18, 2022
- Pincher Creek - January 19, 2022
- Lethbridge - January 19, 2022
- Medicine Hat - January 20, 2022
- Brooks - January 20, 2022
- Strathmore - January 21, 2022
- Virtual session - January 26, 2022
- Virtual session - January 27, 2022
- Red Deer - January 31, 2022
- Rocky Mountain House - January 31, 2022
- Stettler - February 1, 2022
- Hanna - February 1, 2022
- Drumheller - February 2, 2022
- Olds - February 2, 2022
- Airdrie - February 3, 2022
- Calgary - February 3, 2022

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: NSWA <water@nswa.ab.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Jim
Subject: What's new in 2022? 📧

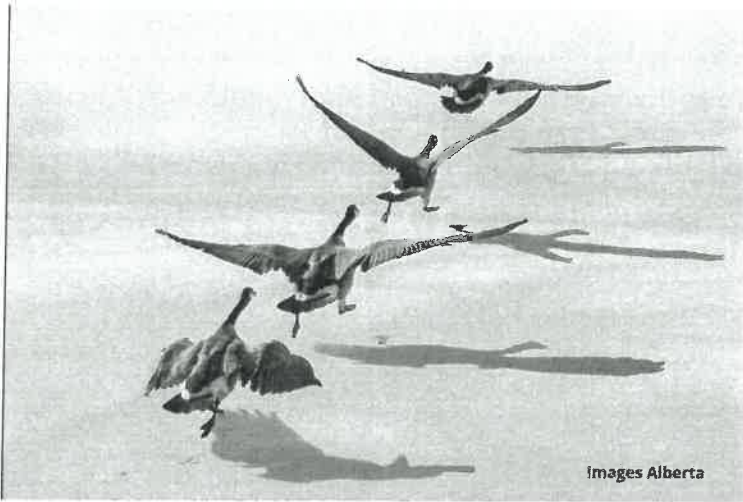
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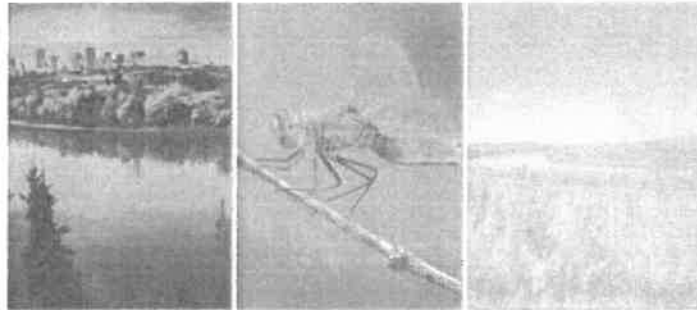
IN STREAM NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2022



As 2022 begins, NSWA is already planning for events, river trips, webinars and more! We would love to have you join us on our watershed journeys. Take a look at some of our upcoming events and stay tuned for more to come. If you know of others who would be interested in our watershed news please share this newsletter - you can sign up for our newsletter at www.nswa.ab.ca

WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS RETURN

Watershed Wednesdays Speaker Series 2022



Our online **Watershed Wednesdays Speaker Series** will return for 2022. These are held Wednesdays in February, March and April, from noon to 1 p.m. on Zoom. The topics you requested in our recent survey are featured:

February 2 - Climate Change Effects on the Watershed

Dr. David Sauchyn - University of Regina - *Variability and Change in the Hydroclimate of the North Saskatchewan River Basin*

Dr. Pascal Badiou - Ducks Unlimited Canada - *The Effects of Climate Change on Wetlands*

March 2 - An Introduction to Watershed Management in Alberta

April 13th - Updates on Invasive Species

Register for these online webinars on Eventbrite:

REGISTRATION

JOIN THE NSWA TEAM!



Apply to join the NSWA team! NSWA has received new funding and is looking for two new enthusiastic people to join our team as full time Watershed Planning Coordinators.

The positions require excellent communications skills, experience with collaborative partnerships and knowledge of watershed science.

Please share this opportunity with people in your network who may be interested. For more information about the positions and how to apply please go to our website.

APPLY NOW

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP GRANTS - APPLY NOW!!



Attention Watershed Stewardship groups!

The application for funding from the **Land Stewardship Center** is open. This program is made possible by funding from **Alberta Environment and Parks**. Since 2006, over 180 groups have received funding for a variety of projects.

The deadline for 2022 applications is February 14th. For more information check out the link below:

Watershed Stewardship Grants

CELEBRATE WORLD WETLANDS DAY - FEBRUARY 2



The United Nations has officially declared February 2 as World Wetlands Day. The NSWA is working together with municipalities, non-profits, and the Government of Alberta to restore, conserve, and enhance wetlands within the NSR watershed. NSWA is working with these partners to develop a strategy that will align municipal policies and plans, provide greater capacity to complete successful wetland restoration projects.

NSWA WETLAND STRATEGY



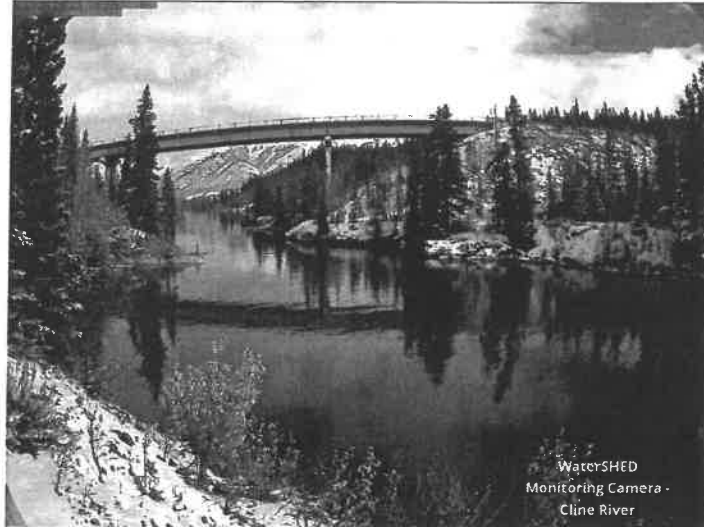
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ENGAGEMENT AND SURVEY

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) will be hosting a series of public engagement sessions this month regarding **fisheries management and proposed regulatory changes**. For more information on webinars, recordings of the webinars and a survey please check the link below.

Don't forget that February 19 – 21 is Family Fishing Weekend in Alberta.

Fisheries Information

WaterSHED DATA NOW ON DATASTREAM



The **WaterSHED Monitoring program** is a unique partnership between Alberta Environment and Parks, EPCOR, the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance and the City of Edmonton.

This is the North Saskatchewan River's most comprehensive river monitoring program. It encompasses 19 monitoring stations, from the headwaters of the North Saskatchewan River to the Saskatchewan Border.

This program improves data collection both upstream and downstream of Edmonton, allowing all partners to make informed decisions for protecting and preserving water in the North Saskatchewan River.

Two years of data collected from the monitoring stations across the watershed is now available on the **DataStream** website!

[WaterSHED Data on DataStream](#)

CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS CONTEST

Are you in Grades 7 to 12?

Compete to win \$1,000 cash!

Submit a proposal that answers the question:

“What can you do to improve your watershed?”

- Research your local watershed and come up with a solution to an environmental concern
- Finalists present their idea to win cash rewards
- Nearly \$20,000 will be awarded to students and schools who participate
- Funding is also available to help implement student ideas

Alberta contest deadlines:

March 22, 2022–Contest Entry Deadline

April 23, 2022–Final Competition



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For more information visit

CaringForOurWatersheds.com

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Teachers and students in grades 7 - 12 - here is a great opportunity to join in a watershed contest and earn prizes ...and come up with water solutions! For more information on the Caring for our Watersheds program and how to start a project go to the BRWA website.

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).



APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH
MARCH 2022 ▼
www.lamontcounty.ca



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



2022 Groundwater

SAVE THE DATE!
MARCH 22, 2022
WORLD WATER DAY
1 to 3 PM

Alberta WPACs present "Groundwater: Making the Invisible, Visible" - an event celebrating World Water Day. Featuring speakers and a panel discussion on groundwater. Stay tuned for more information - register on Eventbrite.

WORLD WATER DAY

RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL WORKSHOPS

The graphic features a background image of a river with a power button icon overlaid. The text 'RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL' is centered over the icon. Below this, the title 'RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING' is displayed. The main text describes the target audience (Planners and Project Managers) and the goal (getting background and skills to use the data). Two workshop options are listed: '101: Dive into the Riparian Data: Our Intactness Project' on Thursday, March 3rd, 1:30pm, and '102: Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal' on Friday, March 4th, 1:30pm. A note states that all workshops are offered at no cost via Zoom and that attendees must complete the 101 workshop before the 102. The registration link is provided at the bottom.

RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL

RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING

Planners and Project Managers in government, agriculture, & ENGO;
Get the background and skills you need to use the data and
contribute your riparian projects to this exciting new resource.

101: Dive into the Riparian Data: Our Intactness Project
Thurs. March 3rd, 1:30pm

102: Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal
Friday March 4th, 1:30pm

All Workshops are offered at no cost, via Zoom.
Attendees must complete the 101 workshop before 102.
Register at [battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/organizers/battleriverwatershed)

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.

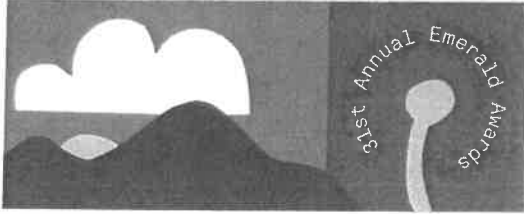
Topics will include:

- 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:

[Riparian Workshop Registration](#)



Nominations open for the 2022 Emerald Awards

Nominations are now open for the 31st Annual Emerald Awards. For more information on how you can submit your nomination check out the Emerald Awards website.

The Emerald Award Documentary Series showcases projects from award winners from past years, including the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance! These inspiring videos are posted on the Emerald Awards website.

EMERALD AWARDS

MEET OUR NSWA BOARD MEMBERS



Our featured NSWA Board member for January is **Ian Kwantes**.

He is the planning manager for Weyerhaeuser Pembina. This includes working with the manufacturing facilities, Government of Alberta and stakeholders for the strategic decisions around forest management in the Pembina forest management area, which includes a considerable portion of the green zone of the NSR watershed.

What is one of your favorite spots in the watershed and why?

"I love being up on the edge of the watershed- sitting at the Cardinal Divide (see pic) and thinking about the big picture: our individual contributions, and the connectivity between all these people and places and nothing illustrates that like looking across the whole expanse."

Any interesting hobbies that you would like to share?

"I enjoy hunting, hiking, biking and encouraging my kids to join me as often as possible."

About NSWA:

"I am new to the program, but it comes highly recommended and I'm happy to learn and contribute as much as possible."

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The **Land Stewardship Center** has published a new online [Stewardship Directory](#) as well as a new [Green Communities Guide](#). Check their website for upcoming [webinars on watershed stewardship](#) and for more information.

Plan to attend [Cows and Fish 30th Anniversary Showcase](#) on January 31 from 7 pm - 9 pm MST. Celebrate their awesome work across Alberta!

Athabasca Watershed Council has a number of [videos](#) about watershed health and some interesting events coming up.

The **Wetland Knowledge Exchange** is offering a webinar on February 16th. Kelly Bona and Kara Webster will be discussing the Canadian model for peatlands (CaMP). Registration for this free webinar can be found [here](#).

A recent article featuring Dr. David Sauchyn was published in the Western Producer; ***"Prairie precipitation predictions: the right amounts at the wrong times"***.

Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) is presenting a workshop in partnership with Rural Routes to Climate Solutions (RR2CS) which will explore the role agroforestry plays in erosion control, with particular focus on the Albertan landscape. Register [here](#).

People from local government, researchers, policy makers and educators rely on [Municipal Natural Assets Initiative](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest in measuring, managing and valuing of natural assets. Subscribe to their newsletter for more information.

Ducks Unlimited has published a new **Alberta Wetland Classification Field Guide**. You can [download an updated copy](#) or purchase a copy [here](#).

Check out the **NSWA DISCOVERS** section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning for your family.



SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

The NSWA accepts donations through the **ATB Cares** program which matches 15% of every dollar donated to Alberta-based charities through their [ATB Cares Web Portal](#). It is easy to use and automatically issues a charitable tax receipt for donations \$10 and over.

For more information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



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Learning for life. Together.

January 20, 2022

The Board of Northern Gateway Public Schools would like to invite you to attend with us the Alberta Rural Education Symposium taking place on March 6-8. This year's symposium is themed as *Flourishing Rural School Communities: Learning and leading through appreciative inquiry* and will have series of speakers including Education Minister Adriana LaGrange and Dr. Sabre Cherkowski from the Okanagan School of Education who will present research on organizational wellbeing in unprecedented times.

Registration and further information can be found at albertaruraleducation.ca. Please let our coordinator Michelle McMichael (michelle.mcmichael@ngps.ca) know if your organization is attending so we can include you on our information list for this event.

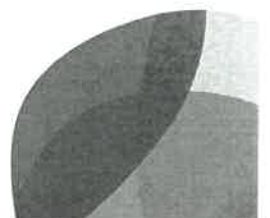
We look forward to our discussion and hearing your perspective at the symposium.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bird

Superintendent
Northern Gateway Public Schools

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From: Statistics Canada / Statistique Canada <statcan.census-recensement.statcan@canada.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2022 9:50 AM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Findings from the 2021 Census are coming soon! / Les résultats du Recensement de 2021 arrivent bientôt!

(la version française suit)

Hello,

Thank you for your unwavering support which enabled us to achieve an overall collection response rate of 98.0% for the 2021 Census.

I am writing to let you know that Statistics Canada will start releasing 2021 Census data on February 9, 2022, with subsequent releases throughout the year. These data are key to telling Canada’s story and tracking how the country has changed and continues to grow. They will help your municipality make informed decisions and plan for schools, daycare services, housing, hospitals, emergency services, roads, public transportation and employment skills training.

The first census release, on February 9, 2022, will explore how population growth and international and internal migration patterns have changed the fabric of Canada’s provinces and territories, as well as its cities, towns and rural areas. This release will show their evolution since 2016 and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Subsequent releases throughout 2022 will focus on Canada’s shifting demographic profile; families and households; military experience; income; linguistic diversity; First Nations people, Métis and Inuit; housing; citizenship and immigration; the ethnocultural and religious composition of the population; education; and the labour force. For more information about data release topics and timelines, visit the [2021 Census dissemination planning](#) web page.

I would appreciate your help in spreading the word. To make it easier to share this information with your networks, we created the [Community Supporter Toolkit](#), which brings together web images, email templates, social media content, articles and newsletter content in one convenient location.

We will also soon have a mobile application to provide you with our latest statistical news throughout the day. The **StatsCAN** app will be available for download in the Apple and Google app stores in time for the first 2021 Census release.

If you have any questions, please contact Census Communications at statcan.census-recensement.statcan@statcan.gc.ca.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that you have the information you need for each data release.

Sincerely,

Anil Arora
Chief Statistician of Canada
Statistics Canada / Government of Canada

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Statistics Canada / Statistique Canada <statcan.census-recensement.statcan@canada.ca>
Sent: February 9, 2022 12:48 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: The 2021 Census data are here! Discover the latest population and dwelling counts/ Les données du Recensement de 2021 sont arrivées! Venez découvrir les plus récents chiffres de population et des logements

(la version française suit)

Hello,

Thanks to the steadfast support of all Canadians, Statistics Canada is proud to reveal our many rich stories and present "Your census, your stories: Canada's portrait." The first release of findings from the 2021 Census is now available online at www.statcan.gc.ca/census. The data provide overall population and dwelling counts that are vital to understanding how population growth and international and internal migration patterns have changed the fabric of Canada's provinces and territories, as well as its cities, towns and rural areas.

Canada's population grew at almost twice the pace of every other G7 country from 2016 to 2021, bringing our population to a total of 36,991,981 people. Approximately 1.8 million more people called Canada home in 2021 compared with five years earlier, with most of that growth attributable to new arrivals from around the world. Canada's population growth was however slowed down with the onset of the pandemic. Municipalities benefit from community-level census data when making important urban and rural planning decisions. For example, population counts and dwelling occupancy status can help municipalities budget for new community services and infrastructure.

The next release, on April 27, 2022, will look at the pace of population aging and showcase Canada's oldest and youngest communities. For the first time, we will release census information about gender identity in Canada. For more information about subsequent data release topics and timelines, visit the [2021 Census dissemination planning](#) web page.

Looking for a new way to access census data? Try our newest mobile app! [StatsCAN](#) is now available for download in the Apple and Google app stores.

Please help spread the news about the first release through your networks! Our [Community Supporter Toolkit](#) brings together web images, email templates, social media content, articles and newsletter content in one convenient location to help you share information about each data release.

You can also let us know how you are benefitting from census data: join the conversation by using our official #2021Census hashtag on your social media platforms.

If you have any questions, please contact Census Communications at: statcan.census-recensement.statcan@statcan.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Anil Arora
Chief Statistician of Canada
Statistics Canada / Government of Canada



Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population

Data table

Alberta Beach, Village (VL) ⓘ Alberta [Census subdivision]

Counts

Characteristic

Total

Population and dwellings

Population, 2021 ¹	864
Population, 2016 ¹	1,018
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	- 15.1
Total private dwellings ²	743
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ³	417
Population density per square kilometre	427.7
Land area in square kilometres	2.02

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.

How to cite: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). *Census Profile*. 2021 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. (number) 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released February 9, 2022.

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Note(s):

Footnote 1

2021 and 2016 population

Statistics Canada is committed to protect the privacy of all Canadians and the confidentiality of the data they provide to us. As part of this commitment, some population counts of geographic areas are adjusted in order to ensure confidentiality.

The adjustment to counts of the total population for any dissemination block is controlled to ensure that the population counts for dissemination areas will always be within 5 of the actual values. The adjustment has no impact on the population counts of census divisions and large census subdivisions.

Footnote 2

Total private dwellings

Private dwelling refers to a separate set of living quarters with a private entrance either from outside the building or from a common hall, lobby, vestibule or stairway inside the building. The entrance to the dwelling must be one that can be used without passing through the living quarters of some other person or group of persons.

Footnote 3

Private dwellings occupied by usual residents

A private dwelling occupied by usual residents refers to a private dwelling in which a person or a group of persons is permanently residing. Also included are private dwellings whose usual residents are temporarily absent on May 11, 2021.

Date modified:

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From: Chris Pinault <CPinault@gibbons.ca>
Sent: February 2, 2022 3:52 PM
To: premier@gov.ab.ca; minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca; Morinville.StAlbert@assembly.ab.ca; Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca; GrandePrairie@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Cross@assembly.ab.ca; FortSaskatchewan.Vegreville@assembly.ab.ca; Cypress.MedicineHat@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.BeverlyClareview@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.WestHenday@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Buffalo@assembly.ab.ca; OldsDidsbury.ThreeHills@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Varsity@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.McClung@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.South@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Meadows@assembly.ab.ca; Innisfail.SylvanLake@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Northwest@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.West@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Rutherford@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Peigan@assembly.ab.ca; Brooks.MedicineHat@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.MountainView@assembly.ab.ca; LacSteAnne.Parkland@assembly.ab.ca; Strathcona.Sherwoodpark@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Castledowns@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.FishCreek@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Millwoods@assembly.ab.ca; Airdrie.Cochrane@assembly.ab.ca; Bonnyville.ColdLake.StPaul@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Glenora@assembly.ab.ca; Drumheller.Stettler@assembly.ab.ca; Taber.Warner@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.HighlandsNorwood@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Glenmore@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.SouthEast@assembly.ab.ca; RedDeer.North@assembly.ab.ca; CentralPeace.Notley@assembly.ab.ca; West.Yellowhead@assembly.ab.ca; Camrose@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Ellerslie@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Foothills@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.SouthWest@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Hays@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Currie@assembly.ab.ca; Lethbridge.East@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Bow@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Decore@assembly.ab.ca; Rimbey.RockyMountainhouse.Sundre@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Klein@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Strathcona@assembly.ab.ca; Lacombe.Ponoka@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Whitemud@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Edgemont@assembly.ab.ca; Lethbridge.West@assembly.ab.ca; Airdrie.East@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Beddington@assembly.ab.ca; Lesser.SlaveLake@assembly.ab.ca; Livingstone.Macleod@assembly.ab.ca; St.Albert@assembly.ab.ca; Banff.Kananaskis@assembly.ab.ca; Vermilion.Lloydminster.Wainwright@assembly.ab.ca; Leduc.Beaumont@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Bhullar.McCall@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Northwest@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.NorthEast@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Goldbar@assembly.ab.ca; Cardston.Siksika@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Shaw@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Elbow@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Acadia@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.CityCentre@assembly.ab.ca; Highwood@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.East@assembly.ab.ca; DraytonValley.Devon@assembly.ab.ca; RedDeer.South@assembly.ab.ca; Edmonton.Manning@assembly.ab.ca; GrandePrairie.Wapiti@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.Falconridge@assembly.ab.ca; SpruceGrove.StonyPlain@assembly.ab.ca; Athabasca.Barrhead.Westlock@assembly.ab.ca; Sherwood.Park@assembly.ab.ca; Peace.River@assembly.ab.ca; Maskwacis.Wetaskiwin@assembly.ab.ca; FortMcMurray.WoodBuffalo@assembly.ab.ca; Calgary.North@assembly.ab.ca
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On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Gibbons, please see the attached letter in regards to Bill 21.

Respectfully,

Chris Pinault

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January 25, 2022

Hon. Sonya Savage
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
324 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister:

Re: Bill 21 - Provincial Administrative Penalties Act.

The Town of Gibbons Council, at its January 12, 2022 meeting discussed a number of key issues that the Government of Alberta, two items that your ministry is specifically undertaking that are poised to fundamentally impact the lives of Albertans. The two key issues include the development of a Provincial Police Service (APPS) and Bill 21 - Provincial Administrative Penalties Act (Bill 21).

The citizens of Gibbons are proud, hardworking, dedicated, and reasonable family people who recognize that public safety is paramount, and that certain rights and freedoms may be contravened in times of disasters or pandemics for the sake of public good and done without consultation. One such example is that our citizens have for the most part, adopted the recommendations set forth by the Province during its response to the Covid-19 saga often without question.

There is however, times when citizens of Alberta must without exception, be consulted extensively in order to ensure that their voices are heard, respected, and play a significant role in creating the framework for the legislation (policy statement) being contemplated (i.e. APPS and Bill 21). Members of Council are scheduled to participate in the upcoming APPS consultations on February 1, 2022 and truly believe that should the Province be conducting these sessions without a predetermined decision in place, the concept of meaningful input from its citizenry will be realized and not just an exercise in placation.

It is the very process of inviting meaningful input from the citizens of Alberta or lack thereof of a formal consultation process in the development and adoption of the Bill 21 is why our Council is in firm opposition to its implementation without an amendment that reinstates a citizens ability to appeal traffic tickets in court versus making an application to appeal through an online submission. This erosion of due process represents one more step in the degradation of a citizens' rights and freedoms to a position where one should just "pay up" and then "shut up."



It is Council's hope that our society through the actions and policies of the Provincial Government has not become a society of where money is everything even at the expense of ones right to a sense of fairness and due process.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Deck".

Dan Deck
Mayor

Cc: All Alberta Municipalities
All Alberta MLAs
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Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville – St. Albert

Provincial Administrative Penalties Act

Overview

The *Provincial Administrative Penalties Act, 2020*, will make our roads safer by introducing stronger and immediate impaired driving penalties and reducing the time it takes to enforce traffic and non-criminal impaired driving matters, to ensure impaired drivers are off the streets. It will restore critical capacity to Alberta's justice system by creating a streamlined, fast, fair and efficient method for resolving non-criminal impaired and traffic disputes to free up court time to prosecute serious criminal matters and ensure police are on the streets instead of doing paperwork or sitting in courtrooms.

Immediate Roadside Sanctions Program

The new Immediate Roadside Sanctions (IRS) Program will be introduced on December 1, 2020 and will provide a comprehensive array of serious, immediate and escalating consequences for impaired drivers—a system that has been proven to reduce impaired driving significantly in other jurisdictions. Consequences for drivers will include driver's licence suspensions, new fines, vehicle seizures, mandatory education, and participation in the Ignition Interlock Program (IIP).

Increased impaired driving consequences under the new IRS Program will include:

- Driver's licence suspensions;
- Fines of up to \$2,000;
- Increasing length of vehicle seizure up to 30 days;
- New mandatory education programs for repeat offenders; and
- Participation in the IIP for repeat offenders.

SafeRoads Alberta Branch

Most non-criminal, first-time impaired drivers will be able to deal with these penalties through SafeRoads Alberta, a new branch dedicated to providing a speedy method of resolving disputes. The new process will be significantly quicker, dealing with all matters in 30 days to ensure impaired drivers are off the roads, not the months or years it can take to go through the current administrative and court processes. Repeat offenders, impaired drivers who cause bodily harm or death, and other more serious cases will still receive criminal charges in addition to the other penalties.

In addition to saving lives and preventing needless injury, these new measures are expected to benefit Albertans in several other ways:

- Freeing up about 8 per cent of court time to ensure Alberta's prosecutors and courts can clear their multi-year backlog to prosecute serious criminal matters;
- Eliminating approximately 1,200 complex full, or multi-day trials; and
- Freeing up more than 30,000 hours of police time – ensuring police are on the streets protecting Albertans and their communities.

This new impaired driving administrative model is based on changes made in British Columbia, which has seen many positive impacts, including:

- A 36 per cent drop in impaired driving incident rates from 2011 to 2018.
- A 54 per cent drop in number of impaired driving fatalities from 2010 to 2018.
- An 8 per cent reduction in hospital admissions – even a modest decrease in emergency visits saves millions of dollars in critical capacity.
- A decrease in the median elapsed time for all types of cases (single or multiple charges), all offence types (including traffic) by 17 days from 2011-12 to 2018-19.
 - During the same time period, the median elapsed time increased by 16 days for Canada and by 7 days in Alberta.

Current	New
<p>When an officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a driver has committed an impaired offence, the driver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is issued an administrative penalty called the Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension (AALS); • receives an immediate 15 month suspension; • receives a three-day vehicle seizure; • is criminally charged with an impaired offence. • A driver can drive again after 3 months if they install an ignition interlock device. <p>Police investigation, documentation, and testimony can often consume 5-8 hours or more per file.</p>	<p>When an officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a driver has committed an impaired offence, the driver will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be Issued an administrative penalty called the IRS FAIL. • receive an immediate 15 month driver's licence suspension. • receives a 30 day vehicle seizure. • be issued a \$1,000 fine. • be required to complete mandatory impaired driving education • if a repeat offender, or there is bodily harm or injury, they receive an escalating administrative penalty and will be criminally charged with an impaired offence. • A driver can drive again after 3 months if they install an ignition interlock device. • If a driver chooses not to participate in IIP, they will remain suspended with no ability to drive for the full suspension term. <p>Police can issue this process in an hour or less on average.</p>
<p>If a driver wishes to dispute their driver's licence suspension, they must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appear in person at an office or registry agent location to obtain, complete and file a notice of appeal with the Alberta Traffic Safety Board within 30 days. • appear before a panel, which may take approximately up to five months to schedule and resolve. 	<p>If a driver wishes to dispute their notice, they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access the website and pay the fine, request time to pay, or request a review of the sanction. • attend an oral review (phone or video) which will be scheduled within 21 days or submit request a written review. • receive the written decision within 30 days of the issuance of the notice.
<p>The driver will also have to proceed to the Criminal Courts to resolve the criminal charge. This can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A driver will also be arrested, detained for several hours to conduct further testing and be processed and then released with a requirement to return to court or face additional criminal charges. • The individual must attend at one or more initial docket appearances and ultimately at a trial. The trial process is complex and generally requires expert assistance to navigate. • Upon conviction a driver will receive a criminal punishment and a permanent criminal record. 	<p>If the driver is unsatisfied, they may seek Judicial review at the Court of Queens's Bench of Alberta.</p>

Traffic Safety Violations

The *Provincial Administrative Penalties Act* also allows for other traffic contraventions to be resolved by SafeRoads Alberta. This new online system of dealing with non-criminal traffic offences will be introduced in late 2021 and will be easier and quicker for Albertans to navigate. SafeRoads Alberta will divert nearly two million traffic tickets from Alberta's courts, freeing up court time for criminal matters, ensuring law enforcement can spend more time on the streets and less in courtrooms for violations, and avoids the necessity for hundreds of thousands of Albertan's to visit courthouses merely to pay tickets or schedule hearings.

The resources currently devoted to managing these millions of tickets can then be dedicated to addressing serious justice matters and returning police to the community.

Congratulations on being part of your municipal council!

Did you know your municipality benefits from membership in Yellowhead Regional Library?

- In Alberta, public library service is determined at the municipal level and regulated under the Libraries Act (Chapter L-11) and Libraries Regulation (AR 141/1998).
- Councils choose to provide service at the local level by forming a library board and/or by joining a regional library system.

What is a regional library system?

- Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) is a cooperative of 53 member municipalities and three school divisions in west-central Alberta that was formed in 1971 to enable small and rural communities to provide sustainable and affordable public and school library service to their residents and students.
- Each member municipality and school division is a signatory to the YRL Master Membership Agreement and appoints a representative to the Board of Trustees, the system's governing body.
- The YRL Board of Trustees meets four times each year. Between meetings, the business of the Board is conducted by a 10-member Executive Committee.
- You, the member municipalities and school divisions, are the system.

Want to learn more?

- Read the enclosed brochure to find out more about YRL and how we support our member public and school libraries.
- Visit our website at yrl.ab.ca. The "For Board Members" section includes the list of Board and Executive Committee members, governance policies, strategic plan, member agreement, and more.
- Invite us for a visit – we'd love to meet you. Councillors have an important job and there is a lot to learn. We can give your council a brief orientation to YRL and get you up to speed on this essential municipal service.
- Visit your local library to see how YRL supports your local public library service.

We look forward to working with you to bring exceptional library service to your community!

Hendrik (Hank) Smit, Chair
chair@yrl.ab.ca

Karla Palichuk, Director
kpalichuk@yrl.ab.ca

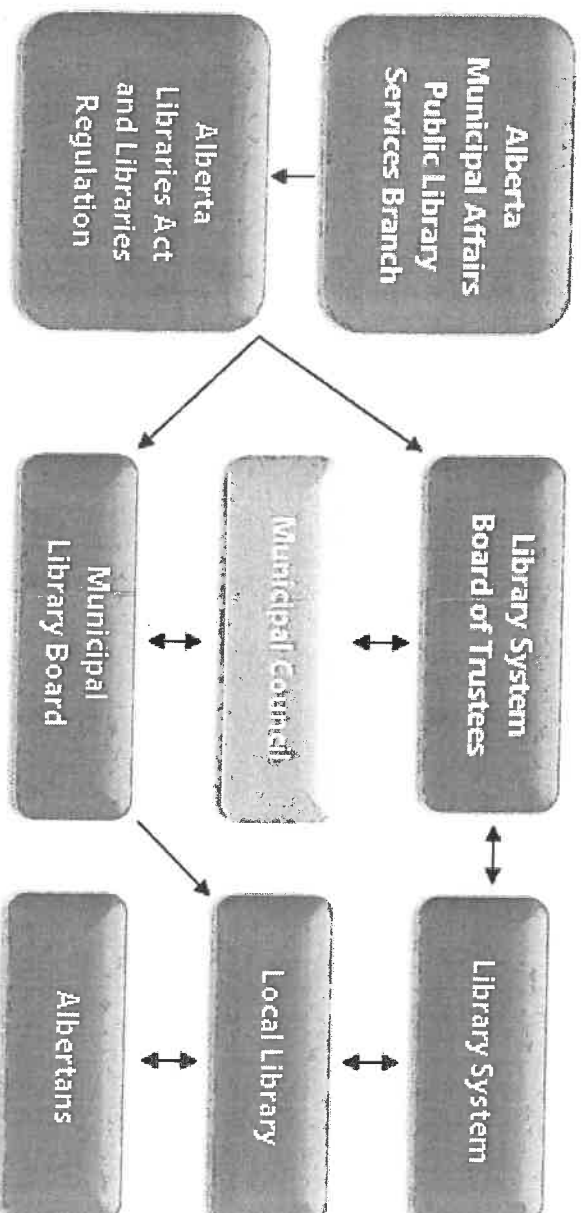
Enclosure

Structure of Public Library Service in Alberta

In Alberta, public libraries are a municipal service established under the Alberta Libraries Act (Chapter L-11) and the Libraries Regulation (AR 141/1998).

Once created, the library board is an autonomous corporation with full management and control of library service in the community.

The Alberta Libraries Act is not subject to, and does not conflict with, the Municipal Government Act.



Why are Public Libraries Important?

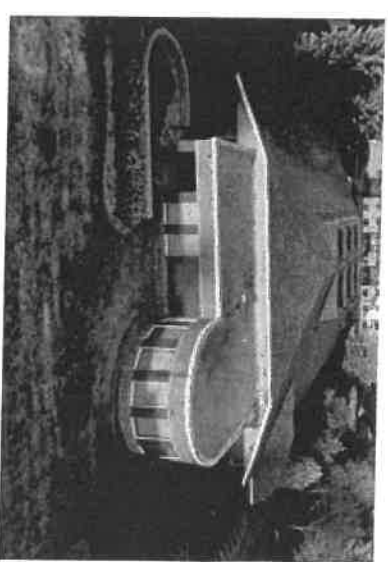
Recreation: Access to books, movies, games and other collections to borrow.

Discovery and Creativity: Inviting and challenging us to explore new ideas, technologies and skills, stimulating our imaginations, expanding opportunities for self-expression and inspiring invention.

Literacy and Learning: Helping children and adults learn to read and maintain literacy skills, connecting us to information in print, audio, video and digital formats.

Civic Engagement: Connecting us to each other and fostering the exchange of ideas through discourse.

Yellowhead Regional Library



Information for Municipal Councillors

Fall 2021

What is a Regional Library?

Supporting library services with:

- Extensive library collections
- Digital and audio books, newspapers and magazines
- Learning and research databases
- Computers and IT support
- High speed internet and WiFi
- Program kits and support
- Library training and expertise
- Weekly deliveries

What do you get with a Library Card?

- Physical books including large print
- DVDs, BluRays, CDs and audibooks
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, homework help, language learning, tutorials, book recommendations, online family history
- Programs for children and adults, and take home craft kits

YRL...

- Is a cooperative of 53 member municipalities and three member school divisions, supporting 43 public and 43 school libraries.
- Is jointly funded by municipal and school division levies, and a provincial operating grants.
- Serves more than 303,000 residents and 11,000 full-time equivalent students.
- Is headquartered in Spruce Grove.
- Is an employer to 20 people.

Mission Statement

- Yellowhead Regional Library provides materials and services to public and school libraries, and other organizations, to assist them in meeting the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of their communities.



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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Richard Curtis <richardcon40@hotmail.com>
Sent: February 3, 2022 2:08 PM
To: office@sunsetpoint.ca; swestcove@outlook.com; d.evans@valquentin.ca; aboffice@albertabeach.com
Cc: Richard Curtis
Subject: Alberta Beach and District Museum and Archives Society

Dear Councils and Neighbours,

We are sending this email to all of our neighbours in the district to make you aware of the importance of our museum, not only to Alberta Beach, but to the hamlet's and villages surrounding us. Starting as an effort to preserve the past through stories, artifacts and archives in the old United Church building on main street, it has grown with the help of dedicated volunteers to a Heritage Village containing eleven historical buildings and an administration building. 2019 saw our museum's physical completion with walkways made from the original Alberta Beach Pier and landscaping. Our hope is that the museum will continue to be a main attraction not only to locals in the district, but to tourists who come to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the area.

We want people to return time and time again and find something new and different each time they visit, but for this to happen, we must constantly provide new exhibits, events and programming. This will cost money and our revenues are limited to donations from our visitors, small grants and a casino held every four years. Our expenses for maintenance, utilities, staff and equipment/office supplies exceed our income and leave next to nothing for the programming that will be needed. We do have some money from the sale of a building in reserve, but this is quickly being depleted. The Village of Alberta Beach has been generous in providing the land that the Museum is located on and liability insurance for the museum, volunteers, and board members. We are eternally grateful for this and hope that your community will also assist in our efforts to expand and provide new programming to all who live in and visit the area. Now that the hard work of building the museum is done, we must look toward the future and what else we can do to make the Alberta Beach Museum a place that everyone in the area can enjoy individually or as a family. Surprisingly, many people in the area are not aware of our wonderful museum and we encourage everyone to visit our website to find out more.

We hope that your council will consider making a donation to the museum so that we can improve and add to the programming. This past Christmas, we were able to light up the heritage buildings with tea lights and battery operated Christmas lights. We provided fun activities for the kids and cookies and hot chocolate for all. It was a resounding success. This summer we are looking to include day programs for the children in the area, an afternoon high tea for seniors, family sport/games days, and temporary exhibits and events that will focus not only on the era that the museum covers, but the different cultures in the Lac Ste. Anne area. We hope that your council will support our efforts to expand programming by making a donation to the Alberta Beach and District Museum and Archives Society. We are a non profit charity and can provide tax receipts upon request. For more information please contact me at 780-405-6068 or through our email: info@albertabeachmuseum.ca.

Sincerely,

Connie Curtis, President

Alberta Beach and District Museum and Archives Society

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Village of Alberta Beach
P.O. Box 278
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January 17, 2022

Dear Village of Alberta Beach,

The 2021-2022 school year is the 24th consecutive year of Safety Smarts delivery to children attending rural and remote elementary schools in Alberta. The generosity of many continues to make this unique farm safety extension effort possible and we are grateful for each and every dollar donated in support of the important outreach of our charitable organization.

As you know, this past year was filled with unique challenges related to the Covid pandemic. However, we have managed to keep both our Safety Smarts and our Sustainable Farm Families programs running albeit in a slightly different fashion than in previous years.

The Safety Smarts program has been adapted to allow for both virtual delivery via Zoom as well as safe face-to-face delivery in schools. Our Safety Smarts team has been well trained and fully equipped with all the necessary skills and tools to be able to successfully and safely deliver Safety Smarts presentations to rural elementary students across the province. In the 2021 calendar year, our Safety Smarts team delivered a total of 1,586 Safety Smarts presentations to 31,330 elementary students in 285 rural elementary schools across the province.

The Sustainable Farm Families program, also known as the Rural Health Initiative, is a newer program designed to promote health, well-being and safety to rural adults. In 2021, the Sustainable Farm Families program made significant adaptations to allow for one-on-one in-depth health assessments and personal education instead of the traditional group setting. This new approach has enabled us to safely deliver Rural Health Initiative workshops within the current Covid restrictions. More information about the Rural Health Initiative is attached. Please let us know if your organization would like to host a Rural Health Initiative workshop for families in your area.

You may also know, that in October of 2020, the Farm Safety Centre was informed by Government of Alberta representatives that ALL their involvement in and support of farm safety learning and extension would end in December 2020. True to their word, their departmental staff were laid off and online resources were withdrawn at the end of 2020. This has created a significant funding challenge for the Farm Safety Centre and other agriculture based charities in the province that care about the well-being of farmers and their families. To put into perspective, about 35% of our annual funding came from the GOA in the form of government grants designated for program delivery.

With this in mind, the Farm Safety Centre is hopeful that in 2022 your organization will consider supporting our extension efforts, as we continue the search for alternate funding partners. **As budget realities allow, we invite the Rural Communities in Alberta to consider a modest 2022 donation of \$150 - \$350.** If this is does not work within your budget then a donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

As a charity registered with CRA, any donation in support of our mission is eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Thank-you for your continued support,

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Jordan Jensen | Executive Director
Farm Safety Centre
j.jensen@abfarmsafety.com

SAFETY SMARTS

DELIVERY FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR

31,435
STUDENTS



1,591
PRESENTATIONS

285 SCHOOLS



Rural Health Initiative



Brought to you by
Sustainable Farm Families

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY OR
TOO LATE
TO WORK TOWARDS BEING THE
HEALTHIEST YOU

Research into the state of rural health has identified several health and well-being disadvantages faced by rural people which negatively impact their quality of life. The Sustainable Farm Families Rural Health Initiative aims to remedy many of these disadvantages by providing rural Albertans who participate in this program with 3 annual, in-depth physical & mental health assessments. In addition to these health assessments, participants are educated about each aspect of the assessment to ensure they fully understand each of their measurements and know how to better manage their health and well-being. Those who participate in this program are only asked to commit 1 hour of their time each year over the course of the 3-year program.

The preventative approach used by the Sustainable Farm Families Rural Health Initiative takes seemingly healthy people living in rural communities and seeks to either uncover undiagnosed conditions or confirm their healthy status. Since 2014, the Farm Safety Centre has delivered over 135 SFF workshops to more than 1,300 participants across the province. Participant feedback from our external evaluations have identified that 97% of SFF participants felt the workshops were a good investment of their time and that 92% recommended the program to others.

What you can expect in your one-on-one personal health assessment with our Registered Nurses:

- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Metabolic Age
- Visceral Fat
- Body Mass Index
- Muscle Mass
- Basal Metabolism
- Body Water Percentage
- Bone Density
- Mental Health Assessment
- Blood Sugar
- Diabetic Risk
- Triglyceride Levels
- Oxygen Saturation
- Eyesight

SFF workshops are currently being delivered in rural communities throughout Alberta. For more information about this program or to schedule a workshop for your community or organization please contact Keylan Kado. If you would like to register for an existing workshop in your community, please visit www.abfarmsafety.com.

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Alberta Beach Village Office

cc: Heather

From: MA GEPTbranch <ma.geptbranch@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: February 9, 2022 8:51 AM
To: ! ABOffice
Cc: ! ABOffice
Subject: 2022 MSI Extension
Attachments: Alberta Beach_2022 MSI Amendment.pdf

Dear Chief Elected Official:

The Government of Alberta recognizes the importance of rebuilding Alberta's economy through investment in local infrastructure. Therefore, the government has extended the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) program for two years, until March 31, 2024, when it will be replaced with the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF).

To extend the MSI and continue to provide the funding, the current long-term MSI agreements must be amended. While the MSI allocation formula has been removed from the agreements, it will remain in the MSI program guidelines, and the process used to determine the 2022 and 2023 MSI allocations will remain the same.

Your amending 2022 MSI Memorandum of Agreement is attached. Please sign the attached agreement, have a witness sign, and email it back to ma.geptbranch@gov.ab.ca. Please note, a seal in lieu of signature will not be accepted and payment of the 2022 MSI funding allocation cannot be released until the amending agreement is signed and returned.

I look forward to our continued partnership in serving Albertans and rebuilding our economy.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

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Municipal Sustainability Initiative

AMENDING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, in right of the Province of Alberta, as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs

(hereinafter called "the Minister")

and

Alberta Beach, in the Province of Alberta

(hereinafter called "the Municipality")

(hereinafter called "the Parties")

WHEREAS the Parties entered into a Municipal Sustainability Initiative Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter called the "Original Agreement") dated October 16, 2007;

AND WHEREAS the Parties have, by written agreement, amended the Original Agreement on June 26, 2009, July 15, 2014, May 16, 2017, and March 19, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the Parties wish to further amend the Original Agreement;

THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

1. The Original Agreement, as previously amended, is amended by:
 - a. Deleting "a fourteen-year funding commitment" in the preamble and replacing it with "a sixteen-year funding commitment".
 - b. Deleting "fourteen-year term" in section 4 and replacing it with "sixteen-year term", and by deleting "in accordance with section 5" in section 4 and replacing it with "in accordance with the Program Guidelines".
 - c. Deleting the words "for Component A and 2014-2015 levels for Component B" in section 4.(i).
 - d. Deleting section 5.
 - e. Deleting "2021-22" in section 15 and replacing it with "2023-2024", and by deleting "March 31, 2027" in section 15 and replacing it with "March 31, 2029".
 - f. Deleting "March 31, 2022" in section 15.1 and replacing it with "March 31, 2024".

2. Except as amended herein, all other provisions of the Original Agreement as amended remain in full force and effect.
3. This Amending Memorandum of Agreement shall be effective as at April 1, 2022 following signing by the Parties' authorized representatives.

The parties have therefore executed this Agreement, each by its duly authorized representative(s), on the respective dates shown below.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
in Right of the Province of
Alberta as Represented by
the Minister of Municipal Affairs

Per: 
MINISTER, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Date: JAN 29 2022

Alberta Beach

Witness

Per: _____
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

Date: _____

Witness

Per: _____
DULY AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICER

Date: _____

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aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Geryl Amarin <geryl@amorinaccounting.com>
Sent: January 26, 2022 10:59 AM
Subject: Appointment of ARB Officials 2022

Good Morning All,

Please be advised that the annual requirement for all municipalities to appoint ARB officials for 2022 is now due.

All municipalities are required to appoint by resolutions the following as your ARB officials for 2022.

ARB Chairman - Raymond Ralph

Certified ARB Clerk - Geryl Amarin

Certified Panelists - Darlene Chartrand
Tina Grozko
Stewart Hennig
Richard Knowles
Raymond Ralph

If you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.
(I apologize if you have already received this information)

Thank-you

Geryl Amarin, CPA
780 297 8185

Manager/Finance Officer
Capital Region Assessment Services Commission (CRASC)
11810 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5G 0X5

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Gerryl Amarin <gerryl@amorinaccounting.com>
Sent: January 26, 2022 2:23 PM
Subject: Parcel Count Required

FROM CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION

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Dear ARB Participant:

As per 4. a. of the CRASC Participant Agreement – **please provide your municipality(ies) total parcel count as at Jan. 1 2022** – no later than Feb. 15 2022

This will be used to calculate the total parcel fees due in accordance with Schedule "A" of the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Gerryl Amarin, CPA

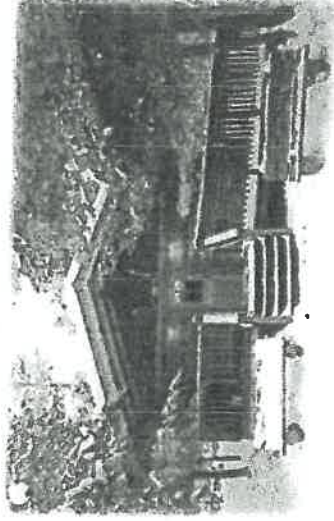
Finance Officer
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Lac Country Home Improvements

◦ Introducing:

Cabin Country Re-Store

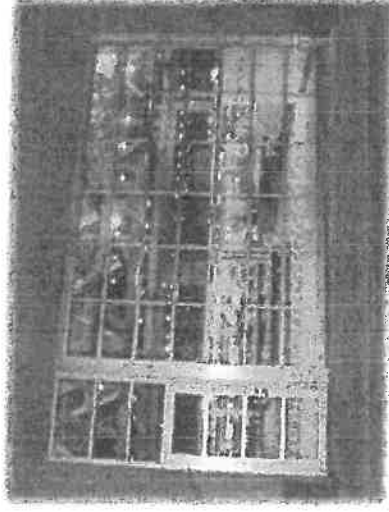
- Salvaged Lumber, doors, carpet
- Refurbished Kitchen and Bath Cabinets
- Fixtures, Fans, Lights, Toilets, Sinks, Faucets
- Tools (construction)



Location

It is imperative that we are located in down town Alberta Beach with a store front location.

We will require easy access for loading and unloading materials.



Hours of Operation

- Hours will be 10:00 Am to 4:00 PM
- Deliveries will be by appointment in off hours including Saturdays
- Sales can be conducted in off hours by appointment only
- Sales will be actively conducted online

Staff

There will be one permanent staff member onsite during store hours

Duties will include:

- Sales
- Some book keeping, including management of funds.
- Cleaning and organizing product
- Social media, searching for product and marketing

Operations cost

Proposal includes rent, triple net, at 1000.00 per month

Pickup services.

Insurances

Hourly rate for cleaning and refurbishing product

Lease Proposal

We would like to lease one bay in the village office building. For three years This would include the end bay, with the offices at the back.

The front bay door would have to be changed to a store front entry, double doors. A wall would have to be constructed, full height, between the police bay and our bay. (may require and emergency by pass door.)

LCHI will provide all the labour for these improvements, we request that the village pay for the material required.

Income Structure

All product will be priced at fair market value. 100% refund on faulty product

40 % of all proceeds will go to the staff member running the store (after cost)

10 % of all proceeds will be donated to charities within Lac St Anne, local clubs, kids organizations, seniors, parks and recreation

50 % of all proceeds will go to the cost of operations.

Qualifying Charities

Any organization within Lac St Anne County can apply online for funds from our proceeds.

To qualify the organization must support local sports, seniors, parks, schools and community events.

When an application is received, ours staff, one town representative, and one local community member will decide where the funds go.

All awards will be announced on social media.

Community Benefit

Cabin Country Re-Store will benefit the community with funding for local groups, salvaging products that would normally end up in the landfill, providing employment, and help to keep local shoppers in our local community.

With a strong "Cabin County" presence, we will draw residents from other communities into Alberta Beach where other stores and services will benefit from an increased customer base.

