

**ALBERTA BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION
5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - a. Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2020
  - b. Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of December 15, 2020
6. DELEGATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
  - a. Bolson Engineering - MSP Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project Tenders
  - b. Offers received for the Sale of the 2008 CAT 277C Skidsteer
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
  - a. Alberta Beach & District Amateur Softball Association – LSA County contribute to A.B. Ball Diamonds
  - b. Alberta Environment – Lac Ste. Anne Weir and Water Levels
  - c. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update December 14, 2020
  - d. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update December 21, 2020
  - e. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update January 4, 2021
  - f. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update January 11, 2021
  - g. Alberta Health – Record of Decision Orders and Municipal Update Q&A December 22, 2020
  - h. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 December 21, 2020 Issue
  - i. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 January 8, 2021 Issue
  - j. Alberta Recreation & Parks – Communities Choose Well Newsletter January 2021
  - k. Alberta Treasury Board & Finance – Borrowing Notice
  - l. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA Villages West Update
  - m. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA Responds to Removal of MLA Pat Rehn
  - n. Communities in Bloom – Scotts Canada 2021 Gro for Good Grants Initiative
  - o. Lac Ste. Anne County – 2020/2021 Council Appointments
  - p. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – In Stream Newsletter December 2020
  - q. Northern Gateway Public Schools – School Board Election - October 18, 2021
  - r. Summer Village of Val Quentin – Alberta Community Partnership Grant
  - s. WILD Water Commission – 2021 Rates and Budget Estimates
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Statistics Canada – 2021 Census of Population
  - b. Town of Oneway – Oneway Regional Fire Services Amending Agreement and 2021 Budget
15. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Alberta Beach Library Board – Appointment of Library Board Members
  - b. Notice of Motion Submitted by Deputy Mayor Duncan – TVRSSC Bylaw Review
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
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**PRESENT:**

Mayor .....Jim Benedict  
Deputy Mayor .....Angela Duncan  
Councillor .....Bud Love  
Councillor .....Judy Valiquette  
Councillor .....Daryl Weber  
CAO .....Kathy Skwarchuk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

#207-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:**

No closed meeting session was held.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

#208-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 17, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#209-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of November 17, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

#210-20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the meeting recess to hold a Municipal Planning Commission meeting at 7:03 P.M. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING RECONVENED:**

Mayor Benedict reconvened the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

**OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:**

#211-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

#212-20 FINANCIAL REPORT OF OCTOBER 31, 2020:  
MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the Financial Report of October 31, 2020 be accepted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#213-20 3 YEAR OPERATING & 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLANS:  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that the 3 Year Operating and 5 Year Capital Plans be approved as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#214-20 2021 INTERIM BUDGET:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the 2020 Budget be accepted as a 2021 Interim Budget. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS & POLICIES:**

#215-20 **BYLAW #270-19 ALBERTA BEACH LIBRARY BOARD BYLAW:**  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #270-19, being a bylaw for the purpose of establishing the Alberta Beach Library Board be read a second time as amended. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#216-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #270-19 be read a third & final time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- #217-20 **BYLAW #276-20 DESIGNATED OFFICER BYLAW:**  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #276-20, being a bylaw to establish the positions of Chief Administrative Officer and Designated Officers for Alberta Beach be read a first time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #218-20 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #276-20 be read a second time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #219-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that unanimous consent be given to read Bylaw #276-20 three times in one sitting.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #220-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #276-20 be read a third & final time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #221-20 **BYLAW #277-20 FEES AND RATES BYLAW:**  
MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #277-20, being a bylaw to establish a schedule of fees and rates for the municipality be read a first time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #222-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #277-20 be read a second time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #223-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that unanimous consent be given to read Bylaw #277-20 three times in one sitting.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #224-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #277-20 be read a third & final time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #225-20 **BYLAW #278-20 MOBILE VENDOR BYLAW:**  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #278-20, being a bylaw to provide for the permitting of all Mobile Vendors operating in Alberta Beach be read a first time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #226-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #278-20 be read a second time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #227-20 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that unanimous consent be given to read Bylaw #278-20 three times in one sitting.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #228-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #278-20 be read a third & final time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #229-20 **BYLAW #279-20 SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD BYLAW:**  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #279-20, being a bylaw to establish a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for Alberta Beach be read a first time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #230-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #279-20 be read a second time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #231-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that unanimous consent be given to read Bylaw #279-20 three times in one sitting.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #232-20 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #279-20 be read a third & final time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #233-20 **BYLAW #280-20 COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW:**  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #280-20, being a bylaw to regulate the proceedings and the conduct of business at the Alberta Beach Council and committee meetings be read a first time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #234-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #280-20 be read a second time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #235-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that unanimous consent be given to read Bylaw #280-20 three times in one sitting.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #236-20 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #280-20 be read a third & final time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #237-20 **GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY #G.2.7 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE OF FEES:**  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that General Village Policy #G.2.7 the Planning & Development Schedule of Fees Policy be rescinded.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #238-20 **GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY #G.3.1 SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD REMUNERATION POLICY:**  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that General Village Policy #G.3.1 the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Remuneration Policy be approved as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:**

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY AGLIPLIX OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

LAKE ISLE & LAC STE. ANNE WATER QUALITY – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> meetings (attached).

STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

TRIVILLAGE REGIONAL SEWER SERVICES COMMISSION – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

WEST INTER-LAKE DISTRICT (WILD) WATER COMMISSION – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

REGIONAL COVID-19 MEETINGS – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the November 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> meetings (attached).

COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – Councillor Valiquette reviewed and submitted report on the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

1<sup>ST</sup> WATERSHED ACTION GROUP – Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – Councillor Weber gave a brief update on the CFYE Covid-19 Business Viability & Strategic Business Pivoting Project.

LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION – Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS – Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS – ACP GRANT APPLICATION:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Alberta Beach supports in full the activities outlined in the ACP grant application being submitted by the Town of Onoway and further appoints the Town of Onoway to be the managing partner for this initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION – Councillor Love reviewed and submitted report on the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

MAYOR BENEDICT:

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & PREMIER COVID-19 UPDATE – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the December 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meetings (attached).

TRIVILLAGE REGIONAL SEWAGE SERVICES COMMISSION – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).

MAYERTHORPE REGIONAL COVID-19 MEETINGS – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the November 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> meetings (attached).

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:**

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 Community Updates of November 16, 23, 30 & December 7 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – RFP ISSUED FOR COMMUNITY LAB SERVICES:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services regarding their Request for Proposals issued seeking private-sector partners to provide community lab services across Alberta.

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**ALBERTA HEALTH OPERATIONS – AB TRACE TOGETHER:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services requesting municipalities encourage their residents to download the secure ABTraceTogether app to assist in Alberta's contract tracing system.

**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – ALBERTA BEACH EMS STATION:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services advising on their intent to continue providing EMS services to the community and look forward to discussions regarding lease extension on the Alberta Beach EMS station.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:**

Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded their November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> issues of Municipal Governance during Covid-19 for information.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL STIMULUS PROGRAM (MSP) PROJECT ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION:**

Notification was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs that the Alberta Beach Storm Water Outfall Rehabilitation Project has been accepted under the Municipal Stimulus Program.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MSP RED TAPE REDUCTION:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the red tape reduction conditions associated with Municipal Stimulus Program.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – ASSESSMENT AUDIT REPORT FOR ALBERTA BEACH:**

A draft copy of the Detailed Assessment Audit Report for Alberta Beach was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs which identifies all legislated standards are being met and meets assessment best practices.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – TOWN HALL SESSION ON 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGETS:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding a Town Hall session which was held to discuss 2021 municipal budgets.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – WORKSHOP WITH ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association advising that AHS, AUMA and RMA have been working together to deliver a workshop on the future of healthcare in Alberta and further advising that the province has invited AUMA to participate in the Rural Sustainability Primary Care Network Task Force.

**CITY OF COLD LAKE – GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA COVID-19 ALERT MOBILE APPLICATION:**

The City of Cold Lake forwarded a copy of their letter to the province urging the Government of Alberta to open access to the federal Covid-19 mobile app in Alberta.

**GRASMERE SCHOOL – THANK YOU:**

A thank you card was received from Grasmere School to thank Council for the donation and support.

**LAC STE. ANNE EAST END BUS – INVOICE AND 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

The Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society forwarded their 2019 financial statements for information.

**BROWNLEE LLP – EMERGING TRENDS IN MUNICIPAL LAW VIRTUAL CONFERENCE:**

Correspondence was received from Brownlee LLP regarding their Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Virtual Conference being held via zoom on February 11 and 18, 2021.

#241-20

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Deputy Mayor Duncan attend the Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Virtual Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:**

Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded their December 11<sup>th</sup> issue of Municipal Governance during Covid-19 for information.

#242-20

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:**

**AB-ONLINE.CA – ALBERTA BUSINESS DIRECTORY:**

#243-20

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the correspondence from AB-Online.ca regarding the Alberta Business Directory be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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#244-20 HEATHER COMRIE – JANUARY 2021 PROPERTY TAX PENALTY:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that a letter be forwarded to Heather Comrie to advise that Council has denied the request to waive the January 2021 late payment tax penalty as Council already waived the August 2020 penalty and extended the due date for property taxes due to Covid-19, and further advise that Council sympathizes with the situation however municipal services are still being provided and property taxes are still due to the municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#245-20 ALBERTA BEACH SENIORS – REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CIP APPLICATION:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve the request from the Alberta Beach Seniors for a letter of support in their application for funding through the Community Initiatives Program to provide support to people in need during the pandemic.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#246-20 REX KING – OUTHOUSE:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that a letter be forwarded to Rex and Gina King in response to their correspondence regarding the outhouse located at 5223 50 Avenue to outline the response to the original complaint as well as to advise that it is Council's understanding that Alberta Health Services had inspected the outhouse and had no concerns that the system was leaking, however Alberta Beach will request that Alberta Health Services re-inspect the outhouse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

#247-20 APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED OFFICERS:  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the appointment of Designated Officers as follows; that Kathy Skwarchuk be appointed as Designated Officer in the capacity of Chief Administrative Officer; that Dan Kanuka of Municipal Assessment Services Group be appointed as Designated Officer in the capacity of Assessor; that Bruce Parno and Derek Heinrichs be appointed as Designated Officers in the capacity of Bylaw Enforcement Officers; that Kim Kozak of Innovative Planning & Development be appointed as Designated Officer in the capacity of Development Authority as well as Subdivision Authority; and that Cathy McCartney and Emily House be appointed as Designated Officers in the capacity of Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Clerks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#248-20 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND SUBSTITUTE RETURNING OFFICER:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Kathy Skwarchuk be appointed as the Returning Officer and further that Cathy McCartney be appointed the Substitute Returning Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

A brief discussion was held regarding the budget and financial report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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Mayor – Jim Benedict

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

**MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
FOR ALBERTA BEACH  
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**PRESENT:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

None.

**AGENDA ADOPTION:**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**UPDATED REQUEST FOR DECISION – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION #20DP45-01:**

Plan 722MC, Block 5, Lot 37 (4836 – 59 Street)

Updated Request for Decision to allow one (1) accessory building to remain as sited on the lands.

The Development Officer reviewed the Updated Request for Decision regarding the Development Permit application with the members of the Municipal Planning Commission. The Development Officer has recommended that the development permit application to allow one (1) accessory building to remain as site on the lands be approved, subject to the conditions as outlined in her report (attached).

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Development Permit application #20DP45-01 to allow one (1) accessory building to remain as sited on the lands located on Plan 722MC, Block 5, Lot 37 (4836 – 59 Street) be approved subject to the conditions of the Development Officer’s Request for Decision Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Municipal Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

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Mayor – Jim Benedict

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

**COUNCIL:**

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

**ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH – LOC (LICENCE OF OCCUPATION):**

Jan.16/18 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the correspondence received from Hon. Oneil Carlier, MLA & from AEP regarding the Licence of Occupation on the Alberta Beach Boat Launch be accepted for information.

Apr.17/18 A letter was received from Alberta Environment and Parks regarding the financial strain of the boat launch and the possibility of creating a provincial park, further advising that the process for establishing a new park is through the Land-use Framework's regional planning process for the Upper Athabasca region.

May 15/18 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that a letter be forwarded to Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development regarding the Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC advising that due to the strain of the ongoing maintenance and capital costs falling on the landowners of Alberta Beach we are requesting that the LOC be amended to allow Alberta Beach to charge a fee to use the boat launch to cover these costs and further that the letter be copied to the surrounding municipalities requesting they send a letter of support.

Jun19/18 Letters were sent to Hon. Carlier & Hon. Phillips and copied to LSA County & Sunset Point & Val Quentin requesting support. Sunset Point has sent a letter of support.

July17/18 LSA County sent a letter of support.

Sept.18/18 A letter was received from Minister Shannon Phillips of AEP regarding the 5 year shoreline authorization approval for shoreline repairs & weed removal as well as a response to the boat launch costs & maintenance.

Nov.20/18 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve to write a letter to Minister Miranda of Alberta

Culture and Tourism requesting assistance in locating funding for the Alberta Beach Boat Launch and that the cost spreadsheets be attached and further that the Premier of Alberta, Ministers of Municipal Affairs, Environment and Parks, and Infrastructure and Transportation as well as the MLA be copied on the letter.

Dec.18/18 Letter was sent. Response email rec'd from AB Culture & Tourism advising that the responsibility for parks falls under AB Environment & Parks & therefore AB Environment will be responding to our letter.

Feb.19/19 A letter was received from Hon. Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment & Parks regarding the request for funding opportunities to cover the capital and operating costs of the Alberta Beach boat launch and park advising that funding is available for capital projects on a 50/50 basis through the CFEP grant and further through the funding provided to municipalities through the MSI and GTF funding.

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve Deputy Mayor Duncan's letter to Hon. Oneil Carlier, MLA regarding the Alberta Beach Boat Launch and further that the letter be copied to the Premier. (Email was sent)

Mar.19/19 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the correspondence from Minister Carlier's Whitecourt Ste. Anne Constituency Office regarding the Alberta Beach Boat Launch be accepted for information.

July16/19 Congratulatory letter sent to MLA Shane Getson, outlining concerns with boat launch.

Sept.17/19 P.W. is monitoring the erosion on the boat launch & is keeping track of maintenance work done.

Nov.19/19 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve a letter to MLA Hon. Shane Getson regarding the A.B. Boat Launch to request assistance in identifying funding streams to support the annual maintenance costs & repairs.

Dec.17/19 Letter was sent to MLA Getson.

Dec.17/19 A letter was received from Hon. Shane Getson, MLA outlining the process for disposition of the Alberta Beach Boat Launch and further advising that in response to Council's request for assistance locating funding streams that there are no alternative funding options other than ones previously provided by Environment and Parks which included assigning the disposition to another party such as Lac Ste. Anne County to take on the management and maintenance of the structure or converting the area to a provincial recreation area managed by Alberta Parks.

Feb.18/20 Mayor Benedict met with MLA Getson & LSA Reeve & letter was forwarded to MLA. Admin will forward a copy to Council.

July 21/20 A letter was received from Minister Nixon of AEP regarding the A.B. boat launch confirming AEP does not have a grant program & Alberta Beach as the disposition holder is responsible for the maintenance & operations, further regarding the collection of fees a written request to amend the LOC must be submitted for their consideration.

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

Sept.15/20 Letter was sent to AEP to request amendment to LOC.

Dec.15/20 Follow up email was sent to AEP.

**BOAT LAUNCH & MAIN BEACH PARKS MAINTENANCE POLICY:**

Oct.15/19 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council develop a Boat Launch and Main Beach Parks Maintenance Policy to define a parks maintenance program for the boat launch park and main beach park and further that the policy include any requirements for regulatory authorizations and approvals.



**ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH PARK – ENGINEERING QUOTE:**

Dec.17/19 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that administration request an engineering quote from MPE Engineering for the engineering and submission of an application to Alberta Environment & Parks to request authorization to fill in the southwest drainage channel not being used in the Alberta Beach Boat Launch Park and install a concrete ramp for public access to the lake and further that the application include the removal of a portion of rip rap and the installation of a concrete ramp for public access to the lake on the north east side of the park.

Peter Stevens of MPE Engineering is interested on the project, however would like to wait until the snow is gone.

Bruce will contact regulatory agencies to meet and discuss project.

Feb.18/20 Bruce has met with AB Environment and will be submitting application.

Apr.21/20 MPE Engineering forwarded correspondence & Bolson Engineering has submitted an engineering quote.

June16/20 Bolson Engineering to prepare engineering.

**BUSINESS LICENSE BYLAW:**

Sept.15/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council investigate the feasibility of a Business License Bylaw.

Dec.15/20 Admin will forward out sample bylaws for Council's review.

**BROWNLEE LLP – EMERGING TRENDS IN MUNICIPAL LAW VIRTUAL CONFERENCE:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Deputy Mayor Duncan attend the Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Virtual Conference.

**ADMINISTRATION:****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.

**BYLAW #257-18 UNTIDY & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW:**

June 18/19 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council direct the Development Authority to revise Bylaw #257-18 strictly for unsightly premises and further develop a Bylaw strictly for property maintenance.

July16/19 D.O. has drafted bylaws & forwarded to patrol for comments. (Patrol forwarded to admin for comments)

Sept.17/19 CPO requested Bylaw 257-18 remain as is and additional bylaw be created o deal with grass & weeds only.

Nov.19/19 D.O. has submitted a draft bylaw for CPO to review. CPO is requesting further changes.

Sept.15/20 Bylaw sent to Patriot Law for review.

**ALBERTA BEACH LIBRARY BOARD BYLAW #270-19:**

Oct.15/19 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the Alberta Beach Library Board be advised that Council will make the requested amendments to the membership in the Library Board Bylaw at their next meeting.

Nov.19/19 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #270-19, being a bylaw for the purpose of establishing the Alberta Beach Library Board be read a first time.

Dec.17/19 Draft amendments were made to bylaw & sent out to Council for review.

Jan.21/20 Bylaw requires text corrections.

Feb.18/20 corrections were made to bylaw. Council to decide on the membership of the Library Board. (Waiting on completion of ICF's).

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #270-19, being a bylaw for the purpose of establishing the Alberta Beach Library Board be read a second time as amended.

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #270-19 be read a third & final time.

**ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD AGREEMENT:**

Mar.17/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the letter from Lac Ste. Anne County to terminate the Assessment Review Board Agreement be accepted.

Apr.21/20 Capital Region Assessment Services Contract was previously distributed for review.

July 21/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve to make application to the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission to provide Assessment Review Board services beginning in 2021.

Aug.18/20 Request was sent to CRASC.

Nov.17/20 Email rec'd from CRASC advising that the board approved our application, next step they apply to the Minister for approval. (Once approved CRASC will forward agreement & admin will prepare the bylaw)

**AFRRCS (ALBERTA FIRST RESPONDERS RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM) AGREEMENT:**

Apr.21/20 Town of Mayerthorpe has terminated the Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRRCS) third party agreements as the agreements for the use of the radios must be directly with the province.

Apr.21/20 Alberta Beach has submitted a request to the Province for an agreement on the AFRRCS radios.

Sept.15/20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the AFRRCS (Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System) Access Agreement be approved.

Oct.20/20 Agreement was signed & returned and Patrol has completed application process for their use. AFRRCS mtg with Emergency Mgmt group scheduled for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. (meeting was held – waiting for further information)

**MUNICIPAL STIMULUS PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:**

Aug.18/20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the Municipal Stimulus Program Memorandum of Agreement be approved and further that the Public Works Advisory Committee make the final determination on the projects to be submitted for funding.

Sept.15/20 Agreement was signed & returned. Application for A.B. Storm Outfall Rehabilitation Project was submitted.

Dec.15/20 Project approval was rec'd & Bolson Engineering is getting quotes (would like to proceed with project soon)

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD – MUNICIPAL PER CAPITA FUNDING TO LOCAL LIBRARIES:**

Aug.18/20 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the letter from Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board requesting to increase municipal funding to local libraries be accepted for further review.

Sept.15/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council give direction to the ICF Committee to pursue per capita funding for the library and further that a response letter be forwarded to the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board to advise that Council supports their request and will pursue the per capita funding through the ICF discussions.

Oct.20/20 Letter was completed & sent to LSA Library Board.

Dec.15/20 SVSP has agreed to the per capita funding through the ICF discussions.

**ORDER TO REMEDY (LOT 1, BLOCK 2, PLAN 3321BQ):**

Sept.15/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the Order to Remedy issued under Section 546 of the MGA by the Development Officer on Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 3321BQ (5203 – 50 Avenue) be forwarded to Patriot Law for action and further that all costs incurred by the Village of Alberta Beach in remedying the condition regarding the said order to remedy be added to the tax roll as a charge against the lands for the said owners, and further are deemed to be a tax from the date they are added to the tax roll for the premises.

Oct.20/20 Order was sent to Patriot Law.

**ORDER TO REMEDY (LOT 6 &7, BLOCK 25, PLAN 8506ET):**

Sept.15/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the order to remedy issued under Bylaw #257-18 on Lot 6 & 7, Block 25, Plan 8506ET (5115 – 47 Avenue) be forwarded to Patriot Law for action and further that all costs incurred by the Village of Alberta Beach in remedying the condition regarding the said order to remedy be added to the tax roll as a charge against the lands for the said owners, and further are deemed to be a tax from the date they are added to the tax roll for the premises.

Oct.20/20 Order was sent to Patriot Law.

**ORDER TO REMEDY (LOT 17, BLOCK 3, PLAN 6604AO):**

Sept.15/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the order to remedy issued under Bylaw #257-18 on Lot 17, Block 3, Plan 6604AO (4728 – 44 Street) be forwarded to Patriot Law for action and further that all costs incurred by the Village of Alberta Beach in remedying the condition regarding the said order to remedy be added to the tax roll as a charge against the lands for the said owners, and further are deemed to be a tax from the date they are added to the tax roll for the premises.

Oct.20/20 Order was sent to Patriot Law.

**ABADASA – BALL DIAMOND FENCING:**

Oct.20/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council agree in principle with the cost share proposal from ABADASA (Alberta Beach & District Amateur Ball Association) to increase the height of the ball diamond outfield fences and further that the CAO contact ABADASA for further discussion.

Nov.17/20 ABADASA sent letter to LSAC to request their participation on the fence upgrade project.

**ACP (ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP) PROGRAM GRANT – REGIONALIZATION STUDY:**

Oct.20/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve to partner with Lac Ste. Anne County in an Alberta Community Partnership Program (ACP) application for an Alberta Beach and Area Regionalization Study; that Alberta Beach be the managing partner; that Lac Ste. Anne County be advised that Alberta Beach Council has approved to partner

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in an application; and further that letters be sent to the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin to invite their participation.

Nov.17/20 Letters were sent to LSAC, SVSP & SVVQ. ACP Applications opened Nov.17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Dec.15/20 SVSP has advised they will not be participating as they are working on an ACP application to look into regionalization of summer villages.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP CONTEST:**

Oct.20/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Alberta Beach sponsor a Christmas Light Up contest and that the prizes be as follows: \$100.00 for first place; \$75.00 for second place and \$50.00 for third place and further that the judging take place on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by Councillor Weber, Ken Anderson and Donovan Boggs.

### **BYLAW #276-20 DESIGNATED OFFICER BYLAW:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #276-20 be read a third & final time.

### **BYLAW #277-20 FEES AND RATES BYLAW:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #277-20 be read a third & final time.

### **BYLAW #278-20 MOBILE VENDOR BYLAW:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #278-20 be read a third & final time.

### **BYLAW #279-20 SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD BYLAW:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #279-20 be read a third & final time.

### **BYLAW #280-20 COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #280-20 be read a third & final time.

### **GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY #G.2.7 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE OF FEES:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that General Village Policy #G.2.7 the Planning & Development Schedule of Fees Policy be rescinded.

### **GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY #G.3.1 SDAB REMUNERATION POLICY:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that General Village Policy #G.3.1 the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Remuneration Policy be approved as presented.

### **PARTNERS IN PROGRESS – ACP GRANT APPLICATION:**

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Alberta Beach supports in full the activities outlined in the ACP grant application being submitted by the Town of Onoway and further appoints the Town of Onoway to be the managing partner for this initiative.

### **HEATHER COMRIE – JANUARY 2021 PROPERTY TAX PENALTY:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that a letter be forwarded to Heather Comrie to advise that Council has denied the request to waive the January 2021 late payment tax penalty as Council already waived the August 2020 penalty and extended the due date for property taxes due to Covid-19, and further advise that Council sympathizes with the situation however municipal services are still being provided and property taxes are still due to the municipality.

### **ALBERTA BEACH SENIORS – REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CIP APPLICATION:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve the request from the Alberta Beach Seniors for a letter of support in their application for funding through the Community Initiatives Program to provide support to people in need during the pandemic.

### **REX KING – outhouse:**

Dec.15/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that a letter be forwarded to Rex and Gina King in response to their correspondence regarding the outhouse located at 5223 50 Avenue to outline the response to the original complaint as well as to advise that it is Council's understanding that Alberta Health Services had inspected the outhouse and had no concerns that the system was leaking, however Alberta Beach will request that Alberta Health Services re-inspect the outhouse.

CAO Report – Request for Decision of Council

Re: Recording of Motions in the Council Meeting Minutes  
Specifically to use the term “Carried Unanimously” or “Carried”

Further to our MAP (Municipal Accountability Program) Review, I have followed up with Jeff Nixon, Municipal Accountability Advisor to advise that we have now completed all of the outstanding items from the Alberta Beach MAP Review with the exception of the Assessment Review Board Bylaw. He understands that we are just waiting for the Minister’s approval to join Capital Region Assessment Services Commission and then we will follow up with the appropriate bylaw.

Through the review process one of the discussions I had with Jeff was regarding the Council meeting agenda and minutes; I need to ensure that the agenda and minutes clearly show the time the meeting begins, when the meeting closes to the public for confidential closed meeting session and when the meeting re-opens to the public. I advised Jeff that Council has passed a new Council Procedure Bylaw, that this has been identified in the bylaw, and is now the practice for the agenda and minutes. (I also sent a copy of the agenda template and copy of minutes).

One further discussion was regarding recording the motions; the term I use in the minutes “Carried Unanimously”. He said that it is only necessary to use “Carried” and that “Carried Unanimously” was only required on the motion where Council approves three readings in one sitting for passing a bylaw. I had advised Jeff I was aware of that, however, I believe that using the term “Carried Unanimously” is very transparent to anyone reading the minutes, that all Council is in favour of the motion. If I only use “Carried” then no one knows whether the motion was supported by all Council or not. When a motion is not supported by all of Council then I use the term “Carried” unless of course the motion is defeated. When Council requests a recorded vote then I record who is in favour and who is against the motion and whether the motion is “Carried”. I believe Municipal Affairs wants transparency and it surprises me that this seems to be an issue. During the MAP review he said he understood my reasoning and it was left at that, however recently Jeff commented that he noticed I am still using the term “Carried Unanimously” and that it was not necessary etc. My response was that I am just trying to be transparent. I told Jeff I would refer to Council on how they would like their motions recorded in the minutes. Jeff further commented that it’s MA’s position that minutes should only record as carried.

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**From:** Trent Thompson [mailto:tthompson@bolson.ca]  
**Sent:** January-02-21 11:16 AM  
**To:** aboffice@albertabeach.com  
**Subject:** RE: MSP Project Acceptance Notification - Alberta Beach

Kathy,

Happy New Year!

I have received 3 tenders for the Storm Rehabilitation work we discussed. Attached is a summary of the quotations as well as a construction budget based on the low bid, Rockhill Contracting, and a copy of the latest design drawings for reference. Rockhill has done several projects with us in Ross Haven and Silver Sands and we are comfortable awarding the work to them. The project would also fall within the approved funds you have received.

Please review and let me know if you have any questions. If you would like to move forward with awarding the work to Rockhill, please let me know and I can prepare the Notice of Award for your signature and we can schedule them to start ordering materials. Rockhill figures they would need about 2 weeks lead time to order materials and then another 2-3 weeks to complete the work (weather pending).

Any questions please let me know.

Regards,

Trent Thompson, P. Eng.  
General Manager of Engineering  
*Bolson Engineering and Environmental Services*  
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**From:** aboffice@albertabeach.com [mailto:aboffice@albertabeach.com]  
**Sent:** December-01-20 9:50 AM  
**To:** 'Trent Thompson'  
**Subject:** FW: MSP Project Acceptance Notification - Alberta Beach

Hi Trent,

Sorry I should have been clearer. I am forwarding you the email we received. They are only giving us \$121,009.00 in funding for the project. Bruce would like you to give him a call to further discuss, 780-217-1984.

Kathy Skwarchuk,  
CAO  
Alberta Beach  
Box 278

VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Item	Description	Unit	Tender Quantity	ROCKHILL		ROADBRIDGE		TCL	
				Tender Price	Total Amount	Tender Price	Total Amount	Tender Price	Total Amount
1.1	Remove and Replace 109m of 1000mm CSP Culvert	ea.	1.0	\$72,500.00	\$72,500.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00
1.2	Abandon Existing 750mm culvert, cap and cut back	ea.	1.0	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
1.3	Supply and Install Outlet Structure	ea.	1.0	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
1.4	Connect Existing CB Leads to new 1000mm CSP (2 Leads Total)	ea.	1.0	\$6,800.00	\$6,800.00	\$8,859.00	\$8,859.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
1.5	Backfill Roadway with fillcrete and top with gravel	ea.	1.0	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$28,908.00	\$28,908.00	\$164,000.00	\$164,000.00
	Cash Allowance for Misc. Extras	ea.	1.0			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
<b>TOTAL SCHEDULE 'A'</b>					<b>\$96,600.00</b>		<b>\$159,767.00</b>		<b>\$336,000.00</b>
<b>5% GST</b>					<b>\$4,830.00</b>		<b>\$7,988.35</b>		<b>\$16,800.00</b>
<b>TOTAL WITH GST</b>					<b>\$101,430.00</b>		<b>\$167,755.35</b>		<b>\$352,800.00</b>

Profile

Summary

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## Cost Summary

110-2051 - Alberta Beach Storm Drainage Improvements

SV of Alberta Beach

Printed: January 2, 2021

Job	Baseline	Supplier	Comments
Tender	\$ 96,600.00	Rockhill	Rockhill Tender
Survey Layout	\$ 2,500.00	Bolson	Construction Survey Layout
Construction Engineering	\$ 9,500.00	Bolson	Inspections/Meetings/Construction Management/Design Changes
Contingency	\$ 12,000.00		Allowance for poor soil conditions; pumping; hydrovac; change in scope; etc.
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 120,600.00</b>		

### Notes:

1. GST not included.
2. Construction Budget Based on site walkthrough







Offers on the 2008 CAT 277C Track Skidsteer			
	Skid Steer	Gst	Total
Rodney Froese	26,800.00	1,340.00	28,140.00
Wes Nash	26,000.00	1,300.00	27,300.00
Craig Martin	24,761.90	1,238.10	26,000.00
Julian Wozniak	26,666.67	1,333.33	28,000.00

2020 Development Permits						***High Lighted are NEW***	
Permit #	Date	Municipal	Lot	Block	Plan	Proposal	Approved
19DP36-01 (from 2019)	20-Feb-20	5024 - 50 Avenue	6	5	3321BQ	2 Wall Signs	Approved - MPC - Feb 18-20
20DP01-01		5007 - 56 Street	11	12	201BT	Deck - Front Yard Variance	Approved - MPC - Feb 18-20
20DP02-01	04-Apr-20	5619 Ste. Anne Cresc	33	4	6376KS	Storage Shed (20 X 24)	Approved
20DP03-01	05-Apr-20	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Replacement of Storage Shed	Approved
20DP03-02 (Revised )	16-Apr-20	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Replacement of Storage Shed	Approved - revision made to the size
20DP04-01	03-May-20	5007 - 57 Street	14	7	201BT	Replace roof W/trussess	Approved
20DP04-02	22-Jun-20	5007 - 57 Street	14	7	201BT	Demo\Construct SDD	Approved
20DP05-01	20-Jun-20	4828 - 50 Avenue	1	9	9221264	24x28' Garage Pave Prkg Lot & Side Area	Approved
20DP06-01		5007 - 56 Street	11	12	201BT		MPC - May 19, 2020 - Refused
20DP07-01	12-May-20	4935 - 50 Avenue	4	7	3321BQ	Admin Bldg - Roof Replacement	Approved
20DP08-01	28-May-20	4511 - 46B Street	37	1	898MC	Demolition of Garage	Approved
20DP09-01	29-May-20	4819 - 60 Street	24	5	722MC	Demo & Rebuild Home	Approved
20DP10-01		5012 - 57 Street	3	10	201BT	Landscaping - Crushed stone on lot	MPC - July 21, 2020
20DP11-01	11-Jun-20	4407 - 43 Avenue	6	2	O423757	Modular Home (SDD)\Garage	Approved
20DP12-01	14-Jun-20	5819 - 51 Avenue	10	9	3653HW	Lot Grading	Approved
20DP13-01	11-Jun-20	4407 - 43 Avenue	6	2	O423757	Construct Detached Garage	Approved
20DP14-01	21-Jun-20	5811 - 51 Avenue	8	9	3653HW	Lot Grading\Retaining Wall	Approved
20DP15-01		4819 - 52 Street	12	11	3321BQ	Demo of Existing Dwelling & Construction of	Approved
20DP16-01	06-Jul-20	5815 - 50 Avenue	9	5	722MC	Demolition & Construction of SDD	Approved
20DP17-01	09-Jul-20	5815 - 50 Avenue	9	5	722MC	Detached Garage	Approved
20DP18-01	01-Jul-20	4403 - 43 Avenue	7	2	O423757	Accessory Bldg (Shed)	Approved
20DP19-01	05-Jul-20	5107 - 51 Avenue	15	4	3321BQ	Lot Grading	Approved
20DP20-01	17-Jul-20	5507-51 Avenue	4A	12	201BT	Accessory Bldg (Gazebo)	Approved
20DP21-01	17-Jul-20	4531 - 47 Street	15	3	898MC	Construction of Roof Over Deck	Approved
20DP22-01	07-Aug-20	4707 - 52A Street	8	13	3321BQ	Placement of Modular Home	Approved
20DP23-01	07-Aug-20	4707 - 52A Street	8	13	3321BQ	Detached Garage	Approved
20DP24-01	24-Jul-20	4727 - 43 Street	7	7	6604AO	Install Culvert\Lot Grading	Approved
20DP25-01	22-Jul-20	5123 - 50 Avenue	6	3	3321BQ	Accessory - Roof over Existing Deck	Approved
20DP26-01	22-Jul-20	5123 - 50 Avenue	6	3	3321BQ	Addition to Existing Detached Garage	Approved
20DP27-01	28-Jul-20	5209 - 49 Avenue	15	2	3321BQ	Accessory Bldg (Shed)	Approved
20DP28-01	14-Aug-20	4707 - 48 Street	11	2	3529BZ	Accessory Bldg - Detached Garage	Approved
20DP29-01	20-Aug-20	4820 - 45 Avenue	10	5	9922797	Assessory Bldg (Shed)	Approved
20DP30-01	22-Sep-20	5232 - 48 Avenue	6	19	6269CG	Demolition of Detached Garage	Approved
20DP31-01	05-Oct-20	5232 - 48 Avenue	6	19	6269CG	Construct Detached Garage	Approved
20DP32-01	24-Aug-20	4512 - 43 Avenue	3	1	O423757	Lot Grading	Approved
20DP33-01	25-Aug-20	4707 - 52A Street	8	13	3321BQ	Accessory Bldg (Shed)	Approved
20DP34-01	15-Sep-20	5207 - 51 Avenue	15	1	3321BQ	Demo of portion of structure that collapsed	Approved
20DP34-02 (Revised)	15-Sep-20	5207 - 51 Avenue	15	1	3321BQ	Demo of portion of structure that collapsed	Approved
20DP35-01	28-Aug-20	5107 - 51 Avenue	15	4	3321BQ	Variance	Approved
20DP36-03 - Revised	03-Sep-20	5615 - 51 Avenue	8A	11	8621419	Demo of SDD\Construction of SDD w/Rear	Approved - MPC Aug 31-20
20DP37-01	09-Sep-20	4827 - 52A Street	15	14	3321BQ	Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
20DP38-01	17-Sep-20	5032 - 50 Avenue	8	5	3321BQ	Lot Grading	Approved
20DP39-01 - Revised Typographical Errors	09-Sep-20	5611 - 51 Avenue	7A	11	8621419	Construction of Retaining Wall	Approved
20DP39-02	09-Sep-20	5611 - 51 Avenue	7A	11	8621419	Construction of Retaining Wall	Approved
20DP40-01	15-Sep-20	4715 - 52A Street	10	13	3321BQ	Installation of Culvert & Gravel Driveway	Approved
20DP41-01	16-Sep-20	5615 - 51 Avenue	8A	11	8621419	Construction of Retaining Wall	Approved
20DP42-01	21-Oct-20	4836 - 59 Street	37	5	722MC	Driveway	Approved
20DP43-01	23-Sep-20	5007 - 57 Street	14	11	201BT	Demo of Addition to Garage	Approved
20DP44-01	24-Sep-20	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Demolition of Cottage\small shed	Approved
20DP45-01	28-Dec-20	4836 - 59 Street	37	5	722MC	Variance to rear yard setback for existing	Approved at MPC Dec 15-20
20DP46-01	01-Dec-20	4516 - 46 Street	13	4	4696MC	Chain Link Fence	conditions)
20DP47-01	27-Oct-20	4712 - 50 Avenue	10	9	3321BQ	Demolition (Shed)	Approved
20DP48-01	14-Nov-20	25 Power Drive	7	2	762 1946	Installation of Culvert & Gravel Driveway	Approved
20DP49-01 - Revised	27-Nov-20	5027D - 50 Avenue	7	6	3321BQ	Hair Salon	Approved
20DP49-02	10-Jan-21	5027D - 50 Avenue	7	6	3321BQ	Hair Salon	Approved - submitted in 2020
20DP50-01							
20DP51-01	09-Jan-21	5128 - 49 Avenue	10	3	3321BQ	Grading\Second Access\Driveway Ext.	Approved - submitted in 2020

# Alberta Beach Regional Patrol Service

2020 Patrol report



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## Core Values

Accountability ✦ Respect ✦ Community



# Alberta Beach Regional Patrol Service

## Agency Contacts

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# **Alberta Beach Regional Patrol Service Community Peace Officer Listing 2020**

**Bruce Edward PARNO**

**Community Peace Officer 1**

**Badge #14787**

**Derek Michael HEINRICHS**

**Community Peace Officer 1**

**Badge #17870**

## AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY OR ENGAGE PEACE OFFICERS

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Peace Officer Act  
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I, William M Sweeney, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister/Director of Law Enforcement of the Public Security Division, Department of Justice and Solicitor General, for the Province of Alberta, hereby authorize the employment or engagement of peace officers by the

Village of Alberta Beach

### Article 1. Authority

1.1 Subject to section 1.2, peace officers employed or engaged by the Village of Alberta Beach may, subject to their individual appointments, have authority to:

- a) Enforce the following legislation and all regulations thereunder as amended from time to time, and serve court documents relating to the:

ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT  
DANGEROUS DOGS ACT  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT  
ACT, PART 9, DIVISION 2  
FUEL TAX ACT  
GAMING, LIQUOR, AND CANNABIS ACT  
INNKEEPERS ACT  
PETTY TRESPASS ACT  
PROVINCIAL OFFENCES PROCEDURE ACT  
TOBACCO AND SMOKING REDUCTION ACT  
TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT  
TRESPASS TO PREMISES ACT

- b) In addition to the authorities, responsibilities and duties set out in their individual appointments as a peace officer have authority and responsibility to perform the duties of a Firefighter, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician or Disaster Services Responder.

1.2 The authorities granted herein are subject to the following restrictions:

- a) Authority to enforce the *Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Act* is restricted to sections 83, 84, 87, 89, 107, 108; and section 115 subject to section 53 of the *Police Act*.

- b) Authority to enforce the *Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Regulation* (AR 143/96) is restricted to section 87.1.

## Article 2. Jurisdiction

- 2.1 The jurisdiction of peace officers employed or engaged by the Village of Alberta Beach is, subject to their individual appointments, throughout the Province of Alberta, excluding one and two digit highways except as permitted in accordance with section 2.2.
- 2.2 Authority is granted on one and two digit highways within the urban confines of a municipality where the speed limit is 90 kilometers per hour or less.
- 2.3 Authority may be granted on one and two digit highways as follows:
  - a) With a written invitation by a police or law enforcement agency with authority on that highway for the purpose of participation in a Joint Enforcement Operation.
  - b) When requested by a police or law enforcement agency with authority on that highway to perform traffic management duties but not including enforcement authorities.
  - c) Where permitted by the terms of the peace officer's appointment, for the purpose of performing emergency vehicle response, but not including enforcement authorities.
- 2.4 The jurisdiction of peace officers in Alberta is at all times subject to requirements set out in the Public Security Peace Officer Program Policy, January 2007 (amended February 2012), and as may be further amended from time to time, as issued by the Director of Law Enforcement.
- 2.5 This authorization does not include jurisdiction on an Indian Reserve.

## Article 3. Weapons and Equipment

- 3.1 Peace officers employed or engaged by the Village of Alberta Beach may, subject to their individual appointments, be authorized to carry and use certain weapons and equipment while in the performance of their authorized duties which may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:
  - a) A shotgun;
  - b) OC spray as defined in section 4(1)(a) of the *Peace Officer Regulation*, as amended from time to time;
  - c) A baton as defined in section 4(1)(b) of the *Peace Officer Regulation*, as amended from time to time;
  - d) Emergency response units, as defined in the regulations under the *Traffic Safety Act*, as amended from time to time, used by the peace officer for the purpose of carrying out the duties of a peace officer;
  - e) Handcuffs;




- f) Personal protective equipment including a bullet resistant vest, a stab resistant vest or protective gloves, but not including SAP gloves or similar gloves;
- g) Particular equipment necessary to carry out the enforcement duties and responsibilities of the peace officer; and
- h) Tools and items necessary for the performance of the peace officer's duties and responsibilities.

Article 4. Terms and Conditions

- 4.1 The authorized employer must abide by Public Security Peace Officer Program Policy, January 2007 (amended February 2012), and as may be further amended from time to time, as issued by the Director of Law Enforcement.
- 4.2 Peace officers designated under this Authorization, subject to their individual appointments are permitted to exercise the duties specified in section 24.13 of the Public Security Peace Officer Program Policy, January 2007 (amended February 2012), and as may be further amended from time to time, as issued by the Director of Law Enforcement.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2018.

 W.M. SWEENEY  
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SENIOR ASSISTANT DEPUTY  
MINISTER/DIRECTOR OF LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY  
DIVISION, DEPARTMENT

## PEACE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Peace Officer Act  
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I, William M. Sweeney, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister/Director of Law Enforcement of the Public Security Division, Department of Justice and Solicitor General, for the Province of Alberta, hereby appoint

Bruce Edward PARNO

a PEACE OFFICER as detailed below:

### Article 1. Authority, Responsibility and Duties

1.1 Subject to section 1.2, the person appointed under this document has the authority, while employed or engaged by the Village of Alberta Beach and while acting within the scope of his/her employment, to:

- a) Enforce the following legislation and all regulations thereunder, and serve court documents relating to the:

ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT  
 DANGEROUS DOGS ACT  
 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT,  
 PART 9, DIVISION 2  
 FUEL TAX ACT  
 GAMING, LIQUOR, AND CANNABIS ACT  
 INNKEEPERS ACT  
 PETTY TRESPASS ACT  
 PROVINCIAL OFFENCES PROCEDURE ACT  
 TOBACCO AND SMOKING REDUCTION ACT  
 TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT  
 TRESPASS TO PREMISES ACT

1.2 The authorities granted herein are subject to the following restrictions:

- a) Authority to enforce the *Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Act* is restricted to sections; 83, 84, 87, 89, 107, 108, and section 115 subject to section 53 of the *Police Act*.
- b) Authority to enforce the *Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Regulation* (AR 143/96) is restricted to section 87.1.

Article 2. Jurisdiction

- 2.1 The jurisdiction of peace officers employed or engaged by the Village of Alberta Beach is, subject to their individual appointments, throughout the Province of Alberta, excluding one and two digit highways except as permitted in accordance with section 2.2.
- 2.2 Authority is granted on one and two digit highways within the urban confines of a municipality where the speed limit is 90 kilometers per hour or less.
- 2.3 Authority may be granted on one and two digit highways as follows:
- a) With a written invitation by a police or law enforcement agency with authority on that highway for the purpose of participation in a Joint Enforcement Operation.
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  - c) Where permitted by the terms of the peace officer's appointment, for the purpose of performing emergency vehicle response, but not including enforcement authorities.
- 2.4 The jurisdiction of peace officers in Alberta is at all times subject to requirements set out in the Public Security Peace Officer Program Policy, January 2007 (amended February 2012), and as may be further amended from time to time, as issued by the Director of Law Enforcement.
- 2.5 This authorization does not include jurisdiction on an Indian Reserve.

Article 3. Weapons and Equipment

- 3.1 This appointment permits the carrying or use of the following while in the performance of their duties as set out above:
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- 4.1 The peace officer may utilize the title of Peace Officer or Community Peace Officer while carrying out the authority, responsibilities and duties of this appointment.

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DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2018.



SENIOR ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER/DIRECTOR  
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DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 2020.



SENIOR ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER/DIRECTOR  
OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY  
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## **Services Provided by Peace Officer**

### **Community Peace Officer Services Provided in Alberta Beach include:**

Alberta Beach Peace Officers provide services in Alberta Beach which include enforcement of the traffic safety act and local municipal bylaws such as the Animal Control Bylaw, Burning Bylaw, Fireworks Bylaw, Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw, Parks Bylaw, Public Order Bylaw, Traffic Bylaw, Untidy & Unsightly Premises Bylaw and Waste Collection & Disposal Bylaw within the boundaries of Alberta Beach also including enforcement of legislation as listed on the Peace Officer Appointment as follows:

The Traffic Safety Act

The Animal Protection Act

The Dangerous Dogs Act

The Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Part 9, Division 2

The Fuel Tax Act

The Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act Sections 83/84/87/89/107/108 section 115 subject to section 53 of the Police Act (Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation AR 143/96 section 87.1)

The Innkeepers Act

The Petty Trespass Act

The Provincial Offences Procedure Act

The Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act

The Trespass to Premises Act

### **Community Peace Officer Services provided to the Summer Village of Sunset Point include:**

Alberta Beach has an agreement with the Summer Village of Sunset Point (Agreement was previously submitted to Alberta Justice & Solicitor General's office) to provide Peace Officer Services for enforcement of the traffic safety act and local municipal bylaws including their Animal Control By-law, Noise Bylaw, Off Highway Bylaw, Traffic Bylaw, Parking Bylaw, Fireworks Bylaw and Untidy & Unsightly Premises Bylaw within the boundaries of Sunset Point also including;

Enforcement of the Traffic Safety Act, the Animal Protection Act, the Dangerous Dogs Act, the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act Part 9 Division 2, the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act Sections 83/84/87/89/107/108 section 115 subject to section 53 of the Police Act (Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation AR 143/96 section 87.1), the Innkeepers Act, the Petty Trespass Act, the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, the Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act and the Trespass to Premises Act within the boundaries of Sunset Point.

### **Community Peace Officer Services provided to the Summer Village of Val Quentin include:**

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Enforcement of the Traffic Safety Act, the Animal Protection Act, the Dangerous Dogs Act; the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act Part 9 Division 2, the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act Sections 83/84/87/89/107/108 section 115 subject to section 53 of the Police Act (Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation AR 143/96 section 87.1), the Innkeepers Act, the Petty Trespass Act, the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, the Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act and the Trespass to Premises Act within the boundaries of Val Quentin.





**Alberta Beach Village Office**

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**From:** cao@onoway.ca  
**Sent:** December 28, 2020 10:19 AM  
**To:** 'Duane Drews'; 'Denise VanDenBussche'; 'Lucille Hachey'; 'Joe Blakeman'; todd@blakemandrilling.com; idrews@wildroseinternet.ca; aboffice@albertabeach.com; 'Bud Love'  
**Subject:** ABADASA - LSA County contribute \$14,000 to AB diamonds  
**Attachments:** abadasa-lsac14,000ABdiamonds.pdf

Hi everyone – these came in Wednesday's mail, just got to scanning them today.

Kathy – let's chat when you get back after Xmas about next steps and who is contacting the fence guy etc.,

*Hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season!*

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**Wendy Wildman**

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December 1, 2020

Alberta Beach & District Amateur Softball Association  
Box 8  
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Attn: Duane Drews,

Re: Alberta Beach Ball Diamond Fence Upgrades

Lac Ste. Anne County Council considered your sponsorship request for the above noted project at their regular meeting of November 26, 2020. I am pleased to advise that Council passed a resolution to provide your organization with a funding contribution of \$14,000, based on the information provided in your November 2, 2020 request to Council.

This funding is being provided through the Lac Ste. Anne County Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant, and the approval is issued as a project specific consideration .

Payment will fall under separate cover.

Although there is no requirement for final accounting, please keep us informed throughout the progression of the project. On behalf of the County, we wish you much success.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Trista Court", written over a printed name.

Trista Court  
General Manager of Community & Protective Services

cc: Jim/Baryl

**aboffice@albertabeach.com**

**Subject:** Lac Ste. Anne Weir and Water Levels  
**Location:** Teleconference - Zoom

**Start:** Tue 2021-01-26 10:00 AM  
**End:** Tue 2021-01-26 12:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Paul Sandhu

**January 15 Update:** Draft meeting agenda and online meeting details via Zoom attached.

**Meeting to Discuss Water Levels and Outlet Control at Lac Ste Anne, and Regulatory Considerations**

The purpose of this meeting to help connect various inquiring stakeholders around Lac Ste Anne to discuss water levels at Lac Ste Anne, concerns about/and ideas for managing the water level. As well, and to discuss regulatory application requirements for the ideas and concepts discussed in this meeting with AEP Water Act and Public Lands Act staff.

**Attendees: Will be Updated At the Time of the Meeting, if there are more.**

- MLA Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland Mr. Shane Getson,
- Lac Ste. Anne County – Mike Primeau,
- Alberta Beach – CAO Kathy Skwarchuk,
- S.V. of Val Quentin – CAO Dennis Evans, Mayor Roger Montepellier
- S.V. of Sunset Point – CAO Matt Ferris,
- S.V. of Castle Island – CAO Shelley Marsh,
- S.V. of Yellowstone – CAO Wendy Wildman
- S.V. of West Cove – CAO Wendy Wildman,
- S.V. of Ross Haven – CAO Tony Sonnleitner,
- AEP Water Act Staff (Muhammad Aziz, Manager; Paul Sandhu Water Administration Engineer),
- AEP Public Lands Act Staff (Darrell Kentner, Manager; Chris Vierath, Senior Public Lands Officer),
- AEP Aboriginal Consultation Office (ACO) Staff – Kurt Borzel
- AEP Watershed Planning Staff – Arin MacFarlane Dyer

**Date/Time:** 10:00AM to 12:00AM, January 26, 2021

**Agenda:** See attached, please provide details for any agenda items you would like to discuss.

**Meeting Location:** An updated meeting invite will be sent with further details. For the moment a virtual meeting is planned (see details below). If provincial and departmental pandemic protocols change in the mean time, accommodation for an in-person meeting is be made.

## Lac Ste. Anne Outlet Control Structure and Regulatory Considerations MEETING AGENDA

**DATE:** January 26, 2020

**TIME:** 10:00 pm – 12:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Online (Zoom)

**CHAired BY:** Paul Sandhu (AEP)

**RECORDED BY:** Paul Sandhu (AEP)

**Conference Call Details:**

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID:

Passcode:

**Confirmed Meeting Attendees:**

**(Representatives from – Name)**

Mr. Shane Getson, MLA Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland  
 Lac Ste. Anne County – Mike Primeau,  
 Alberta Beach – CAO Kathy Skwarchuk,  
 S.V. of Val Quentin – CAO Dennis Evans, Mayor Roger Montepellier  
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 S.V. of Castle Island – CAO Shelley Marsh,  
 S.V. of Yellowstone & S.V. of West Cove – CAO Wendy Wildman, Mayor Larry St. Amand  
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<b>Agenda: Tuesday January 26, 2020</b>	
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LEAD</b>
<p><b>Introductions – Stakeholders Around the Lake (30 Minutes)</b></p> <p>To start the meeting, each stakeholder will have a few minutes to highlight issues and concerns related to the weir, and outline respective ideas related to outlet structure. Order for will be:</p> <p>Mr. Shane Getson, MLA Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland            Lac Ste. Anne County – Mike Primeau,            Alberta Beach – CAO Kathy Skwarchuk,            S.V. of Val Quentin – CAO Dennis Evans,            S.V. of Sunset Point – CAO Matt Ferris,            S.V. of Castle Island – CAO Shelley Marsh,            S.V. of Yellowstone – CAO Wendy Wildman,            S.V. of West Cove – CAO Wendy Wildman, Mayor Larry St. Amand,            S.V. of Ross Haven – CAO Tony Sonnleitner,</p>	<p>Respective speakers from each entity.</p>

<p><b>Introductions – AEP Regulators (15 Minutes)</b></p> <p>AEP Public Lands Act Staff (Darrell Kentner, Manager; Chris Vierath, Senior Public AEP Water Act Staff (Muhammad Aziz, Manager; Paul Sandhu Water Administration Engineer), Lands Officer), AEP Aboriginal Consultation Office (ACO) Staff – Kurt Borzel AEP Watershed Planning Staff – Arin MacFarlane Dyer</p>	<p>Respective speakers from each entity</p>
<p><b>Open Discussion Forum</b></p> <p>this section will be compiled during the meeting, based on the comments and discussion in the introductions, to address specific comments, concerns ideas brought up. If topic ideas pop up in advance of the meeting, please forward to me at <a href="mailto:paul.sandhu@gov.ab.ca">paul.sandhu@gov.ab.ca</a>.</p>	<p>Open</p>

**ACTION ITEMS**

ACTION/OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE

**From:** Alberta Health Services <community.engagement@ahs.ca>  
**Sent:** December 14, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** aboffice@albertabeach.com  
**Subject:** AHS Together4Health Headlines - COVID Community Update

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# Headlines

• HEALTH NEWS YOU CAN USE •

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

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### Today's Update:

- **COVID-19 Status**
  - Cases in Alberta
  - COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers
- **Things You Need to Know**
  - Expanded, Mandatory Province-wide Public Health Measures Announced
  - First Doses of Vaccine Arrive This Week
  - Updated Guidance for Designated Family/Supports
  - Verna's Weekly Video Message - Scientific Advisory Group
  - AHS' COVID-19 Projections
  - Surgery Postponements
  - Contact Tracing Hiring Continues
  - Contact Tracing in Schools
  - Influenza Immunization Update
  - Changes to Outpatient Laboratory at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre
  - Connect Care Update - Change in Timing

- Midwifery Services now available at Taber Health Centre
- **Join the Conversation**
  - Your Body Talks, Listen To It.
  - Help AHS Shape Cancer Awareness Campaign
  - AHS Seeks Feedback from College and University Students re COVID-19 Straight Talk
  - Straight Talk - 'Help Me Do My Job by Staying Home'
- **Be Well - Be Kind**
  - Photo of the Week
  - Foundation Good News
  - Sharing the Love - Gratitude from Albertans

## COVID-19 Status

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### Cases in Alberta

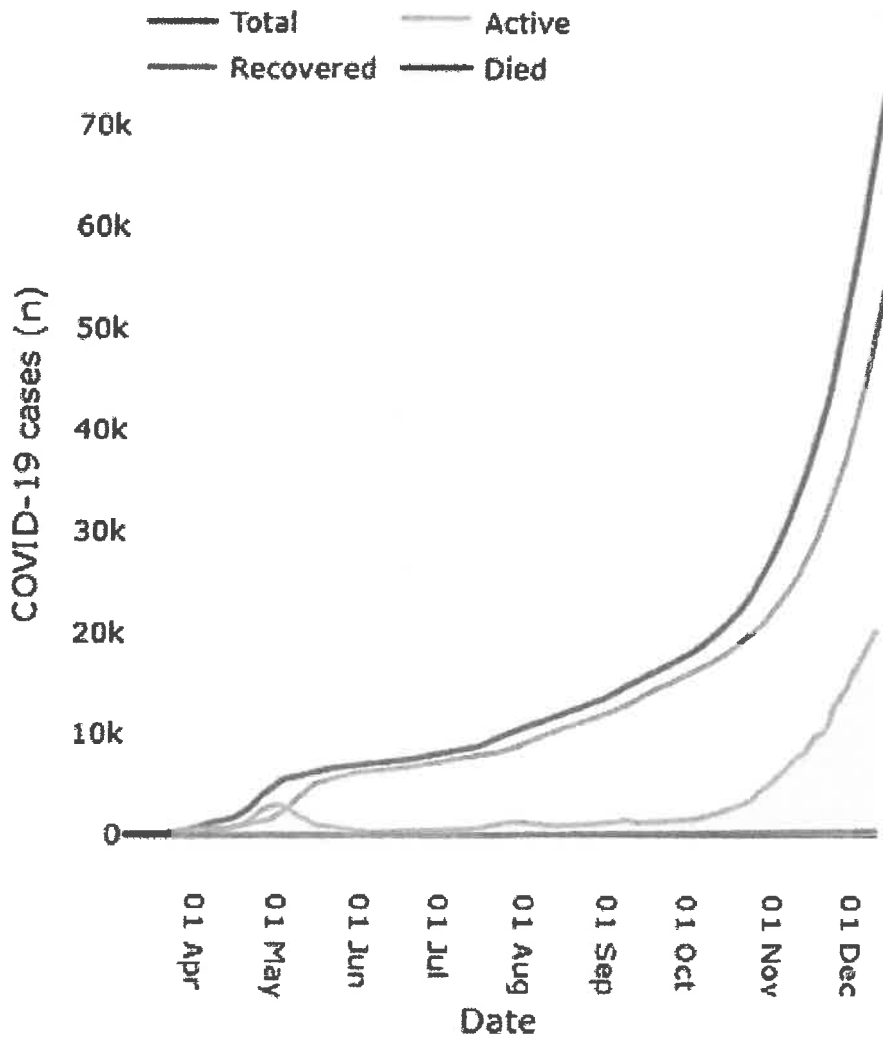
The Government of Alberta announced expanded public health measures December 8 (see item below), designed to reverse rising numbers of new cases, hospitalizations and ICU admissions - a trend that continued this past week.

Between Dec. 3 and Dec. 9, Alberta recorded more than 1,500 cases each day, with 1,881 reported on Dec. 4, an all-time high. Over this period, there was an average of 1,733 daily new cases, compared to 1,591 the previous week, a 9% increase. If there's a sliver of positive news, it's the fact this single-digit increase is preferable to what we've seen over the previous four weeks, when we saw week-to-week increases of between 23% and 42%.

For the week ending Dec. 9, there were 6,573 cases among individuals aged 20 to 49 years, which is 54% of all new cases. However, cases continue to occur in every age group. This week, 1,833 new cases were reported among school-aged children (5 to 19 years) and 1,891 new cases were reported among older adults (60 years and older).

Alberta surpassed 20,000 active cases for the first time on Dec. 6 and had a record number of active cases on Dec. 7 with 20,388 active cases.





As of Dec. 9, there are 20,163 active cases in the province. Edmonton Zone has the most active cases with 9,464, a 14% increase compared to the previous week. North Zone reported a 26% increase compared to the week before, the largest proportional increase among the five zones. For the second consecutive week, the South Zone reported a 5% decrease in the number of active cases compared to the previous week. The table below shows the number of active cases in each zone for the last two weeks.

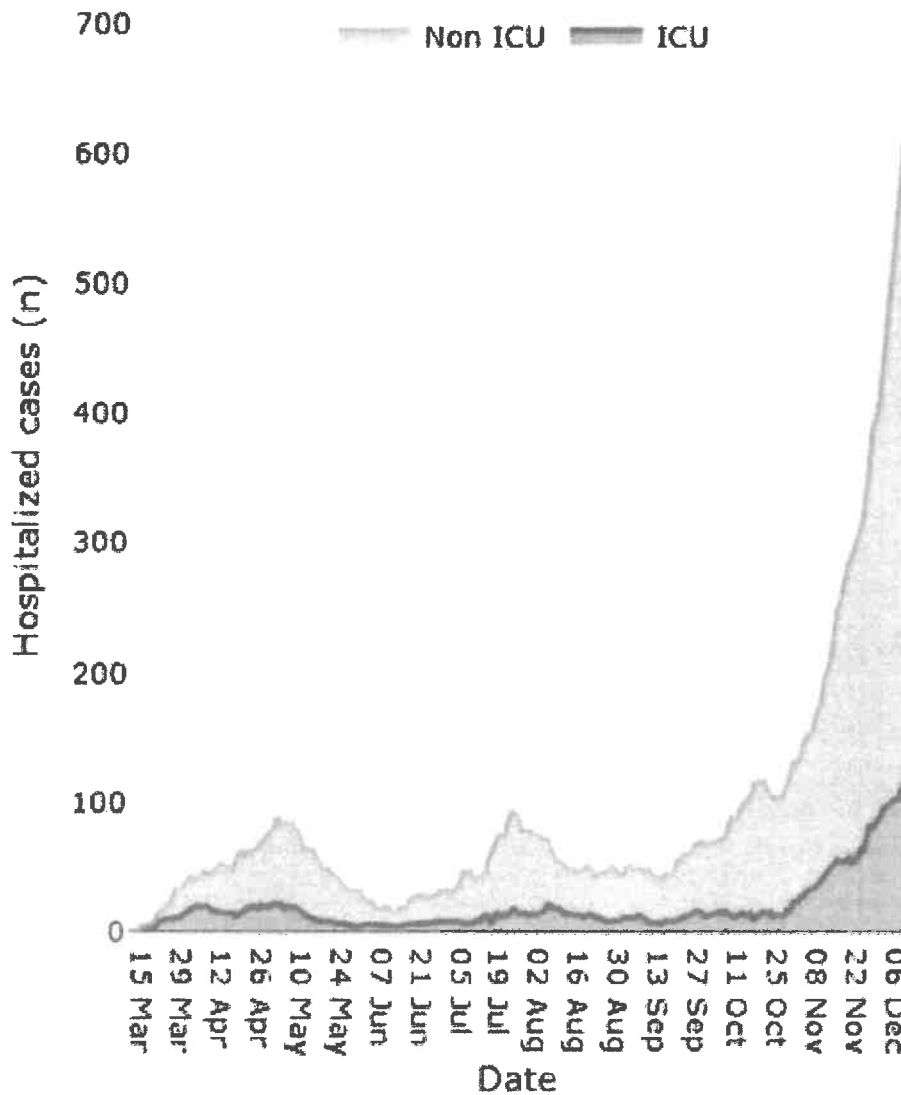
	Active Cases (week ending Dec. 9)	Active Cases (week ending Dec. 2)	Per Cent Change
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>9,464</b>	<b>8,331</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>7,304</b>	<b>6,445</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>-27%</b>

**Hospitalizations and ICU Admissions**

As of Dec. 9, there are 682 individuals in Alberta hospitals, with 124 in ICUs. These numbers represent a

34% increase in total hospitalizations from the previous week. The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Dec. 9 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	Patients in ICU
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>



**Other notable COVID-19 - related information:**

- As of Dec. 9, a total of 75,054 cases of COVID-19 have occurred in Alberta and 2,465 individuals have been hospitalized, which represents 3.3 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 54,225 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.

- Alberta has reported 666 deaths since the start of the pandemic, with 14% of those deaths occurring in this last week alone. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- In the past week, 134,902 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 19,272 per day. A record 23,463 tests were performed on Dec. 5. The daily positivity rate reached a record of 10.74% on Dec 3. A total of 2,444,373 tests have been conducted as of Dec 9.
- As of Dec 10, AHS has confirmed 3,119 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. Currently, 897 out of 2,415 schools in the province (37.1%) have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

### **COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers**

These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace.

As of Dec.9:

- 69,315 employees (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 2,546 (or 3.67%) have tested positive.
- Of the 921 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 302 (or 32.8%) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 1,625 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 4,454 physicians (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 118 (or 2.65%) have tested positive.
- Of the 44 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, seven (or 15.9%) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 74 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

## **Things You Need to Know**

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### **Expanded, Mandatory Province wide Public Health Measures Announced**

The Government of Alberta announced expanded, province wide public health measures on December 8. All Albertans, businesses, organizations and service providers must follow all new health measures. These restrictions will be in place for a minimum of four weeks.

All indoor and outdoor social gatherings – public and private – are prohibited.

- Close contacts are limited to household members only.
- Individuals who live alone will be allowed up to two close contacts for in-person visiting, with those two people remaining the same for the duration of the restriction period.
- Festivals, parades, events, concerts, exhibitions, competitions, sport and performance remain prohibited.

The mandatory indoor public masking requirement has been extended province wide.

- Public spaces include locations where a business or entity operates and is applicable to employees, visitors and the general public.
- Applies to all indoor workplaces and facilities outside the home.
- Farm operations are excluded.
- Rental accommodations used solely for the purposes of a private residence are excluded.

All places of worship are limited to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance.

- Virtual or online services are strongly encouraged.
- Drive-in services where individuals do not leave their vehicles and adhere to guidance will be permissible and are not subject to capacity restrictions.
- Mandatory mask mandate, physical distancing and other guidelines remain in place.

Retail services must reduce customer capacity to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy, with a maximum of five customers permitted.

- Curbside pickup, delivery and online services are encouraged.
- Shopping malls will be limited to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy.

#### Closures

- Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafes will be closed to in-person service.
  - Only takeout, curbside pickup and delivery services are permitted.
- Casinos, bingo halls, gaming entertainment centres, racing entertainment centres, horse tracks, raceways, bowling alleys, pool halls, legions and private clubs will be closed.
- Recreational facilities – fitness centres, recreation centres, pools, spas, gyms, studios, day and overnight camps, indoor rinks and arenas – will be closed.
- Outdoor recreation is permitted, but facilities with indoor spaces except for washrooms will be closed.
- Entertainment businesses and entities – libraries, science centres, interpretive centres, museums, galleries, amusement parks and water parks – will be closed.
- Hotels may remain open but must follow restrictions – no spas, pools, gyms or in-person dining. Room services only.
- Personal and wellness services, including hair salons, nail salons, massage, tattoos, and piercing, will be closed.
- Health services, including physiotherapy or acupuncture, social or protective services, shelters for vulnerable persons, emergency services, child care, and not-for-profit community kitchens or charitable kitchens will remain open for in-person attendance.
- Entertainment businesses and entities – community halls and centres, indoor children's play centres and indoor playgrounds, theatres, auditoriums, concert halls, and community theatres, nightclubs, banquet halls and conference centres, indoor and outdoor festivals, concerts with the exception of drive-in events, tradeshows, and sporting events or competitions, remain closed.

#### Work from home

- Mandatory work from home measures will be implemented unless the employer determines that work requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness.

#### First Doses of Vaccine Arrive This Week

Health Canada approved the first COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday, December 9. The [Government of Alberta](#) and AHS are planning for the arrival of 3,900 doses of Pfizer vaccine in Alberta this week, with an additional 25,350 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine now scheduled to arrive the week of Dec. 21.

The Government of Alberta determines overall immunization eligibility. The first round of vaccine is arriving in Edmonton and Calgary, as these are the zones with the highest rates and cases of COVID-19. Vaccinations are scheduled to begin later this week to a small number of healthcare workers including respiratory therapists, ICU staff and physicians, and some eligible long-term care healthcare workers. Alberta Health and AHS are working closely to ensure that the healthcare workers included in this phase are selected based on their level of interaction with populations most vulnerable to COVID-19 and with COVID-19 positive cases, as well as their role within the frontlines of the COVID-19 response.

A [website](#) has been developed and an [FAQ is now available](#) and will be updated on an ongoing basis.

After almost a year of living during a pandemic, the arrival of COVID-19 vaccine brings optimism and hope to our fight against the virus. As we move forward, please continue to follow current restrictions. Remember that it will be many months before the majority of Albertans are immunized and we must continue to work together to protect each other from the virus.

### **Updated Guidance for Designated Family/Supports**

Due to the rising COVID-19 numbers, rates of community transmission and feedback received, AHS has made the difficult decision to limit onsite designated support in all acute care facilities including ambulatory care, urgent care/emergency department and maternity settings.

Effective today, Dec. 14, access for designated support persons and visitors in AHS acute care facilities includes the following:

- One designated support person for each patient in ambulatory, emergency, urgent care, maternity/postpartum and other inpatient areas.
- Up to two designated support persons for each patient in critical care, pediatrics and NICU.
- For exceptions from the above in pediatrics and maternity, for dependent-adults, and for supporting patients at end-of-life, please go to [ahs.ca/visitation](https://ahs.ca/visitation).
- There are also [federal and provincial compassionate exemptions](#) and [Chief Medical Officer of Health exemptions](#) for end-of-life and critical illness when in quarantine and isolation.

The [updated guidance](#) includes specific responsibilities for designated support persons and clinical services to follow. The above restrictions will be maintained during the holiday season. Please review our patient and family [holiday season FAQ](#) for information on support over the holidays.

These changes are to increase the safety of everyone at our sites and for easier implementation and a more consistent application of the guidance across the province. Also, this will help us to balance the need for patients to get the support from their loved ones over the holidays and into the New Year, while we continue to deal with the challenges posed by the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

### **Verna's Weekly Video Message — Scientific Advisory Group**

Using the best possible evidence to make informed decisions is key to our pandemic response. And with the ever-changing nature of this pandemic, we often need that information quickly. That's where the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) comes in.

SAG connects with clinicians, operations, researchers and other experts to review, synthesize and interpret emerging evidence and guidance from national and international bodies, regarding various facets of COVID-19.

The focus of these reviews is to proactively support staff and patients during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to support best practices in healthcare settings across Alberta. Topics range from exploring viral transmission in condominiums and apartments, to determining the best strategies for controlling COVID-19 outbreaks.

Joining me (Verna) [to tell us more about the SAG are its two co-chairs](#):

- Dr. Braden Manns, Associate Chief Medical Officer.
- Dr. Lynora Saxinger, Physician and Medical Lead, AHS Antimicrobial Stewardship, North.

Braden and Lynora discuss the work of SAG, how they support our pandemic response, and what the future might have in store for this group.



### **AHS' COVID-19 Projections**

AHS is constantly monitoring current and future demand on the healthcare system, including the growth in COVID-19 cases. The AHS “early warning system” is one tool our teams use to predict hospitalization and ICU numbers, to help us plan for changes in demand. This internal tool provides a point in time forecast our teams, and is updated constantly throughout the day.

AHS is already increasing capacity to meet this forecast, and the potential for higher demand due to COVID-19. In the coming weeks, approximately 2,250 acute care beds, and 425 ICU beds will be allocated for patients with COVID-19 across the province. This is much higher than the worst-case scenario of 194 required ICU beds – and the 1,094 required acute care beds - forecast by the early warning system tool.

In Edmonton, 51 additional critical care beds have opened in the past three weeks. In Calgary, 10 additional critical care spaces opened in late November, and a further 10 opened this past weekend. More beds will be opened in those zones, and there are plans to add additional beds in North, Central and South Zones.

Our ICU occupancy is very high, and we thank our incredible frontline teams for the care they are providing in challenging circumstances. We need everyone’s help to reduce demand on our healthcare system. Please follow the restrictions outlined by Dr. Hinshaw, and ease community spread.

### **Surgery Postponements**

In late October Edmonton Zone postponed approximately 30% of non-urgent scheduled surgeries to maintain patient and ICU capacity within our hospitals. By early November, the significant surge in COVID admissions in both Inpatient Units (IP) and Intensive Care Units (ICU) resulted in the extension of the surgical phased reductions at 30% of all cases requiring hospital stay.

With the number of COVID hospitalizations and ICU admissions continuing to rise, further measures are required to ensure we have the space to care for the critically ill patients who require care now and in the coming weeks. These temporary measures include postponing as much as 60% of non-urgent scheduled surgeries that require a hospital stay in the Edmonton zone. The type of surgery that will go ahead will be limited to cases that require emergent treatment or urgent treatment in less than 7 days. Life and limb surgery will continue to be performed as well as surgery for major and minor trauma, urgent cancer, urgent cardiac and urgent vascular patients.

We know that these decisions will be difficult for those patients who are impacted, and we acknowledge the anxiety, frustration and concern that such decisions may cause. These decisions are not made lightly, but are necessary to address current pressures on our healthcare system capacity and ensure quality patient care. Impacted patients and staff of surgeries and ambulatory visits/procedures that require postponement are notified as soon as possible.

### **Contact Tracing Hiring Continues**

AHS has successfully hired more than 400 staff to support contact tracing, with some staff starting as soon as today - Dec. 14. Training takes two days, plus several shifts 'buddying' with experienced staff. Onboarding timelines vary based on role and operational capacity.

AHS has continued to enhance our contact tracing teams to meet demand. We are rapidly increasing our response to the unprecedented volume of COVID-19 cases in the province. Pre-pandemic AHS had 50 contact tracers. We increased this to 300 by July, and more than doubled it again by September to 700. We now have more than 800 contact tracers in Alberta and are on track to double it once more, bringing us close to 1,600 contact tracers by the end of 2020.

A medical background is not necessary; but completion of post-secondary education, experience conducting telephone-based or in-person interviews, analyzing data and strong communication skills, are required. Other clinical members of the contact tracing team will support specialists and clinical staff will handle complex case management. AHS has received hundreds of applications from people with a wide variety of qualifications and are in a good position to appropriately fill all vacancies. For more information, visit [www.careers.ahs.ca](http://www.careers.ahs.ca).

### **Contact Tracing in Schools**

Previously AHS contact investigation within school environments regarded anyone in the classroom with an infectious case to be a close contact and required to quarantine. This was resulting in too many teachers/staff being excluded when they may not have actually had close contact with a student case. For this reason, AHS has moved to assessing teachers/staff on a case-by-case basis, using similar criteria to what we use in assessing close contacts outside of the school environment.

Generally, all students who share a classroom with the case for more than 15 minutes cumulative are considered close contacts and will be required to quarantine for 14 days, regardless of mask use. This is due to the various interactions that students in the cohort may have with each other in the classroom, hallways and/or outside.

Teachers and other school staff may be considered on a case-by-case basis. If teachers can confirm that they are never within two meters of their students for more than 15 minutes cumulative, that they practiced appropriate hand hygiene, and that they were wearing a mask, they may not be considered as close contacts of a student case and not require quarantine. AHS is taking measures to do more individualized assessments for teachers to ensure that our educators are not quarantining unnecessarily.

### **Influenza Immunization Update**

More than 1.3 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta, an increase of more than 39,000 doses from last week. For the sixth week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta. The weekly influenza data report is available at [ahs.ca/influenza](http://ahs.ca/influenza).

### **Changes to Outpatient Laboratory at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre**

In an effort to further improve the safety of vulnerable patient populations and staff within our hospitals as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, Alberta Precision Laboratories is undertaking changes at some of its locations.

Effective today, Dec. 14, the Outpatient Laboratory at RDRHC will be restricted to serving patients of the hospital's ambulatory clinics, patients who are immunocompromised, and those referred by their physician for specialized lab testing. All existing appointments at the hospital outpatient lab will be honoured.

Patients requiring regular blood work and other community lab service can book appointments or receive walk-in service at the Elements@RiversEdge facility operated by DynaLIFE Medical Labs. DynaLIFE has added lab capacity and expanded waiting room space at their Red Deer location to accommodate increased patient volumes.

For more information on COVID-19, including assessment and testing, Albertans can visit: [www.ahs.ca/covid](http://www.ahs.ca/covid).

### **Connect Care Update – Change in Timing**

Given the current situation across AHS related to managing COVID-19 and the pressure this has placed on the health system, AHS' Executive Leadership Team has made the decision to change the timing and scope of upcoming Connect Care launches.

Wave 3 of Connect Care will launch in two parts: the portion planned for North Zone will launch April 10, 2021 while the Calgary Zone portion of Wave 3 will be further reviewed in consultation with zone leaders and teams. We are currently assessing the situation in order to determine our new wave rollout plan and sequencing for other waves. Our commitment is to keep the full implementation within the originally planned timeframe. Dates for future launches will be discussed and communicated once we know more.

Connect Care remains one of our highest organizational priorities. Even with this change, some Connect Care work will still continue to support the needs of the organization and prepare for the next launches.

We are thankful for all the work done to successfully launch Wave 2 in late October and we want to recognize the preparations undertaken for our next launches by teams across the organization. In the meantime, our immediate priority is to support Alberta's COVID-19 response.

### **Midwifery services now available at Taber Health Centre**

Families receiving care from a newly recruited registered midwife now have the option to deliver babies at Taber Health Centre. There are now eight registered midwives serving in AHS South Zone; the others are based in Medicine Hat, Brooks and Lethbridge. Planning is underway to recruit two additional registered midwives, giving more families supported by midwifery services the option of a planned birth location either close to home, at home, or at the health centre. Registered midwives provide a full spectrum of maternal and newborn care, from prenatal to labour and delivery, until six weeks postpartum.

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **Your Body Talks, Listen To It.**

Detecting disease early, especially cancer, is important to save lives. There are symptoms you can look for, and if you experience any of them, book an appointment with your family doctor/nurse practitioner or health care team immediately, even during the pandemic. They will work with you to decide what tests you need.

Some examples include:

- An unusual or growing lump
- Blood in your stool, urine, or phlegm, especially if persistent or associated with other symptoms related to your bowels (pain, constipation), urination (pain, frequency, poor stream), or breathing (worse cough or shortness of breath). Also, unusual bleeding from vagina, especially in postmenopausal women
- Any changes to a mole (size, shape, colour)
- Trouble urinating for men, such as needing to pee right away, more often, with difficulty or pain
- Unexplained significant weight loss (>10%)

For a full list of symptoms: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/cancersymptoms>. For other cancer resources: [www.ahs.ca/bodytalk](http://www.ahs.ca/bodytalk). If your family doctor/nurse practitioner suspects cancer, they will refer you for testing, such as imaging or biopsy and possibly to a specialist to plan any necessary treatment. If you do not have a family doctor/nurse practitioner, you can find one by calling 811 Health Link or by visiting [www.albertafindadoctor.ca](http://www.albertafindadoctor.ca).

### **Help AHS Shape Cancer Awareness Campaign**

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic cancer diagnosis decreased by more than 30% during the first wave in the spring with some recovery through the summer and early fall. However, as we move through wave 2, we are seeing a reversal of that recovery and cancer diagnosis is declining again. This suggests there are undiagnosed cancers across all tumour types, geographies and age groups, and could be linked to symptomatic cancer patients not seeking medical attention during this period of time. Many care settings experienced decreases in visits during the early months of COVID-19, including emergency



departments and community specialists.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has a critical role in reminding Albertans that the healthcare system remains open – and safe – to assist them with their health needs.

As we explore a paid portion of this awareness campaign for Albertans (such as radio, television and online advertisements), generously funded by the Alberta Cancer Foundation, we will be hosting a virtual focus group session on **Wednesday, December 16 @ 5:00 p.m.** to review our creative materials. Please note that space will be limited, and we will confirm participant registration via email prior to the session.

To express interest in this session visit:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMscOGprDwrEtDy\\_cqekFGWoK0C1Gpcw536](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMscOGprDwrEtDy_cqekFGWoK0C1Gpcw536)

### **AHS Seeks Feedback from College and University Students re COVID-19 Straight Talk**

Last week the Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC) invited College and University students to join a conversation about COVID-19 with AHS. The online session was held with students across Alberta and included an in-depth conversation about the new AHS Straight Talk campaign. The goal of the campaign is to help the public recognize the importance of remaining vigilant, and taking both the voluntary and mandatory public health restrictions seriously.

Click [here](#) to take the Straight Talk Survey – and help AHS shape messaging that resonates with Albertans.

### **Straight Talk - 'Help Me Do My Job by Staying Home'**

Straight Talk is a video series in which healthcare workers talk from the heart about what they're seeing and experiencing at work and in their communities as COVID-19 spreads across the province. AHS is posting a new Straight Talk video every day on YouTube and sharing it through our AHS accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please feel free to share these with your networks and on your social platforms as you see appropriate.

Here is another Straight Talk video, featuring Sijie Xia, a respiratory therapist at the University of Alberta Hospital.

"I understand COVID fatigue is a real thing," says Sijie. "But at the same time, you need to help us in the hospitals, especially when we see such high hospitalizations - and hospitalizations that end up in ICU... Curb the spread with proper hand hygiene, with mask wearing, social distancing. Help me do my job by staying home."



You can see all of the [Straight Talk videos](#), and new ones daily, on the AHS website.

## Be Well - Be Kind

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### Photo of the Week



We wish to highlight a photo every week that illustrates the efforts, compassion and achievements being realized as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.

Every week, we highlight a photo that illustrates your efforts, compassion and achievements as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.

This week, we share with you a photo of music therapist Sarah Van Peteghen, who plays a song for a young patient.

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

### 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.](#)

### Northern Lights Health Foundation Brightens the Season

The 31st annual Festival of Trees, presented by Syncrude, was full of surprises and unique ways of bringing seasonal joy to the community. It was also a tremendous fundraiser for the Northern Lights Health Foundation (NLHF). Together, the community raised \$430,000 (after expenses) for healthcare initiatives in the region.

In order to present the 2020 Festival of Trees, while maintaining all COVID-19 protocols, the NLHF put many Festival events online. The Festival 50/50 Raffle and the Giant Toy Box Raffle were both online. All silent auction items, and the decorated trees, were both online and on display in the Winter Wonderland Showcase at the North Terminal of the Fort McMurray International Airport. Read more [here.](#)

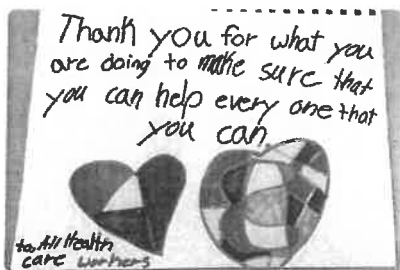


### Sharing the Love - Gratitude from Albertans

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 just want to say what a fantastic job the surgery nurses are doing with the COVID-19 unit at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre in Fort McMurray. They have organized the PPE and supplies in a way that is both safe and efficient. They have adopted best practices in donning and doffing that helps to keep us all safe. They make sure we do it right, and they do it all with such good humour and a positive attitude. They continue to give the best patient care in a caring way in the midst of a pandemic with all the inherent risks to themselves. I just want to say to my brave, courageous, professional and compassionate colleagues ... THANK YOU!*

— Dr. Liam Griffin  
Hospitalist, Northern Lights Regional Health Centre



*Ginger (our Elf on the Shelf) asked our daughter to write a message to a community hero. Lauren chose to create a message to all the healthcare workers and I thought it should be shared far and wide. Thank you to all AHS staff working at the COVID-19 front lines and those supporting.*

— Stephanie

*Thank you so much for taking care of Calgarians. I understand that this is a hard time to work and you probably have a million things on your mind. I just wanted to say thank you for all of your hard work. COVID-19 has kind of stopped many people's lives but it's good to know that there are so many people like you looking out for us. I hope that everyone can enjoy the holiday coming up. Even though families are limited with what they can do this year, I hope you and your family can find a way to have fun and relax.*

— Noah P.

### **Wrapping Up - Vaccine, New Measures Give Us Hope**

This year I'm sure we've all learned to treasure any and all good news we get. So, although this week's COVID-19 numbers continue to climb, we should be heartened by two developments this week. First, as mentioned earlier in this email, 3,900 doses of Pfizer vaccine will arrive in the province. Our COVID-19 Immunization Plan is expected to roll out over the next 12 months and possibly beyond, so these are very early days but we hope they represent the beginning of the end of the pandemic.

Of course, until universal immunization is achieved, all Albertans need to follow public health guidelines — and expanded, province wide measures announced by the Government of Alberta this week (outlined earlier in this email) are intended to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the province.

As we all know, we need these measures to work. We need to bend the curve. The increases in new daily COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and ICU admissions are not sustainable, even in the short term. So please follow the new measures and urge your families, friends and neighbours to do the same.

We know 'tis the season to be with family and friends under normal circumstances but these are not normal days. Let's all do our part to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe so we have a chance to celebrate together this time next year.

As always, with gratitude and appreciation,



**Dr. Verna Yiu**  
AHS President & CEO

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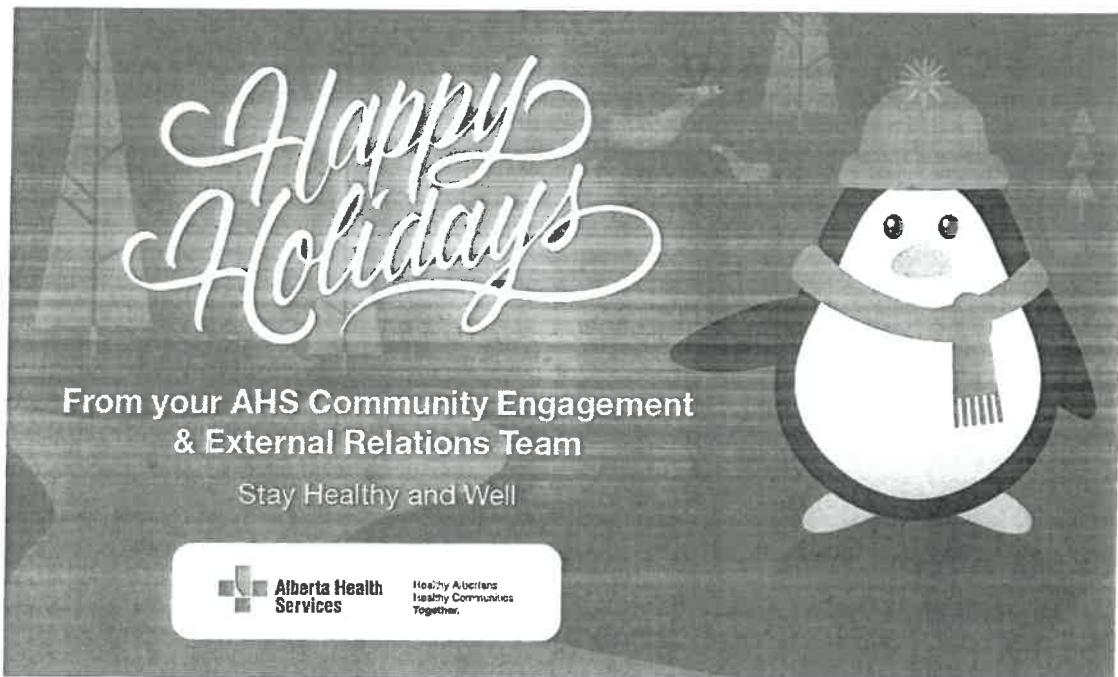


Together  Health

# Headlines

• HEALTH NEWS YOU CAN USE •

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



As we reflect on 2020 we are grateful for the thousands of Albertans who have volunteered as Advisory Council members, provided feedback through [Together4Health](#), attended virtual

engagement sessions, and shared diverse perspectives through social media. Through your input, questions and advice you have helped shape AHS' response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and many other projects, initiatives and decisions.

Together4Health Headlines is taking a break over the holiday season, so you will not receive your weekly e-news until the first full week of January. But you can continue to stay up to date on at [ahs.ca/covid](https://ahs.ca/covid).

While Headlines is taking a break, our **conversations with Albertans will continue through the holidays** as Together4Health has a number of projects open for your input 24/7. Check out [AHS Virtual Health and Tackling COVID-19 Together](#) to join the conversation. Help shape AHS' [virtual healthcare strategy](#) by sharing your experiences with virtual care and innovation. Take a moment to look at what other people have shared and add your stories. More tools and opportunities will be available in the New Year as AHS continues its work to develop a strategy for quality virtual care – anytime, anywhere.

And on behalf of AHS, the Community Engagement team wishes you happy – and safe – holidays!

## Today's Update:

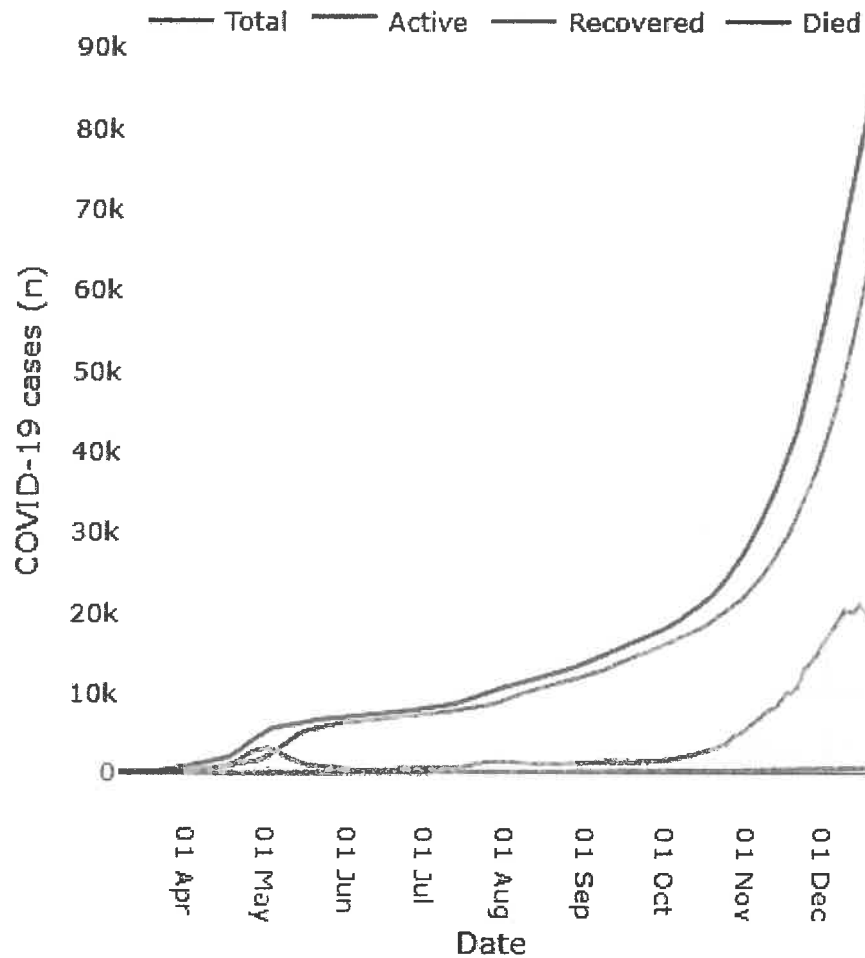
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## COVID-19 Status

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### Cases in Alberta

Alberta's COVID-19 vaccine rollout started Tuesday, December 15 (see below for details) and for the first time in three months, the average number of new daily cases for the week has decreased. Between Dec. 10 and Dec. 16, there was an average of 1,588 new COVID-19 cases daily compared to 1,733 the previous week, an eight per cent decrease. It should be noted that the last time Alberta reported a decrease was in late September when the average number of daily cases was under 150. So while it's good that the average number of daily new cases went down this past week, clearly there's plenty of room for further improvement.



Alberta reported 124 deaths this past week — that represents 15.7 per cent of all COVID-19-related deaths in the province and brings our total deaths to 790 individuals. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.

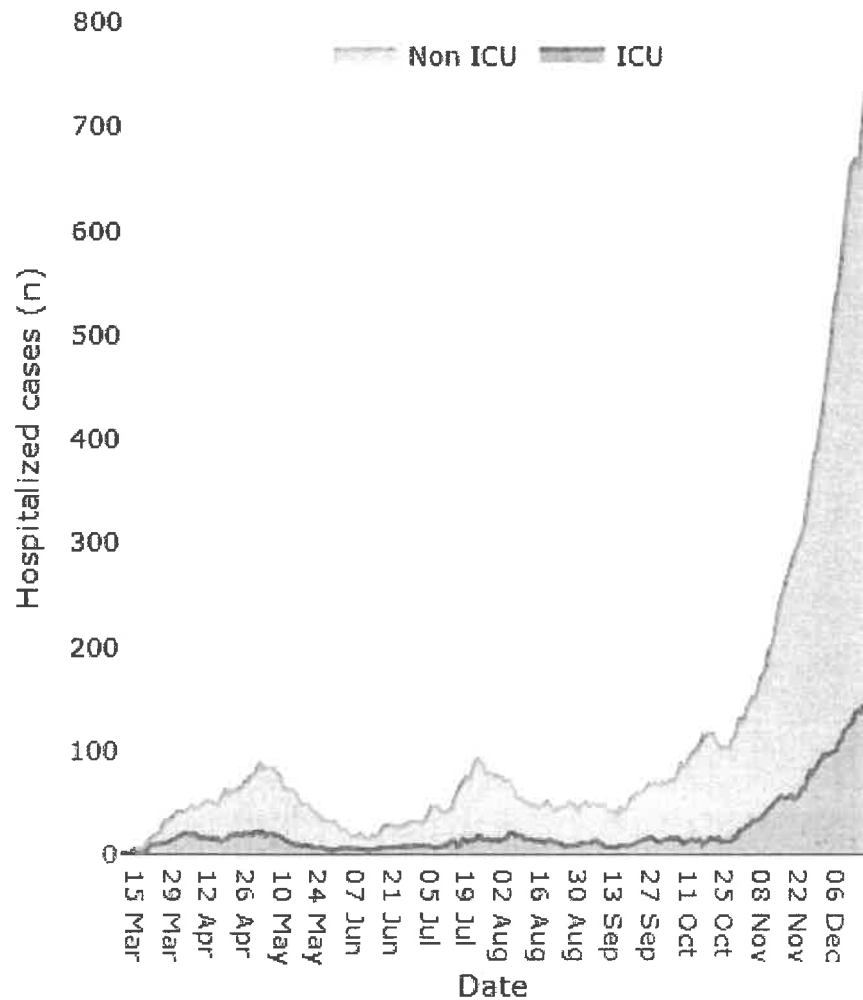
For the week ending Dec. 16, there were 5,846 cases among individuals ages 20 to 49 years; 2,030 cases among school-aged children (five to 19 years); and 1,830 new cases among adults 60 years and older.

On Dec. 13, Alberta reported a record number of active cases with 21,123, and on that same day, the Edmonton Zone surpassed 10,000 active cases, before falling back to 9,525 three days later.

The table below shows the number of active cases in each zone for the last two weeks.

	Active Cases (week ending Dec. 16)	Active Cases (week ending Dec. 9)	Per Cent Change
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>9,525</b>	<b>9,464</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>7,043</b>	<b>7,304</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>-19.4%</b>

**Hospitalizations and ICU Admissions**



On Dec. 16, there was a record of 763 individuals being treated for COVID-19 in Alberta hospitals, with 138 of those intensive care units (ICUs) and 625 in non-ICUs. One week earlier on Dec. 9, there were 682 total hospitalizations, which is a 12 per cent increase in total hospitalizations this week. The breakdown of hospitalizations by Zone as of Dec. 16 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	
Edmonton	420	83
Calgary	229	40
Central	64	4
North	34	7
South	16	4

**Other notable COVID-19 - related information:**

- As of Dec. 16, a total of 86,168 cases of COVID-19 have occurred in Alberta and a total of 2,935 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 3.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 65,513 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.



- In the past week, 137,272 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 19,610 per day. From Dec. 10 to Dec. 16, the daily positivity ranged from 7.34 per cent to 9.22 per cent. As of Dec. 16, a total of 2,582,185 tests have been conducted and 1,594,292 individuals have been tested.
- As of Dec 17, AHS has confirmed 3,447 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. Currently, two of every five schools (962 out of 2,415) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

### **COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers**

These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace.

As of Dec. 16:

- 70,877 employees (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 2,956 (or 4.17 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 986 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 304 (or 30.8% per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 1,970 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 4,554 physicians (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 137 (or 3.01 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 45 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, seven (or 15.6 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 92 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

## **Things You Need to Know**

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### **COVID-19 Immunizations Continue Next Week; Vaccine Sequencing Announced**

Alberta Health Services has rolled out the first of 3,900 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to healthcare workers in Edmonton and Calgary. As of 3 p.m. Friday, 1,306 doses had been delivered. This week we anticipate receiving an additional 25,350 doses for province wide distribution. We thank everyone involved in the vaccine rollout; the effort has been tremendous, and everyone involved has made extraordinary efforts.

Alberta Health is responsible for COVID-19 vaccine policy, including purchase and allocation of vaccine. AH has updated its website with some additional information on vaccine sequencing. With not enough vaccine available to offer immunizations to everyone at the same time, Alberta is undertaking a phased approach. To date, one product, Pfizer-BioNTech, has Health Canada approval.

AHS is responsible for administering COVID-19 vaccine as part of the provincial immunization program, and we are working within the immunization allocation parameters outlined by Alberta Health to provide immunization to groups as vaccine supply becomes available. Exact amounts and timelines are subject to change and the approach will be amended as needed depending on vaccine supply.

Alberta Health, with input from AHS, has identified the following staff to be included in the sequenced phased approach:

*Early Phase 1: December - Focus on acute care sites with the highest COVID-19 capacity concerns in Edmonton and Calgary:*

- Healthcare workers in intensive care units
- Respiratory therapists
- Staff in long term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) facilities

*Phase 1A: January (timeline subject to change depending on vaccine supply)*

- Respiratory therapists
- Healthcare workers in intensive care units
- Staff in long term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) facilities
- Home care workers
- Healthcare workers in emergency departments

*Phase 1B: February (timeline subject to change depending on vaccine supply)*

- Healthcare workers in medical, surgical and COVID-19 units and operating rooms.

*Phase 2 (April to Sept 2021)*

- Work to identify sequencing for Phase 2 groups is underway. Decisions will be made in 2021. While Alberta Health has not finalized details, frontline healthcare workers who have not been included in the Early Phase or Phase 1 A and B, are expected to be included in Phase 2.

*Phase 3 (Fall 2021)*

- Anticipated start of roll-out to the general public

Healthcare workers identified for immunization in Phase 1 were selected as the first to receive the vaccine as a way to support acute care capacity and to protect populations at highest risk of severe outcomes. This includes those who provide care to residents in long term care and designated supportive living, as well as home care staff, to help ensure their higher-risk clients can remain in their homes and prevent hospital admissions.

At this time the sequencing for Phase 2 is to be determined. Discussions are underway with Alberta Health. Additional information will be shared as timing and availability of vaccine is known.

Resources on COVID-19 vaccine have been developed and are available [here](#). A [website](#) has also been developed and will be updated as information becomes available.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the many staff involved in COVID-19 immunization planning and applaud their willingness to adapt to the quickly changing needs and priorities.

### **APL Expands Clinical Pilots for Rapid Point-of-Care COVID-19 Testing**

Alberta Precision Laboratories expanded its clinical pilots of rapid point-of-care testing for COVID-19 to include long-term care and designated supportive living facilities in the Edmonton Zone using dedicated mobile testing centres that will be focused on high-risk outbreak sites.

The new mobile testing centres are expected to be ready to deploy in Calgary Zone starting today, December 21. Expansion to long-term care and designated supportive living facilities outside Edmonton and Calgary zones is expected to follow shortly after.

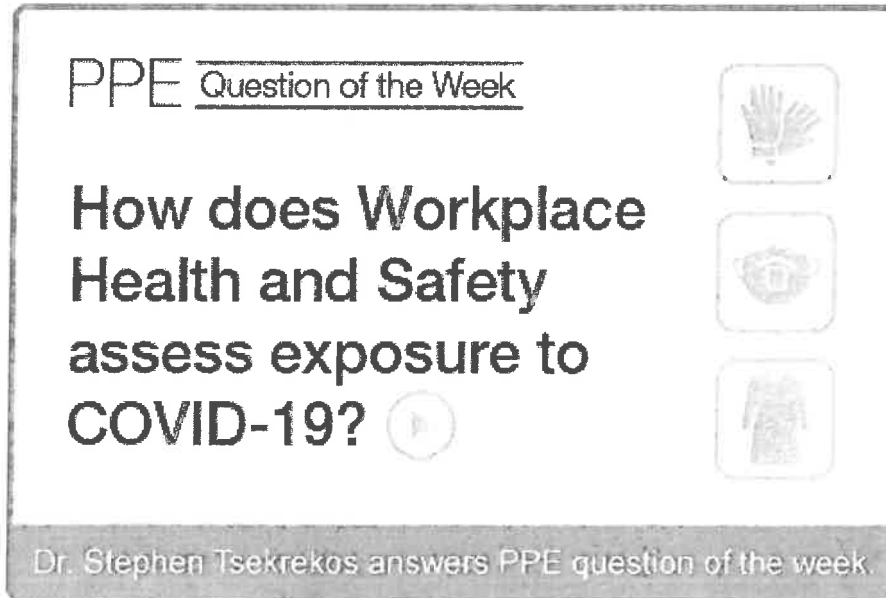
Expansion of the rapid-testing clinical pilot began during the week of December 7 with the deployment of systems at the first non-AHS sites – Calgary’s Drop-In Centre and Edmonton’s isolation facility – where staff nurses have been trained to use the systems with homeless shelter clients who are difficult to reach through the existing COVID-19 testing program. Work is underway to bring the systems to more homeless shelters in urban and rural locations in the coming weeks.

Rapid point-of-care testing systems provide faster and more convenient testing, helping to identify and isolate positive cases more rapidly than previously possible. Further expansion of the clinical pilot will also include the addition of rapid point-of-care testing at 25 rural hospitals in the AHS North, Central and South zones through the rest of December and early January, enhancing the testing system in more remote rural communities that currently require all patient samples to be transported to centralized public laboratories for analysis.

More information can be found [here](#).

## **PPE Question of the Week — How Does AHS Workplace Health and Safety Assess COVID-19 Exposure?**

In the latest instalment of PPE Question of the Week, Dr. Stephen Tsekrekos, Medical Director of Workplace Health and Safety (WHS), talks about the many factors that WHS considers when a healthcare worker has had a possible exposure to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) and whether workplace exclusion, or quarantine, might be required. These factors include the nature of the interaction between a healthcare worker and a COVID-19-positive individual, proximity to that individual, and duration of the exposure.



Previous videos in PPE Question of the Week series are available on the PPE webpage as well at [ahs.ca/covidppe](https://ahs.ca/covidppe).

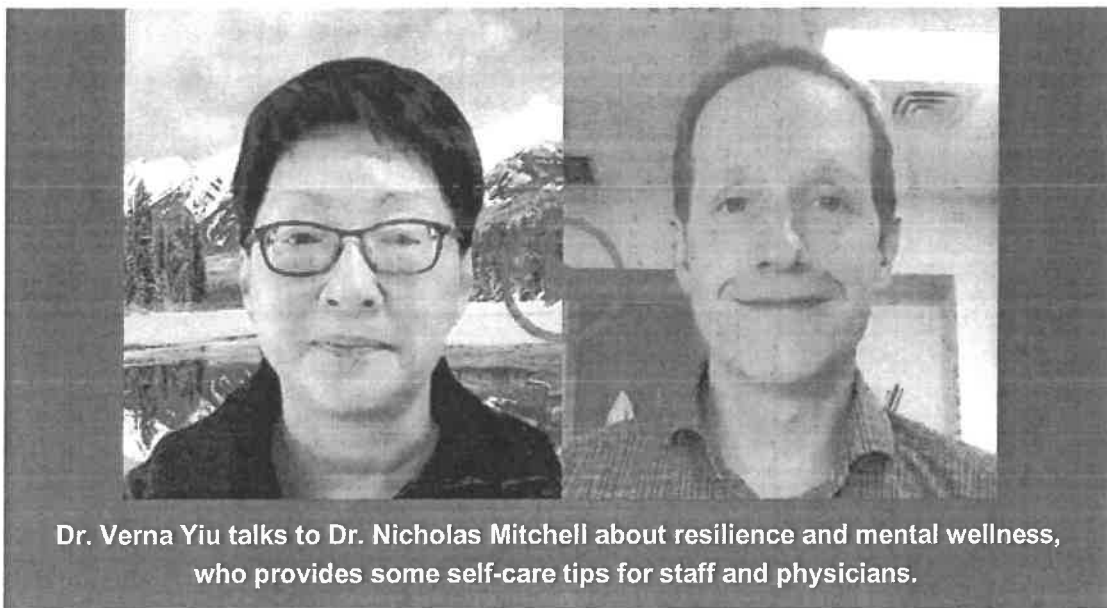
### **Verna's Weekly Video Message — Self-Care Builds Resilience**

We know this year has been difficult. In spite of that, our health care teams continue to do great work to protect the health of patients, families and each other.

These efforts are inspiring. But we know COVID fatigue is real, and it's more important than ever to look after our mental wellness and continue to use self-care to help build our resilience. Thankfully, self-care and resilience can be learned and developed.

With me (Verna) today to talk about resilience and mental wellness is Dr. Nick Mitchell, Provincial Medical Director, Addiction and Mental Health. While this message is directed at those who work in the health care system, we know that many Albertans are struggling and could benefit from this message.

For a listing of all of the resources available to support Albertans, visit [Help in Tough Times](#).



### **Influenza Immunization Update**

More than 1.3 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta, an increase of more than 39,000 doses from last week. For the sixth week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta. The weekly influenza data report is available at [ahs.ca/influenza](https://ahs.ca/influenza).

### **AHS is Standardizing Access to Physiotherapy Services**

Alberta Health Services is working to standardize access to physiotherapy services in all areas of the province. This will help ensure Albertans with similar needs will have access to the same level of care, regardless of their location.

In order to move to this standard level of physiotherapy care in Alberta, AHS will not be renewing existing contracts with current physiotherapy providers whose agreements are set to expire on March 31, 2021. Community and contracted physiotherapy providers in specific geographic areas will have an opportunity in January 2021 to apply for new contracts that align with the service standard.

Starting in April 2021, AHS will begin to move to this new standard which will ensure low income Albertans have access to AHS-funded physiotherapy services for general musculoskeletal conditions.

Rehabilitation support for Albertans, including those with general musculoskeletal concerns, will continue to be available through the Rehabilitation Advice Line 1-833-379-0563. Albertans can call anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and speak to a healthcare provider for help with:

- Strategies to manage day-to-day activities affected by these concerns
- Rehabilitation services open for in-person or virtual visits
- Community organizations available for support.

AHS will continue to provide physiotherapy services for Albertans with fractures, specific incontinence issues or who are recovering from orthopedic surgery. Providing physiotherapy services for Albertans remains a priority. We will work to ensure there is minimal impact to patients and families during the transition.

For more information about rehabilitation services in your area, visit [ahs.ca/AdultRehab](https://ahs.ca/AdultRehab) or contact [Provincial.Rehabilitation@ahs.ca](mailto:Provincial.Rehabilitation@ahs.ca).

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **Straight Talk - 'We Have to Follow the Rules'**

Straight Talk is a video series in which healthcare workers talk from the heart about what they're seeing and experiencing at work and in their communities as COVID-19 spreads across the province. AHS is posting a new Straight Talk video every day on YouTube and sharing it through our AHS accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please feel free to share these with your networks and on your social platforms as you see appropriate.

Here is another Straight Talk video, featuring Dr. James Shapiro, a surgeon and Director of the Living Donor Liver Transplant Program.

"We'll get through this. We'll get past it," says Dr. Shapiro. "But for the next months, we're going to face quite a storm. If you're young and healthy, you feel invincible and I understand that. But at the same time, you're a potential spreader.

"Right now, we have to follow the rules. We have to (physically) distance. We have to not gather in groups. The best gift we can possibly give for Christmas this year is to follow those rules. Stay separate and not spread this disease."



You can see all of the [Straight Talk videos](#), and new ones daily, on the AHS website.

## Patients Invited to Virtual Concert Series

With the restriction of visitors to hospitals during Covid-19 it will be quieter in patient rooms this winter, but a team of people-caregivers and musicians are hoping to lift the spirits of patients with the gift of music.

The Calgary Zone Patient & Family Centred Care (PFCC) team, with members of the Instrumental Society of Calgary, the Asylum for Art, physiatrist Dr. Stephanie Plamondon, and the AHS IT department, have planned a series of free virtual 45-minute concerts for patients and their families, as well as staff, physicians and volunteers, which will run from December 2020 to February 2021.

"When we surveyed patients, we were told that loneliness and boredom are the common COVID-19 related challenges they have to deal with. With this concert series we are hoping to reduce those feelings, provide connectivity and comfort, and improve patients' hospital experiences," says Paul Wright, PFCC Manager.

Patients will be able to enjoy the handcrafted concerts on their own laptops, phones and on iPads furnished by AHS Information Technology through generous donations from the Calgary Health Foundation. The concerts will be performed by local professional musicians and Mount Royal University Conservatory students from the musicians' homes or the Asylum for Art, a community space for musicians, and streamed through the website [www.WinterSolace.ca](http://www.WinterSolace.ca). There is no cost to AHS for the series as it is funded through the Instrumental Society of Calgary as a presenting partner.

For more information, dates, and times of the concert series, visit [WinterSolace.ca](http://WinterSolace.ca).

Alberta Health Services, Instrumental Society of Calgary Outreach and The Asylum for Art present

## Winter Solace

A livestream concert series for patients, families, and healthcare workers

To watch, visit [www.WinterSolace.ca](http://www.WinterSolace.ca) or scan the QR code



Join us from your mobile device for one or all of the following livestream concerts throughout the month of December:

- Dec. 11: Gianetta Baril, harp
- Dec. 15: Mark Lismacher, piano
- Dec. 18: Aaron Young, guitar
- Dec. 20: Aya Mhanna, oud
- Dec. 22: Bow River Bells
- Dec. 27: Jeremy Gignoux, trio
- Dec. 29: Nid Devetzis, percussion

Concerts will run from 6:30-7:20pm  
No registration required

Programs subject to change. Please visit [www.WinterSolace.ca](http://www.WinterSolace.ca) for the most up to date information.  
For more information please email: [PFCC.CalZone@ahs.ca](mailto:PFCC.CalZone@ahs.ca)



Scan to take the survey after watching the livestream



## Be Well - Be Kind

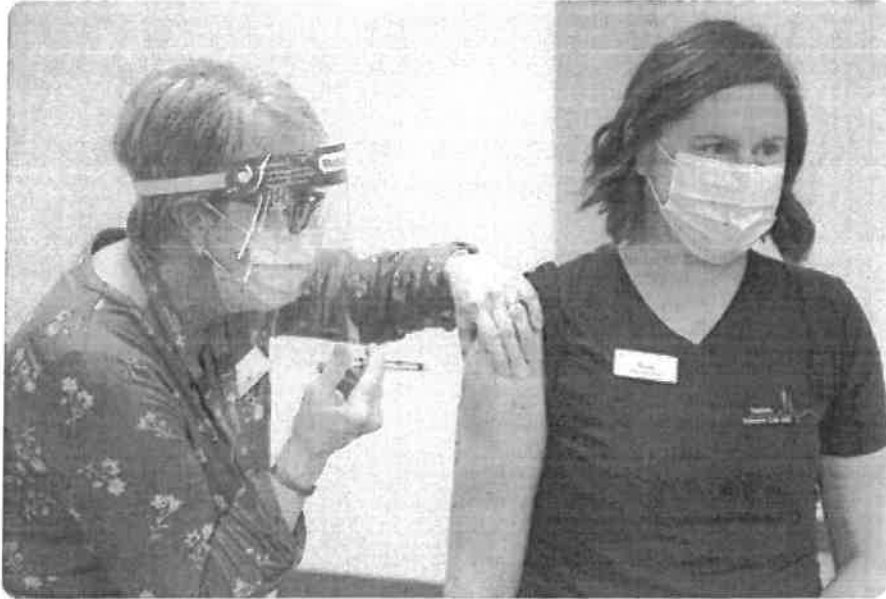
### Photos of the Week

Every week, we normally highlight one photo in this space that illustrates your efforts, compassion and achievements as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.

This week, though, we're sharing two photos because both images are historic and represent great news for Alberta Health Services and the province.



This is registered respiratory therapist Sahra Kaahiye of Edmonton, who was the first healthcare worker in Alberta to receive the COVID-19 vaccine on Tuesday afternoon.



Minutes after Sahra received her first dose of the vaccine, registered nurse Tanya Sawyer became the second healthcare worker in Alberta — and first in Calgary — to receive the vaccine.

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

### **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.](#)



**Canmore and Area Health Care Foundation launches “Be Like” campaign**

For the month of December, the Canmore and Area Healthcare Foundation will providing its social media followers with inspiration and information about the different ways they can contribute to local healthcare.

Throughout the “Be Like” campaign, the foundation’s followers will get to know eight “faces,” including Sam on the right. Each of these individuals will show different ways people have contributed to the foundation in past, and hope to inspire others to do the same.

Learn more about the foundation’s “Be Like” campaign on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

**Sharing the Love - 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.

*A world of thanks! Thank you to our amazing health heroes for risking your lives every single day to keep us safe. You give us hope and are so inspiring and we’re cheering you on. You’re in our thoughts and hearts and we are eternally grateful for you.*

— Ash

*I want to thank the healthcare workers for working so hard during this hard time and I can't imagine having all that pressure on you. All healthcare workers are incredible for putting their needs after everyone else's. It is so amazing all of the loyalty you have to your job.*

— Sarah



*You are valued. On dark nights driving home on very little sleep, after hard days that drained you physically, spiritually and emotionally, when you are missing your family and giving up many meaningful moments with them so that we may have more meaningful moments with our loved ones who you selflessly cared for, please know that the world values you. We honour your work. We see you. We value you. Thank you for this sacrifice.*

— Deb

*I respect what you are doing and I'm doing my part by staying home. It's hard with three kids to stay home but I know it will be worth it and that soon enough things will start getting back to normal. I'm sure it can be stressful having your job and I'm just so thankful for you.*

— Megan

*I sincerely thank our healthcare workers for all the sacrifices and hardships you've endured this pandemic. You are our real-life superheroes. I will surely tell these stories of heroism to my children so they can pass it on to their children, as well and remember what you have done in these difficult times.*

— Andrea

### **Wrapping Up**

The holiday season is a time for hope and renewal. The fact we started providing vaccine to healthcare workers this week represents a ray of light during what has been a dark year. Of course, what we're seeing on the front lines won't suddenly change because the province's vaccination plan is now underway. You've seen this week's numbers for new cases, hospitalizations and ICU admissions; we all know there are more difficult days and weeks ahead. As we face today's challenges, let's continue to hold onto hope and remember there are brighter days ahead. Let's take care of one another and take care of ourselves.

Most important, let's give ourselves permission to unplug; put work behind us, even briefly; and find some peace, quiet and contentment over the holiday season.

As always, with gratitude and appreciation,



**Dr. Verna Yiu**  
AHS President & CEO

**Dr. Laura McDougall**  
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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# Headlines

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

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**Status**

The update of COVID-19 cases was provided on December 29; the statistics provided in this report are therefore effective as of that date. Beginning today, the report will be updated daily and weekly. The most up to date information can be always found through the Government of Alberta's [COVID-19 website](#).

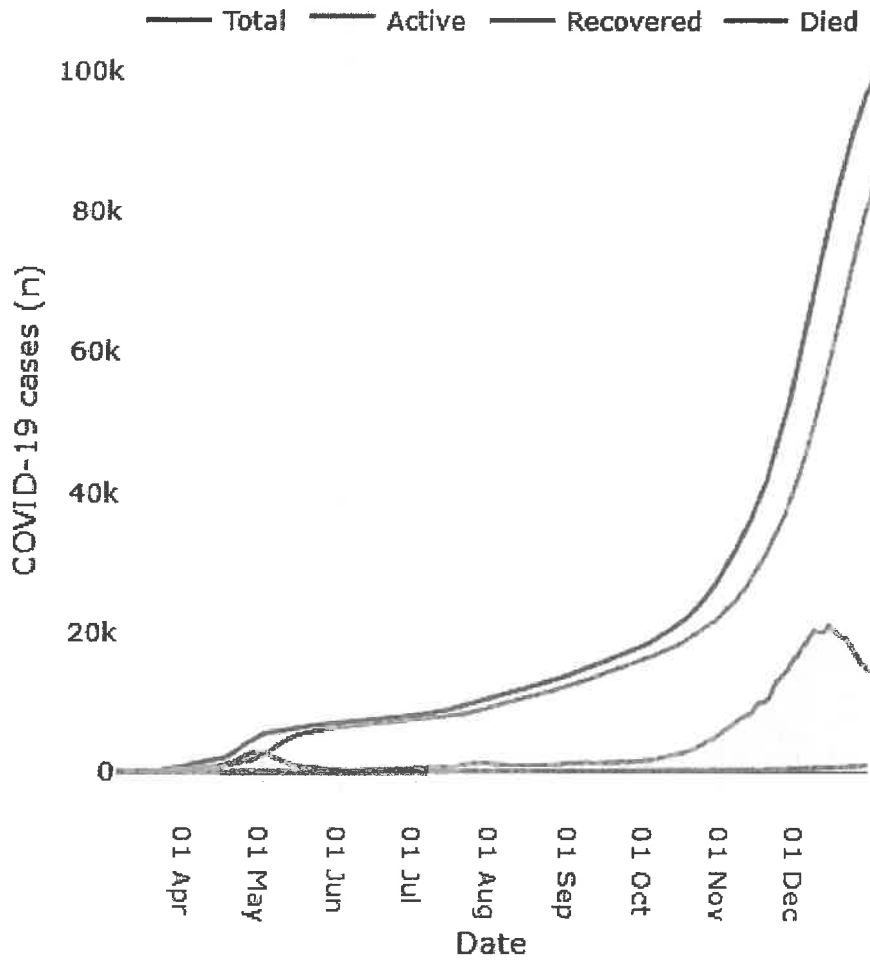
average of 969 daily new cases for the seven-day period ending on Dec. 29\*, compared to 1,318 cases the previous week (Dec. 16 to 22), a 26 per cent decrease in the average number of daily new cases is positive, it is in-part a reflection of the reduced amount of testing taking place over the holidays. The highest number of new cases this week at 3,008 (44 per cent of all new cases in the province), followed by the Calgary Zone with 2,190 new cases this week in the province).

*The numbers provided in this weekly update capture a seven-day period from Thursday of the previous week to Wednesday of the present week. However, the numbers in the current update represent the seven-day period from Wednesday, Dec. 23 to Tuesday, Dec. 29.]*

On Dec. 29, there were 3,412 cases among individuals aged 20 to 49 years, which is 50 per cent of all new cases during that time period. However, cases by age group; this week, 928 new cases were reported among school aged children (5 to 19 years) and 1,292 new cases were reported among older adults.

There are 14,555 active cases in the province, whereas one week earlier on Dec. 22 there were 17,821 active cases in the province; this is a decrease of 19.9 per cent. The Edmonton Zone continues to have the most active cases with 6,624 this week, overall the number of active cases decreased from the previous week in all zones, Calgary and South zones. The North Zone had a smaller decrease in the number of active cases (-5.6 per cent) and Central Zone had a small increase (2.8 per cent). A full breakdown of the number of active cases on Dec. 29 compared to Dec. 22 for each zone is presented below:

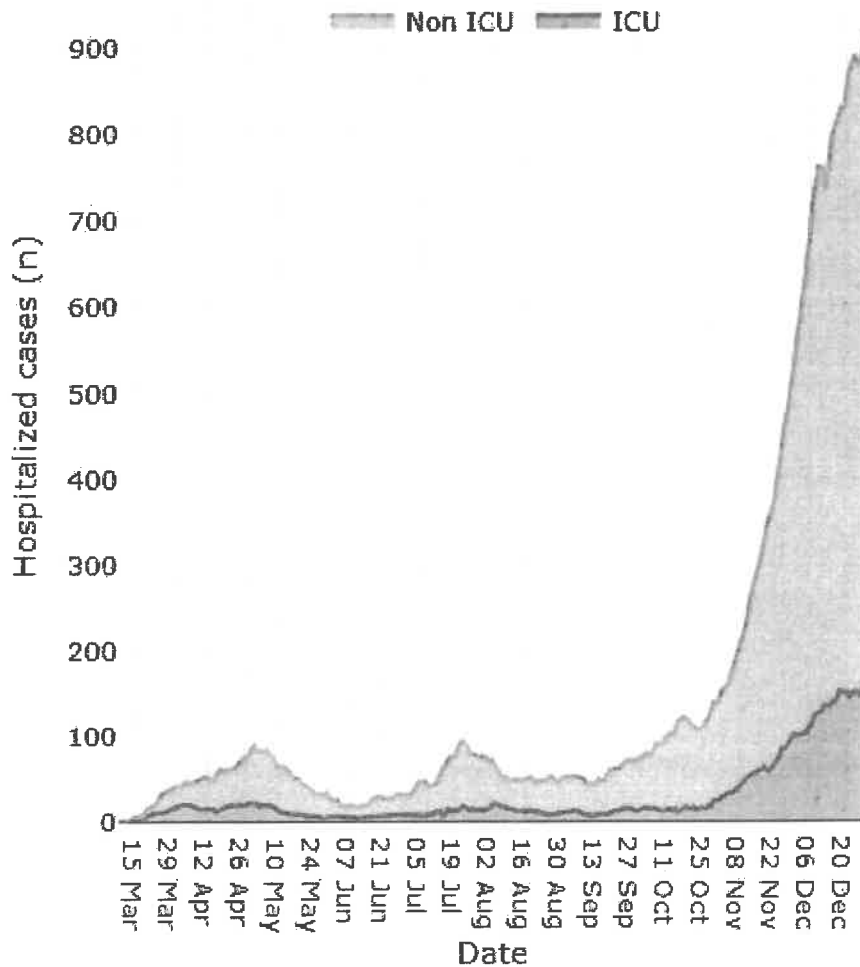
	Active Cases (week ending Dec. 29)*	Active Cases (week ending Dec. 22)	Per Cent Change
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>6,624</b>	<b>8,427</b>	<b>-21.40%</b>
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>6,470</b>	<b>-20.70%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>2.80%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>-5.60%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-24.10%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-11.80%</b>



**and ICU Admissions**

As active case numbers have been decreasing, the number of individuals being treated for COVID-19 in Alberta hospitals continues to trend upward. On Dec. 29, 1,151 individuals were being treated for COVID-19 in Alberta hospitals, with 152 of those in intensive care units (ICUs) and 769 in non-ICUs. One week earlier, 1,027 individuals were being treated for COVID-19 in Alberta hospitals, with 137 in intensive care units (ICUs) and 769 in non-ICUs. This represents an increase in total hospitalizations, which is a 12 per cent increase in total hospitalizations this week. The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Dec. 29 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	Patients in ICU
Edmonton	515	83
Calgary	242	50
Central	94	12
North	57	4
South	13	3



**COVID-19 - related information:**

As of Dec. 29, Alberta surpassed 100,000 cases of COVID-19 confirmed in the province, with a total of 100,428 cases and a total of 3,687 individuals having been hospitalized, an average of 3.7 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 84,827 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19. Alberta has also reached a grim milestone: 1,000 deaths since the start of the pandemic. As of Dec. 29, 1,046 individuals have passed away from COVID-19 including 104 in the last week (since Dec. 22). We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this pandemic. From Dec. 23 to Dec. 29, 89,884 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 12,840 per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 6.41 per cent to 10.1 per cent. As of Dec. 29, a total of 2,780,732 tests have been conducted and 1,650,655 individuals have been tested.

**You Need to Know**

**When the Public Receives Vaccine in Alberta as Rollout Plan is Updated**

Sheila Veeder, a resident at Riverview Long Term Care Centre in Medicine Hat, was the first member of the public to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Alberta.



Thousands of Albertans living at a long-term care (LTC) or designated supportive living (DSL) site, identified to receive COVID-19 immunization during the initial rollout. Residents in all LTC and DSL sites are included in this initial rollout and AHS will work with sites over the coming weeks to support on-site vaccine delivery.

The arrival of 100 doses of Moderna vaccine in Alberta on January 30 is making it easier for AHS to start to bring the vaccine to the bedsides of thousands, immunized long-term care and designated supportive living residents where they live.

To immunize as many Albertans against COVID-19 as quickly as possible, effective December 30, under the direction of Alberta Health, AHS will no longer use Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine stock on reserve from the shipments we have received to date, but will provide at least one of the two required doses. The first 3,900 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine that arrived in Alberta in December were cleared for immediate single-dose use, but some Pfizer-BioNTech doses were held back to ensure second doses would be available because future shipments were unknown.

By December 31, more than 11,000 healthcare workers had received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, as well more than 500 long term care/supportive living residents. As these changes in effect, we expect this number to rapidly increase.

Due to the early Phase 1 of COVID-19 vaccine delivery to Phase 1A in late December; Phase 1A was originally scheduled to begin January 2021, meaning we will be able to vaccinate more Albertans, faster.

As of December 30, the following groups in Alberta are eligible for COVID-19 vaccine:

- Healthcare workers
- Physiotherapists\*
- Healthcare workers in intensive care units\*
- Healthcare workers in long term care and designated supportive living facilities\*
- Healthcare workers in emergency departments
- Residents of long term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL), regardless of age

These groups are included in Early Phase 1 as well as Phase 1A.

This is also supported by the decision by Pfizer on December 22 to allow its product to be moved from designated freezer sites so it can be delivered in LTC and DSL sites, increasing the feasibility of vaccinating LTC and DSL residents where they live.

As vaccine delivery remains as scheduled, everyone in the six groups listed above will have an opportunity to receive at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the year.

While we have the vaccine in our province right now, Alberta continues to take a phased approach to offer immunization to specific populations who are being impacted by COVID-19, including residents of long term care and designated supportive living sites, and the care teams who could transmit COVID-19 to them, as well as healthcare workers. We are committed to ensure workforce capacity.

## 9 Immunization Appointment Booking Tool

AHS launched a new online booking tool that will allow eligible healthcare workers to book their COVID-19 immunization appointments online from a new booking tool will help speed up our immunization process and contribute to our goal of getting more Albertans immunized faster. More details are available [here](#).

### Immunizers

With more available and delivery schedules being firmer, AHS is doing everything possible to immunize as many people as possible with the available immunizers taking place across every zone, every day.

In order to be able to provide COVID-19 immunization to as many Albertans as quickly as possible, AHS is actively recruiting additional staff to join our team of immunizers. In addition to public health immunizers, we are also actively recruiting other groups such as healthcare providers, healthcare retirees, undergraduate nurses and community health workers to provide immunizations across the province. Those interested in nursing positions can apply [here](#) and indicate their interest in supporting immunization and screening.

We thank our healthcare teams enough for all of their hard work and dedication. We especially want to recognize the many staff involved in the COVID-19 immunization program. We appreciate the long hours and commitments you are making to help protect our staff, patients and public against COVID-19.

### Genetic Testing of Coronavirus

AHS laboratories is continuously monitoring the genetic code of the coronavirus in Alberta to understand how it is evolving in our population and to detect any new variants from outside the province. The virus that causes COVID-19 is constantly evolving, with an estimated two to three genetic mutations occurring each week in the genetic code, and sharing this information with national and international health authorities, we are able to identify and track variations of the virus that may affect diagnosis and treating the disease in our community.

We are currently testing for the new variant that was identified in the United Kingdom and has spread to other countries. Work is underway by the international scientific community to better understand the biological significance of this particular variant. Our genetic testing includes analysis of positive cases from individuals including the international traveller testing pilot program underway at the Calgary International Airport and the U.S. border crossing at Coutts.

We will continue to collaborate with international health authorities who are studying the U.K. variant to determine how it differs from the existing strains in Alberta, and implement public health measures to identify its arrival and prevent its spread.

### Video Message — Role of Advisory Councils

We are working together to get through this pandemic. Not just AHS staff, physicians and volunteers, but all Albertans across the province. In these times, advisory councils, as they are one of our best channels for connecting with Albertans.

Advisory councils include community members across Alberta who bring grassroots advice from their communities to AHS, and their work continues to be invaluable. For example, Verna (Verna) to [tell us more about the role of advisory councils and their members are:](#)

— Jennifer Miller, Chair, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression Provincial Advisory Council.

— David MacEach, Chair, David Thompson Health Advisory Council.



Dr. Verna Yiu talks with Jen Kneller and Carole Tkach about the role of advisory councils, their work during the pandemic, and what they hope to see in 2021.

Discuss the difference between the health advisory and provincial advisory councils, how COVID-19 has impacted their work, and what is in store for

to join an [AHS Advisory Council](#).

### From You — 'I Got Scared ... We Are Trained to Not Be Scared'

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Highlight a video featuring Ashlyn Fauchon, a respiratory therapist at the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.





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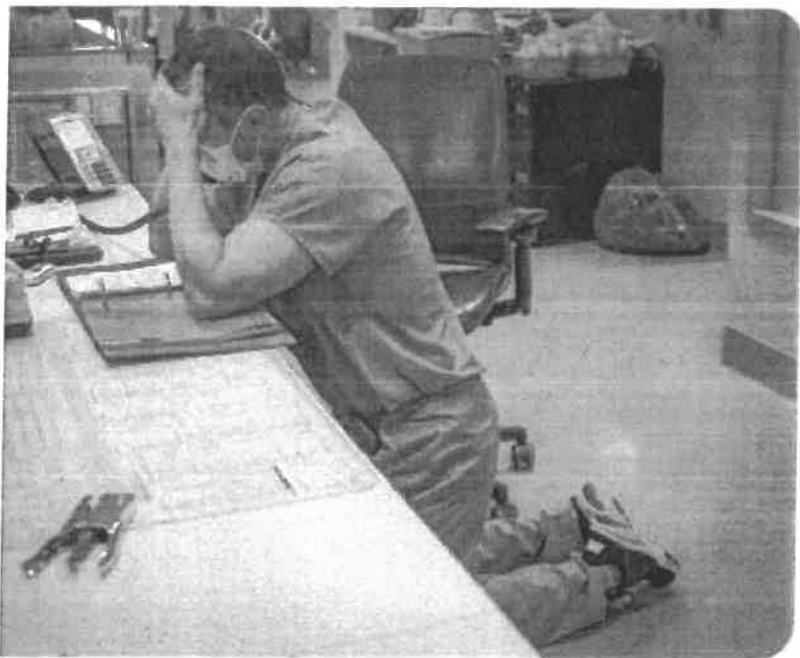
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to photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.



As the pandemic grew, AHS staff were quick to mobilize, offering COVID-19 testing to Albertans across the province.



Simon Demers-Marcil calls a family to tell them a family member died of COVID-19.



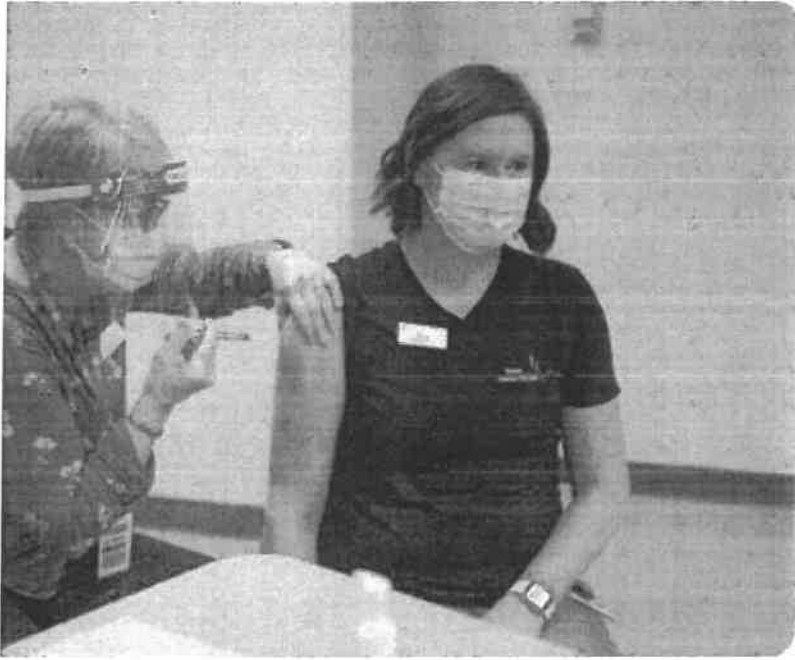
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ision Labs team processed thousands of COVID-19 tests in 2020.



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Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC) ICU and a community paramedic for Siksika Health Mia Torres, RN at PLC ICU pose after getting their COVID-19 vaccines on Dec. 16,

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#### *As a 'shining light'*

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received a call from a client's wife. She wanted to express her gratitude for the program and everything the staff have done for clients this year. She  
weekly touch base from staff, the packages dropped off in their mailbox and the newsletter updates on what is happening. Her husband is able to joi  
the safety of their home and it has helped her immensely as a caregiver. At a time when so many things are challenging, she described the program  
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#### *our calls*

dra Hospital switchboard operators work 24/7 for our doctors and nurses, as well as handling all the incoming public calls...they deal with the emotio  
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do for your hospital and community. We appreciate

*Thank you for working so hard to protect us. You all make us feel so much safer. We are all so lucky that you all exist and putting other people's needs in fro  
res for everyone else. You all work so many more hours and that really helps the world stay safer and that all helped other people have less worries  
so much for making the world a better place.*

*During I'm thinking of, and grateful for, all the health professionals and staff who have already been giving so much of themselves, but also sacrificin  
ed of medical services. Not just those looking after the COVID-19 patients, but those dealing with the long-term stay patients, the emergency room  
don't get recognized: EMTs, kitchen workers, cleaning staff and volunteers. To you all, thank you for looking after us. You are truly appreciated.*

*Please begin to tell you all how much you are appreciated for your relentless commitments to this "war" we are all battling. You are our army, our soldiers,  
ive! Praying for you all to be safe in this fight and come back home to your families very soon. May God bless you all and protect you always!*

## ); Hope for 2021

ately capture all that happened last year in a brief note? How can we properly share our heartfelt thanks for what so many have done to manage COVID-19? We truly have no words to express what we feel, but we sincerely want to try.

As the year of 2020 unfolded, without fully knowing what they were facing, each member of our great AHS team jumped in without hesitation to give their all to protect our province. As it evolved, it became clear we were facing the most serious and widespread pandemic since 1918, but many Albertans unwaveringly embraced the challenges, putting in extra hours and lives to meet the needs of those around us – and to help protect the most vulnerable, and those caring for them. And now, with the pandemic through the vaccines, there is hope in sight on this long road.

As we begin the year of 2021, we offer our most sincere thanks for your enduring strength and commitment. We are mindful of the many losses Albertans have suffered from COVID-19 in 2020, and we are kindling the glimmer of light that will bring a brighter future in this year ahead for our province.

THANK YOU!

gratitude and appreciation,



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# Headlines

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

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## COVID-19 Status

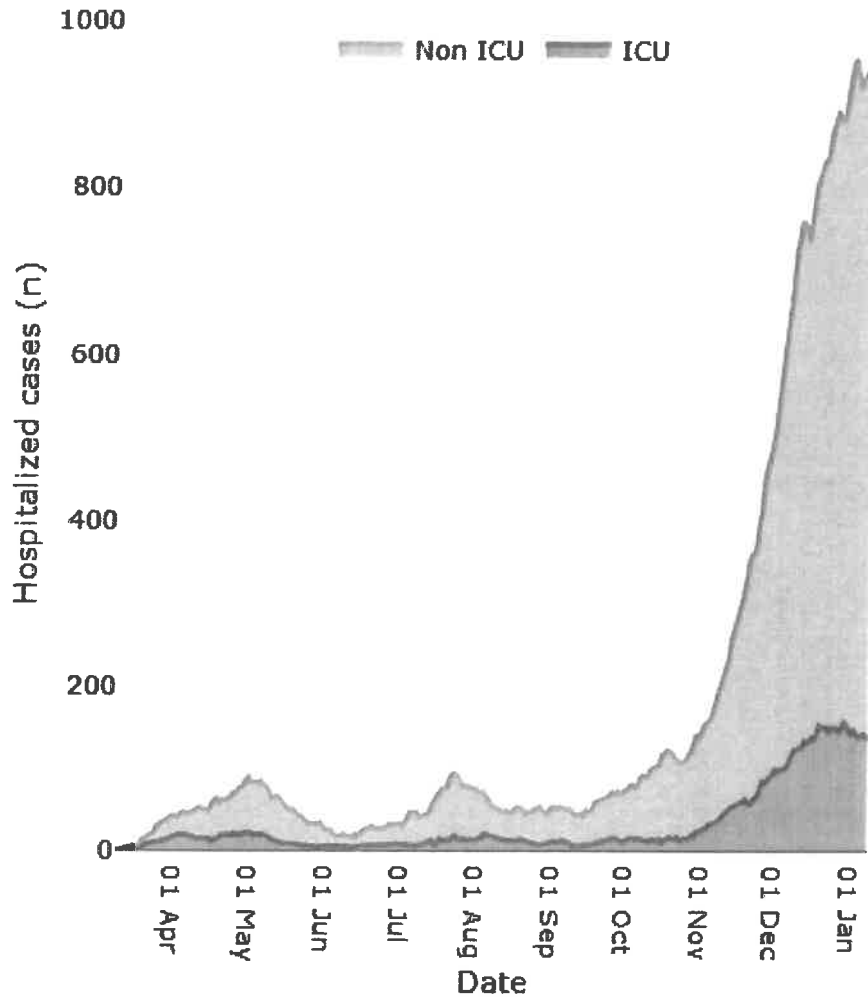
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### Cases in Alberta

This week we lead with our hospitalization numbers. Alberta reported a week-to-week decline in the number of individuals being treated in hospital for COVID-19. On Jan. 6, there were 871 individuals with COVID-19 in the hospital compared to 951 hospitalizations on Dec. 30, an eight per cent decrease. Also on Jan. 6, there were 139 individuals in intensive care compared to 145 on Dec. 30, a four per cent decrease.

Despite these slight drops, the number of patients in hospital with COVID-19 continues to put significant strain on our healthcare system. Albertans need to continue to follow public health measures to limit the spread of the virus in the province and continue to reduce pressures on the health system.





The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Jan. 6 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	Patients in ICU
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>

**COVID-19 Cases**

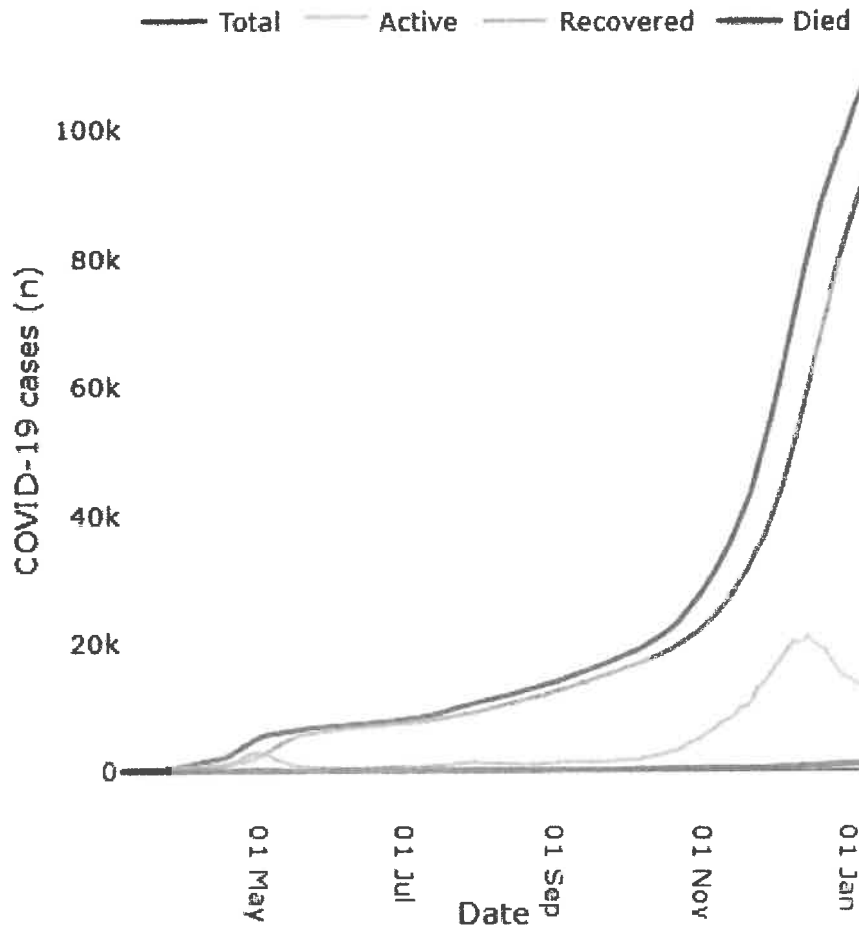
Alberta's average number of daily new cases remained relatively stable last week. The average was 978 for the seven-day period ending Jan. 6, compared to 995 the previous week, a two per cent decrease.

For the week ending Jan. 6, the Edmonton Zone had the largest number of new cases at 2,513 (37 per cent of all new cases in the province), an average of 359 cases per day. The Calgary Zone had almost as many with 2,498 new cases (36 per cent of all new cases in the province), an average of 357 cases per day. On Jan. 6, the Calgary Zone recorded 402 new cases, which was nearly 100 more than the Edmonton Zone recorded at 306 new cases.

From Dec. 31 to Jan. 6, there were 3,431 cases among individuals aged 20 to 49 years, which is half of all new cases during that time period. Over the same period, there were 1,078 new cases reported among

school-aged children (5 to 19 years) and 1,173 new cases among older adults (aged 60 years and older).

As of Jan. 6, there are 13,298 active cases in the province whereas, on Dec. 29, there were 14,555 active cases, a decrease of 1,257 active cases — or 8.6 per cent. The Edmonton Zone continues to have the most active cases with 5,465, although this is a 17.5 per cent decrease from Dec. 29. The Calgary, Central and South zones also reported decreases in the numbers of active cases, whereas the North Zone had a 34 per cent increase in the number of active cases since Dec. 29.



The table below shows the number of active cases in each zone for the last two weeks:

	Active Cases (as of Jan. 6)	Active Cases (as of Dec. 29*)	Per Cent Change
<b>Edmonton</b>	5,465	6,624	-17.5%
<b>Calgary</b>	4,739	5,129	-7.6%
<b>Central</b>	1,381	1,430	-3.4%
<b>North</b>	1,384	1,031	34.2%
<b>South</b>	252	296	-14.9%
<b>Unknown</b>	77	45	71.1%

\*Active cases as of Dec. 29 are provided as the reference since active cases as of Dec. 30 (one week prior to Jan. 6) were not available due to the holiday break.

**Other notable COVID-19 related information:**

- As of Jan. 6, a total of 108,469 cases of COVID-19 have occurred in Alberta and a total of 4,443 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.1 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 93,954 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of Jan. 6, 1,217 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 154 over the past seven days (Dec. 31 to Jan. 6). We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- From Dec. 31 to Jan. 6, 90,442 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 12,920 per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 5.4 per cent to 9.3 per cent. As of Jan. 6, a total of 2,888,432 tests have been conducted and 1,679,738 individuals have been tested.

### **COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers**

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

As of Jan. 6:

- 73,828 employees (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 3,926 (or 5.31 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 1,047 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 333 (or 31.8 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,879 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 4,761 physicians (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 173 (or 3.63 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 48 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, seven (or 14.6 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 125 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

### **Our Condolences: We Grieve Together**

We are deeply saddened about the recent loss of three healthcare workers who had tested positive for COVID-19. We've experienced grief over the deaths of Albertans throughout the pandemic, and we recognize that the fear of a loss of our colleagues has been a concern for all of us. Losing a colleague, a member of our family, impacts us all greatly.

Our hearts go out to their families, loved ones and colleagues. We grieve with them.

There will be many emotions that arise over the coming days. We encourage you to access support if you need it during this time. Visit [Help in Tough Times](#) for a full list of resources available to support Albertans.

### **Rapid Testing for COVID-19 Continues to Expand**

Kudos and thanks to the staff at Alberta Precision Laboratories who continued working diligently over the holidays processing thousands of COVID-19 tests every day and moving ahead with the expansion of rapid point-of-care testing across the province.

The launch of clinical pilots of rapid point-of-care testing at assessment centres, hospitals, continuing care facilities and homeless shelters before Christmas set the stage for the broader implementation of rapid testing that is now underway in all AHS zones. The rapid point-of-care testing systems provided by the federal government will form an important new pillar of the provincial COVID-19 testing program.

By the end of this month, rapid point-of-care testing is expected to be in place at 48 assessment centres, 27 hospital labs and four homeless shelters in Calgary and Edmonton. The addition of mobile testing teams for long-term care and designated supportive living facilities are also a great example of the innovative approach Alberta is taking to protect populations that are most vulnerable to outbreaks. These

mobile teams are currently operating in Edmonton and Central Zone, and will be expanded to other communities in the coming weeks.

We have received more than one million rapid point-of-care tests so far, and APL's independent validation work has provided valuable information about the sensitivity and effectiveness of these systems compared to our lab-based polymerase chain reaction method, which remains the gold standard for large-scale testing programs. Rapid point-of-care testing is most effective when used on patients who are within the first week of showing symptoms of COVID-19, helping us to more quickly identify and manage positive cases in the community, especially in more rural and remote locations.

Testing continues to be a critical piece of Alberta's COVID-19 response, and our combined APL/AHS teams have now completed more than 2.8 million tests on almost 1.7 million people since the beginning of the pandemic.

## COVID-19 Immunizations

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### **Healthcare Workers in Medical, Surgical and COVID-19 Units Added To Vaccine Priority List**

Starting Friday, January 8, vaccine appointments are being offered to healthcare workers in medical, surgical and COVID-19 units. This means about 3,300 COVID-19 unit staff and 15,400 medical and surgical unit staff are now eligible for the vaccine as well as roughly 3,300 related physicians. Emails with links to the AHS online booking tool have been sent out to eligible individuals.

The online booking tool provides identified healthcare workers with options to choose a preferred time, date and location to receive their immunization. The tool also ensures the healthcare worker books a second dose within the allowable date range. After booking your appointment, you may change the appointment time or date within the allowable date range for the second dose.

To further boost the vaccine roll-out effort, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health issued a directive to expand the types of healthcare practitioners that can be used in the COVID-19 immunization program. The directive will support Alberta Health Services to recruit additional health professionals in more settings like LTC/DSL and increase the number of available immunizers.

The full list of current vaccine delivery phases is available on the [Alberta Health website](#). Additional information can be found on [AHS' COVID-19 vaccine site](#). You can also provide input to AHS, and ask your questions, on [Together4Health](#).

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Updates**

As of 12:20 p.m. Jan. 8, more than 38,500 Albertans received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including:

- 16,600+ healthcare workers
- 12,600+ long-term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) staff
- 9,400+ LTC/DSL residents

### ***Vaccine supply***

More than 13,600 additional doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine have arrived in Alberta as of Jan. 6. We expect additional doses of both Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and Moderna vaccine to arrive this week and those will be distributed across the province as quickly as possible.

### ***Ramping Up Immunizations***

A COVID-19 online booking tool launched on Jan. 4 to allow those eligible healthcare workers to book their immunization appointments. Eligible staff and physicians will receive an email with a unique link to book their appointments. As of Jan. 8, more than 10,500 appointments have been booked.

- We continue to work closely with our partners in LTC and DSL. We expect to visit 80 per cent of facilities by Jan. 19 and some zones expect to have completed their LTC/DSL sites as early as next week.

- AHS is working across every zone to increase our number of immunization locations. We currently have 45 immunization locations across the province and will expand our locations as more vaccine becomes available.
- AHS and Covenant Health are piloting a program to bring temporary satellite COVID-19 immunization clinics to some emergency departments throughout the province. These satellite clinics will increase opportunities for eligible emergency department staff and physicians to be immunized during this phase of the sequenced COVID-19 immunization rollout.

#### ***Quarantine Requirements Still Apply Even if You've Been Immunized***

Healthcare workers who meet current COVID-19 exposure criteria (e.g., unprotected close contact with a COVID-19 case, or a recent return to Alberta from international travel) are still required to quarantine. Immunization does not change quarantine requirements.

Many teams across AHS are making every effort to provide access to COVID-19 immunization clinics to eligible staff and physicians. In addition to the online booking tool, Health Link and Public Health staff in the North, Central and South zones have been calling eligible staff and physicians directly.

We understand the frustration of those who want to be immunized and are not yet eligible, and ask for patience. We would love to be able to immunize everyone who interacts with patients and families immediately, but the reality is that it's going to take some time. We are doing all we can to push hard to roll out the vaccine as it becomes available according to the direction provided by Alberta Health.

#### ***Adhere to Public Health, PPE Guidance Even if You're Immunized***

Currently, there is insufficient evidence on the duration of protection and effectiveness of the vaccine in reducing transmission of COVID-19. While the vaccines being delivered have shown very high effectiveness in clinical trials, no vaccines are 100 per cent protective. Immunized healthcare workers are still required to adhere to existing PPE guidance, including continuous masking, continuous eye protection, and IPC recommendations for COVID-19. Healthcare workers who are close contacts of cases of COVID-19 will still need to isolate for 14 days. Learn more [here](#).

## Things You Need to Know

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### **Influenza Immunization Update**

More than 1.47 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta. This is an increase of more than 26,000 doses from the last influenza update provided before the holiday break.

For the ninth week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta. The weekly influenza data report is available at [ahs.ca/influenza](https://ahs.ca/influenza). Let's continue to work together to protect each other from a vaccine-preventable illness and reduce the strain on our healthcare system.

### **Edmonton Zone using automated calls to update surgical waitlists**

AHS is using automated phone calls as part of an initiative to update surgical waitlists in the Edmonton Zone.

Over the next few months, patients listed for surgery with plastic, vascular, orthopedic, ear/nose/throat (ENT) and otolaryngology surgeons in the Edmonton Zone will receive an automated phone call or voicemail from the AHS Surgery Waitlist Management Team. If you receive this call or voicemail, please answer: we need to talk to you about your status on a waitlist. All patients will be asked to call back 1-888-592-2060 as soon as possible. Patients who hang up or do not call the number back will not see their position on the waitlist affected.

*Please note: AHS will never ask you for financial information or for any personal information, other than your provincial personal health number or birthdate to verify your identity, during these automated calls. If the phone call or voicemail you received asks for additional information (like your Social Insurance Number or financial information), DO NOT call the number. Someone may be pretending to be Alberta Health Services to collect your personal information and scam you.*

More information and a full script of the automated call is available on the AHS website [www.ahs.ca/waitlist](https://www.ahs.ca/waitlist).

Approximately 4,300 surgeries have been postponed in Alberta since November; the majority of these

postponements have been in Edmonton. Despite these postponements, AHS is currently doing about 85% of normal surgery volume. All urgent and emergency surgeries are continuing.

### **Construction Starts on new Dialysis Clinic in High Prairie**

Construction is scheduled to start this month on a renal dialysis clinic at the High Prairie Health Complex. The facility is expected to start accepting patients in early 2022, following 10 months of construction and the recruitment and training of staff.

The six-station dialysis clinic will be open three days per week with the ability to treat 12 patients a day, in privacy and comfort. AHS is pleased to be able to provide local dialysis service for residents in High Prairie and the surrounding communities now, and into the future.

### **Diabetes management classes offered online**

Residents of Central Zone working to manage pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes are invited to attend free information sessions via Zoom Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 10 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register, and they'll receive a Zoom link.

### **Mobile mammography service to visit Wainwright**

Women ages 50 to 74 – the group most at risk of developing breast cancer – will have access to mammography services when AHS' Screen Test program visits Wainwright. The mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at Wainwright Health Centre, 530 6 Ave. Jan. 21-23, 25-30 and Feb. 1-2. 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 precautions to ensure the safety of clients and staff. Details are shared when residents book appointments.

### **Calgary artists perform live online for patients and caregivers**

A gift of live music, performed virtually, aims to lift the spirits of patients in hospitals this winter, thanks to a team of caregivers and musicians who have come together to organize a concert series.

The Calgary Zone Patient and Family Centred Care (PFCC) team — along with members of the Instrumental Society of Calgary, the Asylum for Art, psychiatrist Dr. Stephanie Plamondon and the Alberta Health Services (AHS) Information Technology (IT) department — have planned Winter Solace, a series of 45-minute concerts to run this month through February. Their intended audience includes patients, staff, physicians and volunteers.

"When we surveyed patients, we were told that loneliness and boredom are the common COVID-19-related challenges they have to deal with," says Paul Wright, manager, PFCC. "With this concert series, we are hoping to reduce these feelings, provide connectivity and comfort, and improve patients' hospital experiences."

Patients can enjoy these concerts on their own laptops, smartphones and other devices — and also on iPads furnished by AHS Information Technology through generous donations from the Calgary Health Foundation. The concerts will be performed by local professional musicians and Mount Royal University Conservatory students from venues such as the musicians' homes or the Asylum for Art, a community space for musicians. The series is wholly funded through the Instrumental Society of Calgary.

For more information, dates and times of concert performances, visit [WinterSolace.ca](http://WinterSolace.ca).

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **Health Advisory Council Community Conversations: Building a better health system with the voice of our community**

AHS is committed to meaningful and authentic community engagement with Albertans. One of our best channels to connect with you is through our regional [Health Advisory Councils](#).

In order to facilitate dialogue and nurture connection between AHS and local communities, Health Advisory Councils (HAC) host engagement events that reflect topics of interest to their respective regions. Since September, 2020 HACs have explored a variety of subjects including seniors' health, addictions &

mental health, integrated healthcare and Alberta's response to COVID-19, with over 525 Albertans.

Learn more about upcoming events in your area by visiting <https://together4health.albertahealthservices.ca/communityconversations>.



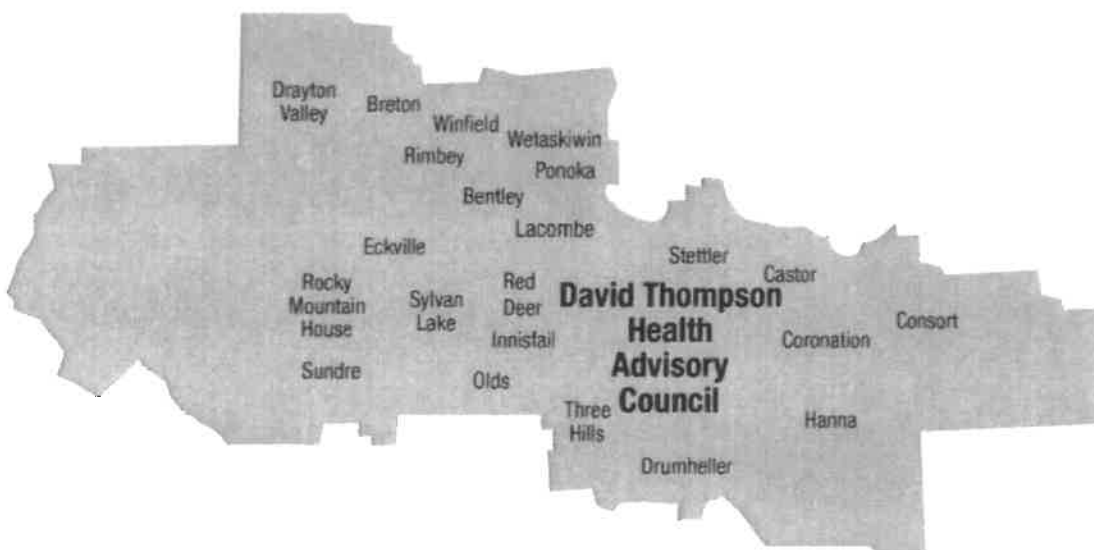
### Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council Meeting

Members of the public are invited to attend a virtual meeting of the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council (HAC) on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the public to meet council members, provide feedback on health services, share views about local healthcare delivery, and propose ideas for improvements. This meeting will take place via Zoom. To join, please email [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca) with the subject line 'Lakeland Communities' and you will be sent the Zoom meeting link.

### Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council – A Conversation on Wellness

Join us on Monday, January 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm as the Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council hosts a Virtual Wellness Fair to present wellness sessions for everyday living grounded in the 6 Dimensions of Wellness: Environmental, Spiritual, Emotional, Physical, Intellectual and Social.

To register and make your session selections, click [here](#) or e-mail us at [Community.Engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:Community.Engagement@ahs.ca) with the subject line 'Yellowhead East'.



### David Thompson Health Advisory Council – Virtual Health

Many things have changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, including how we are able to access

healthcare. Join us Monday, January 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to learn about health services available virtually in the David Thompson region, and to hear from your neighbours about their experiences using Virtual Health.

To register, click [here](#) or email us at [Community.Engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:Community.Engagement@ahs.ca) with the subject line 'David Thompson'.



### Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council Meeting

Members of the public are invited to attend a virtual meeting of the Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council (HAC) on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the public to meet council members, provide feedback on health services, share views about local healthcare delivery, and propose ideas for improvements. This meeting will take place via Zoom. To join, please e-mail [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca) with the subject line 'Wood Buffalo' and you will be sent the Zoom meeting link.

### Tamarack and Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Councils are recruiting!

Do you want to help improve healthcare in your community, or know someone who does? The Tamarack and Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Councils are recruiting (see provincial map [here](#)). Those interested can learn more and apply [here](#). For more information on Health Advisory Councils, visit our [website](#).

### Straight Talk

Straight Talk is a video series in which healthcare workers talk from the heart about what they're seeing and experiencing at work and in their communities as COVID-19 spreads across the province. AHS is posting a new Straight Talk video every day on YouTube and sharing it through our AHS accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please feel free to share these with your networks and on your social platforms as you see appropriate.





"I've had people in my family who have passed away from COVID. It's something that needs to be taken seriously," says Fusco. "The patients that are coming in here are really, really sick. Not all of them have a lot of comorbidities. Not all of them have a lot of past medical history. Most of these patients are around my parents' age. It makes me feel emotional because it's scary."

You can see all of the [Straight Talk videos](#), and new ones daily, on the AHS website.

## Be Well - Be Kind

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### **Gratitude For Feed The Frontline Campaign**

Last month, the Calgary Health Foundation invited all Calgary Zone staff and physicians to receive a complimentary meal from Sunterra Market, delivered to their home. The foundation's goal with the campaign was to show appreciation for local AHS staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this pandemic.

We want to offer our sincere gratitude to the Calgary Health Foundation and its donors for offering our teams this welcome respite and reprieve during these challenging times.

### **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.](#)



### ***Red Deer Festival of Trees a virtual success***

Thanks to the generosity of the community, donors, sponsors, and the help of volunteers, the Red Deer Regional Health Foundation was able to fund part of the electronic fetal monitoring project for the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre and other healthcare centres in rural Central Alberta.

Learn more about the Red Deer Festival of Trees [here](#).

### **Photo of the Week**

We wish to highlight a photo every week that illustrates the efforts, compassion and achievements being realized as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.



Shauna May holds her two-year-old daughter Izzy as she gets a COVID-19 swab from registered nurse Amaka Ashiofu.

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

### **Sharing the Love - Coin Highlights Value of Mental Wellness**

*I just want to say how proud and honoured I feel being a part of this wonderful and vital institution known as Alberta Health Services. I am fortunate to work with amazing people in the ICU. During this stressful time dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, staff in our department have shown resilience, fortitude and compassion caring for the very sick. My healthcare aide colleagues have been side-by-side with nurses caring for patients. I've started a little program to make sure that we are there for each other in this stressful time. At Christmas, I handed out to all full-time healthcare aides a challenge coin to let them know that if they are feeling stressed out or overwhelmed that the team has their back and are here to listen if they need to talk. This step has given our team a sense of security knowing that they can approach a team member if they have to talk. Here are photos of our team with their challenge coins. Hopefully others will find what we are doing is a positive step dealing with mental health.*

-Alfred Schmitke, healthcare aide, Foothills Medical Centre, Calgary





Clockwise from top left:

- Melanie De Leon, Carolina Boucher and Wesley Roberts;
- Kristine-Ono Castillo, Jenny Gutin and Edith Yorga;
- Carmina Caddauan, Michael Aspinall and Jomi Roy B Cabali.

### Sharing the Love - 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 was recently intubated in your ICU for almost two weeks due to COVID-19. I want to let all of your front-line workers — from the cleaning and kitchen staff, porters, nurses, doctors, specialists, and everyone else — know that I'm alive because of you. I was able to return home to my husband and son because of your expert care. The compassion shown to my family and myself was like nothing I've ever experienced. I just can't say enough good things about you all and I hope you all stay healthy through this. We will mask, distance, and wash our hands faithfully in honour of the work you do. The photo attached is the day I got to go home with my family after a very long 19 days.*



-Michelle

*We have been living every family's nightmare, with a cancer diagnosis in the middle of this pandemic. You have stood beside us, provided us with not only the necessary medical needs but resources as well, and offered hope. I wish we could give each of you a hug but know there is a circle of outstretched arms of Albertans reaching out in a virtual hug for all of you.*

-the Stuart Family

*Thank you to all our healthcare workers for sacrificing so much to be with our loved ones, especially when we can't. Our family was very lucky to have such a caring medical team to care for our mom during her final months. She left us in June at her care facility. I am grateful for everyone who we met during this journey. I can never repay your kindness but I wanted you to know that your actions do make a difference. You truly are angels. I will continue to stay home to honour you.*

-Bonnie

### Wrapping Up - A New Year and a Renewed Commitment to Public Health Measures

A new year is typically a time of new beginnings. But because of COVID-19, the start of 2021 feels a lot like the end of 2020. Sadly, there has been more sickness and more deaths, including a physician and two other healthcare workers. They may not have been all staff at AHS but, as healthcare workers, they were members of the AHS family nonetheless — and our condolences go out to their loved ones, patients and colleagues.

But as the New Year dawns, we do have new hope thanks to the ongoing vaccine rollout. We know

provincial immunization will consume this year and beyond. Nevertheless, let us hold onto this hope and buoy ourselves with the knowledge there will be an end to this pandemic. Let us also remind ourselves that we have the ability to protect one another as healthcare workers and other Albertans get immunized over the course of this New Year.

Quite simply, we protect ourselves and others by following the public health measures of Dr. Deena Hinshaw, the province's Chief Medical Officer of Health — and, although we cannot control the actions of others, we can all make the individual choice to do the right thing and encourage the people we know to do the same.

We'd like to leave you this week with a [video of the One Voice Children's Choir singing the Alicia Keys song Good Job](#), a tribute to all COVID-19 heroes.



As the song says: "You're doing a good job/ Don't get too down / The world needs you now / Know that you matter." We couldn't agree more with that sentiment.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



**Dr. Verna Yiu**  
AHS President & CEO

**Dr. Laura McDougall**  
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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As promised, here is the Q&A from our Municipal Update call on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Additionally, attached are the most recent orders.

Of note, Order 44 helps clarify intent regarding outdoor rinks and outdoor group physical activity, including hockey, addressing questions/ concerns brought forward by municipalities.

You can also find the orders here:

Order 44:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-orders-and-legislation.aspx>

Single person exemption:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx> - (under exemptions)

I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Cheers,

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**RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 44-2020 which amends CMOH Order 42-2020 and rescinds CMOH Order 43-2020**

**Re: 2020 COVID-19 Response**

Whereas I, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) have initiated an investigation into the existence of COVID-19 within the Province of Alberta.

Whereas the investigation has confirmed that COVID-19 is present in Alberta and constitutes a public health emergency as a novel or highly infectious agent that poses a significant risk to public health.

Whereas under section 29(2.1) of the *Public Health Act* (the Act), I have the authority by order to prohibit a person from attending a location for any period and subject to any conditions that I consider appropriate, where I have determined that the person engaging in that activity could transmit an infectious agent. I also have the authority to take whatever other steps that are, in my opinion, necessary in order to lessen the impact of the public health emergency.

Whereas I made Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 on December 11, 2020 that sets out the measures in respect of private residences, private social gatherings, places of worship, masks, certain businesses and entities, group physical activity, group performance activity and work from one's private residence.

Whereas I made Record of Decision – CMOH Order 43-2020 on December 22, 2020 that amends CMOH Order 42-2020 to provide exceptions to certain measures for end-of-life visits and the provision of counselling services.

Whereas having determined that some of the measures in Record of Decision - CMOH Order 42-2020 require further modification, I hereby make the following Order that modifies Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 and rescinds CMOH Order 43-2020 for the purpose of consolidating the amendments in CMOH Order 43-2020 into one amending order:

Effective December 23, 2020, Record of Decision – CMOH Order 43-2020 is rescinded and Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 is amended as follows:

**Part 2 – Private residences**

Section 4 of Part 2 of Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 is amended by adding the following after subsection (i):

(j) to provide counselling services;

(k) for a visit between a person who is at the end of their life (last four to six weeks, as determined by that person's primary health care provider) and a family member, friend, faith leader or other person as long as no more than three visitors enter the private residence of the dying person at one time.

#### **Part 6 – Businesses and entities**

Section 28 of Part 6 of Record of Decision - CMOH Order 42-2020 is amended by adding the following after subsection (j):

(k) to provide counselling services.

#### **Part 7 – Group physical activity**

Section 38 of Part 7 of Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2020 is rescinded and the following is substituted in its place:

38(1) Subject to section 39 of this Order, all persons are prohibited from participating in an outdoor group physical activity, including but not limited to games of hockey, where:

- (a) maintaining a minimum physical distance of 2 metres between all participants at all times is not possible;
- (b) the outdoor group physical activity includes more than 10 persons.

(2) For greater clarity, a person may participate in an outdoor group physical activity consisting of less than 10 persons if a minimum physical distance of 2 metres between all participants is maintained at all times.

This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 23 day of December, 2020.

  
Deena Hinshaw, MD  
Chief Medical Officer of Health

December 23, 2020

**RE: CMOH ORDER 42-2020 – LIMITED EXEMPTION FOR A PERSON WHO RESIDES ON THEIR OWN**

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) for Alberta, a state of public health emergency was declared in the Province of Alberta on November 24, 2020 pursuant to s. 52.1 of the *Public Health Act* of Alberta.

Further to that declaration of a public health emergency the CMOH, pursuant to her authority under s. 29(2.1) of the *Public Health Act*, made CMOH Order 42-2020 (the Order) which rescinded CMOH Orders 38-2020 and 39-2020, as modified through Orders 40-2020 and 41-2020, in that CMOH Orders 38-2020 and 39-2020 were insufficient to protect Albertans from exposure to COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The purpose of the Order is to help protect Albertans from the exposure to and spread of COVID-19 by prohibiting persons from attending certain locations for certain periods of time and subjecting such persons to any conditions that the CMOH considers appropriate including prohibiting persons from engaging in activities that could transmit an infectious agent and which the CMOH considers necessary in order to lessen the impact of the public health emergency. In addition setting such conditions as the CMOH considers appropriate or necessary on businesses and entities to lessen the impact of the public health emergency when those business or entities are offering goods or services to the public.

Pursuant to Section 47 of the Order the CMOH may exempt in writing persons or classes of persons from the operation of the Order.

The CMOH has determined, based on discussions with public health officials, that a temporary exemption from certain restrictions in Part 2 and Part 3 of the Order would further support the mental health and wellbeing of a person who resides on their own during the holiday season.

Section 3 of the Order restricts who may enter or remain in a private residence subject to Section 4 and 5 of the Order.

As per Section 5 of the Order, a person who resides on their own may

- (a) have two other persons with whom they regularly interact attend at their private residence; and



(b) attend at the private residence of a person with whom they regularly interact.

As per Section 6 of the Order, a single adult who only lives with one or more minors is deemed to be a person who resides on their own.

As per Section 10(b) of the Order, a "private social gathering" does not include a gathering in which a person who resides on their own interacts with the two other persons referred to in section 5 of the Order.

As per Section 13 of the Order, despite anything in Part 2 of the Order, a private social gathering of 10 persons or less may occur at an indoor or outdoor public or private place only for the purpose of a funeral service or a wedding ceremony.

Pursuant to Section 47 of the Order I am satisfied that an exemption be granted from Sections 3, 5(a), 5(b) and 13 of the Order to the following premises and the following persons upon the following conditions:

1. Subject to paragraph 4, a person who resides in a private residence is exempt from Sections 3 and 13 of the Order and may permit up to two persons who reside on their own, as well as one or more minors who live with the adult if the adult only lives with the minors, and all of whom do not normally reside in that private residence to enter or remain in the private residence for one private social gathering between December 23 and 28, 2020. To clarify:
  - a. This exemption applies to the "host" person who resides in a private residence but:
    - i. is not a person who regularly interacts with the person who resides on their own as contemplated by section 5 of the Order; or
    - ii. is a person who regularly interacts with the person who resides on their own, as contemplated by section 5 or the Order, but who also lives with one or more persons in the residence who do not regularly interact with the person who resides on their own and who will be present at the gathering.
  - b. A "minor" is a person 17 years of age or younger.
2. Subject to paragraph 4, a person who resides on their own, as well as one or more minors who live with the adult if the adult only lives with the minors, are exempt from Sections 5(a) and 13 of the Order and may have either two persons or one household and one other person, with whom they do not regularly interact, attend at their private residence for one private social gathering between December 23 and 28, 2020.

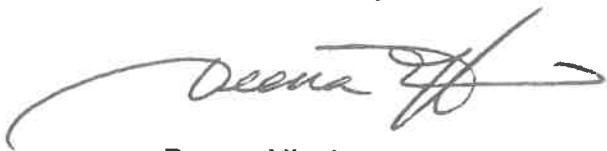
3. Subject to paragraph 4, a person who resides on their own, as well as one or more minors who live with the adult if the adult only lives with the minors, are exempt from Sections 5(b) and 13 of the Order and may attend one private social gathering between December 23 and 28, 2020 at the private residence of a person:
  - a. who does not regularly interact with the person who resides on their own as contemplated by Section 5 of the Order; or
  - b. who does regularly interact with the person who resides on their own, as contemplated by section 5 of the Order, but who also lives with one or more persons in the private residence who do not regularly interact with the person who resides on their own and who will be present at the gathering.
  
4. All persons attending the private social gathering should, to the extent possible, follow appropriate public health measures including those relating to hand hygiene, maintaining 2 metres of distance from persons who are not part of the same household and masking when unable to maintain 2 metres of distance, to protect all persons in attendance and other Albertans from further transmission of COVID-19.

The exemption may be terminated or modified by the CMOH in writing without notice and for any reason as determined by the CMOH.

This exemption comes into effect on December 23, 2020 and terminates at 2400 hrs on December 28, 2020.

We trust this is satisfactory.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deena Hinshaw', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Deena Hinshaw  
Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta

Questions and answers from CMOH Municipality Briefing (December 22)

<b>Municipality Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
<p><b><u>Door to Door Sales</u></b>                      Are door-to-door salespersons allowed to operate under the enhanced public health measures?</p>	<p>Yes, door-to-door salespersons may continue to operate. They must practice good hand hygiene, wear masks, and maintain 2 metres of distance between themselves and customers at all times.</p>
<p><b><u>Municipality Data</u></b>                      Why are only communities over 2,000 listed for COVID rates? Why is the information presented to municipalities in the manner that it is?</p> <p>Please provide more information about how the population data for the new geographical data breakdown are calculated.</p>	<p>The Government of Alberta is committed to sharing information while protecting patients the right to privacy. The current reporting threshold, including the 2,000 population cutoff, balances these two objectives.                      We are committed to continually reviewing and assessing our approach in the months to come.</p> <p>Alberta Health has released new municipal case data to provide a better idea of how COVID-19 case numbers have changed over time in Alberta communities. The cases are calculated by Alberta Health utilizing data provided by Alberta Health Services. Providing this information by date range ensures that municipalities can stay informed of how the spread is evolving, while continuing to protect patient confidentiality.</p> <p>The information is available here:  <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/lookup/covid19-weekly-active-cases.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/lookup/covid19-weekly-active-cases.aspx</a> and will allow communities to view the number of cases in their areas for the last four weeks. This data set will be updated on a weekly basis every Tuesday. You also have the option to download a complete history of active cases going back to March 2020.</p> <p>The population of a municipality is determined by using the postal code provided for a household, and may not be an accurate reflection of how many people actually live in a given municipality. For example, this may happen when people living in rural areas use a PO Box rather than their home address. In these cases, a person's postal code may be attributed to a town or city even when they don't live there.</p>
<p><b><u>Website</u></b></p>	

<p>How do we find the updated map that has more info as to where the cases are happening?</p> <p>The website link isn't functional</p> <p><a href="https://immunizealberta.ca/">https://immunizealberta.ca/</a> is missing COVID-19 answers</p>	<p>The new municipality data can be found here: <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/lookup/covid19-weekly-active-cases.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/lookup/covid19-weekly-active-cases.aspx</a></p>
<p><b><u>Vaccine Rollout</u></b></p> <p>Can you please speak to the next phases of vaccine administration?</p> <p>Can you please clarify where EMS and Firefighters fall into the phases of vaccine?</p>	<p>The sequence of populations to be vaccinated will be addressed beginning in January.</p> <p>On December 2, 2020, Premier Kenney announced the launch of the COVID-19 vaccine task force responsible for the distribution of vaccines which are expected to be received in early January. Currently, the roll out plan (<a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx</a>) involves three phases, phase 1 sequencing includes the following populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health-care workers in intensive care units</li> <li>• Respiratory therapists</li> <li>• Staff in long term care and designated supportive living facilities</li> <li>• Home care workers</li> <li>• Health-care workers in emergency departments</li> <li>• All residents of long term care and designated supportive living.</li> <li>• Seniors 75 and over</li> <li>• First Nations, Métis and persons 65 years of age and over living in a First Nations community or Metis Settlement</li> <li>• Health-care workers in medical, surgical and COVID-19 units or operating rooms</li> </ul> <p>Phase 2 (April to September 2021) – continue targeting populations in sequence. At this time the sequence of vaccinating populations has not been defined.</p> <p>Phase 3 (Fall 2021) – anticipated start of roll-out to the general public.</p>

<p><b>Outdoor Recreation</b></p> <p>Can you please clarify whether outdoor team sports are allowable? The guidance document you have online still says YES, but everything else we've seen says NO? THANKS!</p> <p>Can you please clarify previous comments on skating? You mentioned a skating race could take place, but our understanding is sports competitions are currently prohibited?</p> <p>The outdoor winter recreation guidance doc contradicts info on the website.</p>	<p>38(1) Subject to section 39 of this Order, all persons are prohibited from participating in an outdoor group physical activity, including but not limited to games of hockey, where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 metres between all participants at all times is not possible;</li> <li>(b) The outdoor group physical activity includes more than 10 persons.</li> </ul> <p>(2) For greater clarity, a person may participate in an outdoor group physical activity consisting of less than 10 persons if minimum physical distance of 2 metres between all participants is maintained at all times.</p> <p>The website has been updated reflecting the new order: <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-orders-and-legislation.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-orders-and-legislation.aspx</a>.</p>
<p><b>Communications Over the Holidays</b></p> <p>If changes in guidance or orders occur over the holiday period how would municipalities be notified of these changes?</p>	<p>Any changes would be shared through current communications channels and municipalities would be notified through those channels, as required.</p>
<p><b>Close Contact Isolation Requirements</b></p> <p>If someone is notified that they are a close contact of a COVID case and are required to isolate but they go and get tested as negative are they free to stop isolation or must they isolate for all 14 days?</p>	<p>Close contacts must isolate for 14 days from their last exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID, regardless of if they (the close contact) test negative. Please see <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx</a></p>

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Attention: All CAOs

December 21, 2020

As a follow up to my message of December 11, 2020, we continue to review options to support your efforts in following the orders and recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and ensure you have the tools necessary to continue with your important governance and management work.

Attached is a Frequently Asked Questions document covering some of the more common municipal governance inquiries received by our ministry. Please visit [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca) for the latest COVID-19 information.

Our offices will be closed for the holiday season starting December 24, 2020, and reopen on January 4, 2021. During this time, we will continue to monitor any municipal governance questions that are emailed to [MA.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca](mailto:MA.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca). Our next Frequently Asked Questions document will be issued on January 8, 2021.

I know you have all been working under unprecedented circumstances. As we enter into this holiday season, I hope you will take some time to rest and reflect on the great work you have done in being responsive to your citizens and businesses during this challenging year.

I trust these updates provide you with the timely information and answers you need. Please continue to participate in the weekly Q&A session with the Chief Medical Officer of Health. Also, please contact our advisory support services if you have further questions regarding municipal governance. You can speak directly to a municipal advisor by calling 780-427-2225 or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000.

Sincerely,

Paul Wynnyk  
Deputy Minister

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# Municipal Governance

## During the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Frequently Asked Questions – December 18, 2020

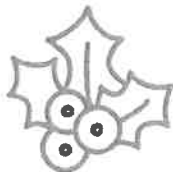
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If you would like a specific issue addressed in an upcoming update, please email your request to [ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca).

#### Municipal Affairs Updates

Previous COVID-19 updates are available online at: [www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx)

#### Christmas Closure



**Will there be support from Municipal Affairs over the holidays should any urgent matters arise or if there are changes to the current health orders?**

**YES.** Although our office will be closed from December 25 to January 4, you can email any time sensitive inquiries to [ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca) inbox, which will continue to be monitored.

As we enter into this holiday season, take time to rest and reflect on the great work you have done in being responsive to your citizens and businesses during this challenging year.

#### 2021 Municipal Elections



**The 2021 nomination period starts when municipal offices reopen in January 2021. For municipalities with nomination deposit bylaws, the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* requires nomination deposits to be in cash, certified cheques, and money orders. Are there other paperless options available to encourage the current COVID-19 pandemic?**

**YES.** On December 14, 2020, the Honourable Tracy Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, signed Ministerial Order No. MSD:103/20 to amend specific requirements under Section 30(1) of the *LAEA* to allow deposits to be provided to the returning officer by in-person payments using a debit card or a credit card, in addition to the current cash, certified cheque, or money order options. This modification is only in effect for the 2021 general election year.

**If a nomination deposit bylaw states the form of payment, do municipalities need to amend their bylaw to include the new methods of payment?**

**YES.** The MO No. MSD:103/20 does not amend a local bylaw. If a municipality's local bylaw includes provisions that limit the way in which payments can be made, the bylaw would need to be amended to enable debit and credit card payments for 2021 only.

#### Public Libraries Resources

Resources are available at:  
[www.alberta.ca/public-library-services.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/public-library-services.aspx)

**Can our municipal office remain open to accept nomination forms?**

**YES.** Employers shall require employees to work from home, unless their physical presence is required to effectively operate the workplace. Municipal offices could remain open to accept nominations papers. Determining what constitutes an essential service remains a local operational decision, and individual municipalities are encouraged to choose a process for accepting nomination forms that they deem appropriate. Nomination forms can be accepted at specific times set by the returning officer, by appointment, or at a secure drop box.

## General Questions

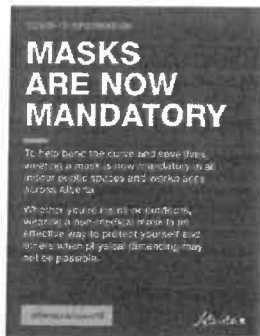
**Can we provide an option for households to rent public facilities (pools, indoor rinks) for personal use?**



**NO.** Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health's current recommendation is that municipal recreation facilities should not be rented out to individual households, as this is difficult to determine whether social gathering restrictions are being adhered to.

**Are there resources available to ensure municipal messages are consistent with the provincial public health guidance?**

**YES.** The Government of Alberta collection of COVID-19 visual resources is updated and also includes a new mandatory masking poster that municipalities and your community partners may use. Information posters and fact sheets can be accessed and downloaded [online](#).



**In order to adhere to social distancing requirements, our municipality has moved council meetings to the community hall. Given the current orders restrict the use of community halls, is council required to change the location?**

**YES.** As community halls are to remain closed except for a permitted use, councils should conduct meetings electronically per the [Public Meeting Procedures \(COVID-19 Suppression\) Regulation](#). If meetings have already been scheduled to take place in the community hall, councils must call a special meeting to change the location of the meeting. If time does not permit a special meeting to be called, municipalities should review their procedural bylaw, which may set out the process for adjourning a meeting should council not achieve quorum.

### Relaunch Status Map

Map reporting formats are updated. To review the level of risk in your community, rate of COVID-19 cases, number of active cases, and current measures in place, visit: [www.alberta.ca/maps/covid-19-status-map.htm](http://www.alberta.ca/maps/covid-19-status-map.htm)

## Additional Resources

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) continue to be a valuable resource for municipalities.

RMA's COVID-19 response hub is available at <https://rmaalberta.com/about/covid-19-response-hub>.

AUMA's updated guide is available at [www.auma.ca/covid19](http://www.auma.ca/covid19).

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities also has a list of links and resources for municipalities available at [www.fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities](http://www.fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities).

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January 8, 2021

Dear CAOs:

As a follow up to my message of December 18, 2020, we continue to review options to support your efforts in following the orders and recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and ensure you have the tools necessary to continue with your important governance and management work.

I commend you for all the work you did in 2020, and continue to do as we begin 2021, to protect your municipal staff and residents from the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. It is only through the commitment of individuals like you that, collectively, we are able to make a difference as we move forward and manage the ongoing rollout of the vaccine.

Attached is a Frequently Asked Questions document covering some of the more common municipal governance inquiries received by our ministry. Please visit [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca) for the latest COVID-19 information.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

### Is there an update to the plan to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine in Alberta?

**YES.** In December, Premier Kenney announced the launch of the COVID-19 vaccine task force responsible for distributing vaccines. More than 56 per cent of vaccine doses in stock have been administered as of this week.

Up-to-date information on the phased implementation plan and additional information Albertans need to know about the vaccine is available at [www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx).

### Has it been determined in what phase of the vaccine roll-out plan that the vaccine will be available to municipal first responders and firefighters?

**NO.** The vaccination roll-out started on December 15, 2020. The [roll-out plan](#) involves three phases. Phase 1A includes health-care workers in home care and emergency departments.

Phase 1B will begin in February and include:

- Seniors 75 and over
- First Nations, Métis and persons 65 years of age and over living in a First Nations community or Metis Settlement
- Health-care workers in medical, surgical and COVID-19 units or operating rooms

The second phase is scheduled to start in April 2021 and will continue targeting populations in sequence. At this time, the order of vaccinating populations has not been defined.

Phase three is targeted for Fall 2021 and involves the roll-out to the general public.

## Public Libraries Resources

Resources are available at: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-library-services.aspx>

## Municipal Elections

**Due to the ongoing pandemic, are legislative changes being considered for the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* for the upcoming municipal elections?**

**YES.** Municipal Affairs has met with key municipal stakeholders to discuss potential risks relating to the 2021 municipal general election and have identified some temporary modifications that could be made, if needed, to specific requirements under the *LAEA*. An example is the approval of Ministerial Order No. MSD: 130/20, enabling nomination deposits to also be paid by debit or credit card. The need for certain modifications will continue to be monitored and reviewed to ensure municipalities will have the appropriate ability to align election operations with public health orders or recommendations.

**The nomination period began January 1, 2021. As a way to avoid in-person contact, can candidates submit nomination papers electronically?**

**NO.** Currently, nomination papers cannot be submitted electronically. In addition to being delivered in person, the specific requirement of section 28 of the *LAEA* to submit nomination forms to the local jurisdiction office can be met by having forms mailed or delivered by courier. Nomination forms can also be accepted at specific times set by the returning officer, by appointment, or at a secure drop-off box.

## Council Meetings

**Can councils still hold council meetings in-person with members of the public present?**

**YES.** Since municipal council meetings are business meetings and not social meetings, they can be held in person, including with members of the public; however, because of the elevated risk, it is strongly recommended to move to virtual meeting formats wherever possible.

**Is the Public Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation still in effect?**

**YES.** The Public Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation remains in effect until it has been repealed. The regulation enables municipalities to follow the Chief Medical Officer of Health's orders for physical/social distancing by conducting meetings electronically. While councils are encouraged to consider electronic meetings to ensure compliance with the public health orders regarding public gatherings, the decision on how to conduct meetings remains at the discretion of the council, committee or commission, while ensuring the process used complies with current public health orders.

## General Questions

**Has a timeline been established as to when the current public health measures will be changed?**

**NO.** On January 7, 2020, it was announced that the current public health measures that came into effect on December 13, 2020, are extended and will remain in place until at least January 21, 2021. These provisions and the situation will be evaluated closer to January 21, 2021.

**Are there different authority levels for the ongoing enforcement of current restrictions?**

**YES.** Enforcement is currently undertaken by several different authorities. Alberta Health Services Public Health Inspectors respond to business-related complaints and continuing care complaints.

Response to any time-sensitive complaints about distancing, social gatherings, and isolation breaches can be made by:

- Police Officers
- Uniformed Community Peace Officers Level 1
- Uniformed Alberta Peace Officers Level 2

**As the warm weather continues, our outdoor recreation and skating facilities continue to be popular destinations. Has there been any further clarification made to the guidelines of use for these municipal facilities and on outdoor skating?**



**YES.** On December 23, 2020, Dr. Deena Hinshaw signed [Order 44-20](#), which helps clarify the use of outdoor rinks and outdoor group physical activity, including hockey, and other concerns brought forward by municipalities.

Section 38(2) provides additional clarity, and states "...a person may participate in an outdoor group physical activity consisting of less than 10 persons if a minimum physical distance of 2 metres between all participants is maintained at all times."

**Is there a timeline established for when municipalities may reopen arenas?**

**NO.** CMOH [Order 42-2020](#) is in effect until at least January 21, 2021.

How long arenas will remain closed will be determined at the same time the stronger health measures put in place on December 13, 2020 are re-evaluated.

**Renovations and construction continue during the pandemic. Inspections under the *Safety Codes Act* are still necessary. Are there public health measures that impact our safety codes officers?**

**YES.** Safety codes officers can continue inspections. Officers must mask while inspecting indoor public spaces, including construction sites, and can enter occupied houses for the purpose of inspection, according to CMOH [Order 42-2020](#).

**Are Volunteer Fire Departments allowed to continue training?**

**YES.** Volunteer fire departments are permitted to undertake training activities as long as appropriate protocols are being followed. If this training can be safely delayed until mid-January when the current measures are expected to be reviewed, then delaying is recommended.



## Additional Resources

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) continue to be a valuable resource for municipalities.

RMA's COVID-19 response hub is available at <https://rmaalberta.com/about/covid-19-response-hub>.

AUMA's updated guide is available at [www.auma.ca/covid19](http://www.auma.ca/covid19).

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities also has a list of links and resources for municipalities available at [www.fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities](http://www.fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities).

For the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 situation in Alberta, visit: [www.alberta.ca/COVID19](http://www.alberta.ca/COVID19).

### Alberta Biz Connect

Alberta Biz Connect provides workplace guidance and support to businesses and non-profits. The online tool also provides sector-specific guidelines to ensure businesses can reopen safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses with questions regarding the relaunch can [email the Biz Connect team](#). Common questions are also posted [online](#).

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**The ChooseLetter**  
**January 2021**



## What's Happening at Communities ChooseWell

2021 is here, and I know we are all hoping to see life get back to normal this year. 2020 was a test for all of us, and to all of our champions, we just want to reiterate that the work you have continued to do has been remarkable and that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Here's a quick recap of what the ChooseWell team will be up to for the next little while:

- Staff turnover: We are sad to announce that Hayley Gulayets left the ChooseWell team over the holidays. Additionally, Julie Venner will be going on parental leave in the near future. We are hiring for both these positions - [learn more here!](#)
- Our Healthy Community Grant Applications will be opening on January 19! Read more in the Funding section of this newsletter.
- The Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium will be taking place virtually from March 16-18. Read more in the Learning and Connecting Section below.

- Congratulations to our 2020 Most Significant Community Change Award winners: Hinton, Fort McKay, Vulcan, Boyle Street Community Services, and Whitefish Reserve.
- Additionally, congratulations to Michele and Tony Geistlinger for being the recipients of the first ever ChooseWell Champion Award, an annual award that recognizes champions that have done exceptional work in their time with Communities ChooseWell.



## Learning & Connecting

### ALBERTA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SYMPOSIUM



#### Virtual Symposium in 2021: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars - you will not want to miss out! Communities ChooseWell is excited to announce that the [Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium](#), sponsored by [Alberta Blue Cross](#), is going virtual for half-day sessions on March 16, 17, and 18, 2021. Official details and free registration launching in January 2021!

The theme for 2021 is:

**Explore. Discover. Inspire.  
Your Community Wellness Journey.**

We cannot wait to connect with you over three half-days of learning, growth and tangible action. There will be a variety of energizing content including keynote speakers, workshops and networking opportunities all offered virtually to ensure the safety of all participants!

#### Active Transportation Peer Learning Network Virtual Meetup January 26th!

The Active Transportation Peer Learning Network offers virtual meetups with AT champions across Alberta, access to resources, and ongoing support and connection through an online discussion forum.

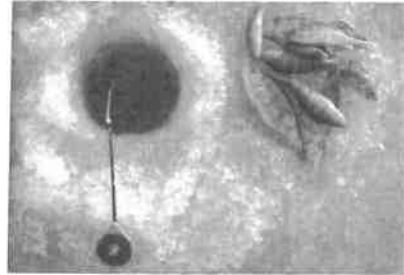
The next ATPLN Virtual Meetup is Tuesday, January 26 10:00 – 11:30 am

Interested in joining? Become a member for updates and meeting information.



Curious about the content from last year's symposium back in early March 2020? Check it out on our website below and keep your eyes peeled for 2021 registration coming soon.

Symposium Website!



### **YDRS Online Learning Series Event: Change Management: Recreation & Your Role**

The Youth Development Through Recreation Services (YDRS) Symposium aims to provide information about children and youth development by promoting the delivery and expansion of positive development through sport, recreation, physical activity, education and general health promotion. Due to the current measures in place to ensure the public remains healthy, the YDRS Symposium will be done as an online series consisting of monthly presentations. The presentations will be on the following topics:

**BIPOC Programming** - February 2021 (date TBD)

**Resiliency in Youth** - March 2021 (date TBD)

Register!

### **Indigenous Community Wellness Gathering**

Oki, Tansi, Bonjour, Danit'ada, Aba Wathtech, Edlánat'e, Hello! The Indigenous Community Wellness Gathering is a space for wellness champions to come together to share their ideas, skills, and experiences on how to improve wellness within diverse Indigenous communities. Access support and connection to Gathering members from Indigenous communities across Alberta as well as urban-based Indigenous and ally organizations.

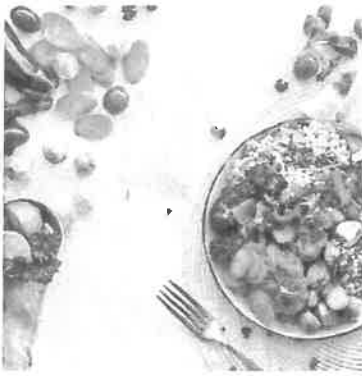
The next Indigenous Community Wellness Gathering Virtual Meetup is Tuesday, February 18th from 10:00 am to noon

Interested in joining? [Register here](#) or become a member for updates and ongoing support.

Join!



## **Resources**



### Healthy Eating

Are you starting to think about your annual budget for 2021? Several universities across Canada collaborated to research and release the 11th edition of Canada's Food Price Report for 2021. Learn how the pandemic will affect the cost of food for your organization and the members of your community. [Learn more.](#)

More Healthy Eating Resources here



### Active Living

The YMCA has created a series of health and fitness videos with a wide range of activities designed to support the needs of different age groups and people with different abilities. These resources are great to share with your community to help support active lifestyles from home. [Learn more.](#)

More Active Living Resources here



### Community Development

Coping at Home For Families was compiled by Recreation Therapists in the Calgary Zone. The guide provides general information about health and wellness with the intention of inspiring families to take care of their social, emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual selves. [Learn more.](#)

More Community Resources here



## Funding



**Communities ChooseWell Healthy Community Grant - Opening next week!**



Is your New Year's resolution to transform and promote local places, programs, policies, and/or partnerships to improve healthy eating and active living in your community? We've got you! Apply for up to \$5,000 to support your initiative. We will be accepting applications from January 19th until March 1, 2021. Successful applicants will receive notification and funds by the end of April for projects that can be completed by February 15, 2022.

Interested in applying for a Healthy Community Grant but not sure where to start? Join the Healthy Community Grant Writing Workshop on February 11th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm! Communities ChooseWell staff will guide you through the application process and offer tips to help you build a competitive application. [Register here.](#)

Healthy Community Grant



### **Civil Society Fund - Deadline January 20, 2021**

Get it before it's gone! The Civil Society Fund is a one time grant opportunity offered by the Government of Alberta to expand civil society's capacity to address social problems for Albertans. Civil society includes non-profit and voluntary organizations, registered charities, informal groups or movements pursuing shared interests or values and private-sector organizations and individuals pursuing social good. Eligible applicants can request **up to \$1,500,000 for their project**. Proposals may be approved at a lesser amount than what was requested. Recipient projects must be completed within a 24 month period. The application deadline is **January 20, 2021**.

Learn More!

### **Other Funding Opportunities**

Looking for more funding opportunities? Communities ChooseWell keeps a list of external funding sources on our website. To add an ongoing opportunity to our list, please contact us at [choosewell@arpaonline.ca](mailto:choosewell@arpaonline.ca).

More Funding



## Celebrating Communities

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This year's recipients of the ChooseWell Healthy Community Awards will be recognized as a part of the Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium, as well as in this section of our newsletter through the rest of 2021.

Resiliency is front-of-mind for many of us during this pandemic. Helping our communities bounce back and come together is a priority many have for 2021. One of the most moving stories of resiliency that Communities ChooseWell has ever captured is the work done in Slave Lake, leading to them receiving the Most Significant Community Change award in 2016. Have a closer look at the work done in Slave Lake after wildfires ravaged the town:



More stories from ChooseWell Communities

***ARPA would like to acknowledge the First Nations, the Métis, and all of the people across Alberta who share a history and a deep connection with this land. We dedicate ourselves to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.***

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To all local authorities planning to submit applications for March 2021 borrowing, please see the attached for information about the borrowing process. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sherri Bullock  
Senior Loans Officer

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**Loan Application Dates and Application Requirements**

**Application Deadline:** January 29, 2021

**Loan Issue Date:** March 15, 2021

Please submit all required documentation by the application deadline of **January 29, 2021**. Applications for education and health borrowers should be submitted well in advance of the application deadline due to additional legal work required. Please refer to the [Loans to Local Authorities website](#) for information on [how to apply](#), [application forms](#), and general information.

**All applicants must submit the following documents:**

- 1) Loan application;
- 2) Authorized borrowing bylaw or resolution (certified true copy) ;
- 3) Most recent audited financial statement;
- 4) Loan calculator;

AND

The following additional documents, as applicable to your borrower category:

	<u>Debt Limit Worksheet and supporting documents</u> <sup>1</sup>	Financial Information Return	<u>Master Loan Agreement</u> (New agreement with Treasury Board & Finance)	Business Case	Ministerial Approval, (As applicable)	Credit Review Documents (As applicable)
Municipalities	√	√	√		√	√
Regional Service Commissions	√	√	√	√	√	√
Post-Secondary Institutions	√			√	√	
School Board				√	√	
Health Authorities				√	√	
Airport Authorities	See respective Credit Agreements					

- 1) Debt Limit Worksheets must be completed as at Dec 31, 2020 for municipal and regional service commission borrowers. In lieu of audited financial statements as at Dec 31, 2020, please submit internal working papers or schedules to support your debt limit calculations. Submit your 2020 audited financial statement and financial information returns once complete.

Please see the [Loans to Local Authorities](#) website for more detailed descriptions of the requirements.

Electronic submissions are accepted and no hard copies are required. Please submit your applications to [localauthorityloans@gov.ab.ca](mailto:localauthorityloans@gov.ab.ca).

The next quarterly loan date is June 15, 2021 and the application deadline is April 30, 2021.

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Hello all,

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and New Years. Hopefully you were able to take some time off and connect with family, in some fashion. I am sure that it has been a trying time both personally and professionally for many of us.

Here is a brief update of what I and the AUMA have been working on (in no particular order). This is by no means an inclusive list and I have not touched on anything where there is no significant new information. As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any specific questions, would like more information, or just want to chat and let me know what is happening in your community.

### **2020 Convention Resolutions**

We have been working on progressing the resolutions that were passed at our Virtual Convention in September and have started receiving initial responses from the province on some of our resolutions. To view information on our active resolutions, please visit the [AUMA Resolutions Library](#).

### **Covid 19**

We continue to offer information and resources on our online [Covid 19 Hub](#). In addition, we continue to raise municipal concerns and work towards solutions with the provincial government. In particular, we are advocating for increased communication, data, and information sharing with municipalities (including information on how decisions are being made) so that we can make informed decisions locally and help combat misinformation.

### **Municipal Measurement Index (MMI)**

The province launched the MMI shortly before Christmas. The AUMA Board was given an advanced preview of the tool and were allowed to offer comments. Unfortunately, the province did not make changes to the tool, based on our input, and we are disappointed that it was released in its current form. The MMI has been unofficially dubbed the 'Municipal Report Card', although, in reality, it is not a report card, but a tool to compare municipalities.

In principle, the MMI is a great idea and could be used to increase awareness, accountability, and transparency in local government. However, some changes need to be made to achieve this, which we are recommending. In its current form, the MMI deals strictly with financial data and lacks information and details that explain differences in tax rates, accumulated surplus, debt, etc. It does not account for differences in service levels, infrastructure deficits, utilities, or differences in municipal tax structures. Without this kind of information, the numbers can be deceiving and could easily lead to public misunderstanding or misperceptions of municipal finances. It also allows you to compare municipalities that are exceptionally different; although there is a rating system that should flag if two municipalities are not comparable it is not accurate. For example, according to the Index the MD of Bighorn and the City of Spruce Grove are comparable municipalities.

### **Broadband**

The Small Communities Committee is working diligently on this file, which has become increasingly more important in light of the pandemic. Unfortunately, I don't have any new information to share, but I would like to share successes that some of our villages have had. The Villages of [Delburne](#) and [Hythe](#) have both successfully undertaken projects to bring Fibre Optics to their community. **Congratulations on the success of your hardwork!** I would love to hear if other municipalities also have success stories to share.

### **Policing**

Policing will continue to be a hot topic throughout 2021 and I will do my best to keep you informed of what is happening. The AUMA will be releasing some information soon on upcoming events and initiatives, so please be on the lookout for that!

The Interim Police Advisory Board continues to make progress, albeit slowly. By the end of this month we will be submitting our first report to the Minister which will outline our policing priorities, based primarily on feedback received through our survey (thank you again to all who filled that out). After that we will move on to creating governance documents for the permanent board. The Interim Board will be putting out a formal update near the end of the month outlining our work done to date.

### **2021 Provincial Budget**

We continue to advocate for municipal priorities in the provincial budget. In addition to maintaining an adequate level of capital and operating funding, we are working to ensure that the province avoids transferring costs and responsibility onto municipalities while they work to balance their budget. There is, afterall, only one taxpayer.

Thank you for all that you do for your community. I wish you and your community all the best in 2021!

Sincerely,

**Angela Duncan**

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**Subject:** AUMA responds to removal of MLA Pat Rehn

Dear Mayors, Councillors & CAOs,

Below is our statement that we released today regarding the removal of MLA Pat Rehn. Please contact [Advocacy@auma.ca](mailto:Advocacy@auma.ca) if you have any questions.

## **AUMA responds to removal of MLA Pat Rehn**

A fundamental responsibility of every elected official is to listen, engage, and work with other levels of government to best represent their constituents. This responsibility has taken on an even greater importance as governments at all levels across the country work together to confront the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is imperative for MLAs to be engaged with the cities, towns, villages, summer villages and counties they represent. It is therefore particularly regrettable that Slave Lake, High Prairie, and other municipal councils from the provincial constituency of Lesser Slave Lake had to take the unprecedented step of publicly reporting their struggles with building a productive relationship with MLA Pat Rehn. By failing to engage with and advocate for his constituents, MLA Rehn broke public trust of his local councils and failed to be accountable to his constituents.

AUMA agrees with Premier Kenney that people in positions of public trust must be held to a higher standard, and we support Premier Kenney’s decision to remove MLA Rehn from the government caucus due to his lack of commitment to representing his constituency appropriately. Further, we join the town of Slave Lake in calling for Mr. Rehn’s resignation as the MLA for the Lesser Slave Lake constituency.

We appreciate the willingness of the provincial government to listen to municipal concerns and needs and provide the necessary supports. We trust that this will enable municipalities in Lesser Slave Lake to achieve accountability with their provincial government and effectively collaborate over the remainder of the UCP government mandate.

There can be no economic recovery in Alberta without strong communities, and the partnerships between municipalities and their provincial government representatives are critical to achieving this. AUMA looks forward to building constructive relationships with all MLAs as we advance AUMA member priorities, including stable and predictable funding, partnerships for jobs and growth, and overcoming the challenges of COVID-19 to build a stronger, more resilient Alberta.

Respectfully,

The AUMA Executive Committee

**Barry Morishita** | President  
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# Scotts Canada launches 2021 *Gro for good* Grants Initiative



**IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS & GREEN SPACES  
 ACROSS CANADA**

*Mississauga, ON (January 11, 2021)* – Scotts Canada Limited proudly announces the 2021 edition of the ***Gro for good*** program to keep the spirit of community and connection to nature alive in Canada. The program provides grants to deserving communities, schools and non-profit organizations seeking to develop sustainable community gardens and green spaces.

*"In 2020, as a response to COVID-19 lockdowns, we saw an overwhelming interest in gardening. People engaged in gardening as a way to keep busy, address their physical and mental health needs while also improving outdoor spaces and physical distancing"*

Karen Stephenson  
Director Regulatory Affairs & Stakeholder Relations  
Scotts Canada

Scotts Canada is proud to offer another year of **Gro for good** grants to support green space projects and help plant the **seeds of Hope in 2021**. Gardening has been shown to provide multiple benefits, such as, encouraging healthy eating habits while learning how to grow your own food along with the health and wellness benefits that come from being outdoors and interacting with nature and other members of your community.



**Scotts Canada** is pleased to be offering this exciting grant opportunity to Canadian communities in partnership with **Communities in Bloom, Plant · Grow · Share a Row and Nutrients for Life**.

**Gro for good** grants are valued at **\$2,500** (cash plus in-kind product donation) and will be awarded to selected projects across Canada based on community impact, youth involvement and sustainability. The applicants will need to demonstrate one or more of the following benefits to the community: addressing health and wellness needs, enhancing the environment and/or engaging with youth.

Each recipient of a grant will also have the opportunity to compete for one additional grant of **\$2,500** in cash that will be awarded based on a social media contest hosted by **Scotts Canada**.

**APPLY NOW FOR A 2021 GRO FOR GOOD GRANT ONLINE AT GROFORGOOD.COM**

The submission deadline for applications is **February 28, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST**. **Gro for good** grants will be awarded as a combination of cash and in-kind product donation. **Projects must be completed in 2021**.

For further details on the **Gro for good** program, please visit: [groforgood.com](http://groforgood.com)

Questions can also be directed to [communication@cib-cef.com](mailto:communication@cib-cef.com)



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Good day, Happy New Year and cheers to a safe 2021.

I am resending (some bounced back) the appointments made at our Organizational Meeting. Sorry for the delay and any inconvenience.

Thank you.

## **Cindy Suter**

Executive Secretary and Economic Development Director

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**The Lac Ste. Anne County Administration Office has resumed its regular business hours of Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm (including lunch hour). Reception staff are managing all telephone inquiries at this time and representatives from each County department will be on hand to address a variety of ratepayer requests. Thank you for your patience as we implement our re-entry strategy.**

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December 18, 2020  
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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Re: Lac Ste. Anne County 2020/2021 Representatives/Appointments

Reference is made to our recent Organizational Meeting held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please find attached a list of all representatives and appointments of County Council, as approved at this organizational meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Mike Primeau,  
County Manager

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# Appointments 2020/2021

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Appointees</u>
Municipal Committee	Council as a Whole
Municipal Planning Commission	Council as a Whole
Enforcement Review Committee	Council as a Whole
Agricultural Services Board	Steve Hoyda, Ross Bohnet and Lloyd Giebelhaus
Emergency Advisory Committee	Nick Gelych, George Vaughan, Lloyd Giebelhaus
Alberta Beach IDP Committee	George Vaughan, Joe Blakeman
Alberta Recreational Lakes Committee	Nick Gelych
Athabasca Watershed Advisory Group	Ross Bohnet, Lloyd Giebelhaus
Beachwave Park Committee	George Vaughan, Joe Blakeman
West End Bus Committee	Ross Bohnet, Lloyd Giebelhaus
East End Bus Committee	Lorne Olsvik
Campground Committee	George Vaughan, Steve Hoyda, Lloyd Giebelhaus
Community Futures – Yellowhead East	Nick Gelych
Darwell Wastewater Lagoon Commission	Steve Hoyda, Joe Blakeman
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Nick Gelych
Fallen Four Visitor Center/Mayerthorpe Library Project Committee	Ross Bohnet, Lloyd Giebelhaus
First Nations	Lorne Olsvik, Nick Gelych, Joe Blakeman
George Pegg Botanic Garden Society	George Vaughan
Hwy 43 East Waste Commission	Lorne Olsvik, George Vaughan
LEPA	George Vaughan
LSA Library Board	Steve Hoyda, Ross Bohnet
LSA Foundation	Ross Bohnet

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**Steve Hoyda**

**Mayerthorpe IDP Committee**

**Ross Bohnet, Lloyd Giebelhaus**

**Millar Western Advisory Committee**

**Ross Bohnet**

**North 43 Lagoon Commission**

**Lorne Olsvik, George Vaughan, Joe Blakeman**

**North Sask. Watershed Alliance Committee**

**Nick Gelych**

**Onoway IDP Committee**

**Lorne Olsvik, Nick Gelych**

**ORMC Board of Directors**

**Lorne Olsvik, Nick Gelych**

**Revenue & Cost Sharing Committee**

**Joe Blakeman**

**Ste. Anne Emergency Response Center  
Building & Operational Committee**

**Ross Bohnet, Lloyd Giebelhaus**

**SARLUC**

**George Vaughan, Steve Hoyda, Joe Blakeman**

**Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance (SRWA)**

**Nick Gelych**

**WILD Water Commission**

**Lorne Olsvik**

**Yellowhead Regional Library Board**

**Lloyd Giebelhaus**

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aboffice@albertabeach.com

cc: Council

**From:** NSWA <water@nswa.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** December 18, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** Jim  
**Subject:** Our wish for you ❄️



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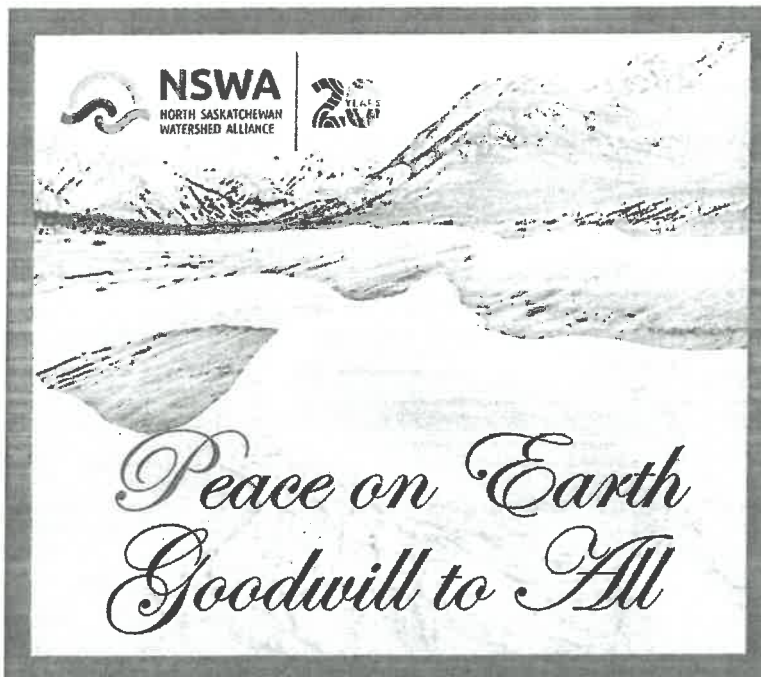


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## *Celebrating 20 Years of Watershed Management*

**IN STREAM Newsletter**

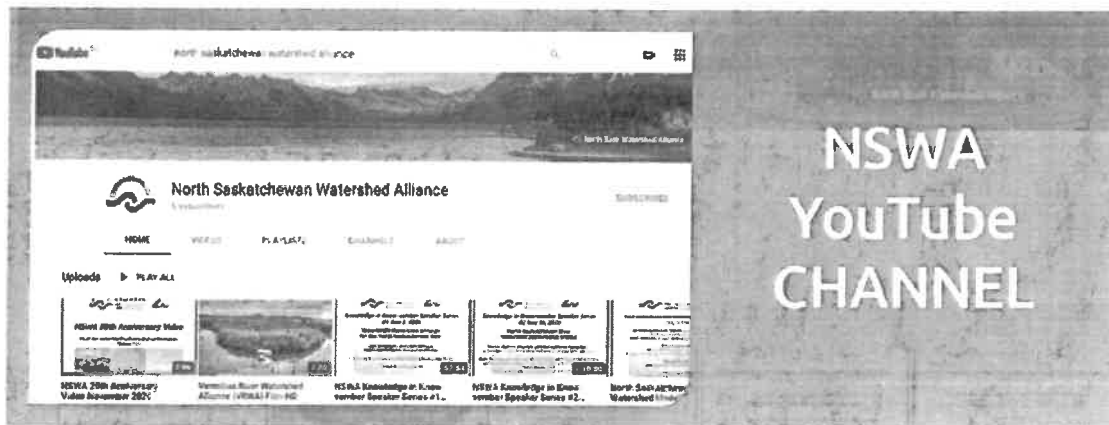
**DECEMBER 2020**



As 2020 comes to a close, we are very grateful for your encouragement and interest in the NSWA. Twenty years of work could not have been accomplished without YOU. Our friends, partners and collaborators have been the key to our progress over the last twenty years and will be the foundation for our work into the future.

We hope this month will bring you time to rest, enjoy our watershed in new ways, and to explore the many quiet and peaceful places. We look forward to 2021 with anticipation of renewed opportunities to meet and work together.

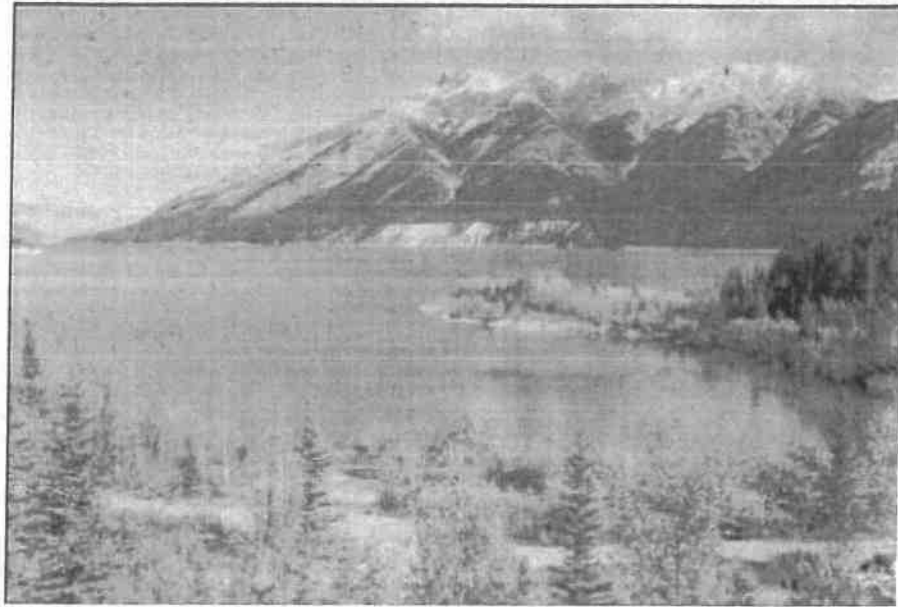
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### Check out the **NEW NSWA YouTube Channel!**

Discover our 20th Anniversary video, the Knowledge in Know-venber speaker presentations, an introduction to the restoration work in the Vermilion River watershed and more! Subscribe to our channel to receive notices of new recordings.





### THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA SEEKS YOUR INPUT

Alberta Environment is gathering ideas from Albertans to ensure outdoor recreation on Crown land is funded and managed sustainably, now and into the future. For more information on Alberta's Crown Land Vision and to fill out the survey follow the link below.

As well, the Alberta government is gathering feedback from Albertans on draft reports and flood maps used to support emergency responses and make our communities safer.

RECREATION SURVEY

FLOOD STUDY SURVEY

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### VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Are you a local landowner, gardener, or nature lover?

Check out the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance's monthly blog which features stories and projects relating to healthy water and landscapes.

**DECEMBER'S BLOG:**  
*Invasive vs. Native Plants:  
Knowing Your Riparian  
Area*



To learn more, go to:  
<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>



The VRWA just posted a new [blog](#) on their website.

This month's article helps to identify native vs. invasive plants in riparian areas. Discover how to identify and control these species in your area of the watershed.



### **20 YEARS OF MEMORIES ~ DO YOU REMEMBER?**

This year we have been featuring past Board members and supporters who have made contributions to the success of the NSWA. There are so many people who have made significant contributions and we want to acknowledge all of you. We especially want to thank our Board members who contribute their time and expertise to our organization.

Without your enthusiasm, dedication and support NSWA would not have been able to be successful in our watershed management activities. As we look forward to 2021 and beyond, we will continue to seek your input and partnerships.

**THANK YOU!**

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### **OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES**

The **Environmental Law Center** has posted several new articles on Climate Change and the Forest Act which are definitely worth reading.

The **Land Stewardship Center** has opportunities for acreage owners to apply to fund eligible cost-shared stewardship initiatives on their properties. For more information check their [website](#).

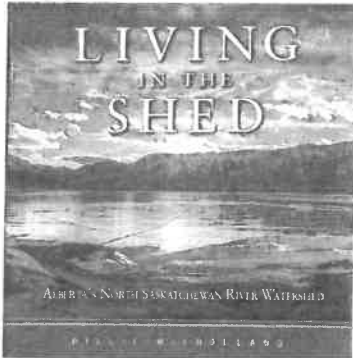
The **Miistakis Institute's Working with Nature** website is an online toolkit for municipalities that helps catalogue natural infrastructure and then develop a plan to use it to mitigate flood and drought risk.

**Alberta Agriculture and Forestry** has several videos posted on their YouTube channel about sustainability - check them out!

The Alberta Water Portal has shared new six animated videos of ~2 minutes each the viewer gets to explore concepts like how all water users in a watershed are connected, how population

growth will increase the demands for food and energy, and how a healthy environment supports all activities in the water. [Click here to explore](#)

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



## 2020 ANNIVERSARY SPECIALS

The holidays are just around the corner- ***Living in the Shed*** is a great gift for all of the nature lovers on your list. Priced at \$20 per copy for our 20th Anniversary. Purchase your copies today at our [SHOP](#).

NSWA is a registered charity. **For every donation over \$50 we will send you a NSWA 2021 Calendar as our way to say thanks. For a donation of \$100 or more we will send you a copy of our 2021 calendar and a copy of *Living in the Shed*!** For information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



Did you know - NSWA was a finalist for the 2020 Emerald Awards for 20 Years of Watershed Management Excellence.



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December 7, 2020

Alberta Beach  
P.O. Box 278  
Alberta Beach, Alberta T0E 0A0

**Attention: Ms. Kathy Skwarchuk**

Dear Kathy:

**RE: SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION – OCTOBER 18, 2021**

In the past, we have made arrangements with local municipalities to share the cost of any facility rental for election purposes. For the upcoming election, we would be pleased to, once again, cost share the polling stations.

Could you please advise on the following matters:

- 1) Will your office assume responsibility for booking the facilities? If yes, could you provide me with the name of each facility, contact person and their telephone number and telephone number for the facility?
- 2) What are your intentions with respect to arrangements being made for the set up of tables, chairs, etc. for the School Board election?
- 3) What time will you be opening up your polling station(s)?

For your information, if a School Board election is required, we will not be holding an advanced vote.

Thank you.

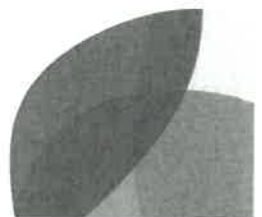
Sincerely,

Tamara Spong  
RETURNING OFFICER

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cc: file

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# Summer Village of Val Quentin

December 18, 2020

Alberta Beach  
Attention: Kathy Skwarchuk  
Box 278  
Alberta Beach, Alberta  
T0E 0A0

Dear Kathy,

Re: Alberta Community Partnership Grant.

In regard to the ACP grant application in which you invited the Summer Village of Val Quentin to join in with Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Ann County please be advised that Val Quentin does not want to join in at this time. It is felt that that joining in may result in Val Quentin losing the Summer Village advantage of electing their Council by property owners rather than by residents.

Thank-you for the opportunity to work together.

Yours truly,

Dennis Evans  
Summer Village of Val Quentin

cc: Lac Ste. Anne County

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Box 7, Site 19, RR 1, Gunn, Alberta T0E 1A0  
Phone: 780-446-1426 email: [d.evans@valquentin.ca](mailto:d.evans@valquentin.ca)  
**[www.valquentin.ca](http://www.valquentin.ca)**

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**From:** cao@onoway.ca  
**Sent:** January 11, 2021 8:56 AM  
**To:** Robert.McGowan@parklandcounty.com; finance@wabamum.ca; svseba@telusplanet.net; emily@milestonemunicipalservices.ca; 'Village of Alberta Beach'; cao@onoway.ca; 'Mike Primeau'; administration@wildwillowenterprises.com; 'Summer Village of West Cove'; 'Dennis Evans'; office@sunsetpoint.ca; 'Summer Village of Castle Island'; 'Rosshaven CAO'; svsunrisebeach@wildwillowenterprises.com; chief@ansn.ca; 'Summer Village of Sandy Beach'; 'Summer Village of Nakamun Park'; d.evans@birchcove.ca; publicworks@ansn.ca; 'Melinda Potts'; 'faron bull'; 'Daniel Paul'; gennyb\_pfn@outlook.com; 'robin rain'  
**Cc:** 'Lorne Olsvik'; 'Judy Tracy'; tmelnyk@parklandcounty.com; 'fglindsay1946'; Angela Duncan; 'Larry St.Amand'; 'Don Bauer'; ddm@kronprinzconsulting.ca; 'John Van Doesburg'; 'Wendy Wildman'; tori@wildwillowenterprises.com  
**Subject:** WILD Water Commission - 2021 Rates and Budget Estimates  
**Attachments:** wildwater-memoon2021ratesandbudget.pdf

Good morning everyone – attached is a memo for Chair Lorne Olsvik with respect to 2021 Rates and Budget Estimates.

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**Wendy Wildman**  
Administration  
WILD Water Commission

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**WEST INTER LAKE DISTRICT (WILD)  
REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION**

Box 8 Alberta Beach, AB. T0E 0A0

Ph: 780-967-0271 Fax: 780-967-0431

Email: wildwatercommission@gmail.com

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**TO: ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS**  
***(Sent by Mail)***

Dear Member,

**Re: WILD Water Commission - 2021 Rates and Budget Estimates**

Having previously approved its 2021 Governance and Operating Budget, on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the Commission adopted the rate structure for 2021. The purpose of this letter is simply to keep our members informed of the new rates, fees and upcoming requisitions to help with your own budgeting process. As in the past, consumption and debenture invoices – as applicable – will be prepared and forwarded in due course.

For general reference, Bylaw 11-2020 (the rate bylaw) establishes the following rate mechanism effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021:

- ✓ Direct Members Water Sales – \$2.66/m<sup>3</sup>
  - *(a decrease from \$2.80/m<sup>3</sup> in 2020)*
- ✓ Truck Fill Stations (All Stations) - \$4.40/m<sup>3</sup>
  - *(an increase from \$4.30/m<sup>3</sup> in 2020, as per business plan)*
- ✓ NSF/Rejected Payments - \$25.00/occurrence
  - *(same as prior year)*
- ✓ Penalties on Outstanding Accounts - 2% of subject balance outstanding after 30 days.
  - *(same as prior year)*

*(A complete copy of the bylaw can be provided on request for more detail)*

Additionally, the requisitions for Administration and Governance, as well as debenture payments for Phase I and II, will be issued in the coming months. An itemized estimate for your municipality/community is enclosed; this estimate is for budgetary purposes only and may be subject to minor changes from pending external factors. **This estimate is not a statement of account;** please do not forward payment at this time. Invoices will be forwarded for payment once prepared.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors and commission staff, thank you to all our members and stakeholders who continue to share in our successes. We look forward to another year of growth – as a regional utility and as a community partner.

All the best to you and your organization in 2021!



Lorne Olsvik  
Chairman  
Director for Lac Ste. Anne County  
WILD Water Commission

Encl: Member Requisition and Debenture Estimate 2021

cc: Members  
Board of Directors  
Commission Manager

Revised Jan 12, 2021

WILD Water Commission - Projected Budget Requisitions per Member (2021)

Member	Admin and Governance	Phase I Debenture	Phase II Debenture	Total Requisitions 2021
Alberta Beach	\$ 18,174.22	\$ 24,763.94	\$ 16,159.14	\$ 59,097.30
Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation	\$ 8,248.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,248.44
Lac Ste. Anne County	\$ 10,939.47	\$ 14,948.96	\$ 9,726.54	\$ 35,614.97
Parkland County	\$ 12,043.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,043.20
Paul First Nation	\$ 10,807.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,807.97
S.V. of Castle Island	\$ 164.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164.47
S.V. of Kapasiwin	\$ 149.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149.15
S.V. of Lake View	\$ 402.88	\$ 604.00	\$ 358.30	\$ 1,365.18
S.V. of Nakamun Park	\$ 985.15	\$ 1,359.00	\$ -	\$ 2,344.15
S.V. of Ross Haven	\$ 2,216.49	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 1,970.78	\$ 7,207.27
S.V. of Sandy Beach	\$ 2,675.56	\$ 3,624.00	\$ 2,378.90	\$ 8,678.46
S.V. of Seba Beach	\$ 2,272.50	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 2,020.54	\$ 7,313.04
S.V. of Sunrise Beach	\$ 1,903.09	\$ 2,567.00	\$ 1,682.08	\$ 6,162.17
S.V. of Sunset Point	\$ 2,709.12	\$ 3,624.00	\$ 2,408.76	\$ 8,741.88
S.V. of Val Quentin	\$ 2,026.25	\$ 2,718.00	\$ 1,801.58	\$ 6,545.83
S.V. of West Cove	\$ 1,891.90	\$ 2,567.00	\$ -	\$ 4,458.90
S.V. of Yellowstone	\$ 1,903.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,903.09
Town of Onoway	\$ 18,106.85	\$ 24,612.94	\$ 16,099.24	\$ 58,819.03
Village of Wabamun	\$ 12,455.20	\$ -	\$ 11,074.22	\$ 23,529.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 110,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,428.84</b>	<b>\$ 65,690.08</b>	<b>\$ 263,193.92</b>

\*\*\* Note: Some partners paid all or part of their debenture portions upfront. In those situations their portion will not be invoiced out, but rather covered by an internal transfer from their initial payment which is held as deferred revenue by the Commission.

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**From:** Do Not Reply / Ne Pas Répondre (statcan/statcan) <statcan.DoNotReply-NePasRepondre.statcan@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** January 13, 2021 8:11 AM  
**To:** aboffice@albertabeach.com  
**Subject:** 2021 Census of Population / Recensement de la population de 2021

*(La version française suit.)*

Dear Mayor,

I am pleased to inform you that the next census will take place in May 2021. I am writing today to seek your support to increase awareness of the census among residents of your community.

For over a century, Canadians have relied on census data to tell them about how their country is changing and what matters to them. We all depend on key socioeconomic trends and census analysis to make important decisions that have a direct impact on our families, neighbourhoods and businesses. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Statistics Canada has adapted to ensure that the 2021 Census is conducted throughout the country in the best possible way, using a safe and secure approach.

Statistics Canada will be hiring approximately 32,000 people across the country to assist with census collection. We would like to work with you and your municipality to ensure that your residents are aware and informed of these job opportunities.

Furthermore, your support in encouraging your residents to complete the census will have a direct impact on gathering the data needed to plan, develop and evaluate programs and services such as schools, daycare, family services, housing, emergency services, roads, public transportation and skills training for employment.

If you would like to express your municipality's support for the census, please share the municipal council resolution text below with your residents:

Be it resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of (NAME OF CITY/TOWN/MUNICIPALITY) supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca).  
Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

In the coming weeks, a member of our communications team may contact you to discuss ways in which we can work together. Should you have any questions, please contact us at [statcan.censusoutreach.prairies-rayonnementdurec.prairies.statcan@canada.ca](mailto:statcan.censusoutreach.prairies-rayonnementdurec.prairies.statcan@canada.ca).

Thank you in advance for supporting the 2021 Census.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Bowlby  
Director General, Census Management Office  
Statistics Canada / Government of Canada

**aboffice@albertabeach.com**

cc: jim

**From:** cao@onoway.ca  
**Sent:** January 8, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** 'Village of Alberta Beach'  
**Cc:** 'Judy Tracy'; 'Jim Benedict'; 'Joseph B Poulin'; 'Jason Madge'; debbie@onoway.ca  
**Subject:** ORFS - new amending agreement and 2021 budget  
**Attachments:** orfs-memojan8,2021.pdf; orfs-memo-ABamendingagreement.pdf; orfs-mem-on,nwfr2021amendingagreement.pdf; orfs-memo-2021budget.pdf

Hi Kathy – further to previous discussions, attached are the following:

- Jan. 8 memo
- amending agreement with AB for additional 5 years
- amending agreement with NWFR (for info)
- 2021 budget and member costs (second page in yellow shows your 2021 contributions)

If you have any questions, let me know!!!

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**Wendy Wildman**  
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# Town of Onoway

## Memo

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To: Alberta Beach  
Summer Village of Castle Island  
Summer Village of Nakamun Park  
Summer Village of Ross Haven  
Summer Village of Silver Sands  
Summer Village of South View  
Summer Village of Sunset Point  
Summer Village of Val Quentin  
Summer Village of Yellowstone

From: Wendy Wildman, CAO Town of Onoway

Re: **Onoway Regional Fire Services – 5-Year Contract Extension and 2021 Budget**

*Happy New Year everyone!* Further to our October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting, and subsequent committee meetings, please be advised of the following:

- -outstanding fire incident invoices with Lac Ste. Anne County for highway responses have been paid
- -attached is the 5-year contract extension agreement between your municipality and the Town of Onoway. **Please execute and return two copies, and we will return to you one fully executed copy for your records.** This same agreement is being executed between each member municipality and the Town of Onoway.
- -for your information, we have also attached a copy of the 5-year contract extension agreement between North West Fire Rescue and the Town of Onoway
- -a copy of the approved 2021 Budget which includes both the North West Fire Rescue contract costs, and the annual admin.\operating costs, along with the revised parcel counts. You will find your municipality's 2021 total costs on page 2 of this document, high-lighted in yellow, for your budget purposes. As in past years, your municipality will receive quarterly invoices from the Town of Onoway for these 2021 costs.

We are continuing to work with the Province on utilization of our AFRRCS radios, and we have confirmed a date of Wednesday January 27 early afternoon for a meeting (exact time

and location/platform will be shared closer to – and will be dependent on AHS restrictions at the time). **Please mark your calendars for Jan. 27!**

On a final note, currently our municipalities as well as Lac Ste. Anne County receive their 9-1-1 dispatch services through Parkland County Emergency Call Centre. Lac Ste. Anne County is considering moving this service from Parkland County to Yellowhead County. We understand the County is considering this from both a financial point of view (will save approx.. \$0.70/capita) as well as service delivery (will receive a much broader and arguably better level of dispatch service). If the County does change their dispatch service provider we will be encouraging our municipalities to consider the change as well. More information will be shared as it becomes available, and as County reps will be at the Jan. 27 AFRRCS meeting maybe we can take a few minutes then to further discuss dispatch services.

Thank-you.



Wendy Wildman  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Onoway

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c.c. Committee Members

**FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT  
AMENDING AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021.

BETWEEN:

**THE TOWN OF ONOWAY**  
of Box 540, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0  
a municipality incorporated under the  
laws of the Province of Alberta,  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Town")

-AND-

**THE VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH**  
Of Box 278, Alberta Beach, AB. T0E 0A0  
a municipality incorporated under the  
laws of the Province of Alberta,  
(hereinafter referred to as "the Village")

(Each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties" as the context requires)

**BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS** the Town and the Village signed a Fire Services Agreement effective as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (the "Fire Services Agreement");

**AND WHEREAS** paragraph 3 of the Fire Services Agreement provided that, at the Town's option, the Term of the Fire Services Agreement could be extended for a further term of five (5) additional years on the same terms with the exception of the fee schedule for the Fire Services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town exercised its option to extend the term of the Fire Services Agreement for a further five (5) years, with such extended term being for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 (the "Extended Term");

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties have worked cooperatively and in good faith to determine the fee schedule for the Extended Term and the purpose of this Agreement is to confirm such fee schedule;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town has contracted with North West as its Fire Services Organization to provide firefighting and related services to, and on behalf of, the Town to other municipalities including the Village. As a result, the fee schedule attached outlines the fees applicable to each of the municipalities to which the Town provides Fire Services (the "Member Municipalities"), including the Village;

**THE AGREEMENT**

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants and obligations contained in this Agreement, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Parties, the Town and the Village agree as follows:

**Definitions**

1. In this Agreement, any defined words or phrases shall have the same meanings as in the Fire Services Agreement.

**Amendment**

2. Except as otherwise modified by the terms of this Fire Services Agreement Amending Agreement, the Fire Services Agreement remains in full force and effect.

**Fee Schedule**

3. The fee schedule for the Extended Term shall be as outlined at **Schedule "A"** to this Agreement with the fees applicable to the Village as specifically outlined in such schedule.

**THIS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY THE TOWN:**

**THE TOWN OF ONOWAY  
PER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_  
("I have authority to bind the Municipality")

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) Witness as to signature  
(or municipal / corporate seal)

**THIS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY THE VILLAGE:**

**THE VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH  
PER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_  
("I have authority to bind the Municipality")

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) Witness as to signature  
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**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**Fee Schedule for Fire Services**

The Fees payable by Member Municipalities to the Town and as outlined in detail below are as follows:

1. Operational Costs;
2. Basic (Annual) Standby Fee; and
3. Additional Fees.

The Fees in this Schedule are based on the following 2021 budget parcel count for Member Municipalities as follows:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Parcel Count (titled lot within the municipal boundaries)</b>
Alberta Beach	868
Town of Onoway	578
Summer Village of Silver Sands	354
Summer Village of Sunset Point	305
Summer Village of Ross Haven	244
Summer Village of Val Quentin	202
Summer Village of Nakamun Park	190
Summer Village of Yellowstone	176
Summer Village of South View	130
Summer Village of Castle Island	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3073</b>

**Fees for the Annual Operational Costs for Fire Services (not Including any applicable GST)**

The yearly operational costs for Fire Services will be set by a budget confirmed by the Town and Member Municipalities each year. These operational costs shall be recovered from (are payable by) the Member Municipalities to the Town on a pro-rata basis based on municipal parcel count.

**Basic (Annual) Fee (not including any applicable GST)**

The basic (Annual) fee payable by Member Municipalities collectively shall be \$259,031.50 for the 2021 year. The Basic (Annual) standby fees shall be recovered (are payable by) the Member Municipalities as follows:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Fee per Parcel</b>
Alberta Beach	\$88.00 per parcel
Town of Onoway	\$88.00 per parcel
Summer Village of Silver Sands	\$77.59 per parcel
Summer Village of Sunset Point	\$88.00 per parcel
Summer Village of Ross Haven	\$77.59 per parcel
Summer Village of Val Quentin	\$88.00 per parcel
Summer Village of Nakamun Park	\$77.59 per parcel
Summer Village of Yellowstone	\$77.59 per parcel
Summer Village of South View	\$77.59 per parcel
Summer Village of Castle Island	\$88.00 per parcel

The Operating Costs shall be set annually and for the 2021 year have been set at \$72,618.75, of which \$57,618.75 is to be recovered through a per parcel fee of \$18.75/parcel ( $\$57,618.75/3073 = \$18.75$ )

The Operational Costs (Annual) and Basic (Annual) fees are to be paid on a quarterly basis at the commencement of the quarter and are earned whether the Town is required to respond to an incident or not in the year in question.

The fees shall be in place for the Extended Term, subject to an annual adjustment for inflation commencing after the completion of the first year of the Extended Term in accordance with the Town's agreement with North West.

The Basic (Annual) Fee includes all response to Medical Aid / Medical Assist calls ("Enriched Medical Response"). The Basic (Annual) Fee does not include response to Motor Vehicle Accidents or calls for rescue-related services.

**Additional Fees (not including any applicable GST)**

All Member Municipalities shall pay additional fees based on the actual costs incurred by the Town for response to incidents. The fees are based on the fees determined pursuant to the Town's Fire Services Agreement with North West and are subject to change pursuant to the terms of the Town's agreement with North West.

The current rates for the additional fees (subject to change as outlined above) are:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Member Municipalities and Mutual Aid Partners Fee</b>	<b>Non-Member Fee</b>
<b>Municipal Fire, Rescue and Decontamination Services Wild Fire Land Suppression System and Standby Services</b>		
Fire Engine Unit complete with two (2) NFPA certified firefighters. Pump 1, 2, 3	\$306.61 per hour, includes 2 members \$2.73 per kilometer	\$630.00 per hour
Fire Only Rapid Attack Unit complete with Two (2) NFPA certified firefighters	\$208.16 per hour, includes 2 members \$2.19 per kilometer	\$630.00 per hour
Class 6 Engine (on/off road) with one (1) NFPA Certified Operator Rap attack unit	\$208.16 per hour, includes 2 members \$2.19 per kilometer	\$630.00 per hour
Tandem Water Truck / Tender (body job) with Operator. Tender	\$153.30 per hour, includes 2 members \$2.73 per kilometer	\$630.00 per hour
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**FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT  
AMENDING AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the 1st day of January, 2021.

BETWEEN:

**THE TOWN OF ONOWAY**  
of Box 540, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0  
(hereinafter the "Town")

-AND-

**NORTH WEST FIRE RESCUE - ONOWAY LTD.**  
of Box 1550, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0  
(hereinafter "North West")

(Each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties" as the context requires)

**BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS** the Parties signed a Fire Services Agreement effective as of January 1, 2016 (the "Master Fire Services Agreement");

**AND WHEREAS** paragraph 4 of the Master Fire Services Agreement provided that, at the Town's option, the Term of the Master Fire Services Agreement could be extended for a further term of five (5) additional years on the same terms with the exception of the fee schedule for the Fire Services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town exercised its option to extend the term of the Master Fire Services Agreement for a further five (5) years, with such extended term being for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 (the "Extended Term");

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties have worked cooperatively and in good faith to determine the fee schedule for the Extended Term and the purpose of this Agreement is to confirm such fee schedule;

**AND WHEREAS** the Additional Municipalities, as that term is defined in the Master Fire Services Agreement, as of the date of this Agreement are as follows: Alberta Beach, Summer Village of Sunset Point, Summer Village of Val Quentin, Summer Village of Silver Sands, Summer Village of South View, Summer Village of Yellowstone, Summer Village of Nakamun Park, Summer Village of Castle Island, and Summer Village of Ross Haven;

**THE AGREEMENT**

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants and obligations contained in this Agreement, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Parties, the Town and North West agree as follows:

**Definitions**

1. In this Agreement, any defined words or phrases shall have the same meanings as in the Master Fire Services Agreement.



**Amendment**

2. Except as otherwise modified by the terms of this Fire Services Agreement Amending Agreement, the Master Fire Services Agreement remains in full force and effect.

**Fee Schedule**

3. The fee schedule for the Extended Term shall be as outlined at **Schedule "A"** to this Agreement.

**THIS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY NORTH WEST:**

**NORTH WEST FIRE RESCUE - ONOWAY  
LTD.  
PER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name: David Ives**  
**Position: Director**  
"I have authority to bind the Corporation"

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) Witness as to signature  
(or corporate seal)

**THIS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY THE TOWN:**

**THE TOWN OF ONOWAY  
PER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**Fee Schedule for Fire Services**

**Basic (Annual) Fee (not including any applicable GST)**

The basic (annual) (standby) fee for Fire Services for the Town and the Additional Municipalities shall be \$259,031.50.

The basic fee is to be paid on a quarterly basis at the commencement of the quarter, and is earned whether North West is required to respond to an incident or not in the year in question. This fee shall be in place for the Extended Term, subject to the following adjustments: An annual adjustment for inflation commencing after the completion of the first year of the Extended Term with such adjustment to be based on the official published annual inflation rates for the Province of Alberta.

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(It is recognized and acknowledged that the Town of Onoway may levy an annual fee greater than the amounts identified above to the other municipalities in respect of Fire Services. However, the Town shall be retaining this amount to address, among other things, annual operating and capital costs, and reserve funds).

**Additional Fees (not including any applicable GST)**

The following additional fees apply:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Member Municipalities and Mutual Aid Partners Fee</u>	<u>Non-Member Fee</u>
<b>Municipal Fire, Rescue and Decontamination Services Wild Fire Land Suppression System and Standby Services</b>		
Fire Engine Unit complete with two (2) NFPA certified firefighters. Pump 1, 2, 3	\$306.61 per hour, includes 2 members \$2.73 per kilometer	\$630.00 per hour
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**Fire Services Costs - Onoway Regional Fire Services  
2021 Contract Costs and Operating Budget Costs**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
31														
32														
33														
34	<b>Rates 2020 to 2021</b>													
35					<b>2020</b>				<b>2021</b>					
			<b>NWFR</b>	<b>Admin</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>NWFR</b>	<b>Admin</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Difference in total</b>			
36	Onoway	\$45,528.20	\$11,280.00	\$56,808.20	\$50,864.00	\$10,837.50	\$61,701.50	\$4,893.30						
37	Alberta Beach	\$69,261.00	\$17,160.00	\$86,421.00	\$76,384.00	\$16,275.00	\$92,659.00	\$6,238.00						
38	Silver Sands	\$25,115.84	\$7,180.00	\$32,295.84	\$27,466.86	\$6,637.50	\$34,104.36	\$1,808.52						
39	South View	\$9,514.60	\$2,720.00	\$12,234.60	\$10,086.70	\$2,437.50	\$12,524.20	\$289.60						
40	Yellowstone	\$12,313.08	\$3,520.00	\$15,833.08	\$13,655.84	\$3,300.00	\$16,955.84	\$1,122.76						
41	Nakamun Park	\$13,362.52	\$3,820.00	\$17,182.52	\$14,742.10	\$3,562.50	\$18,304.60	\$1,122.08						
42	Val Quentin	\$16,306.20	\$4,040.00	\$20,346.20	\$17,776.00	\$3,787.50	\$21,563.50	\$1,217.30						
43	Castle Island	\$1,533.72	\$380.00	\$1,913.72	\$2,288.00	\$487.50	\$2,775.50	\$861.78						
44	Sunset Point	\$15,983.32	\$3,960.00	\$19,943.32	\$26,840.00	\$5,718.75	\$32,558.75	\$12,615.43						
45	SSB Bible Camp (10%)	\$1,598.32	\$396.00	\$1,994.32	\$18,931.96	\$4,575.00	\$23,506.96	\$284.60						
46	Ross Haven	\$18,362.36	\$4,860.00	\$23,222.36	\$259,035.46	\$57,618.75	\$316,654.21	\$28,459.05						
47		<b>\$228,879.16</b>	<b>\$59,316.00</b>	<b>\$288,195.16</b>										

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**From:** Alberta Beach Library <ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca>  
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Hello. Here is the new list of board members as voted in at our October meeting. Sorry for the delay.

Cathy Brennan  
Library Manager  
Alberta Beach Municipal Library  
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Alberta Beach, AB  
T0E 0A0  
780-924-3491

# Alberta Beach Municipal Library Board of Directors 2020-2021

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Area</b>
Chairperson	Meads	Betty	AB
Vice Chairperson	Purnell	Helen	SP
Treasurer	VandenBiggelaar	Cathy	VQ
Secretary	Walsh	Marlene	VQ
Director	Hansen	Sharon	LSAC
Director	Langman	Chaddie	LSAC
Director	Lutz	Mary	AB
Director	Mackinnon	Annette	AB
Director	Morrison	Ann	SP
Director	Vaiquette	Judy	AB
Auditor	Warwaruk	Donna	
Library Manager (non-voting)	Brennan	Cathy	

Area - AB (Alberta Beach), SP (Sunset Point), VQ (Val Quentin), LSAC (Lac Ste. Anne County)

## Notice of Motion

### Background:

The province has changed the rules governing Municipal Commissions. As a result, the TVRSSC is undertaking a bylaw review to ensure the Commission meets all of its legal requirements. It is prudent for the village to provide comment on the review and recommend changes that better reflect the villages and commissions needs moving forward.

After reviewing the bylaws, the following are potential areas for improvement;

1. Service Fees – currently the percentage of costs paid by each municipality is dictated in the bylaw with no ability to adjust based on new development. Because the Commission is unable to bill as a utility based on actual usage, the fees paid by each municipality should be based on a formula or principle as opposed to a fixed percentage. The fee structure should be put into a schedule that would be reviewed regularly. Additionally, tax exempt properties do not contribute to the cost of sewer operations. These amenities (eg. Alliance Church, School, Agliplex, Senior's Center) service all 3 municipalities, therefore the sewer costs associated with these properties (based on the formula) should be borne by all 3 municipalities.
2. Chair and Vice Chair – Bylaw 7-2015 states that the chair and vice chair shall be appointed for a 1 year term based on a majority voter by the board. This contradicts with Bylaw 5-02 which states that the board shall appoint a chair and vice chair for a one year term on a rotating basis amongst the municipalities. The TVRSSC has been utilizing a rotating chair. This has the potential to lead to a lack of consistency, accountability, and leadership. The chair and vice chair should be appointed annually based on a majority vote.
3. Representation on the Board – When the Commission was established all 3 municipalities were summer villages. Since then, Alberta Beach has grown and become a village. As a result, the board no longer reflects the municipalities that make up the commission. Alberta Beach pays 63% of the operating costs of the commission, but only has 33% of the vote. A more equitable board structure should be established.
4. Change in municipal structure – with both Alberta Beach and Sunset Point submitting ACP grant applications to look into potential municipal restructuring, the board must consider what will happen in the case of municipal restructuring. Specifically, the board should consider what will happen should a municipality dissolve into or amalgamate with a municipality that is not a member of the TVRSSC.

Motion: That Alberta Beach sends a letter to the TVRSSC outlining the changes (as presented or amended) that the village would like made during the TVRSSC bylaw review.

Submitted by: Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan

Date: January 15, 2021