

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
MAY 18, 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 April 20, 2021
 - b. Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of April 20, 2021
6. DELEGATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. Doyle & Company – 2020 Audited Financial Statements
 - b. 2021 Budget
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
 - a. General Village Policy – Policy G.2.9 Council Remuneration Policy
 - b. Bylaw #285-21 A Bylaw to Authorize the Rates of Taxation for 2021
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance May 3-7, 2021 Update
 - b. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update April 19, 2021 Issue
 - c. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update April 26, 2021 Issue
 - d. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update May 3, 2021 Issue
 - e. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update May 10, 2021 Issue
 - f. Alberta Health Services – Dedicated Webpage for Community Partners & Stakeholders
 - g. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update April 21, 2021 Issue
 - h. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update April 21 & May 5, 2021 Issue
 - i. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 April 23, 2021 Issue
 - j. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 May 13, 2021 Issue
 - k. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Subdivision & Development Appeal Regulation
 - l. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Premier Kenney Town Hall – Covid 19 & Vaccine Update
 - m. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of April 21, 2021
 - n. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of April 28, 2021
 - o. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of May 5, 2021
 - p. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of May 12, 2021
 - q. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA Village West Update
 - r. Community Futures Yellowhead East – Regional Business Resiliency & Diversification Partnership Initiative
 - s. Community Futures Yellowhead East – Northern Alberta Lemonade Day Update
 - t. Darwell Lagoon Commission – Regional Wastewater Transmission Line Conceptual Design
 - u. End Alberta Lockdown – Negative Effects of Lockdowns
 - v. Government of Alberta – FCSS Regulation Review
 - w. Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus – Vehicle Replace Fund
 - x. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – April 2021 In Stream Newsletter
 - y. Town of Claresholm – Letter in Support of the RCMP in Alberta
 - z. Town of Edson – Letter in Support of the RCMP in Alberta
 - aa. Town of Magrath – Letter in Support of the RCMP in Alberta
 - bb. Town of Raymond – Letter in Support of the RCMP in Alberta
 - cc. Town of Tofield – Letter regarding Rural Alberta Vaccine Provision
 - dd. Alberta Beach Subdivision & Development Appeal Board – Notice of SDAB Hearing
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Beach Agricultural Society – Purchase of Alberta Beach Agliplex
 - b. Beachwave Park Stakeholder's Committee – Recommendation on Management of Beachwave Park
 - c. Alberta Beach Community League – Management of Beachwave Park & Remaining Funds
 - d. Nicole Dening – Request to Amend Land Use Bylaw
15. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Lac Ste. Anne County – Recreation Funding Agreement
 - b. FCSS TriVillage Committee – Terms of Reference
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

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PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The CAO requested an addition to the agenda under new business:
I.S.e Petition – New Approved Development in Grasmere Glens.

#059-21

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

No closed meeting session was held.

#060-21

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOVED BY Councillor Love that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 16, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

ALLEN LEE, DOYLE & COMPANY – PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 10.B):

The Auditor, Mr. Allen Lee of Doyle & Company presented and reviewed with Council the 2020 Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Lee gave a summary of the 2020 operating and capital income and expenditures as well as the unrestricted and restricted surplus and reserve accounts. Council thanked Mr. Allen Lee for attending the meeting and for his presentation of the financial statements.

#061-21

DRAFT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2020:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the draft Audited Financial Statements for December 31, 2020 be approved as presented and amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MICHELLE JONES & ELLEN MACCORMAC, COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST:
Delegation was held later in the meeting.

SCOTT HENDRICKSON, SUNSPLASHED ADVENTURES – INTRODUCTION & PROPOSAL:

Richard Morrison, new management of Ecko Marine introduced himself to Council and gave a brief overview of their plans for Alberta Cycle/Ecko Marine, he expressed they are excited to be part of the community.

Scott Hendrickson met with Council to introduce Sunsplashed Adventures and to review a proposal submitted to open a rental centre on the main beach. The company is an outdoor adventure sports company specializing in power assisted equipment such as paddle boards, kayaks, mountain and cruiser style e-bikes.

Mayor Benedict thanked Richard Morrison and Scott Hendrickson for attending the meeting and advised we look forward to further discussion and working together.

#062-21

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the meeting adjourn to hold a Municipal Planning Commission Meeting at 6:34 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING RECONVENED:

Mayor Benedict reconvened the meeting at 6:48 P.M.

MICHELLE JONES & ELLEN MACCORMAC, COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – CFYE ANNUAL REPORT:

Michelle Jones & Ellen Maccormac of Community Futures Yellowhead East met with Council to present the CFYE Annual Report, as well Michelle gave a brief review of the Lemonade Day Partnership Opportunity and the Business Vitalization Improvement Loan Program.

Mayor Benedict thanked Michelle Jones and Ellen Maccormac for their presentation.

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OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

The CAO reviewed the CAO Report Action list.

#063-21 FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES – MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (MAMP):
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approves the following resolution;
Be it resolved that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for an Infrastructure Assessment – Asset Evaluation & Planning Project.
Be therefore resolved that Alberta Beach commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:
Activity 1 Inspection of Municipal Infrastructure
Activity 2 Update 10 Year Capital Plan
Be it further resolved that Alberta Beach commits \$5,600.00 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#064-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

#065-21 FINANCIAL REPORT OF MARCH 31, 2021:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Financial Report of March 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DRAFT AUDITED 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;
The draft Audited Financial Statements for December 31, 2020 was approved under delegations above.

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agriplex Operations Committee meeting of March 25, 2021.
FCSS Committee ongoing.
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality meetings of March 23, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of March 18 and April 8, 2021.
Meeting with Development Officer of April 12, 2021.
Meeting with Alberta Beach Ag Society of April 12, 2021.

COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

Councillor Valiquette reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of April 13, 2021.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting of April 15, 2021.
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting of March 24, 2021.
Partners in Progress meeting of April 13, 2021.
1 Watershed Action Group meeting of April 9, 2021.

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

Councillor Love reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee meeting of April 9, 2021.
Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting of April 19, 2021.
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting of March 24, 2021.

#066-21 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT:
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council authorize the Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee to approve the disposal of surplus material and equipment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR BENEDICT:

Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee meeting of April 9, 2021.
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting of March 24, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of March 18 and April 8, 2021.
Parkland RCMP meeting of March 17, 2021.
Alberta Municipal Affairs meeting of March 18, 2021.

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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

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

#067-21

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 March 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPALITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 Municipality Updates of March 24, 30 and April 7, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Emergency Operations Centre.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:

Municipal Governance during Covid-19 of February 19 and March 5, 2021 was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – ACP GRANT – TOWN OF ONOWAY – PARTNERS IN PROGRESS MOVING FORWARD PROJECT:

A copy of the Alberta Municipal Affairs letter to the Town of Onoway was received advising on the approval of ACP funding in support of the Partners In Progress Moving Forward Project.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – ACP GRANT APPLICATION FOR ALBERTA BEACH & AREA REGIONALIZATION STUDY:

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs to advise that the ACP Grant Application for an Alberta Beach & Area Regionalization Study was declined.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – ACP GRANT FOR REVENUE & COST SHARING STUDY:

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs to advise on the approval of a time extension amendment to March 31, 2022 on the ACP Grant for the Revenue & Cost Sharing Study Project.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA'S CYBER SECURITY SERVICES:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding AUMA's Cyber Security Services developed to support Alberta communities.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AMSC ENERGY NEWS:

The 2021 first edition of the AMSC Energy News was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA / AMSC DIGEST OF APRIL 8, 2021:

The AUMA/AMSC Digest of April 8th was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – 2021 PUBLIC RISK CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the 2021 Public Risk Conference being held virtually May 3-7, 2021.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA / AMSC DIGEST OF APRIL 14, 2021:

The AUMA/AMSC Digest of April 14th was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

ALLAN THOMAS, FLYING COLORS MURAL & DESIGN – COMMUNITY MURALS:

An introductory letter was received from Allan Thomas of Flying Colors Mural & Design regarding hand painted community murals.

ACTION ON SMOKING & HEALTH CANADA – ASH MUNICIPAL UPDATE APRIL 2021:

An ASH municipal update of April 2021 was received from Action on Smoking & Health Canada.

ATCO GAS LTD. – ATCO NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE REVENUE FORECAST UPDATE:

A letter was received from ATCO Gas Ltd. regarding the ATCO natural gas franchise revenue forecast which outlines some rate change information which may affect the revenue forecast for 2021.

GATEWAY ASSOCIATION – MAYOR'S EVENT 2021:

Correspondence was received from Gateway Association regarding a virtual Mayor's Event 2021 themed Business Resiliency through Community & Inclusion being held May 14, 2021.

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA – 2021 STARS OF ALBERTA VOLUNTEER AWARDS:

A call for nominations was received from the Government of Alberta for the 2021 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards which recognize and honour the contributions of Alberta's volunteers.

LAC STE. ANNE EAST END BUS – NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING:

Notice of Annual Meeting was received from Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus being held April 21st, 2021.

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MAKADIFF SPORTS – COMMUNITY SPORT PARTICIPATION RESTART GRANT PROGRAM:
A news release and program guidelines was received from Makadiff Sports regarding the Community Sport Participation Restart Grant Program.

MINISTER RIC MCIVER, AB MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – SUPPORTING ALBERTA BUSINESSES:
Correspondence was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs requesting municipal Councils to continue to work together to remove barriers to economic renewal to support our citizens, communities and business sector and create employment opportunities for Albertans.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BOARD – LAND & PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL FACT SHEET:
The Municipal Government Board forwarded a land & property rights tribunal fact sheet on the amalgamation of the Land Compensation Board, the Municipal Government Board, the New Home Buyer Protection Board and the Surface Rights Board.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTER:
The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance March 2021 In Stream Newsletter was received for information.

SAFE SIDEWALKS CANADA – INTRODUCTION TO SAFE SIDEWALKS CANADA:
An introduction to Safe Sidewalks Canada was received which provides municipal sidewalk risk management solutions.

SENATOR DOUG BLACK – SPRING NEWSLETTER:
A message and spring newsletter was received from Alberta Elected Senator Doug Black.

TVRSSC – LETTER TO LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO PRESS RELEASE:
The Trivillage Regional Sewage Services Commission forwarded a copy of their letter to Lac Ste. Anne County in response to their press release "County announces green infrastructure funding milestone".

WILD REGIONAL WATER SERVICE COMMISSION – NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING:
Notice of the 2021 Annual General Meeting was received from WILD Regional Water Service Commission being held on April 24th, 2021.

TOWN OF MORINVILLE – LETTER TO AB MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – SUPPORT FOR RCMP:
The Town of Morinville forwarded a copy of their letter to Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that their Council is not supportive of the Government of Alberta's initiative to replace the RCMP.

#068-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

#069-21 **ALBERTA PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION – PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION:**
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve the proclamation from the Alberta Public Works Association to proclaim Public Works Week in Alberta Beach between May 16-22, 2021.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#070-21 **ALBERTA SENIORS & HOUSING – SENIORS WEEK PROCLAMATION:**
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve the proclamation for Seniors' Week from June 7-13, 2021 in honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#071-21 **ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – AMBULANCE STATION LEASE EXTENSION:**
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the third lease extension and amending agreement with Alberta Health Services for the Alberta Beach Ambulance Station as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#072-21 **INNOVATIVE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – RENEWAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL:**
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve the renewal of the Development Officer Contract from Innovative Planning & Development Services with the optional service of planning support on a three (3) year term effective May 1, 2021.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#073-21 **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REQUEST FOR DECISION – ENCROACHMENT OF GARBAGE & RECYCLE BINS (4705- 46 AVENUE):**
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council give approval to the Development Authority for the preparation of an Encroachment Letter of Consent allowing the garbage and recycle bins to encroach onto the municipal road allowance (as sited) located at 4705 – 46 Avenue as per the conditions of the Development Officer.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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#074-21

SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD – APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS:
MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Council approve the appointment of board members appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board as follows; Jason Shewchuk, Gerald Stark, Rainbow Williams, John Roznicki, Jamie-Lee Kraley, and Denis Meier as Board Members and Cathy McCartney or Emily House as Clerk.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PETITION – NEW APPROVED DEVELOPMENT IN GRASMERE GLENNES:

The CAO reported a petition was received today regarding the new approved development in Grasmere Glenns. Further that the petition states:

We the residents of Grasmere Glenns in Alberta Beach have concerns regarding construction/setup of the approved new development of 5 lots with Sea Can/Shipping Container Homes, along with 3 lots having “Garden Suites” and the following are some of our concerns:

1. Aesthetics of the new homes – should fit with the type of homes on this block
2. Two dwellings on one lot – Garden Suite occupancy
3. Landscaping
4. Is the new constructions being sold by the developer or will they be rental units
5. Will permits be posted at each lot with the details of the builds.

The CAO advised that the MGA (section 222 to 226) sets out the requirements for petitions and within 45 days after the date on which a petition is filed, the CAO must make a declaration to the Council on whether the petition is sufficient or insufficient.

The CAO declared the petition insufficient for the following reasons:

Not all petitioners are electors of the municipality;

The petition is not signed by the required number of petitioners;

Not all pages of the petition contain the identical statement of the purpose of the petition;

The petition is missing signatures and one person has signed on behalf of another petitioner in 3 situations;

Not all petitioner’s street address or legal land description on which the petitioner lives is correct;

The petition contains no petitioner’s telephone number or email address;

The petition contains no witness signatures opposite of the petitioners signatures; and

The petition contains no affidavits of the petitioners.

QUESTION PERIOD:

A number of residents and property owners of Grasmere Glenns subdivision having received a notice of proposed development letter from the Development Officer regarding the development of homes and garden suites constructed with shipping containers attended the meeting to follow up on their petition and to address their concerns regarding the development. A resident requested to obtain the reasons that the petition was insufficient as they plan to complete a new petition. The CAO advised she will email the reasons for determining the petition as insufficient however is unsure that a development permit can be petitioned and therefore will confirm with Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Some of the concerns of the development were as follows: unsure what is being developed; concerned that sea cans do not fit within the aesthetics of the neighbourhood; concerns regarding flat roofs with patios; concerns were also raised over garden suites; concerns that with garden suites it would be 10 dwellings on 5 lots which would create extra garbage bins, extra parking and high traffic.

The Development Officer advised that a development permit has been approved for a single family dwelling however the elevation/aesthetics plan has been refused, she is working with the developer on the aesthetics and will share the plans once the permit becomes public information. Further she reported that the development application is for a single family dwelling which is a permitted use under the Land Use Bylaw and that the garden suites are a permitted use as well. The Development Officer will contact the developer to express the neighbour’s concerns and ensure the development fits in the neighbourhood. A question was brought forward on how the aesthetics is determined, it was suggested that more guidelines be set.

A concern came forward regarding 53 Street that the ditch and back alley needs repairs and that people are driving on her lawn, she was advised that public works will make repairs once the frost is out and to submit a request to be forwarded to public works.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Mayor – Jim Benedict

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

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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 6:34 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR DECISION – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION #21DP14-01:

Lot 5A, Block 13, Plan 3321BQ (4712 – 52 Street)

Request for Decision to allow for a 1.52 m (5 ft.) high fence and gate beyond the dwelling within the front yard.

The Development Officer reviewed the 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 a 1.52 m (5 ft.) high fence and gate beyond the dwelling within the front yard be approved, subject to the conditions as outlined in her report (attached).

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Development Permit application #21DP14-01 to allow for a 1.52 m (5 ft.) high fence and gate beyond the dwelling within the front yard on Lot 5A, Block 13, Plan 3321BQ (4712 - 52 Street) be approved at a maximum height of 1.2 m (4 ft.) subject to the conditions of the Development Officer's report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

The Municipal Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Mayor – Jim Benedict

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):

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.

Feb.16/21 CAO reported Request to amend LOC sent to AEP Aug.20-20/Follow-up email sent to AEP Dec.3-20/Phone message to AEP Feb.5-21/ Phone message to AEP Feb.9-21/Follow-up email sent to AEP Feb.9/21. No response received.

Mar.16/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the correspondence from Alberta Environment & Parks advising that the Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC conditions does not prohibit the collection of fees for maintenance purposes and therefore does not require an amendment be accepted for information and forwarded to the Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC).

Apr 20/21 Email has been forwarded to the SARLUC file & will be included on the 1st meeting agenda.

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. (2 maintenance policies)

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.

Feb.16/21 Development Officer provided an update on outstanding items scheduled for completion by Aug. 2021.

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 to 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. (Patriot Law will be drafting 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. 23rd. (meeting was held – waiting for further information)

Jan.19/21 Meeting is scheduled with AFRRCS for Jan.27th. Meeting was rescheduled to Feb.25th due to covid restrictions.

Mar.16/21 Meeting was re-scheduled to March 24th. Meeting was rescheduled to April 27th.

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.

Jan.19/21 ABADASA forwarded a letter received from Lac Ste. Anne County advising on their approval of \$14,000.00 to the Alberta Beach ball diamond fence upgrade.

MUNICIPAL STIMULUS PROGRAM – ALBERTA BEACH STORM OUTFALL PROJECT:

Jan.19/21 Bolson Engineering reported that 3 tenders were received for the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project as follows: Rockhill Contracting \$101,430.00; Roadbridge Services \$167,755.35; and TCL Construction \$352,800.00.
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve to award the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project to the low bidder, Rockhill Contracting in the amount of \$101,430.00 including gst to be funded through the Municipal Stimulus Program.
Feb.16/21 Project started today. Admin is posting information on project & road closures or detours.
Mar.16/21 Project nearing completion, installing catch basins.

SWITCH/ALBERTA BEACH WIFI DISTRIBUTION AGR. & SWITCH EQUIPMENT LOCATION AGREEMENT:

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Alberta Beach provide Switch Incorporated written notice of termination of the Switch/Alberta Beach Wifi Distribution Agreement and further provide written notice of non-renewal of the Switch Incorporated Equipment Location Agreement by providing 60 days notice rather than the required 30 days notice.
Apr 20/21 Letter & email was sent to Switch.

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – BEACHWAVE PARK:

Mar.16/21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the letter from the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society regarding their interest in managing Beachwave Park be accepted for information and further that the Beachwave Park Stakeholders Committee be advised that a formal letter of interest has been received to manage the park and therefore request that a stakeholder committee meeting be scheduled with the Mayor and the Ag Society President for further discussion.
Apr 20/21 Letter was sent to Beachwave Park Stakeholders Committee & the letter is on the April 27th meeting agenda.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES – MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (MAMP):

Apr 20/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approves the following resolution;
Be it resolved that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for an Infrastructure Assessment – Asset Evaluation & Planning Project.
Be therefore resolved that Alberta Beach commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program: Activity 1 Inspection of Municipal Infrastructure; Activity 2 Update 10 Year Capital Plan
Be it further resolved that Alberta Beach commits \$5,600.00 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative.

ALBERTA PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION – PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Apr 20/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve the proclamation from the Alberta Public Works Association to proclaim Public Works Week in Alberta Beach between May 16-22, 2021.

ALBERTA SENIORS & HOUSING – SENIORS WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Apr 20/21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve the proclamation for Seniors' Week from June 7-13, 2021 in honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – AMBULANCE STATION LEASE EXTENSION:

Apr 20/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the third lease extension and amending agreement with Alberta Health Services for the Alberta Beach Ambulance Station as presented.

INNOVATIVE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – RENEWAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL:

Apr 20/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve the renewal of the Development Officer Contract from Innovative Planning & Development Services with the optional service of planning support on a three (3) year term effective May 1, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REQUEST FOR DECISION – ENCROACHMENT OF GARBAGE & RECYCLE BINS (4705- 46 AVENUE):

Apr 20/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council give approval to the Development Authority for the preparation of an Encroachment Letter of Consent allowing the garbage and recycle bins to encroach onto the municipal road allowance (as sited) located at 4705 – 46 Avenue with conditions as outlined in the request for decision.

SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD – APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Apr 20/21 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Council approve the appointment of board members appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board as follows; Jason Shewchuk, Gerald Stark, Rainbow Williams, John Roznicki, Jamie-Lee Kralley, and Denis Meier as Board Members and Cathy McCartney or Emily House as Clerk.

PUBLIC WORKS:

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT:

Apr 20/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council authorize the Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee to approve the disposal of surplus material and equipment.

PATROL:

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May 12, 2021

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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**Re: Audit of the Financial Statements of Alberta Beach
for the year ended December 31, 2020**

The purpose of this report is to summarize certain aspects of the audit that we believe would be of interest to the Council. This report should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and our report thereon, and it is intended solely for the use of the Council and should not be distributed to external parties without our prior consent. We accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this communication.

Audit Findings

There are a number of matters that arose during the audit that we would like to bring to your attention, although none of them resulted in a qualified opinion. Each of these matters is summarized briefly below. We would be happy to discuss any of these items in more detail with Council.

Fraudulent and Illegal Activities

Our audit procedures were performed for forming an opinion on the financial statements and although they might bring possible fraudulent or illegal activities to our attention, our audit procedures were not designed to detect fraudulent or illegal activities.

In any event, we did not detect any fraudulent or illegal activities, or material misstatements resulting from fraudulent or illegal activities during our audit.

Litigation Proceedings

We have communicated with Alberta Beach's legal counsel to confirm if there were any legal proceedings that may result in recording a provision for any liability that Alberta Beach maybe responsible for. From the communication with the legal counsel there were no legal actions up to the end of March 26, 2021 that counsel was representing Alberta Beach.

Significant Weakness in Internal Controls

We obtained a sufficient understanding of internal controls to enable us to plan the audit. In certain areas, we assessed control risk below maximum and obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence through tests of control to support that assessment. However, our study and evaluation of internal controls was not sufficient to express an opinion on the effectiveness of Alberta Beach's internal control systems.

Since an audit is not designed to detect all weaknesses in internal controls, there may be weaknesses, which our procedures did not detect.

Likely Aggregate Misstatements

Likely aggregate misstatements at year-end amount to \$0. All adjustments identified have been recorded. See attached copy of the journal entries.

Significant Accounting Policies, Estimates and Judgements

Management is responsible for determining the significant accounting policies. The choice of different accounting policy alternatives can have a significant effect on the financial position and results of operations of Alberta Beach. The application of those policies often involves significant estimates and judgements by management.

We are of the opinion that the significant accounting policies, estimates and judgements made by management do not materially misstate the financial statements taken as a whole.

Audit Issues

During the course of our engagement, a number of audit issues were encountered but each was satisfactorily resolved.

Disagreement with Management

There were no disagreements with management.

Our audit Opinion

We did not detect any evidence of misstatements that would have a material effect on the financial statements and, accordingly, we have issued an unqualified audit report.

Management Letter

We will be submitting to management a letter on internal controls and other matters that we feel should be brought to their attention. This year there were no recommendations.

We wish to express our appreciation for the co-operation we received during the audit from Alberta Beach's management and staff. We would be pleased to discuss with you any matters mentioned in this letter, as well as any other matters that may be of interest to you.

Yours truly,

DOYLE & COMPANY



Allen Lee, CPA, CMA
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Alberta Beach
Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2020

Alberta Beach

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of Alberta Beach is responsible for the preparation, accuracy, objectivity and integrity of the accompanying consolidated financial statements and all other information contained within this Financial Report. Management believes that the consolidated financial statements present fairly Alberta Beach's financial position as at December 31, 2020 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

The consolidated financial statements include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. Such amounts have been determined on a reasonable basis in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

In fulfilling its responsibilities and recognizing the limits inherent in all systems, management has designed and maintains a system of internal controls to produce reliable information and to meet reporting requirement on a timely basis. The system is designed to provide management with reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized and assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded.

These systems are monitored and evaluated by management and reliable financial information is available for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

The Alberta Beach Council carries out its responsibilities for review of the consolidated financial statements principally through its meeting with management. This Council meets with management and the external auditors to discuss the results of audit examinations and financial reporting matters.

The external auditors have full access to the Council with and without the presence of management. The Alberta Beach Council has approved the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Doyle & Company, Chartered Professional Accountants, independent external auditors appointed by Alberta Beach. The accompanying independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Village's consolidated financial statements.

Kathy Skwarchuk

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of **Alberta Beach**, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alberta Beach as at December 31, 2020, the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than from one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - continued

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Debt Limit Regulation

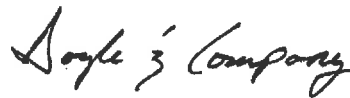
In accordance with Alberta Regulation 255/2000, we confirm that the municipality is in compliance with the Debt Limit Regulation, A detailed account of the Entity's debt limit can be found in note 6.

Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation

In accordance with Alberta Regulation 313/2000, we confirm that the municipality is in compliance with the Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation and note the information required can be found in note 11.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Allen Lee, CPA, CMA.

Edmonton, Alberta
April 20, 2021



Chartered Professional Accountants

Alberta Beach
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	211,792	385,415
Restricted cash (Note 2)	1,215,392	1,292,303
Receivables		
Taxes and grants in place of taxes (Note 4)	163,942	139,123
Trade and other receivables (Note 4)	265,610	75,114
Supplies for resale inventory	11,097	8,969
	1,867,833	1,900,924
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	39,874	30,449
Deposit liabilities	19,292	22,892
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	213,247	188,113
	272,413	241,454
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	1,595,420	1,659,470
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)	6,707,335	6,190,609
Prepaid expenses	49,832	42,471
	6,757,167	6,233,080
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 1, Note 9)	8,352,587	7,892,550

Significant Event - Note 17

Commitments - Note 12

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach
Consolidated Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2020 Actual \$	2019 Actual \$
REVENUE			
Net municipal taxes (Schedule 3)	1,871,340	1,857,257	1,851,833
Campground user fees	205,600	242,295	236,784
Other user fees and sale of goods	4,394	22,038	15,088
Sales to other governments	15,400	22,470	17,677
Franchise fees	58,000	63,269	67,360
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 4)	97,589	221,921	105,470
Local government transfers	6,460	1,600	12,000
Licenses and permits	500	7,080	8,285
Fines	26,155	31,892	48,334
Penalties and costs of taxes	26,000	25,946	41,740
Investment income	20,000	14,597	26,321
Rental	98,000	100,703	114,133
Other	-	37,971	1,488
	2,429,438	2,649,039	2,546,513
EXPENSES			
Legislative	78,829	73,662	88,325
Administration	636,038	537,472	531,535
Bylaws enforcement	129,290	98,565	134,823
Roads, streets, walks, lighting	953,600	145,851	129,781
Water supply & distribution	59,184	59,250	59,184
Wastewater treatment and disposal	574,506	574,506	562,698
Waste management	91,000	107,333	109,143
Fire department	107,271	130,143	107,998
Public works	405,000	403,823	361,909
Planning & development	22,600	21,698	22,364
Campground	90,350	111,746	98,266
Ambulance	8,500	8,180	7,582
Assessment services	-	22,120	21,660
Recreation & facilities	94,341	94,350	102,222
Alberta Beach boat launch and wharf	51,085	35,736	1,300
	3,301,594	2,424,435	2,338,790
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE OTHER	(872,156)	224,604	207,723
OTHER			
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(65,000)	(322,529)	(338,336)
Government transfers for capital (Schedule 4)	644,000	557,962	360,128
Other capital funds for road repairs	-	-	378,509
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(293,156)	460,037	608,024
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		7,892,550	7,284,526
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR		8,352,587	7,892,550

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach
Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2020 Actual \$	2019 Actual \$
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(293,156)	460,037	608,024
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(889,729)	(816,306)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	57,938	52,651
Amortization of tangible capital assets	65,000	322,529	338,336
(Gain) loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(7,464)	(2,178)
Prepaid expenses	-	(7,361)	(4,850)
	65,000	(524,087)	(432,347)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(228,156)	(64,050)	175,677
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	1,659,470	1,483,793
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	-	1,595,420	1,659,470

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
OPERATING		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	460,037	608,024
Non-cash items included in excess of revenue over expenses:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	322,529	338,336
(Gain) loss on sale of tangible capital assets.	(7,464)	(2,180)
Non-cash charges to operations (net change):		
Decrease (increase) in taxes and grants in place of taxes	(24,819)	(39,643)
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables	(190,496)	(7,264)
Decrease (increase) in supplies for resale inventory	(2,128)	(1,082)
Decrease (increase) in accounts prepaid expenses	(7,359)	(4,850)
Increase (decrease) in payables and accrued liabilities	9,425	(12,130)
Increase (decrease) in deposit liabilities	(3,600)	8,800
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	25,134	(284,774)
Cash provided by operating transactions	581,259	603,237
CAPITAL		
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	57,936	52,653
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(889,729)	(816,306)
Cash applied to capital transactions	(831,793)	(763,653)
INVESTING		
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash or cash equivalents	76,911	(819,416)
CHANGE IN CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR	(173,623)	(979,832)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	385,415	1,365,247
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	211,792	385,415

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach
Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus - Schedule 1
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	Unrestricted Surplus	Restricted Surplus	Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	2020 \$	2019 \$
Balance, Beginning of Year	409,638	1,292,303	6,190,609	7,892,550	7,284,526
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	460,037	-	-	460,037	608,024
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(25,443)	25,443	-	-	-
Restricted funds use for operations	2,354	(2,354)	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets	-	(100,000)	100,000	-	-
Current years funds used for tangible capital assets	(789,729)	-	789,729	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	53,130	-	(53,130)	-	-
Annual amortization expenses	322,529	-	(322,529)	-	-
Accumulated amortization on disposed tangible capital assets	(2,656)	-	2,656	-	-
Change in accumulated surplus	20,222	(76,911)	516,726	460,037	608,024
Balance, End of Year	429,860	1,215,392	6,707,335	8,352,587	7,892,550

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach
Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets - Schedule 2
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	2020 \$	2019 \$
COST:								
Balance, Beginning of Year	1,349,990	630,439	2,759,249	5,446,543	867,527	321,795	11,375,543	10,612,367
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	22,319	176,401	558,127	132,882	-	889,729	816,306
Disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	(53,130)	-	(53,130)	(53,130)
Balance, End of Year	1,349,990	652,758	2,935,650	6,004,670	947,279	321,795	12,212,142	11,375,543
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION:								
Balance, Beginning of Year	-	477,846	820,029	2,984,953	612,877	289,229	5,184,934	4,849,255
Annual amortization	-	18,696	52,713	204,189	42,039	4,892	322,529	338,336
Accumulated amortization on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(2,656)	(2,656)	(2,657)
Balance, End of Year	-	496,542	872,742	3,189,142	654,916	291,465	5,504,807	5,184,934
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	1,349,990	156,216	2,062,908	2,815,528	292,363	30,330	6,707,335	6,190,609
2019 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	1,349,990	152,593	1,939,220	2,461,590	254,650	32,566		6,190,609

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach

Schedule of Property and Other Taxes - Schedule 3

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2020 Actual \$	2019 Actual \$
TAXATION			
Real property taxes	2,115,013	2,112,274	2,084,857
Linear property taxes	24,690	23,376	25,818
Sewer revitalization levy	245,700	245,700	245,700
	2,385,403	2,381,350	2,356,375
REQUISITIONS			
Alberta School Foundation Fund	475,928	463,268	476,630
Designated Industrial	-	-	160
Lac Ste Anne Foundation	38,135	38,135	38,585
Requisition Underlevy	-	22,690	(10,833)
	514,063	524,093	504,542
NET MUNICIPAL TAXES	1,871,340	1,857,257	1,851,833

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach

Schedule of Government Transfers - Schedule 4

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2020 Actual \$	2019 Actual \$
<u>TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING</u>			
Provincial Government - MSI Grant	22,446	130,467	25,774
Provincial Government - FCSS Grant	24,058	24,058	24,058
Revenue deferred from prior period	51,085	67,396	55,638
	97,589	221,921	105,470
<u>TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL</u>			
Provincial Government - MSI Grant	644,000	557,962	360,128
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	741,589	779,883	465,598

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach

Schedule of Consolidated Expenditures by Object - Schedule 5

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2020 Actual \$	2019 Actual \$
CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT			
Salaries, wages and benefits	747,734	749,638	790,841
Contracted and general services	1,510,829	678,697	622,863
Materials, goods, and utilities	412,633	365,703	306,588
Transfers to local boards and agencies	630,398	630,398	618,498
Amortization of tangible capital assets	65,000	322,528	338,336
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,366,594	2,746,964	2,677,126

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach
Schedule of Consolidated Segmented Disclosure - Schedule 6
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Planning & Development	Recreation & Culture	Environmental Services	2020 \$
REVENUE							
Net municipal taxes	1,611,557	-	-	-	-	245,700	1,857,257
Government transfers	132,067	14,170	538,007	-	49,794	-	734,038
User fees and sales of goods	18,937	29,000	436	-	242,295	-	290,668
Investment income	14,597	-	-	-	-	-	14,597
Other revenue	118,970	41,227	46,449	73,841	10,000	19,955	310,442
	1,896,128	84,397	584,892	73,841	302,089	265,655	3,207,002
EXPENSES							
Salaries, wages and benefits	377,321	56,425	262,138	-	-	53,754	749,638
Contracted and general services	168,371	152,589	87,109	88,996	118,259	63,373	678,697
Materials, goods and utilities	20,167	27,874	200,428	98	108,605	8,531	365,703
Transfers to local boards and agencies	-	-	-	-	14,969	615,429	630,398
Balance, End of Year	565,859	236,888	549,675	89,094	241,833	741,087	2,424,436
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER							
EXPENSES BEFORE AMORTIZATION	1,330,269	(152,491)	35,217	(15,253)	60,256	(475,432)	782,566
Amortization	3,178	15,172	295,084	-	9,095	-	322,529
NET REVENUE	1,327,091	(167,663)	(259,867)	(15,253)	51,161	(475,432)	460,037

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Alberta Beach
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2020

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

Alberta Beach is a local government authority providing municipal services. Alberta Beach is empowered through bylaws and policies approved by Council and pursuant to the Municipal Government Act.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of Alberta Beach are the representations of management prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by Alberta Beach are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, changes in fund balances and changes in financial position of the reporting entity.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education, health, social and other external organizations that are not part of the municipal reporting entity.

The statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties. Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting record revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon receipt of goods or services and/or legal obligation to pay.

Funds from external parties and earnings thereon restricted by agreement or legislation are accounted for as deferred revenue until used for the purpose specified.

Government transfers, contributions and other amounts are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used for certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed or the tangible assets are acquired.

(c) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of bank deposits and savings accounts with a term of three months or less.

(e) Investments

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. Investment premiums and discounts are amortized on the net present value basis over the term of the respective instruments. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss.

(f) Requisition Over-levy and Under-levy

Over-levies and under-levies arise from the difference between the actual property tax levy made to cover each requisition and the actual amount requisitioned.

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and property tax revenue is reduced. Where the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the under-levy is accrued as a receivable and as property tax revenue.

Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

(g) Inventories for Resale

Land and supplies held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost includes costs for land acquisition and improvements required to prepare the land for servicing such as clearing, stripping and leveling charges. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and wastewater services, roads, sidewalks and street lighting are recorded as physical assets under their respective function.

(h) Tax Revenue

Tax revenues are recognized when the tax has been authorized by bylaw and the taxable event has occurred.

Requisitions operate as a flow through and are excluded from municipal revenue.

(i) Government Transfers

Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return.

Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenue in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be determined.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

(j) Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenues over expenses, provides the consolidated Change in Net Financial Assets (Debt) for the year.

(j) Non-Financial Assets

i) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life as follows:

	Years
Buildings	25-50
Engineered structures	10-75
Land Improvements	10-25
Machinery and equipment	5-20
Vehicles	10

One-half the annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

ii) Contributions of Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue.

iii) Leases

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as capital leases. All other leases are accounted for as operation leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

iv) Cultural and Historical Tangible Capital Assets

Works of art for display are not recorded as tangible capital assets but are disclosed.

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2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Unrestricted cash	211,792	385,415
Restricted cash	1,215,392	1,292,303
	1,427,184	1,677,718

Council has designated funds of \$1,215,392 (2019 - \$1,292,303) for operating and capital reserves. See (Note 9) for details.

3. MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectability and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of the tangible capital assets.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the revenue or expenses in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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4. RECEIVABLES

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
i) Taxes and grants in place of taxes		
Current taxes and grants in place of taxes	123,659	108,466
Arrears taxes	40,283	30,657
	163,942	139,123
ii) Trade and other receivables		
Trade and other receivables	249,854	36,811
GST receivable	31,776	31,633
Requisition under levy	(11,857)	10,833
	269,773	79,277
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	4,163	4,163
	265,610	75,114

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) - Capital	-	19,059
Municipal Stimulus Program	114,509	-
Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG)	1,255	14,598
Canadian Heritage	32,075	-
Donation for Trail System	1,000	1,000
FCSS	2,014	-
LSA Recreation and Cultural Grant	4,500	3,500
Alberta Community Partnership Grant (ACP)	32,056	98,871
Wharf Transfer Agreement	25,838	51,085
	213,247	188,113

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6. DEBT LIMIT

Section 276(2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/2000 for the Alberta Beach be disclosed as follow:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Total Debt Limit	3,973,559	3,819,770
Total Debt	-	-
Amount of debt limit unused	3,973,559	3,819,770
Debt Service Limit	662,260	636,628
Debt Service	-	-
Amount of debt service limit unused	662,260	636,628

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenue of the municipality (as defined in Alberta Regulation 255/2000) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.25 times such revenue excluding government capital transfers. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

7. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Net Book Value		
Land	1,349,990	1,349,990
Land improvements	156,216	152,593
Buildings	2,062,908	1,939,220
Engineering structures	2,815,528	2,461,590
Machinery and equipment	292,363	254,650
Vehicles	30,330	32,566
	6,707,335	6,190,609

8. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)	12,212,142	11,375,543
Accumulated amortization (Schedule 2)	(5,504,807)	(5,184,934)
	6,707,335	6,190,609

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9. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus consists of restricted and unrestricted amounts and equity in tangible capital assets as follows:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Unrestricted surplus	429,860	409,638
Internally restricted surplus		
Operating reserves		
Economic development - 100 Year	2,019	2,625
Tax rate stabilization	187,907	187,907
Insurance proceeds - Hayland	44,537	44,537
Provincial police	23,695	-
Capital reserves		
Administrative - equipment	6,803	6,803
Building replacement	28,623	28,623
General capital	810,985	910,985
Parks and recreation	34,494	34,494
Police	25,164	25,164
Public works	40,960	40,960
Waste management	10,205	10,205
	1,215,392	1,292,303
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets (TCA)	6,707,335	6,190,609
	8,352,587	7,892,550

10. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE

Alberta Beach provides a range of services to its ratepayers. For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in Note 1.

Refer to the Schedule of Segmented Disclosure (Schedule 6).

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11. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for municipal officials, the chief administrative officer and designated officers as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	Months	2020			2019
		Salary (1) \$	Benefits & Allowances (2) \$	Total \$	Total \$
Mayor					
J. Benedict	12	14,425	-	14,425	14,850
Deputy Mayor					
A. Duncan	12	12,703	483	13,186	12,253
Councillors					
J. Valiquette	12	9,367	308	9,675	10,067
D. Weber	12	9,367	376	9,743	13,492
B. Love	12	9,442	-	9,442	10,567
Chief Administrative Officer					
K. Skwarchuk	12	111,737	9,552	121,289	120,428

- (1) Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.
- (2) Employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, vision coverage, group life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, long and short term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition.

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12. COMMITMENTS

Alberta Beach is also responsible for 63.43% of the annual operating costs of Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission. The operating costs this year were \$242,980 (2019 - \$231,172).

Alberta Beach is part of the West Inter Lake District (WILD) Regional Water Services Commission and is committed to debenture principal and interest payments in the amount of \$12,381.97 each June and December until the debenture matures in 2039. This debenture was issued as part of the funding of phase 1 of the pipeline construction project from the Town of Stony Plain to the Village of Wabamun. The debenture payment this year was \$40,923 (2019 - \$40,923), the payments include principal and interest.

Alberta Beach is also responsible for 16.4% of the annual operating costs of West Inter Lake District (WILD) Regional Water Services Commission. The operating costs this year were \$18,327 (2019 - \$18,261).

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Alberta Beach is a member of the Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission and made payments to the Commission as follows:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Service fees	242,980	231,172
Debentures	331,526	331,526
	574,506	562,698

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and have been valued in these financial statements at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

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14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Credit Risk

Alberta Beach is subject to credit risk with respect to taxes and grants in place of taxes receivables and trade and other receivables. Credit risk arises from the possibility that taxpayer and entities to which Alberta Beach provides services may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfil their obligations. The large number and diversity of taxpayers and customers minimizes the credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rate. Alberta Beach is exposed to interest rate risk on its bank account balances and any of its fixed and/or floating interest rate financial instruments.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Alberta Beach will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities. Alberta Beach manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfil its financial obligations.

15. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform with the current year's presentation.

16. BUDGET FIGURES

Budget figures for 2020, as approved by Council, are included in the financial statements for information purposes and are unaudited.

17. SIGNIFICANT EVENT

As of the date of the financial statements, there was a global outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. This has an impact on municipal government operations through the restrictions put in place by the Canadian and provincial governments as well as the Alberta Health Services regarding travel, isolation/quarantine orders, closure of municipal facilities, cancellation or postponement of programs, and deferral of property tax and utility payments. At this time, it is unknown the extent of the impact the COVID-19 outbreak may have on Alberta Beach as this will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and that cannot be predicted with confidence. These uncertainties arise from the inability to predict the ultimate geographic spread of the virus, and the duration of the outbreak, including the duration of facility closures, program and service disruptions, and isolation/quarantine measures that are currently or maybe put in place by Canada and other countries to fight the virus.

18. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.

2021 BUDGET

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

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

Description	2021 BUDGET
REVENUE	
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	811,213.45
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	418,177.28
COMMERCIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	93,095.23
COMMERCIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	35,342.31
FARM TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	76.71
FARM TAXES (SCHOOL)	39.54
POWER & PIPELINE (MUNICIPAL)	16,814.95
POWER & PIPELINE (SCHOOL)	6,383.56
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (MUNICIPAL)	1,652.84
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (SCHOOL)	75.34
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL (DI)	141.52
MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX	730,645.00
LIBRARY LEVY	0.00
MISC. OTHER LEVY	0.00
TOTAL TAXES	2,113,657.73
PENALTIES & COSTS ON TAXES	52,000.00
FRANCHISE - ATCO GAS	31,000.00
FRANCHISE - FORTIS	34,000.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	12,000.00
PROVINCIAL GRANTS	
RESTRUCTURING GRANT	0.00
CONDITIONAL FGTF	0.00
CONDITIONAL MUNICIPAL GRANTS	0.00
CONDITIONAL MSI GRANT	21,210.00
FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
OTHER	0.00
ADMIN	
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE	4,800.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,200.00
TAX CERTIFICATES	1,500.00
PHOTOCOPIES\FAXES\POSTAGE	300.00
PENALTIES\COSTS - N.S.F. FEES	400.00
HAWKER PEDDLER LICENSES	1,200.00
RENTAL AND LEASE	8,600.00
PROV\FED CONDITIONAL GRANT	2,000.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
PATROL	
SALES TO OTHER LOCAL GOV'T	34,200.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

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

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

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

Analysis: INCDME STATEMENT

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

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

EXPENSE STATEMENT		(1)
Period 1: -	--- Begin	01Jan2021
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Period 2: -	--- End	000000000
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Ratios:	% of Account	
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Description	2021 BUDGET
COUNCIL	
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS - MAYOR	9,784.00
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS	34,593.00
MEETING FEES	16,250.00
HONOURARIUM DEDUCTIONS	1,500.00
COUNCIL TRAVEL	2,000.00
CONFERENCES\CONVENTIONS	5,000.00
INTERNET & PHONE EXPENSE	6,000.00
COUNCIL PROMOTIONAL	6,000.00
MISC. SUPPLIES	1,000.00
TOTAL	82,127.00
ADMINISTRATION	
ADMINISTRATOR	113,375.00
SALARIES	175,372.00
PAYROLL TO\FROM BUS INC	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	53,400.00
SCP PAYROLL	0.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00
TRAINING	500.00
TRAVEL	200.00
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	3,200.00
TELEPHONE\INTERNET\SATELLIT	4,000.00
ADVERTISING	1,200.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS\MEMBERSHIPS	2,750.00
PRINTING	1,300.00
LEGAL	3,000.00
AUDITOR	11,500.00
SERVICE CONTR-PHOTO,FAX,POS	4,500.00
SERVICE CONTR - ALARM	500.00
PURCHASED EQUIPMENT REPAIR	9,500.00
CONTRACT - JANITOR	6,000.00
INSURANCE	54,000.00
W.C.B.	12,600.00
STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	4,500.00
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	2,000.00
VILLAGE PROMOTION	4,000.00
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	0.00
UTILITIES	6,200.00
DEBT REPAYMENT	0.00
SHORT TERM BORROWING FEES	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET
BANK CHARGES	1,000.00
TAX REBATES & CANCELLATIONS	0.00
OTHER & BLDG REPAIRS	10,000.00
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	486,097.00
ELECTION \ CENSUS	
SALARIES & WAGES	3,000.00
ADVERTISING	800.00
GOODS & SUPPLIES	1,500.00
TOTAL	5,300.00
ASSESSMENT SERVICES	
ASSESSMENT SERVICES	25,570.00
TOTAL	25,570.00
PATROL	
ADMINISTRATION	0.00
SALARIES & WAGES	76,125.00
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUNDING	45,215.00
CITIZENS ON PATROL	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	14,675.00
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	0.00
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	0.00
TELEPHONE	5,500.00
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	500.00
AUX PROG\CRIME PREVENTION	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00
VEHICLE REPAIR	5,000.00
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	0.00
STATIONERY & OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00
MISC. SUPPLIES	2,500.00
UNIFORMS & ACCOTREMENTS	1,000.00
FUEL & OIL	7,000.00
UTILITIES	4,000.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	165,015.00
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT	
BYLAW\ANIMAL CONTROL	0.00
PARKING ENFORCEMENT	0.00
POUND FEES	1,000.00
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	500.00
SIGNS	0.00
TOTAL	1,500.00
Description	2021 BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET
FIREFIGHTING	
FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORAIUMS	0.00
TELEPHONE	0.00
FIRE CONTRACT	92,659.00
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00
GOODS AND SUPPLIES	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2,100.00
BUILDING REPAIR	5,000.00
UTILITIES	7,200.00
CAPITAL	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	106,959.00
DISASTER SERVICES	
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	7,500.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
AMBULANCE SERVICES	
AMBULANCE CONTRACT	0.00
BUILDING REPAIRS	3,000.00
UTILITIES	4,800.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	7,800.00
COMMON SERVICES	
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER	0.00
PUBLIC WORKS WAGES	197,925.00
EXTRA PERSON	0.00
STEP\SCP\SUMMER PAYROLL	20,000.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - MGR	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	36,000.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - STEP	1,500.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00
PAYROLL TO BUSINESS INCOME	0.00
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	2,000.00
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	200.00
POSTAGE, FREIGHT & DELIVERY	0.00
TELEPHONE	2,600.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,000.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	30,000.00
VEHICLE REPAIR	18,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	4,000.00
GENERAL GOODS	15,000.00
SIGNS	1,000.00
NON BUDGETED ITEMS	0.00
SAFETY SUPPLIES	2,500.00
FUEL & OIL	20,000.00
UTILITES - SHOP	14,000.00
BOAT LAUNCH MTCE	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	374,725.00
ROADS AND STREETS	
GRAVEL\SAND\ETC.	18,000.00
CRACK FILLING\LINE PAINTING	32,000.00
UTILITIES - STREET LIGHTS	94,000.00
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00
STREET LIGHT PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	144,000.00
STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE	
GENERAL SUPPLY-CULVERTS	8,000.00
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	0.00
DRAINAGE STUDY	5,600.00
TOTAL	13,600.00
WATER SYSTEM	
WATER COMM. OPERATING	18,174.22
WATER COMM. DEBENTURE	40,923.08
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	59,097.30
SANITARY SEWER	
TVRSSC MAINTENANCE AGREE	242,157.00
TVRSSC SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00
TVRSSC DEB. - LAGOON	85,826.00
TVRSSC UPGRADE	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	573,683.00
GARBAGE COLLECTION	
GARBAGE WAGES	50,750.00
GARBAGE CONTRACT	0.00
REGIONAL LAND FILL	23,000.00
RECYCLING	7,000.00
ANNUAL WASTE ROUND-UP	0.00
FUEL & OIL	9,000.00
TRUCK REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	10,000.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	99,750.00
COMPOST FACILITY	
PURCHASED SERVICE - CLEANUP	5,500.00
GENERAL SUPPLIES	0.00
TOTAL	5,500.00
Description	2021 BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	
CONTRACT - DEVELOPMENT OFF	21,600.00
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	2,800.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	500.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	24,900.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	500.00
TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	0.00
REVENUE & COST SHARE STUDY	32,056.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	1,000.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	33,556.00
LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION	38,703.53
PIER\BOAT LAUNCH	25,850.00
PIER TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
RECREATION & FACILITIES	
REGIONAL RECREATION	30,073.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	21,000.00
EAST END BUS	9,000.00
LSA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT	0.00
UTILITIES	4,700.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	64,773.00
PARKS	
CONTRACT SERVICES	10,000.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	7,000.00
UTILITIES	4,700.00
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	3,425.00
PARK PROJECTS	0.00
PARK PROJECTS	0.00
CONTRIBUTED ASSETS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	25,125.00
CAMPGROUND:	
ADVERTISING & SIGNS	100.00
POSTAGE, FREIGHT, DELIVERY	0.00
TELEPHONE & SATELLITE	2,200.00
PRINTING	500.00
CAMPGROUND MANAGER CONTRACT	44,400.00
CAMPGROUND SUMMER HELP	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,000.00
Description	2021 BUDGET

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	3,000.00
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	500.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	2,500.00
FUEL & OIL	1,000.00
REPAIR MATERIALS	5,000.00
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	10,000.00
UTILITIES	27,000.00
IMPROVEMENTS	20,000.00
DEBIT\VISA BANK FEES	500.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00
TOTAL	117,700.00
CULTURE	
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00
REIMBURSE LIBR WAGE	0.00
UTILITIES	0.00
GRANT TO LIBRARY	12,050.00
YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY	4,540.28
TOTAL	16,590.28
LOSS ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00
AMORTIZATION OF TCA	65,000.00
CAPITAL:	
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	45,000.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00
TOTAL	45,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS:	
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ROADS	432,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SHOP	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-DRAINAGE	15,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WALKING PATHS	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-STORM OUTFALL	212,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ADMIN BLDG	50,000.00
TOTAL	709,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	754,000.00
BUSINESS INCOME EXPENSES	0.00
TOTAL	3,324,421.11
Description	2021 BUDGET

**ALBERTA BEACH
VILLAGE POLICIES**

POLICY: G.2.9 COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY

1. PURPOSE

The *Municipal Government Act* (Section 275.1) allows for compensation to be made to members of Council for duties performed. It is the intention of Alberta Beach to provide fair and equitable compensation to members of Council as they carry out their responsibilities. This policy provides guidelines for the provision of remuneration to elected officials.

2. HONOURARIUMS

Councillors shall receive monthly honourariums as per Schedule "A" attached. Honourarium rates will be reviewed annually and increased as per the annual cost of living allowance based on the Alberta average of the CPI (Consumer Price Index), upon approval of the annual budget.

3. MEETING REMUNERATION FEES

Councillors shall receive a meeting remuneration fee as per Schedule "A" attached for attending an approved Committee meeting, training course or meeting on behalf of Council where a meeting fee is not already being paid. Meeting remuneration fees will include meeting preparation, travel and attendance time. Further that, regular Council meetings, special Council meetings, monthly round table meetings and conventions are excluded.

4. CHAIRPERSON REMUNERATION FEE

Councillors shall receive a chairperson remuneration fee as per Schedule "A" attached for chairing an approved committee meeting, where a meeting fee is not already being paid through another committee or organization. Further that, regular Council meetings, special Council meetings, monthly round table meetings and conventions are excluded.

5. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNCIL MILEAGE EXPENSES

Councillors shall receive reimbursement for mileage expenses for use of personal vehicles as per Schedule "A" attached for travel on village business to approved meetings, training courses and conventions.

6. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNCIL INTERNET EXPENSES

Councillors shall receive reimbursement for Council internet expenses as per Schedule "A" attached provided that the internet service is used for Council business. (Councillors not receiving and communicating electronically through email do not qualify for reimbursement).

7. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNCIL CELL PHONE EXPENSES

Councillors shall receive reimbursement for personal cell phone expenses as per Schedule "A" attached provided that the cell phone is used for Council business. (Councillors not owning or communicating through cell phones do not qualify for reimbursement).

8. METHOD TO CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement claims to be submitted on the expense claim forms. (No expense claim form will be required for monthly honourariums).

9. DEDUCTIONS FROM COUNCIL HONOURARIUMS AND MEETING REMUNERATION FEES

Council honourariums and meeting remuneration fees will be subject to deductions as per Canada Revenue Agency.

DEPARTMENT: COUNCIL

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL: DECEMBER 18, 2018

RESOLUTION NO: #264-18

AMENDMENT DATE: June 3, 2019

RESOLUTION NO: #113-19 & #114-19

AMENDMENT DATE: _____, 2021

RESOLUTION NO: # ____-21

**ALBERTA BEACH
VILLAGE POLICIES**

POLICY: G.2.9 COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY

SCHEDULE "A"

COUNCIL MONTHLY HONOURARIUMS:

Mayor	\$825.00
Deputy Mayor	\$750.00
Councillors	\$725.00

COUNCIL MEETING REMUNERATION FEES:

Half day meetings (up to 4 hours)	\$ 75.00
Full day meetings (over 4 hours)	\$125.00

CHAIRPERSON REMUNERATION FEES:

Committee Chairperson Fee	\$ 25.00
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COUNCIL MILEAGE EXPENSES:

\$.58 per km

COUNCIL INTERNET EXPENSES:

\$50.00 per month

COUNCIL CELL PHONE EXPENSES:

\$50.00 per month

11.8

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ALBERTA BEACH FOR THE 2021 TAXATION YEAR.

Whereas, Alberta Beach has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenue and expenditures as required, at the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2021; and

Whereas, the estimated municipal expenditures and transfers set out in the budget for Alberta Beach for 2021 total \$3,324,421.11; and

Whereas, the estimated municipal revenues and transfers from all sources other than taxation is estimated at \$1,670,923.00 and the balance of \$1,653,498.11 is to be raised by general municipal taxation; and

Whereas, the requisitions are:

Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF)	
Residential/Farmland	\$428,946.97
Residential/Farmland – 2020 Overlevy	(10,730.09)
Non-residential	42,927.74
Non-residential – 2020 Overlevy	(1,126.53)
Designated Industrial Property Tax Requisition	141.52
Senior Foundation	38,703.53; and

Whereas, the Council of Alberta Beach is required each year to levy on the assessed value of all property, tax rates sufficient to meet the estimated expenditures and the requisitions; and

Whereas, the Council is authorized to classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each class of property, subject to the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M26, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000; and

Whereas, the assessed value of all property in Alberta Beach as shown on the assessment roll is:

<u>Assessment Class</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Residential (Class 1)	\$164,967,960.00
Non-residential (Commercial) (Class 2)	9,387,060.00
Farmland (Class 3)	15,600.00
Exempt	14,262,030.00
Designated Industrial (DI) – Non Residential (Class 4)	20,010.00
Designated Industrial (DI) – Machinery & Equipment (Class 4)	146,650.00
Power & Pipeline (Linear)	<u>1,695,500.00</u>
	<u>\$190,494,810.00</u>

NOW THEREFORE under the authority of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of Alberta Beach, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of Alberta Beach:

	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>
General Municipal			
Residential	811,213.45	164,967,960.00	4.91740
Non-Residential	93,095.23	9,387,060.00	9.91740
Farmland	76.71	15,600.00	4.91740
DI – Non Residential	198.45	20,010.00	9.91740
DI – Machinery & Equipment	1,454.39	146,650.00	9.91740
Power & Pipeline	16,814.95	1,695,500.00	9.91740

ALBERTA BEACH

BYLAW NO. 285-21

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	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>
ASFF			
Residential	418,177.28	164,967,960.00	2.534900
Non-Residential	35,342.31	9,387,060.00	3.765003
Farmland	39.54	15,600.00	2.534900
DI – Non Residential	75.34	20,010.00	3.765003
Power & Pipeline	6,383.56	1,695,500.00	3.765003

	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>
Designated Industrial Property Tax Requisition			
DI – Non-Residential	1.52	20,010.00	0.07600
DI – Machinery & Equipment	11.15	146,650.00	0.07600
Power & Pipeline	128.86	1,695,500.00	0.07600

2. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy a minimum amount payable as a municipal services tax for general municipal purposes in the amount of \$875.00 per parcel for a total parcel count of 835 and a total estimated revenue of \$730,625.00.
3. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy a minimum amount payable as a sewer revitalization levy in the amount of \$300.00 per serviceable lot for a total parcel count of 819 and a total estimated revenue of \$245,700.00.

Read a first time this ____ day of May, 2021.

Read a second time this ____ day of May, 2021.

Unanimous consent given to proceed to third reading this ____ day of May, 2021.

Read a third time and passed this ____ day of May, 2021.

Signed by the Mayor and C.A.O. this ____ day of May, 2021.

Mayor, Jim Benedict

C.A.O., Kathy Skwarchuk

2021 Development Permits						***High Lighted are NEW***	
Permit #	Date	Municipal	Lot	Block	Plan	Proposal	Approved
20DP45-01	28-Dec-20	4836 - 59 Street	37	5	722MC	Variance to rear yard setback for existing shed	Approved at MPC Dec 15-20
20DP49-02	10-Jan-21	5027D - 50 Avenue	7	6	3321BQ	Hair Salon	Approved
20DP51-01	09-Jan-21	5128 - 49 Avenue	10	3	3321BQ	Grading\Second Access\Driveway Ext.	Approved
21DP01-01	03-Feb-21	4812 - 50 Avenue	5	9	3321BQ	Addition to Existing Dwelling	Approved
21DP02-01	01-Mar-21	5244 - 47A Avenue	7	20	6269CG	2nd Access	Refused
21DP03-01	01-Feb-21	5904 - 49 Avenue	41	5	722MC	RV Temporary Accomodations	Approved
21DP04-01	19-Mar-21	4819 - 46 Avenue		R	3321BQ	Retail Garden Market & Sign	Approved
21DP05-01	17-Mar-21	4643-47A Avenue	6	17	3321BQ	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP06-01	29-Mar-21	4603 - 46 Avenue	2	5	3210TR	Demo of Dwelling\Constr. SFD W\ Variance to Front Yard Setback	Approved
21DP07-01	27-Mar-21	5011 - 53 Street	8	1	3321BQ	Demolition of Accessory Bldgs\Constion of Garage	Approved
21DP08-01	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP08-02 (correct south side setback)	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP08-03 (5' setback change on North side)	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP09-01	31-Mar-21	4611 - 46 Avenue	4	5	3210TR	Construct 8' x 12' Deck	Approved
21DP10-01	30-Mar-21	5231 - 51 Avenue	9	1	3321BQ	Demolition\Construct Dwelling W\Front Yard Variance	Approved
21DP11-01	01-Apr-21	4720 - 48 Street	7	2	3529BZ	Demolition\Construct Shed	Approved
21DP12-01	06-Apr-21	4715 - 47 Street	1	17	3321BQ	Sign	Approved
21DP13-01	26-Apr-21	4712 - 52 Street	5A	13	3321BQ	Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP14-01	26-Apr-21	4712 - 52 Street	5A	13	3321BQ	Fence w\Variance	MPC - April 20, 2021 (Approved)
21DP15-01	12-Apr-21	4207 - 43 Avenue	18	2	O423757	Construction of Dwelling	Approved
21DP16-01	In Progress						
21DP17-01	06-May-21	5039 - 50 Avenue	10	6	3321BQ	Demolition and Construction of Commercial Bldg w\Surveillance Suite	Approved
21DP18-01	09-May-21	5203 - 50 Avenue	1	2	3321BQ	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP19-01	02-May-21	5719 - 51 Avenue	11	10	2018T	Demolition & Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP20-01	10-May-21	3800 Museum Road	4	1	O820136	Addition of Sunroom\Deck	Approved
21DP21-01	07-May-21	4807 - 51 Street	11	23	6269CG	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP22-01	08-May-21	4925 - 46A Avenue		OT	8722787	Lot Grading	Approved

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At a Glance May 3, 2021 - May 7, 2021

In the News

Anti-Lockdown Rodeo

The first weekend of May saw record high COVID-19 cases throughout the province while thousands of people flocking to Bowden's 'No More Lockdowns'

rodeo rally. Premier Jason Kenney spoke out against this gathering, calling it disturbing and a flagrant violation of public health measures. AHS also condemned the event, stating it as a clear breach of the current public health restrictions and are now exploring legal options.

The organizers of the event, The Northcott Rodeo, argued they were standing up against the government taking away freedoms from rural Albertans, protesting the Government of Alberta's current public health measures that are aimed to try to reduce the extreme number of cases throughout the province. It is estimated that nearly 3,000 people attended this rodeo rally; however, an RCMP spokesperson said they were not aware of any charges laid in connection with the rodeo. Organizers of the event have said they plan to hold a similar event on Canada Day.

Kenney Announces Stricter Public Health Measures

On Tuesday evening, Premier Jason Kenney announced new public health restrictions to try to stop the spike in COVID-19 cases across the province. Effective immediately, workplaces with more than 3 COVID-19 cases will be mandated to close for 10 days with exemptions for critical workplaces. Retail services must limit customer capacity to 10% of fire code occupancy, and places of worship will be limited to 15 people. Weddings and funerals are now limited to 10 people, and all outdoor gatherings will be limited to 5 people with a recommended maximum of 2 household cohorts. On May 7th, all K-12 classes must move to online learning along with all post-secondary instruction. At 11:59pm on May 9th, all personal and wellness services such as hair salons, tattoo parlors, and tanning studios, will close for 3 weeks. Similarly, all in-person dining will close with only take-out allowed for all restaurants.

Health, social, and professional services are available by appointment only, such as massage therapy, physicians, dentists, accountants, and lawyers. However, all indoor fitness remains closed. Outdoor sports and recreation are limited to household and close contacts only, while all recreational

performances must close. Working from orders remain in place with masks required at all indoor worksites. Fines for breaking COVID-19 restrictions now have doubled from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Justice Minister Kaycee Madu expects that law enforcement will deploy all available tools to ensure public health measures are enforced.

Alberta Moves to Vaccine Phase 3

After reviewing clinical trial data, Health Canada has authorized the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for use in children aged 12 to 15 years of age. Following this, Phase 3 of Alberta's vaccine roll-out was put into action. Starting May 6, every Albertan born in 1991 or earlier is eligible for a vaccine. Albertans aged 12-29 years of age are eligible for their vaccine starting May 10. This makes Alberta the first province to offer the vaccine to minors as they currently lead North America for per capita cases.

Further opening eligibility for vaccines comes in the wake of Alberta's first death linked to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the second case in Canada after a woman in Quebec. In a press release on Tuesday night, Dr. Deena Hinshaw confirmed that the fatality was linked to vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia, more commonly known as a blood clot from the vaccine. Health Minister Tyler Shandro expressed his condolences to the late woman's family but emphasized that the risks from COVID-19 outweigh the risks associated with the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Turn Off The Taps Legislation Expires

Since its first introduction, Alberta's *Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act* has been at the center of a constitutional battle between British Columbia and Alberta over the construction of the TMX pipeline. The former NDP government introduced the legislation in 2018 as a bargaining tool while negotiating with the former BC Liberal government. Premier Kenney proclaimed turn off the taps legislation only days following his election.

Last week, the Alberta government celebrated a Federal Court of Appeal decision to overturn British Columbia's lower court injunction against the law as it was deemed constitutional, which Premier Kenney called an 'important legal win for Alberta'. Only days later, this legislation ceased to be in effect as its two-year sunset clause caused it to expire. Energy Minister Sonya Savage said in a statement on Tuesday that the government had intentionally allowed the law to lapse due to ongoing legal battles with B.C., and that they intend to introduce new legislation that renews the measures in the original act now that B.C. no longer is obstructing pipeline construction.

Pastor Coates Trial Begins

Alberta pastor James Coates appeared in court on Monday for his first day of trial after being charged with one count of violating the Public Health Act. Coates is accused of flouting provincial public health restrictions by leading services at GraceLife church in Parkland county, which he defended by saying that after initially following restrictions he researched what he called 'real facts' and believed that the pandemic was overexaggerated. He cited Premier Kenney referring to COVID-19 as 'an influenza' to be justification for his actions, having determined that he would rather be 'in compliance with God' than in compliance with AHS.

Coates' lawyers with the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms admit he broke health restrictions but argued that the government's restrictions intrude on his Charter rights and are therefore unconstitutional. On Wednesday, they further argued that the Alberta government wanted to censor Pastor Coates for spreading anti-lockdown rhetoric. This follows AHS closing and fencing off GraceLife Church after refusing to comply with restrictions and jailing Coates for over a month after he broke his bail condition to not hold church services.



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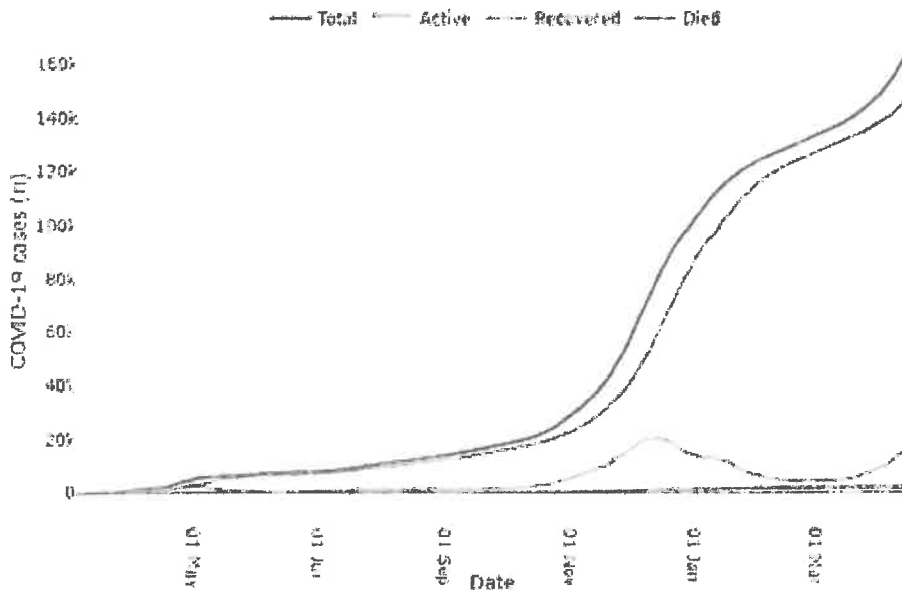
COVID-19 Status

Cases in Alberta

This past week Alberta reported another spike in new and active cases of COVID-19, driven by the rapid spread of variants of concern across the province, including an increase of more than 550 per cent for the P.1 variant that originated in Brazil. There was an average of 1,332 new daily cases of COVID-19 in the province for the seven-day period ending April 14, compared to 1,102 for the previous seven-day period, a 20.9 per cent increase.

While all zones reported increases in their new cases this week, the Calgary Zone reported the largest: 4,071 (an average of 582 per day) this week compared to 3,636 (an average of 519 per day) the previous week, a 12 per cent increase. The largest change in new cases this week occurred in the Central Zone, with 980 new cases compared to 592 the previous week, a 65.5 per cent increase.

Overall individuals aged 10 to 49 accounted for about 70 per cent of new cases.



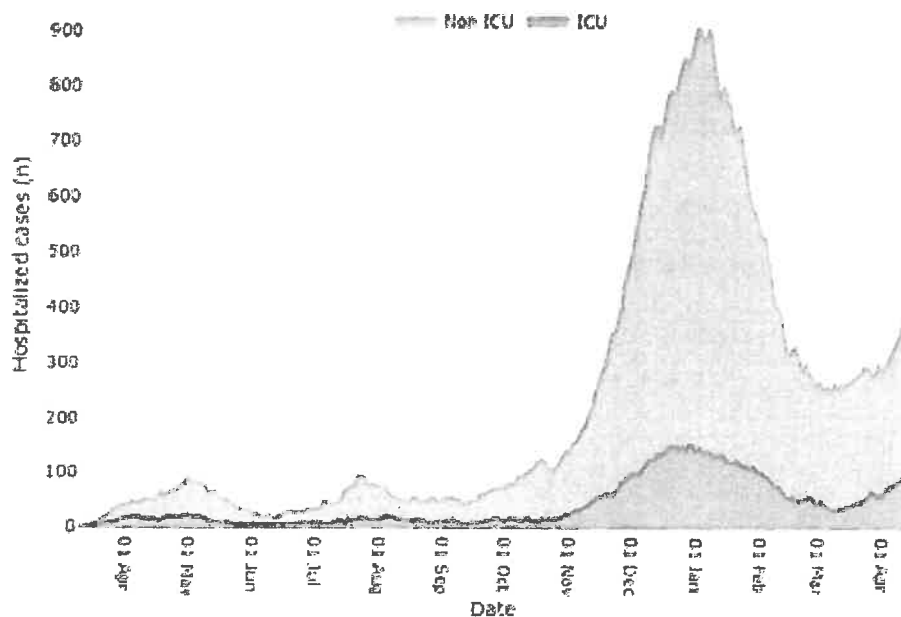
As of April 14, there were 16,223 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, which is a third more cases (4,036) than the previous week. All zones reported increases in active cases, with Central Zone reporting a 61.2 per cent increase, as you can see in the table below.

	Active Cases (as of April 14)	Active Cases (as of April 7)	Per cent Change
Calgary	7,329	5,709	+28.4%
Edmonton	4,201	2,916	+44.1%
North	2,174	1,614	+34.7%
South	930	915	+1.6%
Central	1,515	940	+61.2%
Unknown	74	93	-20.4%

For the 14th week in a row, the Calgary Zone has the most active cases.

Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

As we would expect, the recent spikes in new and active cases are adding to our hospitalization and ICU numbers. On April 14, there were 86 individuals in ICUs with COVID-19 compared to 80 on April 8, a 7.5 per cent increase. A total of 330 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds with COVID-19 on April 14 compared to 256 on April 8, a 28.9 per cent increase.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of April 14 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
Calgary	166	39
Edmonton	147	29
Central	37	5
South	33	7
North	33	6

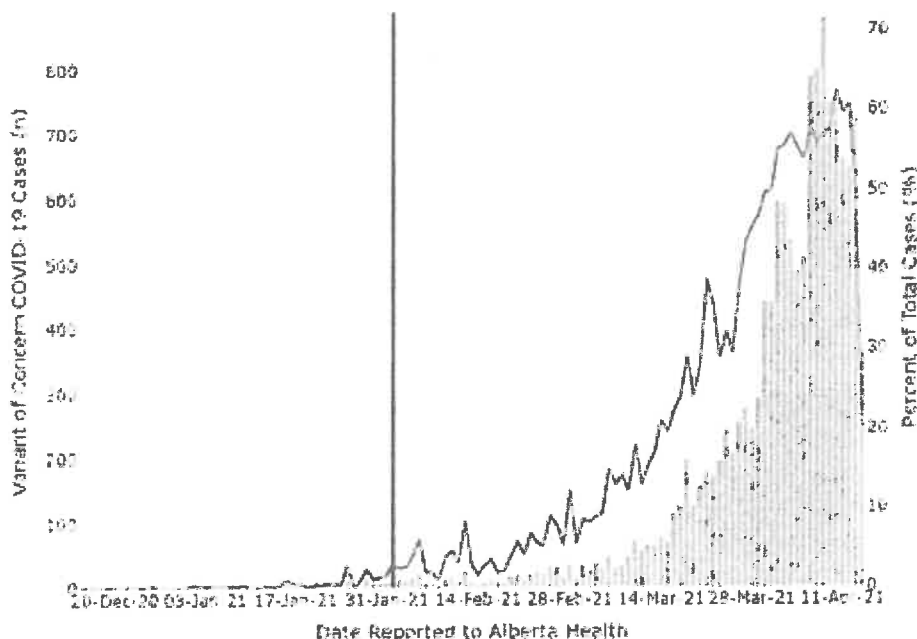
Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of April 14, a total of 166,177 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 7,048 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.2 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 147,920 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of April 14, 2,034 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 29 deaths from April 8 to April 14. 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 April 8 to April 14, 102,806 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 14,584 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 8.02 per cent to 9.93 per cent. As of April 14, a total of 3.9 million tests have been conducted and 1.97 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The province wide R value from April 5 to April 11 was 1.12, compared to 1.17 the previous week.
- For the winter school term, as of April 14, AHS has confirmed 4,203 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 959 out of 2,415 schools (roughly two of five) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission

Updates on variants of concerns

Alberta Health has now reported 13,952 cases of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC), an increase of 68.5 per cent since April 7: 13,770 are the B.1.1.7 variant (originating in the U.K.), 29 are the B.1.351 variant (originating in South Africa) and 153 are the P.1 variant (originating in Brazil). On April 7, there were 23 P.1 cases reported; this week's number represents an increase of 565 per cent. Of the 13,952 VOC cases, 8,682 are active (53.5 per cent of total active cases), 5,222 people have recovered and 48 people have died.

The figure below shows new VOC cases (grey bars) and the percentage of VOC cases identified compared to other cases of COVID-19 (blue line). Between April 6 and April 12, the percentage of VOC cases ranged from 56.2 per cent to 62.4 per cent.



COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. Starting this week, these statistics provide the total number of AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace. Covenant Health data will no longer be included moving forward, as they will begin to report their testing information within their own organization. This will result in the drop of the total numbers from last week's report.

As of April 14:

- 74,367 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,666 (or 6.3 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 2,430 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 457 (or 18.8 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,103 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,179 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 215 (or 4.2 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 119 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 11 (or 9.2 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 96 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

By the Numbers

As of 10 a.m. April 16, more than 1 million total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered by AHS. More than 645,700 Albertans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and more than 209,600 have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2.

Phase 2C healthcare worker immunization continues

All staff working in a patient care facility or who provide services directly to patients or clients in the community are now eligible to book a COVID-19 immunization appointment. In addition to those who provide patient care, this eligibility includes anyone working within an acute care site or any other patient care facility. All eligible individuals can book their appointment today via the [AHS online booking tool](#), or through a [participating pharmacy](#). Appointments are available in every zone across the province. We encourage everyone eligible in this cohort to book their immunization appointment as soon as possible.

For more information about healthcare workers eligible in Phase 2C and how to book an appointment, please see our [FAQ](#).

Other eligibility criteria

As a reminder, any Albertan eligible in Phase 1, 2A or 2B of Alberta's vaccine rollout who hasn't yet received the vaccine are encouraged to book their appointment through a [participating pharmacy](#) or [AHS](#). Phase 2B includes individuals with at least one of the identified underlying conditions born in or before 2005. The criteria can be found [online](#) and were recommended by the Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization and affirmed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

A doctor's note or other proof of a condition is not required to be immunized as a part of Phase 2B. You may want to consult your healthcare provider prior to booking your appointment if you need clarification on whether or not your condition is on the list, but this is not required.

All eligible individuals can book their appointment today via the [AHS online booking tool](#), by calling 811 or through a [participating pharmacy](#). Walk-in appointments are also available starting April 17 in both [Calgary](#) and [Edmonton](#).

Vaccine supply can be unpredictable and we are working diligently to immunize as many people as possible as quickly as possible, with available product. Please do not wait to book your appointment.

All Albertans aged 40 and older can now receive the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine

Starting tomorrow, Tuesday April 20, Albertans born in 1981 and earlier will be able to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine through participating pharmacies and Alberta Health Services.

Alberta's decision to reduce the age of eligibility for AstraZeneca from 55 to 40 is based on public health recommendations looking at the benefit this vaccine offers weighed against the small risk of adverse events from this vaccine. AstraZeneca has been shown to be 60-70 per cent effective at preventing COVID-19 illness and is 80 per cent effective at preventing severe outcomes like hospitalization.

Lowering the eligibility age means 575,425 more Albertans can be vaccinated, bringing the total eligible population to 2.3 million.

All eligible individuals can book their appointment today via the [AHS online booking tool](#), by calling 811 or through a [participating pharmacy](#). Walk-in appointments are also available starting April 17 in both [Calgary](#) and [Edmonton](#).

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AstraZeneca/Covishield available on a walk-in basis in Edmonton and Calgary

Beginning April 17, and for a limited time, walk-in appointments for AstraZeneca/Covishield will be available for eligible Albertans in Edmonton and Calgary. Albertans aged 40 and older are currently eligible to receive AstraZeneca/Covishield.

The AHS walk-in clinics will be extended subject to available supply.

- The Calgary site will be located at the Southport location, 10301 Southport Lane S.W.
- The Edmonton site will be located at the Edmonton Expo Centre, 7515 118 Avenue N.W.

Any Albertan 40 and older, regardless of where they live, can receive the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine. Albertans aged 65 and older are also eligible for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines via the [AHS online booking tool](#), by calling 811 or through a [participating pharmacy](#).

Each AHS site has capacity for 500 AstraZeneca/ Covishield drop-ins to start. Capacity will be adjusted based on demand.

We'd like to thank our staff for helping to make this work possible. The hope is that offering walk-in clinics will help increase the number of Albertans who will be able to be immunized, helping to protect our healthcare system and our communities.

Please visit ahs.ca/covidvaccine for more information, including clinic hours.

Meanwhile, 26 pharmacies are also accepting walk-ins, as well as those taking appointment-based bookings. Visit the [Alberta Blue Cross website](#) for more information.

Any eligible Albertan can also continue to book appointments through the AHS online booking tool or by calling 811 to receive the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine.

COVID-19 immunization offered to long-stay acute care patients

Over the coming weeks, AHS and Covenant Health will be working on expanding our COVID-19 immunization services to eligible, long-stay acute care patients across the province. This means patients who are eligible will be able to receive their COVID-19 immunization on site, while in hospital, if they wish.

Eligibility will be based on the Government of Alberta's phased immunization approach, the length of the patient's stay in acute care, and the patient's medical condition.

A long acute care stay can be defined as approximately 21 days in hospital or more, although ultimately it will be up to the patient's care team to determine if the patient is well enough to be immunized, and to determine how their immunization in hospital can be coordinated with second-dose requirements in the community, if needed.

The program will not include emergency patients, those attending outpatient clinics, and those admitted for short-stay procedures.

Immunization will first be made available to patients eligible in Phase 1 and 2A and 2B. The program will expand to other age groups as they become eligible in future phases.

We expect this program to be available at all acute care sites across the province within the next few weeks. Options may vary from site to site and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we roll out this new program.

Staff who have questions about the COVID-19 acute care immunization program are asked to please reach out to their supervisor, manager or leader at this time.

Booking your second-dose appointment

AHS continues to offer second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine within four months (16 weeks) after the first dose.

This will allow all adult Albertans to receive their first dose of the vaccine in by June. This aligns with the approach recommended by the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\)](#). Emerging evidence shows first doses of the vaccine are at least 80 per cent effective at preventing severe illness and longer spacing between doses does not reduce the protection or duration of immunity for multi-dose products.

This data includes studies in healthcare workers, long-term care residents, elderly populations and the general public. Real-world vaccine effectiveness is typically lower than what you would see in clinical trials, which report 92 per cent protection from symptomatic disease two weeks after a single dose.

Second doses are necessary to ensure you're protected for as long as possible. Anyone who received their first dose prior to March 10 will still receive their second dose within 42 days. All existing appointments for second doses will be honoured.

From March 10 onwards, first and second dose appointments will be booked separately. Individuals will receive a reminder from AHS at a later date, by text message, email or automated call, of when to book their second-dose appointment.

AstraZeneca-linked blood clot confirmed in Alberta

On Saturday, April 17 [Alberta Health](#) announced that there is now a confirmed case of vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT) in Alberta. A male in his 60s has received treatment for this rare blood clot disorder after receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine, and is recovering.

This is the first confirmed case in this province, and the second confirmed case in Canada. The risk of someone experiencing this extremely rare event is very low, and AstraZeneca remains a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine.

However, we acknowledge that this will cause concern to many Albertans, and we want to reassure you that we are taking this confirmed case seriously. AHS will continue to follow the guidance of both [Alberta Health](#), [Health Canada](#), and the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\)](#). We will continue to monitor the use of all COVID-19 vaccines closely, and examine and assess any safety concerns.

Health Canada's position is that the AstraZeneca vaccine meets strict safety standards, that the potential risk of these blood clot events is very rare, and that the benefits of the vaccine for those for which it is recommended far outweighs its potential risks. In addition, in the rare event that someone experiences one of these rare blood clot events, there are treatments available.

Because of this, AHS will continue to offer the AstraZeneca vaccine to those eligible Albertans aged 55+. As of April 15, Alberta has administered 93,671 doses of AstraZeneca or CovidSHIELD/AstraZeneca.

While every adverse reaction is unfortunate, it is important to remember that these blood clots are extremely rare. The global frequency of VITT has been estimated at approximately one case in 100,000 to 250,000 doses of vaccine.

In comparison, Albertans aged 55 and older are at least 1,500 times more likely to be hospitalized from COVID-19 than experiencing VITT after getting AstraZeneca. Also, Albertans aged 55+ who are

diagnosed with COVID-19 have a one in 200 chance of dying from the infection.

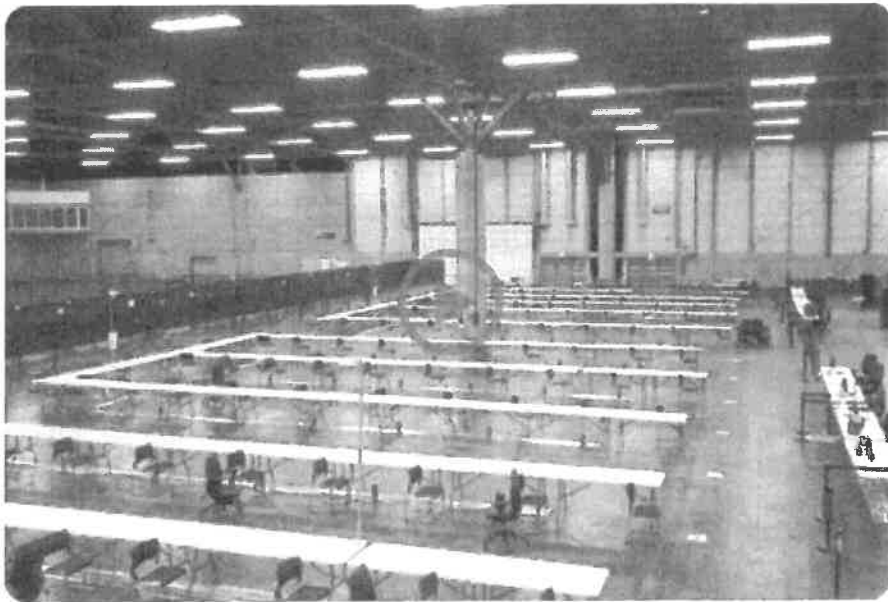
We urge healthcare workers to be alert for possible cases of blood clots occurring in people who have received the AstraZeneca vaccine.

We will continue to administer the AstraZeneca vaccine for appointments and walk-ins at AHS immunization sites and pharmacies. For details, visit ahs.ca/covid.

Things You Need to Know

A view of Edmonton's Expo Centre immunization site

Earlier this week, AHS activated large-scale, easily accessible COVID-19 immunization sites across the province — including one within Hall C of the Edmonton Expo Centre. Cameras were at Expo Centre before the immunization site opened and the [video](#) below gives you an idea of how much work has gone into creating a site that can be used to immunize a large number of Albertans every day.



Verna's Weekly Video Message - Impact of COVID-19 on AHS Finances

As we wrap up the 2020-21 fiscal year and continue to respond to COVID-19, we are reviewing how the ongoing pandemic has impacted AHS financially. We're working diligently to ensure we have financial sustainability now and into the future. It is critical we monitor the financial impacts created by COVID-19, and continue to work with both the provincial and federal governments on how to address these costs.

Joining me (Verna) to [provide a financial update](#), and talk about how our response to COVID-19 has impacted AHS financially, our financial stability and indicators, are:

- Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services & CFO.
- Anderson Chuck, Senior Program Officer, Financial Planning.
- Michael Lam, Chief Program Officer, Financial Operations.



Connect Care's Wave 1 wins 3M Health Care Quality Team Awards

We are thrilled to announce that Connect Care's Wave 1 Implementation is the 2021 recipient of the Canadian College of Health Leaders' 2021 3M Health Care Quality Team Awards.

AHS successfully launched Connect Care Wave 1 on November 3, 2019. This award recognizes the effort and dedication of the more than 22,000 frontline staff (end users), including 3,000 physicians who paved the way in Connect Care's first launch. We applaud all of you for your dedication and commitment to Albertans, as you worked through our first implementation's challenges and successes. AHS will be honoured with this award, and several others for various projects across the organization, on June 16 through an official presentation.

More information about the awards AHS has received is available, [here](#).

Moving from paper charting and hundreds of information systems to a common platform is daunting. Putting Connect Care in place across the province is a bold, monumental task that has never been done on this scale in Canada. We've all heard many times that teamwork makes the dream work — but that's never been truer than it is here at AHS — as we celebrate our extraordinary teams who made this possible and are continuing to ensure Albertans have the best care available to them with each wave we put in place.

CCLH Awards AMH Team for Decision Support Tool Implementation

Congratulations to our Addiction and Mental Health LOCUS implementation team in the Edmonton Zone for being named recipient of the 2021 Award of Excellence in Mental Health Quality Improvement by the Canadian College of Health Leaders earlier this week.

LOCUS — which stands for Level of Care Utilization System — is a decision support tool that organizes AMH services in a systemic way. The tool supports clinical judgment, provides a common language, and encourages standardization of decisions about appropriate services by providing information that is used to match services with a client's needs, while also ensuring client choice.

The Award of Excellence in Mental Health and Quality Improvement honours a hospital, health authority, community-based mental health and addictions program/service, or a leader in the field that demonstrates evidence-informed and sustained quality improvements in the area of mental health and addictions. This award is part of the CCHL National Awards Program.

Read Between the Lines workshops

Central Zone residents are invited to attend *Nutrition Labels: Reading Between the Lines* workshops on April 30 and June 16. Workshops offer information on how to read nutrition labels and make healthier

choices at the grocery store. Participants can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Mobile mammography service to visit Ponoka next month

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 Ponoka. A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at Ponoka Community Health Centre, 5900 Highway 2A (south side of health centre) May 1, 3, 4-8, 10-12. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling toll-free 1-800-667-0604.

Walk-in addiction services now available in Hanna

Alberta Health Services is providing once-a-week walk-in addiction support for adults and youth, in addition to existing weekday services available through appointment, in Hanna. Individuals can access walk-in addiction services Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. upstairs at the Provincial Building, 401 Centre St. The walk-in service will provide addiction counselling, as well as referrals to other community resources. The new service can assist as many as six individuals each week. Adults experiencing mental health difficulties can also walk in for screening and referral support.

Addiction and mental health services will continue to be offered by appointment for adults and youth Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the AHS Addiction & Mental Health clinic in the Hanna Health Centre.

Residents can call 403-854-5276 to book an appointment. Supports are available 24/7 across Alberta through the Addiction Helpline at 1-866-332-2322 and the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642. There are also several resources available at www.ahs.ca/helpintoughtimes. Crisis services are available through the local emergency department or by calling 911.

Higher level of seniors care coming to Drayton Valley, Ponoka

As of May 1, a total of 36 SL3 beds will be converted to SL4, at Seasons Retirement Communities. SL4 care is for individuals with more complex medical needs, including chronic disease management and assistance with daily activities, such as meal assistance (including tube feeds), mechanical lift or two-person transfers, medication assistance or administration.

This level of care was previously unavailable in Drayton Valley and Ponoka. The decision to offer this higher level of care was made following a thorough review, and consideration of current and future needs of both communities. All current services and care will continue uninterrupted, and these changes will not impact any current residents.

Chronic disease workshops

Registration is now open for free, weekly chronic disease management workshops for residents in South Zone. The program, which begins April 21, is designed to help participants manage their chronic condition through workshops that run once a week for six weeks. New sections have been added to the program including pain management, healthy eating, reading labels and communicating with ourselves (self-talk). The Alberta Healthy Living Program (AHLP) is offering this and other health education workshops via Zoom, an online video communication app. Participants can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register and receive a Zoom link.

Better Choices Better Health workshops

Better Choices Better Health workshops starting April 26. The six-week program is designed to support Albertans living with ongoing health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, high blood pressure, obesity and more. Sessions are led by AHS health professionals or trained volunteers, many of whom live with a chronic disease. This approach ensures an understanding of the challenges participants face and provides a supportive and welcoming environment. Participants can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register and receive a Zoom link.

Managing Emotional Eating workshops

Managing Emotional Eating workshops are not available, beginning April 22. Residents will learn how habits are formed, and how triggers such as emotions, situations and events can be managed to help

develop better eating habits that will last a lifetime. Participants can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register and receive a Zoom link.

Join the Conversation

COVID-19 Fact or Fiction: Myth-Busting Tool

Have you heard a comment about COVID-19 that you want to fact check? AHS has launched a new myth-busting tool on [Together4Health](#) to dispel myths you may be hearing about COVID-19.



Post your comment under the COVID-19 Fact or Fiction tab and an AHS expert will provide accurate and up-to-date information to validate or debunk your post as fact or fiction!



Socialize your immunization

Celebrate your immunization and encourage others to sign up for theirs when eligible. The Government of Alberta has new social frames available that can be added to your Facebook profile pic.

1. Go to facebook.com/profilepicframes
2. Click on your profile picture on the bottom left and select your page
3. Search "AlbertaVaccinates"
4. Choose the frame you wish to use
5. Click 'Use as Profile Picture'
6. Show others that you 'got the shot.'

True North Health Advisory Council: Wellspring Presentation

AHS and the True North Health Advisory Council (TNHAC) invite residents of North Zone to join them online as we welcome presenters from Wellspring to discuss cancer support services, and how you can connect with them in your community. **Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Wellspring offers free programs and services that meet the emotional, social, spiritual, and restorative needs of people living with cancer and the people who care for them. Through a partnership with the Alberta Cancer Foundation, Wellspring Edmonton is focused on expanding its programs and services to better support individuals living with cancer in Northern Alberta.



To register, please visit: [Eventbrite](#). For more information, or if you have difficulties registering, please call 1-877-275-8830 or email community.engagement@ahs.ca.

COVID-19 Update for Businesses

Join North Zone Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kathryn Koliaska and Shane Hussey, North Zone Director for Environment Public Health for an update on COVID-19, related to implementing public health measures for businesses **April 29, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** Please [register here](#). This session is in partnership with Grande Prairie & District and Vegreville & District Chambers of Commerce.



Meet our Advisory Council Members - Lori Bayne

Lori Bayne enjoys life in the Rocky Mountains and when she's not exploring nature's playground she seeks meaningful ways to give back to her community. Lucky for us, she discovered Health Advisory Councils and has been an invaluable member for the last two years! Learn what motivates Lori and how she implements personal accountability to the act of paying it forward.

To meet Lori and other Advisory Council members, visit the Meet our Members webpage at ahs.ca/advisorycouncils.

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

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

Northern Lights Health Foundation's Spring Fling 2021 a virtual triumph

At [Spring Fling 2021](#), presented by Syncrude, the Northern Lights Health Foundation hit the *Fast Forward* button and raised \$145,000 (net) for local healthcare initiatives. The program kicked off with the first ever hologram in Wood Buffalo, and ended with shouts of joy from Team Pursuit Challenge participants. In between, the event showcased innovations in healthcare, events and philanthropic giving.

Dave Tuccaro, owner and CEO of The Tuccaro Group, brought a personal and deeply meaningful message right into living rooms across the region and as far away as Toronto. From the virtual platform lobby and lounge, by way of an app and a QR code, Dave appeared as a hologram in every attendee's home.

The event also included the ATB Flashback with photos of previous Health Foundation events, a mixology video in which guests learned to create their own Spring Fling signature cocktail, the opportunity to make a charitable donation and the \$20,000 50/50 Spring Fling Draw.



The highlight of the night was the *Fast Forward* presentation on the Suncor Main Stage. The videos presented told the stories of how donations and event sponsorship funds have been used and how much they have helped. Watch the Spring Fling video [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:

Thank you to all the AHS workers, especially those enforcing public health orders. I personally am very, very grateful for your courage, sacrifice and determination to protect all of us, in the face of resistance and even abuse. You are fighting the good fight, saving lives not only from COVID-19, but by ensuring our community has access to health resources when required for everything from chronic illness to auto (collisions). Your work is heroic and I appreciate you.

— Anonymous

To the staff at Carnat Centre Services [a Calgary day program that cares for people with schizophrenia or other psychotic illnesses] - Your love, respect and caring for clients is always awesome. During the pandemic when everything has changed, clients are struggling more than ever yet you continue to go

above and beyond to meet clients where they're at. Your grassroots care addressing everything from housing, medication, social needs and isolation, financial stressors, relationships, and anything else you can think of (whether it's in your job description or not) gets done because you care enough to do it. Bless you all and your incredible spirit and attitude of care and respect.

— Angela

To all of the staff who work countless hours to keep us safe and healthy, thank you for all you do and all that you continue to do. You are all such superheroes and make our world a wonderful place. Thank you for helping us all get through this.

— Kelcie Ell

Thank you to all the front-line workers and nurses working in the hospital. Through these tough times, you have continued to work so hard every day. We all truly appreciate everything you do.

— Anonymous

Wrapping Up - More Healthcare Workers Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine

We'd like to wrap up this week's message with a big thank you for the ongoing efforts of health care workers across the province, and the sacrifices they and their families have made to care for Albertans during this ongoing global health emergency. We know this has surely been the most difficult and challenging time of their healthcare careers, and still much work lies ahead of us all.

However, unlike last spring when there was no end to the pandemic in sight, we're now on a path to put this pandemic behind us thanks to the continued rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines. More healthcare workers are now eligible for COVID-19 immunization with the launch of the [Government Phase 2C group](#) earlier this week.

We strongly encourage all eligible Albertans to book an appointment as soon as you can get vaccinated, and please urge your family members, friends, colleagues, neighbours to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible.

The faster we can get Albertans immunized, the faster our lives can return to a semblance of normalcy. And won't that be nice?

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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Welcome to Together4Health Headlines, a weekly newsletter designed to keep you informed 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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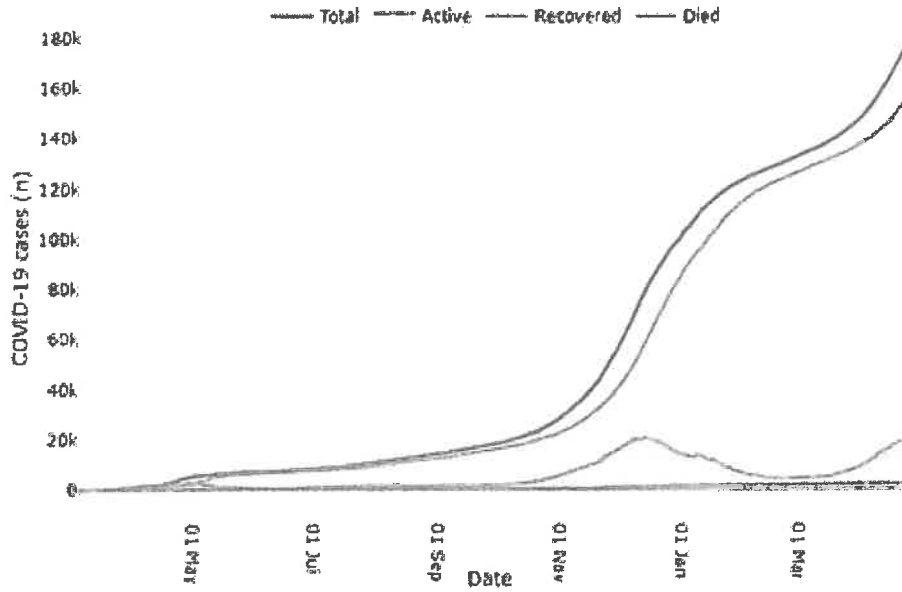
Cases in Alberta

This past week the number of new and active COVID-19 cases continued to increase in all five zones, and our province wide ICU numbers rose by almost a third. Meanwhile, the province's immunization rollout expanded to make more Albertans eligible to receive a vaccine, helping us set a new single-day record for immunizations (see COVID-19 Immunization Update for details).

As of April 21, there were 19,182 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, 2,959 more than the previous week, an 18.2 per cent increase. As you can see in the table below, all AHS zones reported increases in their active case counts this week, with the Calgary Zone reporting the most active cases in the province for the 15th consecutive week.

	Active Cases (as of April 21)	Active Cases (as of April 14)	Per cent Change
Calgary	8,380	7,329	+14.3%
Edmonton	5,102	4,201	+21.4%
North	2,708	2,174	+24.6%
South	970	930	+4.3%
Central	1,994	1,515	+31.6%
Unknown	28	74	-62.2%

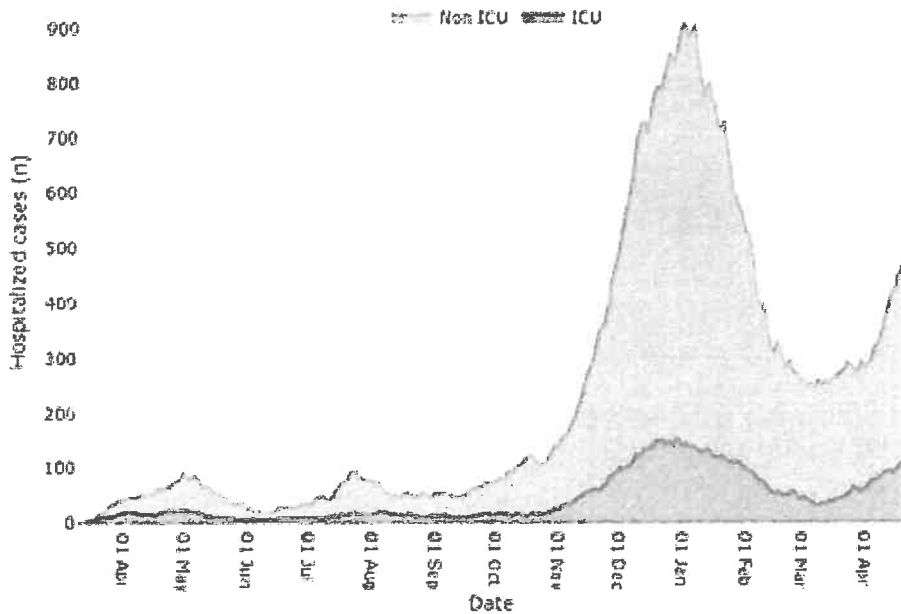
There was a daily average of 1,577 new cases in the province for the seven-day period ending April 21, compared to 1,324 the previous week, a 19 per cent increase. All AHS zones reported week-to-week increases in average new cases, with Calgary Zone reporting the largest number of new cases with 4,789, compared to 4,058 the previous week, an 18 per cent increase.



Once again this week, roughly seven out of every 10 new cases involved Albertans between the ages of 10 and 49.

Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

The number of Albertans being treated in our hospitals and ICUs continues to spike, with a 23.9 percent increase in total hospitalizations.



There were 116 individuals in intensive care units (ICUs) on April 21 compared to 88 on April 14, a 31.8 per cent increase. A total of 402 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds on April 21 compared to 330 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on April 14, a 21.8 per cent increase.

The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of April 21 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
Calgary	166	39
Edmonton	147	29
Central	37	5
South	33	7
North	33	6

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of April 21, a total of 177,087 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 7,339 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.1 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 155,851 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of April 21, 2,054 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 20 between April 15 and April 21. 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 April 15 to April 21, 110,277 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 15,754 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 9.30 per cent to 10.95 per cent. As of Apr. 21, more than four million tests have been conducted and nearly two million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The province wide R value from April 12 to April 18 was 1.09, whereas the R value the previous week was 1.12.

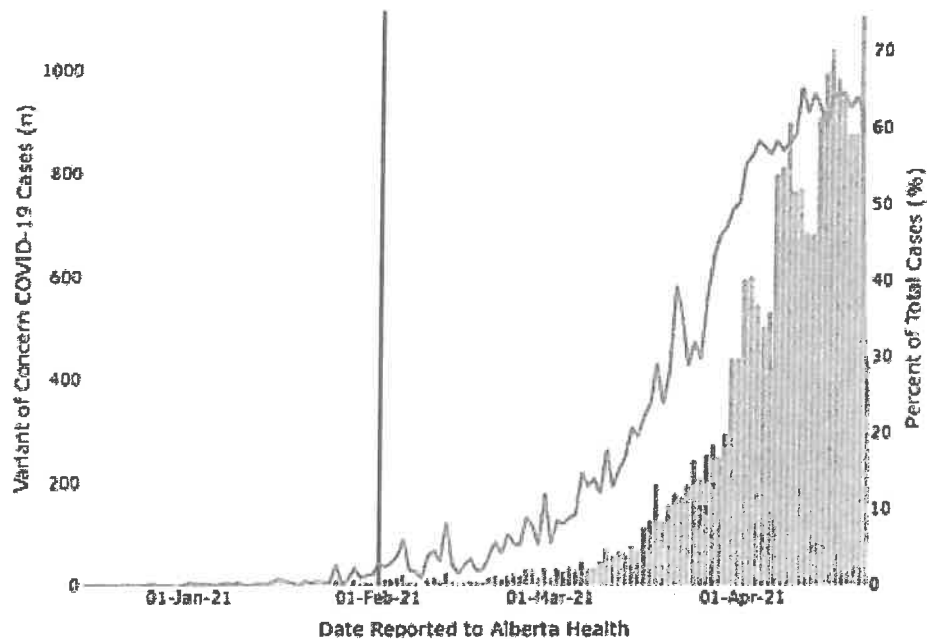
Updates on variants of concerns

The full breakdown of the total number of reported variants of concern (VOC) by zone reported by Alberta Health on April 21 versus April 14 is presented below:

Variant	Total reported April 21	Total reported April 14	Per cent Change
B.1.1.7 (U.K.)	20,654	13,770	+50.0%
B.1.351 (South Africa)	59	29	+103.4%
P.1 (Brazil)	584	153	+281.7%
Total	21,261	13,952	+52.4%

Of the 21,261 VOC cases, 11,418 are active (59.5 per cent of total active cases), 9,782 people have recovered and 61 people have died (representing three per cent of total deaths).

The figure below shows new VOC cases by bar (grey bars) and the percentage of VOC cases identified compared to other cases of COVID-19 (blue line). Between April 13 and April 19, the percentage of VOC cases ranged from 60.2 per cent to 64.7 per cent.



First case of the B.1.617 variant confirmed in Alberta

Alberta Health announced yesterday its first case of the B.1.617 variant, which was first identified in Denmark. This variant was in a returning interprovincial traveller and no additional cases of this variant have been detected to date. This strain has been found in California and is common in India but it's not yet known whether it is a driver in the explosion of cases seen in that county.

As with all new variants, research is underway to understand what may be different in how the B.1.617 variant spreads, if it creates more serious illness and if it can break through immunity. So far, we are calling this a variant of interest as we work with colleagues across the country to monitor the latest findings and evidence from around the world.

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace. As we noted last week, Covenant Health data will no longer be included moving forward as they will begin to report their testing information within their own organization.

As of April 21:

- 74,917 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,862 (or 6.5 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 2,693 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 491 (or 18.2 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,036 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,218 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 219 (or 4.2 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 135 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 18 (or 13.3 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 84 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

New Guide Created to Classify, Report Healthcare Worker COVID-19 Cases

A decision guide - Including Healthcare Worker COVID-19 Cases in Acute Care Outbreak Case Counts -

has been developed to help teams classify and report healthcare worker cases attributed to AHS acute care outbreaks in a consistent way.

When a healthcare worker tests positive, Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) and Public Health (PH) work together to determine whether exposure occurred in the workplace or community. As of April 22, healthcare worker COVID-19 cases under investigation, or where the source of infection is inconclusive or indeterminate, will be counted as part of an acute care outbreak case count. If the investigation determines the case is not linked to the outbreak, the case will be removed from the count.

Classifying cases this way will help ensure consistency in reporting to Alberta Health, which requires healthcare worker cases associated with outbreaks to be reported in the same manner as other workplace outbreaks for consistency and transparency. This aligns us with Alberta Health's reporting requirements.

COVID-19 Immunizations

Another immunization milestone: 23,000+ doses in a single day

On April 22, 23,762 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered at more than 120 AHS immunization sites across Alberta - another all-time high for the number of doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered by AHS in a single day.

Thank you to all the teams for your hard work and preparation for making this possible. From our front-line immunizers to the Public Health, Logistics, IT and Communications teams – we appreciate and value all the work you have done and continue to do.

We will continue to work towards our goal to complete first doses for all Albertans who wish to have the vaccine by June, as vaccine supply allows. Every day we get closer to making this happen. Let's keep the momentum going!

By the Numbers

As of 10 a.m. April 23 more than 1,304,700 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered. More than 786,000 Albertans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and more than 258,000 have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2.

AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine eligibility expands to those born in 1981 or earlier

On April 19, AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine eligibility expanded to those born in 1981 or earlier. The decision to reduce the age of eligibility for AstraZeneca/Covishield from 55 to 40 was based on public health recommendations looking at the benefit the vaccine offers specific age groups at the current rate of community transmission, weighed against the small risk of adverse events from this vaccine.

Between Tuesday and Friday of last week, more than 52,353 eligible Albertans went online or called Health Link to book an appointment to receive their AstraZeneca vaccine at an AHS immunization site sometime in the next two weeks. This includes 29,389 people in the Calgary Zone, and 14,824 in the Edmonton Zone. This is more than five times the uptake than over the entirety of last week, when eligibility was limited to Albertans aged 55 and over.

AstraZeneca/Covishield has been shown to reduce infection by 60 per cent to 70 per cent, and severe outcomes such as hospitalization by 80 per cent. For more information about this vaccine and how to book an appointment, visit the [AHS website](#).

Timing for second-dose appointments

Once first doses are finished being offered to Albertans 16 and over, second doses will be offered as soon as supply allows. It is anticipated this will begin in June, based on current supply estimates. If you have received your first dose, please do not call to book a second-dose appointment yet. If you currently have a second-dose appointment booked, Health Link might call to inform you that your second-dose appointment is cancelled and you will have to reschedule at a later date, closer to the 16-week window.

More information about the process, timing and eligibility for different vaccine products for second doses will be communicated once we know more about available supply and the most up-to-date evidence/expert advice on the topic. Please continue to check the [Alberta Health](#) or [Alberta Health Services](#) website for updates and more information.

Early second-dose spacing for cancer and transplant patients

As announced April 22, the province has reduced the period of time between first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine for certain immunocompromised individuals - from 16 weeks to a minimum of four weeks. The interval between doses is being shortened for Albertans undergoing specific kinds of cancer treatments or who are on medications that result in a level of profound immune compromise.

Those included in this updated guideline include transplant recipients, individuals currently undergoing (or about to start) active cancer treatment with chemotherapy, targeted therapies or immunotherapy, excluding individuals receiving solely hormonal therapy, radiation therapy or surgical treatment. These guidelines also apply to transplant recipients and patients on specific medications. For example, patients on strong immunosuppressant medications (e.g. rituximab) should be immunized at a time when they are most likely to mount an immune response.

It's recommended those who are immune compromised receive mRNA vaccines, with second doses being offered about four weeks later.

For those who have received AstraZeneca/Covishield as a first dose, second doses are recommended at 12 weeks. Clinical trials have shown that the longer spacing increases the efficacy of this vaccine; therefore, this spacing is recommended for those who are immunocompromised to ensure they have the greatest level of protection.

Anyone who meets this criteria can book a second dose by calling Health Link at 811. Second-dose bookings cannot be made through pharmacies, or through the AHS online immunization booking tool at this time. Alberta is operating on the honour system for this population. A doctor's note or other proof of eligible criteria is not required.

Clients might require specific spacing to ensure their vaccine is most effective and doesn't interfere with their treatment. We encourage everyone in this cohort to speak with their healthcare provider to help them understand if their condition is included, or to answer any questions or concerns regarding this updated guideline.

One rare case of an AstraZeneca-linked blood clot confirmed in Alberta

On April 17, a rare blood-clotting condition known as vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT) was confirmed in one individual Alberta several weeks after receiving AstraZeneca vaccine. While every adverse reaction is unfortunate, it is important to remember these blood clots are extremely rare. This does not change the risk assessment previously communicated to Albertans.

The global frequency of VITT has been estimated at approximately one case in 100,000 to 250,000 doses of vaccine. To learn more about this rare side effect, you can visit [Health Canada's website](#).

The AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine remains a good choice for people who are at risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19, who would otherwise have to wait several months to access another vaccine. We continue to recommend that everyone book their appointment to get immunized as soon as they are able.

If you experience any of the following symptoms within four to 20 days after immunization, please seek medical attention immediately. Symptoms include:

- a severe headache that does not go away
- seizure
- difficulty moving a part of the body
- new blurry vision that does not go away
- difficulty speaking
- shortness of breath
- chest pain
- severe abdominal pain
- new severe swelling
- pain or colour change of an arm or a leg

Phase 2C rollout to shelters, correctional facilities

As part of the ongoing Phase 2C rollout, province wide immunizations started April 19 for Alberta's vulnerable shelter staff and clients, as well as staff and those residing in correctional facilities.

AHS is now working with shelters across the province to administer the vaccine to clients, as well as offering immunization to all individuals 16 years of age and older in provincial correctional, remand and young offender centres. Immunization rollout is being facilitated through onsite clinics using Occupational Health and Safety nurses, local primary care networks, AHS professionals and physicians.

Eligible staff at shelters and correctional facilities are also eligible to book an appointment through the [AHS online immunization booking tool](#), or by calling Health Link at 811, or through [participating pharmacies](#).

Low-stimulus COVID-19 immunization clinic launched

A low-stimulus AHS COVID-19 immunization clinic has been receiving positive feedback from clients since launching in Calgary on April 14. The low-stimulus clinic is available for people with behavioral or special needs who require a quieter, less stimulating environment.

To help limit sensory input, appointment times are booked longer than usual, which enables staff to spend more time with each client. The clinic is located near the front door, so clients do not have to walk through a building when they arrive. Appointments are offered in quiet, private rooms.

Appointments at this clinic can be made by calling Health Link at 811. Registered nurses can perform an assessment and make a referral. Community partners, such as Autism Calgary, and other immunization clinics that have not been successful in immunizing this clientele can also send referrals to the clinic.

We would like to thank all who are able to help make this clinic happen, helping to ensure all eligible Albertans are able to be immunized.

Choosing your vaccine

Getting immunized is the best way to protect your health and the health of those around you. With three vaccines being offered at various sites around the province, some people have asked if they can choose their vaccine. It is important to know that all three vaccines are safe and effective at preventing severe illness.

Albertans who are eligible only for AstraZeneca/Covishield can choose to take this vaccine now or wait for an mRNA vaccine. This wait is estimated to be approximately three to four weeks for those 50 to 64, and four to six weeks for those 40 to 49.

Waiting for a specific vaccine product leaves you without the protection of a first dose, possibly for several weeks. All vaccines approved for use in Canada are effective at reducing the risk of COVID-19 infection and even more so the risks of serious outcomes that come with it.

Those who are eligible are encouraged to take the first vaccine they are able to get.

Things You Need to Know

Paid Leave for COVID-19 Immunization Appointments Introduced

On April 21, the Government of Alberta introduced [job-protected paid leave](#) to allow Albertans to access their COVID-19 vaccine. This new legislation means all Albertan employees - whether full-time, part-time or casual - can access up to three consecutive hours of paid leave from work to get each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This leave applies only to appointments that occur during a shift and not those that occur off work time.

One Million COVID-19 Tests at Calgary's South Health Campus

Congratulations to Dr. Luiz Lisboa, Dr. Deirdre Church, Dr. Thomas Griener, William Martin, and the rest of the South Health Campus team for completing one million COVID-19 tests in less than a year. South Health Campus is now considered the backbone of COVID-19 testing for the assessment centres in the Calgary region.

• **Verna's Weekly Video Message - Celebrating National Volunteer Week**

As we reflect on National Volunteer Week (April 18-24), AHS is proud to celebrate all the volunteers who support healthcare in Alberta, including our site and program volunteers; foundation, auxiliary and "Friends of" volunteers; advisory councils; patient and family advisors; and many more.

More than ever, we are grateful to have so many dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their time and talents with our patients and staff. Thank you for the amazing work you do across the province.

Joining our guest host, Dr. Kathryn Todd, to talk about their experiences as AHS volunteers are:

- Duncan Thomas, volunteer, Renal Dialysis Program, Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre.
- Cheryl Pigula, wayfinder volunteer, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital.
- Jan Ellis, volunteer, No One Dies Alone Program, Calgary Zone.

In this vlog, Duncan, Cheryl and Jan talk about the importance of volunteering, their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic and how their roles have changed. Visit Sharing the Love and ThanksforCaring.ca to share your appreciation for all of the amazing volunteers who support our organization.



Eat, Drink and Be Safe

Earlier this month the Government of Alberta implemented stronger public health measures, which include the restriction of indoor dining. While AHS acute care facilities and healthcare facilities are exempt from this measure, the exemption is meant to accommodate the exceptional circumstance of ill patients, their approved visitors, AHS staff and volunteers. The general public is not permitted to dine indoors in our facilities.

Best practices for eating and drinking at work can be found here and here.

AHS Recognizes Earth Day

In recognition of Earth Day, April 22, AHS' Office of Sustainability reminds AHS staff – and all Albertans – that it's never too late to do your part to help the environment at home or at work. The Office of Sustainability is sharing a checklist of what everyone can do to reduce their carbon footprint.

The Office of Sustainability will continue some of the great work many passionate AHS staff are already championing at sites across the province, including recycling, waste management projects, procurement practices (including locally sourced foods), and water and energy reduction projects, such as the installation of LED lighting.

New Family-Focused NICU Opens at Stollery

The team at the David Schiff neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at the Stollery Children's Hospital marked a new beginning Wednesday. The new NICU features 18 beds in single or double patient rooms, providing a quiet setting for infants. The quiet rooms allow for better sleep, which promotes better healing, better brain health and better long-term outcomes. The individual rooms also promote infection prevention and control. The biggest advantage, though, is more privacy and space for patients and family members who stay overnight, sometimes for weeks at a time, as their newborns recover from surgery.

Families were involved in every step of the planning and design of the new unit, helping to build an intensive care space that will improve the healthcare journey for patients and families. Check out the [video](#) below to see the new space and what it means for families.



April 28 is National Day of Mourning

On April 28, AHS will recognize [National Day of Mourning](#) - a day to remember our colleagues who have been injured, disabled or lost their lives as a result of work-related incidents. Flags at AHS facilities will fly at half-mast in their honour that day. During these challenging times, safety - one of our core values - continues to be a top priority for us all. This day reminds us to speak up, take action and work together to prevent injury, illness and death in the workplace.

We have many resources in place to help our staff continue to make safe, informed decisions, including [specific resources](#) regarding COVID -19. If you have been personally impacted by a workplace fatality or serious injury or illness, or are experiencing stress, anxiety or depression or grief and loss during these challenging times, we encourage you to seek support. Visit [Help in Tough Times](#) for a full list of resources available to all Albertans.

Join the Conversation

COVID-19 Fact or Fiction: Myth-Busting Tool

Have you heard a comment about COVID-19 that you want to fact check? AHS has launched a new myth-busting tool on [Together4Health](#) to dispel myths you may be hearing about COVID-19.

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Post your comment under the [COVID-19 Fact or Fiction](#) tab and an AHS expert will provide accurate and up-to-date information to validate or debunk your post as fact or fiction!

Virtual lecture series *Speaking of Health* returns April 27th for a discussion around the pandemic

On Tuesday, April 27, starting at 7 p.m., infectious diseases specialist Dr. Mark Joffe will be presenting a keynote entitled *The COVID-19 Pandemic: Past, Present & Future*. Dr. Joffe will provide perspective on previous pandemics and societal responses, what the rollout and efficacy of today's vaccines looks like, and what we might expect from a 'post-pandemic' world.

Open to everyone (but with limited capacity) and hosted on Zoom, this talk is supported by The Robbins Foundation Canada, with a suggested minimum donation of \$10 or more to the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation to aid in the ongoing fight against COVID-19. Read more and register [here](#).



The graphic is a promotional poster for a virtual presentation. At the top left is the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation logo. The main title is 'THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PAST PRESENT & FUTURE' in large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, it says 'VIRTUAL PRESENTATION'. The date and time are 'TUESDAY, APRIL 27 STARTING AT 7PM'. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTER NOW! SPEAKINGOFHEALTH.CA'. On the right side, there is a smaller box with the text 'Speaking of Health' and 'SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 OR MORE'. Below that is a small portrait of Dr. Mark Joffe with his name 'DR. MARK JOFFE' underneath.

COVID-19 Update for North Zone Businesses

Join North Zone Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kathryn Koliaska and Shane Hussey, North Zone Director for Environment Public Health for an update on COVID-19, related to implementing public health measures for businesses **April 29, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** Please [register here](#). This session is in partnership with Grande Prairie & District and Vegreville & District Chambers of Commerce.

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

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

Taber & District Health Foundation announces matching gift opportunity

The Taber & District Health Foundation has partnered with Good Samaritan Society, Taber Linden View to bring the ReJoyce/ReTouch Rehabilitation Workstation equipment to their site.

This equipment will enhance physical therapy and recreation programming at Linden View, and offer additional activities that the residents can do independently. This equipment will have a positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of the residents.



Thanks to a generous donor, all donations up to a maximum of \$16,000 will be matched from April 14-May 14.

Drum Circle Used to Aid Recovery from COVID-19

Indigenous medicines and ceremony are playing an important role in the recovery of a Nordegg-area man at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre. Elmer Rattlesnake, 61, has been dealing with the effects of COVID-19 since February. For most of that time, he's been on a ventilator in the intensive care unit, with his wife and son at his side.

On two occasions, Elmer's friends and family have gathered for a drum circle outside his hospital room window to honour the well-known teacher and powwow master of ceremonies. For the first, he was unresponsive; for the second, he was awake and tapping his foot to the music. Today, Elmer is talking, drinking water and taking tentative steps.

"The power of the drum, the singing and the prayers all work together," says his son, Dylan Rattlesnake.

The Rattlesnakes are one of many Indigenous families that hospital staff have learned from this year. Smudges are often performed bedside, and healing teas are incorporated into care plans.



Elmer Rattlesnake enjoyed the sounds of a drum circle outside of his hospital room in Red Deer.

Sharing the Love with our Volunteers

This National Volunteer Week, we thank the hundreds of Albertans who volunteer their time, talent and resources in support of our philanthropic partners. Alberta Health Services is fortunate to work alongside over 50 auxiliaries and 69 health foundations who raise over \$275 million annually in support of healthcare in Alberta. A significant portion of this funding is only possible because of the committed volunteers who serve on boards, take part in campaigns, help with events and contribute in countless other ways. Their support has touched all areas of healthcare in our communities and across the province. Most recently, their contributions have made a significant impact on our COVID-19 response by funding mental health programs, laboratory equipment, research and much more. Despite facing many challenges over the past year, our philanthropic partners and their donors continue to show immense generosity toward our healthcare system. We greatly admire their ongoing commitment toward improving healthcare for Albertans, and appreciate all they have done and continue to do for Alberta Health Services.

AHS Executive Leadership Team

This National Volunteer Week, Alberta Health Services expresses its heartfelt gratitude to our philanthropic partners. In particular, we would like to thank the many foundations, auxiliaries and fundraising groups who support our rural sites throughout Alberta. These organizations and their volunteers are invaluable members of our healthcare team, and play an important role in the care we provide to patients. Their support has funded new medical equipment, department renovations, revitalized outdoor spaces, comfort items and much more. Their contributions have touched all areas of healthcare, and have had a meaningful impact our patients and their families. We are proud to work alongside these committed volunteers, and are grateful for all they do to support healthcare in their communities and across the province.

AHS Board Chair David Weyant

Wrapping Up

It was another week of concern over rising COVID-19 numbers but also excitement as more and more Albertans are getting immunized. We'd like to close this week's message with a big thank you to everyone involved in booking and immunizing Albertans, including the large, newly eligible group: those born in 1981 or earlier. Our spirits are boosted every time we see photos on social media of smiling Albertans showing off Band-Aids on their arms.

The vaccine rollout is now well underway and watching the number of immunized Albertans rise gives us hope we can put this pandemic behind us in the months ahead. Of course, we have much work to do and many severely ill people in our hospitals and ICUs.

So, we'd also like to thank our front-line healthcare workers who are caring for patients during this third wave, everyone who supports the front lines, as well as all of you who are doing your part to follow public health measures and encouraging others to do the same. Let's continue to hold onto hope, because there is reason for hope, and let's do everything we can to keep ourselves and others safe.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
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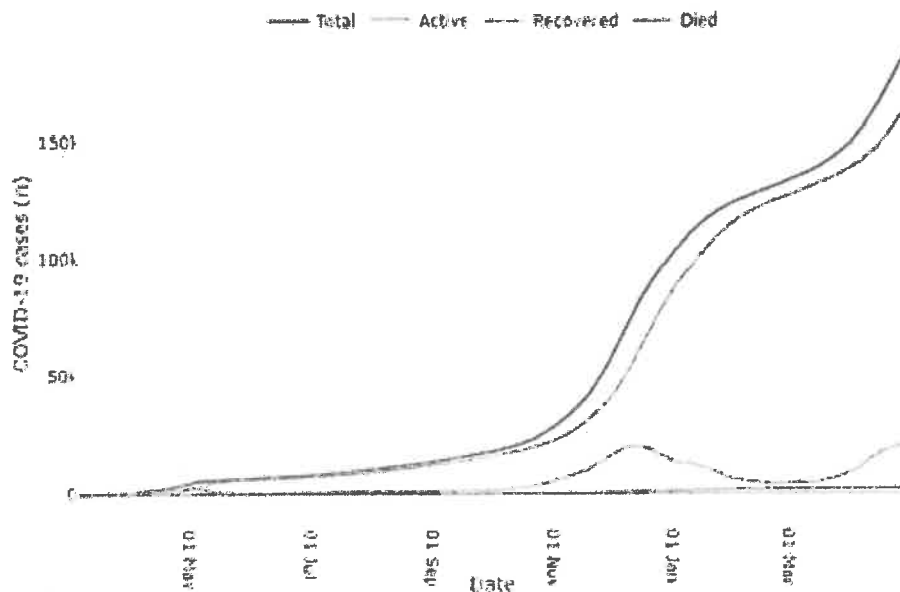
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COVID-19 Status

Cases in Alberta

This past week Alberta surpassed 20,000 active cases of COVID-19, with ICU numbers not seen since last December, while the provincial government brought in targeted restrictions April 29 to slow the spread of the virus.

There were 21,385 active cases of COVID-19 in Alberta on April 28, an 11.5 per cent increase over the previous week, representing 2,203 additional active cases. The new active case count eclipses the previous record of 20,976, set on Dec. 13.



The Calgary Zone continues to report the most active cases for the 16th week in a row, and all five zones reported increases in active cases, as you can see in the table below:

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South	1,064	970	+9.7
Central	2,395	1,994	+20.1%
Unknown	54	28	+92.9%

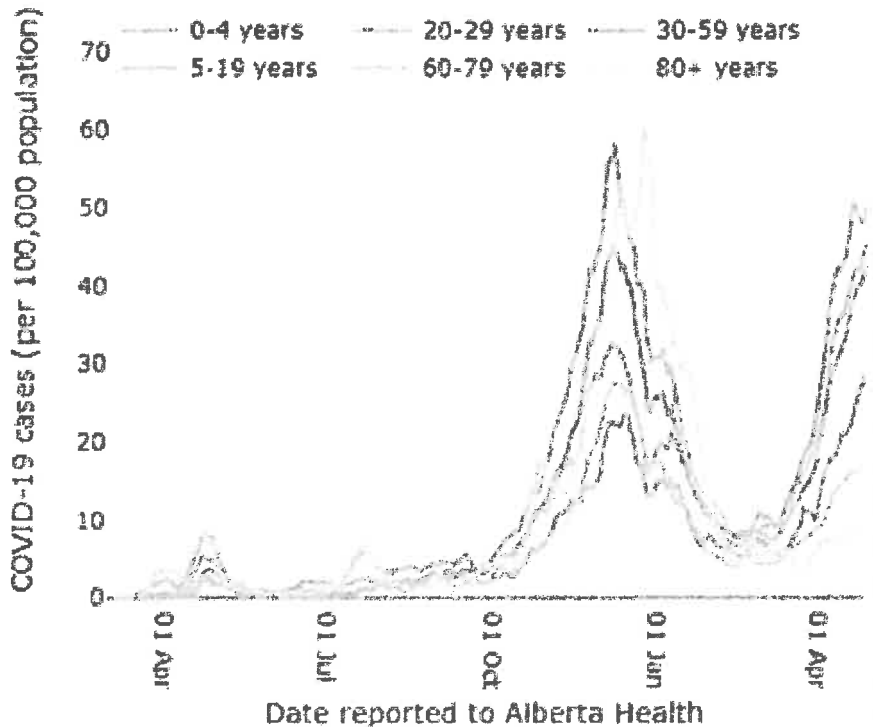
There was an average of 1,680 new cases per day for the seven-day period ending on April 28, compared to 1,569 cases the previous week (April 15-21), a seven per cent increase. The Calgary Zone had the highest total number of new cases this week with 4,702 (an average of 672 cases per day) but the Edmonton Zone had the highest per cent increase in new cases this week compared to last, with 3,269 new cases (an average of 467 per day) this week versus 2,932 new cases (an average of 419 per day) the previous week, an 11.5 per cent increase.

Cases by age group

We are also seeing a shift in the number of cases reported in younger versus older age categories.

For example, during the second wave late last year, the seven-day rolling average of COVID-19 cases among those 80+ years peaked at 60.14 per 100,000 on Dec. 15, whereas during this third wave, the seven-day rolling average for this age group peaked at 8.86 per 100,000 on April 19.

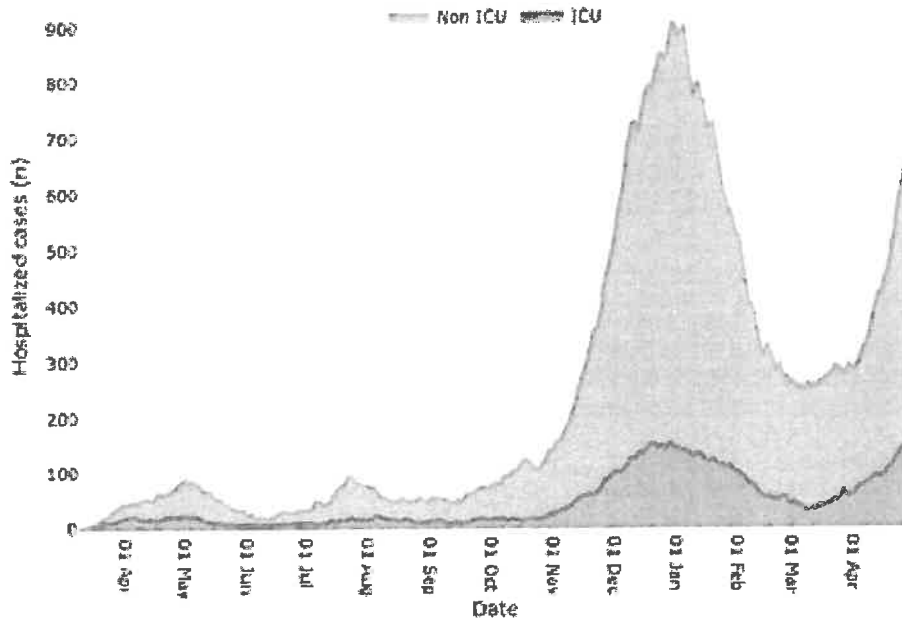
Among school-aged children (5-19 years), the seven-day rolling average of COVID-19 cases peaked at 33.14 per 100,000 on Dec. 4, whereas the most recent highest seven-day rolling average for school-aged children was 44.86 per 100,000 on April 24. A visual representation of these trends in cases in Alberta by age group is provided in the figure below.



Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

On April 28, there were 151 individuals being treated in intensive care units (ICUs) for COVID-19. This represents a 29.1 per cent increase in ICU admissions from the previous week when 117 individuals were in ICU on April 21. A total of 481 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds on April 28 compared to 413

individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on April 21, a 16.5 per cent increase. For comparison, there were 731 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Dec. 28.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of April 28 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
Calgary	254	62
Edmonton	224	56
North	69	17
Central	55	7
South	30	9

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of April 28, a total of 188,727 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 7,803 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.1 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 165,267 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of April 28, 2,075 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 21 deaths from April 22-28. 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 April 22 to April 28, 120,464 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 17,209 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 8.56 per cent to 11.36 per cent. As of April 28, a total of 4.1 million tests have been conducted and two million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The provincewide R value from April 19 to April 25 was 1.04, whereas R value the previous week was 1.09. R values vary by zone and, this week, the Calgary Zone reported an R value of 0.98 while the Edmonton Zone reported an R of 1.10.
- For the winter school term, as of April 28, AHS has confirmed 6,307 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. Nearly half of schools in the province (1,193 of 2,415) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

Updates on variants of concerns

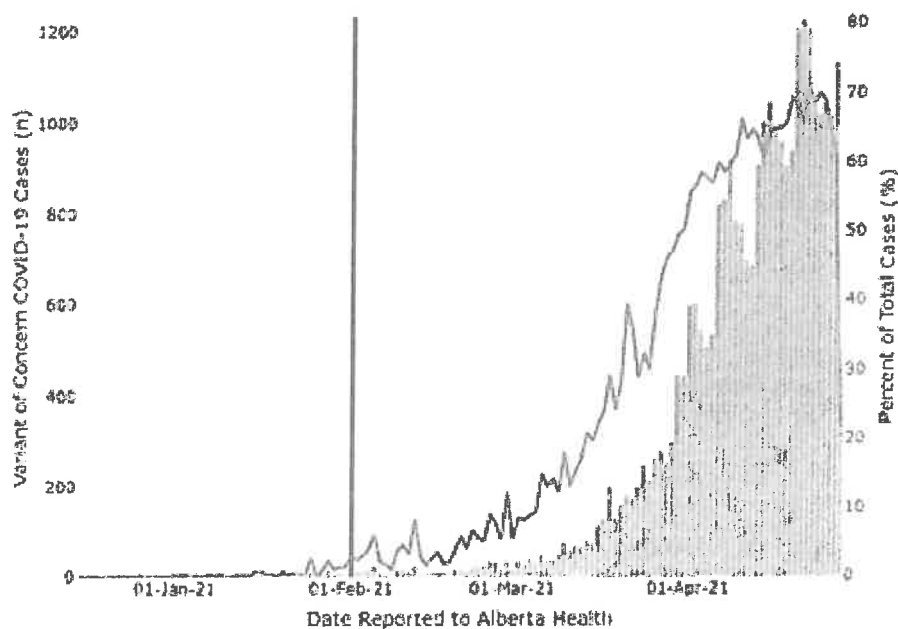
The full breakdown of the total number of reported variants of concern (VOC) by zone reported by Alberta Health on April 28 versus April 21 is presented below:

Variant	Total reported April 28	Total reported April 21	Per cent Change
B.1.1.7 (U.K.)	28,287	20,654	+37.0%
B.1.351 (South Africa)	77	59	+30.5%
P.1 (Brazil)	885	584	+51.5%
B.1.617 (India) *	1	N/A	N/A
Total	29,250	21,261	+37.6%

** The first reported case of B.1.617 in Alberta*

Of the 29,250 VOC cases, 13,460 are active (62.9 per cent of total active cases), 15,708 people have recovered and 82 people have died (four per cent of total deaths).

The figure below shows new VOC cases (grey bars) and the percentage of VOC cases identified compared to other cases of COVID-19 (blue line). Between April 20 and April 26, the percentage of VOC cases ranged from 64.3 per cent to 71 per cent.



COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

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

As of April 28:

- 75,162 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,969 (or 6.6 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 3,047 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 522 (or 17.1 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 1,922 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

- 5,231 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 221 (or 4.2 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 139 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 18 (or 12.9 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 82 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

Government Announces Targeted Public Health Measures

The Government of Alberta announced new targeted public health measures for municipalities or regions where there are at least 350 cases per 100,000 people and 250 currently active cases on April 29.

At present, these new measures will go into effect in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, Airdrie and Strathcona County, and will apply to junior and senior high schools, and sports and fitness activities in these communities.

Moving forward, targeted restrictions will be applied to any communities or regions with a case rate above 350 per 100,000 people and 250 active cases, and remain in place for at least two weeks. If, after two weeks, the case rate falls below the threshold of 350 cases per 100,000 people, these targeted measures will be removed and only current province wide restrictions will apply.

New measures

Schools – starting May 3

- All junior and senior high school students (Grades 7 and above) will shift to online learning.
- K-6 students will continue in-classroom learning unless otherwise approved by Alberta Education to shift to online-learning.

Indoor fitness – effective April 30

- All indoor fitness activities are prohibited. This includes:
 - All group physical activities, such as team sports, fitness classes and training sessions.
 - All one-on-one lessons and training activities.
 - All practices, training and games.
- Outdoor fitness activities may continue under province wide restrictions currently in place, including individual or household one-on-one training with a trainer.

Indoor sport and recreation – effective April 30

- All youth and adult indoor group physical activities, including team sports and one-on-one training sessions, are prohibited.
- Outdoor sport and recreation activities may continue under province wide restrictions currently in place:
 - Outdoor team sports where two-metre distancing cannot be maintained at all times (such as basketball, volleyball, soccer, football, slo-pitch and road hockey) remain prohibited.
 - Outdoor fitness training is allowed, as are physically distanced group fitness classes with a maximum of 10 participants.
 - Outdoor group physical activity with different households must be limited to 10 people or fewer and two-metre distancing must be maintained at all times.
- All indoor recreation facilities must close. Outdoor recreation amenities can be open to public access unless specifically closed by public health order.

The government will implement a curfew where case rates are significantly high, specifically case rates above 1,000 per 100,000, and if a municipality or region requests it. Details will be announced prior to any curfew being implemented.

All other current public health restrictions, including masking, physical distancing, prohibitions on social gatherings and working from home requirements remain in place province wide.

Health officials will continue to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 to assess whether additional action is needed to reduce transmission and when these restrictions are no longer required.

Rapid Point-of-Care Testing Surpasses 100k Milestone

Rapid point-of-care testing is an important pillar of Alberta's COVID-19 testing program, providing faster diagnosis to help reduce spread of the virus in our communities. We'd like to thank the teams at Alberta Precision Laboratories and AHS who have now completed more than 100,000 rapid tests on those with symptoms and/or close contacts since the launch of rapid testing last December.

Thousands more rapid tests are also being used to screen workers in long-term care and supportive living facilities, while Alberta Health continues to expand use of rapid testing for screening in private-sector workplaces, schools and other settings. This week, we shared a new video that gives Albertans a better sense of what they can expect if they choose to receive a rapid test when they arrive at their COVID-19 testing appointment.

Alberta has now completed more than four million tests on two million people since the pandemic began. Half of these tests have been completed by APL's provincial laboratories in Calgary and Edmonton, and Calgary's South Health Campus lab has completed more than one million. You can also learn more about our testing program and find answers to common questions about COVID-19 testing on our new ['Science of COVID-19 Testing'](#) webpage.



COVID-19 Immunizations

By the Numbers

As of noon April 30, more than 1,535,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta. More than 957,000 Albertans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and more than 288,000 have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2.

Launch of Remainder of Phase 2C and 2D

With the remainder of Phase 2C and Phase 2D rolling out April 30, more than 500,000 additional Albertans are now eligible to book vaccine appointments.

This cohort includes front-line policing and provincial sheriffs, firefighters, Canadian Border Security Agency staff as well as staff and residents who provide or receive care in facilities not previously offered immunization. This includes front-line disability workers, as well as those who provide mental health and addiction treatment, children and youth group care, and other types of licensed supportive living.

Eligibility also includes caregivers of Albertans, such as designated family and support people of individuals in long-term care, designated supportive living and licensed supportive living facilities.

Caregivers included in this cohort include those caring for children under 12 who have an eligible chronic condition but were unable to receive vaccine due to age, as well as household contacts of profoundly immunocompromised individuals.

These groups are all able to book their immunization appointments through participating pharmacies, the AHS online immunization booking tool or by calling Health Link at 811.

Proof of Eligibility for Phase 2C

Proof of eligibility is required for immunization of eligible workers as well as designated family/support persons. Details on specific requirements for each group can be found on the Alberta Health webpage.

Rollout of Phase 2D

In addition to the remainder of Phase 2C, Phase 2D also rolled out April 30 and includes all Albertans between the ages of 50 and 64, as well as First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples between the ages of 35 to 49. In total, more than 2.8 million Albertans are now eligible to book the COVID-19 vaccine. Thank you to all Albertans who have booked to receive the vaccine and to those who have received the vaccine.

Immunization eligibility expands

Last week Alberta's vaccine rollout expanded to Alberta's meat-packing plants, as a part of Phase 2C.

Vaccine rollout at Alberta's meat-packing plants will involve more than 15,000 workers. This includes workers at both provincial meat-packing plants and federally inspected meat-packing plants. Appointments are being offered through a combination of onsite clinics, as well as appointments through AHS and pharmacies, to provide immunizations to workers in meat-packing plants across the province. Anyone who works at a meat-packing plant in Alberta should be prepared to show identification and proof of eligibility before receiving their vaccine.

For more information about these booking groups, please visit ahs.ca/covidvaccine.

AstraZeneca/Covidshield availability

Some walk-in availability currently remains at AHS sites in Fort McMurray and Grande Prairie.

Residents of Banff and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo born in 1991 or earlier can access AstraZeneca by booking an appointment at participating pharmacies or at an AHS clinic.

There are no other appointments for AstraZeneca available for online booking or by calling 811 at this time. If anyone cancels a booking, it will be added back into the system. Those who are already booked to receive AstraZeneca at an AHS site will receive it.

As of April 27, at the end of day, AHS had administered approximately 69,500 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine through both booked appointments and via walk-in clinics province wide.

Second low-stimulus COVID-19 immunization clinic added

A low-stimulus clinic opened in Spruce Grove on April 28, following the launch of the province's first such clinic in Calgary earlier this month. Low-stimulus clinics are available for people with behavioural or special needs who require a quieter, less stimulating environment.

The clinic in Spruce Grove provides an environment with reduced sensory input, including dim lights and reduced noise. Client appointments are spaced to limit the number of individuals in the clinic during the assigned hours. Dedicated, private clinic spaces also contribute to a reduction in sensory stimulus during the immunization appointment.

Families and clients are encouraged to use personal comfort items to provide distraction.

Appointments at these clinics can be made by calling Health Link 811, where registered nurses can perform an assessment and make a referral. AHS will continue to monitor the demand for this service and

may be able to open other similar clinics, depending on the need and the teams' capacity.

For more information, visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#).

Changes to testing requirements

As cases continue to rise, we are working to keep wait times for testing as low as possible. Close contacts are now offered testing for COVID-19 as soon as they are identified.

If they experience symptoms at any point after that first test, they can get tested again. Otherwise, they must remain in quarantine until 14 days have passed and, as of April 30, are no longer requested to have a second test.

If someone has a second test booked, and has no symptoms, this appointment should be cancelled to free up capacity in the system and shorten wait times for others.

For those who have a second test booked and have symptoms, the booking should be kept. Testing remains a critical part of breaking the chain of transmission.

Please see [Alberta Health Isolation and Quarantine Requirements](#) for more information.

Things You Need to Know

Critical Care Triage Framework drafted

AHS has drafted the Alberta Critical Care Triage Framework as a planned and pre-determined province wide approach to guide our response should the demand for life-sustaining critical care support become greater than the available resources either during the current COVID-19 pandemic, future pandemics, or other disasters.

Resources can range from beds, ventilators, life-saving equipment, healthcare workers and medicines.

The framework encompasses specific protocols for both adults and children, and has been developed utilizing the best available literature with the input of health professionals and ethicists, as well as patient and family advisors for critical care within Alberta. Further consultation has also been completed with several advocacy groups. The protocols ensure a fair and equitable process is applied to all Albertans.

We have not needed to use these protocols at any time during the COVID-19 pandemic and, at this point, we do not anticipate having to do so. However, it is important to be ready and AHS is taking steps to ensure we are prepared today and for the future.

The triaging of critical care resources will ONLY occur at a time when clinical demand outstrips the health system's ability to provide for all who might potentially benefit and after all efforts have been exhausted to add surge capacity and move patients and/or resources within the province to meet demand.


If activated, triage will be provincial in scope; applicable to all health facilities and critical care units in Alberta. Additional information and resources are available [here](#).




Updated Information on Aerosol Transmission, PPE

Over the past 14 months, AHS has continued to monitor information and research from around the world on best practices for preventing and controlling the transmission of COVID-19. Based on our ongoing reviews, we have adapted our guidelines and protocols over time to reflect this emerging evidence.

You can view a [video](#) about the latest research on aerosol transmission and PPE. Our primary responsibility is to keep our staff and patients safe. We take this seriously and ensure this is the first and foremost priority in all decision-making processes.

PPE Question of the Week

Have we learned anything new about COVID-19 transmission since the pandemic started? 



Dr. Mark Joffe answers PPE question of the week.

Verna's Weekly Video Message - Looking Back at Past Pandemics

One of the ways we learn and grow is through relating to others and their lived experiences. There are many stories of hope, resilience and inspiration from our people and from others around the province, as we come together to pull through this challenging time. As we reflect on these stories, we see that, for many, this is our first time living and working through a pandemic, while there are others who have been through this before.

Joining me (Verna) this week to look back and see what we have overcome, how it relates to our current experience, and what we can learn from the past, are:

- Colin Zieber, Senior Operating Officer in the South Zone.
- Colin's mother, Treva Louise Zieber, who worked as a nurse both in Calgary and Edmonton during polio and tuberculosis outbreaks.

It's a unique vlog this week and I encourage you to watch for a message of hope and a reminder of how we are making history.



Information and support for non-English speaking Albertans

Throughout the pandemic response AHS has sought to ensure that people who do not speak English are able to find out accurate information about COVID-19, how to get tested, and how to get their immunization.

Individuals who do not speak English can call Health Link at 811 to book a COVID-19 test or immunization. Health Link staff are able to provide translators in over 240 languages to enable individuals to not only book test and vaccines, but also obtain medical help through the Health Link nursing line. Individuals needing a translator can call 811 and say one word in their native language. This enables Health Link staff to obtain an appropriate translator.

Translated materials are also available on both the Alberta Health, and Alberta Health Services webpages at [COVID-19 Translated Resources | Alberta Health Services](#), and [COVID-19 translated resources | Alberta.ca](#).

Healthy Living Workshops offered online

The [Alberta Healthy Living Program \(AHLP\)](#) offers workshops and classes across Alberta to support Albertans living with chronic conditions. The AHLP promotes healthy living and provides easy access to health information.

Central Zone residents are invited to attend workshops starting May 6. Workshops will cover a range of information, including nutrition and diabetes care. All the classes are offered online in accordance with public health guidelines on physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sessions are led by AHS professionals who share their expertise in group discussions and provide support and encouragement to participants. Participants can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Mobile mammography service to visit Cold Lake First Nation and Three Hills

Residents of Cold Lake First Nation will have access to mammography services May 26-28, when a mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Cold Lake First Nation Health Centre. A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at Three Hills Health Centre (1504 2 St. N.) on May 13, 14, 15, 17-20.

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

Infant nutrition classes

Parents and guardians in Central Zone are invited to register for a 90-minute online workshop highlighting why babies need to start on iron-rich foods at six months, how to start introducing solid foods and why progressing to different food textures is important. Workshops will be offered on May 12, 26, June 9 and 23. Participants can call their local community health centres to register, and they'll receive a Zoom link a day before the workshop.

Join the Conversation

Healthcare Under Siege

AHS President and CEO Dr. Verna Yiu is a guest presenter at the Ivey Business School Leader*SHIFT* Series May 12. This panel discussion will look at how the pandemic has impacted health leadership and the health system. Panelists represent key elements across the Canadian health care system: provincial health care services, regional hospital and community services, commercial health solutions and services and leading strategic advisory services. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Join the SOGIE PAC to learn about Trans Wellness

Albertans are invited to join the SOGIE PAC (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression) meeting on May 8 between 9 am and noon. Presentations will include the Trans Wellness Initiative. To request the Zoom link or find more information, email sogie.pac@ahs.ca.

COVID-19 Fact or Fiction Addresses Common Rumors & Concerns

Two weeks ago AHS launched COVID Fact or Fiction, a myth busting tool to give Albertans a place to

post comments and concerns they are hearing about COVID-19 and the vaccine. More than 40 COVID-related myths have been validated or debunked by AHS Experts.

Learn more and fact check your comment on [Together4Health](#).

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

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

First Albertans receive CAR T-cell therapy

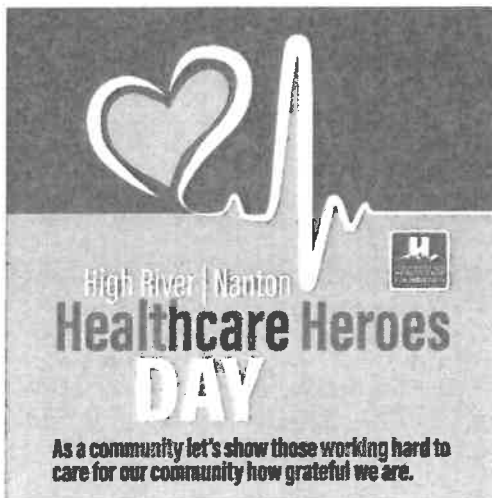
The first Albertans received an approved CAR T-cell therapy last month at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary. In addition, a clinical trial to develop a made-in-Alberta CAR T-cell therapy is underway at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton.



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CAR T-cell therapy genetically reprograms a person's immune cells to attack cancer cells in their body. It is used to treat children and adults with specific types of leukemia and lymphoma, and is considered the standard of care for these cancers if they recur.

The Government of Alberta partnered with the Alberta Cancer Foundation to provide \$15 million to Alberta Health Services so the treatment can be provided closer to home. [Read more here.](#)



High River District Health Care Foundation hosts 2021 Health Care Heroes Day

The High River District Health Care Foundation is inviting community members to show their appreciation for healthcare teams in High River and Nanton. On May 6 area residents will be encouraged to put up signs, make posts on social media and sign a virtual message board in support of those working in local healthcare facilities.

The community will also be invited to decorate their vehicles and make some noise as part of a drive-by convoy in front of the High River General Hospital at 7 p.m. The convoy will be broadcast for viewing on Facebook Live. For more information on Health Care Heroes Day, visit [here](#).

Mental Wellness Moment - Marking Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week runs this week (May 3-9) and, to mark the occasion, Dr. Nicholas Mitchell — AHS Provincial Medical Director for Addiction and Mental Health — talks about what can [put your mental health at risk](#), what to remember if [you're struggling](#), and what [you can do to be or stay mentally well](#).



As we recognize Mental Health Week, please note that showing kindness to yourself through self-care is critical in supporting your mental wellness.

In the same way you improve your physical fitness through exercise, you can improve your mental fitness through regular practices that boost your resilience. Building resiliency occurs when you feel a sense of belonging and can manage what affects you personally. Resilience helps you to “bounce back” from difficult experiences or significant stress.

At some point in our lives we all have stressful times. We can be impacted by such things as financial pressures, unexpected difficulties, unemployment, or stressful situations such as the current outbreak of the COVID-19. Support is available from Alberta Health Service Addiction and Mental Health.

Alberta Health Services has resources and services, such as Text4Hope, Togetherall and free virtual Stress Management Workshops available to help you or someone you know.

Remember, if you are struggling you are not alone. There are supports in place to help you.

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:

My husband was in the ICU for almost two weeks. For a while, he was in a coma and on a ventilator. The nurses were excellent. They patiently answered all my questions, never failed to provide me an update when they could, and tirelessly arranged video calls with my husband even though they had to put on a lot of (PPE) over and over again when they entered his room. In one of my darkest days, the nurses in the ICU had given me hope. Knowing that my husband is under the care of this kind and excellent medical team, I was able to function normally. My husband is now on his way to recovery (still in the hospital but out of ICU) and I will never forget these beautiful people who helped our family. Someday, I will return the favour. Thank you, AHS. My family is indebted to you.

— Aileen

Wrapping Up

This has been a long weekly message about a really long week in which the rising numbers — of new and active cases, of hospitalizations and ICU admissions — are all concerning. So we'd like to end this week's message with a simple thank you for all you've done and all you continue to do during this pandemic. The past 14 months have been unrelenting for everybody. We can't urge you enough to reach out for support if

you need it (see Building Your Mental Fitness item).

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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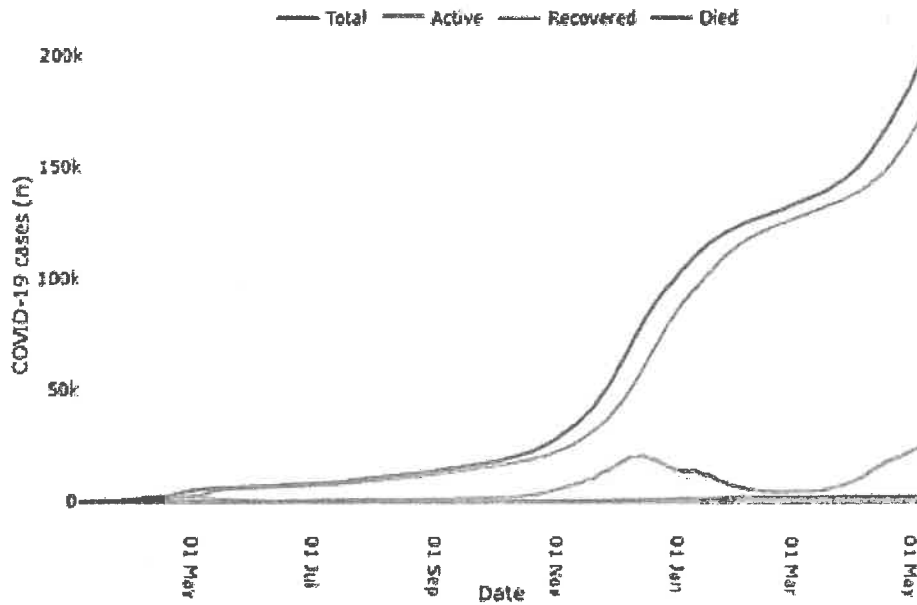
Cases in Alberta

Last week Alberta set new records for most active cases of COVID-19, highest average daily new cases and most ICU admissions related to the virus. Meanwhile, expanded public health measures were announced by the provincial government in an effort to stop the current spike in cases.

As of May 5, there was a record of 24,497 active cases in Alberta, an increase of 14.6 per cent (representing 3,112 additional active cases) than the previous week. AHS Calgary Zone reported the most active cases for the 17th week in a row with 10,639. The other four AHS zones also reported week-over-week increases, although Edmonton Zone remained relatively stable, as you can see in the table below.

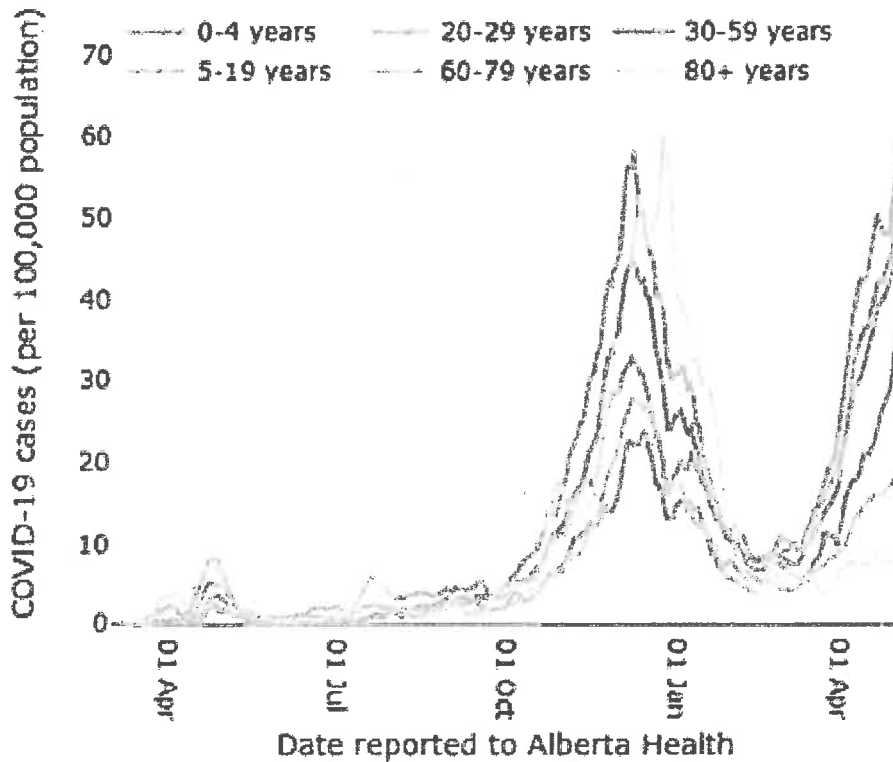
	Active Cases (as of May 5)	Active Cases (as of April 28)	Per cent Change
Calgary	10,639	8,962	+18.7%
Edmonton	5,979	5,916	+1.1%
North	3,616	2,994	+20.8%
South	1,321	1,064	+24.2%
Central	2,899	2,395	+21.0%
Unknown	43	54	-20.4%

Provincewide, there was an average of 2,074 new cases per day for the seven-day period ending on May 5, compared to 1,672 cases the previous week, a 24 per cent increase. This is also a record, eclipsing an average of 1,729 new cases set during the Dec. 3-9 reporting period. The Calgary Zone had the highest total number of new cases this week with 6,553, an average of 936 cases per day and a 39.4 per cent increase from the previous week, when 4,702 new cases were reported.



Cases by age group

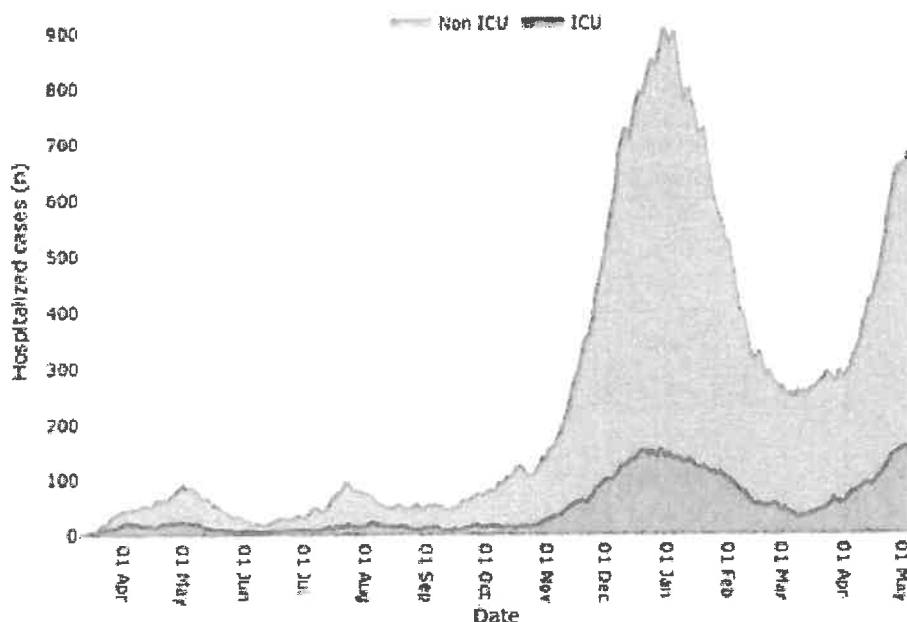
On May 2, the seven-day rolling average among school-aged children (5-19 years) was 60.1 cases per 100,000 people, the highest rate per age group, followed by the 20-29 years age group at 51.4 cases per 100,000 people. The rate for people 80+ years, the age group with the highest rate in Wave 2, was only 8.0 cases per 100,000 people. A visual representation of these trends in cases in Alberta by age group is provided in the figure below.



Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

On May 1, there were 154 individuals with COVID-19 being treated in intensive care units (ICUs), eclipsing the previous record of 151 set on December 28, 2020. That number has since gone down. As of May 5, there were 146 individuals being treated in ICUs, a 3.3 per cent decrease in ICU admissions from

the previous week when 151 individuals were in ICU on April 28. A total of 508 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds on May 5 compared to 495 on April 28, a 2.6 per cent increase.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of May 5 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
Calgary	243	58
Edmonton	228	56
North	85	17
Central	63	10
South	35	5

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of May 5, a total of 203,135 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 8,224 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.0 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 176,536 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of May 5, 2,102 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 27 between April 29 and May 5. 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 April 29 to May 5, 126,025 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 18,004 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 10.33 per cent to 13.2 per cent, the highest positivity seen in Alberta since the beginning of the pandemic. As of May 5, a total of 4.26 million tests have been conducted and nearly 2.1 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The provincewide R value from April 26 to May 2 was 1.12, whereas R value the previous week was 1.04. However, R values vary by zone; while the Calgary Zone reported an R value of 1.16 and the Edmonton Zone reported an R of 0.99, the rest of Alberta had the highest R value: 1.18.
- For the winter school term, as of May 5, AHS has confirmed 7,586 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of

1,284 out of 2,415 schools (53.2 per cent) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

Testing of variants of concern

Beginning May 1, APL is no longer conducting screening tests for the Variants of Concern on all positive COVID-19 test samples. As the United Kingdom (B.1.1.7) Variant is now the dominant strain in Alberta, and we are able to monitor for other variants through a targeted strategy, it is no longer necessary to screen all positive tests for variants.

This change is being made to maintain required lab capacity for general COVID-19 testing with average turnaround times for results of 24 hours. Variant screening will now be targeted on populations that have either a higher risk of being infected with a Variant of Concern, or in higher risk scenarios for spreading variant strains. This includes positive cases related to outbreaks, in hospital and emergency departments, returning international travelers and health care workers.

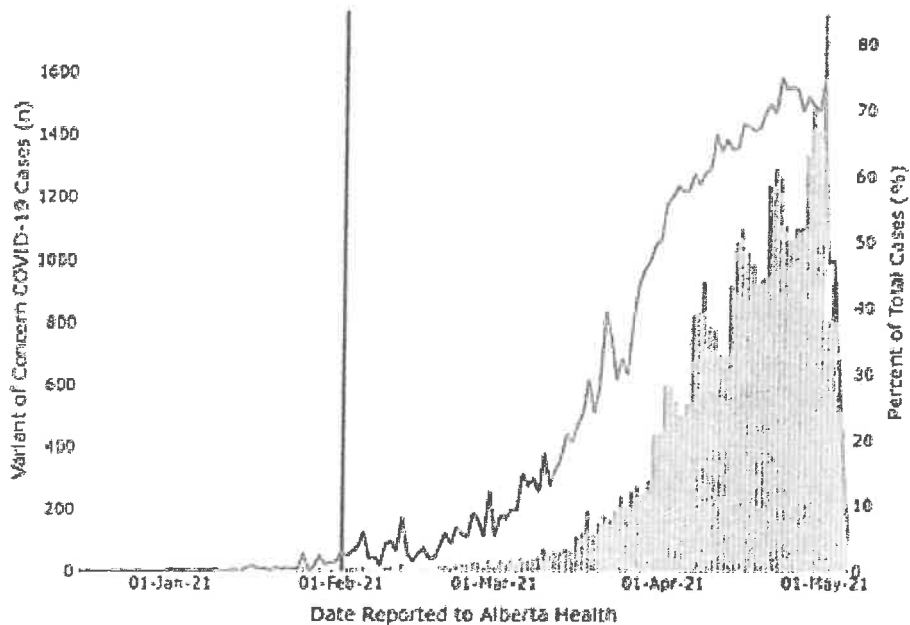
Alberta's testing program is currently completing approximately 17,000 tests per day, and most patients are receiving their results within 24-48 hours. Alberta continues to have the most robust strategy in Canada for monitoring the evolution of the coronavirus in our population.

On May 5, averaged over the previous seven days:

- 82.0 per cent of total samples successfully screened was the B.1.1.7 (UK) variant
- 4.1 per cent of total samples successfully screened was the P.1 (Brazil) variant
- 0.4 per cent of total samples successfully screened was the B.1.351 (South Africa) variant

The remaining per cent of total samples successfully screened are either a presumptive variant, a presumptive variant of interest, or not a variant.

The figure below shows new VOC cases (grey bars) and the percentage of VOC cases identified compared to other cases of COVID-19 (blue line). You can see the effect of the changes in screening protocols with the sharp drop on May 1:



COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown

of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace.

As of May 5:

- 76,240 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 5,339 (or 7.0 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 3,241 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 541 (or 16.7 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,098 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,278 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 229 (or 4.3 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 144 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 18 (or 12.5 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 85 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

Expanded Public Health Measures Announced

The Government of Alberta announced expanded COVID-19 public health measures last week, to curtail the current spike of new and active cases in the province. These new measures will apply to all communities with more than 50 cases per 100,000 people and with 30 or more active cases.

You can see all the expanded measures, as well as the municipalities affected by them, on the [government website](#). All other public health measures remain in place, including masking and physical distancing requirements.

Continuing Care Visitation Restrictions Being Eased by Alberta Health

Today (Monday, May 10) changes are being made to the visitation restrictions in continuing care sites, allowing four designated family/support persons per resident instead of two, which has been the case since last summer. Alberta Health eased the restrictions because of the uptake of COVID-19 vaccinations among residents and staff in continuing care sites.

We recognize the importance and value of relationships between residents, their families and support persons, and encourage all opportunities to facilitate these connections. We will be supporting continuing care operators, residents and their families to ensure sites, with the approval of residents, are able to adopt the changes.

Starting May 10, the following changes will come into effect:

- Each resident may have up to four different people acting as their designated family/support persons. This is an increase from two, and can include minors.
- Where possible, and provided the majority of residents agree, indoor social gatherings with visitors can now resume, as long as they are all from the same household and distancing, masking and other health measures remain in place.
- Outdoor social visits at these facilities can expand to up to 10 people. This is double the current limit of five.

These changes will vary by site. Each site must develop their own visiting approach that falls within the guidelines set out in CMOH Order 16-2021, based upon the specific risks at that site, and reflects the risk tolerance as discussed with the residents who live at that site. This work is underway and will be communicated at the site level in the coming weeks.

Temporary limitations for visitors (i.e. non-designated family/support persons) may still occur in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak or where the risk tolerance of residents is low. All restrictions must be determined in collaboration with the care team, site, residents/legal decision makers and families. Visitation for residents at the end-of-life will continue to be supported. Immunization rates are a key factor in the revised visitation approach but designated family/support persons and visitors will not be required to disclose vaccination status.

Please ensure all communications are updated to reflect the current CMOH order. For more information, please visit alberta.ca/covid19.

COVID-19 Immunizations

By the Numbers

As of 7 a.m. May 7, more than 1,729,300 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered by AHS. More than 1,125,100 Albertans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and more than 302,000 have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2.

100,000+ appointments booked in five hours

On Thursday, May 6, more than 100,000 immunization appointments were booked between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., and the number of booked appointments continue to rise. Thank you to all the teams for your hard work and preparation for making this possible. Let's keep the momentum going!



New cohorts added, eligibility expands again

Several new eligible cohorts opened over the past week and we'd like to thank all of our teams for their hard work and preparation for making this possible. On May 6, eligibility for Pfizer or Moderna vaccine expanded to include all Albertans 30 or older. Meanwhile, starting today (May 10), Albertans born 2003 and earlier will be able to receive either Pfizer or Moderna, and those born between 2004 and 2009 will be eligible for Pfizer. Anyone in these cohorts can book their appointment through the [AHS online booking tool](#), by calling Health Link at 811, or through a [participating pharmacy](#).

Milestone reached as more than 1 million shots administered

This past week, immunizing teams hit the milestone of administering one million doses of COVID-19 vaccine — another milestone for the number of doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered by AHS. We are so grateful to all our dedicated immunizing teams who continue to work seven days a week to roll vaccine out as quickly as possible to Albertans provincewide.

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Town of Banff receive additional vaccines

AHS deployed 20,000 additional doses of vaccine to support the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Town of Banff. The age group eligible for immunization in these communities was lowered to 18 years and older to encourage vaccine uptake. All eligible individuals in both communities are encouraged to

book their immunization appointment by calling Health Link. For more information about who can book an immunization appointment and how, please continue to visit ahs.ca/covidvaccine.

Low-stimulus COVID-19 immunization clinics

A low-stimulus AHS COVID-19 immunization clinic has been receiving positive feedback from clients since launching in Calgary on April 14. The low-stimulus clinic is available for people with behavioral or special needs who require a quieter, less stimulating environment. To help limit sensory input, appointment times are booked longer than usual, which enables staff to spend more time with each client. The clinic is located near the front door, so clients do not have to walk through a building when they arrive. Appointments are offered in quiet, private rooms.

We would like to thank all who are able to help make this clinic happen, helping to ensure all eligible Albertans are able to be immunized. Registered nurses can perform an assessment and make a referral. Community partners, such as Autism Calgary, and other immunization clinics that have not been successful in immunizing this clientele can also send referrals to the clinic.

As a result of the success in Calgary, a second low-stimulus clinic opened in Spruce Grove on April 28. The clinic in Spruce Grove provides an environment with reduced sensory input, including dim lights and reduced noise. Client appointments are spaced to limit the number of individuals in the clinic during the assigned hours. Dedicated, private clinic spaces also contribute to a reduction in sensory stimulus during the immunization appointment. Families and clients are encouraged to use personal comfort items to provide distraction.

Appointments at these clinics can be made by calling Health Link 811, where registered nurses can perform an assessment and make a referral. AHS will continue to monitor the demand for this service and may be able to open other similar clinics, depending on the need and the teams' capacity.

Things You Need to Know

AHS Board extends Dr. Verna Yiu as AHS President and CEO

The Alberta Health Services Board has extended Dr. Verna Yiu as the organization's President and CEO for an additional two years, effective June 2, 2021. Dr. Yiu was originally hired as Interim President and CEO of AHS in January 2016, followed by a five-year term starting in June 2016. Prior to that role, Dr. Yiu was the Vice President, Quality, and Chief Medical Officer at AHS. She is also a pediatric nephrologist and Professor of Pediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Alberta. Dr. Yiu's extension is for two years and can be further extended.

New family physician practising in McLennan, Falher

A new family physician is now practising in McLennan and Falher, improving access to primary for local residents. Dr. Lynn Hanekom, who arrived last month, is providing care out of the Falher Medical Clinic and Sacred Heart Community Health Centre. She received her medical training at Stellenbosch University and medical residency at Kimberly Hospital, both in South Africa.

Local cataract surgery program to launch in Edson

Residents of Edson requiring cataract surgery will soon be able to undergo the procedure at the Edson Healthcare Centre. As part of a new local cataract surgery program, launching May 20, ophthalmologist Dr. Hermina Strungaru will perform up to 18 cataract eye surgeries a day, two days a month, at the local Alberta Health Services (AHS) facility. Previously, local and area residents would need to undergo the procedure in Edmonton or Grande Prairie. Patients from Edson, Hinton, Jasper, Whitecourt and Drayton Valley can be referred to Dr. Strungaru by their local optometrists. Prior to surgery, patients will require a pre-operative assessment at Dr. Strungaru's office in Sherwood Park, 220 km east of Edson, but surgery and post-operative assessments will all be done at the Edson Healthcare Centre.

Construction on new local dialysis unit now underway in High Prairie

Construction has started at the High Prairie Health Complex on a new renal dialysis clinic, which will enable local residents to receive this life-sustaining treatment closer to home. This service is currently not available in High Prairie, requiring residents to travel for treatment.

The new dialysis unit is expected to open to patients early next year. Construction is estimated to be completed in December, when the project will enter an operational planning and commissioning period, which involves installation of equipment and furniture, detailed cleaning, and extensive testing of the systems and equipment. This process is essential to ensure everything is safe and working properly prior to being used to care for patients. Additional staff will also need to be hired and trained to provide this specialized treatment. There will be six stations at the new dialysis clinic, which will be open three days per week. The unit will be able to treat up to 12 patients each day.

Verna's Weekly Video Message - Mental Health Week; Health and Safety Week

The daily demands of COVID-19 are taking a toll on mental health. We know this has not been easy. Many Albertans are dealing with fatigue, stress and loss.

As we come to the end of Mental Health Week and Health and Safety Week, we are reminded to continue to look after our physical and mental well-being all year round.

Joining me (Verna) this week to offer helpful tips and to reinforce the importance of having both physically and psychologically safe environments are:

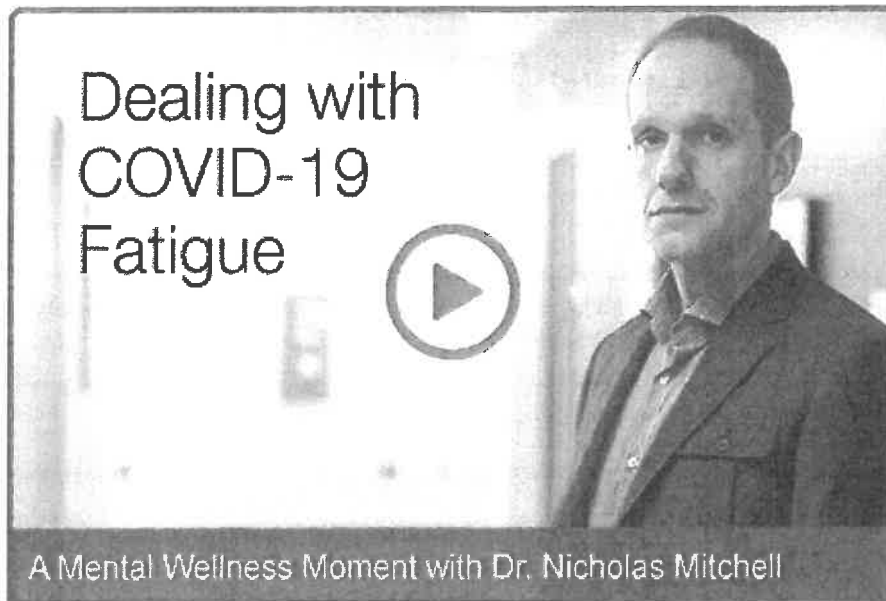
- Dr. Mircea Fagarasanu, Senior Program Director, Workplace Health and Safety.
- Dr. Jennifer Williams, Physician with Internal Medicine and South Sector Physician Lead in Wellness and Diversity.
- Mona Sikal, Executive Director, Employee Relations



And on a related note...

Mental Wellness Moment — Dealing With COVID-19 Fatigue

In the latest Mental Wellness Moment, Dr. Nicholas Mitchell — AHS Provincial Medical Director for Addiction and Mental Health — talks about the many ways the pandemic has affected Albertans' mental health and identifies supports that can help people manage the stresses and anxieties they might be feeling during this global health crisis.



Alberta Healthy Living Program workshops offered online

Multiple Alberta Healthy Living Program (AHLP) workshops will be available to residents of Central Zone, starting May 12. The AHLP promotes healthy living and provides easy access to health information. Workshops will cover a range of information, including heart health, chronic illness management, sleep management, weight management, nutrition and more. All the classes are offered online in accordance with public health guidelines on physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sessions are led by AHS professionals who share their expertise in group discussions and provide support and encouragement to participants. Participants can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Cervical and colorectal cancer screening project joins mobile mammography program visit to Elizabeth Métis Settlement

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Elizabeth Métis Settlement Community Hall on June 3 and 4. AHS is pleased to offer additional cancer screening services during this time. AHS Screening Programs is partnering with Screen Test as part of a project to provide cervical and colorectal cancer screening in Elizabeth Métis Settlement on June 4 and 4. A female Nurse Practitioner will provide the screening. Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604.

Mobile mammography service to visit Drumheller, Vegreville and Saddle Lake Cree Nation

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 Drumheller and Vegreville.

- Drumheller Health Centre, 351 9 St. N: May 21, 22, 25-29, 31, June 1-5, 7, 8.
- St. Joseph's Hospital, Vegreville 5241 43 St: May 20-22.
- Saddle Lake Cree Nation Health Centre: May 31, June 1 and 2

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

Goodbye Mealtime Struggles offered in Central Zone

Parents and guardians of young children are invited to register for free Goodbye Mealtime Struggles workshops on May 20, June 17 and July 21 via Zoom. Led by a registered dietitian and a pediatric occupational therapist, the workshops help parents and guardians learn how to overcome mealtime conflicts with children from one to five years of age. Workshops offers tips and support in dealing with

young picky eaters. Participants can call their community health centres to register, and they'll receive a Zoom link one day before the workshop.

Join the Conversation

You're Invited to Join Verna for Leadership Discussion

You are invited to join me (Verna) and a panel of national healthcare leaders on Wednesday, May 12, from noon to 1:15 pm, for a candid discussion about leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Healthcare Under Siege: A Conversation on Leadership is presented by the Ivey Business School's Leadership Institute. Joining me on the panel are Georgina Black, Managing Partner, Government & Public Services, Deloitte Canada; Heather Chalmers, President and CEO, GE Canada; and Melissa Farrell, President, St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. Jon Hantho, President and CEO of CBI Health, will moderate. My fellow panellists and I will reflect on our personal leadership lessons, and share our thoughts on the future of health care in Canada and the critical role of character-based leadership in helping healthcare systems address post-pandemic challenges.

You can visit the event webpage for more information and/or to register. This free, online event is open to everyone.

Join a COVID-19 Community Conversation in your Zone

AHS is hosting a series of Community Conversations to give Albertans the opportunity to hear directly from Medical Officers of Health and other zone experts about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta, and the roll out of vaccines in our province.

Participants will have the opportunity to submit their questions in advance, or during the event.

Edmonton	May 17, 1:00 - 2:00 pm May 20, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Central	May 25, 12:00 – 1:00 pm May 26, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
South	May 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm May 18, 9:00 – 10:00 am

More dates will be added for Calgary and North Zones. For more information and to register for a Community Conversations in your zone visit Together4Health.

Tamarack HAC invites you to Transform Your Stress

The Tamarack Health Advisory Council (HAC) invites you to participate in one of two virtual training sessions: *Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage - Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times*. This training is free and is designed for everyone, including professionals and community members.

These free sessions will be held by Zoom, participants must pre-register using the links below.

- **Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-tamarack-hac-12.eventbrite.ca>

- **Monday, May 17, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-tamarack-hac-17.eventbrite.ca>

Since the onset of COVID-19, many Albertans have identified feeling stressed. This online introductory webinar provides a basic discussion of stress and looks at different ways to manage it, including two HeartMath® breathing techniques. The goal for this event is to build awareness of the psychosocial factors that can help people to be psychologically healthy and safe. It is hoped that through this workshop participants will build an understanding of the impact of emotions on the body and how to develop an action plan to address their own stress.

Join Lakeland Communities or the Wood Buffalo HAC to learn about Cancer Services

The Lakeland Communities and Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Councils (HAC) invite you to attend their virtual meetings May 12 and May 19. Both Councils will welcome presenters from [Wellspring](#) to share services for cancer support and how you can connect with them in your community.

- **Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council (HAC):** Wednesday, May 12, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Wood Buffalo HAC Meeting:** Wednesday, May 19, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wellspring offers free programs and services that meet the emotional, social, practical and restorative needs of people living with cancer, their caregivers and families. All Wellspring Centre's resources and programs are available free of charge and without referral to those diagnosed with cancer, their families and primary caregivers.

These meetings will take place via Zoom. To join, please email community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line 'Lakeland' or 'Wood Buffalo' and you will be sent the Zoom meeting link.

Be Well - Be Kind

May is Health Philanthropy Month

May marks Health Philanthropy Month, and AHS is celebrating our philanthropic partners and their contributions throughout Alberta.

AHS is proud to work alongside our partners, including more than 50 auxiliaries and 69 foundations, to support the care we provide patients. Collectively, these organizations raise more than \$275 million each year toward healthcare priorities in their communities. Most recently, their contributions have helped our COVID-19 response by funding mental health programs such as [Text4Hope](#), laboratory equipment, research and much more.

Throughout May, we encourage you to stay tuned as we highlight our partners on AHS.ca and social media. To learn more about AHS' philanthropic partners, please visit ahs.ca/give.

Faces of AHS Foundations

Throughout Health Philanthropy Month we will be celebrating our philanthropic partners who raise funds for healthcare across the province. The Faces of the Foundations profile series will introduce you to the individuals who lead healthcare philanthropy across Alberta.

This week, we are pleased to profile Colleen Zimmerman, Executive Director with Leduc Community Hospital Foundation.



"My experiences in healthcare and my passion to help others ultimately led me to this position," says Colleen who began her role at the foundation in 2017.

Some of the foundation's recent accomplishments include rebranding to the Leduc Community Hospital Foundation and the completion of a \$1.25-million CT scanner campaign. Read about Colleen and the Leduc Community Hospital Foundation [here](#).

High River and Nanton Say Thanks on Health Care Heroes Day

The High River District Health Care Foundation invited community members in High River and Nanton to celebrate their second annual Health Care Heroes Day May 6.

Throughout the day area residents showed their appreciation for healthcare teams in High River and Nanton by putting up signs, posting on social media, and signing in-person and [virtual message boards](#). Local emergency services also led community members in a drive-by parade in front of the High River General Hospital to bring smiles to the faces of hospital patients, residents and staff.

We are truly grateful to the foundation for this remarkable gesture toward our staff, and to High River and Nanton residents for their ongoing support of healthcare in their communities.

Clinician Volunteers, Donations Sought for India COVID-19 Aid Project

India's healthcare system has collapsed with hundreds of thousands of cases and thousands of deaths daily from COVID-19. There are massive shortages of medications, oxygen, ventilators and staff.

In response, a group of Calgary doctors, nurses and lawyers are working together with the [Child Foundation](#), a registered non-government organization (NGO), to develop the COVID-19 India SOS project which aims to help at least 1,000 people in Delhi and a nearby rural area. They are fundraising for cash donations to purchase oxygen concentrators, medications and equipment. The group is also organizing virtual consultations, with Canadian physicians supporting on-the-ground nurses and doctors to keep lower-acuity patients out of hospital.

If you are interested in donating, go to the Child Foundation website. If you are a clinician and able to volunteer some time to support your colleagues on the other side of the world, we will share information next week on how to sign up.

National Recognition for Lifetime's Work in Public Health

We'd like to congratulate Dr. Brent Friesen with our Population, Public and Indigenous Health team for receiving the Honorary Life Membership award by the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA).

The CPHA, the only Canadian non-governmental organization focused exclusively on public health, recognizes Dr. Friesen for being "a remarkable physician who has made significant contributions to all facets of public health and, in particular, health promotion, disease and injury prevention, and environmental health."

In awarding its Honorary Life Membership, the CPHA highlighted two nationally recognized health programs that Dr. Friesen supported: *Best Practice - Best Beginnings*, an outreach nursing service for marginalized pregnant and post-partum women and their infants, and *Comprehensive School Health*.

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:

My father died at the end of January. He was a complex man and a complex patient, and this was reflected in his healthcare needs, which were equally complex. My father was recovering during the four months prior to his passing, thanks to the healthcare teams looking after him. And we had reconnected thanks to the insights, perspectives and capabilities introduced by these healthcare professionals. I am so grateful for this as now his death comes with sadness but also peace because things were not left undone. And very importantly, he passed away in the safety of their capable hands. I am sharing this because I wanted to take a moment to recognize the humanity that is still an essence running through our healthcare system. What our healthcare professionals are doing — every day, all day long — for all patients. Our healthcare professionals are incredible not at being heroes but, in addition to their technical skills, at being human, compassionate, and present when we — as patients and families — are vulnerable, scared and teetering on the edge of life and death.

— Ania

Wrapping Up

We suspect that, like us, many of you hope the expanded public health measures announced last week are effective in bringing down the COVID-19 numbers. Also like us, you're likely assessing how these new measures will affect you and your families as you go about your day-to-day lives.

It's never easy when public health measures impact what we enjoy doing, who we can see and how. It's OK to feel conflicted at this time. You can be happy about the measures but find them disruptive. Likewise, you can feel hopeful because of expanding vaccine rollout but also feel disheartened by current spread of the virus throughout the province, coupled with news of some wilful non-compliance to health

measures.

So we end this week's message with a request. However you're feeling at this moment — hopeful or disheartened; both or neither — please try to find time to reflect on how far we've come, how resilient we've been and all that we've achieved throughout this pandemic. Remember, everything we've done as a health system, and everything you've done as an Albertan, has been to protect the physical and mental wellbeing of your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues, and to minimize further loss of life as we try to bring this pandemic to an end.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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To: Community Engagement
Subject: Re: Dedicated webpage for Community Partners & Stakeholders

Good morning,

In conversations with community leaders over the last few months AHS has received many requests for information and resources from Mayors and Reeves, who want to share important public health messages with their communities. We have therefore developed a dedicated webpage for Community Partners & Stakeholders.

We recognize that your voice has strength in your community, so we appreciate your support in encouraging Albertans to access trusted sources of information about COVID-19, vaccine safety, and what your community members can do to protect themselves, and their families.

As well as resources that you can use, you will find key talking points and social media messages. We know many of you have personal experiences with COVID-19 that you may want to share, including how you follow public health guidelines to protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19, and why you decided to get vaccinated. We encourage you to share your experiences by writing personal editorials and submitting them to your local newspaper. You can also share your wellness ideas on Together4Health.

We also encourage you to sign up for Together4Health Headlines, AHS' weekly e-newsletter, to stay up to date on public health advice, emerging health issues in your communities, and opportunities to participate in Community Conversations and Health Advisory Council events in your area.

Please share this information with your Councils. And you can send your feedback on this page, including questions or requests for further information, to Community.Engagement@ahs.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership,
AHS Community Engagement and External Relations



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Hello everyone,

Apologizes for the delay,

Please see the attached QA summary for April 14, 2021

Kind Regards

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COVID-19 Municipality Update

April 14, 2021

Order 12– 2021

CMOH Order 12-2021 amends Order 10-2021.

Overview of key changes:

- The Government of Alberta remains in Step One of the Path Forward. Step one increased restrictions on indoor fitness and indoor dining for hospitality.
- Outdoor Markets are permitted as long as they operate at 15% of the fire capacity.
- Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges, cafes and food courts can open for outdoor patio dining, takeout, curbside pickup and delivery only.
 - Patios and dining facilities must meet the following requirements in order to be considered outdoor:
 - If the patio or facility has a roof, it cannot have more than one enclosing wall.
 - The facility or patio can have more than one enclosing wall if it does not have a roof.
 - Umbrellas and pergolas are not considered to be roofs. Fences and half-walls are not counted as walls.

Effective Monday, April 19, 2021 – Enhanced restrictions have been implemented in the City of Calgary and Fort McMurray for youth indoor recreation. Please see: <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

Summary of Discussion:

Path Forward

- Hospitalizations are an important lagging indicator that will continue to remain relevant to the Path Forward.
- If changes are made to The Path Forward they will be communicated publicly as soon as possible.

Immunization

- Delaying of second doses is recommended by The National Advisory Committee on Immunization.
- Vaccine waste is extremely low in Alberta as there are processes to ensure waste is minimal.

Aquatics

- Splash pads can accommodate multiple groups of 10 if distancing is observed (2 metres).
- Outdoor pools are permitted to have lane swimming if distancing is observed.

Outdoor Gatherings

- Outdoor markets (farmer's markets) can operate as long as they are at 15% capacity.
- Outdoor recreation activities and sites such as beaches and RV parks can operate. They must ensure there is appropriate distancing (2 metres).

Indoor Recreation:

- Indoor youth (grade 7-12) recreation activities cannot currently occur within the City of Calgary and the City of Fort McMurray.



Question and Answers

Municipality Questions	Response
Path Forward	
Why have you opted for a modified Step 1?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current Step 1 public health measures allow for certain outdoor activities to occur that were not part of Step 1 in February. Outdoor activities have a lower risk of transmission than indoor activities.
Why has the province moved the staged Path Forward from hospitalizations to vaccinated people?	The Path Forward still focuses on new cases and hospitalizations. The Path to Recovery uses benchmarks for vaccinated populations.
What is the trigger for further restrictions to be put in place with variant cases now being the dominant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a variety of factors that influence decisions to place restrictions. The Variants of Concern, daily case numbers, and hospitalizations factor our decision.
Are municipalities permitted to rent meeting space to groups for business meetings (Local water commission, etc)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This can occur as long as the meetings allow for proper distancing and masking. The Government of Alberta still encourages individuals to meet virtually.
Can you give any indication what future restrictions may be? It could be a helpful tool to help everyone act responsibly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Health is monitoring the situation closely. As soon as a decision is made it will be communicated publicly.
We have received conflicting information from AHS Contact Tracers. If an individual tests positive with the variant, is their quarantine 10 days from onset of symptoms or when symptoms resolves, whichever is longer, or does their (the Positive Case's) quarantine increase if they live with others?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information on isolation guidelines please visit: https://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx and https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17239.aspx.
Immunization	



<p>What are the side effects of the vaccine(s) and what are the protocols for individuals experiencing these side effects?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn more about the possible side effects of COVID-19 vaccines, please visit Health Canada's website, here: https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccine-safety/summary.html Albertans who have been vaccinated but become symptomatic down the road (i.e., with a cold or flu or even a mild case of COVID-19) remain required to isolate while symptomatic, to limit the spread of illness.
<p>If there is not an uptake in our community in vaccines, can the hospital make them available to others?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. Vaccine is distributed to communities based on population estimates and data related to expected uptake and wastage policies (see here) help to address any situation where uptake may be lower than expected.
<p>Our volunteer Fire Department members have started going down due to COVID infection or being close contacts...will a reconsideration be given to vaccinate this group so that we can continue to respond to emergencies in our community?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your input, we are currently engaging with groups related to Phase 2C. If anything changes we will communicate it publicly.
<p>Please share an update on the number of vaccinations and vaccine availability throughout rural Alberta.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional information about vaccine availability across the province, including in rural areas, will be made available in the future. For information about pharmacy coverage, please visit: https://ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php
<p>How will we ensure vaccines are not wasted?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Health Services and pharmacies have a wastage strategy that allows them to plan to make sure all doses are used. See https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-covid-19-vaccine-waste-mitigation-strategy.pdf for more information. As of April 5, 2021, Alberta had wasted 2,455 doses of vaccine, which is 0.0022% of the vaccine allotment we have received to date.
<p>Some have said that second doses of vaccines must be given within a month.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging evidence shows first doses of the vaccine are at least 80% effective at preventing severe illness. Second doses are necessary to ensure you're protected for as long as possible. Second doses are being administered up to 4 months later so all Albertans over 18 can be protected with the first dose by the end of June. This change is in line with many other jurisdictions and in line with recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI). First and second dose appointments are booked separately. Reminders to book second appointments will be issued. Anyone who received their first dose prior to March 10 will still receive their second dose within 42 days. All existing appointments for second doses will be honoured.



Two of our staff tested positive with the variant. One was told he had to isolate for 10 days. The other was told to isolate for 24 days?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for the latest requirements for isolation please see the following: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/PaPe17239.aspx
how many shots have been administered and how many have been delivered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of April 16, 2021 - 1,043,570 doses have been administered; The federal government has shipped 1,449,695 doses.
Are pharmacies able to provide a vaccine dose to an individual not yet in an eligible category rather than disposing of a dose? Our volunteer fire department would love to be on an on-call waiting list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Health Services and pharmacies have a wastage strategy that allows them to plan ahead to make sure all doses are used. See https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-covid-19-vaccine-waste-mitigation-strategy.pdf for more information. As of April 5, 2021, Alberta had wasted 2,455 doses of vaccine, which is 0.0022% of the vaccine allotment we have received to date.
is it expected that COVID-19 vaccinations will be a spring event each year, or will they align with the flu vaccine program in future years; and how long is the COVID vaccine/booster good for (ie. 1 or more years?) prior to people needing to be revaccinated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At this time, we do not know how long your immunity will last after being immunized. Research is being conducted in this area and an update to our approach and a recommendation on whether or not boosters are required will be made when that information is available
Aquatics	
Is lane swimming is permitted outdoors, what about indoors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lane swimming is allowed outdoor – individuals must be distanced. Lane swimming can occur indoors if it is part of 1 on 1 training and there is appropriate space (3 metres) . For more information please see: https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx under indoor fitness for a full list of requirements.
Can youth, child and/or adult fitness classes occur in outdoor pools with proper spacing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> yes, as long as groups (max 10) and participants are all distanced by 2 metres this can occur.
Are youth swim clubs (in an outdoor pool) suppose to social distance and wear masks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social distancing (2 metres) is required outdoors for groups of 10 (including participants and instructor).
What is the guidance for groups on outdoor splash parks? - is it limited to 10 per facility, or that groups attending can be no more than 10?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a facility can accommodate multiple groups of 10 (2 metres of space between individuals and groups) then this is permitted.
Enforcement	
How will Alberta Health enforce public health measures?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Path Forward is focused on providing clear guidance of easing of restrictions. A targeted approach will help to open more activities and opportunities for Albertans and businesses while protecting the health-care system. We appreciate the feedback and look forward to future discussions relating to the Path Forward. The Government of Alberta is focused on an education-based approach and for Albertans to comply with public health



orders, we realize that enforcement of public health orders is sometimes necessary to ensure the protection of our communities from the pandemic.

Outdoor Gatherings and Events:

What are public gatherings for community events looking like for the summer?

- As cases fall and vaccinations increase there may be potential for community events to be revisited as part of Steps 3 and 4 of the Path Forward.

When will we have direction for outdoor splash parks and numbers permitted for community events like fireworks at Canada Day?

- Splash Parks are able to be used as part of Step 1. Larger events such as Canada Day fireworks can occur as long as they are consistent with public health guidelines. Larger-scale outdoor festivals are likely to be permitted as part of Step 4.

Are outdoor farmer's markets still allowable?

- Yes, outdoor farmer's markets are permitted. They fall under the retail guidelines and are restricted to 15% of Fire Code capacity. Please see <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

Other than social distancing are there restrictions or recommendations regarding the use of boat launches and beaches?

- All public health orders must be observed where applicable.
- Please see: <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

What vaccine rates do we need to achieve greater levels for outdoor gatherings?

- The main metrics that inform the Path Forward are leading indicators (new cases/active cases) and lagging indicators (hospitalizations). Greater outdoor gatherings may potentially be part of Step 4.
- Immunization rates are linked to the Path to Recovery.

Are RV parks to remain closed currently or just restricted to distancing?

- RV parks are open; all public health guidelines such as distancing must be followed.

Should public washrooms in campgrounds be closed if these facilities cannot be cleaned regularly?

- This decision is left to operators discretion.
- Alberta Health can provide the following:
 - Operators should follow cleaning and disinfecting practices described in the general guidance. In addition, operators should:
 - Keep washrooms (staff and public) clean and well-stocked with soap and paper towels.
 - Provide ample waste disposal options in both public and staff-only areas.
 - Consider closing high traffic facilities that cannot be frequently cleaned.
 - Clean and disinfect picnic tables after a camper checks out.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cleaning and disinfecting rental equipment after each use (e.g., watercraft, tents, lifejackets and sports equipment) and should only be shared among members of the same household.
Community Planning - Recreation Centres	
Are private rentals of swimming pools permitted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – this is permitted for individuals or households. • Household rental • 1 on 1 – with a trainer.
Can golf courses and golf driving ranges continue to operate in Step 1?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – activities that are outdoors and inherently distanced can occur. If these activities cannot be modified to align with public health measures than they are not permitted.
Can we continue to allow aquatic staff to do their conditioning swims for work and get ready for pools to reopen?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditioning can take place, however it must be 1 to 1 with a trainer, and there must be at least 3 metres (indoors) between training groups. • If occurring outdoors please ensure 2 metre distancing between individuals/groups.
Can we continue to complete aquatic staff recertification necessary for reopening pools? All safety controls will continue to be in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, this can take place as long as public health guidance is followed.
Can the Zoo's outdoor experiences continue to operate in Step 1 with indoor facilities remaining closed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor portions of the zoo are able to stay open.
Indoor Gatherings	
Could you provide clarity re: the use of public meeting rooms in municipal buildings by community/not-for-profit groups and affiliated organizations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We encourage individuals to use digital options such as online meetings as the work from home order remains in place at this time; in-person meetings are highly discouraged. However, with masking, 2m distancing between households, opportunities for hand hygiene and appropriate traffic-flow mitigations (directional arrows), meetings can proceed. Capacity is only restricted by the ability to effectively distance. • Service Alberta recently updated the rules allowing thousands of businesses, non-profits, societies, cooperatives and condominium corporations the option to meet and vote online, as opposed to in person. The updated rules now allow organizations the option of providing meeting notices, conducting meetings and holding votes using digital technology • https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/sa-virtual-meetings-fact-sheet.pdf
What is the capacity of a farmer's market in a community hall?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is calculated at 15% of the Fire Code capacity.



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Variants	
What is the trigger for further restrictions to be put in place with variant cases now being dominant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a variety of factors that influence decisions to tighten or loosen restrictions. The Variants of Concern, daily case numbers, and hospitalizations all factor into this decision.
Please share an update on the statistics on the variants of concern.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the Variants of Concern is available on https://www.alberta.ca/stats/covid-19-alberta-statistics.htm#variants-of-concern.
Other	
Are kitchen staff required to wear masks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, people working in kitchens must mask as per CMOH-12-2021.
When can we expect that there will be more clarity on day camps?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Health is currently expecting to engage with key individuals in this sector. We appreciate your patience.
What would make schools close again?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Health has not set any thresholds for closing schools. This is an operational decision that will be made by Alberta Education.
Can we ensure international travels are quarantined upon return?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All non-exempt travellers returning to or entering Alberta from outside Canada are legally required to follow federal travel restrictions and must comply with the following steps outlined here https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-travel-advice.aspx As of January 26, 2021, 99% of the 48,682 interventions by law enforcement have resulted in compliance by travellers. However, in a minority of cases, verbal warnings, written warnings, tickets, and charges have been issued. For more information see: https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/01/government-of-canada-introduces-further-restrictions-on-international-travel.html
Can municipalities get updated guidance documents email to them via AEMA so we have the most current information available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As soon as guidelines are developed they will be posted online at BizConnect at https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx
When will dated guidance documents be removed and updated versions provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As soon as guidelines are developed they will be posted online at BizConnect at https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx
Is the province doing any preliminary planning for elections coming up this summer in Summer Villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMOH-10-2021, allows facilities be used for election purposes. Guidance are being drafted by the Government of Alberta.



What would lead to a public state of emergency? Why has one not been called?

- We are closely monitoring the situation. The Path Forward is a clear framework for moving through the pandemic. Moving back to Step 1 was in response to rising case rates and hospitalization combined with a spike in variant cases.

What is your current advice now for travel to resort communities (which are very busy right now)?

- If you must travel:
- follow physical distancing and gathering restrictions
- take all necessary precautions to protect your health and the health of others
- download and use the mobile contact tracing app while out in public

