

**ALBERTA BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING  
JUNE 15, 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 May 18, 2021
6. DELEGATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
  - a. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance May 28, 2021 Issue
  - b. Alberta Counsel – The News May 27, 2021 Issue
  - c. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update June 3, 2021 Issue
  - d. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update May 25, 2021 Issue
  - e. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update May 31, 2021 Issue
  - f. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update June 7, 2021 Issue
  - g. Alberta Invasive Species Council – AISC Quarterly Update
  - h. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Central Industrial Property Assessment Newsletter
  - i. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 June 4, 2021 Issue
  - j. Alberta Treasury Board & Finance – Population Estimates Methodology
  - k. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of May 19, 2021
  - l. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of May 27, 2021
  - m. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of June 2, 2021
  - n. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of June 10, 2021
  - o. Brownlee LLP – 2021 Barn Burner Cancellation Announcement
  - p. Community Futures Yellowhead East – Top 3 Regional Business Community News
  - q. Fortis Alberta – Environment Grant Winners
  - r. Lac Ste. Anne County – Road Rehabilitation Cost Share Request
  - s. Lac Ste. Anne County – 2021 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant
  - t. Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus – Board Member Recruitment
  - u. Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality – May 2021 LILSA Newsletter
  - v. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – May 2021 In Stream Newsletter
  - w. Senator Doug Black – June Newsletter – Rounding the Corner
  - x. Shannon Stubbs, MP Lakeland – Bill C-21 Update for Municipalities
  - y. Improvement District No.9 – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - z. Red Deer County – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - aa. Smoky Lake County – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - bb. Town of Claresholm – Walk to Breathe Initiative
  - cc. Town of Falher – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - dd. Town of High River – Proposed Alberta Coal Policy
  - ee. Town of Mayerthorpe – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - ff. Town of Redcliff – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - gg. Town of Stavely – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - hh. Village of Caroline – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - ii. Village of Milo – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - jj. Village of Rycroft – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - kk. Village of Lougheed – Letter of Support for RCMP in Alberta
  - ll. Alberta Health Services – Community Lab RFP Proponent
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Alberta Recreation & Parks – Recreation and Parks Proclamation
  - b. Lifesaving Society – National Drowning Prevention Week Proclamation
  - c. Northwest Fire Rescue and Training – ORFS 2020 Statistics Presentation
15. NEW BUSINESS
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
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**PRESENT:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

13.ee Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2021 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)  
15.c Sunsplashed AB Beach Inc. – Lease Agreement

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

#075-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as amended.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:**

No closed meeting session was held.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

#076-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 20, 2021 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#077-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of April 20, 2021 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

No Municipal Planning Commission meeting was held.

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

The CAO reviewed the Action List, no motions arose.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

#078-21 DOYLE & COMPANY – 2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that the Audited Financial Statements of December 31, 2020 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#079-21 2021 BUDGET:  
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the 2021 Budget be approved as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#080-21 COST OF LIVING INCREASE:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that a cost of living increase of 1.5% be approved retroactive to January 1, 2021.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS & POLICIES:**

#081-21 GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY – POLICY G.2.9 COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY:  
MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that General Village Policy G.2.9 be amended as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#082-21 BYLAW #285-21 A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION FOR 2021:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #285-21, being a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation for 2021 be read a first time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#083-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #285-21 be read a second time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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#084-21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #285-21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#085-21 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #285-21 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:**

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:  
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of April 22, 2021.  
West Inter-lake District (WILD) Water Commission meeting and AGM of April 24, 2021.  
FCSS TriVillage Committee meeting of April 27, 2021.  
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality meeting of April 27, 2021.  
Premier Kenney, Municipal Covid Townhall meeting of May 12, 2021.  
Budget meeting of May 14, 2021.  
Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance meeting of May 17, 2021.

COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

No meetings to report.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:  
Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting of April 21, 2021.  
Watershed Action Group meeting of May 14, 2021.  
Alberta Beach In Bloom meeting of May 17, 2021.

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

Councillor Love reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:  
Alberta Beach Museum & Archives meeting of May 12, 2021.  
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meetings of May 5 and 14, 2021.

#086-21

2021 ROADWORK:  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve to proceed with contracting O'Hanlon Paving for the 2021 Roadwork projects as budgeted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR BENEDICT:

Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:  
Beachwave Park Stakeholder's Committee meeting of April 27, 2021.  
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meetings of May 5 and 14, 2021.  
Lac Ste. Anne County Recreation Agreement meeting of April 29, 2021.  
Lac Ste. Anne County East SARM meeting of Mayors & CAOs of April 29, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

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

#087-21

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:**

ALBERTA COUNSEL – AT A GLANCE MAY 3-7, 2021 UPDATE:

At a Glance newsletter of May 3-7, 2021 was received from Alberta Counsel.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 community updates of April 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – DEDICATED WEBPAGE FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services regarding the development of a dedicated webpage for community partners & stakeholders to share important public health messages and resources with their communities.

ALBERTA HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPALITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 municipality updates of April 21 and May 13, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Emergency Operations Centre.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:

Municipal Governance during Covid-19 of April 23 and March 13, 2021 was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

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**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL REGULATION:**  
Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded a copy of the recent Ministerial Order and Subdivision and Development Appeal Regulation clarifying which appeal body will hear subdivision & development permit appeals for certain matters.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – PREMIER KENNEY TOWN HALL – COVID 19 & VACCINE UPDATE:**  
Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded a copy of the Covid 19 & Vaccine update presentation from the Town Hall meeting with Premier Jason Kenney, Minister Ric McIver, Minister Tyler Shandro & Dr. Hinshaw.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA/AMSC DIGEST:**  
AUMA/AMSC Digests of April 28, May 5 and 12, 2021 was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA VILLAGE WEST UPDATE:**  
An AUMA Villages West update was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

**COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – REGIONAL BUSINESS RESILIENCY & DIVERSIFICATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE:**  
Community Futures Yellowhead East forwarded information on the Regional Business Resiliency & Diversification Partnership Initiative to support small businesses within the community.

**COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – NORTHERN ALBERTA LEMONADE DAY:**  
Community Futures Yellowhead East forwarded an update on Northern Alberta Lemonade Day taking place on June 19, 2021.

**DARWELL LAGOON COMMISSION – REGIONAL WASTEWATER TRANSMISSION LINE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN:**  
Darwell Lagoon Commission forwarded a copy of the Regional Wastewater Transmission Line Conceptual Design Report for information.

**END ALBERTA LOCKDOWN – NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWNS:**  
Correspondence was received from End Alberta Lockdown regarding the negative effects of lockdowns.

**GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA – FCSS REGULATION REVIEW:**  
Correspondence was received from the Government of Alberta regarding the Community and Social Services review of the FCSS program which will result in the development of a framework to strengthen the program, also included was the FCSS Regulation changes effective July 1, 2021.

**LAC STE. ANNE EAST END BUS – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND:**  
A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus advising they will not be requesting the bus replacement funds for 2021.

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

**LETTERS TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN SUPPORT OF THE RCMP IN ALBERTA:**  
The Town of Claresholm, Town of Edson, Town of Magrath and the Town of Raymond forwarded a copy of their letters to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General in support of the RCMP in Alberta over a proposed provincial police force.

**TOWN OF TOFIELD – LETTER REGARDING RURAL ALBERTA VACCINE PROVISION:**  
The Town of Tofield forwarded a copy of their letter to the Minister of Health regarding the provision of vaccines in rural Alberta.

**ALBERTA BEACH SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD – NOTICE OF SDAB HEARING:**  
Correspondence was received from the Alberta Beach Subdivision & Development Appeal Board as notice of a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing scheduled for May 28, 2021 regarding an appeal against a decision of the Development Authority in respect to Development Permit Application No. 21DP15-01 on Plan 0423757, Block 2, Lot 18, 4207 – 43 Avenue, Alberta Beach.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2021 MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (MSI):**  
A letter was received from the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs confirming the 2021 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding.

#088-21

MOVED BY Councillor Love that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:**

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#089-21

ALBERTA BEACH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – PURCHASE OF ALBERTA BEACH AGLIPLIX:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the letter from the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society regarding their interest in the purchase of the Alberta Beach Agliplex be accepted for further review and development of a potential purchase agreement on the condition that the land remain the property of Alberta Beach and further that Council authorize a meeting between the Mayor and Ag Society President to review details of the proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#090-21

BEACHWAVE PARK STAKEHOLDER'S COMMITTEE – RECOMMENDATION ON THE  
MANAGEMENT OF BEACHWAVE PARK:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council accept the Beachwave Park Stakeholder's Committee recommendation on the management of Beachwave Park being that the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society assume operation of Beachwave Park on the condition that the community stakeholder's continue to be involved and that the stakeholders be encouraged to continue making funding contributions to the facility and further that the stakeholder's committee meet with the Alberta Beach & District Ag Society to work out the details of their proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#091-21

ALBERTA BEACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE – MANAGEMENT OF BEACHWAVE PARK &  
REMAINING FUNDS:  
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the letter from the Alberta Beach Community League advising that they will no longer oversee and manage Beachwave Park on behalf of the stakeholder's committee be accepted for information, that the remaining stakeholder funds be deposited temporarily in the village deposit account and further that a thank you letter be sent to the Alberta Beach Community League in appreciation for the many years of service in managing Beachwave Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#092-21

NICOLE DENING – REQUEST TO AMEND LAND USE BYLAW:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that a letter be sent to Nicole Dening in response to her request to amend the land use bylaw to advise on the process and costs for submitting a request to amend the bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

#093-21

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – RECREATION FUNDING AGREEMENT:  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that the Lac Ste. Anne County Recreation Funding Agreement be approved as presented and further a thank you letter be forwarded to Lac Ste Anne County to express Council's appreciation of the recreation funding agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#094-21

FCSS TRIVILLAGE COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the FCSS TriVillage Committee Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#095-21

SUNSPLOSHED AB BEACH INC. – LEASE AGREEMENT:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the lease agreement with Sunsplashed AB Beach Inc. be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

Mayor Benedict responded to a question regarding the plans for the main beach advising that the storm outfall project will be completed with the restoration of a sidewalk with catch basin frames and grates, the park will be leveled, sod installed and fencing replaced. A question was asked regarding garage sales and the response was that they are permitted subject to following all health restrictions and the bylaw which allows for 3 sales per year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

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Mayor – Jim Benedict

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

**CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST****MAY 2021****COUNCIL:**

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

**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. 23<sup>rd</sup>. (meeting was held – waiting for further information)

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

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

**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.

May 18/21 Request for financial assistance was sent to LSA County, which was approved for a \$25,000.00 contribution.

**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. May 18/21 Switch confirmed removal of equipment on May 19/21.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

May18/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council accept the Beachwave Park Stakeholder's Committee recommendation on the management of Beachwave Park being that the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society assume operation of Beachwave Park on the condition that the community stakeholder's continue to be involved and that the stakeholders be encouraged to continue making funding contributions to the facility and further that the stakeholder's committee meet with the Alberta Beach & District Ag Society to work out the details of their proposal.

**ALBERTA BEACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE – MANAGEMENT OF BEACHWAVE PARK & REMAINING FUNDS:**

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**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.

May 18/21 Application was submitted to FCM.

**ALBERTA BEACH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – PURCHASE OF ALBERTA BEACH AGLIPLIX:**

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**NICOLE DENING – REQUEST TO AMEND LAND USE BYLAW:**

May 18/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that a letter be sent to Nicole Dening in response to her request to amend the land use bylaw to advise on the process and costs for submitting a request to amend the bylaw.

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – RECREATION FUNDING AGREEMENT:**

May 18/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the Lac Ste. Anne County Recreation Funding Agreement be approved as presented and further a thank you letter be forwarded to Lac Ste Anne County to express Council's appreciation of the recreation funding agreement.

**FCSS TRIVILLAGE COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

May 18/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the FCSS TriVillage Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

**SUNSPLASHED AB BEACH INC. – LEASE AGREEMENT:**

May 18/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the lease agreement with Sunsplashed AB Beach Inc. be approved.

**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.

**2021 ROADWORK:**

May 18/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve to proceed with contracting O'Hanlon Paving for the 2021 Roadwork projects as budgeted.





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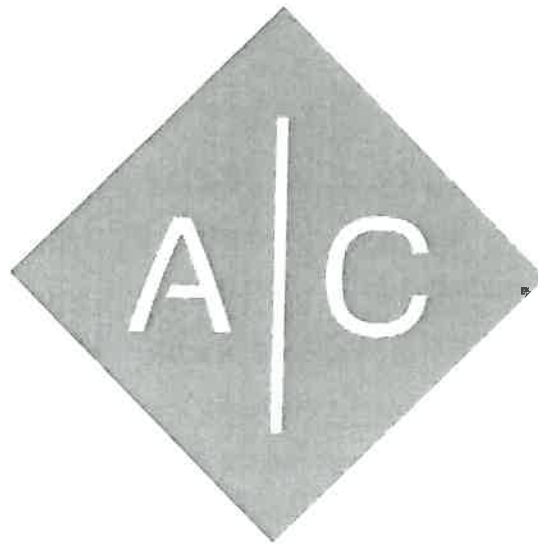
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Operate MV w/o OP lic												
Operate Without Insurance	1											
Operate Without Registration	2		1		2							
Operate Without Driver's License												
Plates Displayed Improperly					1							
Fail to Produce Driver's License				2								
Fail to Produce Proof of Insurance	1				1							
Fail to Produce Proof of Registration					1							
Driving While Disqualified	1											
Seat Belt Violation												
GDL Driving Restriction Violation												
Careless Driving												
Stop Sign/ Disobeying T/C Device	1	1										
Speeding	9	7	4	4	3							
Distracted Driver												
Stunting/ Riding Outside M/V Etc..												
Fail to Yeild for Pedestrain												
Equipment Violaitons												
Expired Licence Plate					1							
Unsafe lane change												
Child Restraint												
GLA												
Arrest for Public Intoxication			1									
OHV - Registration												
OHV - Unregistered												
OHV - No Insurance												
OHV - No helmet												
OHV - Operate of a Highway												
OHV - Fail to Stop for Peace Officer												
ByLaw - Animal		1		2	1							
ByLaw - Noise		1			1							
ByLaw - Untidy /Unsightly	1	2	3	3	24							
ByLaw - Traffic												
Bylaw- Fire			1	2	1							
Welfare Check		1										
Assist Hotel			1									
Warnings Given	8	4	5	4	6							
Phone calls												
Warrant files		1										
Mandatory Crt Appearance												
Drive well using cell/veiwing device												
Stolen Vehicles/Assist RCMP/AHS												
BY-LAW FINES			4	3	1							
<b>Ticket Totals 2021</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>							

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# ALBERTA COUNSEL

**At a Glance May 24, 2021 - May 28, 2021**

## **In the News**

### **Alberta Government Announces Reopening Plan**

The reopening plan for Alberta was announced on Wednesday. The speed of reopening will be based on the number of first-dose vaccinations and

hospitalizations for COVID-19. Each stage of the reopening will be triggered 2 weeks after the applicable thresholds are met for all Albertans aged 12 years and older.

Stage 1 begins on June 1 when 50% of Albertans have their first dose and hospitalizations are under 800. Outdoor patio dining reopens, funeral capacity moves up to 20 people, personal and wellness services are able to reopen for appointments, places of worship capacity increases to 15% occupancy, outdoor youth sports, performance and recreation training will be permitted if socially distanced, and a 10-person capacity for indoor weddings and outdoor social gatherings.

Stage 2 will begin mid-June with 60% of Albertans having their first dose and hospitalizations under 500. Restrictions will increase outdoor social gatherings, weddings and funerals to a 20-person capacity, public outdoor gatherings permitted up to 150 people while retail and places of worship capacity increases to 33% occupancy. Indoor dining reopens, fitness classes and indoor fitness centres can reopen and indoor sports will resume with no restrictions. Indoor settings such as cinemas, museums and recreation centres can open to 30% of occupancy, youth activities such as day camps and play centres may resume with restrictions, personal and wellness services can resume walk-in services, post-secondary can resume in-person, and the work from home order will be lifted.

Stage 3 is projected to be early July after the 70% vaccine threshold is reached. All remaining public health restrictions will be lifted including all restrictions for indoor gatherings and masking requirements. The isolation requirements for those with COVID-19 and all health measures in continuing care settings will remain in place.

**Indigenous Leader Withdraws Endorsement of Alberta's Draft Curriculum**  
Lubicon Lake Chief and Treaty 8 Grand Chief of Education Billy-Joe Laboucan

has withdrawn his support for the UCP's new curriculum drafts after endorsing the draft in late March. Before speaking at the news conference where he expressed his support for the curriculum, Laboucan had only read a page and a half summary of the proposed inclusion of Indigenous people and their history. After reading the full draft, he stated that he felt misled and as though he was being used as the 'token Indian' as he decided that the proposed draft curriculum was not adequate.

Other Indigenous leaders, including Metis residential school survivor Betty Letendre, expressed their discomfort with the government's consultation process on the curriculum feeling as though they were used as tokens by the UCP government to validate the curriculum. The Metis Nation of Alberta has called for the government to rewrite the curriculum following 'monumental concerns about the Euro-American colonial undertones.'

### **Alberta Universities Ordered to Cut Ties with China**

Alberta's Minister of Advanced Education Demetrios Nicolaidis, ordered four universities to pause and review all relationships with the People's Republic of China and Chinese Communist Party. In his letter to the University of Calgary, University of Alberta, University of Lethbridge, and Athabasca University, Minister Nicolaidis expressed his concerns with the potential theft of intellectual property and foreign state infiltration into Alberta's research and innovation centres for use by Chinese military and intelligence agencies.

The issues with partnerships between our post-secondary institutions and China is not unique to Alberta, having been heavily debated in the US and Australia as well. The universities have 90 days to submit their reports to the government after a thorough review that ensures their partnerships follow stringent risk assessments and due diligence.

### **Petroleum Companies Face Pressure to Change**

Dutch courts have ordered Shell to cut their CO2 emissions by 2030. This is the

first time an energy company faced a punishment of mandatory policy changes rather than financial compensation. This was the result of a lawsuit filed by environmental organizations alongside thousands of co-plaintiffs. Canada's oldest oil and gas trade association, Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors, is following suit in caving to the pressure from climate activists to reduce emissions. They will be replacing 'oilwell drilling' in their organization's name with 'energy' to include those outside of the oil patch in their organization.

Exxon Mobil has had to face these same pressures in a far more upsetting way for the CEO Darren Woods. On Wednesday, multiple environmental activists from an investment firm won seats on Exxon's board despite the opposition of the company. This is unprecedented and has the potential to make waves of change in the company as a quarter of the board will be in favour of changing policies to be more environmentally friendly. Despite all of this, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers is predicting a significant uptick in investment in the energy sector this year primarily in Alberta and British Columbia, changing from prior year's downward trends.



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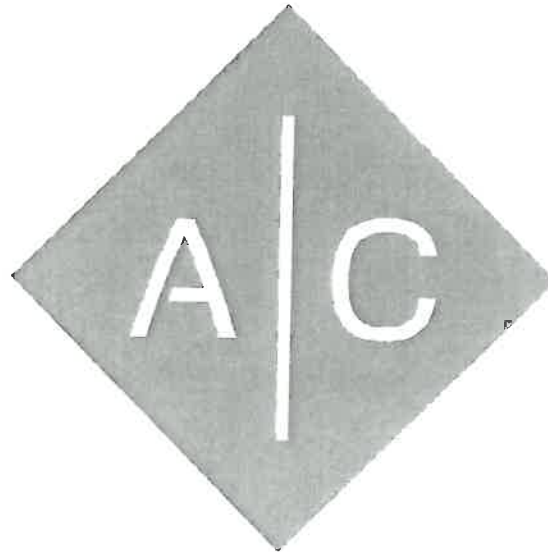
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**The Equalization Referendum**

Alberta is a mere 132 days removed from the next round of municipal elections, marking a new chapter for the province's two largest cities who will see significant turnover on their councils. While there is much to discuss on the municipal front leading up to October 18th, the election will share a battleground with the provincial government for campaign attention. As we all have heard since even before the United Conservative Party was elected to their first majority mandate in 2019, there has been much speculation swirling around the details of a provincial referendum sometime during this term.

As of last week, much of that speculation was put to rest when Government House Leader Jason Nixon gave notice of Motion 83.

For some time, there were many who discussed the possibility of multiple referendum questions being placed on the ballot in October following the findings of the Fair Deal Panel last year. However, it seems to be confirmed that there will only be one question put to voters. That question is as follows:

Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?

To be clear, that is the wording of the question at this point in time. Once the motion is formally introduced in the Legislature, there is potential for the language to be amended to avoid any potential confusion at the polls. MLAs will debate the wording of the question as it will eventually need to be approved by the Assembly. This writer is reminded of the origin story for the Clarity Act resulting from the befuddlement of the referendum on Quebec sovereignty in 1995. While the Clarity Act is only used in reference to succession questions, it is still incredibly important to put forward a



question that the population can easily process at a glance to minimize legal challenges.

Since referenda do not come around every day, it is worth taking a look at where the Legislature goes from here and what the consequence of a “yes” vote could be. Spoiler alert – equalization payments will not immediately come to a halt.

Once the resolution on the question is passed, the Lieutenant Governor in Council will make an order that the referendum is to be held on October 18th in conjunction with the municipal election with voters choosing solely between “yes” and “no” on the ballot. If a simple majority of 50 per cent plus one vote in the affirmative, then the result of the public vote becomes binding on the province as it is a constitutional matter. Pursuant to the act, “if the results of a referendum are binding, the government that initiated the referendum shall, as soon as practicable, take any steps within the competence of the Government of Alberta that it considers necessary or advisable to implement the results of the referendum.”

Then what? As we said earlier, a ‘yes’ result does not automatically remove Alberta from the equalization formula, nor does it eliminate equalization altogether. What are the “steps within the competence of the Government of Alberta” that would need to be taken?

Ultimately, it gives the provincial government a validated public mandate to lobby the federal government to eliminate the section of the Constitution Act that entails equalization across the country. In order for the referendum vote to become federal law, it must be approved by the House of Commons and the Senate. It also requires a provincial threshold of support to be ratified – consent from seven provincial legislatures representing at least half of the country’s population. In 2021-22, the provinces that will receive equalization payments from Ottawa are Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Manitoba. Those provinces are scheduled to receive about \$20.9 billion combined in equalization payments –something they are not likely eager to pass on simply to appease Alberta. Two of these provincial legislatures would need to jump ship for Alberta to have a shot at being successful.

While it is not impossible, there is no question that an affirmative referendum vote would bring with it the herculean task of convincing the federal government and the rest of the country that equalization needs to be concluded. In the end, a ‘yes’ vote would be

used as a negotiating tool to pressure the federal government to amend or eliminate equalization and to generate support from other provinces.

Now that we have some understanding about what would happen following a “yes”, what happens if Alberta decides to vote “no”? Obviously, the referendum itself would be finished, but what are the repercussions here at home? Let’s speculate.

Suppose Albertans decide that they do not support the referendum on October 18th. Assuming that the results of the reference on the ‘No More Pipelines’ bill at the Court of Appeal of Alberta are not released at that time, the United Conservatives will be staring at a scoreboard reading “Alberta – 0; Canada – 2” in the constitutional challenge game with the puck getting ready to drop on the third period of this government’s term. Premier Jason Kenney was previously quoted as saying “what Albertans cannot and will not accept is governments across the country benefiting from that wealth and our resources while seeking to block and impair our development of that wealth and those resources by killing pipelines” signaling that he is relying on both the Fair Deal Panel and the UCP’s campaign platform as the basis for this initiative.

Staying with the Quebec sovereignty referendum of 1995, we can see what sort of impact a government has felt following an unsuccessful vote. Former Premier Jacques Parizeau (leader of the Parti Québécois) won a strong majority in the National Assembly in the 1994 provincial election. Support for the Quebec separatist movement began to grow exponentially following the failures of both the Meech Lake and Charlottetown Accords, contributing to the election of the Parti Québécois. The following year, the separatist referendum was held and resulted in a constitutional nail biter where a ‘no’ vote passed by the slightest of margins.

At one point during the referendum campaign, it seemed like the ‘no’ vote was pulling away in terms of popular support. This prompted Parizeau to step aside from leading the campaign in an effort to build momentum leading up to ballot day by allowing a fellow separatist with a bit more public appeal to take the lead. Following the eventual loss on October 30th, 1995, Premier Parizeau resigned as leader to allow the man running the ‘yes’ campaign to take over – Bloc Québécois leader Lucien Bouchard.

According to a Janet Brown poll, the percentage of people who agree with a statement that equalization is unfair to Alberta has remained stable, hovering between 68 and 71 per cent between 2018 and 2021. Now, this is where the wording of the referendum

question becomes essential in determining the eventual success or failure of the referendum. The question proposed by the UCP in Motion 83 does not include the full language of the section, something that could potentially change how voters would respond come E-Day (election day).

For reference, the complete wording of Section 36(2) is “parliament and the government of Canada are committed to the principle of making equalization payments to ensure that provincial governments have sufficient revenues to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation.” Coupled with an education campaign by the ‘no’ side which would likely focus in on the argument that equalization payments come out of GST revenues and are not paid for by the ‘have’ provinces cutting a cheque to the ‘have-nots’, it isn’t totally unreasonable to foresee a October 19th, 2021 headline reading that the referendum has failed.

With polling trending downward for the UCP since the holiday travel controversy coupled with growing tensions within the UCP caucus, it is not unreasonable to suggest that this referendum vote could be a defining moment for the future of Alberta politics. With the degree of involvement that we could see from third-party advertisers in both the referendum and municipal election campaigns, the importance of a referendum victory to the future of the United Conservatives, and the local political landscape growing evermore tumultuous, voters will be required to cut through the noise and become more aware than ever before.

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# COVID-19 Municipality Update

June 3, 2021

Latest Health Order: [CMOH Order 30-2021](#)

## Open for Summer Framework

**Stage 1:** Two weeks after 50% of Albertans 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) have received at least one dose, and hospitalizations are below 800 and declining. Effective June 1 unless stated otherwise.

- Places of worship – 15% of fire code occupancy (effective May 28)
- Outdoor social gatherings – up to 10 people (indoor social gatherings still not permitted)
- Outdoor physical, performance and recreation activities – up to 10 distanced people, all ages
- Personal and wellness services – re-open, by appointment only
- Funeral services – up to 20 people, not including facility staff, funeral clergy or organizers not considered guests (receptions remain prohibited)
- Wedding ceremonies – up to 10 people, including officiant, bride/groom, witnesses (receptions remain prohibited)
- Restaurants – outdoor patio dining for up to 4 household members per table, or 3 people if diners who live alone are with their 2 close contacts
- Retail - 15% of fire code occupancy (must maintain ability to distance)
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect.

**Stage 2:** Two weeks after 60% of Albertans 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) have received at least one dose, and hospitalizations are below 500 and declining. Expected to be in effect June 10.

- Outdoor social gatherings – up to 20 people with distancing (indoor social gatherings still not permitted)
- Indoor recreation, entertainment and other settings (rec centres, arenas, casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, libraries, etc.) – open at 1/3 of fire code occupancy
- Gyms and fitness studios – open for solo and drop-in activities and indoor fitness classes with 3 metre distancing
- Funeral services – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)
- Wedding ceremonies – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)
- Places of worship – 1/3 of fire code occupancy
- Personal and wellness services – resume walk-in service
- Post-secondary – resume in-person learning
- Restaurants – 6 people per table max, indoors or outdoors
- Retail – 1/3 of fire code occupancy (must maintain ability to distance)
- Youth activities (day camps, overnight camps, play centres) – resume with restrictions
- Youth and adult sports – resume with no restrictions, indoors and outdoors
- Outdoor public gatherings (concerts/festivals) – up to 150 people
- Outdoor fixed seating facilities (grandstands) – 1/3 seated capacity
- Work from home order is lifted but still recommended
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

**Stage 3:** Two weeks after 70% of Albertans 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) have received at least one dose. Expected to be effective in late June or early July.

- All restrictions lifted, including ban on indoor social gatherings
- Isolation requirements for confirmed cases of COVID-19 and some protective measures in continuing care settings remain

Work Place Closure Guidance please see: <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/6634b3e6-fd73-46fd-a71f-309fc4e11fef/resource/bd7a5121-33ad-4f09-9faf-8831325455f2/download/covid-19-information-workplace-closures.pdf>

Municipality Question	Response
<b>General Questions</b>	
Do you anticipate having sufficient supply to get all of the first doses administered without an interruption?	Supply schedules are provided by vaccine manufacturer please see: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/covid-19-vaccine-treatment/vaccine-rollout.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/covid-19-vaccine-treatment/vaccine-rollout.html</a>
We have had some concern that there will not be enough AstraZeneca for the second dose.	
What are the rules related to garage sales?	Garage sales can occur, however, individuals must be outdoors ( <b>they cannot enter the garage, even if the garage door is open</b> ). They are also recommended to wear a mask. Distance of 2 metres must be observed outdoors.
Does it make sense to reopen all areas at once? Ensuring all regions reach 70% is a policy mechanism for greater compliance throughout the province.	Alberta Health is taking a province wide approach and is working towards promoting immunization across the province.
Is there any guidance for an outdoor drive-through?	Please see: <a href="https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-for-drive-in-events">https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-for-drive-in-events</a>
How can we plan our summer events/festivals?	Please see <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx#regions">https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx#regions</a> for information on the Alberta's Open for Summer Plan.
Why has a decision been made to lift the mask mandate?	Masking and physical distancing requirements will remain in effect in Stages 1 and 2. In Sage 3, the mask mandate will switch to a recommendation rather than a requirement.
<b>Work Place Guidance</b>	
Workplace outbreak guidance: Is there a guidance document available?	Guidance document is available at: <a href="https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/6634b3e6-fd73-46fd-a71f-309fc4e11fef/resource/bd7a5121-33ad-4f09-9faf-8831325455f2/download/covid-19-information-workplace-closures.pdf">https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/6634b3e6-fd73-46fd-a71f-309fc4e11fef/resource/bd7a5121-33ad-4f09-9faf-8831325455f2/download/covid-19-information-workplace-closures.pdf</a>
Are there any updates on graduation ceremonies guidance/restrictions?	Stage 1: A school may host a graduation ceremony on school property without external in-person attendees, during regular school hours while adhering to the current Alberta health measures. Please note the <i>Guidance for Schools (K-12) and School Buses – Scenario 1</i> contains a section entitled Ceremonies and Celebratory Events that provides

guidance for indoor graduation ceremonies. Attendance at in-school graduation ceremonies must continue to be limited to graduating students and school staff (e.g., no in-person audience allowed).

Stage 2:

As we move closer to Stage 2, there has been a great deal of interest in how the easing of restrictions could impact graduation ceremonies. For clarity purposes, the following guidance **will** apply during Stage 2:

- When the graduation ceremony is outdoors and has fixed seating, such as a grandstand, it **will be** limited to 1/3 seating capacity.
- When the graduation ceremony is taking place outside where there is no fixed seating, the organizers **will be** able to set up chairs/seating for up to 150 people with distancing restrictions in place.
- Indoor graduation ceremonies **will be** limited to 1/3 of the fire code occupancy and can only take place as a seated event. Masking and physical distancing between households is required.
  - No indoor social gatherings are permitted.
- If the event **will be** occurring in a school, with individuals outside of the grade 12 classroom cohort, it **will** need to take place outside of school hours and follow the applicable guidance. Once again, no indoor social gathering **will be** permitted to take place before, during or after the graduation ceremony.

Please note that during Stage 2, social distancing and masking requirements will remain in effect. As the stages unfold, please work with your Environmental Public Health Services contact to determine the approach that will best fit your needs while adhering to all public health restrictions.

Will the 3 case at a workplace closure still be in place once the Stages begin?

Yes, Alberta Health will still have this requirement in place.



<p>Is there a consideration for maintaining 2 metre distancing or masking in indoor office locations on a transition basis as individuals reintegrate back into the workplace? There are many people who have not been in the workplace and employers have a legal obligation to protect all employees (including those not able to be vaccinated) both with respect to physical and psychological safety.</p>	<p>Alberta Labour and Immigration is currently examining policies for workplace re-entry.</p>
<p><b>Immunization</b></p> <p>Will there be any lessening of restrictions for individuals who have received the second dose of their vaccine?</p>	<p>Quarantine provisions for close contacts of positive cases have been reduced based on vaccine uptake.</p> <p>Visitation rules relating to continuing care facilities have been modified reflecting increased vaccine uptake.</p> <p>Until most Albertans are protected, fully vaccinated people must continue following all public health measures: no indoor social gatherings, keep 2 metres apart from others, wear a mask in public, wash your hands, and stay home when sick.</p> <p>Once both doses take effect, you are less likely to become severely sick with COVID-19. But we don't yet know if the vaccine prevents vaccinated people from spreading the virus.</p> <p>We must continue reviewing emerging evidence on asymptomatic and variant transmission before we can safely alter public health guidelines.</p> <p>We will let Albertans know when rules for fully vaccinated people can be changed.</p>
<p>There are some concerns about the supply of AstraZeneca for second doses.</p>	<p>The Government of Canada has ordered 20 million doses of AstraZeneca. Please see: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/covid-19-vaccine-treatment/vaccine-rollout.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/covid-19-vaccine-treatment/vaccine-rollout.html</a> and <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/procuring-vaccines-covid19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/procuring-vaccines-covid19.html</a></p>
<p>Are there enough 2nd doses of vaccine for the population or will those with early 1st dose have to revaccinate at a later date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the delta variant showing people getting sick with only a single jab, should not we be concerned about full reopening with full vaccination?</li> </ul>	<p>The second dose roll out was announced yesterday and details can be found on the website here, <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx</a>, or in the accompanying news release: <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=79293DD1C740D-BB14-7802-8143F854985A9022">https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=79293DD1C740D-BB14-7802-8143F854985A9022</a>. Anyone who was immunized in March 2021 or earlier is eligible to book their second dose immediately.</p>

<p>Initiatives we can use to encourage vaccine uptake for the 20-39 year old cohort</p>	<p>Alberta Health is closely monitoring the spread of Variants of Concern.</p>
<p>Is there any guidance for companies or organizations who want individuals to show proof of vaccines?</p>	<p>Please consider looking to our employer toolkit, available here: <a href="https://open.alberta.ca/publications/employers-toolkit-for-vaccination">https://open.alberta.ca/publications/employers-toolkit-for-vaccination</a></p>
<p><b>Youth and Adult Sport</b>          What does “Youth and adult sports - resume with no restrictions” indoors and outdoors” mean?</p>	<p>Alberta Labour and Immigration is currently examining this issue. Please stay tuned.</p>
<p>For Stage 1 can sport teams have multiple groups of 10 on one surface? Splitting ends of fields?</p>	<p>As part of Stage 2 sports will resume for indoor and outdoor sports. No masking or distancing will be required during game play. Alberta Health is developing guidance for these activities.</p>
<p><b>Community Recreation</b>          What are the restrictions and parades?</p>	<p>The initial information on alberta.ca was designed to help paint a picture of Alberta’s easing of restrictions framework. Further information regarding Stage 2 will be forthcoming.</p>
<p>Can families rent pools?</p>	<p>Playing surfaces can be split in Stage 1.</p>
<p>Are there any updates for summer programs/day camps and overnight camps?</p>	<p>Please see the following link to help guide event planning: <a href="https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-for-drive-in-events">https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-for-drive-in-events</a></p>
<p>What are the new guidelines for summer fairs and festivals?</p>	<p>Indoor aquatics are not permitted at this time. Outdoor exclusive pool rental can occur.</p>
<p>When will we know what events will be permitted for Canada Day?</p>	<p>Alberta day and overnight camps are permitted as part of the second stage of restriction easement.</p> <p>Alberta Health is developing recommendations to help support various industries/stakeholders to safely relaunch.</p>
<p></p>	<p>All events can occur if the province will be in stage 3 of Alberta’s Open for Summer Plan. However, it is suggested that events are planned with</p>

	scalability in mind to be able to react to the evolving public health situation.
Are fitness centres allowed to reopen in Stage 1 for household bookings?	Indoor use of fitness centres are to be remained closed as part of Stage 1. Household booking for exclusive use is not permitted.
<b>Indoor Social Gatherings</b>	
in Stage 2, can indoor meetings be held with up to 20 attendees ? ie Council Meetings	Indoor meetings can occur in these settings with distancing and masking. There are also capacity limits a venue must consider (1/3 capacity). Alberta Health still encourages virtual meetings where possible.
Will there be indoor social gatherings allowed in Stage 2?	Indoor social gatherings are not permitted as part of Stage 2.
<b>Travel</b>	
Will travel border quarantine rules change for fully vaccinated individuals?	While this is being explored, as of June 8, 2021, federal quarantine requirements are still in place regardless of one's immunization status.
With the European Union announcing the requirement to produce proof of vaccine, will Alberta consider a vaccine passport again?	Decisions related to the border and border restrictions are the domain of the federal government.

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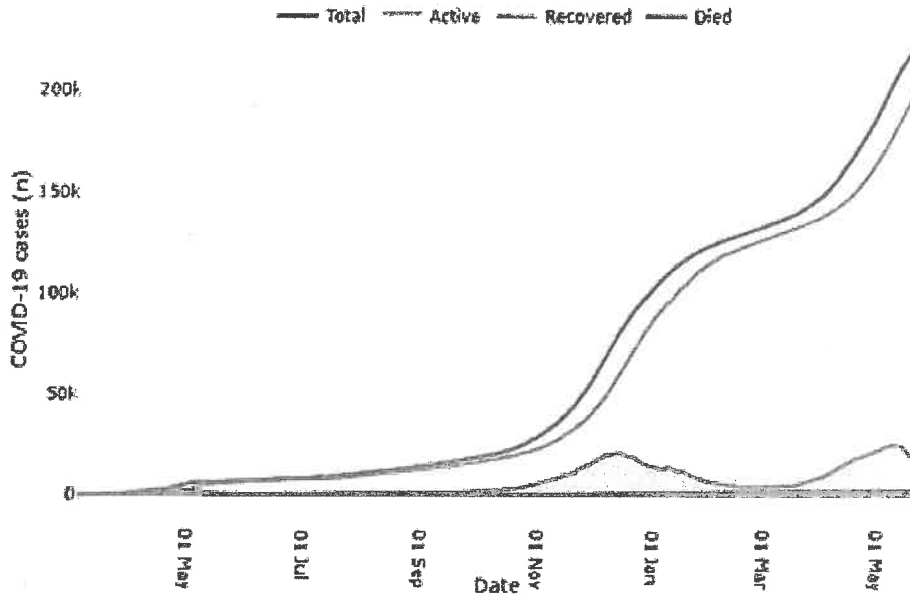
### Cases in Alberta

Despite all zones reporting decreases in active cases, the number of individuals in our intensive care units (ICUs) hit a new peak again this past week.

As of May 19 there are 17,675 active cases in Alberta, a 27.8 per cent decrease compared to May 12. All five AHS zones reported a decrease in active cases, with the Calgary Zone reporting the most active cases for the 19th consecutive week, as you can see in the table below.

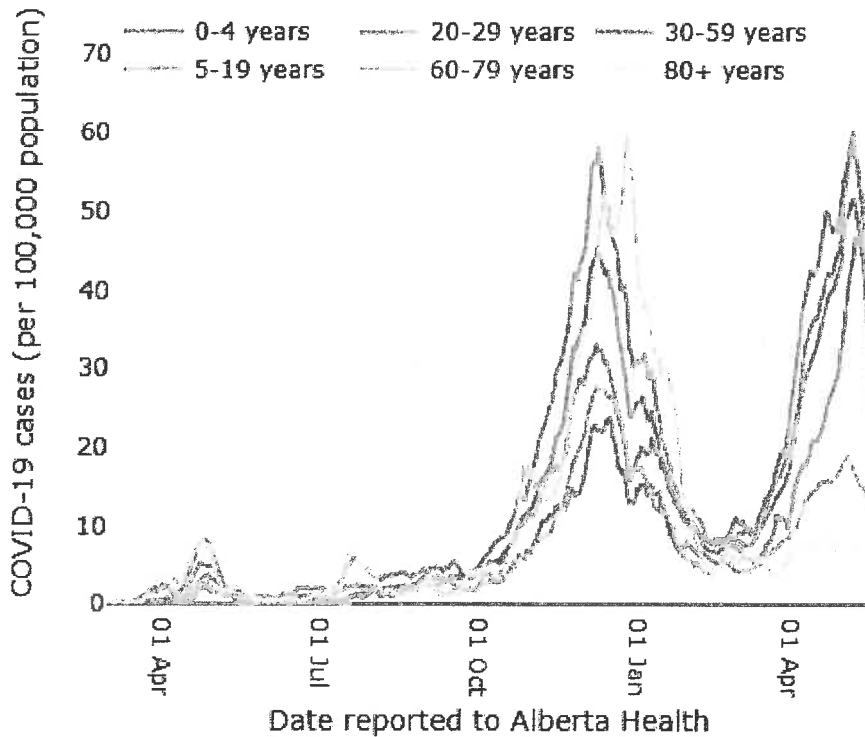
	Active Cases (as of May 19)	Active Cases (as of May 12)	Per cent Change
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>8,132</b>	<b>11,584</b>	<b>-30.2%</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>4,195</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>-23.3%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>3,618</b>	<b>-26.6%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>-30.6%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>-31.5%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-50.0%</b>

There was an average of 1,047 new cases per day for the seven-day period ending on May 19, compared to 1,731 cases the previous week (May 6 to May 12), a 39.5 per cent decrease. Although the Calgary Zone had the highest total number of new cases this week with 3,082, it also reported the largest per cent decrease (46.7 per cent) compared to the previous week when 5,778 new cases were reported.



**Cases by age group**

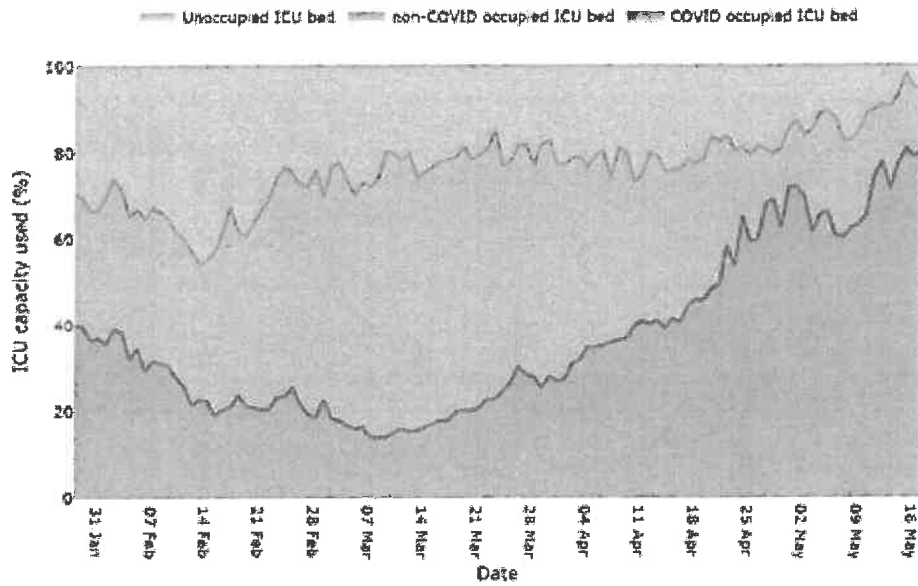
On May 16 the seven-day rolling average among school-aged children (5-19 years) was 27.86 cases per 100,000 people, compared to 47.00 cases per 100,000 people reported on May 9. Individuals aged 20-29 had the highest rate: 29.86 cases per 100,000 people. The rate for people 80+ years and those aged 60-79 years, was 5.29 and 11.29 cases per 100,000 people, respectively. A visual representation of these trends in cases in Alberta by age group is provided in the figure below.



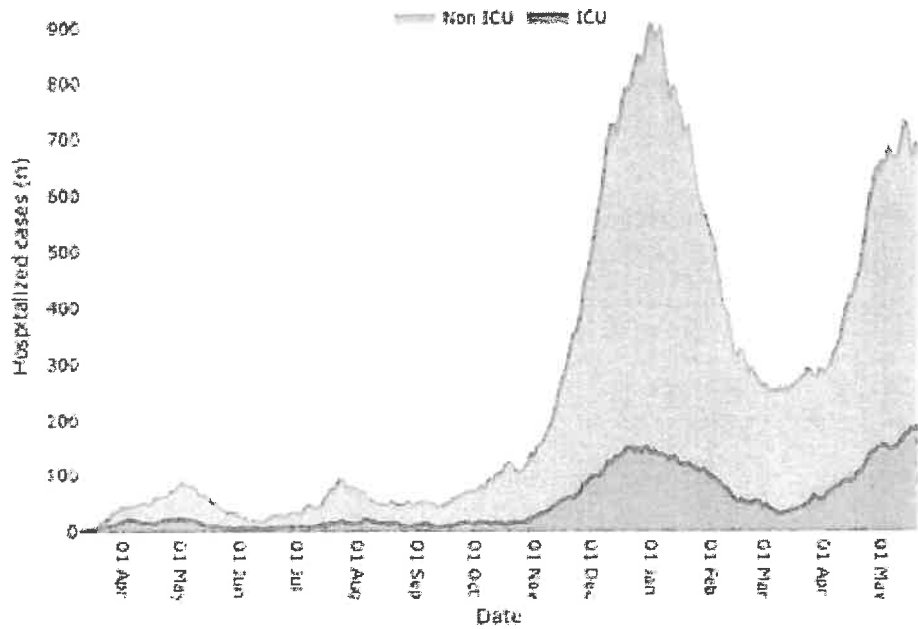
**Hospitalizations and ICU admissions**

For the fourth consecutive week, Alberta set a new record for individuals with COVID-19 being treated in ICU. On May 18, a record 184 individuals were in the ICU for COVID-19. The next day that number dropped to 177, which still represents a 2.9 per cent increase from the week prior, when there were 172 individuals in ICU on May 12. The most recent ICU capacity reporting, from May 17, shows our ICU

capacity at 94.7 per cent, with 80.4 per cent of ICU beds being occupied by a patient with COVID-19. The figure below is a visual representation of ICU capacity in Alberta:



A total of 488 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds on May 19 compared to 554 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on May 12, an 11.9 per cent decrease.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of May 19 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>

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

- As of May 19, a total of 222,279 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 9,002 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.0 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 202,442 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of May 19, 2,162 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 30 over the seven-day period ending May 19. 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 May 13 to May 19, 74,351 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 10,622 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 9.11 per cent to 11.42 per cent. As of May 19, a total of 4.45 million tests have been conducted and 2.12 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 May 10 to May 16 was 0.84 whereas R value the previous week was 1.00.
- For the winter school term, as of May 19, AHS has confirmed 8,884 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 1,352 out of 2,415 schools (56.0 per cent) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

#### **Variants of Concern**

For the seven-day period ending May 19:

- 87.1 per cent of samples successfully screened was the B.1.1.7 (U.K.) variant
- 4.3 per cent of samples successfully screened was the P.1 (Brazil) variant
- 0.3 per cent of samples successfully screened was the B.1.351 (South Africa) variant

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

#### **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 18:

- 77,383 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 5,690 (or 7.4 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 3,665 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 550 (or 15.0 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,025 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,333 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 238 (or 4.5 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 157 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 18 (or 11.5 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 81 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

## **COVID-19 Immunizations**

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### **By the Numbers**

As of 8 a.m. May 21, more than 2,324,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta. More than 1,672,000 Albertans have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and more than 326,000 people have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2.

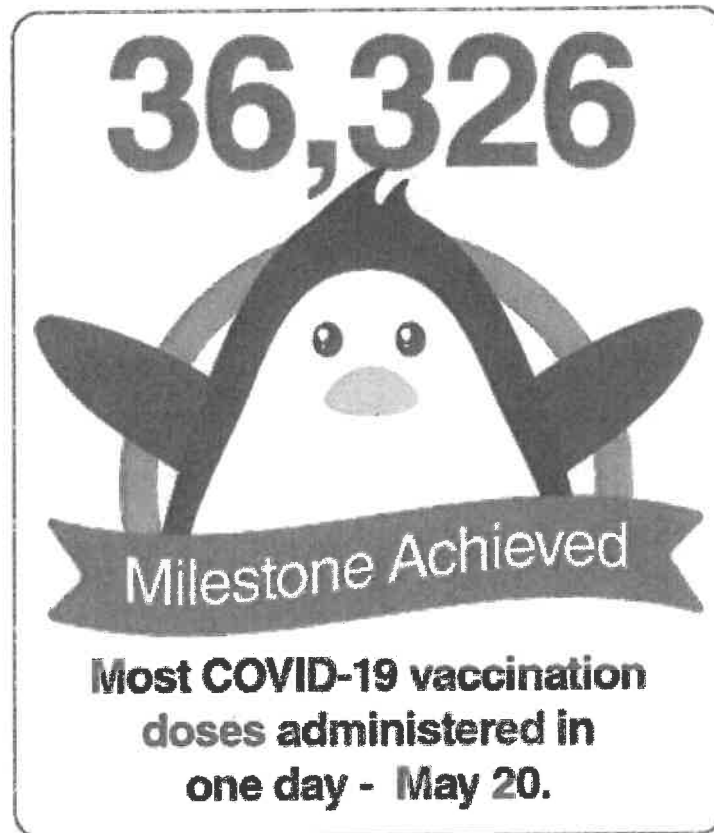
### **More than 36,000 doses administered on Super Thursday**

May 20 was Super Thursday for our immunization teams. It was a planned stress test to see what capacity we could manage within our current clinics if we pushed to capacity. Teams have been preparing for Super Thursday by increasing staffing, extending hours and adding immunization stations in clinics with the ability to safely expand.

AHS clinics typically administer between 20,000 and 25,000 shots per day. On 'Super Thursday' we administered a record 36,326 doses across the province.

Congratulations to our Public Health teams and to all of our staff who have stepped up to support this critical piece of our fight against COVID-19. Thank you for your commitment and willingness to take on different challenges, work in a different place and adapt quickly to rapidly changing requirements. We couldn't do this without you.

Our goal remains to complete first doses for all Albertans who wish to have the vaccine by June, as vaccine supply allows.



### **Alberta Health reviewing evidence related to AstraZeneca, second doses**

Alberta Health, which sets immunization policy, has not made a decision at this time about second doses for Albertans who have received the AstraZeneca vaccine. The ministry is reviewing all available evidence and awaiting results of clinical trials in the U.K.

Alberta Health is still committed to waiting at least 12 weeks before beginning second doses for those who received the AstraZeneca vaccine. Clinical trials on this vaccine showed that shorter intervals resulted in a lower overall level of protection than waiting for 12 weeks. We do not yet know when Canada — and, in

turn, Alberta — will receive additional doses of AstraZeneca. The remaining AstraZeneca supply is being used for those who have a contraindication to an mRNA vaccine, or for those Albertans who will need a second dose in early June.

We will provide updates as soon as more information becomes available.

In addition, all current Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccines will be provided to Albertans within a 16-week (four-month) timeline between the first and second dose. This aligns with current National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendations.

The only exception is for profoundly immunocompromised individuals with [eligible conditions](#) who are able to receive their second doses earlier. Those who got Pfizer or Moderna are eligible for a second dose 21-28 days after their first dose. Those who received AstraZeneca are recommended to get a second dose at 12 weeks after their first dose but may choose to get their second dose as early as 28 days after.

This approach will allow for all Albertans eligible for a vaccine to have at least one dose before the end of June.

### **Immunization in pregnancy**

Emerging evidence suggests it's safe for pregnant women to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The mRNA vaccines have shown to be the safest type of COVID-19 vaccine to get at any time (any trimester) during pregnancy. The risk of contracting COVID-19 and having serious complications is higher than the risk of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy. To learn more, watch the [AHS COVID-19 Vaccine and Pregnancy video](#) and visit [ahs.ca/vaccinepregnancy](https://ahs.ca/vaccinepregnancy) for COVID-19 pregnancy information, including [translated resources](#).

Those who are pregnant can get the COVID-19 vaccine at any time during pregnancy. Vaccines are safe and effective, and lower the chance of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 and spreading the virus to others.

### **Strategies to assist immunization for special-needs clients**

COVID-19 immunization is important but, for some, receiving the vaccine may be difficult because of developmental challenges and/or needle phobia.

A [patient information sheet](#) has been developed to provide information about supports available to help reduce pain and distress associated with immunization. It also includes information about how a person can improve the comfort and overall experience of special-needs clients who have needle phobia or live with development challenges that may interfere with them being immunized against COVID-19.

### **Quarantine Exemptions for Immunized Individuals**

As announced by Alberta Health May 20, Alberta has changed quarantine requirements for fully and partially immunized asymptomatic individuals. Individuals who are asymptomatic and [fully immunized](#) with two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are no longer required to quarantine for 14 days if they are a close contact of a COVID-19 case.

Individuals who are asymptomatic and [partially immunized](#) will have a shortened quarantine period if they are a close contact of a confirmed case. Partially immunized asymptomatic individuals are required to quarantine for 10 days with the option to get tested on Day 7 or later and be released from quarantine on receipt of a negative test result. This new quarantine policy is retroactive and applies to individuals who are currently in quarantine.

These quarantine changes **do not** apply to international travellers returning to Canada as they must comply with the 14-day quarantine required by the [Federal Quarantine Act](#).

In addition, a Medical Officer of Health and the Infection Prevention and Control team responsible for a public health investigation may direct a close contact to follow a 14-day quarantine period regardless of their immunization status.

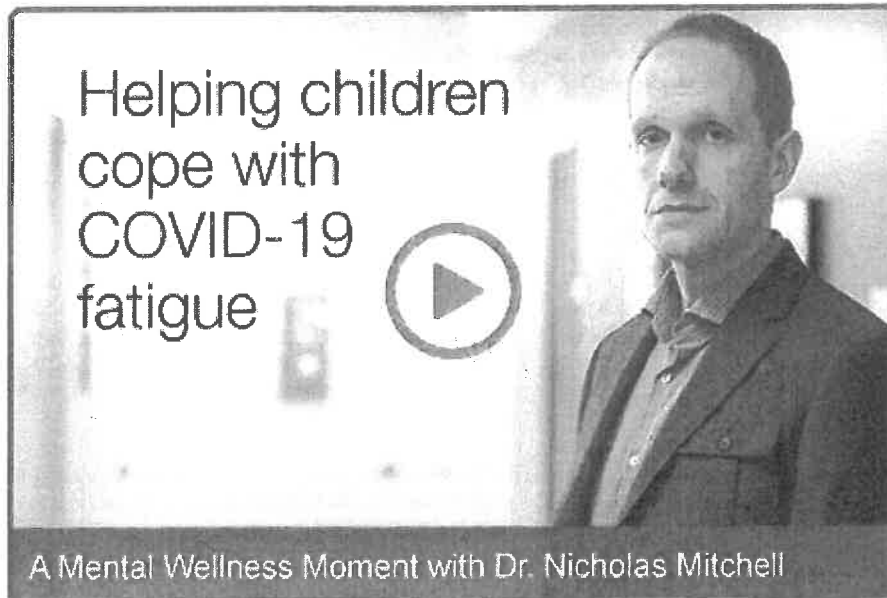
For more information, please refer to [alberta.ca/isolation](https://alberta.ca/isolation) and [ahs.ca/quarantineaftervaccine](https://ahs.ca/quarantineaftervaccine).

## Things You Need to Know

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### **Mental Wellness Moment – Helping Children Cope with COVID-19 Fatigue**

After more than 15 months of pandemic, many Albertans are naturally experiencing COVID-19 fatigue — and not just adults. Children and youth surely want to see an end to a pandemic that has turned their lives upside down and affected important events, such as birthdays and graduations. In the [latest Mental Wellness Moment](#), Dr. Nicholas Mitchell — Provincial Medical Director of Addiction and Mental Health — provides parents and guardians advice on how they can help children manage their COVID-19 fatigue.



### **Obstetrics service temporarily paused at Westlock Healthcare Centre**

The Westlock Healthcare Centre will be temporarily unable to provide C-sections as part of its obstetrics program beginning immediately, due to a physician medical leave. Full obstetrical services are expected to resume July 12. To ensure the safety of all patients, obstetrical services will be limited to low-risk patients as there will be no operating room capability for obstetrics in Westlock during this time.

AHS is working to ensure all expecting mothers have the support they need, including having a plan in place for where they will safely deliver their babies. This includes working closely with surrounding sites to offer additional support to Westlock patients, as needed. These sites include Barrhead Healthcare Centre (40 km away) and Sturgeon Community Hospital in St. Albert (68 km away), as well as healthcare centres in Edmonton. Patient safety is of utmost importance and AHS apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. AHS is thankful for the support of surrounding healthcare centres and medical staff and would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding during this time.

### **New CT services for patients in Pincher Creek**

More than \$3.1 million will be spent on new CT outpatient services, including space and a new CT scanner, at the Pincher Creek Health Centre. The computerized tomography (CT) scanner will provide predominantly elective scans for many patients in Pincher Creek and the surrounding area. Patients will be served locally, reducing travel times, wait times and improving patient outcomes. The project is expected to begin in the coming months; more detailed timelines will be shared once the work is underway. The government's \$50-million commitment to the Rural Health Facilities Revitalization Program supports AHS to complete infrastructure projects over the next three years at rural sites such as the Pincher Creek Health Centre.

### **Parking lot upgrades at Lac La Biche Healthcare Centre start**

Parking lot improvements at the William J. Cadzow – Lac La Biche Healthcare Centre are set to begin this week. Asphalt resurfacing work around the facility is taking place this spring and summer. Work to prepare the site is scheduled to start today, May 25 and the project is expected to be finished by mid-August,

weather permitting.

The healthcare centre, including the emergency department and main entrance, will remain open and accessible to the public throughout construction. The project will be completed in five phases, beginning with the northern parking area by the main entrance. The project will also include fresh crosswalk and line painting, new concrete curbing, sidewalks and new staff entrance stairs. Additional parking for staff and the public will be available across the street at Portage College throughout construction, as needed. AHS thanks the college, along with our staff, physicians and the community, for their understanding and co-operation during this construction period.

### **Verna's Weekly Video Message - New, Made-in-Alberta Cancer Therapy**

While we continue to focus on our COVID-19 response, we can't forget some of the amazing work that continues to go on in other areas of healthcare. Today, we want to share some ground breaking work taking place at the Cross Cancer Institute for patients with specific types of leukemia and lymphoma.

A new therapy, Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell therapy, also known as CAR T-cell therapy, is now available in Alberta. Having this treatment available in Alberta will ensure cancer patients who need this treatment in our province have access to care closer to home.

[Joining me \(Verna\) to talk about this new therapy](#) is Dr. Michael Chu, a medical oncologist in Cancer Care Alberta and lead of the Made-in-Alberta CAR T-cell therapy clinical trial. Alberta Precision Laboratories also played a role in bringing CAR T-cell therapy to Alberta, and I encourage you to check out a [recent article highlighting this great work](#).



### **Oilers' McDavid, Front-line Healthcare Hero Aleem Rajani Named NHL 'First Stars'**

Throughout the 2020-21 season the NHL is celebrating the remarkable efforts of the off-ice stars by honouring front-line healthcare heroes from the regions represented by the league's weekly and monthly stars. During the month of May Edmonton Oilers centre Connor McDavid and Alberta Health Services (AHS) program manager Aleem Rajani were named the NHL's first stars of the week.

Rajani, an occupational therapist, works as a program manager with the AHS primary care and colorectal cancer screening program. He has been instrumental to the AHS Edmonton Zone's COVID-19 pandemic response over the past year, helping to set up the first coronavirus swabbing centre as well as the largest assessment facility in the city, a pandemic response unit, and a rapid-flow vaccine centre.

A leader for many aspects of the front-line response to COVID-19 in the Edmonton area, Rajani's motto of "be excellent" has been an inspiration to the redeployed staff working in assessment and vaccination facilities across the city.

### **Edmonton Oilers Show Support for Front-line Healthcare Workers**

On Wednesday, May 19 the Edmonton Oilers received an exemption from Alberta Health, allowing 12 front-line healthcare workers to attend Wednesday night's home playoff game against the Winnipeg Jets, and another 12 for Game 2, while adhering to safe public health measures.

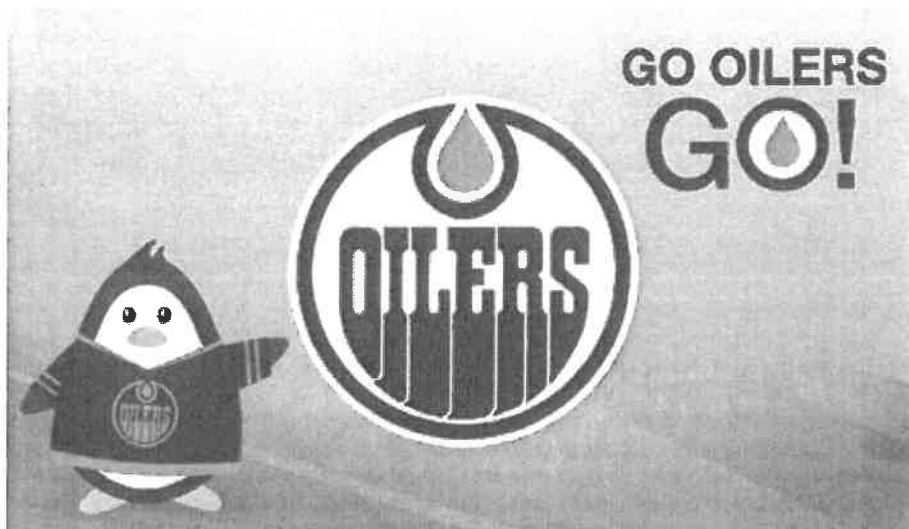
The 24 front-line staff were randomly selected from programs, including intensive care, emergency, environmental services, public health, food and nutrition services, medical device reprocessing, Indigenous health, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, medicine, surgery, cardiac and women's health.

For the first two games of the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation online 50/50 will support Operation Frontline Impact, which will create an emergency, distress and critical programming fund for nurses, nursing aides, doctors and non-medical staff working in hospitals across the AHS North, Edmonton and Central zones.



A dozen randomly selected AHS front-line healthcare workers join the Edmonton Oilers' anthem singer in the stands of Rogers Place to watch the May 12 NHL playoff game with the Winnipeg Jets.

Also, to help you get in the spirit of the NHL playoffs, we've created an Edmonton Oilers Zoom background, giving hockey fans another way to cheer on the only Alberta team vying for Lord Stanley's Cup this spring.



### **Online sessions help improve heart health**

Central Zone residents interested in developing healthier lifestyles, and those diagnosed with high blood pressure and high cholesterol, or people diagnosed with risk factors for heart disease such as diabetes,

are invited to join Heart Wise sessions May 27 and June 3. Call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to receive a Zoom link.

### **Live well with chronic pain and long-term health conditions**

Albertans living with chronic disease(s) and chronic pain have an opportunity to join a free Alberta Health Services workshop designed to help them take control of their health. Better Choices, Better Health® is a six-week series of workshops designed to support Albertans living with ongoing health conditions, such as chronic pain, fibromyalgia, arthritis, insomnia, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, mental health concerns and others.

Read what a past participant says: <https://albertahealthservices.ca/news/Page15425.aspx>

These workshops are one of many services provided by the [Alberta Healthy Living Program](#), which supports chronic disease management programming throughout the province. A free six-week series of virtual workshops is available to Edmonton Zone residents, starting June 2021.

### **Screen Test coming to Buffalo Lakes, Kehewin Cree Nation and Frog Lake**

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- The Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement on June 7 and 8
- The Kehewin Cree Nation Health Services centre on June 9 and 10
- The Frog Lake First Nation Morningsky Health & Wellness Centre on June 11 and 12

Cervical and colorectal consultations will be available at this time as well. Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604.

### **Weight-management workshops offered online**

Central Zone residents are invited to free weight management workshops starting May 20. Offered workshop include Adult Weight Management Level 1, 2, 3 and Introduction to Bariatric Surgery. Interested residents can register and attend all or some of the workshops, depending on specific educational interests. The series of workshops are led by AHS health professionals who share expertise and guide interactive group sessions. Residents call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register.

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **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.

<b>Central</b>	<i>May 25, 12:00 – 1:00 pm</i>
	<i>May 26, 12:00 – 1:00 pm</i>
<b>Calgary</b>	<i>May 27, 9:00 - 10:00 am</i>
	<i>May 28, 3:00 – 4:00 pm</i>
<b>North</b>	<i>June 2, 6:00 - 7:00 pm</i>
	<i>June 3, 2:00 - 3:00 pm</i>

For more information and to register for a Community Conversations in your zone visit [Together4Health](#).

## **Be Well - Be Kind**

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## 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. To learn more about AHS' philanthropic partners, please visit [ahs.ca/give](https://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 Ken Lesniak, Board Chair, Strathcona Community Hospital Foundation.



"It's very rewarding to be able to support our hospital and help advance healthcare services in our community," says Ken, who began volunteering with the foundation four years ago.

In addition to his work with the foundation, Ken has been involved with many other community organizations and has served on Strathcona County Council. Since the foundation's inception ten years ago, the organization has contributed \$300,000 in support for the Strathcona Community Hospital.

Read about Ken and the Strathcona Community Hospital Foundation [here](#).

### *Leduc Community Hospital Foundation hosts Wishes Come True Spring Auction*

The Leduc Community Hospital Foundation is inviting Albertans to take part in their newly launched [Wishes Come True Spring Auction](#). Taking place until Friday, May 28, proceeds from this virtual auction will go toward funding 14 new tower isolation carts for the Leduc Community Hospital. These carts will improve access to protective equipment required for increasing patient infection control in the hospital's inpatient units, emergency department and diagnostic imaging. Any funds raised beyond the \$14,600 that's needed will support the foundation's other projects like funding a venipuncture chair.

An advertisement for the Leduc Community Hospital Foundation's 'Wishes Come True' Spring Auction. The background features a close-up of a dandelion seed head. The text is centered and includes the foundation's logo, the event title, dates, and website information. Social media icons for Instagram and Facebook are in the bottom right corner.

 Leduc Community  
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# Wishes Come True

*The opportunity to save a life is a wish away*

**Online Spring Auction**

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021 @ 9am**

**Friday, May 28, 2021 @ 8pm**

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## 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 Mom was admitted to the Peter Lougheed Centre (in Calgary) with COVID-19. It was her first time in hospital and she is not comfortable talking in English. We were worried about her but the nurses and healthcare aides were so helpful and really took care of her. We called them almost every day to keep updated about mom's condition. When she was discharged, she was so grateful and so were we.*

— Lea

*Huge thank you to the vaccination team at the Spruce Grove Health Centre. I received my vaccine this weekend and was amazed at how organized the team was and how well-spaced the appointments were. There was a continuous flow of people but never a line or crowd. Staff were all very friendly and helpful. Thank you for all of your hard work!*

— Anonymous

## Wrapping Up

This week we've seen our ICU numbers continue to climb to unprecedented highs, and we know how much strain this puts on our front-line staff and physicians, and on the health system overall. To everyone on the front lines, especially those in the ICUs: thank you for doing everything you can to keep Albertans alive. We know your work is physically and emotionally draining, and surely never more than it is now. And yet, more than 15 months into this pandemic, you're still finding the strength within yourselves to once again rise to the occasion and help others in their time of crisis. Words seem inadequate to fully convey our gratitude and reverence for you, your work and your sacrifice.

We are buoyed somewhat by the decreasing new and active case numbers. We're crossing our fingers that this trend continues and is eventually reflected in our hospitalization and ICU numbers. Time will tell, and we hope Albertans do the right thing and follow public health measures.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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

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

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# Together 4 Health Headlines

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

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## COVID-19 Status

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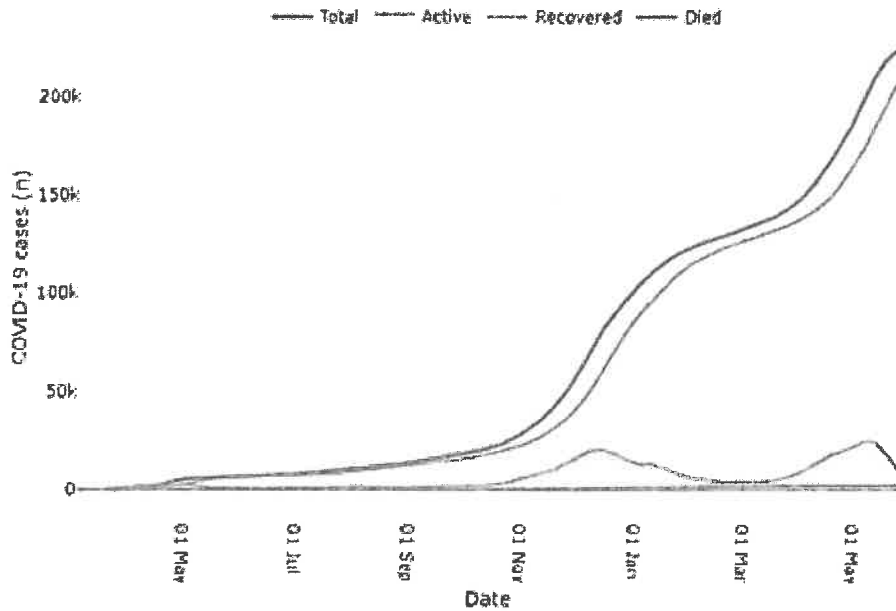
### Cases in Alberta

This past week the number of new and active COVID-19 cases steeply declined, our hospitalization and ICU numbers improved, and the Government of Alberta announced a three-stage plan to lift public health measures (see Things You Need To Know).

As of May 26, there were 10,017 active cases in Alberta, a 43.2 per cent decrease compared to May 19. Calgary Zone reported the most active cases for the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive week. All five AHS zones reported a decrease in active cases, as you can see in the table below.

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<b>North</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>-43.1%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>-32.1%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>-36.9%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-33.3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,017</b>	<b>17,675</b>	<b>-43.2%</b>

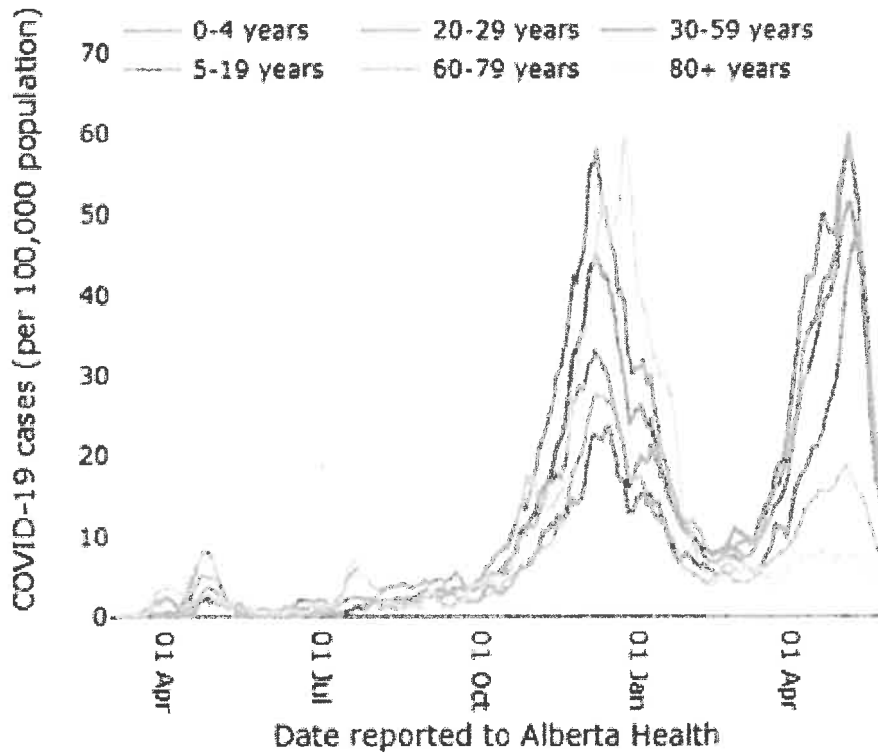
Meanwhile, the number of average daily new cases dropped to 537 for the seven-day period ending on May 26, compared to 1,043 the previous week (May 13 to May 19), a 48.5 per cent decrease.



Although Calgary Zone had the most new cases last week with 1,549, that still represents an almost 50 per cent decrease from 3,070 new cases reported in the zone between May 13 and May 19. North Zone reported the largest percentage decrease in new cases this past week with 551 new cases, compared to 1,201 the previous week, a 54.1 per cent decline.

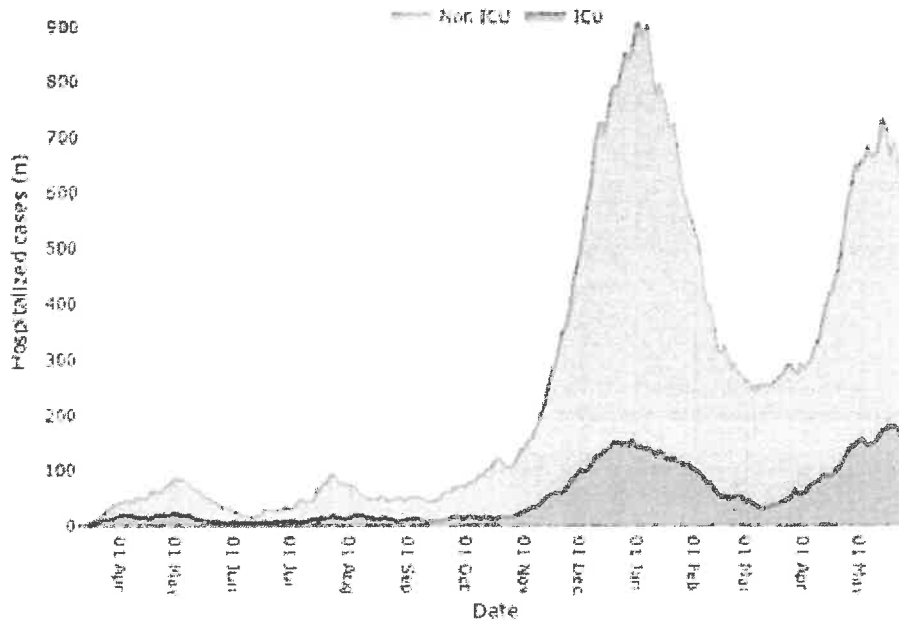
**Cases by age group**

On May 23, Albertans aged 20-29 had the highest seven-day rolling average of cases with 15.71 cases per 100,000 people. School-aged children (5-19 years) were second with 13.57 cases per 100,000 people. The rate for people 80+ years and those aged 60-79 years, was 3.57 and 6.00 cases per 100,000 people, respectively. A visual representation of these trends in cases in Alberta by age group is provided in the figure below.

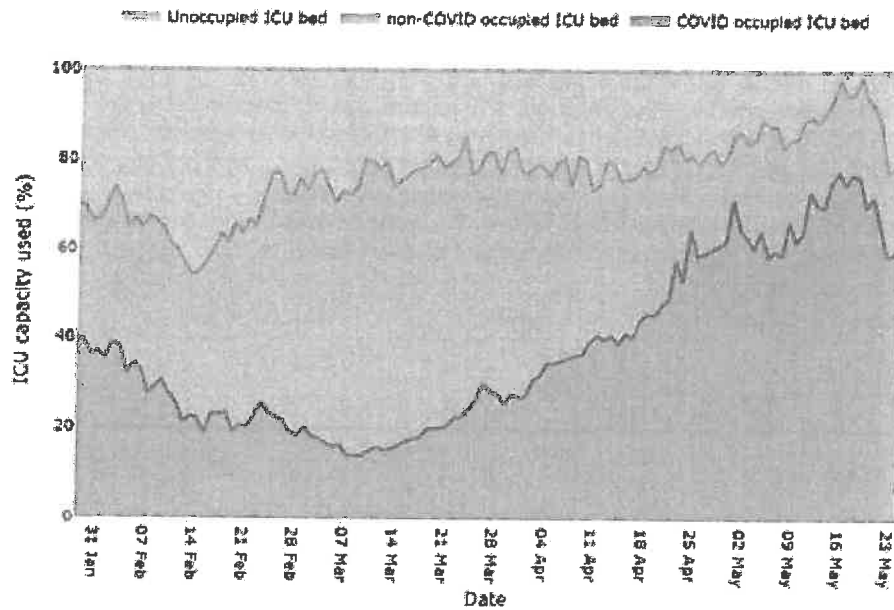


**Hospitalizations and ICU admissions**

Declining new and active cases are being reflected in our hospitalization and ICU admission numbers.



On May 26, 150 individuals were in ICUs compared to 172 individuals in ICUs on May 19, a 12.8 per cent decrease. The most recent reporting, May 24, puts our ICU usage at 77.1 per cent, with 61.2 per cent of ICU beds being occupied by a COVID-19 patient. The figure below is a visual representation of ICU capacity in Alberta.



A total of 388 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds on May 26 compared to 504 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on May 19, a 23.0 per cent decrease. The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of May 26 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>

#### Variants of Concern

For the seven-day period, ending May 26:

- 88.7 per cent of samples successfully screened were the B.1.1.7 (U.K.) variant
- 4.8 per cent of samples successfully screened were the P.1 (Brazil) variant
- 0.1 per cent of samples successfully screened were 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.

#### Other notable COVID-19 information:

- As of May 26, a total of 225,937 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 9,247 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.1 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 213,721 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of May 26, 2,199 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 37 over a seven-day period from May 20 to May 26. 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 May 20 to May 26, 50,690 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 7,241 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 6.06 per cent to 9.95 per cent. As of May 26, a total of 4.50 million tests have been conducted and 2.13 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 May 17 to May 23 was 0.67 whereas R value the previous week was 0.84.
- For the winter school term, as of May 26, AHS has confirmed 8,947 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 1,352 out of 2,415 schools (56 per cent) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

## COVID-19 Immunizations

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### By the Numbers

As of 8 a.m. May 28, more than 2.6 million total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta. More than 1.9 Albertans have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and more than 350,000 have received both doses.

### Cancel or change immunization appointment if you cannot attend

We want to remind everyone about the importance of cancelling or changing their immunization appointment if they are no longer able to attend. Cancelling or modifying an appointment is easy to do. You can cancel your appointment with AHS online by visiting [ahs.ca/updatebooking](https://ahs.ca/updatebooking) or by calling Health Link at 811. Pharmacies can also be contacted online or by calling them directly.

When people do not cancel or change their scheduled appointment time, it takes an appointment from someone who wants it, and slows down our ability to immunize Albertans as quickly as possible.

### All vaccine options are good options

We have been hearing some Albertans are expressing a preference between the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. All Albertans are encouraged to get immunized as soon as they are eligible, no matter what vaccine option is provided.

Based on current vaccine supply, at this time people are not able to choose which mRNA vaccine they receive at their appointment. Both Moderna and Pfizer are safe, effective vaccine products that provide protection from the COVID-19 virus, and will help make symptoms less severe for those who do contract the virus.

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are approximately 95 per cent effective in preventing COVID-19 disease, and they also protect against severe COVID-19 illness, risk of hospitalization and death. They are both mRNA vaccines and function similarly in the body. These vaccines have similar side effects, with the most common being pain at the injection site, tiredness or headache.

Albertans with a contraindication or allergy to a vaccine ingredient are advised to speak with their healthcare provider before receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

### Online COVID-19 visitation screening tool reaches nearly 600K+ users

Since the beginning of the pandemic, our teams have developed several innovative tools to improve our processes and provide high-quality patient care.

One of these tools is the online COVID-19 visitation screening ([www.ahs.ca/visitscreen](https://www.ahs.ca/visitscreen)), launched last month at immunization clinics across the province. Before entering an AHS site or facility, everyone must complete COVID-19 symptom screening. Screening is done by site staff and consists of a series of questions. With this new tool, screening can be done online within four hours before the scheduled COVID-19 immunization appointment. People can complete the screening on their computer or mobile device before their appointment, or while they are waiting in their vehicles or in line at the clinic.

Over the course of a month, nearly 600,000 users have used the screening tool.

Congratulations to our Information Technology and Innovation & Digital Solutions teams for successful development and implementation, as well as public health and immunization clinic staff for rolling it out across the province.

## Participants sought for vaccine safety project

The CANVAS COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Project is ongoing and needs your participation.

The Canadian National Vaccine Safety Network (CANVAS) is working with acute care and public health organizations in several provinces, including Alberta, to determine the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. Led by the Alberta Children's Hospital Infectious Diseases, Epidemiology and Vaccine Evaluation (ACHIEVE) Research Team, in collaboration with AHS and Alberta Health, this project will collect information about health events after receiving COVID-19 vaccines using web-based surveys after each vaccine dose and six months after both doses. This information, as well as any reports to AHS' Adverse Event Following Immunization program, will provide detailed information to the province about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines and contribute to the national program.

An important component of all immunization programs is monitoring for safety of each vaccine. Visit the [CANVAS website](#) to sign up and take the COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Survey.

## Things You Need to Know

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### Grieving together for 215 Indigenous children, their families and communities

Today we mourn and honour the 215 Indigenous children found near the site of Canada's largest residential school near Kamloops, B.C. Collectively we grieve this deplorable discovery with great sadness and heartache and we stand together with the families and communities who loved these children.

For many this has triggered traumatic memories of their experiences in residential schools. We know that this is not an isolated incident in our country's history and we know this will not be the last discovery of this nature. These stories are a reminder of the duty we all have to [truth and reconciliation](#). If you are feeling distressed and need support, there are resources available on [ahs.ca](#) and through the [Government of Canada](#).

In honour of these children, and the thousands like them who didn't return home, we have lowered all flags at AHS sites to half-staff.

We also encourage all Albertans to take part in activities and sessions to mark [National Indigenous Peoples Month](#). Throughout June, AHS is hosting online presentations and we encourage you to share your own stories of strength and resilience online [here](#). We expanded activities from one day, to a week, and now to a month so we have sufficient time to highlight the work of the Indigenous Wellness Core, programs within AHS and our Indigenous partners to provide culturally safe, inclusive health care. Learn more in the "Join the Conversation" section below and visit [2021 National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebrations on Together4Health](#).

### Province Announces Multi-Stage Plan to Lift Health Measures

This past Wednesday the Government of Alberta announced a [three-stage plan](#) to lift health restrictions based on vaccination thresholds and hospitalizations:

- Stage 1 (to start June 1): Two weeks after 50 per cent of Albertans aged 12-plus have received at least one dose of vaccine and COVID-19 hospitalizations are below 800 and declining.
- Stage 2 (expected to start in mid-June): Two weeks after 60 per cent of Albertans aged 12-plus have received at least one dose of vaccine and COVID-19 hospitalizations are below 500 and declining.
- Stage 3 (expected to start in early July): Two weeks after 70 per cent of Albertans aged 12-plus have received at least one dose of vaccine.

Until June 1, all current provincewide [restrictions remain in place](#), with additional restrictions in high-case regions. More information on this plan is available on the [government website](#).

### Remote Work Arrangements Still Recommended

As part of its plan, the Government of Alberta also announced this week that the mandatory work-from-home order could be lifted as early as mid-June. However, remote work arrangements are still recommended to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

AHS staff who can effectively work from home within their role will continue working remotely until the end of September.

### **Designated Support & Visitation Guidance in Acute Care Remains the Same**

Despite decreasing case numbers and the upcoming relaxation of public health measures, in-person access for designated support persons and visitors has not changed at this time. The pressure on our acute care system currently remains high and we must continue to do all we can to protect our staff, physicians and patients. This is an ongoing situation and will be adjusted accordingly.

The following continues to apply to in-person access across the province for acute, ambulatory and emergency/urgent care:

- Critical care, pediatrics and NICU: up to two designated support persons.
- End-of-life: one designated support person at all times in addition to scheduled visitation by other family and visitors.
- All other inpatient areas, including maternity: one designated support person.
- Ambulatory, emergency and urgent care: one designated support person. Patients should maintain the same designated support person for any reoccurring ambulatory appointments.

For more information please review the current [Designated Support and Visitor Access Guidance](#).

### **Mask Exceptions in AHS Facilities**

On May 13, the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) announced [Order 22-2021](#), which provides clarity related to mask exceptions for indoor public places.

We understand there may be questions about this order and mask exceptions, and want to clarify that possession of an exception letter does not allow individuals to access public spaces in AHS facilities without a face covering. It also does not exclude individuals from following additional safety measures.

Through respectful discussion, our goal is to work with patients, visitors seeing patients at end of life, and designated support persons to accommodate their needs while ensuring everyone is protected.

### **Taber Helipad Closed for Upgrading**

The helipad at the Taber Health Centre will be temporarily closed during a \$640,000-upgrade. The upgrade includes laying down new concrete to expand the footprint of the pad and installing new LED lights. The new heliport will then be able to accommodate any medium-sized helicopter.

Construction began May 27 and is expected to be completed in fall 2021. During the closure, air ambulance helicopters will land at the Taber airport, only five minutes away, and patients will be transported to and from hospital by ground ambulance. This is a safe and common practice in other communities across the province, and has previously been safely used in Taber.

### **Additional 150 continuing care spaces open in Red Deer**

Residents of Red Deer, Lacombe and the surrounding region now have improved access to a range of continuing care options with the opening of the 150 new care spaces at Points West Living (PWL) Red Deer.

The new facility, located adjacent to PWL's existing facility in the city's northwest, houses: 45 long-term care spaces for residents living with chronic health problems that require the oversight of a registered nurse 24 hours a day; 90 supportive living spaces for residents who can live independently but require publicly funded personal care and health services based on assessed unmet needs - a third of these beds also offer dementia care; 15 transitional care beds for people discharged from hospital but still needing time and support before returning home to live independently, or returning to a designated living residence.

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day all month with AHS**

On June 21 Canadians will celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day. First celebrated in 1996, [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) is a day to recognize and celebrate the cultures and contributions of Indigenous peoples from across Canada.

Over the past year we have all been through so much, so this year AHS is ***Celebrating Resilience through Reconciliation*** for the entire month of June. We'll be hosting [online events](#) all month long and encourage you to celebrate with us by [sharing your stories of strength and resilience](#). You can also view the videos and multimedia content that was created by members of our Indigenous Wellness Core to showcase Indigenous arts and culture, digital patient stories of resilience, and Indigenous perspectives on COVID-19 from members of AHS' Wisdom Council.

Learn more and take part in the celebrations by visiting our [Together4Health celebration page](#).

### **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.

**North**                      *June 2, 6:00 - 7:00 pm*  
                                    *June 3, 2:00 - 3:00 pm*

For more information and to register for a Community Conversations in your zone visit [Together4Health](#).

### **Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council shares stories of resilience from their communities**

Visit their page on [Together4Health](#) to read new stories each week from council and community members. Council is also asking you to [share what kinds of self-care habits you have developed in the past year](#).

## **Be Well - Be Kind**

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### **Mental Wellness Moment — How to Manage Feelings of Loneliness and Isolation**

Loneliness and isolation are not the same thing, although physical distancing and quarantining requirements during the pandemic can cause both. In his latest [Mental Wellness Moment](#), Dr. Nicholas Mitchell — Provincial Medical Director for Addiction and Mental Health — provides advice on how to stay connected to others, even at a distance; how to address feelings of loneliness in yourself; and how to spot feelings of loneliness and isolation in children.



### May is Health Philanthropy Month

This is the last day of Health Philanthropy Month. 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. To learn more about AHS' philanthropic partners, please visit [ahs.ca/give](https://ahs.ca/give).

### Faces of the Foundations

Throughout Health Philanthropy Month we have celebrated our philanthropic partners who raise funds for healthcare across the province. The [Faces of the Foundations](#) profile series introduce individuals who lead healthcare philanthropy across Alberta. For our final installment we introduce Cathy Couey, Fund Development and Communications Officer, High River District Health Care Foundation.



"The hospital provides care and services that benefits my family, my friends and fellow community members," says Cathy. "If I am able to go to work each day and play a small role in positively impacting local healthcare and my community, I consider myself very lucky."

Starting at the foundation 22 years ago, Cathy pursued a career in philanthropy after growing up in a family where giving back was ingrained in her.

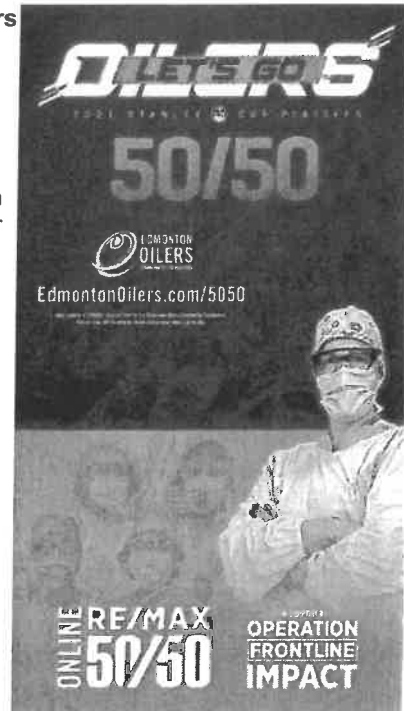
One of the foundation's proudest accomplishments has been hosting Health Care Heroes Day, a special day where the foundation rallies the community to show their support for frontline workers. The foundation recently held the highly successful event for a second year on May 6.

## Edmonton Oilers show support for frontline healthcare workers

On May 19 and 21 the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation hosted two highly successful online 50/50 raffles in support of 40 foundations across northern Alberta.

Held during the first two games of the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the 50/50s raised \$2.2 million for Operation Frontline Impact, which will create an emergency distress and critical programming fund for nurses, nursing aides, doctors and non-medical staff working in hospitals throughout the North, Edmonton, and Central Zones.

In addition to the two raffles, the Edmonton Oilers received an exemption from Alberta Health, allowing 12 frontline healthcare workers to attend the May 19 home playoff game against the Winnipeg Jets and another 12 for Game 2 on May 21, while adhering to safe public health measures.



## Sharing the Love

### 'Proud to be Part of AHS'

We'd like to share an email we received this week from someone in our AHS Family. We know patient and family experiences, like the ones described below, happen every day in every zone of AHS – but it is sure nice to be reminded:

*My husband and I wanted to take the opportunity to write about the excellent care our 12-year-old son, William, received last weekend. We were in Canmore and William had a nasty crash on his mountain bike. We took him to the Canmore General Hospital. He was seen right away and the entire team was so kind and compassionate. They also did a great job of controlling William's pain, and encouraged him to ask all his questions and he had a lot of them.*

*We were then sent by ambulance to the Alberta Children's Hospital emergency department. The ambulance was William's favourite part and he enjoyed learning how the monitors worked and especially liked that they printed off a copy of his ECG tracing for him to keep.*

*It really is all the little things. The paramedic heard me say my phone battery was low so he let me charge it in the ambulance. There were blankets and a glass of water waiting for me when we arrived on the ward at 2:30 a.m., so I could be comfortable. The morning nurse told me where I could find coffee as soon as she came in. They let William have a selection of Popsicles as soon as they advanced his diet because it was the one thing he craved. A volunteer played Uno with William while I went to meet my husband in the lobby.*

*All of these teams are on their 14th month of the pandemic. We know they are exhausted and probably suffering from compassion fatigue. No doubt they are working short-staffed and many of their colleagues have been redeployed. Still, they were able to treat us kindly and competently. We couldn't be more grateful to them or proud to be part of AHS.*

— Kirstie McLelland, Associate Zone Medical Director Emergency Medicine & Suburban Hospitals, Edmonton Zone

### 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:

*In October, my sweet loving mama caught COVID-19 and, a week into her battle, was admitted to the ICU. Immediately her care was impeccable. My mom's nurse made sure my mom was always listening to her favourite music on her phone in her room, making sure her hands and lips were always lubricated. She talked to her like she was awake and not intubated, and I could tell the nurse honestly loved her. They cared for her like they knew and loved her just as much as we did — and their hearts broke just as much as ours when she lost her battle to COVID-19. My gratitude for all of the healthcare team is never-ending. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

— the Woodill and Collins family

## Wrapping Up

This past week Albertans received heartening news about the province's declining COVID-19 numbers and a three-stage plan to lift public health measures for the summer. After living with the pandemic for 16 months, the prospect of putting COVID-19 behind us is tantalizing. As healthcare workers and leaders in our communities we are hopeful.

But we also feel the need to remind Albertans that the pandemic is not yet over; the virus and variants of concerns continue to circulate and transmit; that following public health measures is still a wise course of action; and that, if eligible, it's important to get your first dose of vaccine as soon as possible, and to get your second dose when they are available.

Let's embrace good news. Let's hope we can all enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer. Let's hope the worst of the pandemic is behind us. But if there's an opportunity to do so, let us also encourage the sort of actions and behaviours from our fellow Albertans that will help us get through this pandemic once and for all.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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

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## COVID-19 Status

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### Alberta Numbers Show Vaccination Works

Since the first COVID-19 vaccines arrived in Alberta last December, we've been urging Albertans to get vaccinated as soon as they're eligible because it's the best way to prevent infection and/or severe illness caused by the virus. We'd like to start this week's message by sharing compelling evidence that vaccines work.

Since Jan. 1, 96% of all confirmed COVID-19 cases in Alberta were either unvaccinated or diagnosed within two weeks of getting their first dose, when immunity is still developing. That's how effectively vaccines prevent infection.

Our hospitalization numbers tell a similar story. Since the start of the year, 93% of individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 were either not vaccinated, or diagnosed within two weeks of getting their first dose.

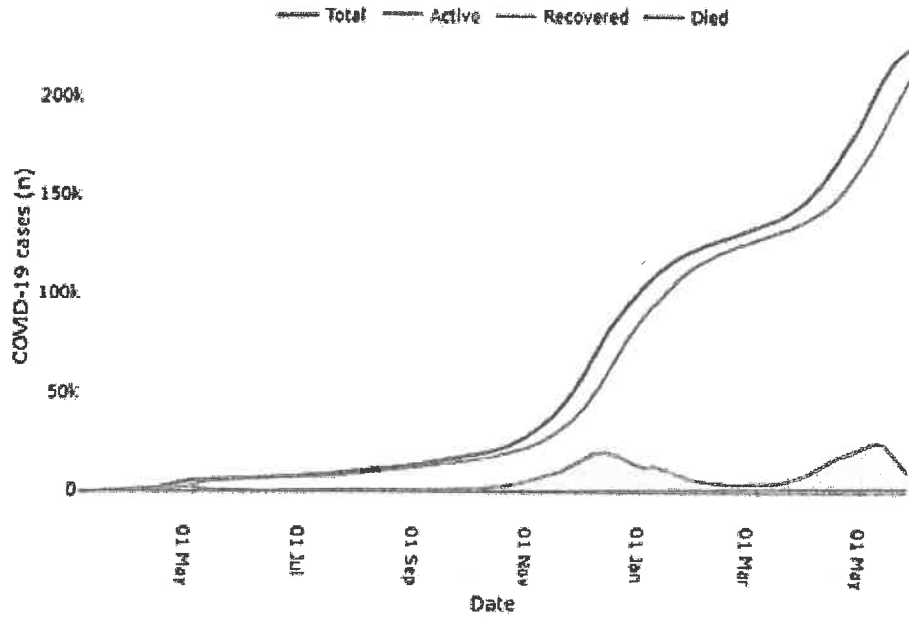
We share these numbers with you today to illustrate how incredibly effective vaccines are at preventing infection and severe illness. Through immunization, we can bring this pandemic to an end. Please get yourself fully immunized as soon as you are eligible to do so, to protect yourself, your family, and all Albertans. And please encourage others to do the same.

### Cases in Alberta

As you can see in the table below, active case counts are down significantly provincially and in all five zones.

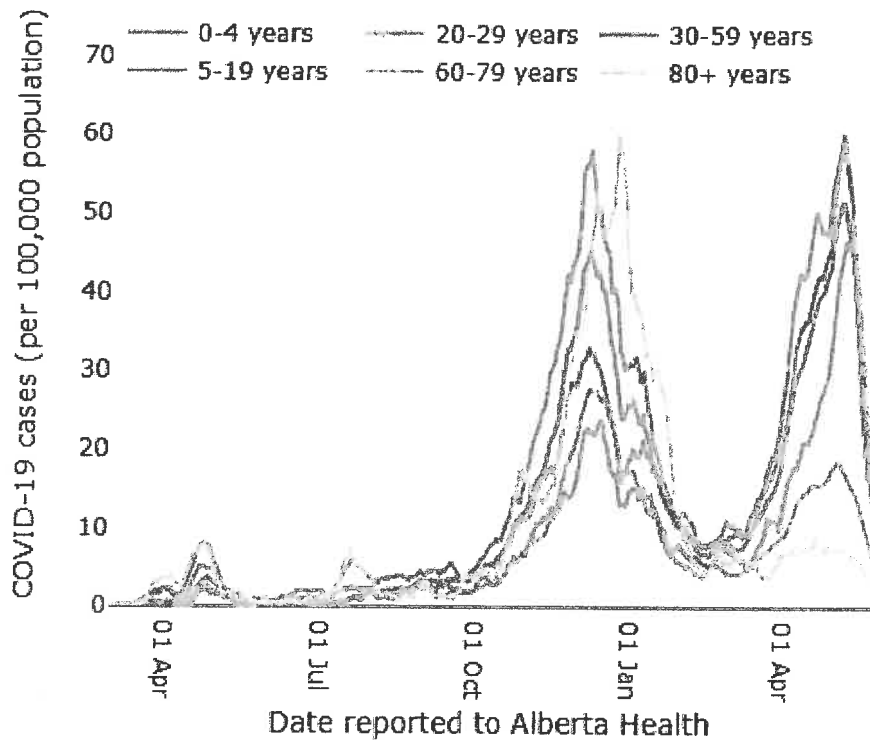
	Active Cases (as of June 2)	Active Cases (as of May 26)	Per cent Change
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>-42.7%</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>-41.8%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>-46.0%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>-34.9%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>-37.9%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-50.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,831</b>	<b>10,017</b>	<b>-41.8%</b>

There was an average of 366 new daily cases for the seven-day period ending June 2, compared to 534 the previous week (May 20-26), a 31.5 per cent decrease. Calgary Zone had the most new cases over the past week, with 1,025, but that still represents a 33.7 per cent decrease from the previous week, when 1,545 new cases were reported.



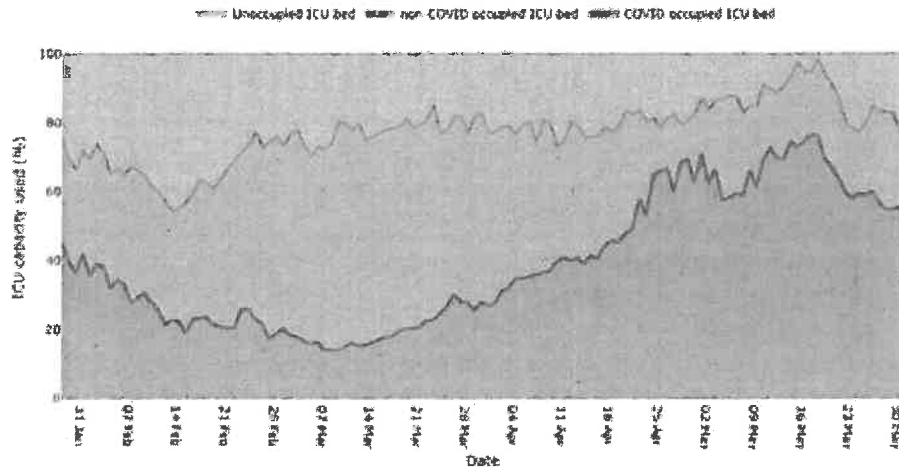
**Cases by age group**

School-aged children (aged five to 19 years) had the highest seven-day rolling average of daily cases with 11.57 per 100,000 people, followed by young adults (20-29 years) with 9.57, and young children (0-4 years) at 9.14. Albertans 80 years and older had the lowest rate at 2.86. A visual representation of these trends can be seen below.

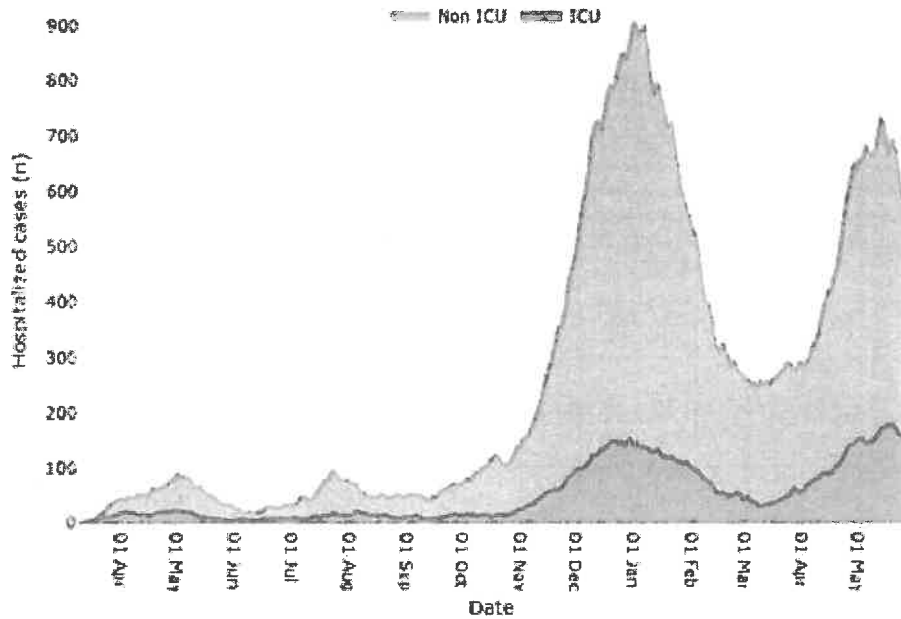


**Hospitalizations and ICU admissions**

On June 2, 120 individuals with COVID-19 were in ICUs compared to 147 on May 26, an 18.4 per cent decrease. The most recent reporting, on May 31, puts our ICU usage at 75.4 per cent, with 50.4 per cent of ICU beds being occupied by patients with COVID-19. The figure below is a visual representation of ICU capacity in Alberta.



A total of 291 individuals with COVID-19 were in non-ICU hospital beds on June 2 compared to 392 on May 26, a 25.8 per cent decrease.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of June 2 is represented in the table below.

	Hospitalizations	ICU
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>

**Other notable COVID-19 information:**

- As of June 2, a total of 228,424 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 9,377 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.1 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 220,357 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.



- As of June 2, 2,236 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 37 over the seven-day period from May 27 to June 2. 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 May 27 to June 2, 44,835 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 6,405 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 4.60 per cent to 7.00 per cent. As of June 2, a total of 4.54 million tests have been conducted and 2.14 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 May 24 to May 30 was 0.72 compared to 0.67 the previous week.
- For the winter school term, as of June 3, AHS has confirmed 9,208 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 1,363 out of 2,415 schools (56.4 per cent) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

### **Full Screening Resumes for COVID-19 Variants of Concern**

On June 1 Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) resumed screening all positive COVID-19 test samples for variants of concern. Last month when demand for testing was high, APL made an adjustment to ensure Albertans could continue accessing testing and receiving their test results in a timely fashion. To preserve capacity in our labs for the surge of the third wave of infections, APL limited the screening of positive COVID-19 test samples for variants of concern to targeted populations. The targeted approach used throughout May provided accurate surveillance of the variants in our population through the third wave. However, with the recent decline in cases, it is now more efficient for the lab to screen all positive results for variants.

All positive test samples in Alberta are now undergoing screening tests for the variants of concern, which include B.1.1.7 (U.K.), B.1.351 (South Africa), B.1.617 (India) and P.1 (Brazil). If you get a COVID-19 test, you will be notified if you've tested positive for a variant strain. For more information on the variants, go to [ahs.ca/variants](https://ahs.ca/variants).

Thanks to APL's own lab-developed tests, the screening tests for all variants now take one to three days following the initial positive test, as opposed to a week or more that was required for full genetic sequencing when the variants first arrived in Alberta. Screening for variant strains of COVID-19 provides public health officials with detailed information about the prevalence of variants in our population, which helps manage the spread of the virus in our communities.

Alberta's testing program continues to be a pillar of our pandemic response. We have been leaders when it comes to testing, as well as in tracking the variants of concern since the first variant of concern arrived in Alberta at the end of last year. Anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, is linked to a known outbreak or require testing for travel can book a test at [ahs.ca/testing](https://ahs.ca/testing) or by calling Health Link at 811.

On June 2, averaged over the previous seven days:

- 86.6 per cent of samples successfully screened were the B.1.1.7 (UK) variant
- 5.2 per cent of samples successfully screened were the P.1 (Brazil) variant
- 1.0 per cent of samples successfully screened were the B.1.617 (India) variant
- 0.1 per cent of total samples successfully screened were the B.1.351 (South Africa) variant
- 1.4 per cent of total samples successfully screened were labelled as presumptive variant.

*Since this is a seven-day rolling average, the numbers may not sum to 100 per cent.*

### **Alberta Accepting ICU Patients from Manitoba**

Last week Alberta extended an offer of critical care assistance to Manitoba as that province manages its third wave. Manitoba has already transported ICU patients to Ontario and Saskatchewan, as the province's expanded critical care capacity has been exceeded.

Alberta has sufficient ICU capacity at this time to ensure that all Albertans needing this level of care are also cared for. To date, two patients have arrived from Manitoba and are being cared for in Calgary hospitals. AHS critical care teams are working with our Manitoban colleagues to closely manage this

process. Once patients are stable, they will be transported back to Manitoba to continue their recovery.

We have a long tradition of working with our neighbours to share expertise, resources and learnings and we stand alongside Manitoba as they deal with this pandemic and its impact on patient care. We are grateful for our critical care teams and our proud of the way they are responding to this need from our neighbours.

### **COVID-19 Testing For Healthcare Workers**

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

As of June 1:

- 77,829 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 5,818 (or 7.5 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 4,199 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 564 (or 13.4 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 1,619 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,353 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 240 (or 4.5 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 186 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 19 (or 10.2 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 54 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

## **COVID-19 Immunizations**

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### **First dose appointments**

First-dose appointments remain a priority and continue to be available to Albertans born in 2009 or earlier. If you have not yet received your dose, please book as soon as possible. The more Albertans who have vaccine protection against COVID-19, the sooner we can get back to doing more of the things we love.

### **Second doses roll out to those who received their first shot in March**

The Government of Alberta announced last week that appointments for second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are now available to eligible populations.

Albertans can schedule second-dose appointments in the order they received their first doses:

- Anyone vaccinated in March or earlier can now book their second dose.
- Anyone vaccinated in April can book their second dose starting June 14.
- Anyone vaccinated in May can book their second dose starting June 28.

For those who received an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) as their first dose, they will receive an mRNA vaccine as their second dose. Those who received AstraZeneca/Covishield as their first dose will be asked to choose to book their second dose with either AstraZeneca or an mRNA vaccine. Second doses of AstraZeneca are only available through AHS.

Appointments are available through Alberta Health Services online at [www.ahs.ca/covidvaccine](http://www.ahs.ca/covidvaccine), and participating pharmacies and physician's offices, or by calling 811.

In the first 24 hours after the government announcement, 112,270 appointments were booked through the AHS booking system, and almost all of them were second-dose appointments. Between June 1 and June 4 more than 130,000 second-dose appointments had been booked through AHS.

### **AstraZeneca update**

AHS is currently working with Alberta Health to ensure all eligible individuals who want to receive their second dose of AstraZeneca are able to receive it. We are continuing to book appointments for AstraZeneca. Additional supply of AstraZeneca is anticipated to arrive in Alberta in the coming days. As more supply of this vaccine becomes available, more appointments will become available.

Albertans who received AstraZeneca for their first dose may choose either the AstraZeneca vaccine or an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer/Moderna) for their second dose. We recommend that those who had a first dose of AstraZeneca wait for at least eight weeks after their first dose to get the best level of protection, regardless of the type of vaccine they choose for their second dose. Studies looking at different timing for second doses of AstraZeneca show that waiting longer than eight weeks is better than getting a second dose before then.

For more information, visit Alberta Health's [Second Dose for AstraZeneca/Covishield information sheet](#).

No matter which vaccine Albertans choose, the second dose will offer enhanced protection against COVID-19 and will complete the COVID-19 two-dose vaccine series.

Anyone needing help finding vaccine appointment availability in their area can call Health Link at 811. You can also visit our [vaccine FAQ](#) for more information about vaccine products and booking a second-dose appointment.

### **COVID-19 drive-through immunization clinic opens in Calgary**

COVID-19 immunization will be offered at a new drive-through clinic in Calgary, starting today, June 7.

The Deerfoot North Immunization Drive Thru clinic will provide immunization by appointment only. To book your appointment, please use the Alberta Health Services (AHS) COVID-19 online booking tool at [COVID-19 Testing / Online Booking](#) or call 811. The clinic, located at 911 32 Ave. N.E., will operate 7 days per week and appointments will be offered from 8:20 a.m. to 9:20 p.m. Up to 1,000 appointments can be scheduled daily.

Those attending their appointments will be required to stay in their vehicles during immunization and also to wait for 15 minutes following immunization, as they would need to do at any of the AHS immunization sites. You will be required to wear a face mask during your immunization appointment. Please limit the number of people per vehicle to four. All will require a booked appointment to be immunized. Make sure you have your Alberta Health Card and photo ID ready.

Until recently, COVID-19 assessment and testing has been provided at this northeast location. The site will now only offer COVID-19 immunization services. Ample testing space continues to be available at other Calgary locations including the Westwinds LRT Station parking lot.

If you are experiencing symptoms, stay home and arrange for COVID-19 testing at [AHS.ca](#) or by calling 811.

### **COVID-19 immunization clinic at Calgary Cancer Centre construction site**

A one-day immunization clinic was held at the Foothills Medical Centre to vaccinate workers at the Calgary Cancer Centre (CCC) construction site, Friday June 4, 2021. With approximately 1,200 workers on site daily, the CCC is one of the largest active construction projects in Alberta. Two other workplace-based immunization clinics were also offered last week in the Calgary Zone: the Amazon warehouse in Balzac and the FedEx facility in northeast Calgary.

## **Things You Need to Know**

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### **Wisdom Council Statement on Residential School Mass Grave**

The AHS Wisdom Council provides valuable guidance and advice to AHS leadership to support our organization's journey toward ReconciliACTION. I (Verna) received this letter from the Council Chair and Vice-Chair following the tragic news from B.C. last weekend and I wanted to share it with you.

#### ***Re: Statement on findings of residential school 215 children mass grave***

*It is with heavy hearts we share this statement on behalf of the Wisdom Council. Approximately six days ago the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation shared their preliminary findings from a survey of the grounds at the former Indian Residential School. What they uncovered were the remains of 215 children*

*buried at the site. This news reverberated across Canada and for the Indigenous people who knew of this genocide, and those residential school survivors who witnessed the atrocities first-hand, they were reminded once again of the pain and suffering they experienced.*

*The news brought many to mourn the tremendous loss. There is an outpouring of grief and calls for other residential schools to be searched so we can bring all of our children home. The rest of Canada is now aware of this truth and when we talk "reconciliation" what does it mean for mainstream society? In the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report a number of calls to action were made to address residential schools, one we are sharing below:*

*Call to Action 75. We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children. We must hold the Federal government accountable and continue to push for those TRC calls to action that were developed to be honoured. We talk reconciliation but it is time for reconciliACTION!*

*Our recommendation is for AHS healthcare providers, volunteers and leaders to read or re-read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Report to reinforce their knowledge and understanding as one step towards reconciliation. The website to access the report is [NCTR - National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).*

*If we are to make a change to begin truly healing as a Nation, not only the Indigenous people but all Canadians need to come together in hearing our truth with compassion and humility.*

*In closing, focus on staying well spiritually, mentally, physically and emotionally. We have experienced many challenges but we have and will overcome.*

*In the Spirit of Health and ReconciliACTION,*

*- Casey Eagle Speaker, Chair – Wisdom Council, AHS  
- Wally Sinclair, Co-Chair – Wisdom Council, AHS*

### **Spike in opioid-related emergencies continues**

Alberta Health Services has issued a warning about the dangers of illegal drugs. EMS responded to 55 opioid-related calls in the Edmonton Zone, in two days from May 31 – June 1. Naloxone was administered at 50 of those responses, and EMS transported 34 people to hospital.

If you or someone you love needs help related to substance use, please contact your health care provider or call the Addiction Helpline for resources in your area. There are treatments available that reduce the risk of overdose and death.

In an emergency, call 911 or go directly to your nearest emergency department. You can also call the Addiction Helpline at 1-866-332-2322, or the Mental Health Helpline, at 1-877-303-2642.

If you are going to use illegal drugs, remember:

- Avoid using while alone.
- Ask someone to check on you or use while on the phone with a trusted person able to call for assistance in the event of an overdose.
- Use supervised consumption services (SCS) if possible.
- Always do a test dose to check the potency or strength of the drug.
- Know the signs and symptoms of poisoning/overdose and call 911 always for direction and support.
- Carry a naloxone kit and know to use it to respond to a suspected opioid poisoning.
- Connect with your local harm reduction, health and social services agencies (e.g., income support, housing).
- Reach out to available substance use treatment, recovery-oriented supports (e.g., opioid agonist therapy, specialty addiction recovery programs), and mental health services.

### **Verna's Weekly Video Message — More on Staff Safety**

We talked last week about how the Legal and Privacy team is working to help keep our staff safe. Today, I (Verna) would like to continue with that theme and share the work of two other teams: Protective Services and Social Media.

Their support has been invaluable during the pandemic. On top of their regular duties, Protective Services created safety ambassadors to support the screening staff at acute care sites. They're responsible for evaluating staff, patients and visitors for COVID-19 risks before entering the building.

Our social media team has also been quite busy, as we've seen an unprecedented increase in social media activity relating to AHS. They've been constantly monitoring social media for any perceived threats to our staff or the organization, and work very closely with Protective Services to flag and address them, if needed.

Joining me today to tell us more about their work are:

- Jerry Scott, Chief Protective Services Officer and Senior Program Director, Protective Services
- Vicki Hall, Director of Social Media and Story Hub.



### **Dr. Sid Viner Appointed VP and Medical Director, Clinical Operations**

Dr. Sid Viner is joining the AHS Executive Leadership Team as Vice President and Medical Director, Clinical Operations effective Sept. 7. Sid has most recently been serving as Calgary Zone Medical Director. He is a practising critical care physician, having worked at the Peter Lougheed Centre and Foothills Hospital in Calgary for the past 30 years.

Sid is a strong mentor for other physicians and clinicians, and will bring an innovative approach to his new provincial role. His dyad partner will be Deb Gordon, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President, Clinical Operations. Together, they are responsible for all zone clinical operations at AHS, EMS and AHS Primary Care. Dr. Braden Manns will take on this role in an interim capacity, effective June 7, to allow Sid time to transition into the permanent role, vacated following Dr. Ted Braun's recent retirement.

## Proud Together

June is internationally recognized as *Pride Month*. It's a time to celebrate the LGBTQ2S+ community and the diversity our people bring to the organization. Today, more than ever, we need to support each other and create a sense of belonging. We encourage all AHS staff to share their pride at work, even those who work remotely, and to celebrate those who are LGBTQ2S+ and their allies.

As we create an environment that's safer and more inclusive for all, we improve the quality of care for Albertans.



## Join the Conversation

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### Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day all month with AHS

On June 21 Canadians will celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day. First celebrated in 1996, [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) is a day to recognize and celebrate the cultures and contributions of Indigenous peoples from across Canada.

Over the past year we have all been through so much, so this year AHS is ***Celebrating Resilience through Reconciliation*** for the entire month of June. We'll be hosting [online events](#) all month long and encourage you to celebrate with us by [sharing your stories of strength and resilience](#). You can also view the videos and multimedia content that was created by members of our Indigenous Wellness Core to showcase Indigenous arts and culture, digital patient stories of resilience, and Indigenous perspectives on COVID-19 from members of AHS' Wisdom Council.

Learn more and take part in the celebrations by visiting our [Together4Health celebration page](#).

### Join a COVID-19 Town Hall in Arabic

Arabic speaking Albertans are invited to a Town Hall to learn more about the COVID-19 Vaccines. Dr. Michael Zakhary, Medical Officer of Health, will be joined by Islamic scholar shaykh Abdul sattar, from al-Falah society and saint Mina of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Calgary. This session will be held in Arabic on Wednesday, June 9 from 7-8pm. [Click here to register](#) for this Facebook live event or for more information.

### Seniors challenged to build strength

During Seniors Week, June 7-13, AHS in South Zone has organized an online challenge designed to help participants build strength so they can avoid falling - and they might even win prizes. AHS and a number of community partners created the [Be Active Challenge](#) to promote staying active as we age to prevent falls. Every year, an estimated 20 to 30 per cent of older Albertans fall, often with severe consequences. More than 40 per cent of falls in the senior population that lead to hospitalization, occur at home.

Adults and older adults who participate in the Challenge can try activities for a chance to win prizes, funded through a grant from the Alberta Community Injury Control Fund. Prizes include trekking poles and a Hydro Flask water bottle, a Fit Bit Inspire 2 HR, a yoga mat, yoga block, and resistance bands. To find the challenge.

### Taking Time for 'What Matters to You?' Day

'What Matters to You?' is a worldwide movement putting the patient voice at the centre of care, encouraging and supporting meaningful conversations between healthcare providers and the patients and families they serve. Asking what matters helps healthcare teams to further understand what is important to their patients. As healthcare providers, we are able to start the conversation by asking patients and families what really matters to them. These conversations build trust, develop empathy and help us better understand the needs of our patients. [Learn more here](#).

## Be Well - Be Kind

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### **Foundation Good News**

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

#### ***Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation funds 38 bassinets for local hospital***

Thanks to donor support, the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital has received 38 new Stryker bassinets. The Medicine Hat and District Health Foundation raised \$152,000 to replace all the existing wooden bassinets at the hospital with a needed upgrade.

In addition to the bassinets, the foundation funded new artwork in the maternal child department. Read more [here](#).



#### ***Seniors Event A Double-Double Good Idea***

On May 20, approximately 120 residents enjoyed going through a custom-made Tim Hortons drive-thru at the CapitalCare Kipnes Centre for Veterans in Edmonton. Recreation staff at the facility got creative and found a way to involve residents in building a storefront. After going through the drive-thru, the residents sat back and relaxed in a safe, socially distanced manner, and enjoyed treats with a cup of Tim Hortons coffee.

This event was made possible thanks to a donation made to the [CapitalCare Foundation](#), by a volunteer who used to play cards and interact with the residents on a regular basis prior to the pandemic. Kudos to our partners at [CapitalCare](#) for living their [values](#), and providing safe, high-quality person-centred care.



*Harmony Teskey, a therapeutic recreation student at CapitalCare Kipnes Centre for Veterans in Edmonton, serves coffee to resident Mary Elniski at a custom-made Tim Hortons drive-thru event.*

## Sharing the Love

### Gratitude from Albertans

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

*I was 10 weeks pregnant when I started to hemorrhage in April 2020. An ambulance was called and I was terrified of losing my baby but also going to an emergency department. Once in the ambulance, I told the crew I was terrified of needles. A female EMT held my hand as her partner gave me an IV. "I've got you," she said. In October, I gave birth to a healthy baby boy. I want to tell that ambulance crew we are ok. With us all in masks, I still don't know what they look like, although the female EMT had the kindest eyes and I think I'd recognize her by her embrace. Thank you, from both of us.*

— Nadine

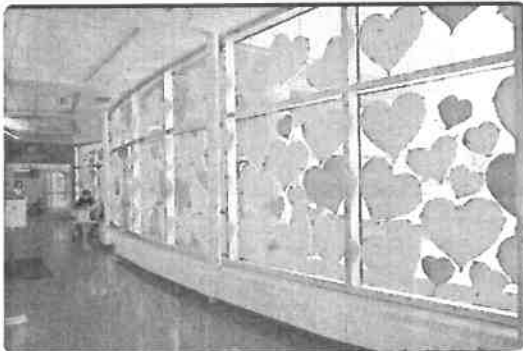
*Recently I needed medical attention due to a kidney infection. I was in the emergency department with a high fever and severe back pain. After an ultrasound, my heart began to race over 200 beats per minute. I have an arrhythmia, but it had never required treatment before. The team that was called to manage my heart rate was amazing. They immediately did what was needed. They saw that I was scared and nervous, and responded with kindness and support. Although the process for correcting my heart rate is not pleasant, the team was calm, collected and explained everything extremely well. They supported me when I needed it most. I cannot thank our healthcare providers enough for their incredible dedication to helping others.*

— Sarah

## Wrapping Up — A Week of Heavy Hearts

It has been a bittersweet week. As you've read, our case counts are dropping, as are our hospitalization and ICU numbers, while our vaccination booking numbers suggest Albertans who have received their first doses are clearly eager to get their second as soon as possible. In terms of our pandemic response, these are undoubtedly heartening developments.

And yet it was difficult moving through this week with anything other than a heavy heart following news the remains of 215 Indigenous children were found near the site of Canada's largest residential school close to Kamloops, B.C. Like us, we suspect you've mourned these children and grieved their loss in your own ways throughout this week. We all process tragic news differently. We've heard of mourning ceremonies at AHS sites across the province. For instance, this week, the Stollery Awasisak Indigenous Health Program at Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton is making orange ribbons available and asking people to wear them throughout Indigenous People's Awareness Month. The Children's Rehabilitation Services' leadership team in Central Zone discussed what their personal actions will be, such as continuing to promote Indigenous awareness resources and training. And staff at Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary placed 215 orange hearts on its windows and 215 orange ribbons on trees around the hospital, as you can see in the photos below.



These are just a few of the ways our people and our teams are commemorating the lives of these children and thousands more who attended residential schools across the country.

If you're wondering what you can do, please remember the first step to reconciliation is awareness. We encourage you to seek out the numerous resources and training we have around Indigenous awareness, intergenerational trauma and reconciliation. I also encourage all of you to take part in this month's



activities and sessions to mark National Indigenous Peoples Month. Throughout June, we'll be hosting online presentations and encourage you to share your stories of strength and resilience online through our Together4Health page.

And, of course, together let us commit that our actions and decisions are guided by the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It won't bring back the children. But we hope it honours their memory.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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

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

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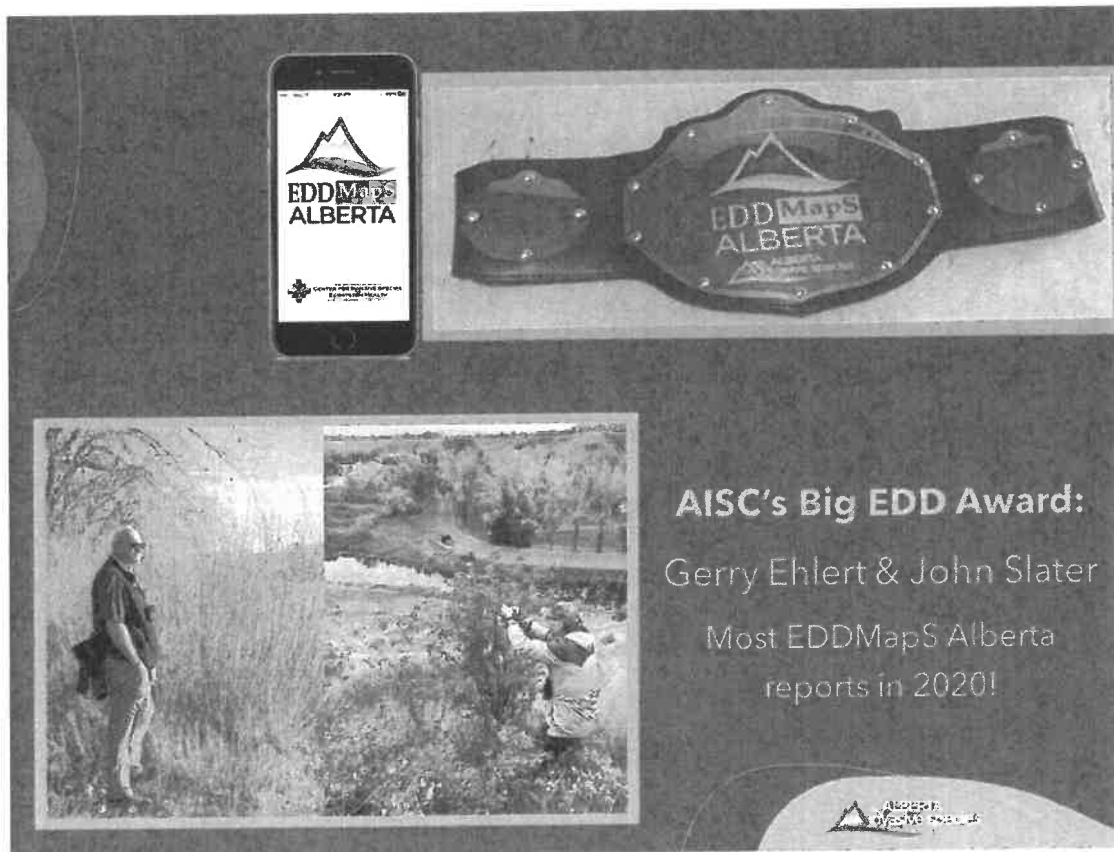
## AISC Virtual AGM and Conference 2021



Thank you to all that attended the 2021 AISC Virtual AGM and Conference in March! We had such a great lineup of speakers and sponsors that were vital to this year's great success!

Hope to see you at our conference next year, whether virtually or in-person!

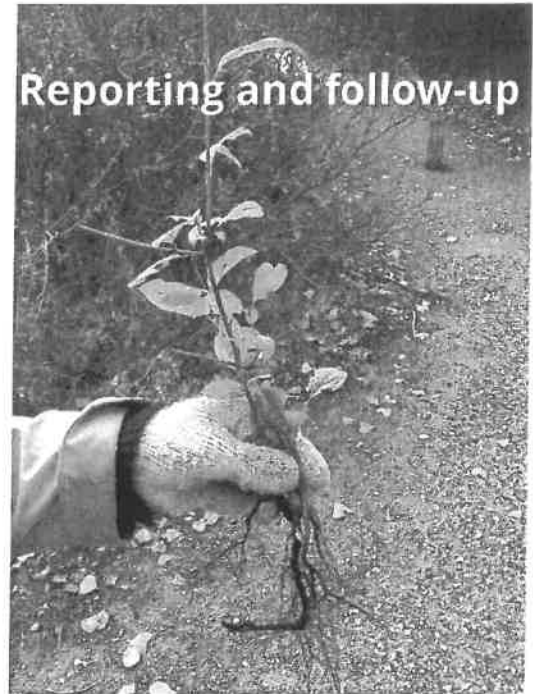
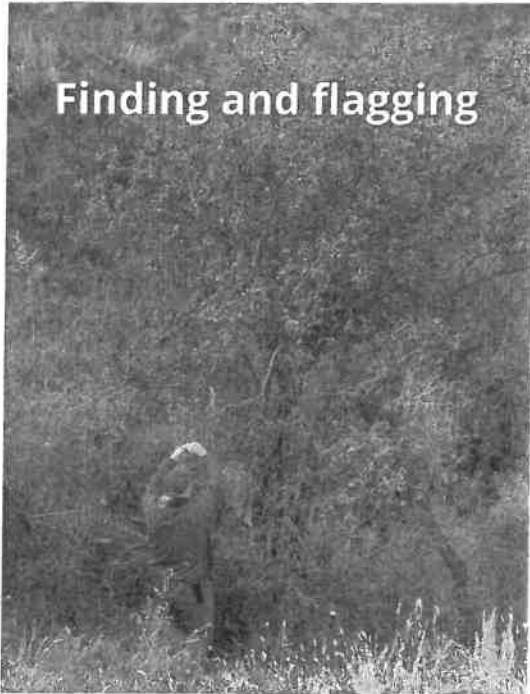
## Congrats to our Big EDD Award Duo for 2020!



Congratulations to our Big EDD award winners, Gerry Ehler and John Slater! Together, this dynamic duo submitted the most EDDMapS reports (355 reports!) in 2020 - now that's BIG!

The AISC's Big EDD Award was created to recognize those contributing to the EDDMapS database. As award winners, Gerry and John will receive a certificate recognizing their exceptional contribution to EDDMapS as well as an engraving of their names on the side of the Big EDD belt to forever commemorate their contributions.

To be in the running for the Big EDD Award in 2021, get submitting online or using the smartphone app! Find out more about EDDMapS [here](#).



**A message from our Big EDD winners, Gerry and John:**

*Team recognition is always appreciated. Looking back, we began in 2019 with a community concern and interest to know more about invasive species and their control. In short, do something about it. Under the guidance of AISC and Kelly Cooley, Southern Alberta Weed Coordinator we formed a local working group that included the MH Interpretive Program, Grasslands Naturalists, City of Medicine Hat Parks and Recreation, SEAWA, Medicine Hat College, Medicine Hat News, and CHAT TV. We put on an invasive species awareness and education workshop for property owners (homes and businesses). Received a good turnout... build it and they will come! We had fun learning and participating. COVID-19 did put a damper on further progress in 2020, however, during 2019 and 2020 we worked with Dave Genio, Manager of Parks, and his staff to begin a process of searching and reporting invasive species using EDDMaps Alberta - a great stewardship tool. We focused on Eurasian buckthorn whose locations and distributions were largely unknown. If we found other invasive aquatic, woodland, and grassland species we also reported them. Through EDDMapS, this information was received by Kelly Cooley and Nicole Kimmel, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist with AENV. This information was then forwarded to our City's weed control staff which included the locations in their follow-up control plans.*



*It turns out, buckthorn is a common species in the lower draws of coulees and wooded riparian areas. Distribution ranges from singles, small patches, to infestations. From a distance it looks similar to chokecherry, however, upon further awareness, it is significantly different including its opposite leaves and thorns. This species can have a significant negative impact on the environment, wildlife, and humans. Especially, when it "chokes out" desirable native species and habitats. This year, we plan on putting on a COVID friendly Neighbourhood Invasive Species Identification Workshop. John and I will continue to search and find Eurasian buckthorn in the remaining drainages left to check. We estimate in two years time, this invasive woody species will be fully mapped and most locations known.*



*Then comes the challenging part for the City to follow up and begin controlling this species using all the tools in the toolbox: mechanical, selective herbicide, and perhaps a new biocide fungus.*

*Thank you, Delinda Ryerson and Megan Evans, former and present Executive Directors of AISC. Today, Megan and Kelly continue to provide our City with support and advice in controlling the establishment and spread of invasive species. As we know, invasive species are an increasing scenario, and best if we nip in the bud early!*



Society of Grasslands Naturalists, Medicine Hat

[Click here for more information on EDDMapS](#)

## AISC Biocontrol Program



Brown-legged leafy spurge beetle (*Apthona lacertosa*) on leafy spurge.

AISC's Biocontrol Release Program provides host-specific insects known as biocontrol agents to help manage infestations of invasive rangeland plants in Alberta. Landowners and land managers are able to purchase releases of biocontrol agents which includes a site visit where AISC staff help select a release location for the agents as well as a follow-up visit in the year following the release to monitor for the establishment of the biocontrol agents.

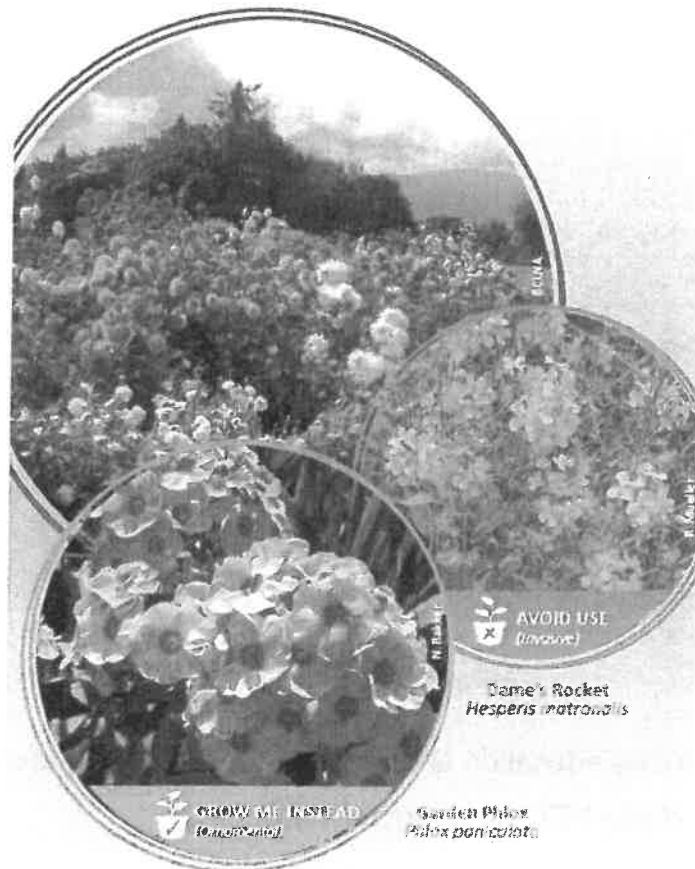
This year, leafy spurge beetles will be the **ONLY** biocontrol agent available. Get your orders (\$900 plus GST), first come first serve, in **by June 15th!**

We will be in the field starting mid-June, follow us along on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter! For any questions about the program, ordering or moving beetles please contact [info@abinvasives.ca](mailto:info@abinvasives.ca).

**Email your biocontrol request to our Executive Director**

**Click here for more information on AISC's Biocontrol Program**

**The 'Grow Me Instead' brochure is now updated!**



Spring has sprung and we can't wait to get our hands dirty in the garden! This makes for perfect timing to announce that we have updated the coveted 'Grow Me Instead' brochure to help you with choosing native and invasive-free options for your prized garden.

Be PlantWise and always select non-invasive plants, seed mixes for birdseed and wildflowers with contents that are clearly listed. Be suspicious of plants, bulbs, and seeds that are promoted as 'fast spreaders,' 'vigorous self-seeders,' and/or 'drought-resistant.'

Check out our new brochure for specific alternatives to Alberta's most unwanted horticultural plants! Please contact us at [communications@abinvasives.ca](mailto:communications@abinvasives.ca) for printed copies.



Click here for the NEW 'Grow Me Instead' brochure

## Squeal on Pigs!

A black and white graphic for the 'Squeal on Pigs!' campaign. On the left, text reads: 'Feral pigs, also known as wild boar at large, are one of the most damaging invasive species in North America. Hunting is not an effective control option. For more information, visit abinvasives.ca'. On the right, a silhouette of a wild boar is shown with the words 'SQUEAL ON PIGS!' written across its back. Below the boar, text says 'Report signs and sightings through:' followed by a list: '• EDDMapS • AF.wildboar@gov.ab.ca' and '• 310-FARM • your local municipality'.

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- your local municipality



*Sounder* the alarms! The new education and outreach campaign '**Squeal on Pigs!**' is finally here in Alberta and the AISC wants YOU to get squealing!!

Feral pigs, also known as wild boar at large, are invading Alberta and we need your help in stopping them. We are asking for your help to promote '**Squeal on Pigs!**' to your friends, family and communities!

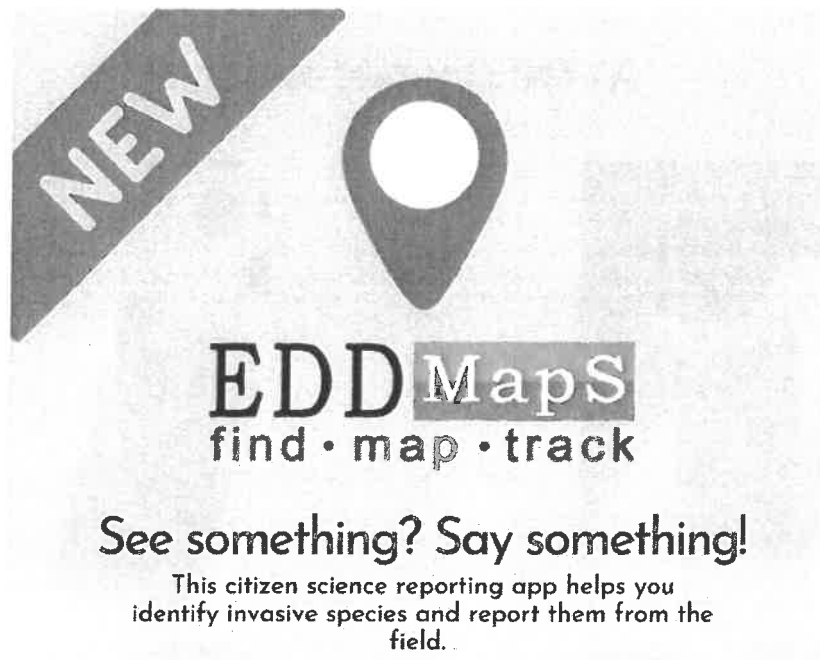
If you'd like to promote this campaign, we've created multiple images (like the one you see here) that can be used for web or print [here!](#) As well, we've created NEW informational rack cards, which are now live on the website and can be found [here!](#) Please contact us at [communications@abinvasives.ca](mailto:communications@abinvasives.ca) for printed copies.

Click here to find out more about 'Squeal on Pigs!'

Click here for a radio interview with AISC's Executive Director on the 'Squeal on Pigs!' Campaign

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

## New and improved citizen-science app: EDDMapS!



The graphic features a diagonal banner in the top left corner with the word "NEW" in white capital letters on a dark background. To the right of the banner is a large, dark location pin icon. Below the pin, the text "EDDMapS" is displayed in a large, bold, serif font, with "MapS" in a smaller font size. Underneath "EDDMapS" is the tagline "find • map • track" in a smaller, lowercase sans-serif font. Below the tagline is the slogan "See something? Say something!" in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath the slogan is a short paragraph: "This citizen science reporting app helps you identify invasive species and report them from the field."

Download for FREE today!



Thanks again for your participation in our survey - this will help us to better promote the new and updated app!

We're excited to remind you that EDDMapS has become national! The previous EDDMapS Alberta app will eventually be **phased out**. Please download and replace it with the new EDDMapS app to keep reporting invasive species directly from your device!

Additionally, we will be hosting a **free** EDDMapS Training & Invasive Species 101 Webinar on **June 23rd at 7 PM** - Register in advance below!

Register in advance for our **FREE** EDDMapS training Webinar here

Click here for more information on EDDMapS

## ATTN! Contest alert!



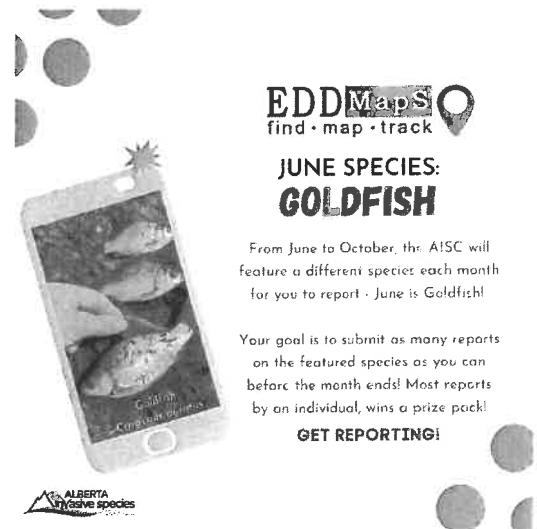
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**CONTEST!**

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

**DOWNLOAD FOR FREE NOW!**

ALBERTA  
invasive species



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**JUNE SPECIES:  
GOLDFISH**

From June to October, the AISC will feature a different species each month for you to report. June is Goldfish!

Your goal is to submit as many reports on the featured species as you can before the month ends! Most reports by an individual, wins a prize pack!

**GET REPORTING!**

ALBERTA  
invasive species

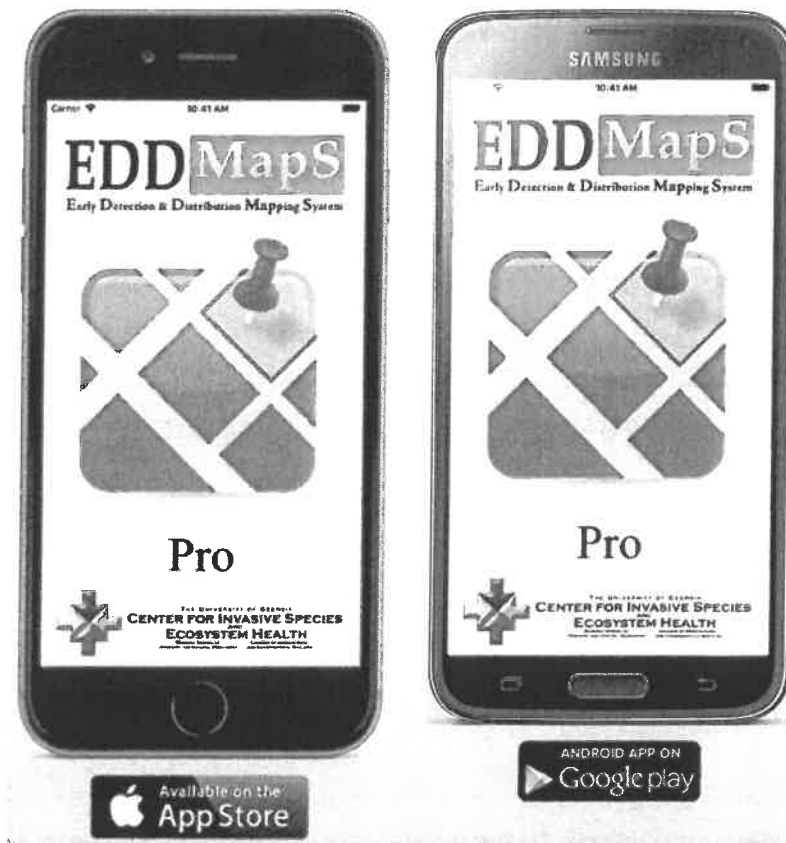
In honour of the new EDDMapS app launch, we are hosting two contests!

- A giveaway contest from **June to December** where your goal is to download the app and use it to report as many invasive species (of any kind!) as possible! A winner will be randomly drawn from all submitted reports on December 12 for a unique prize pack!
- A monthly contest from **June to October** where we will feature a different species each month for you to report. Your goal is to submit as many reports on the featured species as

you can before the month ends, the most EDDMapS reports by an individual for each month wins a prize pack!

- The first featured species for the month of June is **goldfish!**
- Follow our social media for the upcoming featured species to report in July, August, September and October.

## New management tool for professionals: EDDMapS Pro!



And the EDDMapS news keeps on going! We're launching a free EDDMapS Pro app designed for invasive species managers and professionals to use for recording invasive species infestations! This app is separate from EDDMapS (citizen-science-based).

You can tailor the app for all your needs:

- Add offline maps and species you will be working with on any given day.
- Add specific species, prioritize them and/or create your own county lists.
- Record revisits to a site and to mark the site as Positive (species present), Negative (species not present), Treated or Eradicated. These will show with different colored pins, making it easy to see how your management goals are progressing.
- Photo ghosting capability for photo monitoring.
- EDDMapS Pro is used with ISM Track to log herbicide application records.
- And so much more!

Additionally, we will be hosting a **free** EDDMapS Pro Training Webinar on **June 4th from 2-4 PM**

- Prior to this training session, please:

- register for an account on the [EDDMapS.org](http://EDDMapS.org) website
- download the app on your [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) smartphone or tablet
- complete [this survey](#), it's only one multiple choice question!

Join Zoom Meeting

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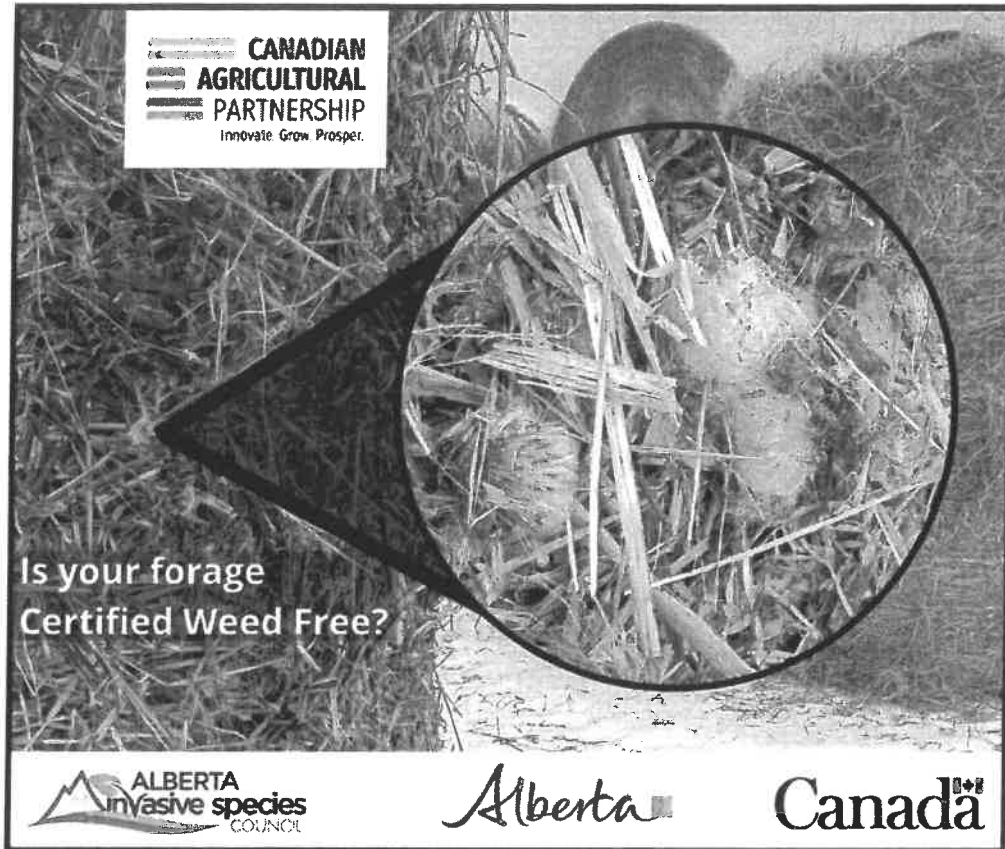
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[Click here for more information on EDDMapS Pro](#)

[Check out a quick EDDMapS Pro tutorial from the EDDMapS Summit here](#)

Weed Free Forage



Are you looking to purchase certified weed free forage? Or perhaps you're a producer looking to sell certified weed free forage?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, get in touch with the AISC! We plan to promote and facilitate the Alberta Certified Weed Free Forage program. We want to link buyers and sellers and get more certified weed free forage on the market.

Producers, please contact your local county office for details on how to get your forage field inspected. For more details on the Alberta Weed Free Forage program, email us at [info@abinvasives.ca](mailto:info@abinvasives.ca) or call 587 999 0954.

[Click here for more information on Weed Free Forage](#)

**Coming soon!**

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

- 'Squeal on Pigs!' articles in your local newspaper or newsletter
- PlayCleanGo Awareness Week June 5-12
- EDDMapS monthly reporting contest - July, August, September and October species!



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## Centralized Industrial Property Assessment Newsletter

May 2021

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*Winter has sprung into spring. With that are several updates you will want to read about on integration along with news you need to know on equalized assessment.*

### **Assessment schedule update**

The first amended 2020AY assessments (A1) for DI Property linear were successfully delivered on April 9. And the first amended 2020AY assessments (A1) for DI Property industrial were successfully delivered on May 14.



Both amended notices were delivered via email/ePost to avoid paper and USB mailing.

We would like to thank you all for your work in meeting timelines and producing the A1 assessment revisions!

### **Keeping each other up to date**

If your municipality has passed a supplementary assessment bylaw for the first time, please let us know. Please send a copy of your bylaw to:

[ma.asbcia.asmt@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.asbcia.asmt@gov.ab.ca).

Meanwhile, in recent weeks our team has been providing virtual 2020 Assessment Year presentations to municipalities, where required. If your municipality is interested in having a presentation we will do our best to accommodate one. To request a presentation, please contact Dave Imrie at: [david.imrie@gov.ab.ca](mailto:david.imrie@gov.ab.ca).

### **Changing the tax structure to stimulate growth and attract investment**

In 2020, the government concluded a review of the regulated assessment models for wells, pipelines, and wellsite machinery and equipment, which determine the assessed value of these assets for taxation purposes. The province decided not to proceed with comprehensive changes due to the current economic uncertainty and lack of consensus among stakeholders; however, the province implemented the following measures to support economic recovery and provide much-needed certainty to industry, investors, municipalities, and other property taxpayers for the next three years.

- In order to encourage new investment, a three-year property tax holiday for all new well and pipeline assets was implemented, and to further stimulate new drilling activity, the Well Drilling Equipment Tax was eliminated effective January 1, 2021.
- To support existing oil and gas companies, additional depreciation adjustments are being provided for lower producing wells and the

assessments of shallow gas wells and associated pipelines will continue to be reduced by 35 per cent for the next three years.

To keep municipalities informed on this in the upcoming tax year:

- New wells and pipelines will be listed on the assessment notice with the assessment over written to reflect a zero assessment;
- An information report detailing the calculation and assessment total for each property type subject to the three year tax break will be provided to municipalities at the same time as the assessment notice;
- Municipalities will receive a listing of well drilling within their boundaries on a quarterly basis;
- The impact of the decisions will be reported on the annual linear growth, inflation and policy report.

### **Designated Industrial long-term integration update**

As we reported earlier, we are reviewing and amending our long-term integration plan for Designated Industrial (DI) property for 2022 and beyond.

We acknowledge that full integration will take longer than originally planned for a number of reasons. The revised long-term plan will likely include a contracted component. We are exploring options in this regard and have engaged with the Executive Advisory Group to receive their input.

More details will be shared later this year.

### **Building our team**

As integration continues to progress, we are bringing on additional staff.

Our latest recruiting efforts seek to fill six advisor positions. This competition closed on May 7th and we are currently going through the interview process.

### **2022 Equalized Assessment (EA) Information**

Coming this fall, on or around September 1, 2021, the province will provide a preliminary 2022 Equalized Assessment for each municipality's review.

The purpose of the preliminary EA is to give municipal representatives the opportunity to reconcile, inquire and report assessment changes prior to the release of the official 2022 Equalized Assessment on November 1, 2021.

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**CIPA Website**

**Questions? Our mailing address is:**

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Dear Chief Administrative Officers:

As the new Deputy Minister for Municipal Affairs, I want to assure you of my commitment to work with you and to continue providing the necessary information to support your ongoing efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. As Premier Kenney announced on May 26, 2021, Alberta's Open for Summer Plan has begun and is currently in Stage 1.

I understand the challenges you have faced in 2020 and 2021. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of you and your municipal staff, we are able to begin our return to normal. Thank you for the difference you make in your communities as we move forward and manage the ongoing rollout of the vaccine to support Alberta's Open for Summer Plan.

Attached is a frequently asked questions document covering some of the more common municipal governance inquiries we have received. Please visit [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca) for the latest COVID-19 information. Past issues of frequently asked questions documents can be found at [www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx).

My hope is these updates will continue to provide important information in a timely manner to help and support your municipal operations as we continue on a new phase of Alberta's COVID-19 response. Please reach out if you have any remaining questions to ensure we address them to the best of our ability.

Sincerely,

Brandy Cox

Deputy Minister

Attachment – Frequently Asked Questions

# Municipal Governance During the COVID-19 Pandemic

## Frequently Asked Questions – June 4, 2021

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On June 1, 2021, the Government of Alberta moved to Stage 1 of Alberta's Open for Summer plan, with the plan to enter Stage 2 on June 10 as long as hospitalizations continue to decline. For the most up-to-date information, visit [alberta.ca/COVID19](https://alberta.ca/COVID19).

While we continue to navigate the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic together, Municipal Affairs remains committed to issuing regular updates to address frequently asked questions and provide new information or resources as they become available.

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

### Municipal Advisory Services

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

## Alberta's Open for Summer Plan

### Can local municipalities support the Province of Alberta's Open for Summer Plan?

**YES.** Alberta's Open for Summer Plan is based upon vaccination uptake rates, with Stage 3 requiring 70 per cent of Albertans to have received at least their first dose. As stated by the Chief Medical Officer of Health on May 21, one of the greatest impacts you can have as a local municipal leader is to support and encourage vaccine uptake in your community.

Municipalities can develop ideas and creative strategies to support vaccine uptake by sharing resources and information with other community leaders and businesses to help encourage vaccine uptake.

Municipalities can help ensure residents are aware all working Albertans can access three hours of paid, job-protected leave to get each dose of the vaccine, and share information about the vaccination program available online at: [www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine](https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine).

The employer toolkit can also be shared which is available at: [open.alberta.ca/publications/employers-toolkit-for-vaccination](https://open.alberta.ca/publications/employers-toolkit-for-vaccination).

## Alberta's Open for Summer Plan: Stage 1

### Are indoor recreational facilities and fitness facilities allowed to open during Stage 1?

**NO.** All indoor recreational facilities must remain closed to the public.

### Are outdoor recreational facilities and fitness facilities permitted to remain open during Stage 1?

**YES.** Outdoor recreational facilities may remain open with participant limits and mandatory two metre distancing at all times.

Individual fitness, recreation and performance activities are permitted, such as running, cycling, biking, golfing and other individual activities.

Group activities for 10 or fewer people, such as team sport training, physical activities, fitness training, performance activities, and youth skill development activities are permitted.

More than 10 people may use an outdoor facility at the same time so long as physical distancing is maintained between households.

Up to a maximum of 10 spectators are permitted to attend outdoor physical activities or performances, providing two metre distancing is maintained at all times.

Outdoor pools, golf courses, tennis courts, pickleball courts, croquet pitches, running tracks, bicycle tracks, and velodromes can remain open, unless specifically closed by a public health order.

For additional information on restrictions on events and participants, visit [alberta.ca/COVID19](http://alberta.ca/COVID19).

### **Can banquet halls, community halls or conference centers be opened during Stage 1?**

**YES.** However, activities are limited to wedding ceremonies up to 10 people (including officials), or funeral services up to 20 people (not including facility staff, funeral clergy or organizers). Receptions and trade shows remain prohibited.

## Municipal Operations

### **Are municipalities expected to follow the work from home requirement?**

**YES.** Working from home remains mandatory. Work from home requirements apply to municipal offices, public works facilities, and any other municipal facilities unless the employee's physical presence is required to operate effectively. When at work employees must mask for all indoor settings, except

where physical distancing is practiced or adequate barriers are in place.

### **Are municipalities responsible in any way for use of their community halls or facilities in contravention of the order or parameters of use under the Public Health Order?**

**YES.** Community hall and facility operators, including municipalities, are responsible for any contravention to public health orders that occur within their premises.

### Municipal Affairs Updates

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

## Additional Resources

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

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

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

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

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In Budget 2019, the Government of Alberta announced its intention to move from municipally derived census counts to provincially developed population estimates. Population estimates developed by the government will result in more accurate, consistent and timely information about Alberta’s population, and a fairer allocation of grants. This change will take effect for the 2022 grant year.

Treasury Board and Finance would like to provide you with further details about population estimation methodology and solicit your feedback. I would like to invite you to participate in this discussion on Wednesday, June 16. The meeting will take place as follows:

Tuesday, June 16  
 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Virtual meeting: **Microsoft Teams meeting**

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

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I have attached an agenda and meeting materials for your information.

Please feel free to extend this invite to your representative or anyone who would be interested in this presentation. For any question, please email Jennifer Hansen, Manager, Demography and Social Statistics, at [Jennifer.Hansen@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Hansen@gov.ab.ca)

Thank you.

Mark Parsons, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Economics and Fiscal Policy Division  
Treasury Board and Finance



## AGENDA

Alberta Municipal Population Estimates Meeting  
Tuesday, June 15/16, 2021  
1:30 – 4:00 pm

1:30 – 1:45 pm	Agenda Introductions
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Presentation: Population Estimates Methodology
2:45 – 3:00 pm	BREAK
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Questions and open discussion

# Municipal Population Estimates Model

## Discussion Guide

### Preamble

Alberta is the only province that has relied on municipal census figures to allocate municipal grant funding. Grant allocations were closely tied to the Municipal Affairs Population List. The decision to use municipal censuses was made due to tremendous population growth in Alberta over recent decades, which made it more important to obtain population counts more often, rather than relying on those provided every five years through the federal census.

Approximately 30 per cent of municipalities in Alberta use the discretionary authority to conduct municipal censuses, although most of these municipalities only conduct a census every two or more years.

In Budget 2019, the Government of Alberta (GoA) announced its intention to move from municipally derived census counts to provincially developed population estimates. The province is making this change to streamline decisions and ensure greater consistency by moving to a system of provincially developed population estimates. The result will be less administrative burden and regulatory red tape imposed on municipalities. The GoA anticipates that its population estimates will result in more accurate, consistent and timely information about Alberta's population, and a fairer allocation of grants.

The Office of Statistics and Information (OSI), a division of Treasury Board and Finance (TBF), has developed a model to estimate populations in census subdivisions and municipalities. This will come into effect in for the 2022 grant year and will be based on a standard methodology used in other jurisdictions. The estimates are derived from GoA administrative data and federal government data sources. GoA data sources for the population estimates will be from Alberta Health (health records), and Service Alberta (vital statistics, driver abstracts and land titles). Federal sources include Statistics Canada (base population and components of growth) and the Canada Revenue Agency (tax filer information). The population estimates model is based on the balancing equation, which considers the overall base population at a point in time (July 1) and the population changes in the following year, accounting for the components of population growth – births, deaths and migration.

The purpose of this discussion is to inform municipalities about the methodology for provincially developed population estimates and gain feedback on the Population Estimates methodology to ensure it captures the appropriate populations.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. How will the model estimate Métis (members on leave) and First Nations (on reserve and off reserve)?

A1. The model will estimate usual residents that are currently living in the settlement or reserve. Members on leave will be included in the jurisdiction where they currently reside.

Q2. Historically the population of Métis Settlements have been removed from the municipal counts, will estimates continue to be delivered this way?

A2. Municipal population estimates will now include Metis Settlements, as the model is driven by geographical boundaries rather than governance or ethnicity. The OSI is currently working to develop a method for estimating Metis Settlements. A special area estimate of the resident population of Metis Settlements will be available.

Q3. When will the estimate data be published/released to the public?

A3. The public release of the data is still to be determined, but January/February is likely.

Q4. How will the model account for shadow population counts, in light of the discussions regarding police funding?

A4. Currently, the model only produces population estimates for usual residents. For Alberta residents working in different municipalities than where they usually live, those persons would be included in their usual municipality of residence, not where they work. As a future project, the OSI will work with Statistics Canada, and possibly municipalities, to explore the feasibility of producing an estimate of the shadow population. In the meantime, Municipal Affairs and Justice are considering how shadow population currently produced under the Municipal Population List will be factored into the funding formulas.

Q5. From time to time, Statistics Canada releases updates to their estimates. How will the model account for these updates?

A5. Population estimates will incorporate census count corrections and estimates of net census under-coverage provided by Statistics Canada. The OSI will ensure that annual revisions and updates to Statistics Canada's estimates will be reflected in the census subdivision (municipal) estimates.

Q6. Will there be a process for appeal if a municipality still chooses to conduct its own municipal census?

A6. Municipalities are welcome to contact the OSI with information, concerns and questions, and the OSI will consider the comments and information supplied by the municipality to ensure the estimates are accurate. OSI will consider if adjustments are required, while ensuring consistency and credibility of the estimation methodology across all municipalities.

Q7. How will the model account for changes in municipal boundaries between federal census years?

A7. The method uses current boundaries, so it will account for any changes in a given year.

Q8. The City of Lloydminster's population includes both parts of the City located in Alberta and in Saskatchewan under the Statistics Act (Canada). Will the population continue to be calculated this way?

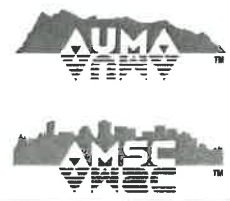
A8. The model will only estimate the population within Alberta, since Government of Alberta funding is based on the provincial portion of the population.

*Additional comments may be sent in writing to TBF by **July 15, 2021**.*

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# AUMA/AMSC DIGEST



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**Tune in: AUMA  
featured on May 26  
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**Call for Applications  
for AUMA's  
Community  
Readiness for  
Newcomer  
Integration Project**



## Municipal Affairs Answers Elections Questions

Municipal Affairs recently provided answers to election-related questions asked during last month's Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC).

See how the Province will help cover the costs of senate elections and referendums, and learn about the role Returning Officers have in confirming the eligibility of candidates to stand for municipal office.



# ADVOCACY UPDATES



## **Tune in: AUMA featured on May 26 Jespersen podcast**

President Barry Morishita and Directors Andrew Knack and Cathy Heron will speak about something of importance to AUMA members with veteran reporter Ryan Jespersen on his podcast, Real Talk, on **May 26 at 9 a.m.**

## **Municipal Affairs Releases Planning Appeals Exemptions**

The Province recently modified the requirements in the Municipal Government Act for certain planning appeals to be heard by the Municipal Government Board.

Read about how the exemption benefits AUMA members.



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Together we shine*

## **Call for Applications for AUMA's Community Readiness for Newcomer Integration Project**

AUMA's Welcoming and Inclusive Communities initiative is seeking applications from municipalities to participate in a Community Readiness for Newcomer Integration project.

Learn more about the project and how your municipality can apply!

## **Engagement Opportunity – Toolkit for Healthy Communities**

The Centre for Healthy Communities, in partnership with the Alberta Real Estate Foundation, is looking for engagement to help inform the development of a Toolkit for Healthy Communities. The Centre will be hosting sessions on June 7 and 10.

## **FireSmart Alberta Established to Address Wildfire Resiliency**

Learn more about the work FireSmart is doing to reduce the wildfire risk for communities in Alberta.

## **New Provincial Plan will Improve Safety for Pets during Evacuations**

Following the 2016 wildfire in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, a number of recommendations were made to improve emergency planning in Alberta. One of these recommendations focussed on how to safely evacuate companion animals.



### Update from the Legislature - May 19

- Legislature remains adjourned
- MLAs removed from caucus
- Spring Legislation Status

Read the full update [here](#).

### Casual Legal: Counting the Days: The Computation of Time under the Municipal Government Act

The computation of time under the Municipal Government Act affects matters ranging from council procedures, assessment and taxation, planning and development, and public participation, amongst other things.

## GOOD TO KNOW

Rural health providers are invaluable assets in their communities. The Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) is celebrating **Alberta Rural Health Week** from May 24 to 28, 2021. It's a great time to honour the contributions of the health-care providers and community volunteers who help keep health care accessible to rural Albertans. Click [here](#) to learn more.

The [Society To Prevent Dutch Elm Disease](#) (STOPDED) is alerting municipalities to another invasive tree pest to watch for while looking out for Dutch Elm Disease (DED) this summer. [Elm Zigzag Sawfly](#) is native to Asia and was found in Quebec elm trees in 2020. So far, this invasive species has not been detected in Alberta. It can cause severe defoliation of elm trees, leading to cascading impacts on forest ecology. Please call the STOPDED Hotline at **1-877-837-ELMS** if you think you see Elm Zigzag Sawfly or DED.

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is seeking input from stakeholders on the [second draft](#) of the Code of Practice for Composting Facilities and Acceptable Feedstock. AEP concluded the first round of engagement in September 2020. The second round will allow stakeholders another opportunity to provide input into the revised Code. The ministry expects to complete updating the Code of Practice by Summer 2021. The submission deadline is Friday, May 28, 2021.

The Government of Canada has announced an amendment to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* to add "plastic manufactured items" to Schedule 1. The amendment is part of Canada's policy to ban single-use plastics and reach Canada's [Zero Plastic Waste](#) goal.

For more information about what plastic items have been added and the amendment, please visit [Canada Gazette, Part 2](#).



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# Municipal Affairs Releases Planning Appeals Exemptions

May 19, 2021

The Minister of Municipal Affairs recently made the Subdivision and Development Appeal Regulation via Ministerial Order MSD:022/21, which modifies the requirements in the *Municipal Government Act* (added through Bill 48, 2020) for certain planning appeals to be heard by the Municipal Government Board (or Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) effective June 2, 2021).

The key exemption in this regulation that will benefit AUMA members is that development permit appeals related to land within prescribed distances of:

- a highway,
- a body of water,
- a sewage treatment or waste management facility, or
- historical site

do not need to go to the LPRT; they can continue to be heard by local Subdivision and Development Appeal Boards.

The new appeal requirements included in the MGA would have captured a large number of development permit appeals. This was the main driver for AUMA's feedback to Municipal Affairs. We communicated our concern about LPRT members potentially not having the appropriate knowledge and understanding of local planning requirements and plans needed to adequately consider municipal interests.

An exemption from appeals being heard by the LPRT has not been included in the regulation for decisions made by local authorities on subdivision applications related to areas outlined above. Nor is there an exemption for matters related to designated land defined in the Canmore Undermining Review Regulation. This means that more appeals of subdivision application decisions will be heard by the LPRT, so there is still an increase in local matters being considered at the provincial level. However, the number of appeals will be much less than if development permit appeals were included.

This change in approach to development permit appeals by the Ministry demonstrates the influence that AUMA's advocacy efforts can have and the beneficial outcomes for members that can be achieved.

All appeals of decisions made by a provincial body or the Minister of Environment & Parks are to go to the LPRT. Municipal Affairs indicated that this was the main intent of Bill 48's amendments to the MGA related to planning appeals. Note that if a development permit appeal that would be exempt from being heard by the LPRT based on the vicinity exemptions also involves a decision made by a provincial body (or Minister), then the exemption does not apply, and it needs to go to the LPRT.

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If you have any questions about the provisions in the Subdivision and Development Appeal Regulation, please contact [advocacy@auma.ca](mailto:advocacy@auma.ca).

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# Municipal Affairs Answers Elections Questions

May 19, 2021

Municipal Affairs recently provided answers to election-related questions asked during last month's Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC) on funding and eligibility.

## Funding for Senate Elections and Referendums

At MLC, Municipal Affairs minister Ric McIver committed to provide more details on the funding announced in the province's Budget 2021 to help cover the costs of senate elections and referendums.

Municipal Affairs provided the following information:

\$10 million has been set aside in Budget 2021 to support the costs of Senate and referendum votes: \$5 million for Senate votes and \$5 million for referendum votes.

The funding formula to distribute these funds is as follows:

For Senate votes: \$1 per capita, or a minimum of \$1,000, where a local election is required; \$2 per capita, or a minimum of \$2,000, where no local election is required (e.g., acclamation).

For referendum votes: the same formula will be used as for Senate votes.

Therefore, the total funding for each municipality will be \$2 per capita, or a minimum of \$2,000 where a local election is needed, or \$4 per capita or a minimum of \$4,000 where no local election is needed.

The 2019 Municipal Affairs Population List will be used to calculate the funding amount for each municipality. This is the same population source being used for the ministry's other 2021 grant programs, like the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and Gas Tax Fund.

Once funding amounts have been determined and approved, Municipal Affairs will mail agreement letters to all eligible municipalities. These letters will confirm grant amounts and contain any conditions on the funding. This is anticipated to take place in early summer, likely sometime in June.

Beyond the letters, the ministry does not anticipate any funding agreements being required.

Once the agreement letters have been sent out, the first round of payments will be made. The first payment will be \$2 per capita or the \$2,000 minimum. This recognizes that there may be some initial costs to municipalities in preparing for the votes.

There will be no need to apply for the funding – it will be sent automatically.

Municipal Affairs will also pay the required amounts to those municipalities that are conducting votes on behalf of summer villages, special areas, Improvement Districts, First Nations, and the City of Lloydminster.

This is again targeted for early summer.

However, if the senate election and/or referendum votes do not occur, the province may, at its discretion, require that the funding be returned.

While we appreciate the funding, AUMA remains disappointed that the province plans to hold senate elections and referendums at the same time as local election. In the next week or so, we will release information on the pledge we discussed with members at MLC, which encourages candidates to keep local elections local by focusing on issues which councillors are able to influence.

In addition, we welcome feedback from members on whether the funding is sufficient to cover the incremental costs of the additional ballot questions.

## Enforcing Eligibility Requirements

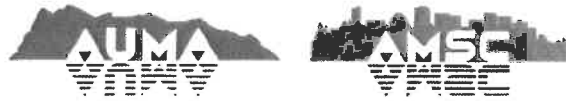
Members at MLC also had questions about the role of Returning Officers in confirming the eligibility of candidates to stand for municipal office.

AUMA sought clarity from Municipal Affairs on this issue. Returning Officers do not have a gatekeeper functioning in relation to nominations. They do not verify eligibility. If they become aware of a potential issue prior to a nomination being filed, they can inform the individual of the eligibility criteria (but are not required to do so). They are to remain neutral. Their only role is procedural, meaning a Returning Officer may only refuse to accept a nomination if it is not submitted in the prescribed form, the form is not signed by at least the minimum number of electors, the form has not been sworn or affirmed by the candidate or a deposit is not provided, if required. Similarly, CAOs are not obligated to take action if they are aware of candidate eligibility issues (e.g., tax arrears), though they should inform Council.

Anyone can request a copy of a tax certificate to verify if a candidate is in arrears. Administrative staff should not release any personal information (as defined in the *Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) Act*), only publicly available information – unless legal advice/order directs or authorizes the release.

If there are any challenges to the eligibility of a candidate, another candidate or an elector may file an affidavit along with paying a sum of \$500 to the Court of Queen's Bench at any time. In addition, eligibility issues can also be challenged after an election is over. A Council can seek legal advice on acts that disqualify elected officials from Council. There is no process for Council to remove a disqualified Councillor without going to court – which only Council can initiate.

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# Casual Legal: Counting the Days: The Computation of Time under the Municipal Government Act

May 19, 2021

## Counting the Days: The Computation of Time under the *Municipal Government Act*

By Daina Young

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The *Municipal Government Act* contains many timelines and references to periods of time. Various “things” are required to be done “within” a specified number of days or “no later than” a specified number of days after the happening of another event, or take effect a specified number of days “after” something else occurs.

The computation of time under the *Municipal Government Act* affects matters ranging from council procedures, assessment and taxation, planning and development, and public participation, amongst other things. Determining how the timelines set out in the Act apply can be challenging, especially when the consequences are significant such as when determining whether or not an appeal was filed in time.

Section 22 of Alberta’s *Interpretation Act* sets out a number of rules with respect to the computation of time, which generally apply to the *Municipal Government Act*. For example:

If the time set out in the MGA “for registration or filing of an instrument, or for the doing of anything, expires or falls on a day on which the office or place in which the instrument or thing is required to be registered, filed or done is not open during its regular hours of business, the instrument or thing may be registered, filed or done on the day next following on which the office or place is open”.

If the time set out in the MGA for doing a thing expires or falls on a holiday, the thing may be done on the next day following that is not a holiday. “Holiday” is defined in the *Interpretation Act*, and includes Sundays.

If the MGA contains a reference to a number of days which are expressed to be clear days or “at least” or “not less than” a number of days between two events, the days on which the events happened shall be excluded in calculating the number of days. If the MGA does not contain a reference to clear days or “at least” or “not less than” a number of days between two events, the day on which the first event happens shall be excluded and the day on which the second event happened shall be included.

If the MGA expresses a period of time as beginning or ending at, on or with a specified day or to continue to or until a specified day, the time includes that day. If a time is expressed to begin after or to be from a specified day, the time does not include that day.

If the MGA provides that anything is to be done within a time after, from, or of before a specified day, the time does not include that day.

This is not an exhaustive list of the principles of interpretation and computation of time set out in the *Interpretation Act*, and must be read alongside the specific wording and requirements of the *Municipal Government Act* at issue in any given case. However, these rules do frequently apply, and the *Interpretation Act* should be kept in mind and considered when interpreting and applying the timelines and periods of time referred to in the *Municipal Government Act*.

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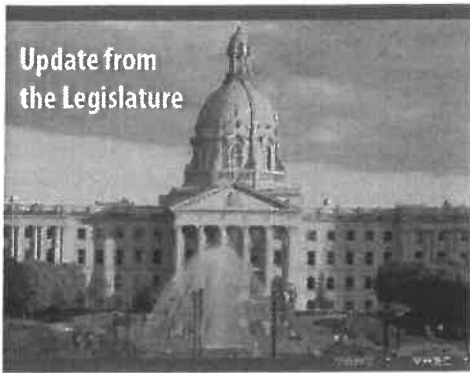
### The Pledge on Real Talk

An AUMA panel appeared on veteran journalist Ryan Jespersen's podcast, Real Talk, on Wednesday, May 26, to discuss the importance of upholding democratic values in this fall's municipal elections.

The panel introduced Ryan and his audience to the Local Democracy Pledge (The Pledge), a voluntary commitment that candidates can make to voters to protect key democratic principles. Learn more about the pledge and watch the recording of Real Talk.

## ADVOCACY UPDATES





## Update from the Legislature - May 27

- Coal Policy Committee's first public update
- Jobs Now program launched
- Spring Legislation Status

Read the full update [here](#).

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## Three ways to get more women involved in local government

Women continue to be under-represented in public office at all levels of government. Check out these three ways you can encourage more women to get involved in local government, and find more resources to help support women in local government.

## Great minds resolve alike

The June 30 deadline for submitting resolutions is approaching quickly. AUMA administration can provide feedback on whether the resolution meets the criteria set out in our resolutions policy. We can also connect you with a municipality who may be considering a similar resolution, to avoid duplication.

## AUMA: Coal Policy Engagement must include water and land-use

AUMA recently sent a letter to the provincial government, urging it to include local government representatives in the upcoming Coal Policy consultation. Read the letter and learn more about AUMA's position on the Coal Policy.

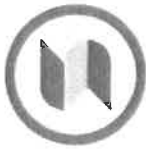
## CASUAL LEGAL: Home is where the Heart is – Municipal Elections and the Rules of Residence

With the 2021 General Election quickly approaching, the conjoined issues of eligibility and residency arise more and more frequently.

## BUSINESS SERVICES

### Benefits Plan Administrator information sessions

We are excited to bring you a series of informational webinars designed to help you administer your employee benefits program. Learn more about the webinar and register for the session on June 2 or 9.



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Read how the [City of Calgary](#) and the [City of Edmonton](#) are transitioning their cities and municipal fleets to electric in their strategies.

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### **AUMA Statement: Response to the recent discovery of a mass grave at the site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School**

The AUMA was deeply troubled and saddened to learn that the remains of 215 Indigenous children were recently found in a mass grave in Kamloops, British Columbia.

We grieve their deaths and we are thinking of the families of these children and the communities from which they came at this difficult time.

Read the full statement and learn how your community can work towards reconciliation.

# ADVOCACY UPDATES



## Update from the Legislature - June 2

- Open for Summer Plan
- Changes to the Local Government Fiscal Framework
- Spring Legislation Status

Read the full update [here](#).

## Running for Municipal Office Webpage launches

AUMA, RMA & Municipal Affairs have collaborated to develop resources for candidates available on both the RMA & AUMA sites. Don't miss these resources & the Life as a Municipal Elected Official series!



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## **Reminder: Apply by June 11 for AUMA's Community Readiness for Newcomer Integration project**

AUMA's Welcoming and Inclusive Communities initiative is seeking applications from municipalities to participate in a Community Readiness for Newcomer Integration project.

## **U of C seeks partners for study into revitalization of under-used spaces**

The University of Calgary's Civic Commons Catalyst wants to partner with three Alberta municipalities that are looking to revitalize their under-used space.

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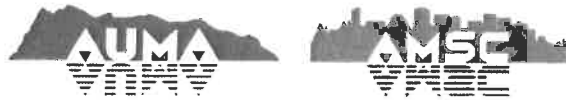
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# Regulatory Assurance System replacing EAS OneStop

June 2, 2021

AUMA hosted a webinar with Alberta Environment and Parks in January 2021 regarding the transforming ministry's environmental regulatory system. AUMA has called on the provincial government to reduce administrative barriers on municipalities and provided a Red Tape Reduction submission to the Alberta government in the fall of 2019.

Environment and Parks has been working on completing the new Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS) in preparation for go-live on June 21, 2021. Effective June 21, 2021, DRAS will be the only system applicants will use to submit Water Act approval applications, amendments and Code of Practice notices.

On June 14, 2021, Environmental Approval System (EAS) OneStop access will be terminated for both applicants and regulators. There will be a seven-day pause to transfer submitted and approved applications and data from EAS OneStop to DRAS. At that time, any draft applications that have not been submitted for regulatory review will be permanently deleted.

If you have any questions, please contact [AEP.OST@gov.ab.ca](mailto:AEP.OST@gov.ab.ca).

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# CASUAL LEGAL: Emergencies: Requirements under the Emergency Management Act and Regulations

June 2, 2021

## Emergencies: Requirements under the *Emergency Management Act* and Regulations

By Jessica Fleming

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Recent events may have drawn our attention to emergencies and the importance of both preparedness and the appropriate response. One important legal mechanism put in place to ensure that this is achieved is the *Emergency Management Act* and its accompanying regulations.

What a municipality must do to prepare for an emergency is largely dealt with in the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation* made under the Act. Amongst other things, municipalities are required to appoint an emergency management agency and an emergency advisory committee. Municipalities must also establish emergency plans which detail such things as assignment of responsibilities and plans for communication during an emergency. These plans must be reviewed by local and provincial emergency management agencies once per year. In order to be better prepared for an emergency, the regulation also calls for municipalities to identify possible emergency scenarios and identify and carry out certain responses or engage in regional exercises that utilize the devised emergency plan. Moreover, elected officials, directors of emergency management agencies, and employees responsible for the implementation of emergency plans may be required to complete courses.

In the event that an emergency materializes, the *Emergency Management Act* sets out how the roles are shared between provincial and local governments. The Lieutenant Governor in Council has the power to declare a state of emergency in the Province. Although limited in duration and subject to human rights legislation, the powers granted to the Minister, *i.e.*: the executive branch of government, in the event of an emergency are broad. Notably, the Minister is authorized to acquire property, enter buildings without a warrant or make any order that the Minister deems necessary to lessen the impact of the emergency.

Important for municipalities is that, first, the powers of the Minister include its ability to authorize or require a municipality to put into effect an emergency plan. Second, the Act carves out a sphere of autonomy for municipalities with respect to local emergencies. In particular, provided that it is neither cancelled by the Minister or related to an area already subject to a province wide state of emergency, a municipality's declaration of a local state of emergency allows it to exercise the same powers as those available to the Minister.

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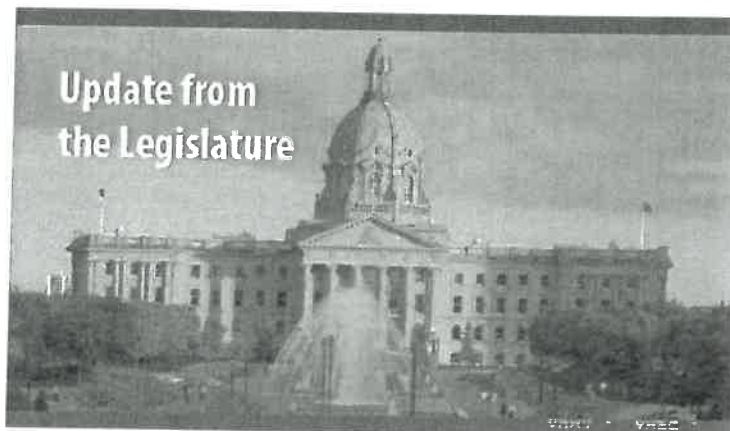


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**Update from the Legislature: Referendum wording**

The legislative assembly began debate on government motion 83 on June 7. The motion contains the suggested wording for a referendum question on equalization.

And Stage 2 of the government's Open for Summer Plan is underway.

**ADVOCACY UPDATES**

**Resolutions deadline is June 30. Are you ready?**

June 30 is less than three weeks away. Are you ready to submit your resolution for review?



### Update from the Legislature - June 10

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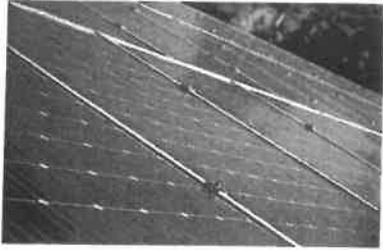
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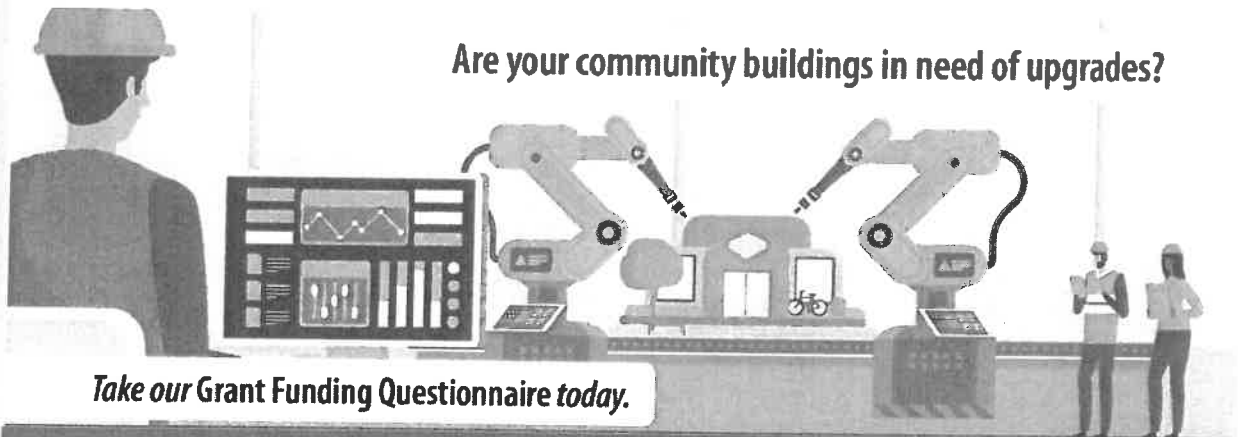


## **Don't miss out: Funding opportunities for aging community buildings**

We are pleased that additional funding streams have recently emerged to support the retrofit, repair, and installation of energy-efficient upgrades in aging community buildings. Read how we can help you access those funds.

## **New webinar series: Navigating your future retirement in uncertain times**

We're proud to offer AUMA members the first in a series of complimentary webinars geared toward increasing your knowledge and confidence in saving for retirement.



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Join us for a series of engaging webinars that will help answer your questions while developing your plans to return to the workplace. Over three sessions, we will be joined by several subject-matter experts who can assist your team in developing policies and procedures as employees head back into the office.

## **GOOD TO KNOW**

The Alberta and BC Chapters of Public Affairs Association of Canada (PAAC) are hosting a stellar panel of experts on mental health and politics on June 23. Join them as they share personal and professional experiences about mental health, politics, ideas, and perspectives on tackling the challenges they have encountered. Register [here](#).



## **Save The Date: Munis 101 for summer villages is coming this September**

As summer villages hold their elections in the summer, the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) is hosting virtual offerings of Munis 101 exclusively for summer villages in September. Registration will open in the coming month!



**Municipal  
Climate Change  
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## **Plan to hire your energy manager in the next fiscal year**

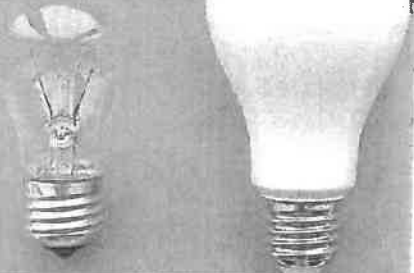
We adjusted the Municipal Energy Manager program requirements so you can secure funding now and hire your energy manager in the new year.

*"Since joining the program, I have already implemented energy conservation measures that will result in an estimated annual energy savings of \$80,344 and an annual GHG emissions reduction of 380 tonnes. These savings were achieved through the program's initial focus on identifying and implementing low-cost/no-cost measures." Devin LaFleche, Sustainability and Transit Coordinator, Town of Devon*

Sign the Funding Agreement by August 3, 2021 and hire your energy manager any time before April 2022.

**VALUABLE LINKS**

*Looking for ways to  
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# Regulatory Assurance System replacing EAS OneStop

June 2, 2021

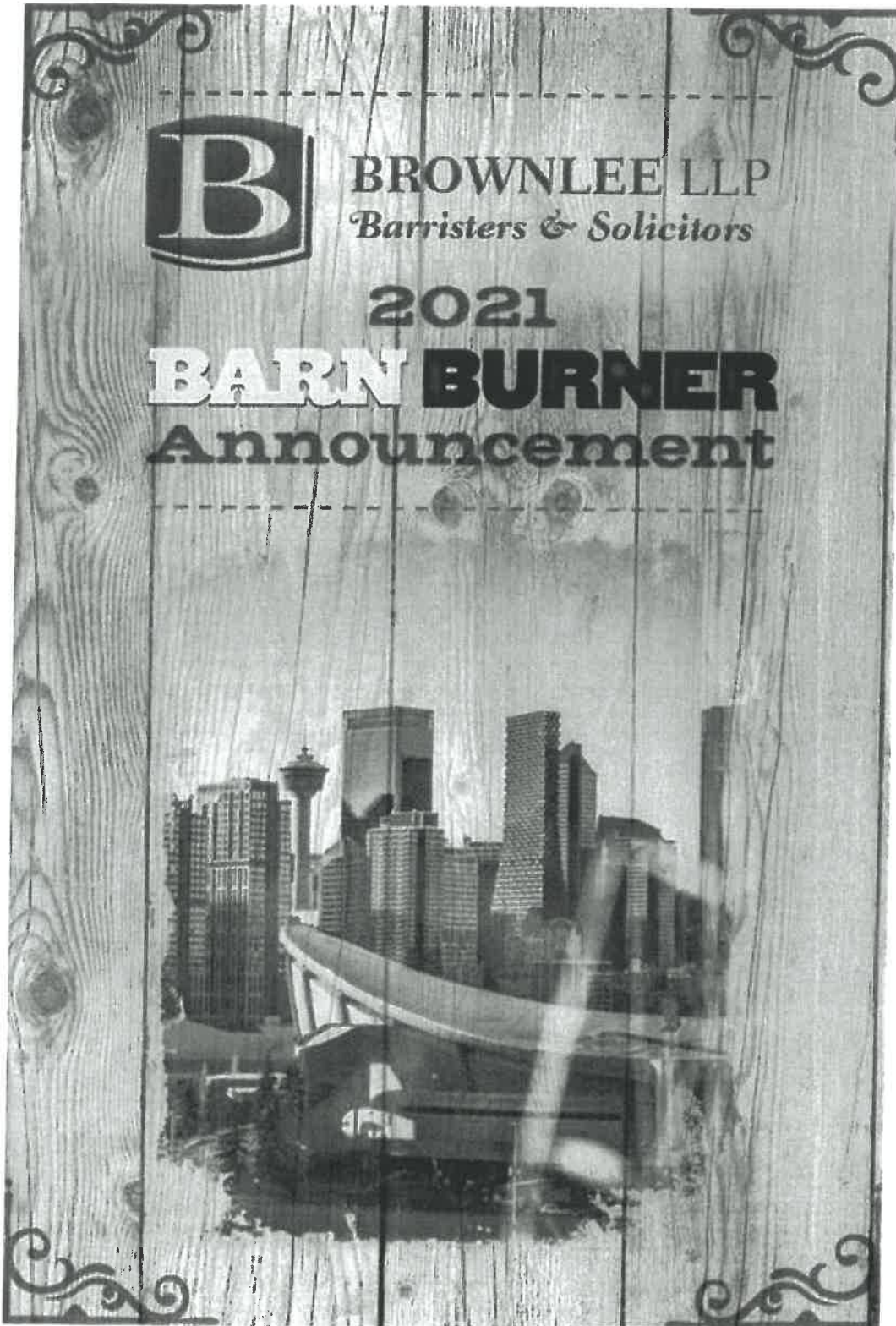
AUMA hosted a webinar with Alberta Environment and Parks in January 2021 regarding the transforming ministry's environmental regulatory system. AUMA has called on the provincial government to reduce administrative barriers on municipalities and provided a Red Tape Reduction submission to the Alberta government in the fall of 2019.

Environment and Parks has been working on completing the new Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS) in preparation for go-live on June 21, 2021. Effective June 21, 2021, DRAS will be the only system applicants will use to submit Water Act approval applications, amendments and Code of Practice notices.

On June 14, 2021, Environmental Approval System (EAS) OneStop access will be terminated for both applicants and regulators. There will be a seven-day pause to transfer submitted and approved applications and data from EAS OneStop to DRAS. At that time, any draft applications that have not been submitted for regulatory review will be permanently deleted.

If you have any questions, please contact [AEP.OST@gov.ab.ca](mailto:AEP.OST@gov.ab.ca).

[Back to news](#)



The Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are easing in Alberta as hospitalizations decrease and vaccination rates increase. This is wonderful news for our whole province. Nevertheless, Brownlee LLP has made the difficult decision to cancel our 2021 Barn Burner event out of an abundance of caution to ensure the well-being and safety of our clients and guests.

No one is more disappointed with the cancellation than we are. Hosting this event enables us to spend time with, and show our appreciation for all of you.

Thank you for your continued loyalty, and we look forward to hosting an even more exciting Barn Burner celebration next summer. See you there in '22!

Cheers,  
Brownlee LLP



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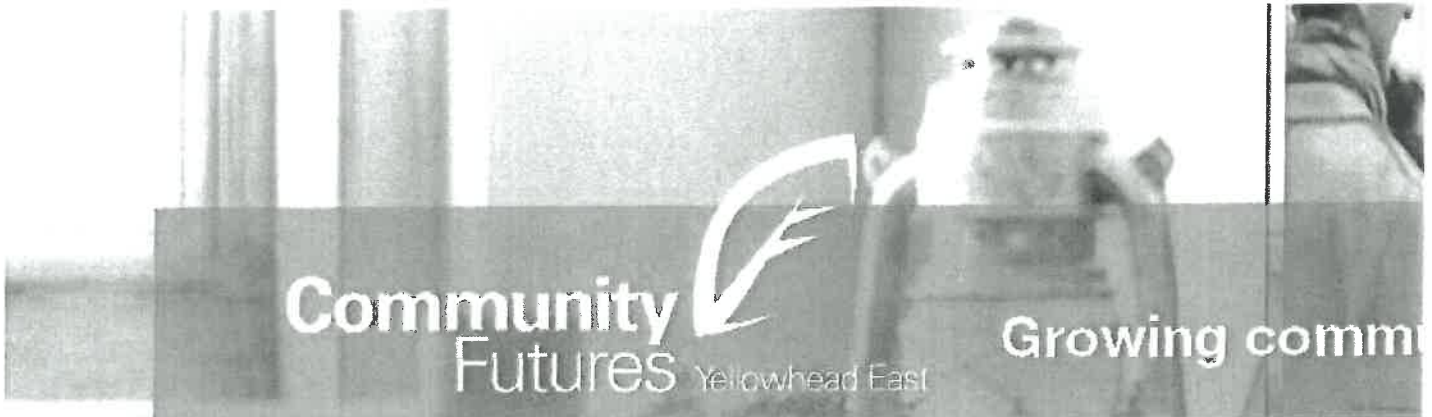
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**From:** Ellen Maccormac <emaccormac@albertacf.com>  
**Sent:** May 19, 2021 2:09 PM  
**Subject:** News: RRRF, Lemonade Day, and Pitch It!  
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Good day!

Here are our **TOP 3 regional business communitiy news** items of this week:

### **RRRF**

Community Futures Yellowhead East has been given the approval to continue providing the partially forgivable \$40,000 RRRF loan program as well as the \$20,000 additional top-up loan program. The CF/RRRF program has been **extended up to June 30th, 2021**. The same borrowing criteria applies as the original program, where small businesses who are **INELIGIBLE**, (for numerous reasons) to borrow these funds through their traditional financial institutions.

If you are aware of a business who could use the support and have been unable to access the program through their regular financial lenders, you can forward them to our website where they can log into the portal directly to determine if they are eligible through the CF-RRRF lending stream.

Please be advised however, if a business was previously accepted for COVID-19 loan funds through their bank or another entity, they must continue working with those same sources. We are unable to assist businesses who were previously eligible through their bank, but may now find themselves ineligible for the top up portions etc.

Together we hope to assist and prepare as many businesses as possible within the region to remain sustainable and resilient. We appreciate your support as we continue working together to provide the best support possible to our SME's. **Visit our highly secure loan portal to get started:**

<http://yellowheadeast.albertacf.com/rrrf-yellowhead-east>

### **LEMONADE DAY**

Lemonade Day Northern Alberta is a-go for JUNE 19, 2021! With increased protocols enhancing the health and safety of all participants, our youth entrepreneurial program can go forward. CFYE is super excited to offer this free program in 8 communities - Whitecourt, Woodlands County, Swan Hills, Fox Creek, Mayerthorpe, Barrhead, Onoway and Alberta Beach.

Register youth before JUNE 1, and get ready for the Training Session on JUNE 2 - virtual Training Session from 4:30-6 PM, via Zoom combined with 'My Lemonade Day' app workbook completion. **Register youth ages pre-K to teen:** <https://lemonadeday.org/northern-alberta>

## **PITCH IT!**

Pitch It! Whitecourt is new event coming June 24, 2021. Through partnership efforts with the Town of Whitecourt, Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce, Alberta Labour, Community Futures Yellowhead East and Whitecourt BSN, this Pitch It! event invites all the amazing businesses in the Whitecourt area to present a 2-minute pitch of their business, products and services, with an opportunity for Q&A afterwards. Create your business pitch and present it virtually on the spot or pre-record your pitch and make it creative. Increase your network, highlight your business, and let us help you promote! **For attendance + pitch sign-up visit:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/155880604083>

In gratitude,

**Ellen**

**Community Economic Development (CED) Coordinator**

Community Futures Yellowhead East

[www.yellowheadeast.albertacf.com](http://www.yellowheadeast.albertacf.com)

~~W 780.706.3500~~ C 780.779.8722

*"To help communities thrive economically, by supporting an entrepreneurial culture through training, coaching and lending best practices."*

*If you no longer wish to receive these periodic regional business community news updates, please respond with 'UNSUBSCRIBE'.*

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**From:** Bowering, Debbie <debbie.bowering@fortisalberta.com>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2021 11:54 AM  
**To:** Bowering, Debbie  
**Subject:** FortisAlberta announces Environment Grant Winners  
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At FortisAlberta, we believe in contributing to the well-being of the communities where our customers and employees live and work. Through our community investment program, we work to empower communities by supporting organizations that offer programs and services that align with our four focus areas: safety, education, the environment and wellness.

FortisAlberta recognizes the hardships our communities are facing. Our communities rely on us to provide them with the electricity to power their homes, but we also seek to offer support through the programs we offer. This year, we will donate more than \$100,000 to communities in our service area through our Community Naturalization and Tree Planting grant programs. Through these grants, we can support our municipal customers with their plans for environmentally friendly initiatives.

In previous years we have supported 14 communities that applied for our environment grants. This year we have awarded 20 x \$2,500 grants and an additional 50 x \$1200 grants to the recipients listed below. This means, we are able to provide all applicants with funding, totaling 70 communities within our service area.

**This year's recipients of a \$2,500 grant are:**

- Village of Acme** will plant trees for residents to enjoy and provide a sanctuary for birds in the area.
- Town of Barrhead** will plant trees at Cecile Martin Park for residents to enjoy.
- Town of Bassano** will purchase bird, bee and bat houses for their naturalization project.
- Town of Bon Accord** will build raised beds to grow organic produce for its residents.
- Town of Bowden** will beautify the town by adding trees to the landscape.
- Village of Caroline** will plant trees as part of an overall enhancement of their Main Street.
- Town of Daysland** will plant trees on a newly acquired piece of property on highway 855.
- Devon Lions Club** will replace trees in the campground that have reached their life expectancy.
- Town of Eckville** will upgrade and beautify their Westview Walking Trail.
- Village of Edberg** will plant trees to mitigate spring water run-off from melting snow.
- Village of Foremost** will plant fruit trees to provide for families, birds and small animals.
- Village of Hussar** will plant trees in and around their campground.
- Town of Innisfail** will introduce native plant species to their naturalized areas.
- Town of Mayerthorpe** will plant trees to enhance green space and neighbourhood appeal.
- Town of Provost** will plant trees and lilac bushes at their new campground.
- Town of Raymond** will purchase 30 trees to be planted along their walking trails.
- Town of Stavelly** will replace weathered and damaged trees in and around the town.
- Sturgeon County** will plant trees in Cardiff Park.
- Village of Warburg** will plant fruit trees, encouraging residents to live more sustainably.
- Warner Revitalization Society** will purchase supplies for their new Community Garden.

**This year's recipients of a \$1,200 grant are:**

- Lake Isle Divide Cemetery
- Rugby Recreation Society
- Standard Community Facility Enhancement Society
- Strathmore & District Agricultural Society
- Summer Village of Burnstick Lake
- Summer Village of Gull Lake

Alberta Beach  
Beaver County  
Bragg Creek Community Centre  
Brazeau County  
Camp Bar V Nok Society  
Camrose County Forever Green  
Camrose County Ohaton Willows  
Cardston County  
Carstairs Nature Space  
City of Brooks  
City of Camrose  
City of Chestermere  
City of Lacombe  
City of Wetaskiwin  
Edmonton Native Plant Society  
Elevated Experience Camping Society  
Lacombe County

Where possible, funds will be provided via EFT noting Environment Grant in the description. If you are not set up to receive EFTs from FortisAlberta funds will be provided by cheque, please allow 2 – 3 weeks for cheque delivery via Canada Post.

Don't forget to share photos and information about your initiative with us via [twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). We look forward to seeing how these projects benefit your community.

We have attached a copy of our logo for your use. Don't hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

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**Debbie Bowering**, | Community Investment Advisor, Corporate Communications and Marketing

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June 8, 2021

Alberta Beach  
Box 278  
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Attn: Kathy Skwarchuk, CAO

Re: Cost-Share Request

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Please be advised that Lac Ste. Anne County Council approved providing up to \$50,000 (1/3 of final costs) for the rehabilitation of 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, within Alberta Beach. We recognize that some of our residents utilize this road to access the amenities.

In return, we request Alberta Beach's assistance on road work that falls within the County responsibility, but that feed Alberta Beach and are used by many Alberta Beach residents.

We have no immediate plans for rehabilitation, but request that you are open to assisting when the need arises.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to read "Mike Primeau".

Mike Primeau, MBA, CLGM  
County Manager

c.c. Lac Ste. Anne County Council  
Trista Court, GM Community & Protective Services



LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY



June 7, 2021

Attention: Kathy Skwarchuk, CAO  
Village of Alberta Beach  
Box 278  
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Dear Ms. Skwarchuk:

Re: 2021 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant-Ball Diamond Maintenance \$1,000.00

I am pleased to advise you that your organization will receive \$1,000.00 through the 2021 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant. This fund was established to assist with the continued provision for recreational facilities and recreational program opportunities in our communities. Eligible expenses must have been incurred directly by your organization between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. It is imperative to note that these **allocations are reviewed annually**, and there is no guarantee that future funding levels will remain the same as this current allocation.

Lac Ste. Anne County is now issuing payment to all our "vendors" through direct deposit (EFT). To support this transition, please complete the attached Direct Deposit Enrolment Form, and return it directly to our Finance Department at [LSAFinance@LSAC.ca](mailto:LSAFinance@LSAC.ca). Once the form is received, Finance will initiate issuing the allocation to your organization's bank account.

**Evaluation Required**

Enclosed, you will also find a brief final evaluation form to complete once you have expended the grant funding in full. As per policy, it is not necessary to provide copies of any supporting documentation at this time. Although the deadline for submitting this document is no later than January 15, 2022, earlier submissions are appreciated. Please note that failure to complete and submit final accounting documentation may affect future grant funding.

**Recognition Required**

All external agencies receiving Lac Ste. Anne County grant funding are required to recognize this funding by way of public service announcements, social media postings and/or any promotional material such as newspaper advertising or posters (i.e. this program is partially funded by Lac Ste. Anne County's Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant). A quick post to your organization's Facebook page, if you have one, would be greatly appreciated!

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the undersigned at (780) 785-3411 / 1-866-880-5722, or via email to [dkerr@LSAC.ca](mailto:dkerr@LSAC.ca).

Sincerely,

Donna Kerr  
Community Services Manager



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**LAC STE. ANNE EAST END BUS SOCIETY**  
**SENIORS AT LARGE MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

The Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society is a non-profit organization whose focus is on Seniors and those living with disabilities to ensure affordable transportation in the east end of the County. Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society gained its Society status in June of 2008 and is a cooperative effort of the County of Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta Beach and the Town of Onoway, with additional support from most of the Summer Villages.

The Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society Board is seeking a Senior At Large member from the east end of Lac Ste. Anne County who is interested in becoming an advocate for seniors and transportation and contributing to the governance of the Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society.

The Board will be accepting applications until noon on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 from interested seniors who wish to volunteer for a Board member position. Board terms last 3 years and can reapply after their term. Meetings are usually held quarterly, during daytime hours, alternating between Onoway and Alberta Beach.

Your letter of interest can be forwarded to:

Lorne Olsvik, Chair  
Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society  
4812 – 51 Street  
Box 540  
Onoway, Alberta T0E 1V0



## MAY 2021 LILSA NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WRITTEN BY BERNIE POULIN: LILSA CHAIR

LILSA has established three initiatives to focus on:

- Blue-green algae
- Flowering Rush
- Water Levels

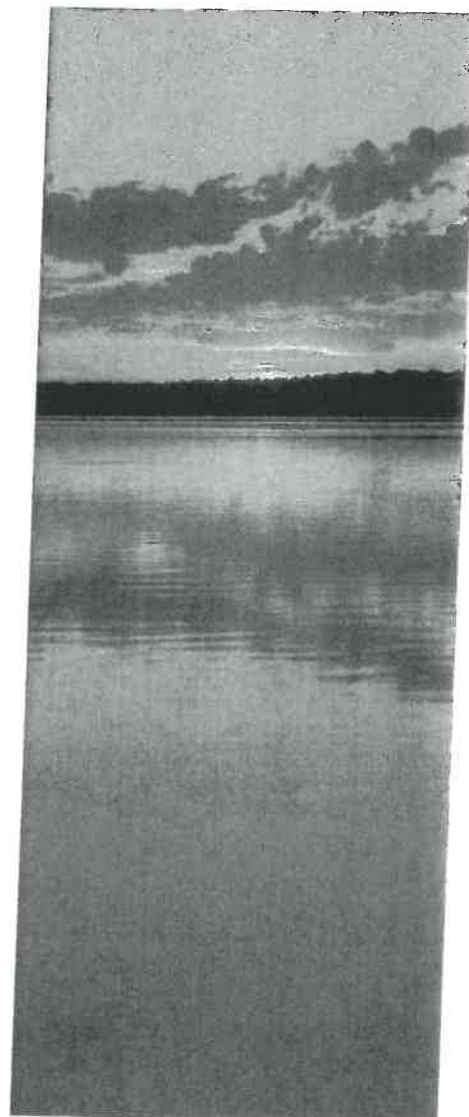
If you wish to help out on any of these committees contact us at [lilsawaterquality@gmail.com](mailto:lilsawaterquality@gmail.com)

We are applying for a \$20,000 grant to better inform residents about our lake concerns. We have developed a survey for Lac Ste Anne and Lake Isle residents to fill out. Our primary goal of this survey is to find out the current knowledge base around water quality, overall lake health, and your major concerns surrounding it. Please go to the LILSA website, [www.lilsa.ca](http://www.lilsa.ca), and click on "take the survey now" which is located on our home page. There is a draw for prizes for those who fill out the survey.

The Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant is in its third and final year of operation. We are hiring a 3-person team to continue monitoring, mapping, and digging Flowering Rush at the east end of Lake Isle. We will also monitor the Sturgeon River connecting our two lakes.

Please become a member of LILSA. Our annual family membership of \$20 helps support our initiatives. You can purchase a membership by e-transfer. Information is on our website. There is a draw for prizes for those who become members.

Please visit our website at [www.lilsa.ca](http://www.lilsa.ca) for more information or to become a member.



### **Did you know?**

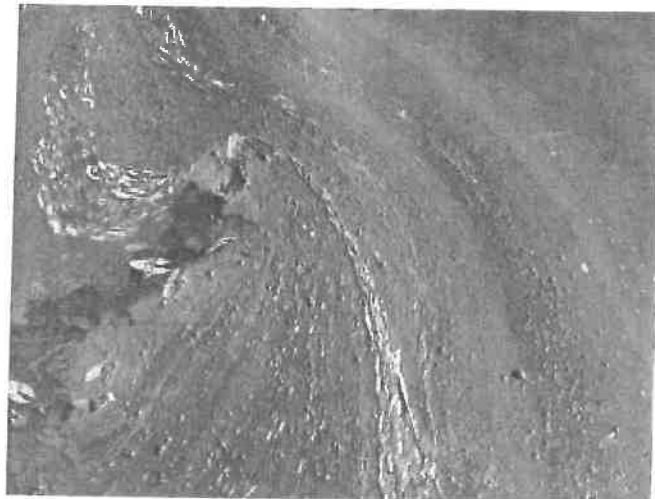
Lac Ste Anne and Isle Lake formed following the retreat of the Laurentian glacier, during the last major deglaciation event (approximately 10,700 to 13,500 years ago).

Wetlands around the lake provide flood control, water purification, water supply and storage, climate regulation, recreation opportunities and sustain biodiversity.

# LILSA Subcommittees

## BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

Blue-green Algae (cyanobacteria) blooms occur naturally in Alberta Lakes. The severity of these blooms can vary on how high the nitrogen and phosphorous nutrients are in our lakes. Some areas of human activity can cause excess nutrients to enter the lake. Some examples include seeping sewage, poor shoreline health, fertilizers, industrial effluents and agricultural runoff. Our goal as a committee is to work with all of these areas and highlight beneficial management practice and stewardship activities that will maintain and improved the lake water quality and health.



## FLOWERING RUSH

Flowering Rush is a prohibitive noxious weed that displaces native vegetation such as rushes and cattails which are the primary habitat for wildlife and primarily waterfowl. It also interferes with boating and reduces property value.

Alberta Environment is investigating the spraying of 22 kilometres of flowering rush with the herbicide, "Amazypyr." This area is the shoreline on the west end of Lake Isle. Alberta Environment is continuing consultations with the Alexis Nakota Sioux First Nations regarding the chemical use on Lake Isle.

If residents plan to remove any flowering rush, please talk to our 3-person team first to find out how to safely remove and dispose of this invasive weed. Flowering Rush propagates through its rhizomes. These are tiny roots attached to the plant. Each little rhizome has the ability to reproduce a plant if it is released in the water. This is why we must be extremely cautious when removing the plant.

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake levels, current and historical, appear to have a significant impact throughout the Sturgeon Watershed and specifically at Lac Ste Anne and Lake Isle. Initial indications show possible water level management may be advised at the outlet of Lake Isle, potentially providing solutions to two key issues: algae at Lake Isle and high water levels at Lac Ste Anne and downstream (St. Albert Etc.) We are compiling records at this time and further study and engagement is required.



# Tips For Property Owners



1. PLANT OR RETAIN NATIVE PLANTS ALONG THE SHORELINE BETWEEN YOUR LAWN AND THE LAKE.
2. DON'T CUT DOWN AQUATIC PLANTS: LEAVE THE WEEDS AND REEDS IN THE LAKE.
3. INCREASE THE NUMBER AND DENSITY OF TREES AND SHRUBS ON YOUR PROPERTY.
4. DON'T USE FERTILIZERS, INSECTICIDES, HERBICIDES AND/OR FUNGICIDES ON YOUR PROPERTY.
5. ENSURE THAT YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM IS WORKING PROPERLY = NO SEWAGE IN THE LAKE!
6. PROPERLY COMPOST BIODEGRADABLE WASTE.
7. USE PHOSPHATE-FREE SOAP: SHAMPOO, LAUNDRY, HAND AND DISH SOAP.
8. ENSURE ALL CHEMICALS ARE STORED PROPERLY.
9. PROPERLY FUEL BOATS AND LAWN EQUIPMENT TO AVOID POLLUTING THE LAKE.
10. PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ANIMAL WASTE.
11. CONSERVE WATER - USE LOW-FLOW TOILETS AND SHOWERHEADS, MINIMIZE WATERING OF THE LAWN.
12. CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY YOUR BOAT TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES AND PLANTS.
13. LET YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO HELP THE LAKE.
14. READ THE GREEN ACREAGES GUIDE TO FIND OUT MORE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR PROPERTY ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY. AVAILABLE AT: [WWW.LANDSTEWARDSHIP.ORG/GREEN-ACREAGES-GUIDE](http://WWW.LANDSTEWARDSHIP.ORG/GREEN-ACREAGES-GUIDE)
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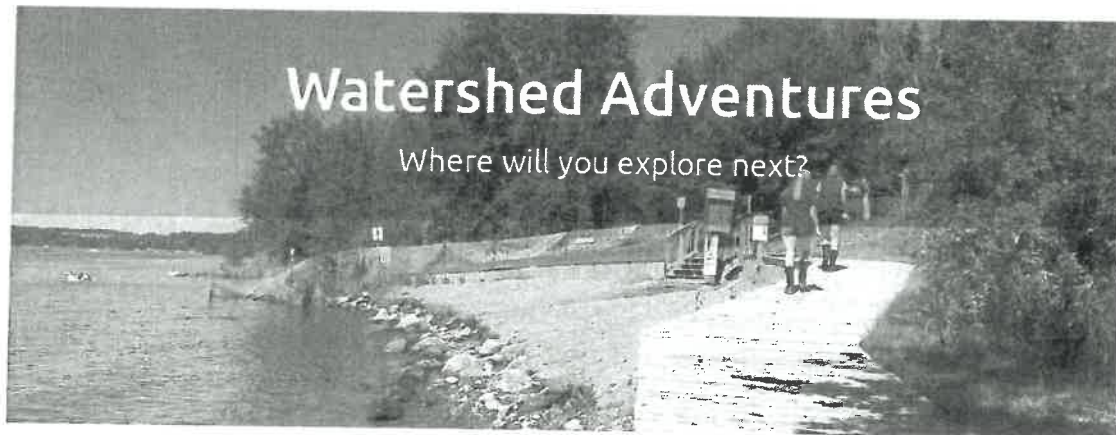


**NSWA**  
NORTH SASKATCHEWAN  
WATERSHED ALLIANCE



## IN STREAM NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021



This month's newsletter includes a few updates on our AGM in June and information on other things happening in our watershed.

NSWA will have summer students joining our team again this year for June, July and August. If you have any co-vid approved events or activities that you would like our students to help with, please email us at [water@nswa.ab.ca](mailto:water@nswa.ab.ca).

As the weather warms up, we hope you can enjoy some adventures in our watershed. Our book *Living in the Shed* has some great ideas for places to explore. Follow our social media this summer for ideas for watershed adventures.



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## NSWA AGM JUNE 23, 2021

Join us on June 23, 2021 (9 am to 11:30 am) for the online **NSWA Annual General Meeting**. There will be updates on the work of the NSWA, elections for Board members and presentations on our Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Register on Eventbrite - link below. An online Zoom meeting link will be sent to all those registered closer to the meeting date.

**REGISTER for the AGM**



**Alberta  
Emerald  
Foundation**

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NSWA is honored to be on the shortlist in two categories for this year's 30th Annual Emerald Awards.

**Vermilion River Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Project** is a multi-year riparian and wetland restoration and enhancement project in the Vermilion River subwatershed

**The WaterSHED North Saskatchewan River Water Quality Monitoring Program** is a collaborative project between Alberta Environment and Parks, EPCOR, NSWA and the City of Edmonton.

The Emerald Awards event will be held on June 1, 2021.

For more information on the Emerald Awards, and to see featured projects from previous winners (including the Battle River Watershed Alliance) go [the Emerald Awards website](#)

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## INFORMATION ON ALBERTA'S COAL POLICY

## Answering your questions about Alberta's Coal Policy



### What is coal used for?

There are two main types of coal in Alberta.

- 1 Thermal coal is used for electricity and is typically found outside of mountain areas. An example of this is the Highvale Coal Mine near Lake Wabamun.
- 2 Metallurgical coal is used to produce steel. It is mostly found in Alberta's Eastern Slopes and the Rockies.

### What is the Alberta Coal Policy (1976)?

- Encouraged coal development which considered the environment, the economy, and the labour force
- Designated areas where coal exploration and development is viable and places where it should be more limited
- Four Categories were established regarding coal leasing, exploration, and development

To read the 1976 Coal Policy Report, [click here](#).

### What are the Coal Categories?

**Category 1:** No coal mining or development is allowed  
— Federal or Provincial Parks, Wilderness Areas, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Designated Recreational Areas, etc

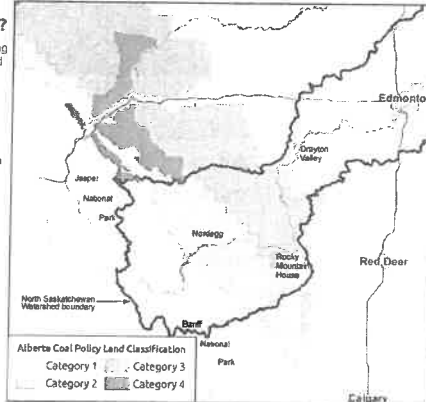
**Category 2:** Coal surface mining is not allowed, with exceptions  
— Parts of southern Rockies and Foothills

**Category 3:** Coal development can be considered  
— Northern Forests and eastern part of Eastern Slopes

**Category 4:** Coal development is permitted  
— Parts of land not otherwise covered

To read more on the Coal Categories, [click here](#).

1976 Coal Policy Land Classification



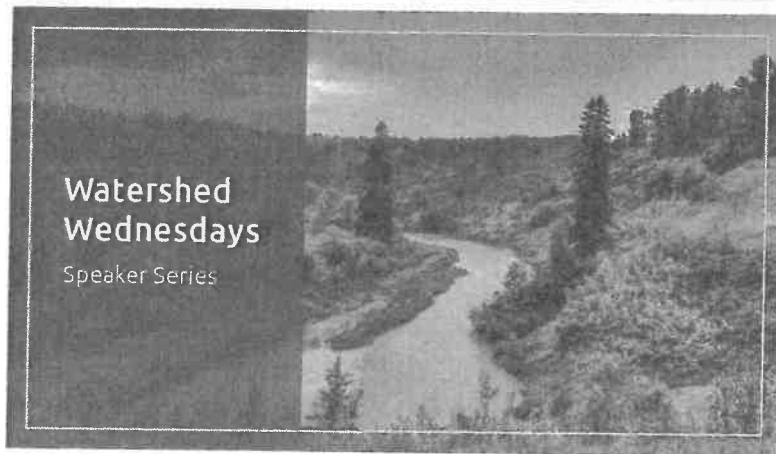
On February 8, 2021, the **1976 Coal Policy was re-instated by the Albert Government** to allow for public consultation on updating the policy, including the coal categories which define it and what type of coal activities are permitted in different areas of the Eastern Slopes.

Public consultation will be led by the Coal Policy Committee comprised of five members from various sectors. **The Committee** will provide a report on what they heard from Albertans in the fall of 2021.

The results of the initial Coal Policy Engagement Survey are now available. For more information on the public consultation process or to subscribe to updates go the Government of Alberta webpage.

Information on Coal Policy





Thanks to all those who joined us for the Watershed Wednesdays webinars - we had over 150 people in total attend the three events. All presentations are posted on the [NSWA website](#) and on our [YouTube](#) channel. The topics presented over the past few months were:

- **NSWA's Riparian Health Action Plan** and the new **Riparian WebPortal**
- **Lake projects** in the watershed
- The **Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan and Technical Studies**

The Wednesday lunchtime webinars will start up again in the fall - save the dates!

- September 22
- October 27
- November 24

Watch our social media and website for more information.

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## RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING

Planners and Project Managers in government, agriculture, & ENGO,  
Get the background and skills you need to use the data and  
contribute your riparian projects to this exciting new resource.

### **101: Dive into the Riparian Data: Our Intactness Project**

Wed. June 16, 1:30pm

Tues. July 13, 1:30pm

Thurs. Sept. 9, 10:00am

### **102: Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal**

Mon. June 21, 1:30pm

Thurs. Sept. 9, 1:30pm

All Workshops are offered at no cost, via Zoom.

Attendees must complete the 101 workshop before 102.

Register at [battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com](http://battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com)

The results of our Riparian Intactness Project will soon be made public on our **Riparian Web Portal**. **Planners and Project Managers, in all levels of government, agriculture, and ENGOs are invited to get backstage access by signing up for these trainings:**

#### **101: Dive into the Riparian Data: Our Intactness Project**

In this 1.5 hour workshop, you will learn the Why and How of the Riparian Intactness Assessment project, how it applies to your work, and how it can improve the health of our watersheds.

Dates: Wed. June 16, 1:30pm; Tues. July 13, 1:30pm; Thurs. Sept. 9, 10:00am

#### **102: Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal\***

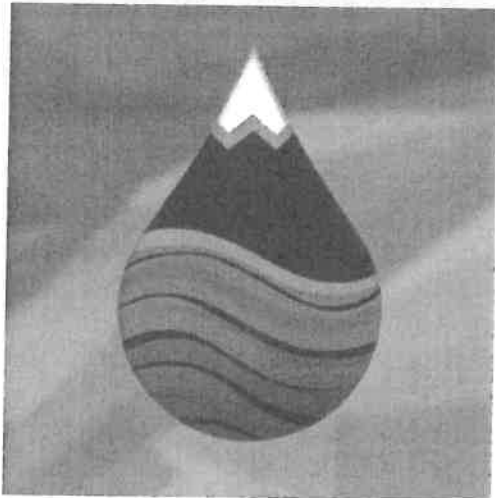
In this 2 hour workshop, you will be given login access and be trained on how to use the riparian data to better your work, and contribute your projects to the data set.

Dates: Wed. June 21, 1:30pm; Thurs. Sept. 9, 1:30pm

*\*The 101 Workshop is a prerequisite for the 102.*

All training is being offered online and at no cost. Space is limited.

Register now at [battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com](http://battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com)



## Flooding or Drought?

NSWA has received a number of inquiries recently about low water levels in many of our watershed's smaller creeks and rivers this spring. This is due to significantly lower snowfall amounts this past winter.

However, with the mountain snow melt just starting, watch for higher water levels in the North Saskatchewan River and our headwaters tributaries in June and July.

For more information on the current water levels of lakes, creeks or rivers in your area, download the Government of Alberta's Rivers App and check their [website](#) for updates.

As we do face times of uncertain water levels, it is always good to consider ways you can conserve water. **EPCOR** and the **Alberta Water Council** have some great resources on water conservation.

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## VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Are you a local landowner, concerned citizen, or nature lover?

Check out the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance's monthly blog which features stories and projects relating to healthy water and landscapes.



### MAY BLOG:

*Partner Series: Get to Know Robert "Bob" Underschultz, Environmental Technician - Alberta Woodlot Extension Society*

To learn more, go to:  
<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>

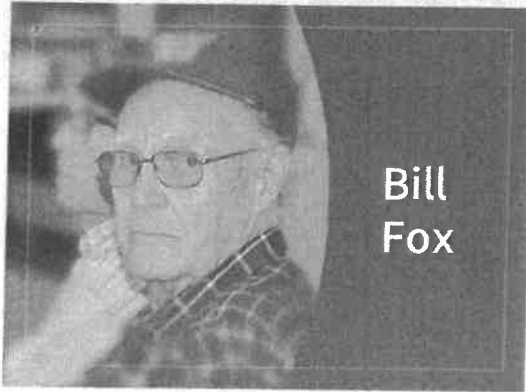


This month the VRWA blog features the work of **Bob Underschultz** an **Environmental Technician** with the **Alberta Woodlot Extension Society (AWES)**.

The full article can be viewed on the [VRWA website](#).

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## GET TO KNOW THE NSWA BOARD



Bill  
Fox



**Bill Fox** is one of our longest serving Board members. He has served as an Agriculture representative for Alberta Beef Producers on the Board since 2001.

**Work:** Bill is a farmer in the Elk Point area. He has farmed both grain and stock and continues to work on his farm just north of the North Saskatchewan River.

**Favorite place in the watershed**

Bill loves the area he lives in- the Elk Point area, as well as the Beaver River area with all of its lakes.

**Favorite NSWA memory:**

Bill particularly enjoys the time he spends visiting Grade 4 classrooms in the watershed, sharing his knowledge of farming and watersheds, and inspiring younger generations to think about water. He remembers a young girl coming up to him after a presentation saying that she then knew that "water work" is what she wanted to do in the future. He is a great supporter of NSWA, and shares copies of *Living in the Shed* with people across the community. He also attends most of the NSWA Forums, driving all the way from his farm to the events.

**Quote:** *"The NSWA looks after the water. If we don't have good quality of water, we don't have a lot of other things. Water is life for our future".*



Changes  
to  
Alberta's  
Dock and  
Mooring  
Standards

Feedback from Albertans contributed to the development of a new disturbance standard that streamlines authorizations for temporary seasonal docks and mooring structures. More

information on the new standards can be found on the [Government of Alberta website](#). A good summary can be seen in the sheet linked below.

## Dock and Mooring Standards

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### OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The **Environmental Law Centre (ELC)** has announced its first webinar in the [Reimagining Rivers Webinar Series](#) -Magpie River as a Person. Legal rights govern how we interact with each other and with the world around us. Various jurisdictions, for example, are now granting legal rights to aspects of the environment such as rivers. The ELC website has more information on this important topic.

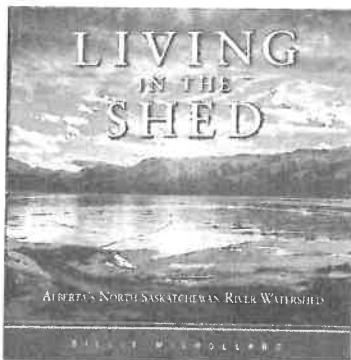
The **Environmental Law Centre** recently published their written submission for public consultation on the Alberta Coal Mining Policy. You can find it [here](#).

The **Agroforestry and Woodlot and Extension Society (AWES)** is holding a webinar : Wildlife Corridors: Shelterbelts and Ecobuffers. You can register on [Eventbrite](#).

The **Land Use Framework** has resources on many topics including four webinars on conservation easements. Explore their [website](#) for more information.

**ALUS Canada** is a national not-for-profit organization that supports the delivery of the ALUS program across the country. ALUS helps farmers and ranchers restore wetlands, reforest, plant windbreaks, install riparian buffers, manage sustainable drainage systems, create pollinator habitat and establish other ecologically beneficial projects on their properties. There are many ALUS programs in the watershed including those in the [County of Two Hills](#), [Parkland County](#) and the [County of Vermilion River](#).

Check out the [NSWA DISCOVERS](#) section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning for your family.



### SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

*Living in the Shed* is a great book to help plan your summer adventures in the watershed. Priced at \$20 per copy they can be ordered at our [SHOP](#).

NSWA is a registered charity. For information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



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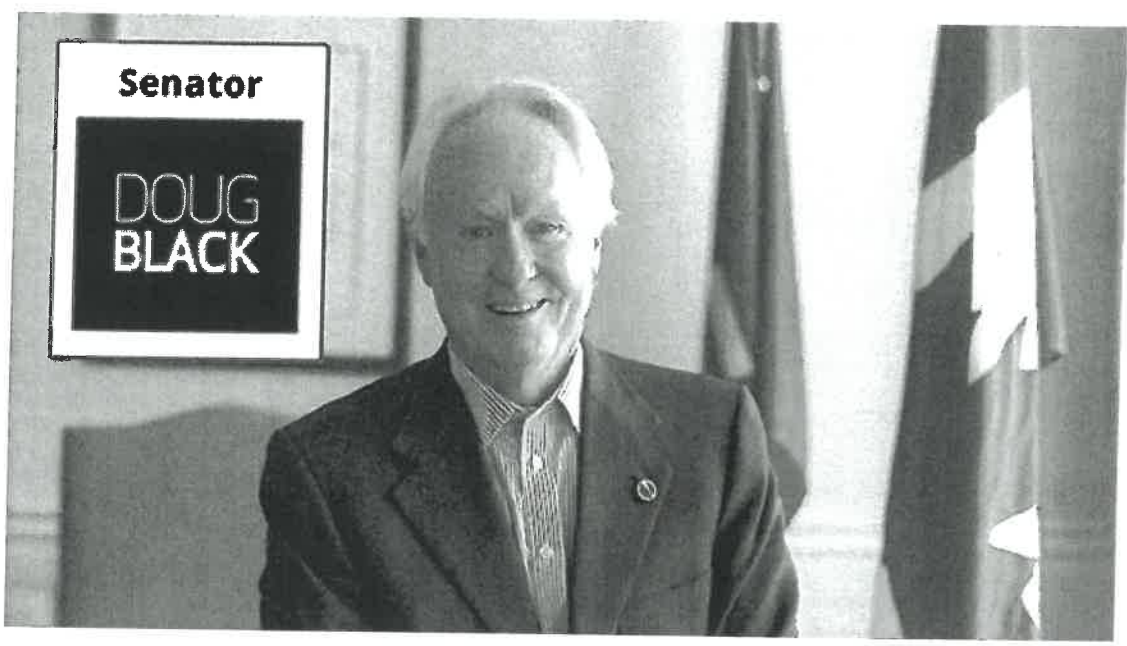
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**From:** Senator Doug Black <Doug.Black@sen.parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** June 9, 2021 3:48 PM  
**To:** Jim  
**Subject:** June Newsletter: Rounding the Corner

A message from Alberta Elected Senator Doug Black

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**June Newsletter: Rounding the Corner**

Dear Jim

I last wrote saying that hope was on the horizon. I write to you today with the optimism that hope is arriving. We are finally rounding the corner. Vaccines are being quickly administered and case counts are steadily falling. A state of normality is within reach.

While most provinces and many countries have released robust re-opening plans, our federal government remains absent at a time when national leadership is greatly needed. Much of my work in recent weeks has been

focused on collaborating with a broad coalition to push the federal government for a clear, consistent, and science-based re-opening and recovery plan.

People want to know when they can start making travel arrangements. Border communities are looking for clarity around restrictions and on how the border will be re-opened. Businesses want to be able to make forward-looking decisions with more certainty.

I am encouraged that pressure is building on the government to offer hope instead of fear, proactivity rather than reactivity, and consistency over incoherence. The pursuit of a federal strategy continues along with other economic recovery efforts, provincial diversification work, and other Senate-related functions.



**Reflecting on the loss of angels**



My heart breaks over the discovery of the remains of 215 children last week in Kamloops, British Columbia. These angels – along with the many who have not yet been found – will be remembered with a motivation for action. We must take concrete steps around economic empowerment, education, and furthering reconciliation with our Indigenous peoples. You can listen to the moving statements from the Senate on this horrific tragedy [here](#). I also spoke about the tragedy as well as the quick passage of Bill C-5 (establishment of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) through the Senate on [CHED](#) on Monday morning.

## **Economic Recovery**

Canada needs a robust and responsible plan for both re-opening and economic recovery. You may recall that it was all the way back on April 2, 2020 that I and others began calling for a Canadian Economic Recovery Council. The government, to its credit, did eventually assemble a similar Council that produced a strong report in December. Unfortunately, most of the report has since been ignored.

From the onset of the pandemic, with few exceptions, the Canadian government has been in reactive mode – perpetually on defence rather than offence against the virus. Their slow and confused action on PPE, borders, vaccines, and economic recovery has impaired the Canadian COVID-19 response.

The federal government should be showcasing leadership, in close consultation with the provinces and other stakeholders, on plans for international travel, return-to-work, the Canada-U.S. border, cross-country transportation, among other things. The government should dust off the Industry Strategy Council report and get to work. A single federal budget without a long-term growth strategy is not – despite what some government officials would have you

believe – a recovery plan.

If we play our cards right, Canada can set itself up for an unprecedented era of Canadian ingenuity and economic growth – something that is required if we are to pay down our debt and increase prosperity. This will not happen from our back foot or the seat of our pants. It will only happen if serious people come together, trust the science and economic data, and drive an agenda.

To that end, I continue to convene, work with, and help mobilize leaders across sectors to push the government for a plan. I am also meeting directly with government officials and calling publicly for action. This is a top priority and I will keep strongly advocating until we see a robust roadmap forward.

## **Ensuring Alberta is a Top Talent Destination**

There can be no recovery without human talent. Since my virtual tour, the Alberta Youth Opportunities Roundtable, and my [Calgary Herald op-ed](#) with Dr. David Finch of Mount Royal University, conversations have progressed around how we can keep and attract more talent to Alberta. Specifically, I am convening a diverse group of stakeholders with a view to establishing a province-wide body or coalition to collaboratively advance talent retention, attraction, and development. It has been uplifting to see the desire to work together as Albertans to ensure we are a top talent destination.

I applaud the ongoing work of several institutions and organizations on work-integrated learning, experiential learning, and other efforts to create internship, co-op, mentorship, and other valuable experiences for our youth. There is also excellent work happening in terms of upskilling and reskilling our workforce for the future economy.

On the note of talent, congratulations are in order for [Red Deer College](#) and

Grande Prairie Regional College on their announced transitions to polytechnics. These new statuses will benefit students, industry, partners, and the wider community.



## **Climate and Energy**

The pipeline known as Line 5, which runs from Superior, Wisconsin to Sarnia, Ontario, continues to be a major issue of concern. I remain active in my advocacy in favour of the pipeline and have continued to make the case for its cross-border benefits. The situation respecting Line 5 has shown the clear necessity for climate and energy cooperation between Canada and the United States.

Since my op-ed calling for a North American energy strategy, I have spoken in the Senate on the matter, engaged with stakeholders and federal officials, and wrote an open letter to Minister O'Regan and Minister Wilkinson urging the swift creation of a continental environment and energy working group to build out the

strategy. I commend the government for its efforts to defend Line 5, and I continue to strongly advance this continental proposal which will strengthen energy security and reduce emissions.

The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment, and Natural Resources, on which I serve as Deputy Chair, has begun its study on Bill C-12 (climate accountability). I support setting aspirational targets but we need to move from 60,000 feet to ground without crashing. There are multiple ways to reach net zero and we must set the most economically and environmentally viable and effective course. I have been active in suggesting knowledgeable witnesses who could assist our study of the bill, and asking important questions about changes or observations that may be needed. You can watch my opening remarks and first question of the study [here](#).

It was invigorating this week to [take part in a panel](#) with the Young Pipeliners Association of Canada alongside fellow Alberta Senator Paula Simons. Canada needs pipelines for oil and gas, hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, water, geothermal, and more. There are endless opportunities ahead and I encourage young pipeliners to seize them.

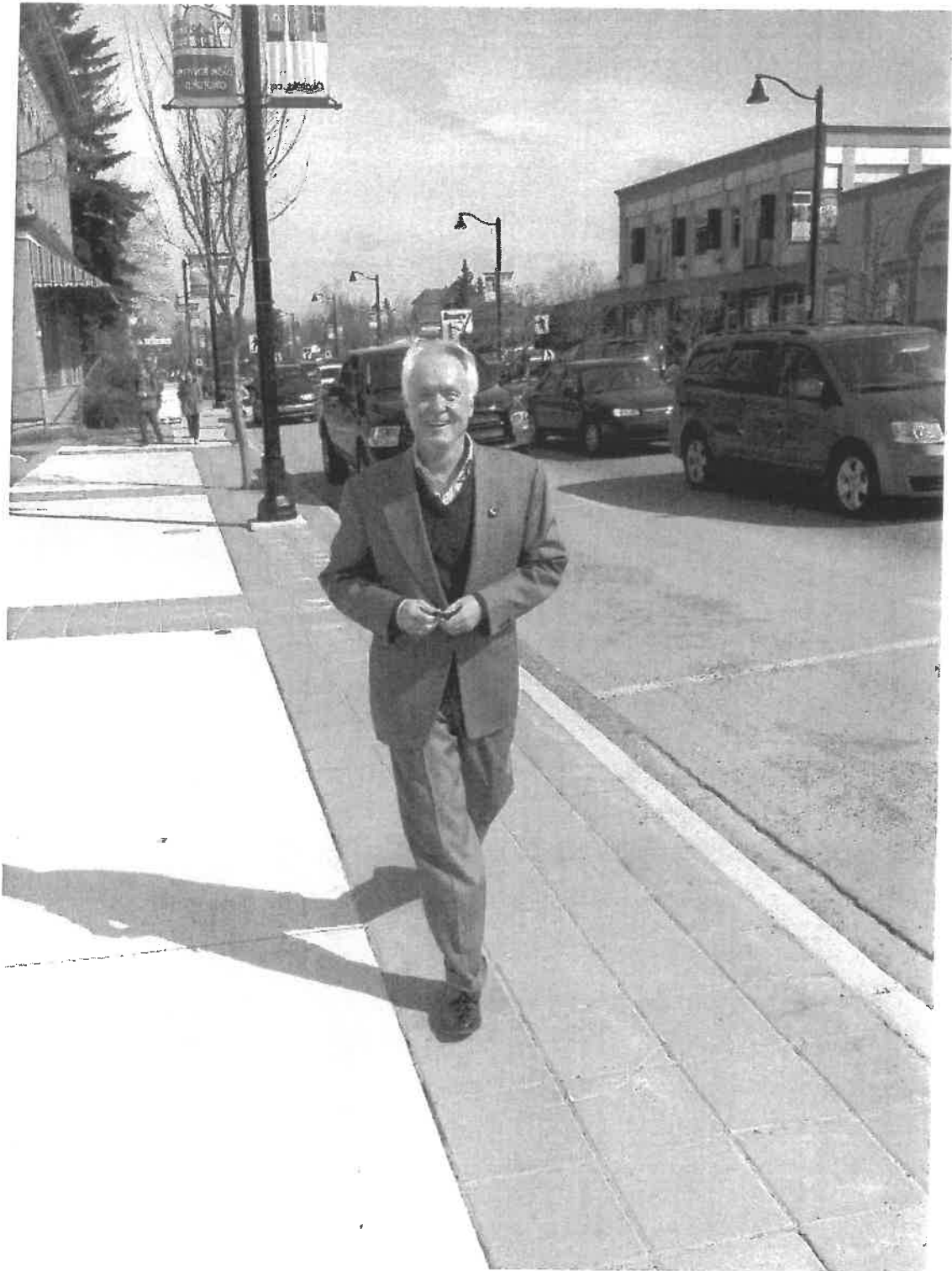


## **In the Senate**

While the Senate and its committees have not sat as much as I had hoped, there have been some important developments. In Senate Question period, I asked the Government Representative in the Senate for the government's response to a letter from business associations representing two-thirds of the Canadian economy calling on the government to put forward plans for re-opening and recovery. I was disappointed but not surprised at the lack of a real answer.

In terms of legislation, I have been keeping a watching brief and meeting with stakeholders on key bills affecting Alberta, including Bill C-15 (UNDRIP), among others including private members' bills from Prairie MPs such as Bill C-208 (making it easier and fairer to transfer farms, fishing corporations, and small businesses to family members), Bill C-218 (legalization of single sports betting), and Bill C-220 (extending bereavement leave for federally regulated employees).

The Senate's Foreign Affairs and International Trade committee, on which I serve as a member, recently reviewed parts of Bill C-30 (budget implementation) and swiftly sent it back to the Senate Chamber. We are now studying Canada's international response to COVID-19. During our first meeting on the study last week, I questioned Minister Karina Gould on the government's sluggish initial response to the pandemic, and on plans for COVAX vaccine access and donations.



## **Nine Years Since Senate Election**

Hard to believe it has been over nine years since Albertans placed their faith in me as Senator-in-Waiting. I want to thank Albertans for the privilege of

continuing to serve Alberta in Ottawa. I remain optimistic about the future of the province.

To all those who helped me on my campaign – and you know who you are – THANK YOU. I would never have had the opportunity to advance Alberta's interests in the Senate of Canada if not for your commitment, dedication, and friendship.

## **Planning Forward**

With COVID cases and vaccine numbers heading in the right directions, my office has begun planning for the resumption of in-person tours in Alberta at the earliest appropriate opportunity. I look forward to hitting the road again and learning first-hand from Albertans how I can help further provincial interests federally. My first in-person tour since the start of COVID-19 will have a focus on agriculture, as I had planned in the spring of 2020.



## **Good News and Signs of Recovery**

- Commodity prices including oil, lumber, and crops have risen significantly since last year. This is great news for the Alberta economy.



- Global tech firm Mphasis is establishing their Canadian HQ in Calgary, creating up to 1000 jobs for Albertans, and launching the Quantum City Centre of Excellence at the University of Calgary. The diversification continues!
- Medicine Hat recently became the first Canadian city to end chronic homelessness. I commend the community leadership that went into making this happen. There are national lessons to be learned from Medicine Hat's experience.
- Alberta continues to be at the forefront of job-creating, emissions-reducing projects from hydrogen to wind to solar to geothermal and beyond. In recent weeks, we have seen major announcements from ATCO and Suncor, Amazon, Labatt, RBC, Shell, TC Energy, and others to build or support renewable projects across the province. And this is only the tip of the iceberg.
- Last quarter was the strongest one on record for Alberta venture capital investment in size and number. Our tech space continues to generate interest and momentum.



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**To:** Undisclosed recipients:  
**Subject:** C-21 update for Municipalities  
**Attachments:** C21 Municipalities information update.docx; Kingsville C-21 Resolution.pdf

Good afternoon,

We have had several municipalities contact us asking about Bill C-21 and its impact on municipalities so we wanted to give a follow up. Please provide to your council members the copy of a letter from MP Stubbs and the example of the Kingsville resolution referenced in the letter.

Thank you

*Tina Warawa*

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Shannon Stubbs, MP  
Lakeland

May 28, 2021

Mayor and Council/Reeve and Council,

On February 16, 2021 Bill C-21, a bill that makes changes to the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act, and targets law abiding firearms owners, was introduced and is being debated in the House of Commons. Conservatives constitutently call for cracking down on illegal gun smuggling, trading, gang and crime gun use, but Bill C-21 misses the mark if the aim really is to improve and protect the personal and public safety of Canadians. Bill C-21 focuses on the wrong people and groups, while also creating uncertainty and adding undo pressure on other levels of government.

Bill C-21 includes provision to allow municipalities to create handgun bylaws, which would place conditions on federal firearms licenses relating to handgun use, storage, or transportation within municipalities that have passed such bylaws.

Residents in cities and other places, with ever increasing gang shootings and violence rightfully expect their government ought to be taking action to keep them safe, but a regulation that gives municipalities the ability to pass bylaws does not do that. The municipal provision in Bill C-21 would be a bylaw on licenses, so this measure literally, specifically, and only targets Canadians who have licenses. This does nothing to stop dangerous criminals who certainly would never comply with a municipal bylaw when they do not obtain their guns legally, do not get licenses and who frankly do not care about criminal laws. What this purposed municipal bylaw section would do is lead to yet another layer of confusing, overlapping regulations and a patchwork of rules for already law-abiding Canadians within and between communities, while violations could result in two years imprisonment or permanent license revocations.

I have been hearing from municipalities concerned with being tasked by the Federal government to create these types of bylaws. They are sharing fears about economic and housing impacts by the perception that one community has higher safety standards than others, or that law-abiding firearms citizens will literally be unaware they are in violation just by crossing a municipal boundary that has different bylaws.

- Some municipalities are saying that they do not have the expertise to create these bylaws and certainly would not have the resources to enforce such regulations. They are also concerned these bylaws potentially violate their own provinces' jurisdiction. Some provinces in opposition to the federal legislation have already passed or are proposing laws that would prohibit this type of power to shift to individual municipalities. Saskatchewan has already passed such a provincial law, and Alberta's bill received royal assent on April 29, 2021.

Due to these concerns, some municipalities have already opposed Bill C-21 and have taken the steps to pass resolutions in opposition to this potential new power that they neither requested, nor have the resources to impose and enforce.

I have attached a copy of the resolution passed by the council in Kingsville, Ontario. I encourage you to seek feedback from your rate payers, and to discuss this issue in council. You may decide to pass a similar resolution on behalf of your community. Please feel free to advise my office if you do so, and to reach out if you require any additional information on Bill C-21.

Sincerely,

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Stubbs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

Shannon Stubbs, MP  
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Sub-Item 3

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

March 25, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Block  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Prime Minister:

**RE: Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)**

At its Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following Resolution:

**"205-2021**

**Moved By** Councillor Thomas Neufeld, **Seconded By** Councillor Larry Patterson

A Resolution concerning Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms), specifically Amendment 26, Section (58.01 (1-8), Conditions-by-law.

WHEREAS municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada;

AND WHEREAS law abiding Kingsville residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the CFSC, PAL and ATT applications;

AND WHEREAS illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal codes;

AND WHEREAS if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of by-laws;

AND WHEREAS a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get around.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville is OPPOSED to the adoption of any by-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the following public officials: MP Chris Lewis-Essex, MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex, Premier of Ontario The Honourable Doug Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Andrea Horwath, Prime Minister of Canada The Honourable Justin Trudeau, and Leader of Official Opposition The Honourable Erin O'Toole."

If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



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Dear Minister Madu,

Please find attached correspondence Improvement District No. 9 Council.

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## Improvement District No.9

Municipal Government Services for Banff National Park



May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu  
Minister Justice and Solicitor General  
Office of the Minister  
#424 Legislature Building, 10800 97 Ave, Edmonton AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Madu,

Re: Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS)

At the Regular Council meeting for Improvement District No. 9 on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Council reviewed the plan proposed by the Government of Alberta to replace the RCMP in Alberta with a Provincial Police Service. Please be advised that the Municipal Council for ID9 is strongly opposed to the creation of this proposal. After reviewing the Fair Deal Panel's Report to Government (as well as the many letters currently circulating from Municipal elected officials) ID9 Council is voicing its firm opposition to the APPS. There are several particularly concerning items identified in the Fair Deal Panel's report, namely:

- the Fair Deal Panel's recommendation to proceed with developing a proposal for a Provincial Police Force, despite only 35% of Albertans believing the police force would contribute to the desired outcome of helping Alberta better assert itself with the Canadian federation.
- Provincial and municipal governments possibly absorbing \$112.4 million policing costs currently covered by the federal government (which would be in addition to the increasing policing costs incurred by municipalities under the Police Funding Model).

Furthermore, and perhaps most importantly, we have an excellent relationship with our local RCMP detachment and feel no need to replace them with a Provincial force. The RCMP in Lake Louise and Banff have always been responsive to community needs and feedback, and have consistently delivered professional, quality public safety services in our communities. In addition, ongoing collaboration between both Detachments and ID9 Council has resulted in a positive and adaptive presence in the region.

We have not been provided with adequate proof that the formation of the APPS would result in better outcomes for Albertans, especially when considering the increased costs to our rate payers. ID9 Council is urging the Government of Alberta to listen to Municipal Leaders as well as the results of the Fair Deal Panel's report and shift efforts to improving RCMP relationships and resources in the Province. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments or concerns.

Respectfully,

Chair Dave Schebek

CC: *Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier*  
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Good Afternoon

Please see the attached letter being sent on behalf of Red Deer County Council.

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**Red Deer County**



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June 4, 2021

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Honourable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
424 Legislature Building  
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Dear Minister Madu

**RE: Proposed Alberta Provincial Police Services**

Red Deer County stands in solidarity with fellow municipalities across Alberta in our support of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as the premier choice for our province's police force. In reviewing *the Fair Deal Panel: Report to Government*, it is with displeasure that Council notes the proposal did not consider current provincial challenges such as struggling economies and tighter budget realities. Please be advised that Council vehemently opposes the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS).

Council has concerns that the Alberta government would charge forward with a plan to replace the RCMP with APPS when the National Police Federation notes that a new provincial force would cost Alberta taxpayers at least \$112 million more a year than they are currently paying. Focused efforts should not be on causing further economic burden to County residents and ratepayers. The implementation of the Police Funding Model (PFM) in April 2020 has already stripped our municipality and many others of the opportunity for input and consultation powers with regard to local policing through the suspension of municipally-funded enhanced policing positions.

The Fair Deal Panel recommendation is to proceed with developing a proposal for a provincial police force, despite only 35% of Albertans believing it would contribute to the desired outcome of helping Alberta improve its position in the federation.

In addition, the 2020 Alberta Police Federation survey concluded that "replacing the RCMP is viewed as a *least helpful* measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada." Eighty-one percent of Albertans served by the RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive, and 70% of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.

Honourable Kaycee Madu  
June 4, 2021  
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In closing, Red Deer County Council does not foresee where a new police force would improve efficiency or quality of life for our residents and ratepayers. In fact, as economic challenges remain coming out of a pandemic, changing out of the current system would only increase economic burden on our municipality and taxpayers in the Province of Alberta.

Red Deer County wholeheartedly appreciates our strong working relationships with all five (5) of our local RCMP detachments, recognizing the hard work over the years building trust and working relationships on the foundation of respect. We ask that the Government of Alberta reassess priorities and abandon the transition study through the Police Act review to focus efforts towards upgrades to the criminal justice and social support systems in the Province to achieve better outcomes.

There needs to be an opportunity for open dialogue between the Province and municipal stakeholders on this issue – we strongly encourage all efforts should be focused on working with the RCMP to achieve the desired community results all Albertans need.

Yours truly

RED DEER COUNTY



Jim Wood, Mayor

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Sent Via: E-Mail

Re: **Letter of Support to retain the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Alberta**

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Minister,

On behalf of Smoky Lake County Council, I am writing to express our ongoing support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as our province's police force. In doing so, I note that we are joining dozens of other rural and urban municipalities in expressing deep concern at the prospect of replacing the same with an Alberta provincial police service (APPS), which the province is currently studying.

During your presentation at the AUMA/RMA Policing Summit in February of 2021, you spoke of Albertans "*demanding democratic, community-based policing, a renewed commitment to improving policing in the province, and the need for police to work with community partners and citizens to ensure effective community policing.*" Minister, I am pleased to say that our community enjoys democratic, community-based policing. Our local RCMP detachment meets with us regularly as part of their commitment to optimal two-way communication that invites, welcomes, and listens to our input, and our detachment also works with our municipality and our citizens as community partners.

The Policing Transition Study being undertaken by our province is in response to the Fair Deal Panel's (FDP recommendation #14: Create an APS to replace RCMP. The FDP reported that 68.5% of respondents were) from Calgary and Edmonton regions. Calgary and Edmonton have their own police services, which should be considered when studying the transition from the RCMP. Another FDP finding was that only 35% of respondents supported the idea of creating an APS.

Finally, in the Alberta Police Federation survey from October of 2020, it was found that "replacing the RCMP is viewed as a least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada." Only 8% say replacing the RCMP helps a lot, only 6% support replacing the RCMP, 81% of Albertans

served by RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive, and 70% of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.

There is so much convincing support for the RCMP in Alberta, and, with the strong and effective RCMP that serve us well in Alberta. Our Council supports the programs, initiatives, and progress of the RCMP in meeting our community's policing demands. We certainly have not seen compelling evidence that replacing the RCMP would result in better outcomes, particularly considering potentially increased operational (and transitional) costs.

Direct consultation with municipalities regarding the creation of an APPS has been inadequate. If municipalities who are served by RCMP detachments are excluded from this conversation, valuable information and feedback is left.

The Alberta Government already implemented a new police funding model which requires that communities under 5,000 such as ours are already increasingly paying substantially more for policing. Continually doing more with less is untenable.

In closing, I again reiterate our Council's support for the RCMP remaining as Alberta's police force. Smoky Lake County enjoys a positive and collaborative relationship with our local RCMP detachment, and we hope that the province will heed the concerns of many communities, rescind the ongoing study, and instead focus on other more productive options moving forward.

If we can provide any further clarity on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Smoky Lake County CAO Gene Sobolewski at 780-656-3730.

Sincerely,



**Craig Lukinuk, Reeve**

**Smoky Lake County**

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Please find the attached letter from Town of Claresholm Mayor Doug MacPherson regarding an initiative to raise awareness and funds for the Lung Association of AB & NWT.

Full story is available at [www.ab.lung.ca/walktobreathe](http://www.ab.lung.ca/walktobreathe)

If you could please share with your elected officials, we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,



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# Claresholm

Where **Community** Takes Root

June 7, 2021

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As many of you may know, my wife was a recipient of a Double Lung Transplant, which ultimately gave me more than 12 more great years with her in my life. I have recently become aware of a Province-Wide initiative called WALK TO BREATHE, and it hit close to home, in a very positive way.

**One Alberta man is walking over 500km from Lethbridge to Edmonton, to raise Awareness and Funds for The Lung Association of AB & NWT – please read the full story at [www.ab.lung.ca/walktobreath](http://www.ab.lung.ca/walktobreath).**

This is his 2nd year with this initiative, and it's one that I, personally, will be supporting. IN FACT, I want to do more than I can from my Mayoral chair in Claresholm, by issuing a friendly Province-Wide Challenge to ALL Alberta municipalities and their overall communities. I encourage you to raise money and help battle the far-reaching, and devastating effects of Lung Disease for 1 in 5 Albertans, not to mention the toll it takes on family and friends. Watching another human being struggle to breathe is a very scary ordeal, and one that I know all too well.

**I humbly ask for your participation in this challenge, from June 14<sup>th</sup> through to July 23, 2021, at which time, we see which community shall receive exclusive bragging rights as Alberta's 'COMMUNITY that CARES'.**

While lighthearted in this challenge, it is a very important cause, and I hope to spearhead some strong participation across the province . . .

- ✓ Send to your Council members and discuss ways to participate in your town
- ✓ Involve Local Business
- ✓ Organize local fundraisers
- ✓ Involve your local media to help promote
- ✓ Share on Social Media

Your consideration and participation is a BREATH of FRESH AIR for all Albertans. I thank you, and I look forward to the challenge.

Please call with any questions at 403-652-6870. You may also reach out to the organizers for more detail and to organize fundraiser/donation: **Chris Sadleir [Sads.chris@gmail.com](mailto:Sads.chris@gmail.com) & Jennifer Hutchinson [jhutchinson@ab.lung.ca](mailto:jhutchinson@ab.lung.ca)**

Sincerely,

Doug MacPherson  
Mayor  
Town of Claresholm



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May 20, 2021

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**RE: Town of Falher Support for the RCMP**

Dear Minister Madu,

This letter is presented as a token of support on behalf of the Town of Falher towards the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and also as a motion of opposition to the Provincial Government's recent proposal for an Alberta Provincial Police Force.

Upon review of information made available by AUMA it has become abundantly clear to our entire council that blindly forging forward would come at an enormous cost to our province, and specifically its residents. The newly established Police Funding Model has already delivered a hit to small rural urban municipal budgets with a relatively small impact felt in terms of day to day deliverables in our communities. Continuing with a Provincial Police Force would come at an exorbitant cost with no assurance with a benefit in service.

Just today, S&P Global Ratings has downgraded Alberta's credit rating from 'A+' to 'A' while cautioning that additional downgrades in the near future are very possible if new fiscal measures are not adopted in a post-COVID19 Alberta. The exploration of an Alberta based Police Force was merely financial as there is no evidence suggesting a dissatisfaction with the quality of service offered by the RCMP to the magnitude that would warrant such an expense. To ask any and all residents of this province to fund such an ill-advised endeavour can only be viewed as an un-sound decision based on an act of ignoring facts, and more importantly, the voice of Albertans.

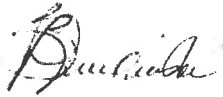
With the Provincial Government's reduction into MSI funding over the next few years and considering the infrastructure maintenance investments that all Canadian municipalities face over the coming years, local government budgets are already being stretched beyond their limits. Where exactly does the Provincial government envision the funding of a Provincial Police Service coming from? Undoubtedly, they will ask municipalities to pay, ultimately forcing local councils to play 'bad cop' by increasing municipal taxes in order to fund Provincial downloading. It is our opinion that the Provincial government needs to seriously re-evaluate its priorities.

The Town of Falher council stands with:

- The 65% of respondents to the Fair Deal Panel survey that voiced opposition to a Provincial Police Force.
- The County of Paintearth No. 18
- The County of St. Paul
- Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
- Town of Didsbury
- Town of Magrath
- Town of Edson
- Village of Hill Spring
- Town of Morinville
- Town of Redcliff
- Village of Rycroft
- Any and all other citizens, municipalities, and organizations who have not voiced their opinions, yet.

The Provincial Government continually encourages (and legislatively mandates) that municipal governments work together in a cohesive manner, perhaps they should take a page from their own book rerouting the funds allocated for research of an Alberta Police Service towards building stronger relationships with the RCMP and with Federal Partners.

Sincerely,



Donna Buchinski  
Mayor

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
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**From:** Louise Albert <LAlbert@highriver.ca>  
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Good Morning,

Please see the attached letter with respect to the Proposed Alberta Coal Policy, your input on the future of the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies is important.

If you have any questions please contact Legislative Services at [legislativeservices@highriver.ca](mailto:legislativeservices@highriver.ca).

Yours Truly,  
Louise Albert on behalf of Mayor Craig Snodgrass

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**ACTION REQUIRED**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**VIA E-MAIL**

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**Attention: Mayor Jim Benedict & Members of Council**

**RE: Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy**

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Dear Your Worship & Members of Council:

Your input on the future of the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies is important to the long-term health of our water resources and their ability to provide clean drinking water to all communities in the Province. The Town of High River remains concerned about the negative impacts coal mining will have on our communities, landscapes, water resources, and future generations. We are requesting your support for our version of a new policy that reflects our desire to protect the Eastern Slopes and our water resources in perpetuity.

The Town of High River has met with the Coal Policy Committee and agreed to prepare a framework that would see coal exploration and development banned along the Eastern Slopes. At our May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council unanimously supported the wording outlined below and we are requesting all Alberta Municipalities join us in supporting the proposed policy.

Specifically, the Town's proposed **Alberta Coal Restriction Policy** would be effective November 15, 2021 and has three key principles:

1. No further coal exploration or development will be permitted on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta. There will no longer be categories within this area and, instead, there would only be one area defined today as the Eastern Slopes.
2. Existing coal mining operations in the Hinton/Grande Cache areas will be permitted to retire gracefully.
3. Reclamation of lands disturbed by coal exploration activities with coal exploration permits issued prior to February 8, 2021 must be reclaimed no later than December 31, 2025.

Our rationale for the three principles of the Alberta Coal Restriction Policy are as follows:

1. The inherent value of the Eastern Slopes only exists with the landscape remaining intact.
2. The headwaters and landscapes of the Eastern Slopes are critical to the future of our province. Our communities, agriculture production, food production, tourism, and recreation all rely on these landscapes existing and their watersheds producing clean water. Water is a limited resource that we all require to exist. The Town is strongly opposed to any activity that increases the likelihood of water contamination. Once a waterway has been contaminated by coal mining, this action cannot be reversed. Our future generations depend on us protecting this resource.
3. The negative impacts on the environment, human health, animal health and existing economies far outweigh the new jobs, taxes, royalties or economics that may be generated as a result of coal development in this area.

The Town will collect all feedback received and report back to the Coal Policy Committee in July 2021.

**If you are in support of the proposed policy wording, please send a signed letter to myself or acknowledge your support utilizing the endorsement below. Please send all letters and feedback to [csnodgrass@highriver.ca](mailto:csnodgrass@highriver.ca), with a copy to [legislativeservices@highriver.ca](mailto:legislativeservices@highriver.ca) no later than July 15, 2021.**

I will then present this policy to the Coal Policy Committee along with the feedback received. If you are interested in participating in the presentation of this policy to the Coal Policy Committee, please contact me at the above noted email address.

Thank you for considering supporting this important initiative.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Craig Snodgrass  
Mayor  
Cell: 403.652.9489

CS/cp/kr

**Endorsement of Support**

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

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I, \_\_\_\_\_

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

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supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as prepared above.

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Signature



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# Mayerthorpe

May 25, 2021

Premier Jason Kenney  
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Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Kenney,

**Re: Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Provincial Policing**

Council for the Town of Mayerthorpe strongly opposes the establishment of a provincial police force and unanimously supports the continuation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as Alberta's primary law enforcement agency.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are the foundational law enforcement agency in our nation and in Alberta. The RCMP are as iconic and recognized as the Canadian Flag. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police service continues to be a beacon for people of all nationalities fleeing from the lawlessness of other countries. The agency continues to be held in a position of utmost respect throughout the world.

Mayerthorpe Town Council does not support the Fair Deal Panel recommendation to establish a provincial police force. We acknowledge that the Province has contracted Price Waterhouse Coopers to complete an analysis and we anticipate further information on this topic.

Respectfully,

Janet Jabush  
Mayor

- cc. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Barry Morishita, President of Alberta Urban Municipalities Association  
Paul McLaughlin President of Rural Municipalities Association  
Kacee Madu, Minister of Justice & Solicitor General  
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**From:** Erica Engler <EricaE@redcliff.ca>  
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Edmonton.Strathcona@assembly.ab.ca; Brooks-Medicine Hat  
**Subject:** Letter to Minister Madur Regarding the Town of Redcliff's Support for the RCMP  
**Attachments:** Correspondence from the Town of Redcliff Regarding Support for the RCMP - May 18, 2021.pdf

Good morning,

On behalf of Mayor Kilpatrick and the Town of Redcliff Council, please find attached a copy of the Town's letter to Minister Madu in support of the continuation of RCMP services in the province.

Regards,

**Erica Engler**

Executive Assistant

Town of Redcliff

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May 18, 2021

Honorable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
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Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

**RE: Town of Redcliff Support for the RCMP**

Dear Minister Madu,

On behalf of the Town of Redcliff Council, I would like to express our support of the continuation of RCMP services in the province. We are disappointed in the Province of Alberta's reluctance to accept the results of its own consultative process against moving forward with plans that appear to want to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service.

Historically, the Town of Redcliff has provided its own police services to our community with little funding support from the province, managing and maintaining its policing services since incorporation in 1911 through to 1992. In 1992, for a period of five years, the Town of Redcliff contracted with the City of Medicine Hat and the City Police provided policing services to the Town of Redcliff. Since 1997 the Town has contracted with the RCMP for police services. The Town takes pride in its unique history and experience with building upon our local services and developing quality relations with the RCMP.

Since 1997 our local RCMP detachment has served our community with high-quality service and responsiveness; we have found the RCMP have a willingness to collaborate on local events and projects and a sense of community and partnership. With their resources and experience they have introduced important community initiatives such as Victims Assistance, Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE), Citizens on Patrol (COP), Rural Crime Watch, and South Eastern Alberta Search and Rescue (SESAR). The RCMP has a recognizable presence, respect and trust built on years of service and tradition.

In light of the difficult and uncertain economic times, the Town considers that the expenditure required to complete such a change to a Provincial Police force is concerning. As the transition costs are inadequately explained, the Town is concerned that operating costs will inevitably rise,

resulting in increased costs borne by Municipalities and requiring additional taxation to our residents. As well, we cannot be assured, with the current information, that our level of service will remain the same or have any marked improvement justifying the cost of change.

The Town of Redcliff urges you to adhere to the Fair Deal Panel's respondents' consultations, abandon the Provincial Police Force concept, and focus efforts on issues and needs that are of significant concern to Albertans.

Regards,



Dwight Kilpatrick  
Mayor

CC: The Honorable Jason Kenny, Premier  
The Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Opposition  
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**From:** Candice Greig <candice.greig@stavely.ca>  
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**To:** ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca  
**Subject:** RCMP Letter of Support Town of Stavely  
**Attachments:** Town of Stavely RCMP Letter of Support.pdf

Good Morning,

Please see attached letter sent on behalf of Stavely Town Council.

Regards,

**Candice Greig**  
**Chief Administrative Officer**  
**Town of Stavely**  
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May 26, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu  
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**RE: PROPOSED PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE**

Dear Honorable Madu,

The Stavely Town Council discussed the provinces proposal of an Alberta Police Force Service at length during the Council meeting dated May 25, 2021. We, as a Council, feel strongly against replacing the RCMP with the provinces proposed Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS).

The Town of Stavely and the local RCMP detachments have worked hard to develop, achieve and maintain a unified relationship over many years. As with any relationship it takes dedicated and focused work on behalf of both parties to achieve a mutually beneficial outcome. The Town of Stavely has been and continues to be more than satisfied with the level of service, the commitment to our community and the degree of responsiveness from each detachment that has served the Town of Stavely.

The Council is also extremely concerned with the plans to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) and the associated financial constraints this will cause our residents in these unprecedented times and in the future.

We strongly encourage the Government of Alberta to make all efforts necessary to work with the RCMP to achieve the desired results that the communities and residents of this province both deserve and need.

Yours Truly,

Gentry Hall  
Mayor  
Town of Stavely

GH/cg

Cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
Mr. Roger Reid, MLA for Livingstone-Macleod  
Mr. John Barlow, MP for Foothills  
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**Subject:** RCMP Letter of Support

**Attachments:** Support Letter for RCMP.pdf

To Honorable Minister Kaycee Madu,

On behalf of the Village of Caroline, please find attached a letter of support for the RCMP in Alberta.

Kind Regards,

*Sandy Backberry*

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May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Dear Minister Madu,  
Re: Village of Caroline Support for the RCMP

Our council wishes to advise they do not in support of the Government of Alberta's Initiative to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) as affirmed in the responses from many municipalities.

Council has concerns with the province establishing an APPS despite 65% of respondents indicating non-support. The costs of transitioning to an APPS are unknown and the increased operating costs will undoubtedly be borne by the communities. The municipalities are currently bearing a substantial amount of policing costs and are not willing to accept unknown additional increases that will be inevitable from a transition to an APPS. This cannot be done within a short time frame to offer expertise and services currently provided to Albertans by the RCMP.

Our Village developed a collaborative relationship with our local RCMP detachment over many years and is satisfied with the level of service and degree of responsiveness received and their involvement. Council encourages the Government of Alberta to abandon the transition study and continue efforts to work with the RCMP to achieve better outcomes.

Yours Truly

Village of Caroline

Mayor John Rimmer

CC: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
The Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment & Parks  
Mr. Curtis Zabolocki, Commanding Officer for Alberta RCMP  
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May 25, 2021

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**RE: Village of Milo Support for the RCMP**

Dear Minister Madu,

This letter is presented as a token of support on behalf of the Village of Milo towards the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and also as a motion of opposition to the Provincial Government's recent proposal for an Alberta Provincial Police Force.

Upon review of information made available by AUMA it has become abundantly clear to our entire council that blindly forging forward would come at an enormous cost to our province, and specifically its residents. The newly established Police Funding Model has already delivered a hit to small rural urban municipal budgets with a relatively small impact felt in terms of day-to-day deliverables in our communities. Continuing with a Provincial Police Force would come at an exorbitant cost with no assurance with a benefit in service.

Just today, S&P Global Ratings has downgraded Alberta's credit rating from 'A+' to 'A' while cautioning that additional downgrades in the near future are very possible if new fiscal measures are not adopted in a post-COVID 19 Alberta. The exploration of an Alberta based Police Force was merely financial as there is no evidence suggesting a dissatisfaction with the quality of service offered by the RCMP to the magnitude that would warrant such an expense. To ask any and all residents of this province to fund such an ill-advised endeavor can only be viewed as an un-sound decision based on an act of ignoring facts, and more importantly, the voice of Albertans.

With the Provincial Government's reduction into MSI funding over the next few years and considering the infrastructure maintenance investments that all Canadian municipalities face over the coming years, local government budgets are already being stretched beyond their limits. Where exactly does the Provincial government envision the funding of a Provincial Police Service coming from? Undoubtedly, they will ask municipalities to pay, ultimately forcing local councils to play 'bad cop' by increasing municipal taxes in order to fund Provincial downloading. It is our opinion that the Provincial government needs to seriously re-evaluate its priorities.

The Village of Milo council stands with:



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- The 65% of respondents to the Fair Deal Panel survey that voiced opposition to a Provincial Police Force.
  - Town of Falher
  - The County of Paintearth No. 18
  - The County of St. Paul
  - Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
  - Town of Didsbury
  - Town of Magrath
  - Town of Edson
  - Village of Hill Spring
  - Town of Morinville
  - Town of Redcliff
  - Village of Rycroft
  - Any and all other citizens, municipalities, and organizations who have not voiced their opinions, yet.

The Provincial Government continually encourages (and legislatively mandates) that municipal governments work together in a cohesive manner, perhaps they should take a page from their own book rerouting the funds allocated for research of an Alberta Police Service towards building stronger relationships with the RCMP and with Federal Partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Schroeder", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Schroeder  
Mayor

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RE: Village of Rycroft Support for the RCMP

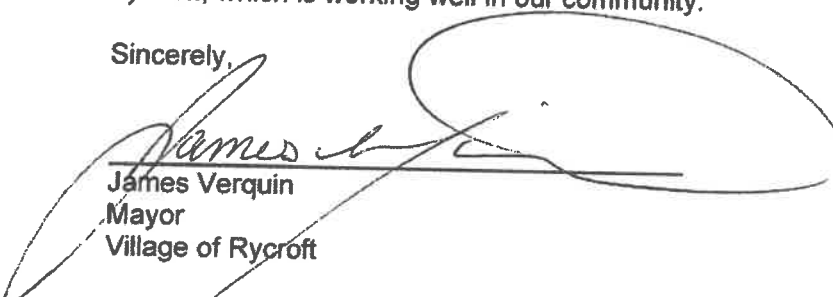
On behalf of Council, I am sending you this letter joining our municipal peers in confirming support for our current policing system, and the positive level of service the residents of Rycroft and region are receiving from the RCMP.

Council has no issue with the service we are currently receiving from our local RCMP detachment in Spirit River. The RCMP regularly appear at Council meetings to update Council on happenings in the region and have always been responsive to our requests for service. They are partners in assisting the municipality in managing the community. It would be discouraging and costly to our ratepayers to have them removed and replaced.

In reviewing information available, we do not see where a new police force would improve efficiency, or quality of life for our residents. In fact, as our challenges remain economic based, changing out the current system with a new system appears that it will result in an increase of economic burden on our operation.

Council agrees with the other municipalities whose letters have been copied to us that Province should be focusing their efforts on working with the RCMP. Rather than remove one service and replace it with an equivalent one, we encourage resources be invested in improving the current system, which is working well in our community.

Sincerely,



James Verquin  
Mayor  
Village of Rycroft

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**Subject:** Letter of Support RCMP

**Attachments:** RCMP Letter of Support.pdf

Good Morning

Please see the attached letter of support RCMP, sent on behalf of the Village of Loughheed

*Sincerely,*

*Karen O'Connor*  
*CAO*  
*Village of Loughheed*  
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# Village of Lougheed

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May 22, 2021

Premier Jason Kenney  
Office of the Premier  
307 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Kenney,

Re: **Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Provincial Policing**

Council for the Village of Lougheed strongly opposes the establishment of a provincial police force and unanimously supports the continuation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as Alberta's primary law enforcement agency.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are the foundational law enforcement agency in our nation and in Alberta. The RCMP are as iconic and recognized as the Canadian Flag. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police service continues to be a beacon for people of all nationalities fleeing from the lawlessness of other countries. The agency continues to be held in a position of utmost respect throughout the world.

Village of Lougheed Council does not support the Fair Deal Panel recommendation to establish a provincial police force. We acknowledge that the province has contracted Price Waterhouse Coopers to complete an analysis and we anticipate further information on this topic.

In addition, the 2020 Alberta Police Federation survey concluded that "replacing the RCMP is viewed as a least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada." 81 % of Albertans served by the RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive, and 70 % of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.

In closing, Village of Lougheed does not foresee where a new police force would improve efficiency or quality of life for our residents and ratepayers. In fact, as economic challenges remain on our municipality and taxpayers in the Province of Alberta.

We ask the Government of Alberta reassess priorities and abandon the transition study through the Police Act review to focus efforts towards upgrades to the criminal justice and social support systems in the province to achieve better outcomes.

Yours truly,

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

Village of Lougheed

Debra Smith, Mayor

Cc: Alberta Municipalities

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**From:** Reaghan Gamble <Reaghan.Gamble@albertahealthservices.ca> on behalf of Community Engagement <Community.Engagement@albertahealthservices.ca>  
**Sent:** June 11, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** Community Engagement  
**Subject:** Lab RFP Announcement  
**Attachments:** News Release - Community Lab RFP Proponent FINAL.pdf



To Alberta Mayors and Reeves,

Please find below and attached the announcement that Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) and Alberta Health Services (AHS) issued this morning regarding DynaLIFE Medical Labs being identified as the preferred proponent to provide community laboratory services in Alberta, following a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process that was launched in December 2020.

AHS and APL will now enter into negotiations with DynaLIFE for a contract for the delivery of laboratory services in some or all of the province. Opportunities for stakeholders to provide input and ask questions about community lab services will be part of a transition plan that will be developed as soon as possible. In the meantime, please direct any questions you might have to: [communications@albertaprecisionlabs.ca](mailto:communications@albertaprecisionlabs.ca)

Sincerely,  
Janine Sakatch  
Executive Director, Community Engagement & Communication



Message from  
Dr. Mark Joffe  
& Mauro Chies

*Preferred proponent identified by community lab services RFP*

**Dear community partners,**

Today, Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) announced that DynaLIFE Medical Labs has been identified as the preferred

proponent to provide community laboratory services in Alberta, following a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process that was launched in December 2020. Attached is the news release that was issued earlier this morning.

AHS and APL will now enter into negotiations with DynaLIFE for a contract to deliver community laboratory services. We anticipate these negotiations will take several months and will determine the nature of community lab service delivery to some or all of the province.

Contracting of community-related lab service is expected to provide Albertans with a high level of service, greater efficiency and more consistency in routine lab service over the long term. It was identified as an opportunity for innovation and cost savings by the AHS Performance Review.

Transition of any impacted APL staff will be determined upon completion of the negotiation process. DynaLIFE currently provides approximately 70 per cent of the community lab service in AHS's Edmonton and North zones, under contract to AHS.

APL will set the standards and policies for the community laboratory services and will implement a governance structure to ensure all quality and service level requirements are being met.

In order to ensure that small rural and remote communities continue to receive the service they need, hospital and local clinic sites that currently handle less than 25,000 blood test collections per year will continue to do so by APL. APL will also continue to provide lab service for acute care facilities across the province, and will continue to operate the public health laboratory, the genetics laboratories and other specialty testing, research and innovation services.

We know there are many questions about the future of community lab services and the how contracting may affect our staff, patients and stakeholders. AHS and APL will begin working with DynaLIFE on a transition plan as soon as possible, and we will share more information about next steps in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your support,

**Mauro Chies**

Board Chair, APL; Vice President Cancer Care Alberta & Clinical Support Services

**Dr. Mark Joffe**

Vice President & Medical Director – Cancer Care Alberta, Clinical Support Services & Provincial Clinical Excellence



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**From:** Heather Cowie <cboorse@arpaonline.ca>  
**Sent:** May 19, 2021 7:17 AM  
**To:** Aboffice  
**Subject:** June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation  
**Attachments:** 2021 JRPM Proclamation.pdf

May 19, 2021

Mayor Jim Benedict & Council  
Alberta Beach  
PO Box 278  
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

**RE: June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation**

Dear Mayor Jim Benedict & Councillors,

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) has been recognizing June is Recreation and Parks Month (JRPM) for the past 20 years. This recognition of the month of June highlights the many benefits recreation and parks bring to our communities and citizens and acknowledges the strong foundation of recreation and parks facilities and programs in Alberta.

JRPM is in its 20th year of recognizing recreation and parks in Alberta, and across the country. We continue to work towards our vision to make JRPM a household name, so that when June rolls around, every Albertan is eager and excited to spend the month enjoying all the recreation activities and parks they have at their disposal.

To celebrate JRPM and your community, ARPA is asking for your public support by signing the official June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation attached. By signing this proclamation, your signalling to your community that quality recreation and parks resources are beneficial and should be celebrated.

In addition to the 20th Anniversary of JRPM, it is also ARPA's 70th Anniversary. ARPA is a not-for-profit organization committed to building healthier and happier communities and citizens by developing and promoting recreation and parks. Many of the municipalities in Alberta with staff, programs and facilities that support recreation and parks are members of ARPA. This past year has been a difficult one to support communities and citizens with the services we are proud to deliver. We would like to acknowledge the important role that recreation and parks play in each of our communities and we ask you to join in these celebrations by thanking your recreation and parks employees for the work they have done, especially over this past year.

We believe in the power of recreation and parks, and we want Alberta to know it. Our goal is for Albertans to recognize JRPM and to celebrate by getting outdoors and being active.

Please get in touch with our Communications Coordinator, Caleb Boorse, to learn more about JRPM, or if your municipality is choosing to sign the proclamation, by email at [cboorse@arpaonline.ca](mailto:cboorse@arpaonline.ca) or visit our website at <https://arpaonline.ca/events/JRPM/rp-overview>.

Sincerely,

Heather Cowie  
ARPA President



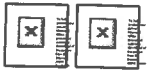
**Heather Cowie**

President

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association

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



# PROCLAMATION Municipality



## JUNE IS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

**Whereas**, in Alberta, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors from around the world; and

**Whereas**, recreation and parks enhance quality of life, active living, leisure education, and lifelong learning, helps people live happier and longer, develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth, develops creativity and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles, and enhances overall mental health and wellbeing; and

**Whereas**, recreation and parks build family unity and social capital, strengthens volunteer and community development, enhances social interaction, creates community pride and vitality, promotes equity, inclusivity, sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity, and fosters a sense of belonging; and

**Whereas**, recreation and parks can be used for therapy and rehabilitation of individuals experiencing illness, impairment, and disability; and

**Whereas**, the benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and services reduce healthcare and social service costs, serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability, enhance property values, decrease vandalism, attract new business, increase tourism and curb employee absenteeism; and

**Whereas**, our parks, open spaces and trails ensure ecological sustainability, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

**Whereas**, all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities.

**Now, Therefore be it Resolved**, that the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) does hereby proclaim that June, which witnesses the greening of Alberta and serves as a significant gateway to family activities, has been designated as June is Recreation & Parks Month, which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.

**Therefore**, Alberta Besch (name of municipality/organization), in recognition of the benefits and values that recreation, parks and leisure services provide, does hereby designate the month of June as June is Recreation & Parks Month.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 by:

\_\_\_\_\_ (print name and title)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

**aboffice@albertabeach.com**

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**From:** Lifesaving Society <experts@lifesaving.org>  
**Sent:** May 28, 2021 2:46 PM  
**To:** aboffice@albertabeach.com  
**Subject:** Proclamation Request- National Drowning Prevention Week



**LIFESAVING SOCIETY®**

*The Lifeguarding Experts*

May 28, 2021

Mayor Jim Benedict  
Alberta Beach  
PO Box 278  
Alberta Beach, AB  
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Dear Mayor,

We are excited to announce the United Nations has adopted a Resolution on Drowning Prevention, of which Canada was a co-sponsor and lead supporter. This Resolution will not only bring more awareness to this preventable problem, but urgency for stakeholders to act. This will include policy development, research and support for community-based drowning prevention action.

Canada faces a major problem – and a preventable one: over 400 people die every year from drowning. On behalf of the Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch, I am writing to ask that you proclaim July 18-24, 2021 as NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK in the Alberta Beach.

The Lifesaving Society is a national, charitable organization working to prevent drowning and reduce water-related injury through our training programs, Water Smart® public education, drowning research and aquatic safety standards. The Lifesaving Society also certifies Canada’s National Lifeguards.

National Drowning Prevention Week is one of the Society’s leading public education initiatives, with events taking place across the country to focus media and community attention on the drowning problem and drowning prevention. During this week, the Society urges individuals to:

- Supervise children in and around the water.
- Refrain from behaviors that may result in intoxication while participating in aquatic activities.
- Wear a lifejacket when boating.

If every Canadian followed these steps, we could greatly reduce Canada’s drowning rate.

A proclamation from the Alberta Beach would give greater exposure of our lifesaving efforts to the residents of the Alberta Beach. I hope you will consider our request. A template can be found here: [Proclamation Template 2021](#)

If you have any questions or would like to submit a proclamation, please contact our Drowning Prevention Coordinator at [kelseyl@lifesaving.org](mailto:kelseyl@lifesaving.org).

Sincerely,



Kelly Carter  
Chief Executive Officer



**Kelsey Lalonde**

Drowning Prevention Coordinator

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# Alberta Beach

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## NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION 2021

WHEREAS the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in Alberta is one too many; and

WHEREAS most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we genuinely enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of Alberta Beach to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to always wear a lifejacket when boating; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 18 – 24, 2021 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF ALBERTA BEACH does hereby proclaim July 18 – 24, 2021 NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK in Alberta Beach, and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of Alberta Beach.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Benedict, Mayor

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**From:** Erik Ives <eives.nwfr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** June 4, 2021 4:10 PM  
**To:** aboffice@albertabeach.com; Jim Benedict; duncan.angela.ad@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fire Department Response Statistics  
**Attachments:** Letter - ORFS 2020 Statistics Presentation - Alberta Beach.pdf

Village of Alberta Beach Mayor and Council,

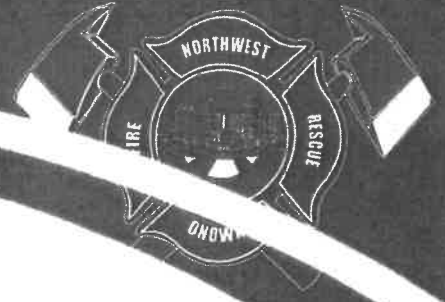
Please see the attached letter regarding fire department response statistics that we would like to present to you.

Thank you very much for your time and support.

Regards,  
Erik Ives  
*Captain*



Northwest Fire Rescue and Training



June 4, 2021

Dear Alberta Beach Mayor and Councilmembers,

We would like to invite you to a meeting where we would like to display the 2020 year end fire department performance statistics to you. We believe that it is important for you to know how your fire department is performing, that lives and property are being saved efficiently, and for you to be able to make sure your taxpayers' money is being well spent.

In addition to the year end performance statistics that we normally present, we would like to take this opportunity to present some new statistical data regarding our Dual Call Out agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services. This presentation will give you a good idea of how Onoway Regional Fire Services has been improving emergency response capabilities on the Alberta Highways in the area.

Please let us know what date and time works best for you, and we will schedule a Zoom or in-person meeting depending on your preference to discuss these important statistics.

If you could please respond to [davidives.nwfr@gmail.com](mailto:davidives.nwfr@gmail.com) with the best date and time for you (or preferably a range of dates and times) that would be great! We will do our best to pick a date and time that works for everyone who would like to attend.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Ives".

Erik Ives

Fire Captain

Onoway Regional Fire Services