

**ALBERTA BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BEING HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AND BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY FOR THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND HELD FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Deputy Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

#013-22

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:** None.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

#014-22

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2022:

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 18, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** None.

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

**COUNCIL (MAYOR) RESIGNATION:**

A letter of Council resignation was received from Bud Love on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. (Resignation letter was included in the agenda package).

**NOMINATION: MAYOR**

The CAO declared nominations open and called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Councillor Weber nominated Deputy Mayor Duncan.

Deputy Mayor Duncan accepted the nomination.

The CAO called for nominations for the position of Mayor for the second time.

The CAO called for nominations for the position of Mayor for the third & final time.

#015-22

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that nominations for the position of Mayor cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The C.A.O. declared Deputy Mayor Duncan elected as Mayor.

Mayor Duncan took the Mayor's Official Oath of Office and assumed the chair.

**NOMINATION: DEPUTY MAYOR**

Mayor Duncan declared nominations open and called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Weber nominated Councillor Durocher.

Councillor Durocher accepted the nomination.

Mayor Duncan called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the second time.

Mayor Duncan called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the third & final time.

#016-22

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Duncan declared Councillor Durocher elected as Deputy Mayor and took the Deputy Mayor's Official Oath of Office.

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- #017-22 COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT VACANCIES:  
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the committee appointment vacancies be confirmed as follows;  
Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee – Councillor Elwood  
Alberta Beach Inter-municipal Development Plan Steering Committee – Deputy Mayor Durocher  
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee – Councillor Elwood  
Highway 43 East Waste Commission – Councillor Weber  
Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Committee – Deputy Mayor Durocher  
Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC) Mayor Duncan  
Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities (SARM) Committee – Deputy Mayor Durocher  
West Inter Lake District (WILD) Water Commission – Deputy Mayor Durocher as Alternate  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #018-22 NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION DAY AND NOMINATION DAY:  
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the By-Election be held on April 4, 2022 and that Nomination Day be held on March 7, 2022.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #019-22 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER & SUBSTITUTE RETURNING OFFICER:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Kathy Skwarchuk be appointed as the Returning Officer and further that Cathy McCartney be appointed as the Substitute Returning Officer.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:**
- #020-22 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY:  
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that administration draft a Professional Development Policy.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #021-22 ROUND TABLE MEETING DATE CHANGES:  
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the round table meeting dates be rescheduled as follows: March 14 to March 7, June 13 to June 6, October 10 to October 11 and November 14 to November 7, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
- #022-22 FINANCIAL REPORT OF DECEMBER 31, 2021:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the Financial Report of December 31, 2021 be accepted for information.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- BYLAWS & POLICIES:** None.
- COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:**
- COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:**  
Councillor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following:  
Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) Transition Study engagement meeting of January 19, 2022.  
Yellowhead Regional Library Trustee Orientation of January 24, 2022.  
Public Library Services Branch meeting of January 31, 2022.  
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of February 7, 2022.  
Yellowhead Regional Library Executive Board meeting of February 14, 2022.
- #023-22 ALBERTA PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE (APPS) ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS:  
MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that Councillor Elwood be approved to attend the Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) Transition Study engagement session hosted by Alberta Municipalities in Ponoka on February 28, 2022 as well as the National Police Federation meeting on February 17, 2022 and further that meeting fees be paid for attendance at the meetings.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- COUNCILLOR WEBER:**  
Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following:  
Firesmart 101 Training Course of January 19, 2022.  
Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting of February 15, 2022.  
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of January 20, 2022.
- #024-22 FIRESMART 101 COURSE:  
MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that Councillor Weber be approved to attend the Firesmart 101 Course and further a meeting fee be paid for his attendance.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**DEPUTY MAYOR DUROCHER:**

Deputy Mayor Durocher gave a brief report on the following:  
Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting of January 11, 2022.  
Partners in Progress meeting of February 15, 2022 was cancelled.

**MAYOR DUNCAN:**

Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following:  
Mayor's Report of February 15, 2022.  
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of January 20, 2022.  
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Mgmt Society meetings of January 25, 2022.  
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of January 27, 2022.

**ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:**

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

#025-22

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB – SNOMO DAYS:**

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Beach Lions Club regarding law enforcement during SnoMo Days.

**ALBERTA COUNSEL – NEWSLETTERS:**

At a Glance newsletters of January 21, 28 & February 4, 2022 as well as the January 25 & February 9, 2022 issues of The News was received from Alberta Counsel.

**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – AHS TOGETHER4HEALTH HEADLINES:**

AHS Together4Health Headlines newsletters of January 24, 31 & February 7, 2022 was received from Alberta Health Services providing Covid-19 updates.

**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – EMS SYSTEM PRESSURE AND MITIGATION PLAN:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services announcing a mitigation plan to address the increase in EMS calls experienced over the past months, the plan focuses on immediate actions that will help create capacity within the system ensuring that EMS remains available and safe for all Albertans.

**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COMMUNITY LAB SERVICES ACROSS ALBERTA:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services announcing an agreement was reached with Alberta Precision Laboratories to deliver community lab services across Alberta through DynaLIFE Medical Labs.

**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID 19 MUNICIPAL UPDATE:**

Covid-19 Municipal Update of February 10, 2022 was received from Alberta Health Services.

**ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL – AISC CONFERENCE AND AGM 2022:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Invasive Species Council regarding the 2022 AISC Conference and AGM being held Virtually on March 14-18, 2022.

**ALBERTA SENIORS AND HOUSING – AGE FRIENDLY E-NEWS:**

The Alberta Seniors and Housing Age Friendly E-News of February 2, 2022 was from the Government of Alberta.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS:**

The Weekly Newsletters of January 19, 27, February 2 & 9, 2022 as well as the Friday News of February 4, 2022 was received from Alberta Municipalities.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – PROVINCIAL ENGAGEMENT ON ALBERTA PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities which included an overview of their virtual policing summit held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regarding the Governments of Alberta's proposal to establish an Alberta Provincial Police Service.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – APPOINTMENT TO THE ALBERTA WATER COUNCIL:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities announcing their appointment of Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan to the Alberta Water Council.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ELECTED OFFICIALS EDUCATION PROGRAM – CORPORATE PLANNING & FINANCE:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding the Elected Officials Education Program Corporate Planning & Finance which is being offered virtually.

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**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – SPRING 2022 MUNICIPAL LEADERS' CAUCUS:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding their Spring 2022 Municipal Leaders' Caucus which is being held both in-person and virtually on March 9-10, 2022.

**COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF ALBERTA – RESPONSE TO STREAMLINING FOREIGN PHYSICIANS:**

A letter was received from the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta in response to streamlining foreign physicians and recruitment of physicians within the province.

**FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES – FCM NEWSLETTERS:**

FCM Newsletters of January 24, 28 & February 7, 2022 was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**FORTIS ALBERTA – AUC NOTICE LETTER - MAXIMUM INVESTMENT LEVELS:**

Correspondence was received from Fortis Alberta which included the Alberta Utilities Commission notice letter respecting the refund of the Fortis Alberta Inc. streetlight investment.

**FORTIS ALBERTA – STREETLIGHT REFUND AND INTERIM DISPUTE PROCESS:**

Correspondence was received from Fortis Alberta regarding streetlight refund investment levels as well as the interim dispute process.

**LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION – 2022 MUNICIPAL REQUISITION:**

A letter was received from the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation as formal notice on the approved 2022 Municipal Requisition.

**MUNICIPAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION CENTRE – THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROGRAM:**

Correspondence was received from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre regarding the Electric Vehicle Charging Program.

**NATIONAL POLICE FEDERATION – KEEP-ALBERTA-RCMP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

A letter was received from the National Police Federation regarding their KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour on the Government of Alberta's proposed Alberta Provincial Police Service.

**NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTER:**

The January 2022 In Stream Newsletters was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

**NORTHERN GATEWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ALBERTA RURAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM:**

A letter was received from Northern Gateway Public Schools regarding the Alberta Rural Education Symposium taking place on March 6-8, 2022.

**STATISTICS CANADA – FINDINGS OF THE 2021 CENSUS COMING SOON:**

Correspondence was received from Statistics Canada regarding the findings of the 2021 Census data which they will start releasing on February 9, 2022.

**STATISTICS CANADA – 2021 CENSUS DATA:**

Correspondence was received from Statistics Canada which included the first release of the 2021 Census data which provides overall population and dwelling counts, further that the 2021 census of population count for Alberta Beach is 864.

**TOWN OF GIBBONS – LETTER REGARDING BILL 21 - PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES ACT:**

The Town of Gibbons forwarded a copy of their letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General regarding Bill 21 – the Provincial Administrative Penalties Act to voice their opposition to its implementation without an amendment that reinstates a citizen's ability to appeal traffic tickets in court versus through an online submission.

**YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – INFORMATION FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS:**

The Yellowhead Regional Library forwarded information for municipal Councillors regarding the structure of public library service in Alberta, regional library systems and benefits from membership in Yellowhead Regional Library.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:**

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#027-22 ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT:  
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives Society letter  
requesting support be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#028-22 FARM SAFETY CENTRE – SAFETY SMART AND SUSTAINABLE FARM FAMILIES PROGRAMS  
REQUEST FOR SUPPORT:  
MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that the Farm Safety Centre letter requesting support for their Safety Smart  
and Sustainable Farm Families Program be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

#029-22 ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – AMENDING 2022 MSI MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:  
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the Alberta Municipal Affairs Amending 2022 MSI Memorandum of  
Agreement be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#030-22 CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF ARB  
OFFICIALS 2022:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approve the Capital Region Assessment Services  
Commission Appointment of ARB Officials for 2022 as follows; Raymond Ralph, ARB Chairperson,  
Gerry! Amarin, ARB Clerk, and Darlene Chartrand, Tina Grozko, Steward Hennig, Richard Knowles and  
Raymond Ralph as ARB Panelists.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#031-22 LAC COUNTRY HOME IMPROVEMENTS - CABIN COUNTRY RE-STORE – LEASE PROPOSAL:  
MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that the Lac Country Home Improvements - Cabin Country Re-Store lease  
proposal be postponed to the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

A question period was held and a brief discussion arose on the Stats Canada 2021 census and the CBC  
news article regarding high speed internet.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

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Mayor – Angela Duncan

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

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**CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST** **FEBRUARY 2022**

**COUNCIL:**

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

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

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

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

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

Nov.16/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council enter into negotiations to renew the lease of the Heritage Village Park with the Alberta Beach & District Museum and Archives Society and further that Council appoint Councillor Durocher and the CAO to be the lead in the negotiations as per Council’s direction and further they be advised that Council will take their requests into consideration.

**TOWN OF ONOWAY CHALLENGE – FIRST RESPONDERS THANK YOU:**

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

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

Feb.15/22 Councillor Elwood has prepared the banners and they are ready for signatures.

**ALBERTA PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE (APPS) ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS:**

Feb.15/22 MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that Councillor Elwood be approved to attend the Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) Transition Study engagement session hosted by Alberta Municipalities in Ponoka on February 28, 2022 as well as the National Police Federation meeting on February 17, 2022 and further that meeting fees be paid for attendance at the meetings.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

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

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

Sept. 21/21 Letter was sent to TVRSSC.

Oct.19/21 Sidewalk repair has been completed.

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

**PARKING OF OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL:**

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

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

**COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC):**

Nov.16/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council direct administration to seek further information on the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) and report back to Council.

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

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

Feb.15/22 Email was received to confirm our request was received and they will respond soon.

**COUNCIL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY:**

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

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

Feb.15/22 Policy was reviewed at round table meeting, admin will make further changes & distribute to Council.

**NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION DAY AND NOMINATION DAY:**

Feb.15/22 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the By-Election be held on April 4, 2022 and that Nomination Day be held on March 7, 2022.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY:**

Feb.15/22 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that administration draft a Professional Development Policy.

**ROUND TABLE MEETING DATE CHANGES:**

Feb.15/22 MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the round table meeting dates be rescheduled as follows: March 14 to March 7, June 13 to June 6, October 10 to October 11 and November 14 to November 7, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – AMENDING 2022 MSI MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:**

Feb.15/22 MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the Alberta Municipal Affairs Amending 2022 MSI Memorandum of Agreement be approved.

**CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF ARB OFFICIALS 2022:**

Feb.15/22 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approve the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission Appointment of ARB Officials for 2022 as follows; Raymond Ralph, ARB Chairperson, Gerryl Amorin, ARB Clerk, and Darlene Chartrand, Tina Grozko, Steward Hennig, Richard Knowles and Raymond Ralph as ARB Panelists.

**LAC COUNTRY HOME IMPROVEMENTS - CABIN COUNTRY RE-STORE – LEASE PROPOSAL:**

Feb.15/22 MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that the Lac Country Home Improvements - Cabin Country Re-Store lease proposal be postponed to the next meeting.

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

Jan.19/21 Bolson Engineering reported that 3 tenders were received for the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project as follows: Rockhill Contracting \$101,430.00; Roadbridge Services \$167,755.35; and TCL Construction \$352,800.00.

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve to award the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project to the low bidder, Rockhill Contracting in the amount of \$101,430.00 including gst to be funded through the Municipal Stimulus Program.

Feb.16/21 Project started today. Admin is posting information on project & road closures or detours.

Mar.16/21 Project nearing completion, installing catch basins.

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

June 15/21 Sidewalk & pavement rehab is complete, sod company rescheduled to next week, then area needs to be fenced.

July 20/21 P.W. is still watering the grass, still need to install the fence.

Oct.19/21 Fence has been completed & minor work is still to be completed.

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

Aug.14/18 Development Agreement Deposit has been received. (D.O. was advised)

Sept.18/18 Sidewalks/ramp was completed/admin will invoice or deduct from deposit.(Invoice was deducted from deposit)

June 18/19 Development Agreement has been forwarded to D.O. (Development is ongoing)

Dec. 15/20 Development Officer is following up on the development.

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

Sept.21/21 Development Officer has advised that the property owner has requested more time to complete outstanding items which include: parking stalls & identification of parking stalls; garbage containers; and landscaping.

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ALBERTA BEACH  
VILLAGE POLICIES

POLICY: G.3.6 COUNCIL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

1. PURPOSE

a) The purpose of the Council Electronic Device Policy is to provide Councillors with the resources to view digital information with respect to municipal matters. Alberta Beach views technology as being supportive to the business of municipal governance and in communication with the public, other Councillors, other organizations and the municipal administration. The policy is intended to guide the acquisition, use and responsibility, replacement, disposal and personal use of electronic devices required by Council members. In preparation of this policy, it is recognized that the anticipated useful life of a typical electronic device is approximately 4 (four) years as the device depreciates over time.

2. ACQUISITION PROCEDURE

- a) Alberta Beach shall provide reimbursement to each Council member for the purchase of an electronic device to be used for Council business for each Council 4 (four) year term of office.
- b) Council members within 3 (three) months of taking office may purchase an electronic device and the Council member shall be reimbursed for the electronic device to a maximum of \$750.00 (seven hundred and fifty dollars) upon the completion of a waiver in accordance with 2.c), or the reimbursement shall be provided on a pro-rated basis of \$15.63 (fifteen dollars and sixty three cents) per month for the balance of the Council term of office or partial term of office in the case of a by-election.
- c) Council members shall sign a waiver (attached as Schedule "A") for the reimbursement of the electronic device agreeing to purchase the balance of useful life on the device in accordance with 5.a) should the Council member resign from their position on Council prior to the full term of office.
- d) Council members shall be individually responsible to decide on the electronic device preferred; and the electronic device reimbursement may include device hardware, software or can be a combination of both to the maximum reimbursement in accordance with 2.b) above.
- e) Council members shall submit the purchase receipt(s) to administration for reimbursement of the electronic device, hardware, software or combination thereof or may submit a request to administration to purchase the device directly through the municipality.
- f) Alberta Beach shall reimburse Council members for antivirus protection for the electronic device to a maximum of \$100.00 annually. Council members shall submit the receipt to administration for reimbursement or may submit a request to administration to purchase the antivirus protection directly through the municipality.

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**POLICY: G.3.6 COUNCIL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

**3. USE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- a) Council members shall be responsible for the operation, care and maintenance of the electronic device.
- b) Council members shall take every reasonable precaution to secure the electronic device and its contents including password protection.
- c) Council members shall ensure their electronic device has antivirus protection.
- d) Council members shall use the electronic device for all Council business, email, for reference and viewing of the Council and/or committee meeting agenda and associated meeting packages.
- e) Council members shall use the electronic device in accordance with Policy G.3.2 Email and Internet Use Policy as well as all other Alberta Beach policies and bylaws.
- f) Records stored on the electronic device as it relates to the business of the municipality are covered by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- g) The electronic device is the property of Alberta Beach until or unless purchased by a Council member in accordance with section 4 of this policy, or disposed of in accordance with section 5 of this policy.

**4. DEVICE REPLACEMENT**

- a) Should a Council member lose the electronic device, the Council member will replace the device at their own cost.
- b) Should a Council member break an electronic device, the Council member will repair or replace the device at their cost.
- c) Should an electronic device become faulty due to manufacturer error, the Council member will arrange to have the electronic device repaired or replaced and any costs associated with the repair or replacement not covered by the manufacturer will be the responsibility of the Council member.
- d) Any expense incurred through the use of the electronic device is the responsibility of the Council member.

**5. DEVICE DISPOSAL**

- a) The useful life of the electronic devices is approximately 4 (four) years as the device depreciates over time. The depreciation on the electronic device shall be calculated on a monthly rate depending on the purchase price of the electronic device to a maximum depreciation of \$15.63 (fifteen dollars and sixty three cents) per month.
- b) Upon the completion of the Council 4 (four) year term of office the Council members shall be entitled to retain their electronic device for personal use, subject to all Council information being wiped clean and Council data removed from the device.
- c) Should a Council member resign from their position on Council before the term of office has expired, the Council member shall purchase the balance of the useful life remaining

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on the device calculated in accordance with section 5.a) above and subject to all Council information being wiped clean and Council data removed from the device.

**6. PERSONAL USE**

- a) Electronic devices are tools for Council members to conduct municipal business and shall not be permitted to be used by others.
- b) Electronic devices may be used for personal business, however are subject to FOIP (*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw as well as all Alberta Beach bylaws and policies and shall not be used for any illegal or unlawful purposes.

**7. POLICY REVIEW**

- a) This policy shall be reviewed every four (4) years or as needed.
- b) Any change to this policy shall be at the discretion of Council.

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**SCHEDULE "A"**

**WAIVER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree to Policy #G.3.6 Council Electronic Device Policy. I agree that should I resign from my position on Council prior to the end of the term of office that I shall purchase and reimburse the municipality for the balance of useful life on the electronic device in accordance with the policy. I further agree that this amount may be deducted from any monies the municipality may owe me for my term on Council.

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Print Name

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**By-Election Called for Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche**

Premier Kenney has announced the by-election for the riding Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche will take place on March 15, 2022. Kenney's rival, Brian Jean will be representing the UCP in the upcoming by-election. Jean was the former MLA of the riding (when it was known as Fort McMurray – Conklin) and resigned in 2018 after Kenney defeated him in the 2017 UCP leadership race. Jean has been a vocal opponent of Kenney since day one and has been very clear that he intends to replace Jason Kenney as the leader of the UCP.

Jean has publicly announced his plans to sign up a massive number of new members to vote against Kenney during his April 9 leadership review. Jean will face off against NDP candidate Ariana Mancini, Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta candidate Paul Hinman, Alberta Advantage Party candidate Marilyn Burns, Michelle Landsiedel of the Alberta Party, and Abdulhakim Hussein for the Liberals. Each party is hopeful that their candidate will take the by-election, with many saying that the UCP infighting is districting and disenfranchising UCP voters, giving other parties a chance to take the lead.

**Coutts Border Blockade Dismantled**

Earlier this week, the Coutts border blockade was dismantled and regular traffic resumed along the border. Protestors had been interfering with border traffic since January 19, 2022, leading to hundreds of millions of

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dollars in lost revenue, supply chain disruptions, and personal inconveniences to travellers. The blockade came to an end after the RCMP arrested 13 individuals and seized a store of firearms and ammunition including 13 long guns, handguns, a machete, body armour and a large quantity of ammunition.

Charges have been laid against some protestors after the RCMP became aware of serious threats being made against officers, the RCMP reported that “the group was said to have a willingness to use force against the police if any attempts were made to disrupt the blockade”. In addition to the treats, two of the protest vehicles attempted to ram RCMP cruisers. More arrests and charges are being planned.

### **Law Society Investigating Tyler Shandro’s Behaviour as Health Minister**

The Law Society of Alberta is investigating three separate allegations of professional misconduct. Tyler Shandro served as Health Minister from April 2019 to September 2021 during the peak of COVID-19 in Alberta. He received the brunt of the criticism towards the UCP government’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, including a disturbing event where Shandro had to pass his children over a fence to get them away from an angry crowd that had encircled the family.

The accusations against Shandro include using his position as Minister of Health to obtain the personal cell phone numbers of medical staff and contacting them outside of work hours, confronting Dr. Mukarram Zaidi at his home over a social media post, and threatening to call the authorities over emails sent to his wife. If the Law Society finds that he acted unprofessionally, Shandro could be facing reprimand, fine, suspension, or even disbarment.

### **COVID-19 on February 18, 2022**

On February 18, the province is seeing the lowest positivity rate since December. This comes after the province eliminated the COVID-19 vaccine passport program, reduced restrictions on gatherings, and eliminated the requirement that students wear masks at school. Alberta and Saskatchewan were the first provinces in the country to reduce the restrictions, with Ontario following suit with a plan to remove the proof of vaccination requirement on March 1, 2022.

There are currently 1,491 people in the hospital with COVID-19 and 116 patients in intensive care. 80.7% of Albertans have had at least one dose of vaccine, 75.5% have received two doses, and 34.8% have received three doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Canada's Olympic News**

On February 18, 2022, Canada's Olympic athletes have earned 24 total medals including 4 gold, 7 silver, and 13 bronze medals. Canada's gold medals were earned in men's slopestyle snowboarding, women's team pursuit speedskating, men's 5,000-metre relay short track speed skating, and women's tournament ice hockey. Canada's silver medals were earned in men's moguls freestyle skiing, men's 1,500-metre short track speed skating, men's snowboardcross, women's 5,000-meter speedskating, women's ski cross freestyle skiing, women's halfpipe freestyle skiing, and men's 1,000-meter speedskating.

Canada's bronze medals were earned in women's 3,000-meter speedskating, women's 500-meter short-track speedskating, mixed team ski jumping, men's slopestyle snowboarding, women's snowboard cross, men's combined Alpine skiing, mixed team aerials freestyle skiing, mixed team snowboard cross, men's 500-meter short-track speedskating, women's mono Bob bobsleighbing, men's big air snowboarding, women's halfpipe freestyle skiing, and men's tournament curling. The Olympics final day is Sunday, February 20.

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**Budget 2022**

For the first time since 2014, the Government of Alberta is projected to enjoy a balanced budget. Driven by booming bitumen and natural resource royalties, the province is expected to see a \$511 million surplus in 2022-23 followed by two years of balance. Total revenue is expected to reach \$62.6 billion in the next fiscal year with natural resource income making up about \$13.8 billion of that total. Real GDP is projected to grow by 5.4% as well (though growth will slow the following two years).

The health care budget is projected to grow by about \$600 million and includes \$750 million for COVID-19 costs (including addressing surgical backlog). Details were released on some tax amendments, including a reduction to smokeless tobacco, increases to the Education Tax, and more deliberate enforcement of Tourism Levy collection and remittance for short-term rental companies on online marketplaces.

**Alberta to Challenge Emergencies Act**

Premier Jason Kenney has confirmed that Alberta will push forward with the planned legal challenge of the federal government's implementation of the *Emergencies Act*. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced on February 23 that it would lift the measures put in place by the act as the extraordinary powers were no longer required. Premier Kenney also tabled Motion 10, condemning the use of the act in the Legislature.

The Premier indicated that the end of the act's powers does not warrant an end to legal pursuits. "That does not change the profound concerns of Canadians, of Albertans and this assembly with this unnecessary, unjustified and disproportionate use of arbitrary police power in our lifetime with no good reason."

### **Major Investment in Red Deer Hospital**

A central Alberta hospital has received significant investment from the province to conduct a major expansion. The provincial government has allocated \$1.8 billion to Red Deer Regional Hospital to construct a major expansion. \$193 million will be allocated over the next three years and will increase hospital capacity by 54 per cent.

Health Minister Jason Copping commented on the funding, saying "Red Deer and central Alberta's growing populations mean that our ability to effectively provide health care with the current hospital is limited, resulting in all too frequent disruptions to patient care. This needed redevelopment will increase capacity and expand services to meet central Albertans' needs into the future. "

### **Province Supports Ukraine**

In light of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine, Alberta will be providing financial support to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Canada Ukraine Foundation. The province will contribute \$1 million to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal which will be used to support aid to Ukraine.

During a press conference, Premier Kenney said "it's important to all of us that we stand in solidarity with them as they see their homeland and the homeland of their ancestors subject to this kind of aggression that we have not seen in Europe since the 1940's."

### **Announcement Expected Regarding COVID-19 Restrictions**

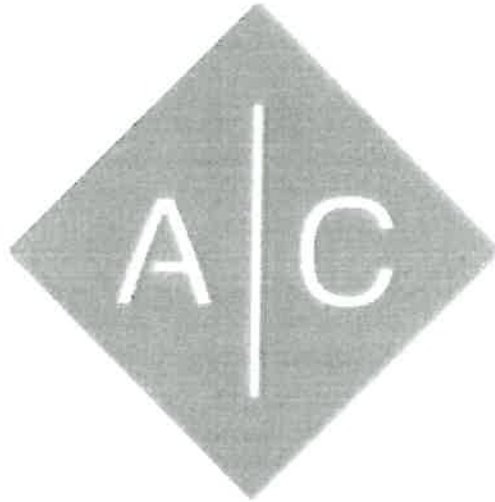
On February 26<sup>th</sup>, the province is expected to announce a final decision about whether or not public health restrictions could be further lifted on March 1. In a series of tweets, the Premier indicated that "damaging restrictions should not last one day longer than necessary to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. We must learn to live with Covid, and get our lives back to normal."

The province has seen a decline in hospitalizations and ICU beds in use since the province announced its most recent restriction removal earlier this month, though the demand on the health care system remains high. It is likely the province will move forward with stage 2 of restriction lifting, which includes an end to the provincial mask mandate (though some jurisdictions will maintain their own masking by-laws, including Edmonton).

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### **Oil Prices Soar as Russian-Ukrainian Conflict Continues**

Albertans are feeling the effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine here at home. Already high gas prices have risen further with communities across the province seeing prices at the pumps over \$1.55 per litre. For comparison, gas prices two years ago were sitting at only \$0.78 per litre. Russia is the third-largest global producer of oil with the United States importing roughly 800,000 barrels per day of Russian oil.

The sanctions on Russia have left many countries around the world paying a much higher premium to meet their nation's demands for oil. Oil is currently sitting at around \$110 USD and is expected to rise to over \$140 USD in the upcoming weeks as the conflict continues. The increased price of oil will have a noticeable impact on all levels of the Canadian market as consumers expect to pay more for everyday items. The Alberta government is once again calling on the federal government to scrap its carbon tax to ease the financial burden on Albertans.

### **Alberta Lifts Almost All COVID-19 Mandates**

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, nearly all the province's COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. There are no longer any restrictions regarding indoor gatherings, outdoor gatherings, capacity limits, and masks. The province has also



ended the popular mandatory work-from-home order as companies and employees are getting ready to return to the office.

Masks are only required in high-risk settings including public transit, airports, and Alberta Health-operated facilities. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are still required to isolate. Alberta is not the first to lift almost all COVID-19 restrictions. Countries around the world have eliminated all restrictions, citing that COVID-19 is something that the world is now going to have to just live with.

### **Provincial Government to Limit Municipalities' Abilities to Implement Health Regulations**

The provincial government has announced its plan to introduce legislation to "limit the ability of municipalities to enact bylaws that are contrary to provincial public health policy and expertise." The exact date of the changes is unclear, but Premier Kenney announced the changes will be made "very soon". This comes after the City of Edmonton voted to keep their mask mandate in place after the provincial government lifted its provincial mask mandate.

Edmonton Mayor Amarjeet Sohi called the move by the provincial government an "overreach of authority", adding that he found the premier's decision "deeply disappointing". Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek also voiced her opposition to the provincial decision. Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Deena Hinshaw has previously said Albertans may still choose to wear face masks in public and that people should make choices based on their own comfort level. She also encouraged Albertans to be kind and respectful of other people's individual choices.

### **Alberta Invests \$390 Million into High-Speed Internet for Rural and Remote Communities**

The government of Alberta has announced plans to invest \$390 million in province-wide high-speed internet. The ambitious government plan hopes to connect every home and business in the province to high-speed internet by the end of the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This money is in addition to the \$150 million from the province last July and matching funds from the federal government. The estimated total price tag for this project is \$1 billion, a price worth paying according to Premier Kenney who argued that the investment will result in Alberta leading the country in economic growth, recovery, and job creation.

It is estimated that 489,000 Albertans don't have access to high-speed internet including 80% of Indigenous communities and 67% of rural and remote communities. Alberta's Broadband Strategy is expected to create roughly 1,500 jobs.

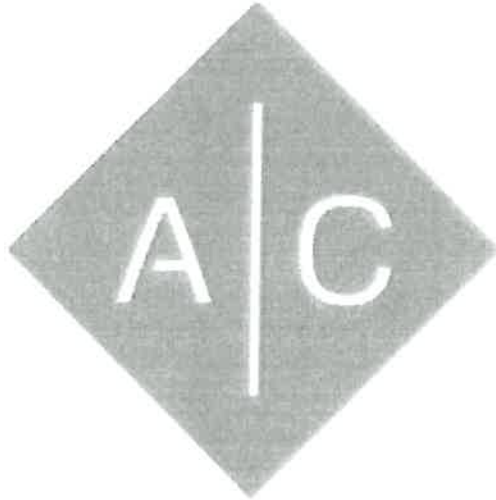
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In our feature article, we explore the key themes you can expect to see in Budget 2022 this week.

One of our newest junior associates, Allyssa Rygersberg, takes a look at the landscape of the Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche by-election.

Finally, our Key Influencer in this issue is Ariana Mancini, NDP candidate in Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche.

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

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## BUDGET 2022: TO BALANCE, OR NOT TO BALANCE

Aaron Singleton

When the United Conservative Party tabled its first budget as government in October 2019, the state of Alberta's finances was framed as being severely strained, but not unfixable. Then, the provincial government projected that it would be able to erase the deficit by the 2022-23 fiscal year while total debt would rise to around \$114.2 billion.

The last pre-pandemic budget was tabled in February 2020. Just four short months after their maiden fiscal plan, the projections were changed. While the projection for balance was maintained, the government had estimated that it could do so while reducing the projected deficit to \$107.4 billion.

A few short weeks after Budget 2020 was tabled, the world changed. Of course, no fault can be placed on the provincial government for a pandemic that, frankly, impacted every jurisdiction's fiscal picture in a titanic way. Nevertheless, it is still the responsibility of the government of the day to deal with all the relevant implications.

For a long time after the COVID-19 global outbreak, talks of returning to a balanced budget did not exist, except to say that the promise of balancing the budget before the next provincial election would be impossible. Premier Jason Kenney shared the news before Budget 2021, saying, "the reality is, with what we've been handed by COVID, we cannot realistically balance the budget in the next two years."

Not only were we hit with significant damage to trade and tax revenue, the oil and gas sector was dealt a devastating blow. Albertans will not soon forget when a barrel of crude oil was selling for negative dollars due to record low demand as travel declined sharply. There was also quite a bit of drama and speculation surrounding OPEC+ at the same time. This, combined with the economic impacts of an ongoing recession and pandemic restrictions, contributed to what the province frequently referred to as a triple-black-swan event.

Thankfully, Alberta's economic future has started to look a whole lot brighter over the last year. Although most of our regions have seen slight slippages in January's labour force statistics (versus December 2021), the entire province has seen a nice year-over-year improvement of 3.6%. According to the same report, it is also estimated that there were around 117,000 more people employed in the province than we saw in January 2021.

Of course, one cannot overlook the role that a revitalized energy sector has played in the province's economic recovery. At the time of writing, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) is trading for around \$90/bbl which is quickly approaching the selling highs we saw in 2014 and is showing no real sign of crashing anytime soon. As a result, oil and gas companies are seeing an influx in revenue in a way we have not experienced in a long, long time. In turn, this means that the province's bottom line will improve significantly due to surging royalty revenues from the energy sector.

On Friday afternoon, Premier Jason Kenney released a video on his social media that gave Albertans a small glimpse into what can be expected from Budget 2022. The key themes identified by the Premier were:

- Building health care capacity
- Doubling down on Alberta's Recovery Plan
- Sticking to the UCP fiscal plan

#### Health Care Capacity

While the last two years of pandemic have created a polarizing political climate across the province, one thing that most across the ideological spectrum can agree on is that Alberta needs to beef up our ability to respond to future COVID-19 (and other unknown) crises in the future. In the fourth wave, Alberta narrowly avoided implementing the Critical Care Triage Protocol. During Omicron, we have seen record hospital admissions and some facilities reach critical capacity.

**We've got to learn to live safely with COVID-19 without the need for damaging restrictions that limit our personal freedoms and hurt our economy.**

Premier Jason Kenney

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However, one thing that does vary across the spectrum is how we accomplish the goal of improved health care capacity. For the United Conservatives, their strategy has consistently been to find ways to manage spikes in health care demand and impose restrictions as a last resort. Recent statements from the Premier seem to suggest that is not about to change.

"We've got to learn to live safely with COVID-19 without the need for damaging restrictions that limit our personal freedoms and hurt our economy."

Shortly after the pandemic began, the EY review of Alberta Health Services provided a number of recommendations for how to improve health care inefficiencies in a fiscally prudent way. The province committed to not cutting health care spending during the 2019 election, so we will either see a shuffling of dollars around the ministry, new funding announcements (increased spending), or both.

The province has frequently called on the federal government to increase the amount of money it receives in the form of health transfers. In 2022-23, we will be receiving \$5.25 billion from Ottawa. Based on the request of multiple premiers in September, Alberta is hoping to receive 22 to 35 per cent more – an amount that the province likely will be unable to contribute itself.

#### Alberta's Recovery Plan

Released in the summer of 2020, Alberta's Recovery Plan is the UCP's answer to the economic downturn. The massive plan was designed to touch all aspects of the economy from diversification and agriculture to post-secondary training and hydrogen development. Based on the Premier's comments, it does not sound like the province has any desire to change course.

"That plan is working, and this budget will double down on that with big investments in employment and skills training."

The province has not been shy about its support of young Albertans pursuing a trades education, so it seems like the province will continue down the road paved by Alberta 2030 for things like on-the-job training and apprenticeships.

It is likely that we will hear details about the third intake of the Alberta Jobs Now program. This program gives employers offset funding to help with the cost of hiring and training staff for positions in the workforce. The last intake ended on December 17th.

#### Sticking to the Plan

This section of Premier Kenney's pretense was left intentionally vague; however, it did speak volumes about speculation we have been hearing for the last number of weeks. Some economists have suggested that the rising value of crude oil along with a more free-moving economy could lead to an earlier-than-expected balanced budget by the UCP. With that being said, the Premier's words seem to paint a different picture of the future.

"I'm proud that we've held the line on spending for the last few years and will continue to show discipline to put us on a path to balancing the budget."

Put another way, the plan this year is to continue to table a budget with minimal increases in spending with no balance in place for 2022-23. While it seems very unlikely we will have a balanced budget this year, what seems more than likely is we will finally see a surplus again sometime within the lifespan of this new fiscal plan. It also sets up this UCP Government for the opportunity to table a politically advantageous budget in 2023 which comes three short months before the general election.

Don't forget to register for our Budget 2022 analysis webinar on Friday, February 25 at Noon. You can purchase tickets at <https://www.albertacounsel.com/events>.

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Premier Jason Kenney



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## POLITICAL EVENTS

### Alberta Counsel – Budget 2022 Webinar Friday, February 25th @ Noon

Location: Online

- Join the Alberta Counsel Government Relations team as we provide a summary of Budget 2022 and answer your questions
- Tix: \$75 ([albertacounsel.com/events](http://albertacounsel.com/events))

### NDP – Women and Alberta's Recovery Saturday, March 5th @ 5:00 pm

Location: Online

- Join MLA Rakhi Pancholi and guests to celebrate International Women's Day.
- Tix: \$10-\$100 ([albertandp.ca/events](http://albertandp.ca/events))

### UCP – Special General Meeting Saturday, April 9th

Location: Cambridge Red Deer Hotel and Conference Centre

- UCP members can attend a special general meeting which will include the party's leadership review. Additional details to be released.
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### Alberta Counsel – Non-Profit Day 2022

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Location: Matrix Hotel, Edmonton

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### KEY INFLUENCER PROFILE

## ARIANA MANCINI

NDP Candidate (Fort McMurray – Lac La Biche)

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Ariana Mancini is the NDP candidate for the upcoming Fort-McMurray-Lac La Biche byelection. She is in the race against UCP candidate, Brian Jean, Wildrose Independence Party candidate, Paul Hinman, and Alberta Advantage Party, Marilyn Burns. Mancini was motivated to run in the byelection, which will be held on March 15th, by rising inflation, costs of living and the UCP's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mancini was born in Drumheller, Alberta, and studied at the University of Alberta and the Faculte Saint-Jean. She has worked as a public-school teacher in Fort McMurray for the last 11 years, and currently teaches Grade 4 teacher at Ecole Dickinsfield School. Mancini is also on the executive of Fort McMurray Local 48 of the Alberta Teachers' Association. She lives in Timberlea with her partner, Craig, and her two dogs.

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## AT A GLANCE

### In the Media

#### **Alberta Eliminates Proof-of-Vaccine Program**

On February 9, Alberta officially ended the vaccine passport program. Kenney announced that this is the first step in a "careful and prudent" plan that will see an end to all COVID-19 restrictions and allow Albertans to "get our lives back to normal". Taking place on Monday, students in Alberta schools will no longer have to wear masks, and children under 12 will no longer be required to wear masks anywhere. The provincial work-from-home order as well as the provincial mask mandate, capacity limits, and social gathering limits will all be removed on March 1, 2022.

Health Minister Copping assured Albertans that the government will continue to monitor the healthcare system and promised to act if necessary. While announcing the changes, Kenney spoke about the irreparable damage the regulations have had on the lives of Albertans, saying that the pandemic rules "disrupted and even destroyed livelihoods". Alberta is not the first to lift restrictions, many countries in Europe have eliminated all restrictions.

#### **Alberta's QR Code Reader App No Longer Available**

On Wednesday, Alberta eliminated the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) and has removed the QR code reader app from the app store. Businesses with the app already downloaded will still be able to use the app for "quite some time" according to Health Minister Copping. Businesses may implement their own vaccine passport program if they choose, but the program will no longer be mandated by the province. Active cases have continued to trend downwards over the past few days with officials predicting a continued decline in infection, hospitalization, and death.

Cases peaked in January at 71,600 active cases as of February 11, active cases are down to 25,339. Surveys have showed that Albertans are opposed to COVID-19 related mandates. A Leger poll released this week showed that 24% of Albertans are "angry" about the current state of the pandemic. 30% of Canadians believe it is the right time to lift restrictions and "learn to live" with the virus and 42% of Canadians say they are not afraid of COVID-19.

#### **By-Election Called for Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche**

Premier Kenney has announced the by-election for the riding Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche will take place on March 15, 2022. Kenney's rival, Brian Jean will be representing the UCP in the upcoming by-election. Jean was the former MLA of the riding (when it was known as

Fort McMurray - Conklin) and resigned in 2018 after Kenney defeated him in the 2017 UCP leadership race. Jean has been a vocal opponent of Kenney since day one and has been very clear that he intends to replace Jason Kenney as the leader of the UCP.

Jean has publicly announced his plans to sign up a massive number of new members to vote against Kenney during his April 9 leadership review. Jean will face off against NDP candidate Ariana Mancini, Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta candidate Paul Hinman, Alberta Advantage Party candidate Marilyn Burns, Michelle Landsiedel of the Alberta Party, and Abdulhakim Hussein for the Liberals. Each party is hopeful that their candidate will take the by-election, with many saying that the UCP fighting is districting and disenfranchising UCP voters, giving other parties a chance to take the lead.

#### **Coutts Border Blockade Dismantled**

Earlier this week, the Coutts boarder blockade was dismantled and regular traffic resumed along the border. Protestors had been interfering with border traffic since January 19, 2022, leading to hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue, supply chain disruptions, and personal inconveniences to travelers. The blockade came to an end after the RCMP arrested 13 individuals and seized a store of firearms and ammunition including 13 long guns, handguns, a machete, body armour and a large quantity of ammunition.

Charges have been laid against some protestors after the RCMP became aware of serious threats being made against officers, the RCMP reported that "the group was said to have a willingness to use force against the police if any attempts were made to disrupt the blockade". In addition to the treats, two of the protest vehicles attempted to ram RCMP cruisers. More arrests and charges are being planned.

#### **Law Society Investigating Tyler Shandro's Behaviour as Health Minister**

The Law Society of Alberta is investigating three separate allegations of professional misconduct. Tyler Shandro served as Health Minister from April 2019 to September 2021 during the peak of COVID-19 in Alberta. He received the brunt of the criticism towards the UCP government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, including a disturbing event where Shandro had to pass his children over a fence to get them away from an angry crowd that had encircled the family.

The accusations against Shandro include using his position as Minister of Health to obtain the personal cell phone numbers of medical staff and contacting them outside of work hours, confronting Dr. Mukarram Zaidi at his home over a social media post, and threatening to call the authorities over emails sent to his wife. If the Law Society finds that he acted unprofessionally, Shandro could be facing reprimand, fine, suspension, or even disbarment.



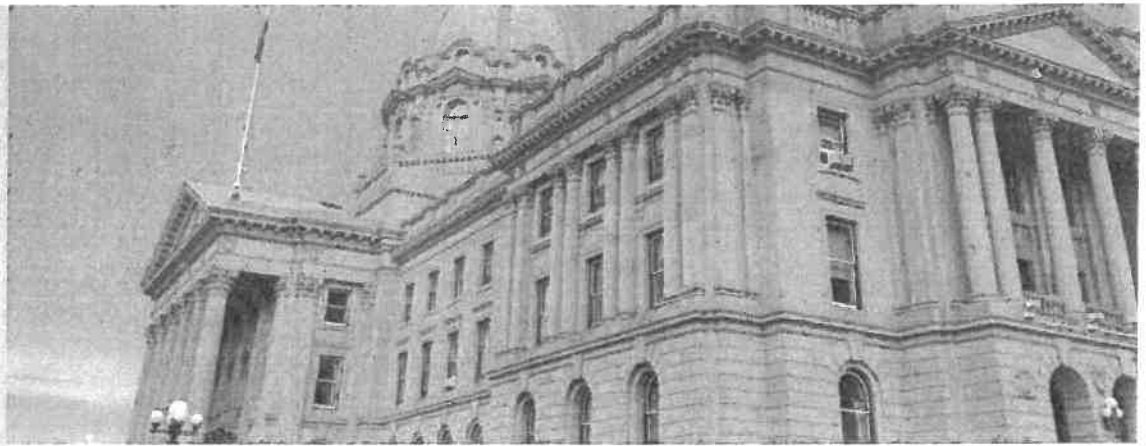
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## BEWARE OF THE IDES OF MARCH BY-ELECTION

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Constituents in the Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche riding will take to the polls to cast their vote in the upcoming by-election on March 15, 2022. The vacancy arose when MLA Laila Goodridge resigned to run for MP in the House of Commons for the Conservative party in August. An order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council was issued on February 15th to officially trigger the start of the campaign period. The By-election must take place 28 days from when the Order in Council is issued according to the Election Act.

While the established legal procedures were unfolding, Brian Jean re-emerged onto the political stage. Jean won the nomination race held in December with 68% of the vote against Joshua Gogo. Jean will face off against NDP candidate Ariana Mancini and Wildrose Independence Party leader Paul Hinman who sees this by-election as "the most important election in Alberta's near-term history."

The last by-election held in Fort McMurray was on July 12, 2018. Brian Jean resigned on March 5, 2018, several months after he was defeated by Jason Kenney in the UCP leadership race. Laila Goodridge ran as UCP candidate and won the by-election.

This will be the first by-election to occur in the 30th Legislative Assembly of Alberta. A relatively small number in comparison to the 29th Legislative Assembly running from 2015-2019, where there were five, Jean's resignation being one of them. In 2017, Jason Kenney secured a seat in a by-election when Dave Rodney resigned in the Calgary-Lougheed riding to provide a seat for the new UCP leader. Like many past by-elections, voter turnout was low with only 35 percent of the population casting a ballot.

With this by-election, it is predicted that voter turnout will inevitably be low. In general, low voter turnout is attributed to disillusionment, indifference, or a sense of futility (the perception that one's vote won't make any difference). A contributing factor is that the Fort-McMurray-Lac La Biche riding has primarily been Conservative since its inception. The only exception was when the riding was won by a Liberal candidate from 1993 until 1997. Seeing how the riding is primarily Conservative, one could argue that there is very little opportunity for other parties to gain traction, making people less motivated to get out and vote when the future seems certain.

It may also seem obvious that Jean will take the riding because he is a well-known former MLA in the area. He was the MLA in Fort McMurray-Conklin for the Wildrose Party from 2015 to 2017 and then for the UCP from 2017 to 2018. He won his spot with a significant lead and is likely to be easily re-elected in the by-election.

However, unlike any other party member in Alberta's electoral history, Jean is directly and openly gunning for the Premier's job. Jean is highly critical of Kenney's handling of the pandemic, believing Kenney was not hard enough with Alberta Health Services and Public Health about being transparent with Albertans over the facts. Most recently, Jean has framed the vote in the upcoming by-election as: if Kenney stays as the leader, the NDP will win the next election.

We won't know the full impact of this by-election until the UCP members meet in Red Deer for their special general meeting and leadership review on April 9th. The members will vote and Kenney needs one-half of the party's support to win - something not to be shrugged off despite any tactics and strategies used by Kenney and his supporters.

In 2017, the leadership race that led to Kenney being crowned leader of the UCP was filled with controversy and remains under investigation by the RCMP. Last year, 15 MLAs signed a public letter criticizing Kenney's COVID-19 public health restrictions for being too stringent. Jean and others in the UCP's anti-Kenney camp are frustrated over Kenney's centralized, top-down style of governance which is significantly contrary to the "grassroots" approach he originally promised.

We know from recent polling that more than two-thirds of Albertans think Kenney deserves a leadership review and 60 percent think he should resign. The numbers also show that the NDP continues to lead with 43 percent of decided or leaning voters saying they are prepared to vote for Rachel Notley and the NDP, compared to 32 percent for Kenney's UCP government.

Given the crippling state of Kenney's leadership, one cannot help but ask if it's just a coincidence that the by-election that will likely see Jean back in office falls on the Ides of March? Is this a sign of dark and gloomy times to come for the current Premier?

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In our feature article, we review some of the key metrics from Budget 2022 and provide an update on the UCP leadership review.

One of our newest junior associates, Sydney McHale, provides a detailed overview of the latest cabinet shuffle.

Finally, our Key Influencer in this issue is Brian Jean, UCP candidate in Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche.

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

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## A BALANCED BUDGET – AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Aaron Singleton

Albertans find themselves in the middle of a critical six-week period that will set the course for the remainder of the United Conservative Party's first term as government. On February 24th, the province tabled its annual budget to outline the government's projections for the next three fiscal years. On April 9th, United Conservative members will convene at a special general meeting in Red Deer to vote on whether or not Jason Kenney ought to remain as leader of the party.

In this article, we will examine some of the main highlights and reactions to Budget 2022. Additionally, we will preview the UCP leadership review and what comes next for the Government of Alberta.

### Budget 2022: Moving Forward

Finance Minister Travis Toews left no room for interpretation when assembling the 2022-25 fiscal plan – this budget is about leaving the last two years in the rearview mirror and restoring the Alberta Advantage.

"We've worked hard across ministries to make responsible fiscal decisions and have relentlessly positioned the province for exceptional economic growth and expanded fiscal capacity, and it gives me great pleasure today to present Budget 2022, a balanced budget."

Indeed, the Alberta Government has tabled its first balanced budget in what may feel like forever, and it seems like balance is the plan for the duration of this fiscal plan. When the pandemic hit, the provincial government did not pull any punches when it informed Albertans that it would not be able to achieve balance before the 2023 general election due to the fiscal challenges brought on by COVID-19. But like things often do so quickly these days, plans change.

In Alberta's case, the change in plans was the meteoric rise of the oil and gas sector. When Budget 2022 was released, WTI was listed at more than \$90USD/bbl; however, the updated fiscal plan wisely takes a conservative approach to projections. Given the current increase in the cost of oil due to the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine, oil may even eclipse all-time records. Of course, oil is a perpetually volatile industry, so we will not know the extent of royalty revenue until Budget 2023.

Alberta's COVID-19 era budgets provided little to no hope that balance would be achievable prior to the 2023 general election, so seeing positive numbers is a welcome change. The projected surplus is estimated to be \$500 million, \$900 million, and \$700 million over the next three fiscal years respectively. Budget 2021 was projecting a deficit of around \$11 billion for 2022-23.

Taxpayer-supported debt is also forecasted to drop over the next three years. For 2022-23, the total is expected to be \$94.7 billion (a decrease of \$21.1 billion) with no forecast for it to eclipse \$100 billion over the course of this fiscal plan. Net debt to GDP is forecast to finish this fiscal year at 18.3% which marks a reduction from the previous budget's projections. Unlike the previous budget, the ratio is expected to continually decrease until 2024-25.

Real GDP is projected to increase nicely for the next fiscal year by 5.4%. Unfortunately, it is also expected to grow less rapidly than projected in Budget 2021, seeing gains of 3.5%, 3.0%, and 2.8% over the following three years.

In dealing with the sudden improvements to revenue projection, the fiscal plan indicates that "any surplus up to the value of the annual earnings of the Heritage Savings Trust Fund will be retained and re-invested in the fund. Any surplus in excess of those savings will be allocated between the Heritage Savings Trust Fund and/or debt repayment."

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Travis Toews, Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

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The Capital Plan total spending has not changed a great deal year-over-year relative to Budget 2021. This new budget allocates \$20.2 billion over the next three years for an average annual envelope of \$6.7 billion. It is projected to support the creation of 19,000 direct and 12,000 indirect new jobs by 2024-25. The province's unemployment rate is projected to be much improved over Budget 2021. The forecast for this year projects a 6.6% rate, dropping over the remainder of the plan to 5.5% in 2025.

Make no mistake – even though the next provincial election will likely not occur until May 2023, this year's fiscal plan was absolutely a campaign budget.

### Leadership Review

For Premier Kenney, his leadership review campaign began well before Budget 2022 was tabled last month. While it is difficult to pinpoint exactly when this transition happened, this writer would suggest things shifted into high gear with Chief of Staff Pam Livingston taking a leave of absence from the Premier's Office to run her boss's campaign team in the middle of February.

Now, we are 32 days away from discovering Premier Kenney's fate.

The rules for the special general meeting on April 9th stipulate that only in-person voting will be accepted. Of course, this means it will be more difficult for those outside of the Calgary-Edmonton Corridor to attend; however, the timing and location of the vote could impact the turnout from rural Alberta. The end of March – beginning of April time is often the start of seeding season for the province's farmers, adding to the attendance challenge.

There is also the consideration of the potential impacts of Bill 81 which now permits the purchase of party memberships for other individuals other than oneself, without their written consent.

And for the Premier, he suggests that the standard majority threshold ought to be enough to remain in power, despite what previous conservative leaders in Alberta have experienced. "In a democracy, a majority is 50 per cent plus one."

While the above plays an important role in the future of the Premier, it is also true that the review's political landscape has changed.

Of course, there is a very vocal "anti-Kenney" by-election taking place in Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche headlined by Brian Jean who has made his political goals quite clear. But Premier Kenney is now fighting a multi-front battle with a new group that is challenging his leadership.

In addition to Brian Jean's campaign, there are other groups that have begun to mobilize in opposition of Jason Kenney's leadership. While they do not appear to be formally connected, a multi-front battle could pose some risk to the incumbent.

One thing holds true in nearly every type of political campaign – the one who has the best "ground game" wins. Among those in the UCP, Premier Kenney is by far and away the strongest political organizer and has a strong campaign history both provincially and federally. However, there is a growing sense that his leadership review opposition is much more organized and will be looking to mobilize dissidents across the province to their cause.

Historically, Alberta premiers have needed between 70-75% to remain as leader of their respective parties during a review. While Jason Kenney has said all he requires is a simple majority, anything less than a landslide victory will fail to quell the internal opposition he has faced for some time now.

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**Budget 2022**

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**Premier Jason Kenney**





## POLITICAL EVENTS

### UCP – Politics and Prosecco

**Wednesday, March 9th @ 6:30 pm**

Location: Matrix Hotel, Edmonton

- Join MLA Rebecca Schulz for her third annual International Women's Day fundraising event.
- Tix: \$75 ([unitedconservative.ca/events](http://unitedconservative.ca/events))

### NDP – Leduc Beaumont AGM

**Monday, March 14th @ 6:30 pm**

Location: Online

- Join the Leduc Beaumont Constituency Association for their annual meeting. You must be a member to vote.
- Tix: Free ([albertandp.ca/events](http://albertandp.ca/events))

### UCP – Special General Meeting

**Saturday, April 9th @ 11 am**

Location: Cambridge Red Deer Hotel and Conference Centre

- UCP members can attend a special general meeting which will include the party's leadership review. Additional details to be released.
- Tix: \$99 ([unitedconservative.ca/events](http://unitedconservative.ca/events))

### Alberta Council – Non-Profit Day 2022

**Tuesday, April 26 @ 7:30 am**

Location: Matrix Hotel, Edmonton

- Join Alberta Council and numerous guest speakers as we host a full day of sessions geared towards the non-profit sector. The event will feature insightful presentations from professionals in law and government relations and practical workshops in marketing and grant writing.
- Tix: \$150 ([nonprofitday.ca](http://nonprofitday.ca))

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### KEY INFLUENCER PROFILE

## BRIAN JEAN

**UCP Candidate for Fort McMurray – Lac La Biche by-election**

Zack Ziolkowski

Brian Jean first entered political life when he was elected to the House of Commons in 2004 in the riding of Athabasca. He also represented the riding of Fort McMurray – Athabasca from 2006 to 2014 when he resigned his federal seat. In February of 2015 he announced he would seek the leadership of the Wildrose Party which he was ultimately successful. In the 2015 provincial election Jean was elected to the Legislature to represent Fort McMurray – Conklin and became the Leader of the

Opposition. Jean resigned as leader of the Wildrose to run for the leadership of the newly created United Conservative Party which he ultimately lost to Jason Kenney.

Jean is now running in the provincial by-election in the riding of Fort McMurray – Lac La Biche which was left vacant following UCP MLA Laila Goodridge winning a federal seat in the most recent federal election. Jean is campaigning on a platform to unseat current leader of the UCP, Jason Kenney.

Brian Jean has been very outspoken against Premier Kenney over the past year or so and is using his opposition as a primary driver for his reason to get back into provincial politics. He is amassing a following in not only the voting public, but it is rumored in the UCP caucus as well. With intentions of overthrowing the current Leader it will be interesting to see his role as a member of the Caucus if he is elected on March 15th.

Many are wondering if he will be able to challenge Kenney for the Leadership of the Party and if he would be successful in an eventual leadership race if Kenney decides to resign. There is some skepticism of whether or not he could pull off a win in a leadership race when he has failed in the past. All we can say for sure is that the space of time between the by-election and the leadership review on April 9th will make for some very interesting political theater.



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#### **Alberta to Challenge Emergencies Act**

Premier Jason Kenney has confirmed that Alberta will push forward with the planned legal challenge of the federal government's implementation of the Emergencies Act. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced on February 23 that it would lift the measures put in place by the act as the extraordinary powers were no longer required. Premier Kenney also tabled Motion 10, condemning the use of the act in the Legislature.

The Premier indicated that the end of the act's powers does not warrant an end to legal pursuits. "That does not change the profound concerns of Canadians, of Albertans and this assembly with this unnecessary, unjustified and disproportionate use of arbitrary police power in our lifetime with no good reason."

#### **Major Investment in Red Deer Hospital**

A central Alberta hospital has received significant investment from the province to conduct a major expansion. The provincial government has allocated \$1.8 billion to Red Deer Regional Hospital to construct a major expansion. \$193 million will be allocated over the next three years and will increase hospital capacity by 54 per cent.

Health Minister Jason Copping commented on the funding, saying "Red Deer and central Alberta's growing populations mean that our ability to effectively provide health care with the current hospital is limited, resulting in all too frequent disruptions to patient care. This needed redevelopment will increase capacity and expand services to meet central Albertans' needs into the future."

#### **Alberta Lifts Almost All COVID-19 Mandates**

As of March 1st, nearly all the province's COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. There are no longer any restrictions regarding indoor gatherings, outdoor gatherings, capacity limits, and masks. The province has also ended the popular mandatory work-from-home order as companies and employees are getting ready to return to the office.

Masks are only required in high-risk settings including public transit, airports, and Alberta Health operated facilities. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are still required to isolate. Alberta is not the first to lift almost all COVID-19 restrictions. Countries around the world have eliminated all restrictions, citing that COVID-19 is something that the world is now going to have to just live with.

#### **Provincial Government to Limit Municipalities' Abilities to Implement Health Regulations**

The provincial government has announced its plan to introduce legislation to "limit the ability of municipalities to enact bylaws that are contrary to provincial public health policy and expertise." The exact date of the changes is unclear, but Premier Kenney announced the changes will be made "very soon". This comes after the City of Edmonton voted to keep their mask mandate in place after the provincial government lifted its provincial mask mandate.

Edmonton Mayor Amarjeet Sohi called the move by the provincial government an "overreach of authority", adding that he found the premier's decision "deeply disappointing". Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek also voiced her opposition to the provincial decision. Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Deena Hinshaw has previously said Albertans may still choose to wear face masks in public and that people should make choices based on their own comfort level. She also encouraged Albertans to be kind and respectful of other people's individual choices.

#### **Alberta Invests \$390 Million into High-Speed Internet for Rural and Remote Communities**

The government of Alberta has announced plans to invest \$390 million in province wide high-speed internet. The ambitious government plan hopes to connect every home and business in the province to high-speed internet by the end of the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This money is in addition to the \$150 million from the province last July and matching funds from the federal government. The estimated total price tag for this project is \$1 billion, a price worth paying according to Premier Kenney who argued that the investment will result in Alberta leading the country in economic growth, recovery, and job creation.

It is estimated that 489,000 Albertans don't have access to high-speed internet including 80% of Indigenous communities and 67% of rural and remote communities. Alberta's Broadband Strategy is expected to create roughly 1,500 jobs.



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## LATEST CABINET SHUFFLE ACCOMMODATES A NEW ROLE FOR MADU

Sydney McHale

Premier Jason Kenney announced a cabinet shuffle on February 25th, which reintroduced Kaycee Madu to his cabinet. Madu has replaced Tyler Shandro as Minister of Labour and Immigration. Minister Shandro, who also served as Alberta's Health Minister through much of the COVID-19 pandemic, will now take on the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General. Minister Sonya Savage continues to hold her Energy portfolio after this most recent shuffle removed her interim-minister designation.

As you may recall, Madu was asked to step back from his duties as Minister of Justice and Solicitor General in January when an investigation into an apparent conflict of interest was initiated. The impugned actions occurred about a year ago.

In response to a \$300 distracted driving ticket, Madu made a prompt phone call to Edmonton's chief of police. When word got out about this call around ten months later, serious concerns were raised. Premier Kenney expressed disappointment in Madu, while Madu suggested his reasoning for contacting Chief Dale McFee was to confirm that he was not the target of racial profiling and illegal surveillance. Minister Savage took over as acting Justice Minister while the investigation was being conducted.

While Minister Savage was with Justice and Solicitor General, she and Transportation Minister Rajan Sawhney announced that the province would be pausing the implementation of Phase 2 of the SafeRoads initiative.

The announcement of this recent shuffle was made just minutes before the investigation report on Madu was publicly released. The 15-page report, prepared by former Court of Queen's Bench Justice Adele Kent, stated that Madu's reactions were "understandable, given the context of the phone call". However, she found that Madu had ultimately ignored the appropriate process addressing questions of police conduct. The report contained three (3) conclusions regarding the phone call:

- 1) No interference with the administration of justice was made;
- 2) An attempt to interfere with the administration of justice was made; and
- 3) A reasonable perception of an interference with the administration of justice was found

Premier Kenney ignored Kent's second conclusion in his public statement on the report, seemingly downplaying the severity of Madu's misconduct. The Premier determined that Madu should not reassume his position as Justice Minister. Nevertheless, Madu was not removed from cabinet altogether, and the question lingers as to whether he should have. The Premier thanked both Madu and Shandro for their work as Minister of Justice and Minister of Labour and Immigration, respectively.

It may come at no surprise that Tyler Shandro has been appointed Minister of Justice. He is the only other experienced lawyer in Premier Kenney's cabinet. However, some believe Shandro's acceptance of this role is problematic as he is currently being investigated by the Law Society of Alberta.

Shandro is awaiting a disciplinary hearing before a law society conduct committee where he faces three allegations of professional misconduct. The Law Society of Alberta hearing notice sets out the three allegations he faces:

1. It is alleged that Tyler Shandro, QC attended the private residence of a member of the public, behaved inappropriately by engaging in conduct that brings the reputation of the profession into disrepute, and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;
2. It is alleged that Tyler Shandro, QC used his position as Minister of Health to obtain personal cell phone numbers, contacted one or more members of the public outside of regular working hours using that information, and that such conduct is deserving of sanction; and
3. It is alleged that Tyler Shandro, QC attended the private residence of a member of the public, behaved inappropriately by engaging in conduct that brings the reputation of the profession into disrepute, and that such conduct is deserving of sanction;

His appointment as Justice Minister puts the Law Society as a statutory body in a difficult position.

The Justice Minister is responsible for the Legal Profession Act which empowers and guides the functions of the Society. If the committee finds Minister Shandro guilty, it could strain the relationship between the Law Society and the Ministry. If the committee exonerates him, on the other hand, the public might attribute it to his influence.

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## COVID-19 Immunizations

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### Eligibility expanded for additional doses

[Alberta Health](#) has expanded the eligibility criteria for additional doses to include:

- Adolescents 12-17 years old with [underlying health conditions](#). They will be eligible for a booster dose at five months after the completion of their primary vaccine series. This includes a fourth dose for those recommended a three-dose primary series due to being severely immunocompromised.
- Children 5-11 years old with [severe immunocompromising conditions](#). They will be recommended to have a three-dose primary series. Recommended spacing is four weeks between Doses 1 and 2, and eight weeks between Doses 2 and 3. A shorter interval between Doses 2 and 3 (no less than 28 days) may be allowed under certain circumstances.

[Appointment booking](#) for these additional groups will be available starting Feb. 15.

### Get whichever dose you are eligible for, as soon as possible

We encourage all Albertans to get immunized against COVID-19 with whichever dose you are eligible for, as soon as possible. More than 8.3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been safely administered in our province. As we've seen, immunization dramatically reduces the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 and helps prevent infection. Although vaccine effectiveness against infection declines over time, additional doses can boost immunity to improve protection and limit spread.

With the easing of public health measures, immunization is still the best and most effective means of protecting yourself, the people you work with, the people you love, and our greater community. Book appointments [online](#), by calling or walking into your local pharmacy, or calling Health Link at 811. In addition, there are some family physicians offering vaccines in their clinics.

### Get Immunized After COVID-19 Infection

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

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

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

## Things You Need to Know

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### Conversations with Yiu - Update from CPSM, More on the Joint PPE Statement

Throughout the pandemic, PPE has played a huge role in protecting the health and safety of our people. It helps prevent exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 as you provide and support high-quality care to Albertans. Our Contracting, Procurement & Supply Management (CPSM) teams have been essential in ensuring we have the PPE we need. Even before the pandemic, they worked proactively to identify not only existing supply chains to meet the surge in demand for PPE here in Alberta but also finding new suppliers of products.

We all share the common goal of protecting the health and safety of our workers. This is why we also recently updated our joint statement with our union partners to ensure the safe and effective use of PPE. The updated joint statement reflects the evolving evidence on COVID-19 transmission and simplifies PPE guidance for all healthcare workers in Alberta.

Joining me to [tell us more about the work of CPSM and the importance of the joint PPE statement](#) are:

- Kerry Coroy, Senior Lead for Clinical Services, CPSM.
- Rod Kaliei, Executive Director, Workplace Health and Safety Standards and Innovation.



### Government Announces Gradual Reduction of Pandemic Health Measures

The Government of Alberta announced on Feb. 8 that CMOH orders related to the pandemic will be reduced and rescinded in three steps over the coming days and weeks. As part of the first step, the Restrictions Exemption Program has been removed and, as of today (Feb. 14), mandatory masking

requirements will be removed for K-12 students and for children under 12. More information, including details of Steps 2 and 3, is available on the [government's website](#).

AHS continues to implement additional safety precautions to limit the transmission of COVID-19 in our facilities. These precautions go beyond current public health measures due to the vulnerability of the patients we care for and the need to keep our facilities safe.

### **Continuous Masking at all AHS, Covenant Sites**

Continuous masking for staff, physicians, volunteers, designated support persons and visitors remains in place at all AHS and Covenant acute care, continuing care and community sites, as well as in corporate and warehouse-type settings.

Patients seeking or receiving care are more vulnerable than the general population and outbreaks in these settings have a serious impact on patient outcomes and our ability to deliver services. Continuous masking is an additional safeguard to protect both patients and healthcare workers. For more information, see [AHS Guidelines for Continuous Masking](#). There are no changes at this time to [existing PPE policies](#).

### **Work Restrictions Remain in Place**

Fully immunized AHS workers who are symptomatic will continue to be work restricted for five days after symptom onset, or until symptoms have improved. Fully immunized workers who are asymptomatic will continue to be work restricted for five days after the date of their positive test.

Unimmunized workers, who are participating in the testing option as outlined in the [Immunization or Testing of Workers for COVID-19 policy](#) and test positive for COVID-19, will continue to be work restricted for 10 days after symptom onset or until symptoms have improved, whichever is longer.

These guidelines, including [Daily Fit for Work Screening](#), apply to staff employed in all areas of AHS, including front-line workers, as well as those in corporate, warehouse and community settings. We continue to encourage staff with symptoms of illness to stay home from work.

### **Access Requirements for Designated Family / Support Persons and Visitors**

Access precautions for designated support persons and visitors continue to go beyond current public health measures to protect vulnerable patients and to keep health services safe. At this time, access in acute care remains restricted to what is outlined in the [Provincial DSP and Visitor Access Guidelines](#) and [AHS Directive](#) and, for continuing care, what is outlined by [CMOH order](#).

### **Kaye Edmonton Clinic PRU Closed**

The Kaye Edmonton Clinic's Pandemic Response Unit (PRU) was deactivated Sunday, Feb. 13. The PRU opened to patients on Jan. 27, and it allowed AHS to expand capacity within the Edmonton Zone. A total of 30 patients were admitted to the PRU since it opened. The PRU was staffed for 18 beds but patient numbers fluctuated day to day.

Patients admitted to the PRU were either recovering from COVID-19 and no longer infectious, or were patients with less complex healthcare needs than those being cared for in traditional inpatient spaces. The PRU accepted patients from hospitals across the zone.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the PRU staff and physicians for their contributions in activating and running the PRU. Their hard work, flexibility, positivity and dedication are greatly appreciated. While we are glad to be in a position where we can deactivate the PRU, it is also reassuring to know we have a process in place to successfully activate and staff the unit if needed.

### **Influenza Immunization Update**

As of Feb. 5, 1.18 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is approximately 26.8% of the population. One new influenza case was confirmed in the past week, bringing the total cases so far this season to 41. Interactive aggregate data is available online at [Alberta influenza statistics](#). For more information on influenza, visit [ahs.ca/influenza](#).

### **AHS Research Paper Earns National Kudos**

A group of AHS allied health professionals recently had its 2021 research article selected for the Informing Practice Award by the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy (CJRT). Our congratulations to Roberta Dubois, Rena Sorensen, Bryan Buell, Tracey Telenko and Andrew West. Their article, "The Respiratory Therapy Practice-Based Outcomes Initiative (RT-PBOI): Developing a framework to explore the value added by respiratory therapists to health care in Alberta," will remain available on the [journal's landing page](#) for the rest of 2022.

According to CJRT, "The Informing Practice Award was created to recognize a publication that substantiates a new and novel idea or approach contributing to the cumulative knowledge base of the field and is likely to inspire fellow RTs in their research."

### **AHS expands Text4Hope in multiple languages**

Alberta Health Services expanded [Text4Hope](#) in multiple languages, to support more people struggling during difficult times. Text4Hope is now available in Arabic, French, Simplified Chinese and Punjabi to provide support for those dealing with mental health-related issues.

Text4Hope is an evidence-based tool that helps people identify and adjust the negative thoughts, feelings and behaviours a pandemic might be expected to provoke. Through a set of daily messages, people receive advice and encouragement helpful in developing healthy personal coping skills and resilience. Albertans can subscribe to receive ongoing supportive content at no cost (standard message rates may apply). To date, more than 54,000 people have subscribed to the Text4Hope service.

### **Free, virtual AHS workshops help identify and transform stress**

Albertans looking for ways to identify and manage stress are invited to participate in a free online workshop facilitated by Alberta Health Services. The workshops for managing stress in challenging times comes in two parts, both led by AHS professionals.

Part 1 of the interactive workshop includes a basic discussion of stress and looks at different ways to manage stress. Participants will come away with an understanding of the impact of emotions on the body plus an action plan to address their stress. Part 2 involves discussing perception, decision-making and communication using techniques taught in Part 1. Completion of Part 1 is essential prior to taking Part 2. For more information on the upcoming courses, email [hpdpip.mh.earlyid@ahs.ca](mailto:hpdpip.mh.earlyid@ahs.ca).

### **Mobile mammography service to visit St. Paul**

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at St. Paul Community Health Services (5610 50 Avenue) on March 9-12 and March 22-26. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1- 800-667-0604.

### **Chronic pain workshops available in South Zone**

Adults who suffer from chronic pain can register for a new session of Alberta Health Services' *Better Choices, Better Health* chronic pain self-management workshops. The free six-week program provides opportunities to those with chronic conditions, or at risk of getting a chronic condition, to learn how take control of their health and improve their quality of life. The workshops are free and being provided online and are suitable for those who have one or more chronic conditions, as well as their family members or caregivers. Participants will have opportunity to meet others online who share similar health experiences in a supportive and interactive setting.

Chronic Pain Self-Management workshops will run from 6 – 8:30 p.m. weekly on Wednesdays from Feb. 16 to March 23. Find services, workshops, classes, events and support groups to [Improve Your Health in South Zone](#).

### **Diabetes the Basics course offered in Central Zone**

Residents working to manage pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes are encouraged to attend group information sessions starting Feb. 22. The four-part group sessions are offered to residents at risk of developing diabetes, as well as those who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes or Type 2 diabetes. Residents can call the [Alberta Healthy Living Program](#) at 1-877-314-6997 to register.





## Join the Conversation

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### Learn about EMS and GPRH opening with Peace Health Advisory Council

Join the Peace Health Advisory Council (HAC) at its next virtual meeting on Tuesday, February 15, from 5 - 8 p.m. Presentations will include an EMS update, an update on the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital opening, and information about the Grande Prairie Cancer Centre. Email [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca) with the subject line "Peace HAC meeting" for the meeting link.

### Prairie Mountain Advisory Council (HAC) meeting

Join the Prairie Mountain HAC at its next virtual meeting on Thursday February 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Chair of the Addictions and Mental Health PAC will share information about the PAC, their commitments, and how the PMHAC can work with them to reach their goals. Email [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca) with the subject "PM HAC meeting" for the meeting link.

### Tim Caulfield Presents on Pandemic Misinformation

You're invited to join an hour-long online discussion on the harms of misinformation at the President's Speaker Series on Feb. 28, starting at 10 a.m. The spread of misinformation seems to intensify with each passing week, and research tells us misinformation is doing tangible harm – to public health, public discourse and public trust. This is especially true during the COVID-19 pandemic. So how did we get here and what can we do about it?

Our keynote speaker is best-selling author and professor [Tim Caulfield](#), a Canada Research Chair in health law and policy, a professor in the Faculty of Law at the School of Public Health, and Research Director of the Health Law Institute at the University of Alberta. In his presentation, Caulfield will explore what the most recent evidence tells us about the nature and source of the current infodemic. He will also provide science-based recommendations about how to best engage individuals and communities who have been swayed by misinformation. Questions? Email [pss@ahs.ca](mailto:pss@ahs.ca).

## Be Well - Be Kind

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### AHS Loves our Volunteers

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate love and, at AHS, we love our volunteers. Volunteers are an integral part of the healthcare team, supporting and enhancing the work of healthcare professionals. Volunteer Resources is creative in identifying how volunteers can aid in operations. Volunteers help ease the stress of the ongoing pandemic by providing support to tired staff and understaffed programs.

AHS needs volunteers now more than ever. If you know people looking to give back to their community, learn about careers in healthcare or gain valuable life experience, please ask them to visit the [AHS website](#) to view current volunteer opportunities.

### 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.](#)

### Caring for Kids Radiothon raises \$2.25 million

For the 19<sup>th</sup> year, supporters of the [Country 105 Caring for Kids Radiothon](#) stepped up with incredible generosity to help children and families at the Alberta Children's Hospital with an astounding \$2.25 million, bringing the total raised since 2003 to over \$40 million!

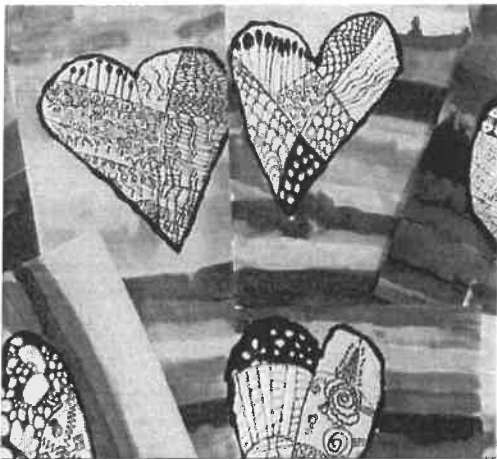




Since 2003, the Country 105 Caring for Kids Radiothon has been a window into the life-changing, life-saving care that happens every day at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

For three heartwarming days, Feb. 2, 3, 4, dozens of grateful families lined up – virtually - to share their inspirational stories, and how they benefitted from the world-class care at the Alberta Children's Hospital, thanks to the experts at the hospital and support from our community.

### **Cochrane Grade 2 class raises money for cancer care and research**



The Glenbow Elementary School Grade 2 class is throwing their support behind Share the Love, a project to help raise funds and awareness for those affected by cancer — including a fellow classmate, Ella Reimer, and teacher, Jessica Powers.

"We took a vote on the name of our project and thought 'Share the Love' was the most fitting," said Powers. "Ella and I have talked about how when we both had cancer, that people gave us a lot of love."

Now, she added, the class feels it's important to extend that same support to others battling the disease.

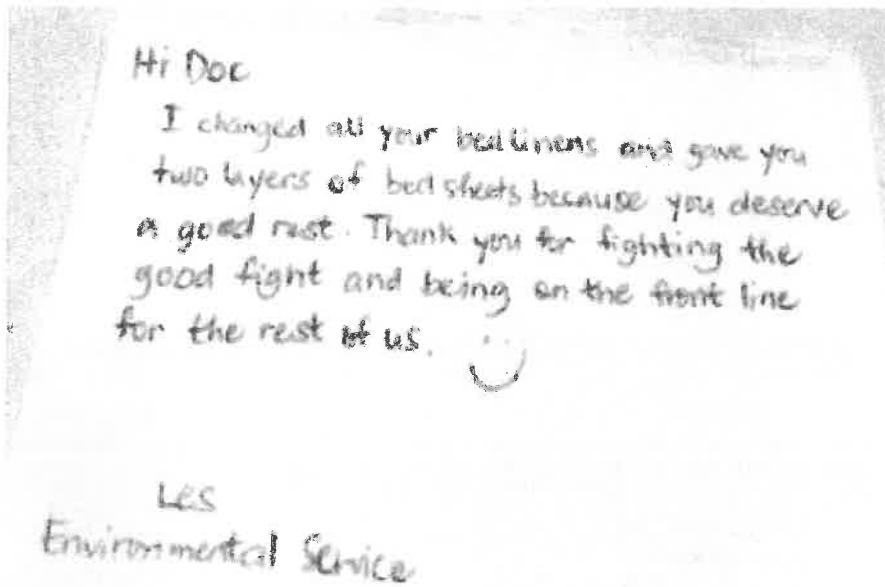
The students are selling cards with heart designs, and also as part of the project, Ella will be cutting 12 inches of her teacher's hair to be made into a wig. The hair donation, all of the proceeds from the cards, and the funds they've raised online, will go to Kids Cancer Care and the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

### **Gratitude from Albertans**

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

### **Wrapping Up**

We end this week's message with a story that reminds us, for all the things outside of our control, we can always control how we treat others. Recently a physician covering the night shift at the Kaye Edmonton Clinic's Pandemic Response Unit went to the sleep room for some much-needed rest and found this note on his bed.



Simple gestures of kindness and thoughtfulness, like this, go a long way. As we near two years of pandemic response, and as we try to find within ourselves untapped reserves of energy and compassion, let us keep in mind that all acts of kindness will help us get through this difficult time.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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

**Dr. Laura McDougall**  
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## COVID-19 Immunizations

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### Federal travel changes

The Government of Canada announced this week a series of adjustments to the current border measures, representing the beginning of a phased easing of travel restrictions.

Starting Feb. 28, travellers arriving to Canada from any country, who qualify as fully vaccinated, will be randomly selected for arrival testing. Fully vaccinated travellers selected will no longer be required to quarantine while awaiting their test result.

Unvaccinated travellers will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon arriving in the country and to test on the eighth day after arrival. Unvaccinated foreign nationals will not be permitted to enter Canada unless they meet one of the exemptions.

Travellers will now have the option of using a COVID-19 rapid antigen test result (taken the day prior to their scheduled flight or arrival at the land border or marine port of entry) or a molecular test result (taken no more than 72 hours before their scheduled flight or arrival at the land border or marine port of entry) to meet pre-entry requirements. Taking a rapid antigen test at home is not sufficient to meet the pre-entry requirement. The Government of Canada has also adjusted its Travel Health Notice from a Level 3 to a Level 2. This means the government will no longer recommend that Canadians avoid travel for non-essential purposes. For more information, visit the [Government of Canada website](#).

### Eligibility expanded for additional doses

More Albertans are now eligible to receive additional doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes those 12 to 17 years of age with [underlying health conditions](#) or who are First Nations, Métis or Inuit. These individuals are now eligible for a booster dose at five months after the completion of their primary vaccine series. This includes a fourth dose for those recommended a three-dose primary series due to being severely immunocompromised.

Also included are children five to 11 years of age with [severe immunocompromising conditions](#) who are now recommended to have a three-dose primary series. Recommended spacing is four weeks between Doses 1 and 2, and eight weeks between Doses 2 and 3. A shorter interval between Doses 2 and 3 (no less than 28 days) may be allowed under certain circumstances.

[Appointment booking](#) for these additional groups is now available.

### Change in hours for Health Link vaccine booking line

Due to a significant decrease in call volumes in the overnight hours, the Health Link Vaccine Booking Line

will no longer assist with booking COVID-19 vaccine appointments from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. This change will start at 11 p.m. today (Feb. 18).

The Health Link Vaccine Booking Line will continue to operate seven days a week, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. for those needing assistance with booking their vaccine appointment.

For those needing to book their vaccine between 11 p.m. and 5:59 a.m., the Alberta Vaccine Booking System will continue to be available online for COVID-19 vaccine appointment bookings 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Only the Health Link Vaccine Booking Line will be affected by this change. Albertans can continue to call Health Link 811 to speak to a registered nurse for health concerns 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Lethbridge COVID-19 immunization clinic to temporarily move**

The Lethbridge COVID-19 immunization clinic is temporarily moving from Lethbridge and District Exhibition to Melcor Centre. The exhibition clinic will close on Feb. 20, and the Melcor Centre clinic will open Feb. 21. The new clinic space — Suite 220, 200 4 Ave S. — was previously occupied by Canadian Blood Services. Visitors to the Melcor Centre immunization clinic are advised to park on the upper level of the south parkade, entering off 5 Ave S. The southeast entrance will be the only one open to the facility on Saturday and Sunday. The clinic is expected to return to Lethbridge and District Exhibition on March 9. Appointments can be booked online at [bookvaccine.alberta.ca/vaccine](http://bookvaccine.alberta.ca/vaccine), or by calling Health Link 811.

## **Things You Need to Know**

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### **Conversations with Yiu - Pink Shirt Day and Respectful Workplaces**

The past two years have been challenging for all Albertans, in different ways. Sometimes the prolonged stress we carry from the pandemic can lead to strained interactions with those who hold different views from us.

So more than ever, we need to be kind, and show compassion, respect and empathy. Pink Shirt Day is a good reminder of how important it is to practice respectful behaviour. This international anti-bullying campaign was started by students in Nova Scotia 15 years ago and falls on Feb. 23 this year.

Joining AHS President & CEO Dr. Verna Yiu to talk about Pink Shirt Day and the importance of promoting and reinforcing a positive and respectful workplace are:

- Tara Foster, Interim Program Manager, Respectful Workplaces.
- Peggy Mann, Director, Prevention of Workplace Violence.
- Liane Manz, Executive Director of Medicine at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.



## Long COVID

AHS is working to plan clinical supports for the small subset of long COVID patients with severe post-COVID symptoms, and supporting clinicians in various approaches to serve specific groups of patients. The majority of long COVID patients will be able to self-manage their own symptoms using appropriate resources and tools AHS has developed, along with support from their primary care provider.

A COVID-19 infection can result in long lasting symptoms such as breathing difficulties, headache, loss of smell and taste, brain fog, and fatigue. These long lasting symptoms have been termed "long COVID-19" and can have an impact on your physical and mental wellbeing. It can also affect family, friends, and caregivers of people who had COVID-19. There is increasing evidence that many patients suffer long-lasting symptoms in various forms following a COVID infection, but at this point there is no fixed pattern for how these symptoms present, so it is impossible to give an exact estimate of the number of patients affected.

Estimates in international literature suggest that 10 to 25 per cent of all COVID patients may have long-lasting symptoms post-infection. AHS internally uses 20 per cent as a general reference point. But the estimates vary with the population considered, and there is evidence that the incidence of long-lasting symptoms may be changing with high vaccination coverage, and also with changes in the virus.

Share your long COVID experience, ask questions, and share information at [Together4Health](https://www.together4health.ca).

## Sotrovimab, Paxlovid Criteria Expand

Criteria to receive either Sotrovimab or Paxlovid have expanded to include patients who are either unvaccinated, or have only received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Paxlovid will now be available to patients who are aged 55 and older, the same as Sotrovimab. For a complete list of eligibility criteria, please visit [ahs.ca/covidopt](https://ahs.ca/covidopt).

Both medications are offered to outpatients who are at the highest risk of developing severe COVID-19 disease that could lead to hospitalization, ICU care or death.

Patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and whose symptoms began less than five days ago can call the dedicated Health Link line at 1-844-343-0971 to find out if they qualify to receive Paxlovid or Sotrovimab. You will be asked a series of questions before being referred to a physician with the AHS COVID-19 Outpatient Treatment Program who will determine the best course of treatment. Once eligibility is confirmed, the physician will either issue a prescription for Paxlovid or book an appointment for a Sotrovimab infusion.

These treatments are not replacements for COVID-19 vaccination. Albertans are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

## Designated Support Person, Visitor Screening Updated

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Updates have been made to designated support person and visitor screening forms for acute care, ambulatory care, emergency, urgent care and continuing care.

All designated support persons and visitors who are close contacts of a case of COVID-19 can now access AHS sites 10 days since their last exposure. Previous screening required 14 days since last exposure.

This change reflects Alberta Health's current recommended symptom monitoring for close contacts of COVID-19 cases. More information is available at [ahs.ca/visitation](https://ahs.ca/visitation).

### **AGMP Guidance Updated**

The AHS Provincial Guidance has been updated to align with current masking requirements for designated support person access for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients undergoing a continuous aerosol-generating medical procedure (AGMP) in acute and continuing care settings.

Designated support persons and visitors who will be with a patient or resident undergoing an AGMP are now required to wear an N95 mask in acute care and a KN95 or N95 mask in continuing care settings. The updated guidance is [available here](#).

### **Continuous Masking at all AHS, APL and Covenant Sites**

A reminder: all staff, physicians, volunteers and designated support persons both in patient care areas, as well as common spaces (including cafeterias and waiting areas), are still required to wear a mask while attending an AHS, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) or Covenant Health facility.

Patients seeking or receiving care are more vulnerable than the general population, and outbreaks in these settings have a serious impact on patient outcomes and our ability to deliver services. Masking is an additional safeguard to protect both patients and healthcare workers. For more information, see [AHS Guidelines for Continuous Masking](#).

### **New renal dialysis unit opens in High Prairie**

The first patients began receiving treatment at the [new High Prairie Renal Dialysis Unit](#) on Feb. 16. When fully operational, the six-station dialysis unit will be open three days per week, with the ability to treat 12 patients a day.

Dialysis patients currently must leave the community to receive treatments, unless they are on home dialysis. The addition of the new clinic in High Prairie will reduce pressure on the dialysis unit at the Slave Lake Healthcare Centre. The Alberta government provided \$5.2 million to AHS to build a new dialysis unit in shelled-in space at the High Prairie health centre. This decision followed significant engagement with the High Prairie community. Construction on the unit began in February, 2021.

### **Canadian Paediatric Society warns about genetic testing for kids**

New Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) guidelines that say [genetic testing should be used sparingly for kids](#) – and in some cases, it's best to wait until they can decide for themselves if they want it. They also do not recommend the use of commercial kits (ie. Ancestry, 23 and Me) for kids.

### **Blood test tube shortage**

Alberta Precision Laboratories is experiencing a shortage of disposable plastic tubes used for the most common blood tests. APL has dealt with supply challenges of various basic lab equipment throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The latest global shortage of medical-grade plastics is affecting tubes used for routine blood tests, and steps are being taken to conserve supplies to ensure testing continues to be available for those who need it most. Physicians are requested to limit all non-urgent testing and patients should consult with their doctors to determine if testing can be safely delayed until the shortage is resolved. APL is working with vendors to ensure necessary supplies continue to arrive as soon as possible, and we are optimistic that no additional restrictions on testing will be necessary.

### **Managing Emotional Eating**

Central Zone residents are invited to free Managing Emotional Eating workshops starting March 1. Participants will learn how habits are formed, and how triggers such as emotions, situations and events can be managed to help develop better eating habits that will last a lifetime. Interested residents can register by calling the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997.

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

Heart Wise sessions start March 2 in Central Zone. Online Sessions are open to 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. Interested residents can register by calling the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997, and they'll receive a Zoom link.

### **Online sessions help seniors stay healthy and socially connected**

Seniors in Central Zone are invited to learn practical ways to remain healthy and socially connected. Workshops will be offered on March 2 and 14. Participants can join virtually with a computer, a tablet or a phone. Interested participants can call 1-877-314-6997 to register.

### **Mobile mammography service to visit Bassano**

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Bassano Health Centre, 608 5 Ave. East, near the helipad on the corner of 5A Ave. and 6 St., on March 9, 10, 11, and 12, 2022. Appointments are required. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for hundreds of women in Alberta communities where mammography is not readily available. A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast and has proven to be the most effective way to detect breast cancer. Early detection allows for a greater number of options for treatment and a better chance of survival.

### **International Recognition for AHS Pandemic Response**

AHS' pandemic response has been recognized internationally in the Journal of Business Continuity & Emergency Planning.

Authors Eric Bone and Jeffrey Tochkin, both with AHS Emergency / Disaster Management, outlined how AHS' pandemic response had its roots in how the organization dealt with other challenging events. Emergencies such as the Fort McMurray wildfire, the southern Alberta floods and the fentanyl crisis have all created learning opportunities and helped AHS strengthen its response capabilities.

The paper, "The benefits of lessons learned: The COVID-19 experience in the Canadian province of Alberta," considers adaptations and improvements from 2009 to March 2020 that have contributed to "greater organizational healthcare resiliency at AHS."

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **Registration Open for Next President's Speaker Series Event**

You're invited to join an online discussion on the harms of misinformation at the next President's Speaker Series event on Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The spread of misinformation seems to intensify with each passing week, and research tells us misinformation is doing tangible harm to public health, public discourse and public trust. This is especially true during the COVID-19 pandemic. So how did we get here and what can we do about it?

Our keynote speaker presenting on this topic is professor Tim Caulfield, a Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy, a Professor in the Faculty of Law at the School of Public Health, and Research Director of the Health Law Institute at the University of Alberta.

Register [here](#). Questions? Email [pss@ahs.ca](mailto:pss@ahs.ca).



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### Care from the Heart Day Radio-a-thon raises over \$298,000!

The Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation held their annual Care from the Heart Day Radio-a-thon Thursday, February 10, and are thrilled to announce that over \$298,000 has been raised thus far – surpassing their goal of \$275,000.

Six local radio stations, KiSS 107.7, 106.7 Rock, Country 95.5, B-93.3, 94.1 CJOC FM, and 2Day FM 98.1, broadcasted live, sharing stories, speaking with members of the hospital and encouraging listeners to donate.



## 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. If you'd like to share a message with AHS staff, please visit our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage.

Yesterday (Feb. 17) was international Random Acts of Kindness Day and the creative pupils at Calgary Arts Academy (CAA) used it as an opportunity to share their talent and generosity with their neighbours — the hard-working staff and physicians at Richmond Road Diagnostic & Treatment Centre (RRDTC). Students at CAA created a 60- ft. paper banner adorned with drawings, paintings and messages of gratitude for healthcare workers and the community as a part of their school-wide "Love and Kindness Week."

The banner is proudly on display in the main hallway at RRDTC for staff, physicians, patients and visitors to enjoy. A big thanks to the students at Calgary Arts Academy for this wonderful gesture of kindness.

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### Wrapping Up

We've talked a lot about gratitude and kindness this week. During a time when there's a lot of anger being expressed in society and on social media, let us do our best to always live our values and approach life with compassion, grace and thankfulness.

As always, with gratitude and appreciation,



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## COVID-19 Immunizations

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### Vaccine Efficacy Update

This week we wanted to provide updated numbers showing how well COVID-19 vaccines are continuing to protect against hospitalizations and other serious outcomes in Alberta.

Consider the following regarding people aged five years and older in Alberta over the past 120 days:

- Those who were unvaccinated were about 3.2 times more likely to be admitted to hospital with COVID-19,
- Seven times more likely to be admitted to ICU, and
- 4.3 times more likely to die of COVID-19 compared to people in the same age group who had two doses of vaccine.

Boosters are important for increasing vaccine effectiveness and protecting against waning immunity over time. This shows up clearly in the ICU admission data where unvaccinated people were 15.7 times more likely to be admitted to ICU compared to people with three doses of vaccine.

### Myocarditis risk lower with COVID-19 vaccine than with COVID infection

Pediatric cardiologist and researcher Dr. Steven Greenway advises parents to vaccinate kids against COVID-19. He says myocarditis is more common and severe in kids who develop complications from contracting coronavirus. Watch the interview with Dr. Greenway: <https://t.co/gdyrzJCS8p>.

### Walk-in Pediatric Vaccine Clinics Available March 2 to 16

From March 2 to 16, several AHS vaccination clinics across the province will be open weekdays from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on weekends from noon to 6 p.m. to accommodate pediatric walk-ins and appointments. To find an AHS clinic with extended hours and walk-in appointments, visit [ahs.ca](https://www.ahs.ca).

Pharmacies with extended hours and experience vaccinating children will also administer pediatric vaccine to children. Pharmacies in the Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Grande Prairie, Medicine Hat and Fort McMurray areas will be added, focusing on local geographic regions with under-vaccinated populations of five to 11 year olds, as well as 17 pharmacies in rural communities.

To find a pharmacy offering COVID-19 vaccinations for children, visit [ab.bluecross.ca](https://www.ab.bluecross.ca).

Several physician clinics that are currently offering COVID-19 vaccinations will receive doses of pediatric vaccine to administer for children ages 5 to 11 from March 2 to 16. These physicians will contact their current patient rosters directly.

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Parents and guardians can still book appointments for children age 5 and older online, by using the [Alberta vaccine booking system](#) or by calling 811.

## Things You Need to Know

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### Conversations with Yiu - Impact of Redeployment

Throughout the pandemic, AHS has taken proactive steps to be prepared for expected increases in COVID-19 cases. And in each wave, we have been able to increase our hospital and ICU capacity as required to meet those demands. Of course, this is only possible through the hard work of countless people across AHS. Many of our people have been redeployed or reassigned throughout the pandemic response, and we're grateful for their willingness to adapt and their dedication to Albertans.

Joining me (Verna) to talk about what the redeployment experience is like are:

- Justine Bremner, registered nurse, Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute.
- Nancy Coyne, clinical nurse educator, Sturgeon Community Hospital.
- Murray Crawford, Senior Operating Officer in Fort McMurray and area, and Emergency Coordination Centre Deputy Director.



### Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Officially Opens

The new \$870-million Grande Prairie Regional Hospital opened its doors Dec. 4, taking over from the Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Hospital as Grande Prairie's acute care hospital. Premier Jason Kenney joined ministers and local leaders on Feb. 26 at the facility's grand opening event.

"Opening a new hospital during this pandemic has been a triumph well worth celebrating," noted Dr. Verna Yiu, president and CEO of Alberta Health Services. "So far, there have been 316 babies born, 1,154 surgeries performed and countless lives touched at the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital, and we look forward to caring for the region here well into the future."

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*Minister Prasad Panda, Minister Jason Copping, and Premier Jason Kenney present the plaque to commemorate the opening of GPRH to interim SOO Candice Edey, Chief Zone Officer Stacy Greening, and North Zone Medical Director Dr. Brian Muir.*

### **Government Announces Funding for Healthcare Expansion**

On February 25 the Government of Alberta announced that \$63.5 million will be spent to complete 11 new operating rooms and 17 additional recovery beds at Foothills Medical Centre (FMC) in Calgary. The announcement is part of a \$133-million investment over three years to upgrade and expand hospital operating rooms and departments across the province under the Alberta Surgical Initiative. Currently, surgical teams at FMC perform more than 21,500 surgeries annually in the hospital's 32 operating rooms. Once construction is complete, the 11 additional operating rooms will accommodate approximately 7,000 more procedures at the hospital each year.

Also last week, the government announced the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre will undergo a \$1.8-billion expansion. It will begin with a \$193-million investment over the next three years that will add 200 new inpatient beds, increasing hospital capacity from 370 beds to 570 beds, or by 54 per cent. The expansion also provides for three new operating rooms, which will bring the site's total OR count to 14, including two dedicated obstetrical ORs. A new cardiac catheterization lab will also be part of the hospital's expansion. Completion of the expansion is slated for 2030-2031.

Also announced:

- \$46 million over three years towards a \$79-million total project cost to integrate ambulatory care, primary care, maternal health care and diagnostic services at the La Crete Maternity and Community Health Centre.
- \$99 million to add 30 treatment spaces in the emergency department of the Peter Lougheed Centre and 12 beds in a mental health intensive care unit.
- \$133 million over three years for the Alberta Surgical Initiative Capital Program, to increase surgical capacity at AHS-owned facilities to help ensure all patients receive their required surgeries within clinically recommended timelines.
- \$50 million over three years to begin construction of the neurosciences intensive care unit at the University of Alberta Hospital Brain Centre, increasing neuro ICU capacity from 11 to 24 spaces and adding 18 new inpatient beds at the U of A hospital. This is a foundation-partnered project and we are grateful for the new ongoing support of the University Hospital Foundation.
- \$36 million for the Recovery Communities Stream 2 project to create a new facility with 75 spaces on the Blood Tribe Reserve.
- \$204 million over three years to modernize continuing care facilities and create new spaces.

Read the full [Government of Alberta budget statement](#).

## **Step 2 in Easing Pandemic Health Measures to Start March 1**

With hospitalizations continuing to trend downwards, the Alberta government announced that the province is entering Step 2 of its gradual reduction of pandemic health measures, starting on March 1.

This will include the end of limits on social gatherings, capacity limits for large venues, remaining school requirements, screening of youth for activities, the mandatory work-from-home order and public masking requirements except in high-risk settings.

The Government of Alberta first announced on Feb. 8 that CMOH orders related to the pandemic would be reduced and rescinded in three steps. As part of the first step, both the Restrictions Exemption Program and mandatory masking requirements have been removed for K-12 students and for children under 12. An implementation date for Step 3 is to be determined and will be dependent on a continuing decline in hospitalization rates.

More information, including details of Step 2 and 3, is available on the [government's website](#).

## **Continuous Masking at all AHS, APL, Covenant Sites Remains in Place**

While many public health guidelines and COVID-19 restrictions in Alberta are being reduced, all staff, physicians, volunteers, and designated support persons are still required to wear a mask while attending an AHS, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) or Covenant Health facility. This applies both in patient care areas, as well as common spaces, including the cafeteria and waiting areas.

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Continuous masking remains in place at all acute care, continuing care and community locations, including immunization and lab collection sites provincewide. In addition to masking, all AHS and Covenant sites will continue to require visitors to perform hand hygiene, physical distancing and health screening upon entry.

For more information, see [AHS Guidelines for Continuous Masking](#). There are no changes at this time to existing PPE policies.

## **Resources Available to Support People with Long COVID**

Individuals who have contracted COVID-19 might struggle with symptoms that last longer than four weeks. They may also develop long COVID, which is a group of symptoms (such as [breathing difficulties](#), headache, [loss of smell and taste](#), [brain fog](#), and [fatigue](#)) that last more than 12 weeks after an initial COVID-19 infection. AHS has supports for both Albertans managing long COVID symptoms, and for clinicians helping care for this specific group of patients.

Resources for long COVID can be found at [COVID-19 Recovery & Rehabilitation After COVID-19: Resources for Health Professionals](#). Patients, caregivers and healthcare providers can also connect with the Rehabilitation Advice Line for information and support (1-833-379-0563). Visit [Together4Health](#) to join the conversation.

## **Influenza Immunization Update**

As of Feb. 19, 1.2 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is approximately 27 per cent of the population. A total of 43 influenza cases have been confirmed this season.

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

## **Lethbridge teams earn trust by meeting people where they are**

In a global pandemic, the need to provide testing and immunization on a massive scale often means setting up services swiftly at a central location. But barriers such as transportation, language, poverty or

cultural differences prevent access for many people, particularly among Indigenous and immigrant populations.

By travelling to meet at-risk populations where they are, South Zone teams are lowering these barriers and getting positive results to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Read more about how AHS teams are [building bridges to reach at-risk populations](#).

### **Online infant nutrition classes available**

Parents and guardians in Central Zone are invited to enroll in 90-minute online workshops on March 9, 23, April 13 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Led by a registered dietitian, the workshops will highlight why babies need to start on iron-rich foods at six months, how to start introducing solid foods and why progressing to different food textures is important. Participants can call their local [community health centres](#) to register.

### **Free course from Better Choices, Better Health Chronic Pain begins next month**

Residents of Edmonton Zone are invited to a free, online course for Albertans living with chronic diseases and chronic pain. The course is offered through Better Choices, Better Health® and is led by trained volunteer leaders, many of whom live with a chronic health condition. The virtual workshop starts in March using Zoom. Registration is by phone at 825-404-7460 (press 3).

### **Join Quitcore and kick your tobacco habits in Red Deer**

Residents of Red Deer, Sylvan and Lacombe wishing to kick their tobacco habits can access the tools and support needed to build a tobacco-free lifestyle through QuitCore, a free Alberta Health Services (AHS) tobacco-cessation program. Led by trained cessation professionals, the QuitCore program teaches people who use tobacco how to develop a plan to quit while providing strategies to address recovery symptoms, manage stress and, ultimately, prevent relapse.

By taking part in QuitCore, participants can also access financial supports for nicotine replacement therapy (NRT). Combining counselling, such as that offered through this program, with the use of NRT increases an individual's chances of quitting successfully when compared to using one quit method alone.

QuitCore will be offered in-person from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays from March 8 to April 12, at Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre, 300 Jordan Parkway, Red Deer. To register, interested participants can call toll-free 1-866-710-QUIT (7848).

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **Help Improve Cancer Diagnosis & Care in Alberta**

The Cancer Strategic Clinical Network, in partnership with patients, families, communities and Primary Care, has a vision to better support patients, primary care providers and our healthcare system by co-designing an Alberta Cancer Diagnosis Program to coordinate and accelerate cancer diagnoses.

Visit [Together4Health](#) for more information, and to take part in engagement activities.

### **Have a Say - Join a Health Advisory Council**

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

Councils host public meetings and community events within their geographical area, and members participate in community activities to hear from, and share information with community members. Learn more about Advisory Councils at [ahs.ca/advisorycouncils](https://ahs.ca/advisorycouncils). To [apply](#), please complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca).

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### Stollery Family Day Classic raises \$425K for Stollery Children's Hospital

More than 1,500 players and 82 hockey teams spent the long weekend competing in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Stollery Family Day Classic. While kids wanted the chance to hoist the Stollery Cup, they were also skating for a good cause.

Steve Serdachny, the tournament founder and chairperson of the event, said \$425,000 was raised this year. Before this weekend's event, more than \$3.2 million had been raised since the tournament's inception, pushing them past the \$3.6 million mark as of Monday.



### New Accuscreen for Children's Rehabilitation Services in Provost

Red Deer Regional Health Foundation funded a new Accuscreen for the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program. This new equipment will allow staff in Children's Rehabilitation Services to screen the hearing of newborn babies at the Provost Community Health Center.

Thanks to the Foundation, the clinic can now provide screening to newborns without relying on staff travel or internal mail to get the equipment from another clinic. This makes a meaningful difference for patients in the east part of Central Zone

EHDI is an Alberta Health Services provincial program that has been running for almost four years and, thanks to donations, is now fully equipped.

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### Gratitude from Albertans

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### Wrapping Up

We end this week's message encouraging you to find time to watch this week's vlog. Guests on the vlog are always asked to speak with candour about their experiences — even if they have hard truths to share — and this week's guests clearly articulate the difficulties and distress that they've gone through over the past two years. Their stories are powerful and, at times, gut-wrenching. Yet, while discussing the challenges of redeployment, they also embody the resilience and dedication of our teams across the province.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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## COVID-19 in Alberta

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### Paxlovid and Sotrovimab Treatment and Availability in Alberta

As of February 27, 2022, 1,324 infusions of Sotrovimab have been administered since the outpatient treatment program launched in November of 2021. There have been 200 Paxlovid prescriptions issued since mid-January, when the oral medication was approved by Health Canada and became available in Alberta. Approximately 235 patients who have received outpatient treatments were either unvaccinated or had only received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Alberta Health Services has supply of both Sotrovimab and Paxlovid. As of February 27, the dedicated Health Link line has received 3,630 calls. Of those patients who called, 2,037 were deemed eligible to receive treatment. Of those, 31 patients declined treatment over the phone and another 225 patients declined to receive Sotrovimab treatment or were deemed clinically ineligible to receive treatment during their appointment. Based on current demand, Alberta Health Services and Alberta Health anticipate having adequate supply for eligible Albertans wanting treatment.

For more information on the outpatient treatment program, please visit [www.ahs.ca/covidopt](http://www.ahs.ca/covidopt).

## COVID-19 Immunizations

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### Increased Availability for Walk-in Pediatric Immunization

AHS has temporarily opened COVID-19 pediatric immunization walk-in appointment times in the Calgary and Edmonton Zones to provide additional opportunities for families with children age five to 11 who they wish to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

To find an AHS clinic with extended hours and walk-in appointments, visit: [www.ahs.ca/vaccine](http://www.ahs.ca/vaccine). Pharmacies with extended hours and experience vaccinating children will also administer pediatric vaccine to children. To find a pharmacy offering COVID-19 vaccinations for children, visit [ab.bluecross.ca](http://ab.bluecross.ca).

Parents and guardians can continue to book appointments for children age five and older online by using the Alberta vaccine booking system or by calling 811. Bring your child's Alberta Health Care card, if they have one, as well as identification that proves the child's age. Both parents and children age two and older will be required to wear a face mask and use hand sanitizer when visiting the site for immunization.

### The Importance of a Booster Dose

With restrictions lifting, and more Albertans gathering with family and friends, AHS is reminding Albertans about the importance of a booster dose.

An additional dose is recommended for all Albertans 18 years of age and older, as well for adolescents ages 12 to 17 years of age who are First Nations, Métis or Inuit, or who have underlying health conditions. For populations at higher risk — such as the elderly, immunocompromised or those in seniors living facilities — receiving a booster dose is particularly important with Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 continuing to circulate.

Preliminary studies indicate a potential for reduced protection in individuals with a two-dose COVID vaccine series, and additional protection with the addition of a booster dose. We encourage all eligible Albertans to bolster their protection and get a booster dose as soon as possible.

## Things You Need to Know

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### Government Announces Continuing Care Investment

On March 3 the government announced \$204 million in capital funding over three years to modernize existing continuing care facilities across the province, and to develop new continuing care spaces for Indigenous Peoples and in priority communities.

In addition, the government announced 1,515 new continuing care spaces will open across Alberta in 2022-23, with details to follow in the coming months.

This additional funding will enable AHS to enhance our commitment to modernize facilities for aging Albertans in high-priority areas. Providing care closer to home so that continuing care clients can remain connected to their communities and their loved ones improves the quality of life and overall well-being for continuing care residents and that continues to be our priority. This additional funding also ensures we can free up space within acute care, easing capacity strain on the system overall.

### Conversations with Yiu - Impact of the Provincial Budget

Over the past week, the provincial government announced several other investments in healthcare; for example, a \$63-million investment will complete 11 new operating rooms and 17 additional recovery beds at Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary. As well, the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre will undergo a \$1.8-billion expansion.

There is also continued investment in Connect Care, and a \$300-million investment over three years to create more critical care beds. In fact, 50 permanent, fully staffed ICU beds will be added this year, distributed in every zone across the province.

By 2024-25, government will add a total of \$1.8 billion in operating expense to the total healthcare budget, which means \$600 million more in 2022-23 than the previous year.

Joining me (Verna) to tell us more about the healthcare investments from provincial budget, our own budgeting process, and how these investments will affect AHS, are:

- Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer.
- Kaitlyn Eros, Executive Director of Budgeting and Forecasting, Finance.



### **Scientific Advisory Group Submits Rapid Review on Managing Healthcare Worker Burnout**

Burnout is common among healthcare workers across all healthcare organizations. To provide proactive supportive, evidence-informed recommendations for the care of AHS' healthcare workers and leaders, AHS' Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) conducted a rapid review of organizational strategies to mitigate healthcare worker burnout.

Many factors contribute to burnout as a response to workplace-related stress, such as unsustainable workload; perceived lack of control; insufficient rewards for effort; lack of a supportive community; lack of fairness, and mismatched values and skills. Effective workplace practices can help reduce or control these factors.

The review recommended AHS prioritize development of a wellness strategy with a clear governance and accountability structure, and task a group with developing, implementing and monitoring an overall strategy to mitigate healthcare worker burnout, led by an executive sponsor.

Our people are at the heart of everything we do. We want physicians and staff to feel good about coming to work and to be proud of the work they do. We know excellent patient- and family-centred care and building healthy communities is only attainable when our people feel safe, healthy, valued and included in their work environment.

AHS is dedicated to ensuring our people have the support they need, and work is underway to explore and action recommendations within the report. More information will be shared as this work progresses.

For more information, please see the [rapid review](#).

### **Step 2 in Reduction of Pandemic Health Measures Implemented March 1**

Alberta entered Step 2 of the government's gradual reduction of pandemic health measures on March 1. The following measures were updated as part of this step:

- Remaining school requirements were removed.
- Youth screening activities for entertainment and sport activities were removed.
- Capacity restrictions on all large venues and entertainment venues were lifted.
- Indoor and outdoor social gathering limits were lifted.
- Indoor masking is no longer required except on municipal and intra-provincial public transit for Albertans 13 and older, and at AHS-operated and contracted facilities, and all continuing care settings.

Government also lifted its mandatory work-from-home requirements. AHS employees currently working remotely are currently confirming their longer-term work arrangements with their supervisor.

An implementation date for Step 3 is to be determined and will require a continued decline in hospitalization rates. More information, including details of Steps 2 and 3, is available on the [government's website](#).

### **Influenza Immunization Update**

As of Feb. 26, 1.2 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is approximately 27 per cent of the population. A total of 43 influenza cases have been confirmed this season.

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

### **New Continuing Care Spaces, Options Opening in Hinton**

More local seniors will have access to the around-the-clock care they need in Hinton starting later this month with the opening of 32 supportive living beds at the Evergreens Foundation Pine Valley Lodge. Licensed practical nurses and healthcare aides will staff the beds, providing 24-hour onsite professional and personal care support services. Home care registered nurses from AHS will provide around-the-clock support to the care team.

These new supportive living Level 4 (SL4) spaces are for individuals with complex but predictable medical needs that can be safely managed onsite. They may require chronic disease management and/or assistance with daily activities, such as meal and medication assistance. Residents live in a home-like environment that promotes privacy and independence. Services include served meals, linen, laundry and housekeeping services, plus recreational and activity programs. Maximum independence is encouraged.

Construction on the Pine Valley Lodge is expected to be complete by late spring. When complete, the 101-unit facility will also include 49 supportive living lodge units, four two-bedroom units and 16 one-bedroom units.

### **APL Partners with Roche Diagnostics to Upgrade Provincial Lab Equipment**

Alberta Precision Laboratories has partnered with Roche Diagnostics to upgrade and standardize the equipment used in APL's hub labs to process routine lab tests. This is the first time in Canada that a standard set of equipment for analyzing routine blood tests is being rolled out on a provincial scale, leading to more consistent and efficient processing of the tens of thousands of patient samples APL handles every day.

The upgrade is expected to save millions of dollars in operating costs each year, will reduce the amount of routine manual labour required of lab staff, and will improve the quality of test results for patients. Installation of Roche chemistry analyzers is now complete at four APL sites, with 12 more to be complete this year. [Learn more](#).

### **National Kudos for Grande Prairie Physician**

Congratulations to Dr. Alika Lafontaine, who has been named to the Financial Post's list of [Top 40 under 40](#), which honours visionaries and innovators who are exceptional leaders. In addition to practising anesthesia at Grande Prairie Regional Hospital, last August he became the first Indigenous and Pacific Islander physician to be confirmed President-Elect of the Canadian Medical Association in its 154-year history.

## **Enhance Your Health and Wellbeing**

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*AHS offers services, workshops, classes, events and support groups to encourage choices that enhance the health and wellbeing of Albertans. Find [what's available in your zone](#).*

### **Free Course on Managing Chronic Pain Begins Next Month**

A free six-week course for Albertans living with chronic disease(s) and chronic pain is available to those in the Edmonton Zone. The course is offered through Better Choices, Better Health® and is led by led by trained volunteer leaders, many of whom live with a chronic health condition. Virtual workshops start in

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April using Zoom. There are two start dates to choose from. Registration is by phone at 825-404-7460 (press 3).

### **Mobile Mammography Service to Visit Elk Point**

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Elk Point Healthcare Centre (5310 50 Ave, east side of medical centre) on March 28-31. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

### **Making Mealtimes Happy Times**

Parents and guardians of young children in Central Zone are invited to free Goodbye Mealtime Struggles workshops on March 17 and April 20 via Zoom. Led by a registered dietitian and a pediatric occupational therapist, the workshops will help parents and guardians learn how to overcome mealtime conflicts with children from one to five years of age. Participants can call their community health centres to register.

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **Help Improve Cancer Diagnosis & Care in Alberta**

The Cancer Strategic Clinical Network, in partnership with patients, families, communities and Primary Care, has a vision to better support patients, primary care providers and our healthcare system by co-designing an Alberta Cancer Diagnosis Program to coordinate and accelerate cancer diagnoses.

Visit Together4Health for more information, to share your ideas or to ask a question.

### **Have a Say - Join a Health Advisory Council**

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

Councils host public meetings and community events within their geographical area, and members participate in community activities to hear from, and share information with community members. Learn more about Advisory Councils at [ahs.ca/advisorycouncils](https://ahs.ca/advisorycouncils). To apply, please complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca).

### **Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings**

**David Thompson Health Advisory Council (HAC) meeting** – join the HAC at its next virtual meeting on Wednesday, March 9, from 5-8 p.m. Learn about new justice initiatives introduced to AHS' Mental Health and Addictions team. Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

**Lakeland Health Advisory Council (HAC) meeting** – join the HAC at its next virtual meeting on Wednesday, March 9, from 5-8 p.m. This is an opportunity to hear updates on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) from EMS North Zone leadership. To join, please email [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca) with the subject line "Lakeland" for the Zoom meeting link.

**Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council (HAC) meeting** – join the HAC at its next virtual meeting on Thursday, March 10, from 1-3 p.m. We'll learn about the work of AHS' Seniors and Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council, learn about Senior's and Continuing Care in South Zone and will hear a presentation by Wellspring Calgary, who offer free community-based programs and services for people living with cancer. Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

## **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.](#)*

### **Leduc Tim Hortons Donates Coffee and Baked Goods to Frontline and Essential Workers**

On February 22, the Tims for Good truck visited the Leduc Community Hospital to donate coffee and baked goods to thank those who continue to make a difference every single day in their community.



“The team at the Leduc Community Hospital has been instrumental in keeping the community operating and safe during these extremely difficult times,” said Brenden Anderson, Tim Hortons Marketing Manager, Canada West. “They continue to work hard day in and day out and we want to provide them with an opportunity to enjoy a break with a freshly brewed cup of coffee or baked good from their local Tim Hortons restaurant.”

Read more about the [Leduc Community Hospital Foundation](#).

### **Siblings Raise Money in Support of Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation**

For the fifth year in a row Marco Bulfon, 12, set out to raise money for the [Stollery Children’s Hospital](#). As with years past, his efforts were successful, raising \$9,271.37 in 2021. This year the inspiration for his fundraising efforts - sister Eliana, 7 - decided it was her time to start building community.

When she was but a few weeks old, Eliana spent some time at the Stollery after falling ill while her family was in Edmonton. It was this visit to the hospital that inspired her brother to begin raising money to help other children like his sister.

Together the siblings have raised a total of \$30,000 to help the Stollery, which in turn will use those donations to help other children.

### **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 had a very scary emergency visit that ended with a five-day stay at the Leduc hospital. I will forever be grateful for the kindness and compassion that all of my nurses and doctors showed during my stay. Not only did they treat me with grace in a difficult time but I could hear the love, kindness and compassion that they treated every patient on my ward with. Thank you from the very bottom of my heart for the care you gave me. You are all angels.*  
- Amanda Booth

### **Supports Available to Help Albertans**

There has been a lot of tragedy in the news this week. We are deeply saddened to learn about the 169 potential unmarked graves found by Kapawe’no First Nation near the site of a former residential school in northern Alberta. This discovery, the first in Alberta, acts as another reminder of the atrocities that Indigenous people have endured in our country for generations.

Sadly, we know these discoveries will continue and we will continue to be faced with the horrific reality of our history. Due to the courage of residential school survivors and their families, we have known of some of the horrors at residential schools; however, we can never be truly prepared for these types of heart-wrenching discoveries.

As we collectively grieve the losses and mourn with families and communities, AHS has made resources and supports available to our staff, physicians and volunteers across the province.

We express our deepest sympathies to everyone who has been impacted by the past and present and

hope we can honour the memories of those lost and those still living with the trauma through truth and reconciliation. There is so much more work to do and we each have a role to play. Education, awareness, learning, and a commitment to do better can unite us on a path forward.

Meanwhile, the world continues to monitor the ongoing war in Ukraine. We know many of our people are of Ukrainian heritage, and have family and other loved ones in the country.

AHS has many resources available to help Albertans who are struggling through these stressful times. The [Help in Tough Times page](#) offers quick access to important phone numbers, self-help resources and supports on handling stressful situations

## Wrapping Up

We all hope the worst of the pandemic is behind us but we continue to see an impact across all our sites. Immunization, public health measures and precautions in our facilities have helped reduce the risk of COVID-19.

When Omicron arrived in Alberta in late November, it was a reminder of how quickly this pandemic can change and how ready we need to be to respond to new risks. We will remain vigilant and ready to adapt our approaches to minimize risk for the vulnerable people we serve and for all of you who care for them.

The longer-term approach to managing COVID-19 will rely less on public health orders and more on individual action. Keeping vaccinations up to date will be important, as will assessing your personal risk. If you deem your risk, or the risk of people you interact with closely, to be high, then you may wish to tailor your own behaviours, such as continuing to wear a well-fitted mask in crowded places.

For all of us, this shared responsibility will mean committing to best practices, such as staying home when sick and frequent hand hygiene.

We are so grateful for the support of Albertans during all the changes and challenges we have faced over the course of the pandemic.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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

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

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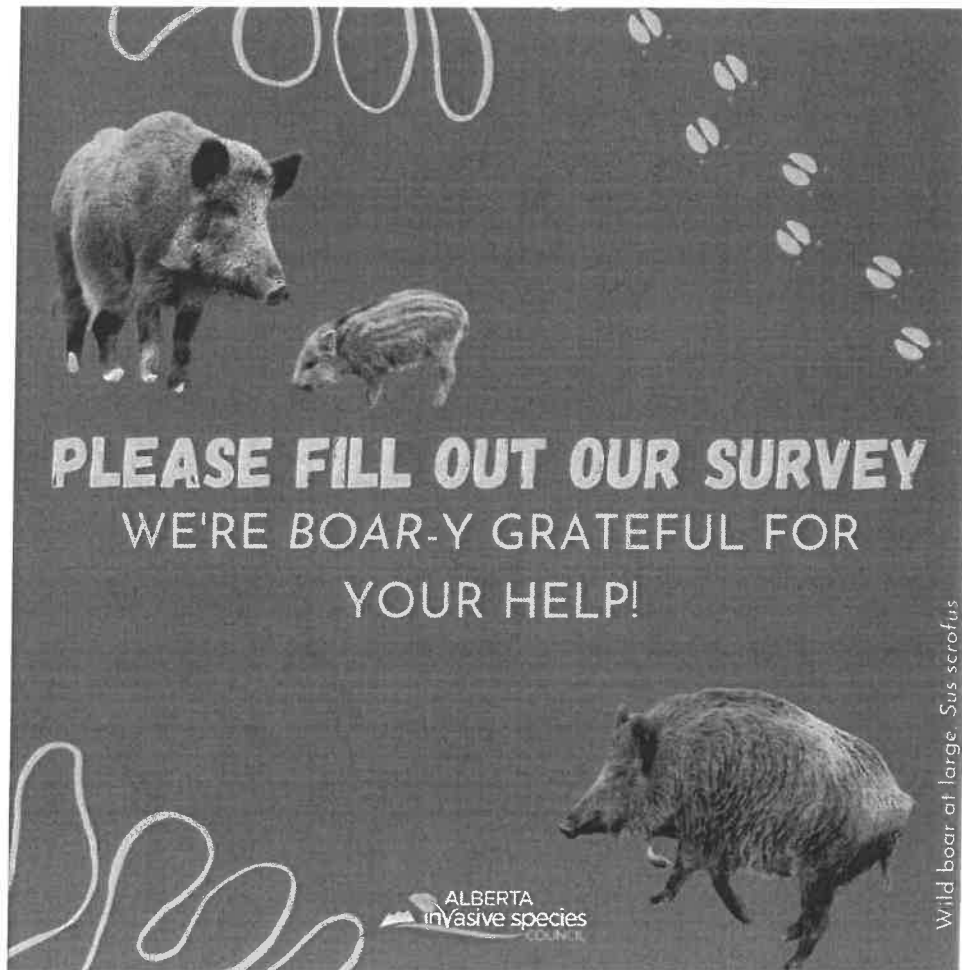
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**From:** Alberta Invasive Species Council <info@abinvasives.ca>  
**Sent:** March 2, 2022 9:44 AM  
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**Subject:** AISC Survey - Your help is a pig deal!

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Her Worship Angela Duncan  
Mayor  
Alberta Beach  
PO Box 278  
Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0

Dear Mayor Duncan:

I received the correspondence of February 16, 2022, from Chief Administrative Officer Kathy Skwarchuk regarding the recent resignation of Bud Love and your appointment as Mayor of Alberta Beach.

Congratulations on your new appointment. I wish you all the best in your new role and appreciate your continued service on council. I also want to acknowledge the service of outgoing mayor Bud Love, and thank him for his contributions as an elected official.

If Alberta Beach requires any advisory support regarding conducting a by-election, please contact a municipal collaboration advisor toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-2225. As well, please send any future notifications of councillor resignations to [ma.updates@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.updates@gov.ab.ca).

Once again, congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver  
Minister

cc: Kathy Skwarchuk, Chief Administrative Officer, Alberta Beach

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**From:** municipalservicesandlegislation@gov.ab.ca  
**Sent:** February 14, 2022 1:24 PM  
**To:** Kathy Skwarchuk  
**Subject:** 2022 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence

Dear Chief Elected Official or Library Board Chair:

I am pleased to invite your municipality or library board to provide submissions for the 2022 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence. This program recognizes excellence in municipal government initiatives and provision of library services, and promotes knowledge-sharing to build capacity. These awards offer an opportunity to recognize the truly great work happening in communities across Alberta.

For 2022, we are bringing together two of my ministry's recognition programs under one umbrella. This broader program will recognize innovation and excellence by both municipalities and library boards. Award submissions will continue to be evaluated by your peers and colleagues in the field, and winning initiatives will be highlighted in future communications.

Submissions will be accepted in the following categories:

- **Building Economic Strength (open to all municipalities)** – The award will be given for an innovative initiative that builds the economic capacity and/or resiliency of the community, and/or improves the attractiveness of the community to businesses, investors, and visitors.
- **Enhancing Community Safety (open to all municipalities)** – The award will be given for an innovative initiative that engages the community to address a safety issue. This could involve crime prevention, infrastructure enhancements (e.g., lighting, accessibility, traffic calming measures), and community services initiatives.
- **Partnership (open to all municipalities)** – The award will be given for an innovative initiative involving a local or regional partnership that achieves results that could not have otherwise been accomplished by the municipality alone. This could involve cooperation, coordination, and collaboration with other municipalities, businesses, Indigenous communities, non-profit organizations, community groups, and other orders of government to achieve a specific outcome.
- **Public Library Services (open to library boards serving a population over 10,000)** – The award will be given for a library service initiative that demonstrates excellence and/or innovation. The initiative should demonstrate responsiveness to community needs and provide direct benefit to the public.
- **Public Library Services (open to library boards serving a population under 10,000)** – The two awards will be given for library service initiatives that demonstrate excellence and/or innovation. The initiatives should demonstrate responsiveness to community needs and provide direct benefit to the public.
- **Red Tape Reduction (open to all municipalities)** – The award will be given for an innovative initiative that improves a municipal program or service by saving time, money, and resources, or impacts municipal operations by reducing regulatory, policy, or process requirements.
- **Service Delivery Enhancement (open to all municipalities)** – The award will be given for an innovative initiative that improves – or presents a new approach to – how a municipality can deliver a program or service.
- **Smaller Municipalities (open to municipalities with populations less than 5,000)** – The award will be given for a municipal initiative that demonstrates leadership, resourcefulness, or innovation to better the community.

Further details about eligibility and submission requirements are available at [www.alberta.ca/ministers-awards-municipal-public-library-excellence.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/ministers-awards-municipal-public-library-excellence.aspx)

Questions about the program from municipalities can be sent to [municipalexcellence@gov.ab.ca](mailto:municipalexcellence@gov.ab.ca) or program advisors

can be reached at 780-427-2225 (toll free by first dialing 310-0000).

Questions about the program from library boards can be sent to [libraries@gov.ab.ca](mailto:libraries@gov.ab.ca) or program advisors can be reached at 780-427-4871 (toll free by first dialing 310-0000).

The deadline for submission is **March 31, 2022**.

I encourage you to share your success stories, and I look forward to celebrating these successes with your communities.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver  
Minister



**Alberta Beach Village Office**

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**From:** taxprogramdelivery@gov.ab.ca  
**Sent:** February 24, 2022 3:51 PM  
**To:** Kathy Skwarchuk  
**Subject:** 2022 Education Property Tax Requisitions

Following today's provincial budget announcement, your municipality's 2022 education property tax requisition is available on MERO (Municipal Education Requisition Online) through the *Milenet* system at [www.milenet.ca](http://www.milenet.ca).

On this website you will find:

- Your municipality's 2022 education property tax requisition. The posted requisition amount is based on equalized assessment data as of January 21, 2022. Any changes to your equalized assessment after January 21 will be reflected in the quarterly updates;
- Forms for preparing local education property tax rates and property tax bylaws; and
- Information about the 2022 education property tax requisition, including assistance for seniors and the *Education Property Tax: Facts and Information* brochure.

Please ensure you log on to MERO, review your education property tax requisition package, and update and save your assessment data in the Local Education Tax Rate Calculator.

Education property tax brochures are available through MERO, and online at <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/education-property-tax-facts-and-information>.

**Requisition Highlights**

The education property tax requisition will be adjusted upwards by 1.5 per cent in 2022/23 to \$2.5 billion, to help keep up with the increase in education operating costs. This will be the first increase in the requisition amount in three years. This year, education property tax will fund approximately 30 per cent of the consolidated operating cost of education.

Each municipality's share of the provincial education requisition is determined by applying the provincial uniform tax rates to the municipality's 2022 equalized assessment. The 2022 uniform tax rates are \$2.65 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment for residential and farmland property and \$3.90 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment for non-residential property.

If you have questions regarding the calculation of your 2022 education property tax requisition, please contact the Grants and Education Property Tax Branch at 780-422-7125, toll-free in Alberta by dialing 310-0000 first, or by email at [taxprogramdelivery@gov.ab.ca](mailto:taxprogramdelivery@gov.ab.ca). Please direct any questions regarding invoicing or payment of the requisition to Blits Agustin, Finance Officer, Alberta Education at 780-422-2848.

Yours truly,

Gary Sandberg  
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister  
Municipal Assessment and Grants

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2022 Education Property Tax Requisition Comparison Report

Municipality / City	Residential / Farm Land Requisition			Non-Residential Requisition			Total Education Requisition		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
City of Airdrie	\$24,526,134	\$25,737,349	5%	\$6,806,241	\$7,066,848	4%	\$31,332,375	\$32,803,197	5%
City of Beaumont	\$7,084,713	\$7,344,202	4%	\$853,463	\$884,557	4%	\$7,938,175	\$8,228,759	4%
City of Brooks	\$2,631,588	\$2,719,769	3%	\$1,256,586	\$1,211,653	-4%	\$3,888,175	\$3,931,422	1%
City of Calgary	\$539,178,067	\$553,994,500	3%	\$228,322,824	\$227,740,615	0%	\$767,500,891	\$781,735,115	2%
City of Carmorse	\$5,391,158	\$5,501,315	2%	\$2,380,941	\$2,428,059	2%	\$7,772,098	\$7,929,374	2%
City of Cheshamere	\$9,305,534	\$9,744,042	5%	\$746,627	\$723,101	-3%	\$10,052,161	\$10,467,144	4%
City of Cold Lake	\$4,212,826	\$3,990,366	-5%	\$2,177,237	\$2,283,225	5%	\$6,390,064	\$6,273,611	-2%
City of Edmonton	\$334,979,032	\$345,207,919	3%	\$158,468,537	\$152,318,507	-4%	\$493,447,569	\$497,526,426	1%
City of Fort Saskatchewan	\$9,157,821	\$9,524,020	4%	\$4,899,951	\$4,719,284	-4%	\$14,057,772	\$14,243,304	1%
City of Grande Prairie	\$18,174,174	\$18,887,377	4%	\$12,132,367	\$12,228,582	1%	\$30,306,541	\$31,115,959	3%
City of Lacombe	\$3,867,866	\$4,049,737	5%	\$1,182,455	\$1,259,377	7%	\$5,050,321	\$5,309,114	5%
City of Leduc	\$10,411,114	\$10,730,746	3%	\$8,196,129	\$7,842,637	-4%	\$18,607,243	\$18,573,383	0%
City of Lethbridge	\$27,701,786	\$28,990,780	5%	\$3,755,997	\$3,797,893	1%	\$38,662,695	\$40,079,265	4%
City of Lloydminster	\$5,569,076	\$5,559,339	0%	\$10,960,908	\$11,088,485	1%	\$9,325,073	\$9,357,233	0%
City of Medicine Hat	\$18,172,656	\$18,948,464	4%	\$6,834,763	\$6,810,197	0%	\$25,007,419	\$25,758,681	3%
City of Red Deer	\$29,811,007	\$30,077,324	1%	\$15,018,413	\$14,357,907	-4%	\$44,829,419	\$44,435,231	-1%
City of Spruce Grove	\$12,616,549	\$12,712,936	1%	\$4,086,292	\$4,166,217	2%	\$16,702,841	\$16,879,153	1%
City of St. Albert	\$26,960,259	\$28,188,654	5%	\$7,527,721	\$7,855,115	4%	\$34,487,981	\$36,043,769	5%
City of Wetaskiwin	\$2,652,708	\$2,611,901	-2%	\$1,325,749	\$1,332,333	0%	\$3,978,457	\$3,944,234	-1%
<b>Specialized Municipality</b>									
Lac La Biche County	\$3,167,682	\$3,348,951	6%	\$6,658,239	\$6,901,166	4%	\$9,825,921	\$10,250,117	4%
MacKenzie County	\$2,630,130	\$2,900,566	10%	\$3,646,873	\$3,516,626	-4%	\$6,277,003	\$6,417,192	2%
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass	\$2,119,739	\$2,253,738	6%	\$662,052	\$581,030	3%	\$2,681,791	\$2,834,768	6%
Municipality of Jasper	\$2,417,850	\$2,566,565	6%	\$2,674,863	\$2,629,393	-2%	\$5,092,713	\$5,195,958	2%
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	\$26,772,045	\$24,631,757	-8%	\$44,158,491	\$44,685,526	1%	\$70,930,536	\$69,317,283	-2%
Strathcona County	\$44,565,034	\$45,614,805	2%	\$23,458,875	\$23,846,556	2%	\$68,023,909	\$69,461,361	2%
<b>Municipal District</b>									
Athabasca County	\$2,608,878	\$2,758,778	6%	\$2,745,060	\$2,842,515	4%	\$5,353,938	\$5,601,292	5%
Beaver County	\$1,936,258	\$2,028,032	5%	\$1,552,075	\$1,685,702	9%	\$3,488,333	\$3,713,734	6%
Big Lakes County	\$1,510,271	\$1,556,891	3%	\$3,533,285	\$3,303,755	-6%	\$5,043,556	\$4,860,646	-4%
Birch Hills County	\$297,256	\$307,570	3%	\$516,656	\$483,779	-6%	\$791,912	\$791,350	-3%
Brazeau County	\$2,496,801	\$2,491,954	0%	\$7,097,686	\$6,920,643	-2%	\$9,594,487	\$9,412,597	-2%
Carmorse County	\$3,497,519	\$3,635,876	4%	\$1,904,470	\$2,066,957	9%	\$5,401,989	\$5,702,833	6%
Cardston County	\$3,481,772	\$1,481,713	4%	\$326,376	\$332,560	2%	\$1,745,149	\$1,814,273	4%
Clear Hills County	\$501,825	\$522,202	4%	\$2,615,118	\$2,625,015	0%	\$3,116,943	\$3,147,217	1%
Clearwater County	\$4,663,265	\$4,696,929	1%	\$13,085,986	\$13,625,015	2%	\$17,749,250	\$18,054,675	2%
County of Barhead No. 11	\$1,963,850	\$2,057,160	5%	\$637,075	\$645,508	1%	\$2,600,925	\$2,702,668	4%
County of Forty Mile No. 8	\$1,170,494	\$1,227,248	5%	\$957,784	\$918,668	-4%	\$2,128,278	\$2,145,915	1%
County of Grande Prairie No. 1	\$10,871,101	\$11,184,979	3%	\$14,026,659	\$14,369,839	2%	\$24,897,760	\$25,554,818	3%
County of Minburn No. 27	\$1,006,383	\$1,050,395	4%	\$1,391,220	\$1,417,199	2%	\$2,397,603	\$2,467,594	3%
County of Newell	\$2,460,927	\$2,520,022	2%	\$2,248,786	\$9,132,111	-1%	\$11,709,713	\$11,652,133	0%
County of Northern Lights	\$1,072,703	\$1,068,662	0%	\$2,198,695	\$2,299,756	5%	\$3,271,397	\$3,368,418	3%

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	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
County of Paineath No. 18	\$558,748	\$582,661	4%	\$1,528,719	\$1,536,038	0%	\$2,087,466	\$2,118,699	1%
County of St. Paul No. 19	\$2,431,898	\$2,512,258	3%	\$1,820,268	\$1,728,862	-5%	\$4,252,166	\$4,241,120	0%
County of Stettin No. 6	\$1,997,780	\$2,028,557	2%	\$1,798,440	\$1,889,172	5%	\$3,796,221	\$3,917,729	3%
County of Two Hills No. 21	\$1,067,133	\$1,131,614	6%	\$664,341	\$634,838	-4%	\$1,731,474	\$1,766,614	2%
County of Vermillion River	\$2,993,596	\$3,065,037	2%	\$3,913,773	\$3,617,107	-8%	\$6,907,369	\$6,682,144	-3%
County of Warner No. 5	\$1,159,674	\$1,263,529	9%	\$808,655	\$781,721	-3%	\$1,968,329	\$2,045,250	4%
County of Wetaskiwin No. 10	\$5,147,652	\$5,236,952	2%	\$2,447,787	\$2,463,472	1%	\$7,595,439	\$7,700,423	1%
Cypress County	\$3,855,469	\$3,999,852	4%	\$9,400,083	\$9,163,915	-3%	\$13,255,552	\$13,063,767	-1%
Flagstaff County	\$1,279,070	\$1,332,244	4%	\$2,483,895	\$2,388,442	-4%	\$3,762,966	\$3,720,686	-1%
Footfalls County	\$17,871,487	\$18,024,978	1%	\$3,512,483	\$3,614,884	3%	\$21,383,970	\$21,641,861	1%
Kneehill County	\$1,706,693	\$1,786,070	5%	\$3,460,304	\$3,544,733	2%	\$5,166,997	\$5,330,803	3%
Lac Ste. Anne County	\$4,258,125	\$4,318,201	1%	\$1,252,242	\$1,265,423	1%	\$5,510,366	\$5,583,624	1%
Lacombe County	\$4,973,564	\$5,018,251	1%	\$6,752,538	\$6,919,505	2%	\$11,726,102	\$11,937,757	2%
Leduc County	\$1,454,340	\$1,490,085	2%	\$2,146,569	\$2,220,207	3%	\$3,600,909	\$3,710,291	3%
Lethbridge County	\$7,220,634	\$7,505,417	4%	\$19,178,849	\$19,733,048	3%	\$26,399,483	\$27,238,465	3%
Lethbridge County	\$3,163,851	\$3,420,780	8%	\$2,292,538	\$2,427,387	6%	\$5,456,389	\$5,848,166	7%
Mountain View County	\$6,418,132	\$6,851,156	7%	\$5,821,742	\$5,996,798	3%	\$12,239,875	\$12,847,955	5%
Municipal District of Acadia No. 34	\$168,731	\$179,130	6%	\$44,324	\$39,740	-10%	\$213,055	\$218,870	3%
Municipal District of Big Horn No. 8	\$1,495,427	\$1,573,554	5%	\$1,302,768	\$1,372,655	5%	\$2,798,195	\$2,946,209	5%
Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87	\$4,649,391	\$4,630,841	0%	\$12,082,220	\$12,075,851	0%	\$16,731,611	\$16,706,692	0%
Municipal District of Fairview No. 136	\$448,906	\$480,016	7%	\$440,552	\$446,073	1%	\$889,458	\$926,089	4%
Municipal District of Greenview No. 16	\$2,640,235	\$2,839,326	8%	\$26,135,592	\$27,572,658	5%	\$28,775,828	\$30,411,984	6%
Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124	\$1,364,509	\$1,322,621	-3%	\$2,514,678	\$2,640,543	5%	\$3,879,187	\$3,963,164	2%
Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17	\$674,684	\$677,181	-1%	\$7,939,599	\$8,012,582	1%	\$8,614,283	\$8,679,763	1%
Municipal District of Peace No. 135	\$453,739	\$471,594	4%	\$404,236	\$423,684	5%	\$857,975	\$895,278	4%
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9	\$1,592,785	\$1,688,199	6%	\$1,179,487	\$1,219,357	3%	\$2,772,272	\$2,907,556	5%
Municipal District of Provost No. 52	\$734,592	\$759,481	3%	\$4,205,095	\$4,367,850	4%	\$4,939,687	\$5,127,331	4%
Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66	\$61,121	\$64,821	6%	\$528,916	\$563,707	7%	\$590,038	\$628,528	7%
Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130	\$615,441	\$636,939	3%	\$807,576	\$772,493	-4%	\$1,423,017	\$1,409,432	-1%
Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133	\$204,629	\$221,874	8%	\$428,440	\$435,544	2%	\$633,068	\$657,418	4%
Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61	\$2,091,209	\$2,197,748	5%	\$3,049,553	\$2,908,417	-5%	\$5,140,763	\$5,106,164	-1%
Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26	\$1,691,239	\$1,735,715	3%	\$4,416,770	\$4,425,519	0%	\$6,108,009	\$6,161,234	1%
Northern Sunrise County	\$2,111,336	\$2,198,204	4%	\$1,464,423	\$1,481,488	1%	\$3,575,760	\$3,679,693	3%
Parkland County	\$591,499	\$627,992	6%	\$4,734,688	\$4,638,369	-2%	\$5,326,186	\$5,266,361	-1%
Parkland County	\$16,847,745	\$16,949,720	1%	\$11,046,768	\$11,248,806	2%	\$27,894,513	\$28,198,526	1%
Red Deer County	\$4,231,438	\$4,334,751	2%	\$3,486,084	\$3,545,525	2%	\$7,717,523	\$7,880,275	2%
Red Deer County	\$9,662,181	\$9,996,255	3%	\$8,707,356	\$8,691,775	0%	\$18,369,537	\$18,688,030	2%
Rocky View County	\$34,780,115	\$34,687,232	0%	\$16,917,052	\$18,072,390	7%	\$51,697,168	\$52,759,622	2%
Saddle Hills County	\$459,184	\$480,269	5%	\$6,122,508	\$6,375,754	4%	\$6,581,692	\$6,556,023	4%
Smoky Lake County	\$916,127	\$1,004,388	10%	\$1,070,958	\$1,081,282	1%	\$1,987,085	\$2,085,670	5%
Stamand County	\$560,766	\$587,387	5%	\$1,260,275	\$1,277,020	1%	\$1,821,041	\$1,864,407	2%
Sturgeon County	\$9,747,710	\$10,388,361	7%	\$7,345,524	\$8,526,991	16%	\$17,093,234	\$18,915,352	11%
Thorhild County	\$1,068,198	\$1,112,435	4%	\$1,320,647	\$1,304,136	-1%	\$2,388,845	\$2,416,571	1%
Vulcan County	\$1,760,614	\$1,811,458	3%	\$1,542,304	\$1,472,152	-5%	\$3,302,918	\$3,283,610	-1%

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	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Westlock County	\$2,150,301	\$2,235,154	4%	\$566,947	\$572,693	1%	\$2,717,248	\$2,807,847	3%
Woodlands County	\$3,671,175	\$3,702,399	1%	\$6,512,644	\$6,479,797	-1%	\$10,183,819	\$10,182,196	0%
Yellowhead County	\$1,845,658	\$1,843,538	0%	\$3,332,840	\$3,094,863	-7%	\$5,178,499	\$4,938,400	-5%
	\$3,841,992	\$4,015,854	5%	\$20,437,528	\$21,217,287	4%	\$24,279,520	\$25,233,142	4%
<b>Town</b>									
Town of Athabasca	\$678,584	\$688,674	1%	\$367,606	\$371,510	1%	\$1,046,190	\$1,060,184	1%
Town of Banff	\$5,003,375	\$5,073,647	1%	\$5,081,642	\$4,507,908	-11%	\$10,085,016	\$9,581,555	-5%
Town of Barthhead	\$978,192	\$991,432	1%	\$473,581	\$466,307	-2%	\$1,451,773	\$1,457,739	0%
Town of Bashaw	\$158,928	\$166,553	5%	\$62,620	\$67,838	8%	\$221,548	\$234,391	6%
Town of Bassano	\$228,426	\$217,995	-5%	\$107,119	\$108,128	1%	\$335,545	\$326,123	-3%
Town of Beaverfloodge	\$575,670	\$589,021	2%	\$241,787	\$254,344	5%	\$817,458	\$843,365	3%
Town of Bentley	\$233,903	\$244,749	5%	\$53,677	\$54,581	2%	\$287,579	\$299,330	4%
Town of Black Diamond	\$899,605	\$913,591	2%	\$165,852	\$168,958	2%	\$1,065,457	\$1,082,549	2%
Town of Blackfalds	\$2,972,417	\$3,020,344	2%	\$565,436	\$595,582	5%	\$3,537,853	\$3,615,926	2%
Town of Bon Accord	\$364,785	\$364,710	0%	\$24,440	\$25,631	5%	\$389,225	\$390,340	0%
Town of Bonnyville	\$1,516,789	\$1,544,434	2%	\$1,356,009	\$1,385,396	2%	\$2,872,798	\$2,929,830	2%
Town of Bow Island	\$343,147	\$356,816	4%	\$167,773	\$165,105	-2%	\$510,920	\$521,921	2%
Town of Bowden	\$241,056	\$249,543	4%	\$50,088	\$52,479	5%	\$291,144	\$302,022	4%
Town of Bruderheim	\$327,486	\$329,751	1%	\$72,515	\$66,350	-9%	\$400,001	\$396,100	-1%
Town of Camrose	\$570,887	\$591,920	4%	\$171,616	\$178,717	4%	\$742,503	\$770,638	4%
Town of Cardston	\$17,511,980	\$18,977,086	8%	\$4,825,874	\$4,950,563	3%	\$22,337,853	\$23,927,648	7%
Town of Carstairs	\$768,506	\$786,585	2%	\$157,273	\$171,133	9%	\$925,779	\$957,718	3%
Town of Castor	\$1,467,969	\$1,513,879	3%	\$234,171	\$250,227	7%	\$1,702,140	\$1,764,106	4%
Town of Claresholm	\$161,547	\$167,595	4%	\$52,999	\$54,864	4%	\$214,546	\$222,459	4%
Town of Coalhurst	\$931,304	\$943,259	1%	\$310,314	\$394,877	27%	\$1,241,618	\$1,338,136	8%
Town of Coaldale	\$2,358,040	\$2,511,948	7%	\$483,627	\$538,144	11%	\$2,841,667	\$3,050,091	7%
Town of Cochrane	\$671,249	\$710,077	6%	\$46,972	\$54,942	17%	\$718,221	\$765,019	7%
Town of Coronation	\$13,098,938	\$13,545,491	3%	\$2,401,266	\$2,535,276	6%	\$15,500,204	\$16,080,767	4%
Town of Crossfield	\$140,588	\$146,294	4%	\$31,947	\$84,214	3%	\$222,536	\$230,508	4%
Town of Daysland	\$1,085,443	\$1,144,339	5%	\$685,586	\$709,510	3%	\$1,771,029	\$1,853,849	5%
Town of Devon	\$162,160	\$171,603	6%	\$25,169	\$24,636	-2%	\$187,329	\$196,240	5%
Town of Didsbury	\$1,961,982	\$2,007,424	2%	\$455,073	\$476,219	5%	\$2,417,055	\$2,483,643	3%
Town of Drayton Valley	\$1,282,504	\$1,274,022	-1%	\$253,887	\$268,972	6%	\$1,536,391	\$1,542,995	0%
Town of Drumheller	\$1,805,525	\$1,821,149	1%	\$1,838,675	\$1,804,968	-2%	\$3,644,201	\$3,626,117	0%
Town of Eckville	\$1,739,583	\$1,759,979	1%	\$923,321	\$901,555	-2%	\$2,662,904	\$2,661,534	0%
Town of Edson	\$234,689	\$241,746	3%	\$76,533	\$78,631	3%	\$311,222	\$320,377	3%
Town of Elk Point	\$2,273,791	\$2,293,115	1%	\$1,499,880	\$1,480,678	-1%	\$3,773,671	\$3,773,794	0%
Town of Fairview	\$293,844	\$263,296	-10%	\$176,817	\$167,038	-6%	\$470,662	\$430,334	-9%
Town of Falher	\$580,462	\$597,516	3%	\$252,144	\$236,419	-6%	\$832,608	\$833,935	0%
Town of Fort Macleod	\$146,783	\$152,690	4%	\$114,241	\$115,386	1%	\$261,023	\$268,076	3%
Town of Fox Creek	\$677,320	\$717,035	6%	\$398,770	\$419,259	5%	\$1,076,090	\$1,136,294	6%
Town of Gibbons	\$525,255	\$533,005	1%	\$614,500	\$584,038	-5%	\$1,139,755	\$1,117,043	-2%
Town of Grimshaw	\$899,344	\$905,291	1%	\$115,035	\$118,163	3%	\$1,014,379	\$1,023,454	1%
	\$508,103	\$526,387	4%	\$174,693	\$179,554	3%	\$682,796	\$705,941	3%

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Municipality	Residential / Farm Land Requisition			Non-Residential Requisition			Total Education Requisition		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Town of Hanna	\$438,284	\$441,590	1%	\$230,432	\$230,087	0%	\$668,716	\$671,677	0%
Town of Hardisty	\$182,910	\$183,743	0%	\$106,687	\$113,631	7%	\$289,597	\$297,374	3%
Town of High Level	\$594,734	\$644,056	8%	\$580,120	\$631,568	9%	\$1,174,854	\$1,275,644	9%
Town of High Prairie	\$459,972	\$463,745	1%	\$403,954	\$418,663	4%	\$863,926	\$882,408	2%
Town of High River	\$4,304,592	\$4,520,533	5%	\$1,248,489	\$1,280,856	3%	\$5,553,081	\$5,801,389	4%
Town of Hinton	\$3,040,839	\$2,999,361	-1%	\$1,730,796	\$1,677,035	-3%	\$4,771,634	\$4,676,396	-2%
Town of Infracana	\$2,111,986	\$2,147,701	2%	\$878,957	\$908,540	3%	\$2,990,943	\$3,056,241	2%
Town of Killam	\$307,794	\$319,255	4%	\$87,662	\$29,315	6%	\$335,456	\$348,569	4%
Town of Lamont	\$188,437	\$188,067	0%	\$88,298	\$86,421	-2%	\$276,735	\$274,488	-1%
Town of Legal	\$357,665	\$353,940	-1%	\$107,808	\$106,422	-1%	\$465,492	\$460,362	-1%
Town of Magrath	\$316,514	\$325,225	3%	\$33,064	\$33,818	2%	\$349,578	\$359,043	3%
Town of Manning	\$529,429	\$562,291	4%	\$49,428	\$53,816	9%	\$578,858	\$606,107	5%
Town of Mayerthorpe	\$219,928	\$219,950	0%	\$108,852	\$108,225	-1%	\$328,780	\$328,175	0%
Town of McLennan	\$204,062	\$186,675	-9%	\$91,729	\$93,641	2%	\$295,791	\$280,315	-5%
Town of Milk River	\$83,974	\$88,283	5%	\$37,551	\$37,540	0%	\$121,525	\$125,822	4%
Town of Millet	\$142,488	\$149,367	5%	\$41,492	\$45,195	9%	\$183,981	\$194,562	6%
Town of Morinville	\$487,165	\$482,325	-1%	\$98,592	\$97,295	-1%	\$585,757	\$579,620	-1%
Town of Mundare	\$3,008,068	\$3,017,797	0%	\$659,590	\$722,825	10%	\$3,667,659	\$3,740,622	2%
Town of Nanton	\$214,179	\$221,161	3%	\$43,971	\$46,869	7%	\$258,150	\$268,030	4%
Town of Nobleford	\$605,126	\$637,852	5%	\$194,051	\$202,753	4%	\$799,177	\$840,605	5%
Town of Okotoks	\$292,124	\$310,153	6%	\$111,802	\$121,486	9%	\$403,925	\$431,639	7%
Town of Olds	\$11,646,941	\$11,840,093	2%	\$2,802,104	\$2,881,733	3%	\$14,449,045	\$14,721,825	2%
Town of Onaway	\$2,791,020	\$2,989,315	7%	\$1,400,106	\$1,373,119	-2%	\$4,191,126	\$4,362,435	4%
Town of Oyen	\$198,962	\$195,547	-2%	\$124,573	\$120,355	-3%	\$323,535	\$315,902	-2%
Town of Peace River	\$168,081	\$178,838	6%	\$74,772	\$115,789	55%	\$242,853	\$294,628	21%
Town of Penhold	\$1,710,385	\$1,660,574	-3%	\$1,040,262	\$1,037,739	0%	\$2,750,647	\$2,698,312	-2%
Town of Picture Butte	\$950,746	\$943,405	-1%	\$409,711	\$422,892	3%	\$1,362,637	\$1,366,297	0%
Town of Pincher Creek	\$400,053	\$409,711	2%	\$121,072	\$132,345	9%	\$521,126	\$542,055	4%
Town of Ponoka	\$878,602	\$918,786	5%	\$422,892	\$430,182	2%	\$1,301,494	\$1,348,968	4%
Town of Provost	\$1,678,877	\$1,743,477	4%	\$694,627	\$714,438	3%	\$2,373,504	\$2,457,915	4%
Town of Rainbow Lake	\$404,098	\$378,756	-6%	\$264,448	\$265,418	0%	\$668,547	\$664,174	-4%
Town of Raymond	\$76,600	\$53,829	-30%	\$84,012	\$55,766	-34%	\$160,612	\$109,595	-32%
Town of Redcliff	\$836,849	\$858,720	3%	\$83,176	\$92,557	11%	\$920,024	\$951,277	3%
Town of Redwater	\$1,408,372	\$1,457,695	4%	\$766,298	\$730,417	-5%	\$2,173,669	\$2,188,112	1%
Town of Rimbeay	\$533,945	\$519,361	-3%	\$369,770	\$359,800	-3%	\$903,715	\$879,162	-3%
Town of Rocky Mountain House	\$593,681	\$620,139	4%	\$311,314	\$301,716	-3%	\$904,995	\$921,855	2%
Town of Sedgewick	\$1,793,416	\$1,735,365	-3%	\$906,092	\$919,846	2%	\$2,699,508	\$2,655,212	-2%
Town of Sexsmith	\$182,523	\$175,936	-4%	\$70,519	\$75,924	1%	\$253,052	\$246,859	-2%
Town of Slave Lake	\$673,252	\$689,169	2%	\$224,765	\$215,935	-4%	\$898,017	\$905,104	1%
Town of Smoky Lake	\$1,561,500	\$1,621,350	4%	\$896,604	\$928,360	4%	\$2,458,103	\$2,549,710	4%
Town of Spirit River	\$176,949	\$182,839	3%	\$74,006	\$75,151	2%	\$250,956	\$257,990	3%
Town of St. Paul	\$174,418	\$180,580	4%	\$74,081	\$78,012	5%	\$248,500	\$258,592	4%
Town of Slavey	\$1,285,405	\$1,299,594	1%	\$663,176	\$642,159	-3%	\$1,948,582	\$1,941,753	0%
Town of Stettler	\$133,996	\$134,037	0%	\$41,926	\$43,380	3%	\$175,922	\$177,417	1%
	\$1,406,042	\$1,431,269	2%	\$909,559	\$962,533	6%	\$2,315,601	\$2,393,802	3%

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Requisition Amounts Based on Jan 21, 2022 Assessment Data





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Town of Stony Plain	\$5,796,883	\$5,916,421	2%	\$1,721,050	\$1,833,330	7%	\$7,517,933	\$7,749,751	3%
Town of Strathmore	\$4,216,861	\$4,280,611	2%	\$1,227,383	\$1,262,572	3%	\$5,444,244	\$5,543,183	2%
Town of Sundre	\$766,613	\$781,128	2%	\$332,749	\$342,726	3%	\$1,098,362	\$1,123,854	2%
Town of Swan Hills	\$159,655	\$140,265	-12%	\$125,778	\$120,150	-4%	\$285,433	\$260,416	-9%
Town of Sylvan Lake	\$5,496,565	\$5,683,988	3%	\$1,275,286	\$1,275,635	3%	\$6,735,850	\$6,959,624	3%
Town of Taber	\$1,903,299	\$1,990,693	5%	\$914,373	\$984,481	8%	\$2,817,672	\$2,975,174	6%
Town of Thorsby	\$198,525	\$201,441	1%	\$79,288	\$84,224	6%	\$277,813	\$285,665	3%
Town of Three Hills	\$657,909	\$679,614	3%	\$226,406	\$231,316	2%	\$884,315	\$910,930	3%
Town of Toftield	\$473,670	\$485,323	2%	\$194,221	\$201,204	4%	\$667,891	\$686,528	3%
Town of Trochu	\$177,656	\$187,858	6%	\$60,116	\$65,409	9%	\$237,772	\$253,267	7%
Town of Turner Valley	\$938,587	\$959,746	2%	\$114,319	\$113,281	-1%	\$1,052,906	\$1,073,026	2%
Town of Two Hills	\$163,332	\$160,111	-2%	\$51,384	\$51,517	0%	\$214,717	\$211,628	-1%
Town of Valleyview	\$344,598	\$363,904	6%	\$290,680	\$293,979	1%	\$635,278	\$657,883	4%
Town of Vauxhall	\$171,593	\$183,294	7%	\$62,343	\$66,820	7%	\$233,936	\$250,114	7%
Town of Vegreville	\$1,276,635	\$1,279,710	0%	\$771,896	\$741,263	-4%	\$2,048,530	\$2,020,973	-1%
Town of Vermillion	\$1,031,000	\$992,557	-4%	\$627,383	\$637,650	2%	\$1,658,383	\$1,630,207	-2%
Town of Viking	\$192,428	\$187,994	-2%	\$77,668	\$78,470	1%	\$270,096	\$266,464	-1%
Town of Vulcan	\$441,112	\$468,837	6%	\$148,975	\$152,428	2%	\$590,086	\$621,265	5%
Town of Wainwright	\$1,570,298	\$1,604,836	2%	\$877,631	\$910,817	4%	\$2,447,930	\$2,515,653	3%
Town of Wembley	\$378,164	\$383,662	1%	\$151,307	\$150,053	-1%	\$529,471	\$533,715	1%
Town of Westlock	\$1,090,783	\$1,090,088	0%	\$666,841	\$699,355	0%	\$1,787,624	\$1,789,443	0%
Town of Whitecourt	\$2,719,456	\$2,818,490	4%	\$2,445,300	\$2,352,078	-4%	\$5,164,756	\$5,170,568	0%
<b>Village</b>									
Alberta Beach	\$428,947	\$440,635	3%	\$42,928	\$41,293	-4%	\$471,875	\$481,928	2%
Village of Acme	\$126,601	\$130,227	3%	\$39,040	\$39,908	2%	\$165,641	\$170,135	3%
Village of Alix	\$149,542	\$148,848	0%	\$61,926	\$60,155	-3%	\$211,468	\$209,003	-1%
Village of Alliance	\$13,479	\$13,462	0%	\$10,208	\$11,028	8%	\$23,688	\$24,490	3%
Village of Amisk	\$30,537	\$29,720	-3%	\$1,696	\$1,741	3%	\$32,233	\$31,460	-2%
Village of Andrew	\$75,572	\$77,316	2%	\$19,828	\$20,379	3%	\$95,400	\$97,695	2%
Village of Arrowwood	\$29,879	\$29,327	-2%	\$10,622	\$10,951	3%	\$40,501	\$40,278	-1%
Village of Barrwell	\$226,938	\$243,226	7%	\$14,248	\$14,751	4%	\$241,186	\$257,977	7%
Village of Barons	\$42,538	\$41,935	-1%	\$10,546	\$10,505	0%	\$53,084	\$52,441	-1%
Village of Bawlf	\$77,928	\$77,993	0%	\$11,369	\$9,837	-13%	\$89,297	\$87,830	-2%
Village of Betsaker	\$179,202	\$179,255	0%	\$97,426	\$106,315	9%	\$276,628	\$285,570	3%
Village of Berwyn	\$83,022	\$83,173	0%	\$9,922	\$10,611	7%	\$92,944	\$93,784	1%
Village of Big Valley	\$58,908	\$61,061	4%	\$15,328	\$18,368	20%	\$74,236	\$79,428	7%
Village of Bittern Lake	\$53,662	\$55,508	3%	\$7,521	\$8,097	8%	\$61,204	\$63,605	4%
Village of Boyle	\$163,318	\$166,197	2%	\$90,972	\$95,240	5%	\$254,290	\$261,437	3%
Village of Breton	\$113,243	\$115,871	2%	\$44,701	\$44,094	-1%	\$157,944	\$159,965	1%
Village of Carbon	\$91,909	\$95,197	4%	\$9,757	\$9,959	2%	\$101,666	\$105,156	3%
Village of Carmanray	\$46,707	\$45,694	-2%	\$8,361	\$9,653	15%	\$55,068	\$55,347	1%
Village of Carolane	\$68,807	\$70,145	2%	\$31,282	\$36,358	16%	\$100,090	\$106,503	6%
Village of Champion	\$50,877	\$49,387	-3%	\$9,587	\$9,933	4%	\$60,464	\$59,320	-2%
Village of Chauvin	\$39,965	\$40,473	1%	\$21,963	\$20,868	-5%	\$61,929	\$61,341	-1%

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Municipality	Residential / Farm Land Requisition			Non-Residential Requisition			Total Education Requisition		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Village of Chippman	\$51,843	\$54,912	6%	\$17,035	\$18,145	7%	\$68,878	\$73,057	6%
Village of Clive	\$184,168	\$197,052	7%	\$11,709	\$12,099	3%	\$195,876	\$209,151	7%
Village of Clyde	\$80,207	\$73,785	-8%	\$8,298	\$8,787	6%	\$88,505	\$82,573	-7%
Village of Consort	\$107,633	\$106,573	-1%	\$62,064	\$62,629	1%	\$169,697	\$169,202	0%
Village of Courts	\$33,940	\$32,602	-4%	\$34,064	\$35,481	4%	\$68,004	\$68,083	0%
Village of Cowley	\$39,798	\$41,264	4%	\$12,253	\$12,985	6%	\$52,052	\$54,259	4%
Village of Cremona	\$97,663	\$103,316	6%	\$25,793	\$26,932	4%	\$123,456	\$130,248	6%
Village of Czar	\$25,518	\$25,693	1%	\$6,121	\$6,132	0%	\$31,639	\$31,824	1%
Village of Delburne	\$191,342	\$199,643	4%	\$41,332	\$43,535	5%	\$232,674	\$243,178	5%
Village of Della	\$36,565	\$37,982	4%	\$12,538	\$12,311	-2%	\$49,103	\$50,293	2%
Village of Donalda	\$31,041	\$32,258	4%	\$5,679	\$5,833	3%	\$36,720	\$38,091	4%
Village of Donnelly	\$51,696	\$52,294	1%	\$8,218	\$8,253	0%	\$59,915	\$60,547	1%
Village of Duchess	\$231,515	\$225,901	-2%	\$34,421	\$34,953	2%	\$265,936	\$260,854	-2%
Village of Edberg	\$19,173	\$19,936	4%	\$1,143	\$1,201	5%	\$20,316	\$21,137	4%
Village of Edgerton	\$63,697	\$64,122	1%	\$12,139	\$12,821	6%	\$75,837	\$76,943	1%
Village of Elnora	\$49,109	\$50,697	3%	\$9,362	\$9,941	6%	\$58,471	\$60,638	4%
Village of Empress	\$16,901	\$17,951	6%	\$4,702	\$4,748	1%	\$21,603	\$22,699	5%
Village of Foremost	\$91,905	\$98,348	7%	\$38,582	\$39,884	3%	\$130,486	\$138,232	6%
Village of Forestburg	\$145,130	\$142,418	-2%	\$36,021	\$35,595	-1%	\$181,152	\$178,013	-2%
Village of Girouxville	\$33,350	\$35,179	5%	\$9,739	\$9,920	2%	\$43,089	\$45,099	5%
Village of Glendon	\$103,435	\$94,785	-8%	\$17,373	\$17,223	-1%	\$120,808	\$112,008	-7%
Village of Glenwood	\$80,249	\$65,007	-8%	\$11,488	\$12,245	7%	\$71,737	\$77,252	8%
Village of Hal Kirk	\$14,624	\$15,018	3%	\$6,436	\$6,625	3%	\$21,060	\$21,643	3%
Village of Hay Lakes	\$111,683	\$110,415	-1%	\$6,906	\$6,850	-1%	\$118,588	\$117,265	-1%
Village of Heisler	\$17,328	\$17,358	0%	\$4,869	\$6,287	29%	\$22,197	\$23,644	7%
Village of Hill Spring	\$36,902	\$38,005	3%	\$2,254	\$2,254	0%	\$39,156	\$40,261	3%
Village of Hires Creek	\$34,439	\$32,970	-4%	\$17,059	\$17,244	1%	\$51,498	\$50,214	-2%
Village of Holden	\$45,982	\$46,497	1%	\$29,715	\$29,995	1%	\$75,697	\$76,491	1%
Village of Hughenden	\$27,844	\$27,477	-1%	\$4,155	\$4,167	0%	\$31,999	\$31,645	-1%
Village of Hussar	\$30,856	\$31,458	2%	\$9,559	\$9,829	3%	\$40,416	\$41,288	2%
Village of Inistree	\$26,117	\$25,843	-1%	\$11,173	\$11,779	5%	\$37,291	\$37,622	1%
Village of Irma	\$93,466	\$94,906	2%	\$28,419	\$27,549	-3%	\$121,885	\$122,455	0%
Village of Kitiscoty	\$201,269	\$197,016	-2%	\$28,151	\$28,428	1%	\$229,420	\$225,444	-2%
Village of Linden	\$170,275	\$172,936	2%	\$62,278	\$65,132	5%	\$232,553	\$238,068	2%
Village of Lomond	\$23,857	\$25,454	7%	\$6,989	\$9,747	39%	\$30,846	\$35,200	14%
Village of Longview	\$102,409	\$106,167	4%	\$39,104	\$40,951	5%	\$141,513	\$147,118	4%
Village of Loughheed	\$31,936	\$31,375	-2%	\$19,492	\$19,466	0%	\$51,428	\$50,861	-1%
Village of Mannville	\$113,736	\$108,765	-4%	\$29,002	\$31,096	7%	\$142,738	\$139,861	-2%
Village of Marwayne	\$98,009	\$96,874	-1%	\$13,358	\$15,803	18%	\$111,367	\$112,677	1%
Village of Milo	\$24,660	\$23,686	-4%	\$10,170	\$11,471	13%	\$34,830	\$35,157	1%
Village of Morrhn	\$35,793	\$35,549	-1%	\$4,129	\$3,856	-7%	\$39,922	\$39,405	-1%
Village of Munson	\$42,878	\$44,078	3%	\$4,965	\$5,056	2%	\$47,844	\$49,134	3%
Village of Myman	\$44,928	\$38,841	-14%	\$5,661	\$5,217	-8%	\$50,589	\$44,057	-13%
Village of Nampa	\$60,687	\$62,777	3%	\$69,622	\$70,735	2%	\$130,309	\$133,511	2%
Village of Paradise Valley	\$21,642	\$21,154	-2%	\$5,022	\$5,061	1%	\$26,664	\$26,215	-2%

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Municipality	Residential / Farm Land Requisition			Non-Residential Requisition			Total Education Requisition		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Village of Rockyford	\$62,382	\$63,229	1%	\$21,693	\$22,886	6%	\$84,075	\$86,115	2%
Village of Rosalind	\$30,198	\$29,609	-2%	\$8,954	\$9,844	10%	\$39,153	\$39,453	1%
Village of Rosemary	\$64,481	\$69,233	7%	\$7,905	\$8,229	4%	\$72,386	\$77,463	7%
Village of Rycroft	\$93,315	\$92,798	-1%	\$88,338	\$86,773	-2%	\$181,653	\$179,571	-1%
Village of Ryley	\$61,688	\$64,771	5%	\$42,323	\$42,702	1%	\$104,011	\$107,473	3%
Village of Spring Lake	\$318,820	\$323,259	1%	\$9,981	\$10,613	6%	\$328,800	\$333,871	2%
Village of Standard	\$75,655	\$77,333	2%	\$55,103	\$56,519	3%	\$130,759	\$133,851	2%
Village of Stirling	\$241,847	\$261,559	8%	\$8,956	\$9,605	7%	\$250,804	\$271,165	8%
Village of Veteran	\$23,695	\$23,395	-1%	\$8,602	\$9,100	6%	\$32,297	\$32,495	1%
Village of Vilna	\$28,633	\$27,970	-2%	\$7,883	\$7,947	1%	\$36,516	\$35,917	-2%
Village of Warburg	\$121,678	\$128,235	5%	\$35,692	\$36,029	1%	\$157,370	\$164,264	4%
Village of Warner	\$56,801	\$58,945	4%	\$15,906	\$15,832	0%	\$72,706	\$74,777	3%
Village of Waskatenau	\$42,677	\$40,257	-6%	\$7,207	\$6,794	-6%	\$49,884	\$47,051	-6%
Village of Youngstown	\$20,741	\$22,608	9%	\$6,047	\$6,768	12%	\$26,787	\$29,376	10%
<b>Summer Village</b>									
Summer Village of Argenta Beach	\$194,507	\$221,812	9%	\$1,084	\$1,140	5%	\$195,591	\$212,952	9%
Summer Village of Betula Beach	\$57,489	\$61,459	7%	\$188	\$202	8%	\$57,676	\$61,661	7%
Summer Village of Birch Cove	\$33,581	\$34,894	4%	\$184	\$192	4%	\$33,765	\$35,086	4%
Summer Village of Birchcliff	\$436,431	\$459,049	5%	\$6,882	\$7,082	3%	\$443,313	\$466,131	5%
Summer Village of Bondiss	\$139,799	\$161,898	16%	\$2,576	\$2,710	5%	\$142,375	\$164,608	16%
Summer Village of Bonnyville Beach	\$73,897	\$68,899	-7%	\$0	\$649	0%	\$73,897	\$69,547	-6%
Summer Village of Burnstick Lake	\$57,679	\$54,461	-6%	\$119	\$125	6%	\$57,798	\$54,587	-6%
Summer Village of Castle Island	\$32,751	\$33,567	2%	\$56	\$59	6%	\$32,807	\$33,626	2%
Summer Village of Crystal Springs	\$187,949	\$208,076	11%	\$1,125	\$1,186	5%	\$189,073	\$209,262	11%
Summer Village of Ghost Lake	\$125,955	\$120,527	-4%	\$229	\$249	9%	\$126,184	\$120,777	-4%
Summer Village of Golden Days	\$284,326	\$311,689	10%	\$2,918	\$3,037	4%	\$287,245	\$314,726	10%
Summer Village of Grandview	\$211,179	\$218,796	4%	\$973	\$1,048	8%	\$212,151	\$219,844	4%
Summer Village of Gull Lake	\$249,422	\$249,454	0%	\$4,395	\$4,428	1%	\$253,817	\$253,882	0%
Summer Village of Half Moon Bay	\$106,585	\$112,582	6%	\$142	\$150	6%	\$106,727	\$112,732	6%
Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay	\$43,224	\$43,545	1%	\$642	\$667	4%	\$43,866	\$44,212	1%
Summer Village of Island Lake	\$258,424	\$290,343	12%	\$2,364	\$2,485	5%	\$260,788	\$292,828	12%
Summer Village of Island Lake South	\$59,982	\$66,708	11%	\$378	\$404	7%	\$60,360	\$67,112	11%
Summer Village of Itaska Beach	\$87,886	\$97,823	11%	\$452	\$568	26%	\$88,339	\$98,392	11%
Summer Village of Jarvis Bay	\$425,875	\$452,547	6%	\$1,285	\$1,361	6%	\$427,160	\$453,908	6%
Summer Village of Kapasiwin	\$73,717	\$79,097	7%	\$283	\$311	10%	\$74,000	\$79,408	7%
Summer Village of Lakeview	\$40,593	\$45,696	13%	\$229	\$245	7%	\$40,822	\$45,941	13%
Summer Village of Larkspur	\$77,560	\$81,404	5%	\$196	\$215	9%	\$77,756	\$81,619	5%
Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach	\$228,994	\$259,982	14%	\$7,717	\$7,534	-2%	\$236,711	\$267,516	13%
Summer Village of Mewatha Beach	\$138,029	\$148,589	8%	\$790	\$831	5%	\$138,819	\$149,420	8%
Summer Village of Nakamun Park	\$85,042	\$86,544	2%	\$512	\$541	6%	\$85,554	\$87,085	2%
Summer Village of Norglenwood	\$514,014	\$543,582	6%	\$1,981	\$2,047	3%	\$515,995	\$545,630	6%
Summer Village of Norris Beach	\$82,334	\$87,877	7%	\$620	\$653	5%	\$82,954	\$88,531	7%
Summer Village of Parkland Beach	\$190,947	\$197,279	3%	\$8,745	\$9,100	4%	\$199,692	\$206,379	3%
Summer Village of Pelican Narrows	\$142,728	\$148,632	4%	\$1,074	\$1,136	6%	\$143,801	\$149,768	4%

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<b>Municipality</b>									
Summer Village of Point Allison	\$58,695	\$60,725	3%	\$263	\$275	5%	\$56,958	\$61,000	3%
Summer Village of Poplar Bay	\$230,337	\$231,416	0%	\$1,413	\$1,460	3%	\$231,750	\$232,876	0%
Summer Village of Roohan Sands	\$158,464	\$161,168	2%	\$1,510	\$1,574	4%	\$159,974	\$162,742	2%
Summer Village of Ross Haven	\$147,572	\$157,865	7%	\$1,737	\$813	-53%	\$149,308	\$158,678	6%
Summer Village of Sandy Beach	\$66,935	\$114,472	18%	\$2,200	\$2,208	0%	\$99,135	\$116,680	18%
Summer Village of Saba Beach	\$425,499	\$477,518	12%	\$13,225	\$14,737	11%	\$438,724	\$492,255	12%
Summer Village of Silver Beach	\$198,182	\$213,370	8%	\$713	\$749	5%	\$198,894	\$214,120	8%
Summer Village of Silver Sands	\$134,558	\$139,605	4%	\$4,136	\$3,950	-4%	\$138,694	\$143,555	4%
Summer Village of South Baptist	\$49,673	\$50,600	2%	\$2,423	\$2,704	12%	\$52,096	\$53,304	2%
Summer Village of South View	\$44,774	\$49,675	11%	\$445	\$477	7%	\$45,219	\$50,152	11%
Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove	\$340,782	\$363,366	7%	\$552	\$586	6%	\$341,334	\$363,952	7%
Summer Village of Sundance Beach	\$130,217	\$146,055	12%	\$288	\$297	3%	\$130,504	\$146,352	12%
Summer Village of Sunrise Beach	\$64,163	\$69,763	9%	\$478	\$500	5%	\$64,640	\$70,263	9%
Summer Village of Sunset Beach	\$80,358	\$89,211	11%	\$533	\$560	5%	\$80,891	\$89,771	11%
Summer Village of Sunset Point	\$178,437	\$178,437	0%	\$654	\$670	2%	\$167,592	\$179,106	7%
Summer Village of Val Quentin	\$115,530	\$117,650	2%	\$601	\$601	0%	\$116,131	\$118,502	2%
Summer Village of Walparous	\$79,464	\$87,552	10%	\$157	\$162	3%	\$79,621	\$87,725	10%
Summer Village of West Baptist	\$84,185	\$96,596	15%	\$457	\$486	6%	\$84,642	\$97,082	15%
Summer Village of West Cove	\$139,884	\$148,143	6%	\$713	\$748	5%	\$140,597	\$148,891	6%
Summer Village of Whispering Hills	\$110,809	\$121,739	10%	\$993	\$1,046	5%	\$111,802	\$122,786	10%
Summer Village of White Sands	\$279,364	\$297,887	7%	\$1,728	\$1,824	6%	\$281,092	\$299,711	7%
Summer Village of Yellowstone	\$90,213	\$90,483	0%	\$567	\$600	6%	\$90,779	\$91,083	0%
<b>Improvement District</b>									
Improvement District No. 04 (Waterford)	\$384,538	\$410,378	7%	\$199,025	\$242,641	22%	\$583,562	\$653,019	12%
Improvement District No. 09 (Banff)	\$330,531	\$319,681	-3%	\$3,073,720	\$2,673,345	-13%	\$3,404,252	\$2,993,026	-12%
Improvement District No. 12 (Jasper National Park)	\$14,936	\$14,956	0%	\$190,643	\$198,501	4%	\$205,578	\$213,457	4%
Improvement District No. 13 (Elk Island)	\$975	\$990	2%	\$23,148	\$23,910	3%	\$24,123	\$24,900	3%
Improvement District No. 24 (Wood Buffalo)	\$6,525	\$6,534	0%	\$3,750	\$3,918	4%	\$10,275	\$10,452	2%
Improvement District No. 349	\$0	\$0	0%	\$4,159,939	\$3,918	4%	\$4,159,939	\$10,452	2%
Kananaskis Improvement District	\$162,475	\$167,207	3%	\$406,029	\$423,830	4%	\$568,504	\$591,037	4%
<b>Special Area</b>									
Special Areas Board	\$1,492,508	\$1,633,021	9%	\$9,768,122	\$9,687,466	-1%	\$11,260,631	\$11,320,487	1%
<b>Townsite</b>									
Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society	\$439,976	\$457,165	4%	\$0	\$0	0%	\$439,976	\$457,165	4%

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**Alberta Beach Village Office**

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Please see the attached letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-Hays

February 24, 2022

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

I am writing to share information with you about *Budget 2022*, which my colleague, the Honourable Travis Toews, has tabled in the Alberta legislature. You will find below some details about Budget 2022 that are most closely related to Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Alberta municipalities that we all continue to serve.

Alberta's government is investing approximately \$980 million overall to build stronger communities across our province. These funds will continue to deliver important programs and services, support effective governance, and protect public safety. Alberta is moving forward to a time of economic recovery and prosperity, where Albertans have opportunities to build their skills, pursue their passions, and support themselves and their families. That's why we are continuing to provide significant infrastructure funding in the near term to support our economic recovery, even as we help municipalities adjust to new funding levels.

As we discussed last year, Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital funding is averaging \$722 million a year for three years, from 2021-2024. We front-loaded MSI funding for 2021-22 to a total of approximately \$1.2 billion, to help municipalities recover from the pandemic and provide flexibility to ensure priority capital projects could continue. As a result, MSI funding for 2022 and 2023 has been reduced proportionately to \$485 million each year. Additionally, municipalities and Metis Settlements will continue to receive \$30 million under the operating component of the MSI program.

The goal of this strategic, multi-year funding approach is to prepare for implementation of the Local Government Fiscal Framework in 2024-25. Our government passed the *Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Act*, paving the way for Municipal Affairs to establish a predictable, reliable, long-lasting funding arrangement with Alberta municipalities that is tied to provincial revenues. Baseline funding for the first year of the LGFF in 2024-25 will remain at \$722 million, equivalent to the current three-year average funding level of MSI. The estimated 2022 MSI allocations are available on the program website here.

As you are also aware, the federal Gas Tax Fund changed its name and is now called the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). Fortunately, the level of funding for Alberta has not changed, and we anticipate receiving approximately \$255 million from this federal fund again this year. The estimated 2022 CCBF allocations are available on the program website here.

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MSI and CCBF program funding is subject to the Legislative Assembly's approval of Budget 2022. Individual allocations and 2022 funding are subject to ministerial authorization under the respective program guidelines. Federal CCBF funding is also subject to confirmation by the Government of Canada. You should anticipate receiving letters confirming MSI and CCBF funding commitments in April.

I am pleased to inform you that funding in support of local public library boards will continue to remain stable, helping to deliver important literacy resources to Albertans. We are also maintaining equivalent levels of operational funding for other services, such as the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

As we all look to the time ahead, I can tell you that Alberta's government understands the challenges and the opportunities that are facing Alberta communities. As we continue to recover from the pandemic and prepare for economic growth, Municipal Affairs remains committed to providing sustainable levels of capital funding, to promoting economic development, and to supporting local governments as they deliver programs and services that Albertans need.

Alberta is moving forward to a prosperous financial future, and Albertans are doing their part to get us there. Alberta's government will do its part by sticking to our fiscal plan. We will continue our disciplined spending to maintain balance, and we will continue to respect Albertans' tax dollars by keeping our spending in line with other provinces.

With our eyes on these goals, we will move forward to a bright, thriving, and prosperous future where Alberta firmly secures our place as the economic engine of our nation.

Sincerely,

Ric Mclver  
Minister

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## 2022 Municipal Sustainability Initiative Allocations

Municipality	Capital Funding (including BMTG)	Operating Funding	Total Funding
<b>Total</b>	<b>485,000,000</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>515,000,000</b>
<b>Cities</b>			
AIRDRIE	7,490,765	489,487	7,980,252
BEAUMONT	2,016,399	139,417	2,155,816
BROOKS	1,405,625	95,693	1,501,318
CALGARY	128,088,752	-	128,088,752
CAMROSE	2,039,756	137,293	2,177,049
CHESTERMERE	2,262,223	156,876	2,419,099
COLD LAKE	1,646,201	114,287	1,760,488
EDMONTON	95,318,204	-	95,318,204
FORT SASKATCHEWAN	3,103,291	210,497	3,313,788
GRANDE PRAIRIE	7,244,531	472,476	7,717,007
LACOMBE	1,451,330	100,683	1,552,013
LEDUC	3,815,262	260,071	4,075,333
LÉTHBRIDGE	10,200,842	651,590	10,852,432
LLOYDMINSTER	2,172,375	149,365	2,321,740
MEDICINE HAT	6,437,648	417,168	6,854,816
RED DEER	10,780,196	694,956	11,475,152
SPRUCE GROVE	3,893,722	259,530	4,153,252
ST. ALBERT	7,435,440	492,131	7,927,571
WETASKIWIN	1,277,057	88,780	1,365,837
<b>Towns</b>			
ATHABASCA	339,047	32,588	371,635
BANFF	1,402,845	109,284	1,512,129
BARRHEAD	485,146	152,920	638,066
BASHAW	120,510	59,095	179,605
BASSANO	155,583	50,209	205,792
BEAVERLODGE	283,701	28,988	312,689
BENTLEY	142,469	46,261	188,730
BLACK DIAMOND	317,305	31,314	348,619
BLACKFALDS	1,038,543	76,379	1,114,922
BON ACCORD	182,309	59,642	241,951
BONNYVILLE	732,420	58,370	790,790
BOW ISLAND	228,098	124,638	352,736
BOWDEN	154,133	81,021	235,154
BRUDERHEIM	174,569	56,007	230,576
CALMAR	258,176	27,342	285,518
CANMORE	2,622,876	200,613	2,823,489
CARDSTON	392,944	225,411	618,355
CARSTAIRS	464,223	40,768	504,991
CASTOR	126,101	64,179	190,280
CLARESHOLM	404,602	36,400	441,002
COALDALE	867,856	65,058	932,914
COALHURST	294,269	96,969	391,238
COCHRANE	3,295,030	225,644	3,520,674
CORONATION	128,288	64,874	193,162
CROSSFIELD	421,164	38,599	459,763
DAYS LAND	117,148	58,535	175,683
DEVON	697,278	55,124	752,402
DIDS BURY	540,506	172,904	713,410
DRAYTON VALLEY	851,583	66,655	918,238
DRUMHELLER	824,841	257,145	1,081,986
ECKVILLE	150,434	77,121	227,555
EDSON	939,479	71,591	1,011,070



Municipality	Capital Funding (including BMTG)	Operating Funding	Total Funding
ELK POINT	186,729	58,293	245,022
FAIRVIEW	322,012	104,055	426,067
FALHER	139,274	70,781	210,055
FORT MACLEOD	335,241	32,267	367,508
FOX CREEK	314,725	31,324	346,049
GIBBONS	344,103	32,617	376,720
GRIMSHAW	292,874	161,521	454,395
HANNA	277,616	152,833	430,449
HARDISTY	107,234	18,154	125,388
HIGH LEVEL	422,038	134,566	556,604
HIGH PRAIRIE	291,086	29,404	320,490
HIGH RIVER	1,480,481	105,256	1,585,737
HINTON	1,100,330	82,023	1,182,353
INNISFAIL	847,106	65,040	912,146
IRRICANA	157,154	50,563	207,717
KILLAM	136,534	43,781	180,315
LAMONT	206,782	110,315	317,097
LEGAL	165,968	54,175	220,143
MAGRATH	258,895	145,489	404,384
MANNING	153,802	78,335	232,137
MAYERTHORPE	160,372	85,272	245,644
MCLENNAN	110,324	94,924	205,248
MILK RIVER	117,621	58,715	176,336
MILLET	229,783	72,879	302,662
MORINVILLE	1,024,400	75,671	1,100,071
MUNDARE	125,226	39,782	165,008
NANTON	259,595	27,555	287,150
NOBLEFORD	164,641	21,471	186,112
OKOTOKS	3,209,241	219,050	3,428,291
OLDS	1,016,622	76,460	1,093,082
ONOWAY	143,026	45,214	188,240
OYEN	135,964	69,339	205,303
PEACE RIVER	750,604	59,034	809,638
PENHOLD	374,473	121,031	495,504
PICTURE BUTTE	210,683	68,275	278,958
PINCHER CREEK	404,037	36,633	440,670
PONOKA	738,705	233,168	971,873
PROVOST	239,119	74,839	313,958
RAINBOW LAKE	116,921	95,855	212,776
RAYMOND	415,051	242,738	657,789
REDCLIFF	603,421	49,283	652,704
REDWATER	263,368	28,129	291,497
RIMBEY	296,423	29,843	326,266
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	720,423	56,938	777,361
SEDGEWICK	120,718	38,492	159,210
SEXSMITH	298,037	29,870	327,907
SLAVE LAKE	708,995	55,953	764,948
SMOKY LAKE	133,199	66,403	199,602
SPIRIT RIVER	133,984	67,914	201,898
ST. PAUL	621,506	195,159	816,665
STAVELY	97,377	17,359	114,736
STETTLER	649,945	52,448	702,393
STONY PLAIN	1,890,824	131,776	2,022,600
STRATHMORE	1,432,830	102,346	1,535,176
SUNDRE	320,075	31,486	351,561
SWAN HILLS	161,920	147,832	309,752
SYLVAN LAKE	1,615,280	114,944	1,730,224
TABER	851,145	64,199	915,344
THORSBY	138,024	44,485	182,509

Municipality	Capital Funding (including BMTG)	Operating Funding	Total Funding
<b>THREE HILLS</b>	342,057	110,500	452,557
TOFIELD	245,728	77,241	322,969
TROCHU	137,657	71,159	208,816
TURNER VALLEY	307,217	30,759	337,976
TWO HILLS	163,454	161,494	324,948
VALLEYVIEW	227,594	70,867	298,461
VAUXHALL	148,502	139,184	287,686
VÈGREVILLE	621,277	50,553	671,830
VERMILION	472,300	41,294	513,594
VIKING	141,533	72,648	214,181
VULCAN	225,978	71,937	297,915
WAINWRIGHT	681,539	54,437	735,976
WEMBLEY	190,969	23,183	214,152
WESTLOCK	541,202	45,109	586,311
WHITECOURT	1,175,591	87,644	1,263,235
<b>Villages</b>			
<b>ACME</b>	102,499	49,339	151,838
ALBERTA BEACH	155,178	21,210	176,388
ALIX	112,563	18,233	130,796
ALLIANCE	57,932	29,713	87,645
AMISK	61,612	34,831	96,443
ANDREW	82,311	37,022	119,333
ARROWWOOD	62,306	35,177	97,483
BARNWELL	128,224	42,151	170,375
BARONS	71,576	48,805	120,381
BAWLF	80,263	36,711	116,974
BEISEKER	123,770	18,995	142,765
BERWYN	88,776	69,015	157,791
BIG VALLEY	74,454	49,807	124,261
BITTERN LAKE	65,194	20,608	85,802
BOYLE	130,380	64,349	194,729
BRETON	96,985	31,227	128,212
CARBON	87,115	65,254	152,369
CARMANGAY	66,152	27,468	93,620
CAROLINE	87,600	66,439	154,039
CHAMPION	71,477	46,509	117,986
CHAUVIN	73,160	49,318	122,478
CHIPMAN	71,431	29,049	100,480
CLIVE	109,775	35,438	145,213
CLYDE	80,860	37,134	117,994
CONSORT	109,311	53,451	162,762
COUTTS	67,114	27,310	94,424
COWLEY	63,244	25,276	88,520
CREMONA	84,281	27,268	111,549
CZAR	61,327	34,614	95,941
DELBURNE	125,232	62,381	187,613
DELIA	63,783	25,654	89,437
DONALDA	62,604	36,356	98,960
DONNELLY	72,215	48,954	121,169
DUCHESS	140,119	72,623	212,742
EDBÉRG	57,157	29,360	86,517
ÉDGERTON	79,733	57,491	137,224
ELNORA	69,868	44,563	114,431
EMPRESS	59,633	29,951	89,584
FOREMOST	92,938	43,318	136,256
FORESTBURG	119,992	103,736	223,728
GIROUXVILLE	67,039	43,461	110,500
GLENDON	89,257	40,772	130,029
GLENWOOD	71,810	31,063	102,873

Municipality	Capital Funding (including BMTG)	Operating Funding	Total Funding
HALKIRK	54,888	25,419	80,307
HAY LAKES	87,914	40,754	128,668
HEISLER	58,001	30,296	88,297
HILL SPRING	59,331	22,716	82,047
HINES CREEK	72,536	49,362	121,898
HOLDEN	74,985	49,947	124,932
HUGHENDEN	63,997	38,782	102,779
HUSSAR	61,205	24,203	85,408
INNISFREE	62,920	36,768	99,688
IRMA	89,862	42,129	131,991
KITSCOTY	132,333	66,891	199,224
LINDEN	119,527	38,772	158,299
LOMOND	58,816	30,942	89,758
LONGVIEW	75,211	15,985	91,196
LOUGHEED	66,409	40,233	106,642
MANNVILLE	114,066	98,762	212,828
MARWAYNE	96,804	76,165	172,969
MILO	54,910	13,612	68,522
MORRIN	64,125	38,504	102,629
MUNSON	62,406	24,398	86,804
MYRNAM	71,642	48,620	120,262
NAMPA	79,633	16,238	95,871
PARADISE VALLEY	59,515	32,251	91,766
ROCKYFORD	72,488	31,119	103,607
ROSALIND	61,201	33,257	94,458
ROSEMARY	76,385	54,448	130,833
RYCROFT	101,768	32,473	134,241
RYLEY	86,425	63,577	150,002
SPRING LAKE	119,970	18,921	138,891
STANDARD	78,416	16,159	94,575
STIRLING	152,735	144,017	296,752
VETERAN	63,410	38,252	101,662
VILNA	67,233	43,573	110,806
WARBURG	110,814	92,582	203,396
WARNER	75,919	52,217	128,136
WASKATENAU	64,150	26,207	90,357
YOUNGSTOWN	57,940	29,714	87,654
<b>Summer Villages</b>			
ARGENTIA BEACH	43,509	4,722	48,231
BETULA BEACH	32,044	3,210	35,254
BIRCH COVE	31,309	4,615	35,924
BIRCHCLIFF	67,798	10,419	78,217
BONDISS	43,317	8,386	51,703
BONNYVILLE BEACH	36,239	6,998	43,237
BURNSTICK LAKE	31,861	3,144	35,005
CASTLE ISLAND	29,895	2,727	32,622
CRYSTAL SPRINGS	43,468	5,932	49,400
GHOST LAKE	39,541	7,172	46,713
GOLDEN DAYS	57,031	9,473	66,504
GRANDVIEW	48,552	8,818	57,370
GULL LAKE	54,232	9,221	63,453
HALF MOON BAY	36,773	4,919	41,692
HORSESHOE BAY	33,469	6,211	39,680
ISLAND LAKE	59,174	9,575	68,749
ISLAND LAKE SOUTH	33,889	5,639	39,528
ITASKA BEACH	34,640	3,780	38,420
JARVIS BAY	71,705	10,636	82,341
KAPASIWIN	33,130	2,997	36,127
LAKEVIEW	31,324	3,858	35,182

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Municipality	Capital Funding (including BMTG)	Operating Funding	Total Funding
LARKSPUR	35,042	4,876	39,918
MA-ME-O BEACH	49,994	8,942	58,936
MEWATHA BEACH	41,127	7,709	48,836
NAKAMUN PARK	37,557	7,715	45,272
NORGLNWOLD	81,902	11,419	93,321
NORRIS BEACH	34,911	4,561	39,472
PARKLAND BEACH	50,004	8,895	58,899
PELICAN NARROWS	45,764	8,544	54,308
POINT ALISON	31,850	2,890	34,740
POPLAR BAY	49,107	8,876	57,983
ROCHON SANDS	43,400	7,696	51,096
ROSS HAVEN	45,834	8,539	54,373
SANDY BEACH	49,927	8,747	58,674
SEBA BEACH	69,534	10,505	80,039
SILVER BEACH	44,370	6,715	51,085
SILVER SANDS	46,098	8,561	54,659
SOUTH BAPTISTE	33,344	5,846	39,190
SOUTH VIEW	33,285	5,892	39,177
SUNBREAKER COVE	56,099	8,502	64,601
SUNDANCE BEACH	40,421	6,790	47,211
SUNRISE BEACH	38,262	7,936	46,198
SUNSET BEACH	35,110	5,134	40,244
SUNSET POINT	47,811	8,694	56,505
VAL QUENTIN	49,326	8,727	58,053
WAIPAROUS	35,021	5,127	40,148
WEST BAPTISTE	35,416	4,603	40,019
WEST COVE	44,668	8,454	53,122
WHISPERING HILLS	42,845	8,310	51,155
WHITE SANDS	55,258	9,370	64,628
YELLOWSTONE	39,916	8,072	47,988
<b>Municipal Districts and Counties</b>			
ACADIA NO. 34, M.D. OF	202,577	39,517	242,094
ATHABASCA COUNTY	1,390,220	172,038	1,562,258
BARRHEAD NO. 11, COUNTY OF	897,269	172,738	1,070,007
BEAVER COUNTY	1,085,155	205,329	1,290,484
BIG LAKES COUNTY	911,633	73,654	985,287
BIGHORN NO. 8, M.D. OF	350,286	36,908	387,194
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY	485,473	84,025	569,498
BONNYVILLE NO. 87, M.D. OF	2,486,232	198,812	2,685,044
BRAZEAU COUNTY	1,376,840	115,319	1,492,159
CAMROSE COUNTY	1,454,771	214,124	1,668,895
CARDSTON COUNTY	679,160	134,371	813,531
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY	781,704	137,004	918,708
CLEARWATER COUNTY	2,428,477	193,180	2,621,657
CYPRESS COUNTY	2,039,853	158,034	2,197,887
FAIRVIEW NO. 136, M.D. OF	390,605	70,888	461,493
FLAGSTAFF COUNTY	1,144,021	236,254	1,380,275
FOOTHILLS COUNTY	3,210,754	257,409	3,468,163
FORTY MILE NO. 8, COUNTY OF	1,088,265	171,214	1,259,479
GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1, COUNTY OF	3,809,000	342,269	4,151,269
GREENVIEW NO. 16, M.D. OF	3,184,939	261,767	3,446,706
KNEEHILL COUNTY	1,176,683	145,213	1,321,896
LACOMBE COUNTY	1,881,530	149,492	2,031,022
LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY	1,450,152	107,918	1,558,070
LAMONT COUNTY	909,040	159,816	1,068,856
LEDUC COUNTY	3,073,816	248,704	3,322,520
LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124, M.D. OF	630,108	55,200	685,308
LETHBRIDGE COUNTY	1,388,843	105,390	1,494,233
MINBURN NO. 27, COUNTY OF	838,363	151,355	989,718

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Municipality	Capital Funding (including BMTG)	Operating Funding	Total Funding
MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY	2,106,304	168,326	2,274,630
NEWELL, COUNTY OF	1,754,334	138,951	1,893,285
NORTHERN LIGHTS, COUNTY OF	857,042	149,801	1,006,843
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY	790,509	66,356	856,865
OPPORTUNITY NO. 17, M.D. OF	1,030,682	84,466	1,115,148
PAINT EARTH NO. 18, COUNTY OF	693,251	130,502	823,753
PARKLAND COUNTY	4,196,170	343,726	4,539,896
PEACE NO. 135, M.D. OF	308,696	63,141	371,837
PINCHER CREEK NO. 9, M.D. OF	620,076	53,528	673,604
PONOKA COUNTY	1,512,631	118,802	1,631,433
PROVOST NO. 52, M.D. OF	952,435	73,827	1,026,262
RANGLAND NO. 66, M.D. OF	140,774	21,684	162,458
RED DEER COUNTY	3,015,450	234,884	3,250,334
ROCKY VIEW COUNTY	6,463,565	513,975	6,977,540
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY	979,556	79,205	1,058,761
SMOKY LAKE COUNTY	640,324	107,802	748,126
SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, M.D. OF	734,616	107,491	842,107
SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133, M.D. OF	253,141	46,764	299,905
ST. PAUL NO. 19, COUNTY OF	1,126,608	113,336	1,239,944
STARLAND COUNTY	651,812	111,814	763,626
STETTNER NO. 6, COUNTY OF	1,254,433	252,422	1,506,855
STURGEON COUNTY	2,773,977	219,385	2,993,362
TABER, M.D. OF	1,300,755	165,632	1,466,387
THORHILD COUNTY	718,094	119,850	837,944
TWO HILLS NO. 21, COUNTY OF	889,638	198,065	1,087,703
VERMILION RIVER, COUNTY OF	1,805,977	337,634	2,143,611
VULCAN COUNTY	1,058,930	177,958	1,236,888
WAINWRIGHT NO. 61, M.D. OF	1,145,920	141,160	1,287,080
WARNER NO. 5, COUNTY OF	888,552	156,102	1,044,654
WESTLOCK COUNTY	1,119,183	209,341	1,328,524
WETASKIWIN NO. 10, COUNTY OF	1,580,295	123,203	1,703,498
WHEATLAND COUNTY	1,785,214	138,859	1,924,073
WILLOW CREEK NO. 26, M.D. OF	1,123,845	218,856	1,342,701
WOODLANDS COUNTY	845,390	72,599	917,989
YELLOWHEAD COUNTY	2,898,904	228,893	3,127,797
I.D. NO. 04 (WATERTON)	117,409	19,085	136,494
I.D. NO. 09 (BANFF)	362,178	38,446	400,624
I.D. NO. 12 (JASPER NATIONAL PARK)	66,541	10,696	77,237
I.D. NO. 13 (ELK ISLAND)	52,185	4,080	56,265
I.D. NO. 24 (WOOD BUFFALO)	89,426	16,479	105,905
I.D. NO. 25 (WILLMORE WILDERNESS)	50,417	3,954	54,371
KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	101,903	18,314	120,217
SPECIAL AREAS BOARD	2,490,477	368,088	2,858,565
<b>Specialized Municipalities</b>			
CROWSNEST PASS, MUNICIPALITY OF	874,152	121,821	995,973
JASPER, MUNICIPALITY OF	728,701	61,776	790,477
LAC LA BICHE COUNTY	1,592,717	123,824	1,716,541
MACKENZIE COUNTY	1,577,420	121,262	1,698,682
STRATHCONA COUNTY	12,016,869	842,809	12,859,678
WOOD BUFFALO, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	12,820,301	916,924	13,737,225
<b>Metis Settlements</b>			
BUFFALO LAKE	109,914	16,654	126,568
EAST PRAIRIE	106,805	16,162	122,967
ELIZABETH	99,239	16,383	115,622
FISHING LAKE	103,145	16,196	119,341
GIFT LAKE	118,965	17,330	136,295
KIKINO	134,807	17,811	152,618
PADDLE PRAIRIE	100,364	16,127	116,491

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Municipality	Capital Funding (including BMTG)	Operating Funding	Total Funding
PEAVINE	105,436	16,234	121,670
<i>Redwood Meadows</i>			
REDWOOD MEADOWS	153,955	20,982	174,937

Notes:

- a) 2022 MSI program funding is subject to the Alberta Legislature approval of the Government of Alberta Budget 2022.
- b) 2022 MSI funding and individual allocations are subject to the Minister's authorization in accordance with the expressed guidelines of the program.
- c) Each municipality's 2022 MSI capital allocation was set at 40.6 per cent of the 2021 allocation amount. This reduction is equivalent to the year over year change in the MSI capital budget from \$1.196 billion to \$485 million. 2022 MSI operating allocations were set at the 2021 level.
- d) Allocations for former municipalities that have been restructured are reflected in the allocation of the receiving municipality in accordance with the MSI program guidelines.

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## 2022 Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly Gas Tax Fund) Allocations

Municipality	Total CCBF Funding
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$254,356,094</b>
<b>Cities</b>	
AIRDRIE	\$4,228,615
BEAUMONT	\$1,152,736
BROOKS	\$865,990
CALGARY	\$77,047,449
CAMROSE	\$1,123,132
CHESTERMERE	\$1,242,385
COLD LAKE	\$896,552
EDMONTON	\$58,261,384
FORT SASKATCHEWAN	\$1,614,525
GRANDE PRAIRIE	\$4,140,164
LACOMBE	\$838,064
LEDUC	\$1,979,474
LETHBRIDGE	\$6,081,405
LLOYDMINSTER	\$1,177,245
MEDICINE HAT	\$3,790,915
RED DEER	\$6,052,640
SPRUCE GROVE	\$2,143,311
ST. ALBERT	\$3,960,026
WETASKIWIN	\$758,363
<b>Towns</b>	
ATHABASCA	\$177,680
BANFF	\$531,843
BARRHEAD	\$274,401
BASHAW	\$50,000
BASSANO	\$72,271
BEAVERLODGE	\$147,717
BENTLEY	\$64,600
BLACK DIAMOND	\$161,800
BLACKFALDS	\$606,750
BON ACCORD	\$91,627
BONNYVILLE	\$384,844
BOW ISLAND	\$122,429
BOWDEN	\$74,308
BRUDERHEIM	\$83,597
CALMAR	\$133,515
CANMORE	\$838,484
CARDSTON	\$234,251
CARSTAIRS	\$244,318
CASTOR	\$55,671
CLARESHOLM	\$226,520

Municipality	Total CCBF Funding
COALDALE	\$520,816
COALHURST	\$166,834
COCHRANE	\$1,754,452
CORONATION	\$56,330
CROSSFIELD	\$202,370
DAYSLAND	\$50,000
DEVON	\$394,193
DIDSBURY	\$315,690
DRAYTON VALLEY	\$433,564
DRUMHELLER	\$478,329
ECKVILLE	\$69,694
EDSON	\$504,217
ELK POINT	\$87,012
FAIRVIEW	\$179,658
FALHER	\$62,742
FORT MACLEOD	\$177,800
FOX CREEK	\$155,148
GIBBONS	\$189,306
GRIMSHAW	\$162,879
HANNA	\$153,350
HARDISTY	\$50,000
HIGH LEVEL	\$239,224
HIGH PRAIRIE	\$153,650
HIGH RIVER	\$842,079
HINTON	\$592,188
INNISFAIL	\$470,239
IRRICANA	\$72,870
KILLAM	\$59,267
LAMONT	\$106,309
LEGAL	\$80,600
MAGRATH	\$145,920
MANNING	\$70,892
MAYERTHORPE	\$79,102
MCLENNAN	\$50,000
MILK RIVER	\$50,000
MILLET	\$116,556
MORINVILLE	\$592,847
MUNDARE	\$51,057
NANTON	\$130,698
NOBLEFORD	\$76,585
OKOTOKS	\$1,737,972
OLDS	\$550,360
ONOWAY	\$61,664
OYEN	\$61,244
PEACE RIVER	\$410,013
PENHOLD	\$213,516
PICTURE BUTTE	\$108,466
PINCHER CREEK	\$218,250

Municipality	Total CCBF Funding
PONOKA	\$433,205
PROVOST	\$119,732
RAINBOW LAKE	\$50,000
RAYMOND	\$254,146
REDCLIFF	\$335,585
REDWATER	\$123,028
RIMBEY	\$153,830
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	\$397,609
SEDGEWICK	\$50,000
SEXSMITH	\$157,006
SLAVE LAKE	\$398,567
SMOKY LAKE	\$57,769
SPIRIT RIVER	\$59,626
ST. PAUL	\$357,338
STAVELY	\$50,000
STETTLER	\$356,679
STONY PLAIN	\$1,069,199
STRATHMORE	\$810,678
SUNDRE	\$163,538
SWAN HILLS	\$77,964
SYLVAN LAKE	\$887,863
TABER	\$505,056
THORSBY	\$60,825
THREE HILLS	\$192,482
TOFIELD	\$124,706
TROCHU	\$63,402
TURNER VALLEY	\$153,350
TWO HILLS	\$86,473
VALLEYVIEW	\$111,642
VAUXHALL	\$73,230
VEGREVILLE	\$342,057
VERMILION	\$248,693
VIKING	\$64,900
VULCAN	\$114,878
WAINWRIGHT	\$375,736
WEMBLEY	\$90,848
WESTLOCK	\$305,682
WHITECOURT	\$611,484
<b>Villages</b>	
ACME	\$50,000
ALBERTA BEACH	\$61,005
ALIX	\$50,000
ALLIANCE	\$50,000
AMISK	\$50,000
ANDREW	\$50,000
ARROWWOOD	\$50,000
BARNWELL	\$56,750
BARONS	\$50,000



Municipality	Total CCBF Funding
BAWLF	\$50,000
BEISEKER	\$50,000
BERWYN	\$50,000
BIG VALLEY	\$50,000
BITTERN LAKE	\$50,000
BOYLE	\$55,432
BRETON	\$50,000
CARBON	\$50,000
CARMANGAY	\$50,000
CAROLINE	\$50,000
CHAMPION	\$50,000
CHAUVIN	\$50,000
CHIPMAN	\$50,000
CLIVE	\$50,000
CLYDE	\$50,000
CONSORT	\$50,000
COUTTS	\$50,000
COWLEY	\$50,000
CREMONA	\$50,000
CZAR	\$50,000
DELBURNE	\$53,454
DELIA	\$50,000
DONALDA	\$50,000
DONNELLY	\$50,000
DUCHÈSS	\$65,020
EDBERG	\$50,000
EDGERTON	\$50,000
ELNORA	\$50,000
EMPRESS	\$50,000
FOREMOST	\$50,000
FORESTBURG	\$52,435
GIROUXVILLE	\$50,000
GLENDON	\$50,000
GLENWOOD	\$50,000
HALKIRK	\$50,000
HAY LAKES	\$50,000
HEISLER	\$50,000
HILL SPRING	\$50,000
HINES CREEK	\$50,000
HOLDEN	\$50,000
HUGHENDEN	\$50,000
HUSSAR	\$50,000
INNISFREE	\$50,000
IRMA	\$50,000
KITSCOTY	\$58,488
LINDEN	\$50,000
LOMOND	\$50,000
LONGVIEW	\$50,000

Municipality	Total CCBF Funding
LOUGHEED	\$50,000
MANNVILLE	\$50,000
MARWAYNE	\$50,000
MILO	\$50,000
MORRIN	\$50,000
MUNSON	\$50,000
MYRNAM	\$50,000
NAMPA	\$50,000
PARADISE VALLEY	\$50,000
ROCKYFORD	\$50,000
ROSALIND	\$50,000
ROSEMARY	\$50,000
RYCROFT	\$50,000
RYLEY	\$50,000
SPRING LAKE	\$50,000
STANDARD	\$50,000
STIRLING	\$76,046
VETERAN	\$50,000
VILNA	\$50,000
WARBURG	\$50,000
WARNER	\$50,000
WASKATENAU	\$50,000
YOUNGSTOWN	\$50,000
<b>Summer Villages</b>	
ARGENTIA BEACH	\$6,618
BETULA BEACH	\$5,959
BIRCH COVE	\$7,697
BIRCHCLIFF	\$12,011
BONDISS	\$11,592
BONNYVILLE BEACH	\$10,034
BURNSTICK LAKE	\$5,899
CASTLE ISLAND	\$5,599
CRYSTAL SPRINGS	\$8,056
GHOST LAKE	\$9,914
GOLDEN DAYS	\$14,588
GRANDVIEW	\$11,832
GULL LAKE	\$15,547
HALF MOON BAY	\$7,517
HORSESHOE BAY	\$9,375
ISLAND LAKE	\$18,663
ISLAND LAKE SOUTH	\$8,655
ITASKA BEACH	\$6,378
JARVIS BAY	\$17,764
KAPASIWIN	\$5,599
LAKEVIEW	\$6,798
LARKSPUR	\$7,637
MA-ME-O BEACH	\$11,592
MEWATHA BEACH	\$10,393

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Municipality	Total CCBF Funding
NAKAMUN PARK	\$10,753
NORGLIWOLD	\$21,360
NORRIS BEACH	\$7,277
PARKLAND BEACH	\$14,169
PELICAN NARROWS	\$14,049
POINT ALISON	\$5,599
POPLAR BAY	\$11,172
ROCHON SANDS	\$10,154
ROSS HAVEN	\$14,588
SANDY BEACH	\$21,659
SEBA BEACH	\$15,127
SILVER BEACH	\$8,895
SILVER SANDS	\$14,588
SOUTH BAPTISTE	\$8,955
SOUTH VIEW	\$9,015
SUNBREAKER COVE	\$9,854
SUNDANCE BEACH	\$9,375
SUNRISE BEACH	\$13,090
SUNSET BEACH	\$7,936
SUNSET POINT	\$15,127
VAL QUENTIN	\$20,101
WAIPAROUS	\$7,936
WEST BAPTISTE	\$7,277
WEST COVE	\$13,929
WHISPERING HILLS	\$13,509
WHITE SANDS	\$12,191
YELLOWSTONE	\$13,210
<b>Municipal Districts and Counties</b>	
ACADIA NO. 34, M.D. OF	\$50,000
ATHABASCA COUNTY	\$471,557
BARRHEAD NO. 11, COUNTY OF	\$376,814
BEAVER COUNTY	\$353,863
BIG LAKE'S COUNTY	\$245,876
BIGHORN NO. 8, M.D. OF	\$79,941
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY	\$93,065
BONNYVILLE NO. 87, M.D. OF	\$764,655
BRAZEAU COUNTY	\$465,685
CAMROSE COUNTY	\$556,854
CARDSTON COUNTY	\$268,528
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY	\$181,156
CLEARWATER COUNTY	\$715,935
CYPRESS COUNTY	\$459,153
FAIRVIEW NO. 136, M.D. OF	\$96,121
FLAGSTAFF COUNTY	\$224,003
FOOTHILLS COUNTY	\$1,364,274
FORTY MILE NO. 8, COUNTY OF	\$214,595
GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1, COUNTY OF	\$1,398,454
GREENVIEW NO. 16, M.D. OF	\$576,188

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Municipality	Total CCBF Funding
KNEEHILL COUNTY	\$299,690
LACOMBE COUNTY	\$619,814
LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY	\$653,133
LAMONT COUNTY	\$233,651
LEDUC COUNTY	\$825,780
LESSER SLAVE RIVER NO. 124, M.D. OF	\$168,452
LETHBRIDGE COUNTY	\$620,413
MINBURN NO. 27, COUNTY OF	\$191,044
MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY	\$783,472
NEWELL, COUNTY OF	\$450,883
NORTHERN LIGHTS, COUNTY OF	\$219,089
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY	\$113,320
OPPORTUNITY NO. 17, M.D. OF	\$190,624
PAINTEARTH NO. 18, COUNTY OF	\$125,964
PARKLAND COUNTY	\$1,973,443
PEACE NO. 135, M.D. OF	\$104,691
PINCHER CREEK NO. 9, M.D. OF	\$177,680
PONOKA COUNTY	\$587,634
PROVOST NO. 52, M.D. OF	\$132,137
RANCHLAND NO. 66, M.D. OF	\$50,000
RED DEER COUNTY	\$1,171,013
ROCKY VIEW COUNTY	\$2,361,502
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY	\$133,335
SMOKY LAKE COUNTY	\$147,478
SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, M.D. OF	\$121,230
SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133, M.D. OF	\$50,000
ST. PAUL NO. 19, COUNTY OF	\$387,601
STARLAND COUNTY	\$123,807
STETTLER NO. 6, COUNTY OF	\$418,926
STURGEON COUNTY	\$1,228,841
TABER, M.D. OF	\$429,849
THORHILD COUNTY	\$194,999
TWO HILLS NO. 21, COUNTY OF	\$249,074
VERMILION RIVER, COUNTY OF	\$545,408
VULCAN COUNTY	\$238,745
WAINWRIGHT NO. 61, M.D. OF	\$268,408
WARNER NO. 5, COUNTY OF	\$236,528
WESTLOCK COUNTY	\$432,665
WETASKIWIN NO. 10, COUNTY OF	\$670,032
WHEATLAND COUNTY	\$526,629
WILLOW CREEK NO. 26, M.D. OF	\$360,356
WOODLANDS COUNTY	\$284,888
YELLOWHEAD COUNTY	\$658,886
I.D. NO. 04 (WATERTON)	\$50,000
I.D. NO. 09 (BANFF)	\$61,604
I.D. NO. 12 (JASPER NATIONAL PARK)	\$50,000
I.D. NO. 13 (ELK ISLAND)	\$50,000
I.D. NO. 24 (WOOD BUFFALO)	\$50,000

Municipality	Total CCBF Funding
I.D. NO. 25 (WILLMORE WILDERNESS)	\$50,000
KANANASKIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$50,000
SPECIAL AREAS BOARD	\$300,730
<b>Specialized Municipalities</b>	
CROWSNEST PASS, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$334,926
JASPER, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$275,060
LAC LA BICHE COUNTY	\$577,446
MACKENZIE COUNTY	\$749,793
STRATHCONA COUNTY	\$5,895,575
WOOD BUFFALO, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	\$6,692,949
<b>Métis Settlements</b>	
BUFFALO LAKE	\$50,000
EAST PRAIRIE	\$50,000
ELIZABETH	\$50,000
FISHING LAKE	\$50,000
GIFT LAKE	\$53,454
KIKINO	\$61,005
PADDLE PRAIRIE	\$50,000
PEAVINE	\$50,000
<b>Redwood Meadows</b>	
REDWOOD MEADOWS	\$64,720

**Notes:**

- a) In 2021, Canada renamed the Gas Tax Fund to the Canada Community-Building Fund to better reflect the nature of the program.
- b) 2022 CCBF funding allocations were calculated using the 2019 Municipal Affairs Population List.
- c) 2022 CCBF funding is subject to Legislature approval of the Government of Alberta Budget 2022.
- d) 2022 CCBF funding and individual allocations are subject to the Minister's authorization in accordance with the expressed guidelines of the program.
- e) 2022 CCBF funding is subject to Alberta receiving a letter from INFC confirming the total CCBF funding amount allocated to the Province in 2022.
- f) Allocations for former municipalities that have been restructured are reflected in the allocation of the receiving municipality in accordance with the CCBF program guidelines.

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# THE WEEKLY



FEBRUARY 16, 2022

## QUICK LINKS

**DEADLINE LOOMS:**  
 Submit RFDs for MLC Today

Register for 2022  
 Provincial Budget  
 Webinar

New census shows  
 continuing  
 urbanization of  
 Alberta



### Amending agreements for the MSI

Last week, municipalities received an email from Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver about the extension of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and the need to amend your existing funding agreement. Since then, we have received a few questions from members.



# ADVOCACY UPDATES

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## DEADLINE LOOMS: Submit RFDs for MLC today

Friday Feb. 18 is the deadline for Alberta Municipalities' members to submit Requests for Decision (RFDs) for consideration at the Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC) in early-March 2022.

## New census shows continuing urbanization of Alberta

As Alberta's economy continues to expand and mature, we see trends emerging in the most recent census that will have important policy implications for all orders of government.



**REGISTER  
NOW**

**Municipal Leaders' Caucus**  
March 9 & 10, Edmonton  
[Details & registration here](#)

## Casual Legal: Vaccination as a condition of employment - A balancing act

The question is whether an employer can make vaccination a condition of employment? The short answer is yes.

# GOOD TO KNOW



## Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

### Applications now open for the Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program

The Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program supports climate adaptation activities directly controlled or influenced by a community. Communities will have access to funding through multiple streams with specific outcomes and participation criteria.

Visit [mccac.ca/CRCB](http://mccac.ca/CRCB) for more details.

What can a charging station bring your community?

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**Electrifying local tourism:** With growing consumer demand for electric vehicles, forward-thinking municipalities are looking for ways to welcome EV drivers. Adding a fast-charging station to the map will attract electric vehicle owners to shop, eat and stay in your community.

Learn more about how the [Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Charging Program](#) can make it easier to install an EV charger in your community.

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Do you have a Smart City project coming up, but you are unsure of where to start and how to pay for it? [FuseForward](#) will host a webinar for municipal representatives and officials on funding and financing Smart City projects. We will explore innovative financing strategies, identify funding sources and show you how to access support to get started on your next project.

[Register for the 'Funding Your Smart Infrastructure Project' webinar](#) at noon on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022.

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

- Feb. 25 – Northern Alberta

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

You are invited to join the County of Grande Prairie in partnership with Brownlee LLP for a Planning 101 Workshop on March 3, 2022. Elected officials and members of administration may attend.

Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Workshop begins at 9:00 a.m.)

Cost: \$175 + GST per person

Location: Clarkson Hall, Evergreen Park – 55051 Township Road 710, County of Grande Prairie

For more information and to register please contact [Shannon Baird](#) via e-mail or at 780.897.4929.

Submit a 2022 RhPAP Rhapsody Award nomination now. The RhPAP Rhapsody Awards celebrate rural Alberta’s healthcare heroes and communities. RhPAP is looking to honour the work of small communities, rural health providers, and healthcare teams. Rhapsody Award celebrations include an award presentation in the recipient’s community, and the release of a video profiling the recipient and their contributions to the health and well-being of their community. The deadline for nominations is February 28, 2022. [Learn more & fill out a nomination form.](#)

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# THE WEEKLY

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## QUICK LINKS

Update from the Legislature

Upcoming courses for elected officials in strategic planning, service delivery & finance

Monthly health & wellness webinars for your employees

Casual Legal: Do you know where your bylaws are stored?

President Heron: Future amendments to Alberta's MGA



An update on members' RFDs from 2020 & 2021

You may have forgotten about some of the Requests for Decision (RFDs) that were brought forward in the past two years, but we didn't! Read on to see what's going on with RFDs from 2020 and 2021...





# ADVOCACY UPDATES

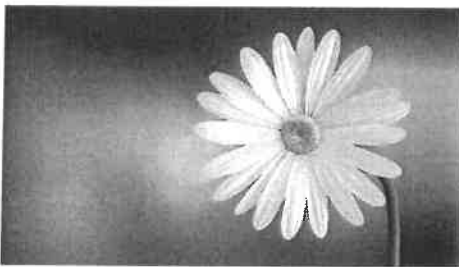
## Update from the Legislature

When the Legislature resumes sitting on Mar. 7, MLAs will consider the 2022-23 main estimates presented in Budget 2022 and debate the Speech From the Throne.



## Upcoming courses for elected officials in strategic planning, service delivery & finance

More courses are available for elected officials. See what's offered and register today.



## Monthly health & wellness webinars for your employees

A series of health and wellness webinars for employees, presented by Alberta Municipalities and Sun Life, begins today and runs the first Wednesday of every month, from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

## Casual Legal: Do you know where your bylaws are stored?

While no one likes to be reminded of the importance of effectively storing and maintaining records, municipal governments must ensure documents are secured and properly preserved. It's not just a best practice; it's the law!

## President Heron: Future amendments to Alberta's MGA

President Cathy Heron responded quickly to remarks made by Premier Jason Kenney on March 1 that his government plans to amend the Municipal Government Act.

Read the full statement [here](#).



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# MCCAC



## Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

### New Blog Post: Supporting energy management in Alberta's small municipalities

Building upon the first and second cohorts, the program is now being offered a third time. Municipalities were selected based on their need for energy management support and their commitment to working through all program steps. [Discover who the next six municipal participants are.](#)

### What can a charging station bring your community?

**Demonstrate your commitment to future growth:** Around 12% of Canada's climate pollution comes from cars and trucks burning fossil fuels. Switching to electric vehicles (EVs) demonstrates your community's commitment to cleaner skies, improved air quality, and a healthier climate.

Learn more about how the [Electric Vehicle Charging Program](#) can make it easier to install an EV Charger in your community.

## GOOD TO KNOW

### Methane Emissions - Municipal Landfill

Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking feedback on proposed federal regulations to reduce methane emissions from municipal solid waste landfills. The discussion paper and information related to this consultation can also be accessed at [consultation on reducing methane emissions from Canada's municipal solid waste landfills: share your opinion - Canada.ca](#). You can send your comments to [ges-dechets-ghg-waste@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ges-dechets-ghg-waste@ec.gc.ca) or by using the form at this [link](#). The feedback period closes on April 13, 2022.

The federal government is hosting an information session on March 8, 2022, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. (EST). Please use the following link to [register](#).

### Don't Miss your Chance to Apply for a \$100,000 Broadband Grant

Starting March 1, the Canadian Internet Registry Association (CIRA) will begin accepting applications for grants of up to \$100,000 to support:

- Broadband Infrastructure
- Digital literacy
- Cybersecurity and/or

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- Community leadership

CIRA will also be hosting a webinar on March 8<sup>th</sup> to provide interested parties with more information. For more details on the grant and to register for the webinar, please visit <https://www.cira.ca/grants>.

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# THE WEEKLY



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**Update from the Legislature**

**Registration open for 2022 Public Risk Conference in Canmore**

**Casual Legal: Alberta's Pending Registration Queue**

**Second Offering of EOEP Finance Course: Register Today!**



**Prompt Payment will apply to contracts in Alberta starting Aug. 2022**

New legislation intended to reduce the number of liens filed annually in Alberta and ensure there is adequate liquidity in the construction industry comes into effect in August 2022. To learn more about the *Construction Lien and Prompt Payment Act*, read on...



# ADVOCACY UPDATES



## Update from the Legislature - Mar. 9, 2022

The legislature resumed sitting this week, with the assembly focused on responses to the Speech From the Throne and consideration of departmental main estimates. Bill 4, which proposes amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), was introduced Tuesday. Read all about it, along with Alberta Municipalities' quick response...

## Second Offering of EOEP Finance Course: Register Today!

You asked; we delivered! A second offering of EOEP's Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance Course is now available. The four-session course runs from March 23 to April 13.



## Casual Legal: Alberta's Pending Registration Queue

This week's Casual Legal article presents the pros and cons of the pending registration queue, a new priority system for the Land Title Office (LTO) that is intended to allow real estate transactions and money to be released as soon as documents are submitted to the LTO.

**How much could you save on electricity?**

Learn more about our new program **Power+**

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## PRODUCTS & SERVICES

## Registration open for 2022 Public Risk Conference in Canmore

Alberta Municipalities is resuming its Public Risk Conference after a three-year hiatus. Learn more about this marquee event, which takes place in Canmore on April 28 and 29, and register.

## MCCAC



### Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

### Applications now open for the Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program

The Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program provides municipalities and Indigenous communities in Alberta with access to a range of capacity-building activities that can help participants of varying states of readiness improve their climate adaptation literacy, engage in climate adaptation planning, make progress on risk reduction strategies, and enhance climate resilience.

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Dear Mayors, Councillors and CAOs,

Visit Alberta Municipalities [Budget 2022 webpage](#) to access our [analysis document](#), a recording of last Friday's webinar on the budget along with President's Herons official statements.

Thanks to all of you who participated in last weeks' webinar. Your questions and comments enhance our understanding of the various aspects of the provincial budget that are of most interest to you and your communities. If you have any follow-up questions or comments, please send them to [advocacy@abmunis.ca](mailto:advocacy@abmunis.ca) with Budget 2022 in the subject line.

Thank you,  
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### Alberta Municipalities President Cathy Heron's assessment of Budget 2022

**EDMONTON** – *The following is a statement from Alberta Municipalities President Cathy Heron about Budget 2022:*

The Government of Alberta is to be congratulated for tabling a 'back to balance' budget yesterday. It's a significant accomplishment.

While my congratulations are sincere, as a municipal leader, I must point out that many factors contributed to the provincial government's balanced budget.

One of them is the downloaded costs and responsibilities that municipalities continue to take on. In some cases, downloading is direct, as in the case of policing costs. In others, municipalities are being pushed to take on additional responsibilities because the province and the federal government are not fulfilling growing needs that fall within their jurisdictions.

This downloading of costs and responsibilities is particularly acute when we think about healthcare and social services. Chronic underinvestment in areas like affordable housing and seniors housing puts considerable pressure on other locally and provincially delivered services. Alberta Municipalities is disappointed that, while this budget pays lip service to affordable housing, the dollar figures simply do not back it up.

There are some positive signs of investment in healthcare, including mental health and addictions, and we will continue to monitor these files closely to ensure that Albertans throughout the province benefit from the investment.

Budget 2022 continues the downward trend in provincial funding for community infrastructure. This trend, which began in 2015, applies to all core capital funding programs that municipal governments rely on, including the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI), Water for Life, Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership, and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program. This budget confirms that the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) will replace the MSI in 2024-25, but the funding level is still well below municipal expectations – 37% less than the annual average of MSI over the past 10 years.

Albertans are about to receive a 1.5% increase in their provincial education tax. While we appreciate that this is lower than the 3.1% increase forecasted in last year's budget, we believe it would have been better if the provincial government had frozen this tax altogether.

While the provincial government has many options to increase its general revenue, property taxes are municipalities' primary source of revenue. Municipal governments – our members – have worked diligently to keep property tax increases to a minimum in the face of increased expenses resulting from the provincial downloading of costs and responsibilities, along with inflationary pressures.

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We believe homeowners and businesses would have benefitted from a break from this tax increase, considering the difficult economic times Albertans have endured during the pandemic. After all, there is only one taxpayer.

Alberta Municipalities and our members have been beating the broadband 'drum' for some time now, and Budget 2022 signals that the provincial government heard us. We are delighted that the Government of Alberta will invest \$390 million over the next four years in broadband projects for under-served communities. If the provincial government succeeds in getting the federal government to match its funding, which includes \$240 million in new money, the total funding available could be as much as \$780 million!

We have flagged our members' concerns with program requirements associated with the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund, and the Minister of Service Alberta has expressed his willingness to explore better ways to allocate the investment.

We are also reaching out to Service Alberta to pursue the recommendation passed by our members that a provincial strategy is still needed to better coordinate broadband investments to enhance access to the reliable, high-speed internet services many of our communities desperately need.

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*We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's summer villages, villages, town, cities, and specialized municipalities to advocate for solutions to their common issues, which we categorize as economic, environment, governance, infrastructure, or social.*

# Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2022 Budget



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## Introduction

After two budgets focused on providing COVID-19 related supports, Budget 2022 is intended to foster economic growth and prosperity.

*Alberta at Work* is a theme that runs throughout the budget. In addition to initiatives aimed at reducing barriers to employment and supporting business growth, the province is acting on one of the top priorities of Alberta Municipalities and our members: broadband infrastructure. The pandemic has emphasized that a significant investment in broadband is essential to job creation and economic growth.

Despite the focus on prosperity, COVID's shadow still looms over the budget with investments in healthcare required to manage the backlog of surgical procedures. There are interesting signals in the budget about the role the private sector will play in Alberta's healthcare system, which, along with the province's intent to further encourage "choice" in education, will likely dominate public debate in the weeks ahead.

The province's ability to balance the budget for the first time since 2014-15 has also garnered a great deal of attention. Multiple factors contributed to the province's ability to get back to balance. It is worth noting that some of the burden of achieving balance was shouldered by municipal governments through multiple and continuous acts of fiscal downloading by the provincial government.

### What you will find in this document

This document includes Alberta Municipalities' preliminary analysis of Alberta's 2022-23 budget as it relates to municipal priorities and the financial future of Alberta communities. In addition, it summarizes the province's fiscal outlook and includes highlights of individual ministry business plans that most impact our communities.

## Priorities for Alberta's municipal governments

### *Stable and long term predictable revenue*

#### **Declining investments in community infrastructure**

Budget 2022 continues the downward trend in provincial funding for community infrastructure. This trend applies to all core capital funding programs that municipal governments rely on, including the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, Water for Life, Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership, and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program.

The downward pressure on funding started in 2015, primarily through reductions to Alberta's primary infrastructure funding program, the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI). While municipalities will experience a 59.4 per cent reduction in MSI in 2022, this was expected based on the province's 2021 announcement where it front-loaded the majority of MSI in 2021 as part of a three-year plan before the program closes in 2023-24. Budget 2022 confirms that the Local Government Fiscal Framework will replace MSI in 2024-25, but the funding level is still well below municipal expectations – it will be 37 per cent less than the annual average of MSI over the past ten years.

#### **Thawing the provincial property tax freeze**

Revenue from the province's education property tax is set to reach \$2.5 billion, an increase of \$27 million from 2021-22. This is a result of a 1.3 per cent increase to the province's requisition. While this increase was less than what was planned in the previous budget, it marks a departure from the requisition freeze in the last two budgets. While the province has many options to increase its general revenue, property taxes are municipalities' primary source of revenue. Municipalities have worked diligently to keep property tax increases to a minimum in the face of increased expenses resulting from the provincial downloading of costs and responsibilities and inflationary pressures pushing up the costs of providing essential services and infrastructure. We believe homeowners and businesses would have benefitted from a break from this tax increase, in light of the difficult economic times Albertans have endured during the pandemic. After all, there is only one taxpayer.

### *Partners in economic growth and recovery*

#### **Broadband**

Alberta Municipalities has been clear in our advocacy for improved broadband in Alberta, and this message has resonated with the province. The Government of Alberta will invest \$390 million over the next four years into broadband projects for underserved communities. This includes the \$150 million already announced in summer 2021. Service Alberta shared that they will be seeking matching commitments from the federal government. If matching commitments are received, the total amount available for broadband projects could be as much as \$780 million.

As the province has previously announced, the first group of projects will be administered through the federal Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) to expedite approvals for the 2022 construction season. Members have shared that UBF program requirements can be too restrictive to address the connectivity issues they face. During a call with stakeholders, the Minister of Service Alberta expressed a willingness to look at frameworks outside of the UBF to deliver projects to as many communities as possible.

As broadband is a strategic priority for our members, we consider this announcement a huge boost for the viability of municipalities. Municipalities will continue to work with the province and other partners to seek a coordinated strategy that increases access to this essential infrastructure.

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### Economic development supports

As in the previous fiscal year, the province is providing \$50,000 in outcome-based operational funding to each of the nine Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs).

The Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program provides grants to municipalities, non-profits, First Nations, and Metis Settlements to promote local and regional economic development initiatives. The program currently has 42 active projects; however, it was paused during the pandemic as the province redirected funds to help deal directly with the impacts of COVID-19. Funding has not been resumed in Budget 2022.

Alberta Municipalities' new Economic Strategy Committee is exploring how municipalities, the province, and the private sector can collaborate to boost the resilience and prosperity of our communities.

*Avoid downloading*

### Policing

Public safety, and policing costs in particular, continue to be top-of-mind for municipalities. For municipalities with populations under 5,000 who are policed by the RCMP under the Provincial Police Service Agreement, there are no changes at this time to the police funding model that was implemented in 2020. Last year, these municipalities, along with municipal districts and counties, contributed \$34.9 million to offset the costs of provincial policing. This figure represents 15 per cent of the total cost of provincial policing. The funds raised through the police funding model were to be used to add 76 regular members and 57 public service employees to the RCMP's provincial policing complement. This year, the province's cost recovery will increase to 20 per cent, or \$46.5 million. It has not yet been determined how these funds will be allocated.

Justice and Solicitor General's budget for public safety increased from \$571 million in 2021-22 to \$597 million in 2022-23, reflecting the increase in RCMP salaries negotiated through the collective bargaining process last summer. However, the budget does not appear to include the approximately \$80 million that would be owed as retroactive pay under the Provincial Police Service Agreement. Similarly, a total of approximately \$60 million would be owed in retroactive pay by the 47 municipalities who contract the RCMP as their municipal police service provider through a Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA).

Alberta Municipalities and Justice and Solicitor General, along with other provinces, territories, and municipal associations across Canada, have partnered to advocate that the federal government need to cover the costs of RCMP retroactive pay. The collective reasoning is that municipalities were not at the negotiating table; we weren't able to plan for cost increases because the federal government didn't keep us informed; and the magnitude of the cost increases threaten the viability of many communities. We understand that the federal government will begin issuing invoices for retroactive pay to MPSA municipalities in May 2022 and we have asked that these municipalities hold off on paying the invoices until we receive a definitive response to our advocacy from Public Safety Canada.

### Affordable housing

Budget 2022 highlights Alberta's housing affordability as a key pillar of the Alberta Advantage. In addition, it promotes *Stronger Foundations: Alberta's Ten-Year Strategy to Improve and Expand Affordable Housing* as transformational. At the same time, total capital investments in affordable and seniors housing programs are set to decrease from \$112 million in 2021-22 to \$87.1 million in 2022-23 and \$81.4 million in 2023-24. This decrease in capital funding is disappointing given the budget's acknowledgement of the growing demand for affordable housing.

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### **Mental health and addictions**

Budget 2022 includes an additional \$20 million per year on top of the \$140 million over four years that was committed in 2019 for mental health and addiction supports. Alberta spends approximately \$1 billion on mental health and addictions; the additional \$20 million annual investment will be used to further implement a recovery-oriented system of care that will offer a coordinated network of community-based services and supports.

Alberta Municipalities is pleased to see the government continue to provide essential funding for mental health and addictions supports. While, treatment and recovery must continue to be adequately funded, municipalities would also like to see increased funding for preventative programs and services, including harm reduction, so that some of the costs associated with treatment and recovery can be avoided.

### **Emergency medical services**

Budget 2022 provides additional funding of \$64 million for emergency medical services (EMS) to help strengthen emergency response capacity. Last fall, Alberta Municipalities members passed two resolutions related to the urgent need to improve the delivery of EMS across the province. In response to our advocacy, in January 2022 the Government of Alberta announced a 10-point plan to add capacity to EMS and established a provincial emergency medical services advisory committee that includes representatives from both Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta. We are pleased to see that Budget 2022 supports the province's commitment to improving EMS by allocating dedicated funding to this essential service.

### **Health care practitioner attraction and retention**

Budget 2022 maintains the planned level of spending on physicians at \$5.4 billion per year. The Government of Alberta and the Alberta Medical Association are still exploring a return to formally negotiating a new provincial agreement.

The recently announced Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) program will provide \$6 million to 60 new family physicians over the next three years to attract physicians to practice in 15 identified rural or remote communities of need. The government is spending a total of approximately \$90 million per year on rural physician recruitment and retention.

Alberta Municipalities would like to see continued investment in the recruitment and retention of physicians, and other healthcare providers, such as nurse practitioners, into rural and remote areas. Our members continue to highlight the significant challenges they face in accessing adequate healthcare services outside of metropolitan areas. Some Albertans have to drive hundreds of kilometres to access essential healthcare.



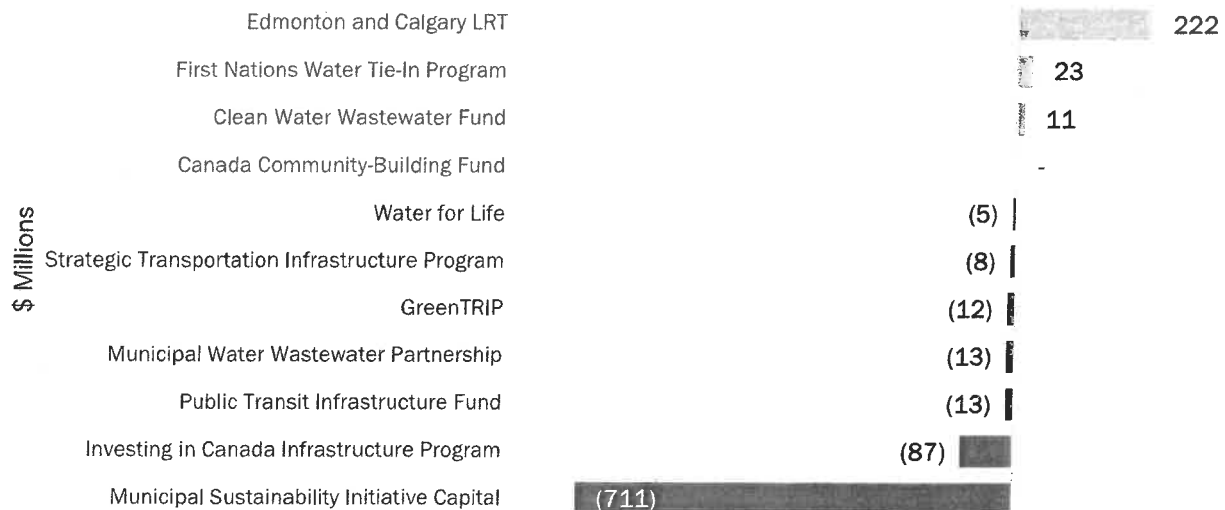
# **PLANNING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S FINANCIAL FUTURE**

**HOW BUDGET 2022  
SUPPORTS  
MUNICIPAL  
GOVERNMENTS**

# Core capital funding for municipalities

\$ millions	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast	2022 vs. 2021
<b>Provincial Capital Funding</b>					
Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Capital	1,196	485	485	-	(711)
Local Government Fiscal Framework	-	-	-	722	-
Water for Life	42	37	43	50	(5)
Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership	75	62	17	22	(13)
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	43	35	25	25	(8)
First Nations Water Tie-In Program	7	30	-	-	23
	<b>1,363</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>(714)</b>
Year-over-year change (%)		<b>-52.4%</b>	<b>-12.2%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	
<b>Capital Funding Linked to Federal Funding Programs</b>					
Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund)	255	255	266	266	-
GreenTRIP	30	18	-	-	(12)
Clean Water Wastewater Fund	2	13	-	-	11
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	239	152	40	7	(87)
Public Transit Infrastructure Fund	21	8	-	-	(13)
Calgary and Edmonton LRT (incl. provincial funds)	485	707	1,018	1,042	222
	<b>1,032</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>121</b>
Year-over-year change (%)		<b>11.7%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	
<b>Total Provincial &amp; Federal Capital Funding</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>(593)</b>
		<b>-24.8%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	

## Year-over-year change in municipal capital funding: Budget 2021 vs. Budget 2020



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Excluding changes to MSI Capital, Budget 2022 involves slight reductions in most provincial capital programs that support municipal infrastructure. In most cases, the reductions were expected based on forecasts presented in last year's budget. In some cases, the reductions were not as severe as previously forecasted because the 2022 budget includes the carry forward of unspent budget from 2021-22. This applies to the following programs:

- Water for Life was forecasted to decline to \$11 million in 2022 but is budgeted at \$37 million.
- Municipal Water Wastewater Partnership was forecasted to decline to \$35 million but is budgeted at \$62 million.
- The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) was forecasted to decline to \$70 million but is budgeted at \$152 million. ICIP has been fully allocated and this budget represents the Government of Alberta's contribution to the construction of projects in 2022-23.

Some reductions are also due to fixed-term programs entering their final years, such as GreenTRIP and the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund. The First Nations Water Tie-In Program jumps to \$30 million in its final year of funding.

Overall, core capital funding for municipalities declined by 24.8 per cent, primarily driven by the previously announced reduction in MSI. While the overall reduction in funding was anticipated, the ongoing trend of reductions in municipal capital funding will impact Albertans either through increased property taxes or reduced local service delivery.

## Municipal Sustainability Initiative and the Local Government Fiscal Framework

Budget 2022 continues the province's plan to delay the start of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) until 2024 and extend the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) in its place over the next two years. This year represents the first year of the two-year extension of MSI.

Municipalities will note a significant decrease in their 2022 MSI capital allocation, which is a result of the planned reduction in MSI Capital funding (including the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant [BMTG]) and changes to the allocation formula. In February 2021, the province announced that MSI Capital funding would average \$722 million per year between 2021 to 2023. However, a significant portion of that funding was front-loaded in 2021 (\$1.196 billion), which means the 2022 and 2023 amounts are reduced to \$485 million each year.

MSI Operating remains unchanged at \$30 million, which will be appreciated by municipalities.

\$ millions	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast
<b>Capital Component</b>					
MSI Capital (including BMTG)	963	1,196	485	485	-
LGFF Capital	-	-	-	-	722
<b>Operating Component</b>					
MSI Operating	30	30	30	30	-
LGFF Operating	-	-	-	-	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>752</b>

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### Changes to allocation formula for MSI Capital

Due to the significant reduction in MSI Capital funding in 2022 and 2023 and the related complexities of the MSI Capital and BMTG formulas, the province changed the allocation model for 2022 and 2023. The change was announced in October 2021, whereby each municipality's 2022 and 2023 MSI Capital allocations are set at 40.6 per cent of the 2021 MSI Capital allocation. Municipal Affairs opted for this approach so that all municipalities take the same percentage reduction in funding in 2022. The [allocation tables](#) are available on the Government of Alberta's website.

### MSI operating allocations fixed at 2021 level

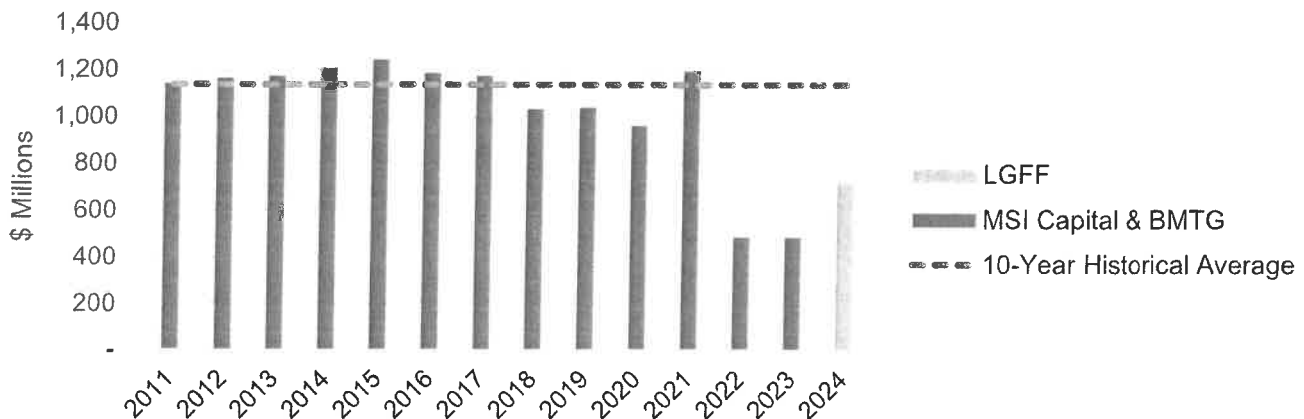
For the remaining two years of MSI, Municipal Affairs also opted to fix the 2022 and 2023 MSI operating allocations to be equivalent to the 2021 allocations. This provides municipalities certainty around their 2022 and 2023 MSI operating funding amounts.

### Local Government Fiscal Framework: improvements still needed

In Budget 2021, the Government of Alberta announced that it planned to reduce the starting amount of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) from \$860 million down to \$722 million when it is implemented in 2024. Budget 2022 continues that plan despite concerns from Alberta Municipalities and our members. LGFF offers numerous improvements over the existing MSI and BMTG programs; however, when LGFF starts, municipalities will receive 37 per cent less funding per year compared to the annual average between 2012 and 2021.

Since LGFF is tied to changes in provincial revenue, the reduced starting amount will also mean less growth of the funding pool, similar to earning less interest after you withdraw money from your bank account. As Alberta's population continues to grow, the reductions in capital funding will force municipal leaders to either defer needed maintenance or raise taxes on property owners.

**At its start, the Local Government Fiscal Framework will deliver 37% less funding than the average of the last 10 years**



Source: Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan and Alberta Municipal Affairs' MSI Allocation Tables

Note: Advances of MSI Capital in 2014 and 2018 are presented in the calendar year that funding was available to municipalities.

Alberta Municipalities remains committed to seeking improvements to LGFF including:

- Increasing the base amount, and
- Removing or reducing the 50 per cent limitation in the revenue index factor so that annual changes in LGFF will match annual changes in provincial revenue.

Alberta Municipalities plans to work with the province and municipalities this year to design the allocation formula for LGFF Capital for non-charter municipalities and start discussions on the vision for LGFF Operating.

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## Core operating funding for municipalities

\$ millions	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	% Change	Note
Alberta Community Partnership	16.5	25.4	15.4	-39.4%	1
Emergency Management Preparedness Program	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	
Family and Community Support Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	
Grants in Place of Taxes	30.2	30.0	30.0	-	2
Municipal Policing Assistance Grant	59.8	59.2	59.2	-	3
Police Officer Grant	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	3
Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Operating	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	
	<b>266.7</b>	<b>274.8</b>	<b>264.8</b>		

### Notes on Core Operating Funding for Municipalities

1. The 39 per cent reduction in Alberta Community Partnership funding represents the removal of the \$10 million in funding that was provided to municipalities in 2021 to compensate for managing the voting process related to the *Senate Election Act* and *Referendum Act* during the 2021 municipal election.
2. The Government of Alberta continues to only cover half the amount of property taxes that would normally be owed for provincial properties that are exempt from taxation. The 50 per cent reduction in Grants in Place of Taxes was implemented in 2020 and disproportionately impacts residents in communities with provincially owned properties who must cover the costs of services to those properties while residents of neighbouring communities face no bill.
3. Alberta Municipalities has been informed that the Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and Police Officer Grant will be combined into one program.

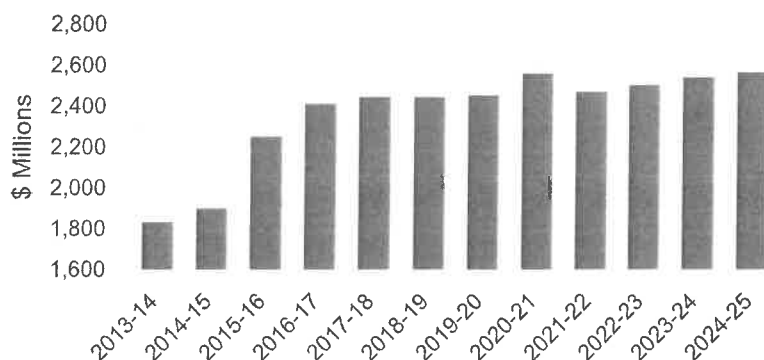
## Provincial education property tax

In 2020, the Government of Alberta announced a plan to start linking changes in provincial education property taxes to changes in population plus inflation. Those plans were stalled in 2020-21 and 2021-22 as the province responded to the economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and opted to freeze education property taxes at \$2.472 billion each year.

For 2022-23, the province has decided to increase education property taxes, but instead of linking to population plus inflation, the new metric involves

matching any percentage change in Education's operating expenses. As a result, 2022 education property taxes will increase by 1.3 per cent to \$2.504 billion. This figure excludes \$15 million in credits under the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) program, which supports municipalities that are unable to collect education property tax on delinquent oil and gas properties. Alberta Municipalities appreciates that PERC has been extended for two years.

Provincial education property tax  
(budgeted figures)



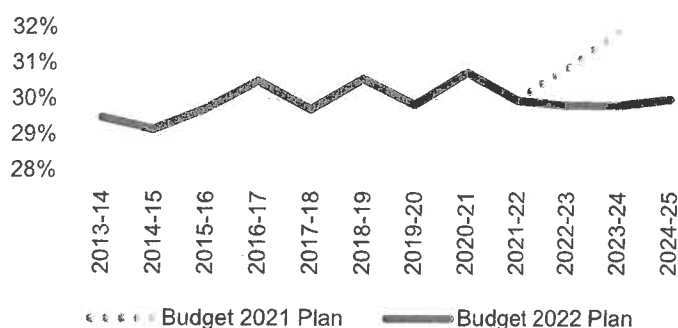
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\$ millions	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast
Provincial education property tax	2,472	2,472	2,504	2,541	2,566
Year-over-year change (%)		-	1.3%	1.5%	1.0%
K-12 education operating expense	8,191	8,248	8,390	8,517	8,549
Year-over-year change (%)		0.7%	1.7%	1.5%	0.4%

Since municipal governments are responsible for collecting education property taxes on behalf of the province, any increase in education taxes presents a burden on municipal leaders. That said, Alberta Municipalities is pleased to see the province move away from previous plans, which involved significant increases to education property taxes despite holding the line on education spending.

**Provincial Education Property Tax as a Percentage of K-12 Education Operating Expense**  
(budgeted figures)



## Notable funding to community entities

\$ millions	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	% Change	Note
Agricultural Service Boards	8.5	8.5	8.9	4.8%	
Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Grants	11.5	11.5	11.5	-	
Community Facility Enhancement Program	25.0	18.5	38.5	108.1%	1
Community Initiatives Program	19.7	37.1	20.7	-44.2%	2
Ground Search and Rescue Training Grant	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	
Library Services - Operating	37.1	37.0	37.0	-	
Legal Aid	94.3	94.3	94.3	-	
Regional Economic Development Alliances	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	3
	<b>196.8</b>	<b>207.6</b>	<b>211.6</b>		

### Notes on Funding for Community Entities

1. The increase to the Community Facility Enhancement Program is new funding to restore program funding to pre-pandemic levels.
2. The decrease to the Community Initiatives Program is due to the end of the one-time Stabilize Program.
3. Funding is maintained for Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs), but the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program remains suspended, a decision that was made in 2020-21.

# **GOOD TO KNOW**

## **AN OVERVIEW OF ALBERTA'S 2022 FISCAL PLAN**

## An overview of the 2022 Fiscal Plan

Rising energy prices coupled with an economy rebounding from the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a significant shift in the province's financial outlook. In Budget 2021, the Government of Alberta forecasted a deficit of \$11 billion for 2022-23. Through increased royalty revenue and limited change in spending, that forecasted deficit has flipped to a planned surplus of \$511 million for 2022-23.

Total revenue for 2022-23 is forecast at \$62.6 billion, an increase of 1.5 per cent compared to the estimate for 2021-22 and 45.1 per cent higher than actual revenue in 2020-21. Increased energy demands as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and activities recommence, coupled with other supply-demand issues, have resulted in significant increases in energy prices. For 2022-23, total resource revenue is budgeted at \$13.8 billion, a 385 per cent increase over the 2021-22 budget and 5 per cent increase over the estimate for the year. Strong growth is also expected in income taxes, with economic recovery and the return of employment to pre-COVID levels driving increases in both personal and corporate tax revenue.

Expenditures are expected to fall to \$62.1 billion in 2022-23 compared to estimated expenditures of \$64.9 billion in 2021-22. The province attributes part of that decline to decreased need for supports related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Statement of operations

\$ millions	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Estimate	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast
<b>Revenue</b>					
Personal income tax	11,257	13,261	13,382	14,442	15,455
Corporate income tax	3,037	3,343	4,040	4,517	4,896
Other tax revenue	5,285	5,456	5,612	5,778	5,913
Resource revenue	3,091	13,237	13,840	12,328	10,916
Investment income	2,643	4,660	3,173	3,492	3,699
Premiums, fees, and licenses	4,021	4,304	4,490	4,606	4,736
Other own-source revenues	3,272	6,125	6,016	6,330	6,341
Federal transfers	10,532	11,306	12,054	11,641	11,895
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>43,137</b>	<b>61,692</b>	<b>62,607</b>	<b>63,134</b>	<b>63,852</b>
<b>Expense by Function</b>					
Health	23,984	25,010	24,421	24,358	24,914
Basic/Advanced education	14,134	15,088	15,360	15,375	15,508
Social services	5,919	6,219	6,961	7,163	7,448
Other program expenses	13,858	16,544	12,689	12,820	12,722
<b>Total program expense</b>	<b>57,895</b>	<b>62,861</b>	<b>59,723</b>	<b>59,747</b>	<b>60,623</b>
Debt servicing costs	2,486	2,401	2,662	2,754	2,837
Pension provisions	(282)	(363)	(289)	(299)	(309)
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>60,099</b>	<b>64,899</b>	<b>62,096</b>	<b>62,202</b>	<b>63,151</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(16,962)</b>	<b>(3,207)</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>701</b>

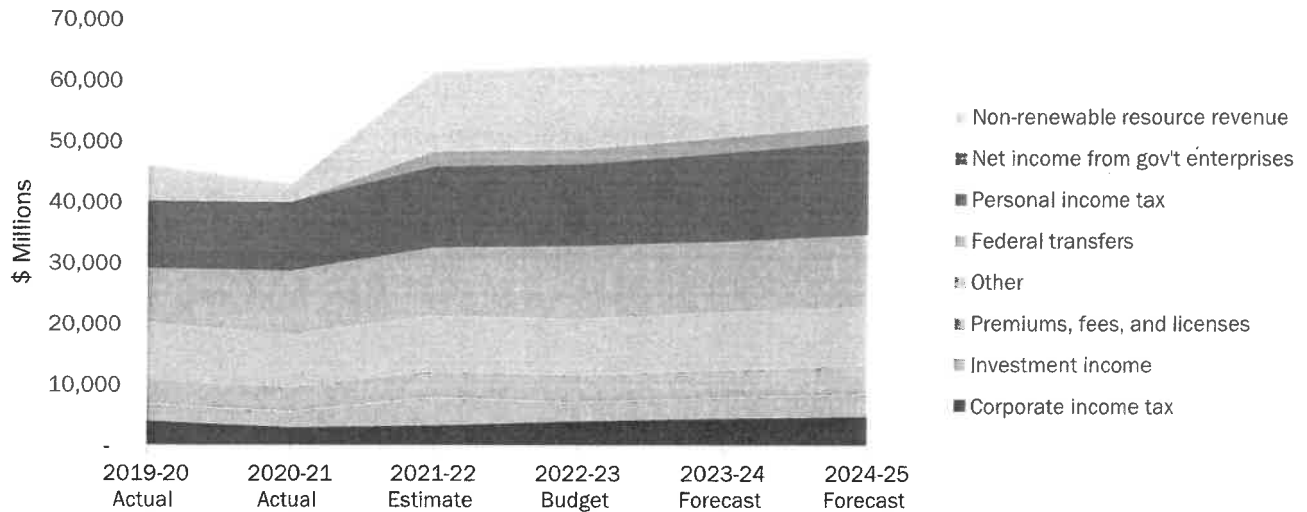
Source: Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan, page 216.

Note: During our analysis, Alberta Municipalities noted that the sum of expense figures in 2022, 2023 and 2024 do not equal the total for program expenses. These figures are sourced directly from the Government of Alberta's Fiscal Plan and as such, Alberta Municipalities has chosen to duplicate the figures as presented in the government's documents. The errors amount to \$292 million in 2023 and \$31 million in 2023 and 2024.



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Year-over-year increase in provincial revenue is primarily driven by growth in federal transfers, personal income tax, and non-renewable resource revenue

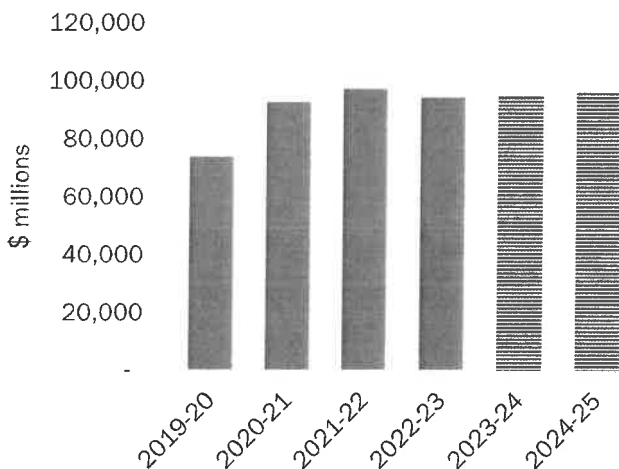


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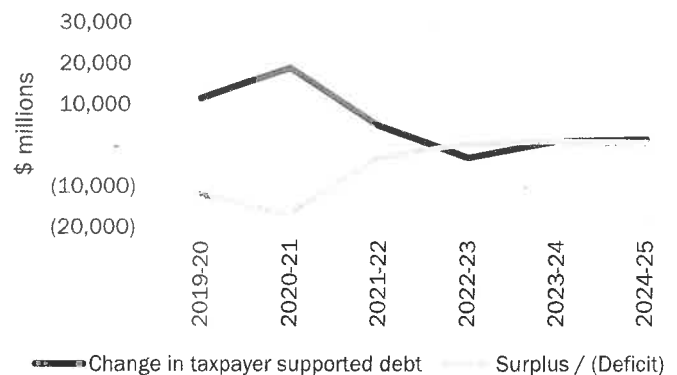
## Taxpayer supported debt

The change in overall debt balances is consistent with annual surplus/deficit figures, as debt funding is used to support activities during years with operational deficits in addition to financing spending. With an operational surplus forecast for 2022-23, no new borrowings are planned for the year. Some debt maturing in 2022-23 will be paid off, resulting in a planned \$2.8 billion reduction in outstanding debt by the end of fiscal 2022-23.

### Taxpayer supported debt



### The Transition to a Surplus Budget is Planned to Limit Increases to Alberta's Debt

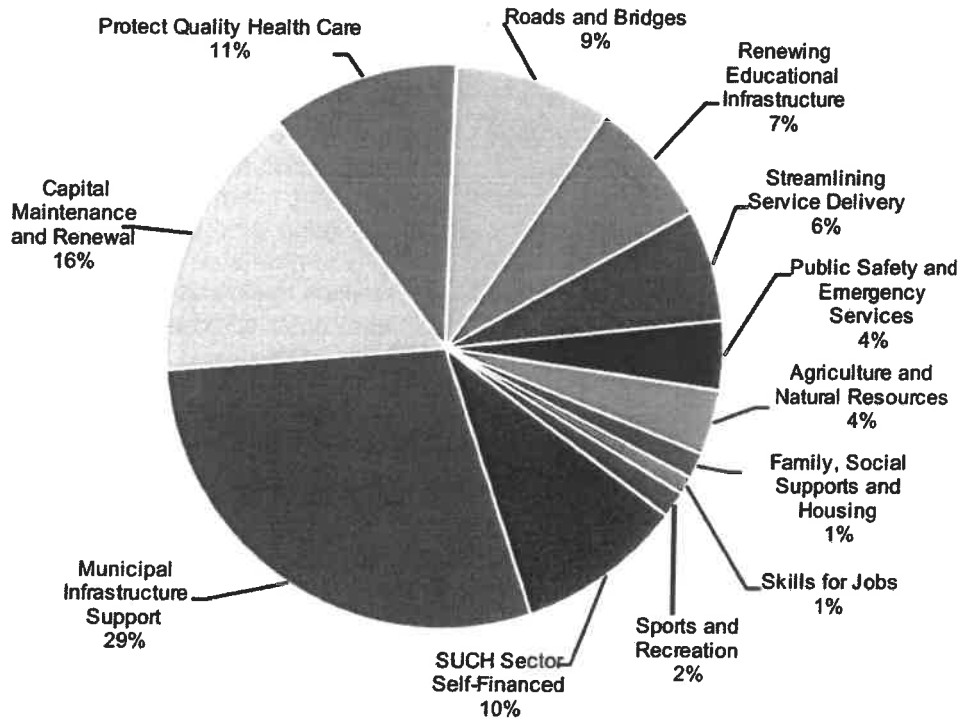


Source: Calculations using figures from Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 26, page 216.

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*Budget 2022 - Capital Plan by category*



Source: Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan, page 155.

*Key energy and economic assumptions*

\$ millions	2021-22 Estimate	2022-23 Forecast	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast
<b>Crude Oil Prices</b>				
WTI (US\$/bbl)	74.00	70.00	69.00	66.50
Light-Heavy Differential (US\$/bbl)	13.60	14.30	14.40	14.70
WCS @ Hardisty (Cdn\$/bbl)	75.90	70.30	68.50	64.80
<b>Natural Gas Price</b>				
Alberta Reference Price (Cdn\$/GJ)	3.40	3.20	2.70	2.60
<b>Production</b>				
Conventional Crude Oil (000s barrels/day)	440	441	444	448
Raw Bitumen (000s barrels/day)	3,220	3,296	3,316	3,368
<b>Interest Rates</b>				
10-year Canada Bonds (%)	1.50	1.80	2.30	2.70
Exchange Rate (US\$/Cdn\$)	79.8	79.0	79.5	80.1

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## Ministry highlights

### *Advanced Education*

Budget 2022 will invest \$1.8 billion in operational funding for post-secondary institutions through the Operating and Program Support Grant. Furthermore, the ministry will invest \$235 million in funding over three years to target programs that address labour market needs and enrolment pressures. The provincial government will also allocate \$168 million in student aid and \$980 million through student loans. In 2022, Advanced Education will continue implementing *Alberta 2030: Building Skills for Jobs*, released in 2021. This initiative targets enrolment into technology, veterinary medicine, agriculture, financial services, and aviation. Alberta Municipalities has heard from our members that many small communities are seeing a shortage of veterinarians. We are pleased to see that Budget 2022 provides investments to address this, including \$9.9 million to expand the University of Calgary's Veterinary Medicine degree programs. The expansion will benefit many small communities that are home to agribusinesses.

### *Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development*

The Ministry's budget will stay at \$860 million in 2022-23. This fiscal year, over \$55 million is allocated to support the Mountain Pine Beetle Program. Budget 2022 provides \$37 million to the Results-Driven Agriculture Research to support the productivity and sustainability of Alberta's agriculture industry, and \$43.2 million for irrigation habitation and expansion. Budget 2022 includes a \$33 million reduction in rural programming and agricultural societies, from \$56 million in 2021 to \$23 million. Alberta Municipalities will be monitoring this to see how the reduction impacts municipalities.

### *Children's Services*

The Canada-Alberta Early Learning and Child Care agreement will help lower childcare fees for Alberta's parents by an average of 50 per cent, with a targeted average of \$10 per day for children aged 0 to 5 by 2026. In 2022-23, \$879 million will be used to provide subsidies to parents with children enrolled in licensed childcare programs and to create 10,000 new licensed childcare spaces in the not-for-profit sector.

While the total operating budget for Children's Services will increase from \$1.71 billion in 2021-22 to \$1.72 billion in 2022-23 (0.6 per cent increase), reflecting the federal investment in childcare, other key programs will see slightly reduced funding. Funding for the Alberta Child and Family Benefit will decrease from \$345 million in 2021-22 to \$335 million in 2022-23 (2.9 per cent decrease) and funding for early child and youth intervention services will decrease from \$128 million in 2021-22 to \$124 million in 2022-23 (3.1 per cent decrease).

### *Community and Social Services*

Budget 2022 provides a slight increase to the total operating budget for Community and Social Services from \$3.89 billion in 2021-22 to \$3.92 billion in 2022-23 (0.8 per cent increase). This funding includes:

- \$13.8 million to Alberta's 16 sexual assault centres (6.1 per cent increase compared to 2021-22); and
- \$1.5 million to Family Resource Centres (25 per cent reduction compared to 2021-22).

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding is maintained at \$100 million and funding for homeless and outreach support services is maintained at \$193 million. Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) funding will increase slightly from \$1.36 billion in 2021-20 to \$1.37 billion in 2022-23 (0.7 per cent increase). However, Employment and Income Support funding will fall from the \$852 million budgeted in 2021-22 to \$813 million in 2022-23 (4.6 per cent decrease).

It should be noted that while \$3.89 billion was the budgeted amount for Community and Social Services last year, the budget forecast came in at \$3.78 billion, or \$109 million under budget. This likely reflect federal transfers related to income support during the pandemic.

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### *Culture and Status of Women*

The 2022 capital plan includes \$97 million for new sport, recreation, cultural, and community facilities. The Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) will receive a \$20 million increase from \$18.5 million in 2021-22 to \$38.5 million in 2022-23 (108 per cent increase). The Alberta Foundation for the Arts will receive \$25.6 million in 2022-23, which matches last year's budget.

Due to pandemic related closures, lottery revenues and association funding decreased significantly, which will impact charities throughout Alberta.

While funding for Status of Women programs and services will fall from \$4.14 million in 2021-22 to \$3.98 million in 2022-23, the overall operating budget for the ministry will increase from \$243 million in 2021-22 to \$272 million in 2022-23 (16 per cent increase).

### *Education*

More than \$700 million in new funding over the next three years will be allocated to Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) education to increase resources and supports, including:

- \$191 million for curriculum updates across all subject areas for kindergarten to Grade 12;
- \$3 million to expand financial literacy programming for junior and senior high school students;
- Targeted funding of \$30 million in 2022-23 and \$40 million in each of the following two years to support students experiencing academic challenges, such as learning delays and mental health challenges due to the pandemic; and
- \$59 million will be invested in 2022-23 into teacher development and student resources.

Total operating expenses for K-12 education will be \$8.4 billion to \$8.5 billion annually over the next three years.

The Capital Plan provides funding of \$1.5 billion for school projects, including 15 projects for the construction of new schools, modernizations, and design work to support school building priorities. Projects will be situated to address enrolment growth in communities that continue to see population growth, preserve and modernize existing facilities, and consolidate underutilized space. The expected outcome of this approach is reduced maintenance costs in those communities' experiencing enrolment or population decline.

The budget includes \$209 million over three years for Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) projects to ensure safe and healthy schools. Funding CMR extends the useful life of infrastructure so that existing schools remain functional for longer.

The budget also includes \$46.5 million in capital funding over three years to expand charter schools and the collegiate model.

### *Energy*

This Ministry is responsible for enabling responsible energy and mineral resource development, the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission and the Canadian Energy Centre.

Budget 2022 allocates \$78 million for orphan well and decommissioning large facilities (funded through industry levies); \$10 million over two years for the Clean Hydrogen Centre of Excellence to support hydrogen innovation and technology; and \$272 million in funding for the Alberta Petrochemical Incentive Program (APIP). Subject to federal approval, Budget 2022 reprofiles \$325 million in Site Rehabilitation Program funding from fiscal years 2021-23 to 2023-24. The consolidated operating budget estimate for 2022-23 is \$958 million.

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### Environment and Parks

Environment and Parks' operating expense is \$534 million. Budget 2022 includes \$19 million over the next three years for continued work on the Digital Regulatory Assurance System, which will create a single, consolidated digital system for regulatory applications, approvals, and long-term environmental monitoring. The Ministry continues to work on caribou recovery planning through holistic sub-regional planning processes to ensure a practical and balanced approach that supports a sustainable economy. Budget 2022 allocates \$15.7 million for caribou recovery planning and actions, as well as \$9.8 million for land-use planning and stewardship tools.

The Ministry will continue to improve recreational access through the *Alberta Trails Act* and the Crown Land Vision. Budget 2022 allocates \$75 million to address increased activities on Crown Lands and provincial parks. The provincial government plans to increase the park reservation fee from \$5 to \$10.

Alberta Municipalities asked the provincial government to provide bridge funding for household hazardous waste disposal. Budget 2022 did not include new funding for the Household Hazardous Waste program; however, Environment and Parks will maintain the existing funding until 2023.

The Ministry's 2022 business plan continues to focus on supporting Alberta's Clean Air Strategy, Water for Life Strategy, waste management, and recycling programs. The Ministry is also committed to supporting Alberta's Natural Gas Vision and Strategy (led by Energy) released in 2021. The strategy focuses on turning Alberta into a centre of excellence for plastics recycling in Western North America. The first step to building a plastics circular economy in Alberta is introducing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs for plastics. Although EPR is not specifically noted in the 2022 budget, the provincial government is committed to bringing in EPR regulations by spring 2022. We expect more details will come forward in the next few months.

#### Brownfields and Contaminated Sites

Alberta's Auditor General recommended that Environment and Parks develop clear guidelines to determine who is responsible for brownfield and contaminated sites cleanup. The Ministry accepted the Auditor General's recommendation in the Fiscal Plan 2022. The Ministry intends to continue to pursue responsible parties that have current ownership, and for sites that do not have a clearly responsible party, the Ministry will develop guidance founded on the polluter pays principle.

#### Climate Change

Budget 2022 includes \$698 million over three years for Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) funding. The TIER funding will invest in Emissions Reduction Alberta, Alberta Innovates, and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC). MCCAC is a unique partnership between municipalities and the Government of Alberta. More details will be coming forward soon on how this new funding can benefit municipalities through various MCCAC programs.

### Health

Building health system capacity is one of the three primary objectives of Budget 2022. Budget 2022 includes a significant investment in healthcare to expand system capacity and prepare for potential future waves of COVID-19. Over the next three years, Alberta will invest \$100 million per year to provide additional healthcare capacity on a permanent basis, including adding new intensive care unit beds and training new acute care staff. The objective of this investment is to make more hospital beds available when Albertans need them, and to reduce surgery wait times.

Funding for community care, continuing care, and home care programs is increased by 6.3 per cent to a total of nearly \$3.7 billion. This funding will support more Albertans to receive care and support in their home communities, as well as to build 1,515 new continuing care beds.

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Budget 2022 also includes funding of \$2 billion for drugs and supplemental benefits, an increase of \$110 million, or 5.7 per cent from 2021-22. Programs for seniors make up the largest component of this funding, with \$674 million budgeted in 2022-23.

\$133 million over three years is allocated for the Alberta Surgical Initiative Capital Program, which aims to increase surgical capacity so that all patients receive required surgeries within clinically recommended timelines.

Overall health operating expenses are budgeted at \$22 billion for 2022-23, an increase of 2.4 per cent, or \$515 million, from 2021-22 (excluding costs relating to COVID-19). The Ministry of Health's total operating expense budget will grow by a total of \$1.8 billion by 2024-25.

Alberta Health Services' (AHS) operating budget will increase to \$15.1 billion in 2022-23, an increase of \$476 million or 3.3 per cent compared to the 2021-22 forecast (excluding COVID-19 costs). Budget 2022 also provides additional funding of \$64 million for emergency medical services, to help strengthen emergency response capacity.

As a result of the AHS review that took place in 2019-20, AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories have reached an agreement for DynaLIFE Medical Labs to deliver community laboratory services across the province, beginning July 1, 2022. The government plans to re-invest any savings realized through the DynaLIFE contract into AHS' core frontline healthcare services.

Budget 2022 includes a \$750 million COVID-19 contingency, which is intended to give the government flexibility to manage the pandemic as it continues to evolve by making funding available to cover any new or uncertain costs emerging from a changing public health situation. Some of this funding will be used to address the surgical backlog caused by the pandemic.

In terms of capital spending related to health, Budget 2022 includes funding for facilities in Calgary and Edmonton, the Red Deer Regional Hospital, and revitalization projects for rural health facilities. This includes \$46 million over three years towards a \$79-million total project cost to integrate ambulatory care, primary care, maternal health care, and diagnostic services at the La Crete Maternity and Community Health Centre.

\$36 million has been budgeted for the Recovery Communities Stream 2 project to create a new addictions treatment facility with 75 spaces on the Blood Tribe Reserve and to double the capacity at the Gunn site by adding 50 spaces.

While Alberta Municipalities is encouraged to see funding allocated to rural and Indigenous healthcare facilities, additional funding is needed in this area to address aging infrastructure and to further incentivize physicians and other healthcare providers to practice in rural areas.

## *Indigenous Relations*

Indigenous Relations continues to facilitate cross-government collaboration with other provincial Ministries, municipalities, water commissions, and industry to respond to federal Indigenous initiatives, such as access to safe and clean drinking water; the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program; disaster response and recovery, including the COVID-19 pandemic; pathfinding opportunities; and advocating for key services.



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### *Infrastructure*

The Ministry business plan referenced the recently passed *Infrastructure Accountability Act* which is intended to provide clarity on how government invests in planning, constructing, renewing, and maintaining public infrastructure. Alberta Municipalities submitted input into the development of this legislation. One of our requests to government was the inclusion of municipal perspectives in the prioritization of projects. While this request was not included in the final legislation, we were encouraged by the language in the accompanying 20-year Capital Plan that refers to partnering with municipalities to deliver infrastructure projects.

Infrastructure is also establishing the Alternative Capital Financing Partnerships Office (ACFPO), which will serve as the central authority within the Government of Alberta for public-private partnerships (P3s) and other innovative infrastructure partnerships. The ACFPO will focus on the oversight of centralized work of P3s, provide expertise required to engage in strategic partnership opportunities, and explore alternative revenue generation options. We have been told that the creation of this office will not impact municipal procurement or financing.

### *Jobs, Economy, and Innovation*

The Ministry's operating expense estimate for 2022-23 is \$698 million. Consistent with a resolution passed at Alberta Municipalities' 2020 Convention, Budget 2022 includes increased support for the Alberta Film and Television Tax Credit (\$81 million over three years). It also includes the Innovation Employment Grant and support for downtown revitalization efforts in Edmonton and Calgary.

The Ministry will continue to implement Alberta's Investment and Growth Strategy including a focus on attracting investment in key industry sectors. Amongst other programs, funding for investment attraction is provided through the Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy (\$67.5 million over three years), the Investment and Growth Fund (\$45 million over three years), and support for the Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy (\$73 million over three years).

### *Justice and Solicitor General*

The 2022 budget for Justice and Solicitor General includes:

- \$10 million for the Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defense (RAPID) Response, which expands the authorities of peace officers to respond to calls and assist police services in emergency situations (no change from 2021-22).
- \$49.1 million will be dedicated to deal with and investigate child pornography, gang violence, drug trafficking, stalking, human trafficking and domestic violence primarily through the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (12 per cent increase compared to 2021-22).
- \$5 million to expand Drug Treatment Court capacity.

To help address criminal court delays, the Ministry has developed a staged strategy for the hiring of 50 new prosecutors between 2020-21 to 2022-23. To date, 40 new prosecutors have been hired and 20 articling students have been accepted.

A new service delivery model for victims of crime is being established, with the current financial benefits program to be replaced with a new victim assistance program. The Ministry budget shows \$63 million available annually from the Victims of Crime and Public Safety Fund over the next three years; however, it is unclear what amount will be used for the new victim assistance program now that the use of this fund has been expanded beyond solely serving victims of crime.

The budget for Public Safety increased from \$571 million in 2021-22 to \$597 million in 2022-23, which likely reflects the increase in RCMP salaries negotiated through the collective bargaining process. However, the budget does not appear to reflect the approximately \$80 million that would be owed as retroactive pay under the Provincial Police Service Agreement. Alberta Municipalities and Justice and Solicitor General, along with other provinces,

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territories, and municipal associations across Canada, have partnered to advocate that the federal government cover the costs of RCMP retroactive pay and we await a response from the federal government.

Funding for both the Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and the Police Officer Grant remain flat from last year's budget at \$59.2 million and \$30 million, respectively. Additionally, we have been informed that these grants will be combined into one grant, but we are not aware of the name at this time.

The Ministry's operating budget for 2022-23 is \$1.48 billion, compared to \$1.35 billion in 2021-22 (9.6 per cent increase).

## Labour and Immigration

The Ministry leads the Alberta at Work initiative, which provides a framework to address current and long-term labour market challenges. \$15 million over three years has been allocated to provide labour market information to students, employees, and employers. Budget 2022 includes \$64 million to assist Albertans in finding and maintaining employment such as the Canada-Alberta Jobs Grant.

The Ministry's business plan highlights working with the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council to advance anti-racism actions and promote welcoming and diverse communities throughout Alberta. Alberta Municipalities notes that the work of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council aligns well with our Welcoming and Inclusive Communities (WIC) initiative, which Alberta Municipalities has led since 2006. Alberta Municipalities plans to seek out new funding opportunities in 2022 to continue the breadth of programming and resources we offer to support municipal governments and communities in addressing issues of racism, discrimination, and social exclusion.

## Municipal Affairs

Municipal Affairs is continuing a focus on reducing municipal red tape by:

- Completing its review of the *Municipal Government Act*, with a focus on regulations related to planning, development, and growth management; and
- Working with the Safety Codes Council to implement a renewed provincial accreditation framework for accredited entities to create more efficient approaches, such as risk-based inspections.

Other planned initiatives include:

- Working with municipal associations and municipalities to develop the allocation formula and program guidelines for LGFF; and
- Identifying \$1.9 million to support the Provincial Operations Centre's disaster response and coordination activities, including the Alberta Emergency Alert system and the 24/7 Watch Station.

Alberta Municipalities' advocacy on a member resolution calling for an increase to the 911 levy has paid off. The Ministry's budget includes a \$23 million increase in fee revenue and a corresponding investment into Alberta's 911 system annually over the next three years. We are working to determine how much of this funding will be available to municipalities that operate Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

The total operating budget for Municipal Affairs declines from \$1.8 billion in 2021-22 to \$1.1 billion this year. The reduction is primarily driven by the \$711 million reduction in MSI and the \$10 million reduction in the Alberta Community Partnership, which are explained earlier in this report.

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### Seniors and Housing

Budget 2022 maintains seniors' financial supports and provides funding for the implementation of the provincial affordable housing strategy. The budget will provide \$491 million in grants and \$20 million in low-interest home equity loans for low-income seniors. Also, a total of \$118 million in capital funding will be made available in the next three years to improve and expand affordable housing.

The table below shows the 2021-24 Seniors and Housing Capital Plan:

\$ millions	2021-22 Estimate	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	3-Year Total
<b>Affordable Housing Strategy</b>				
Affordable Housing Strategy	20.0	39.9	58.10	118.0
<b>Other Programs</b>				
Affordable and Specialized Housing	16.3	2.0	-	18.3
Family and Community Housing	1.7	0.4	-	2.1
Indigenous Housing Capital Program	10.0	10.0	-	20.0
Seniors Housing	25.9	11.5	-	37.4
Preservation (Maintenance)	38.1	23.3	-	84.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>81.4</b>	<b>280.5</b>

Despite capital investment under the provincial affordable housing strategy, the total capital investment in affordable housing will continue to decrease over the next two years, from \$112 million in 2021-22 to \$81.4 million in 2023-24 (27 per cent decrease). The strategy has identified a goal of supporting the development of 13,000 new affordable housing units over the next 10 years; however, it is unclear how this goal will be achieved if the province's capital investments continue to decrease.

Budget 2022 maintains 2021 operational funding levels for the Family Community Housing, Seniors Housing, Rental Assistance, and Specialized Housing programs. The budget also includes \$1.8 million in operating funding to support the implementation of the provincial affordable housing strategy, which commits to providing rental assistance to an additional 14,000 households over 10 years.

### Service Alberta

Over the next four years, Service Alberta will invest \$390 million (\$150 million in 2022-23) to improve broadband services across the province and ensure that rural, remote, and Indigenous communities are included in the province's economic recovery.

Service Alberta also identified \$10.1 million for registry transformation projects to offer more registry services online and \$9.1 million to improve the Land Titles service model and reduce application backlogs.

### Transportation

Transportation manages several grant programs that municipalities access, including the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP), Water for Life, and the First Nations Water Tie-In Program, in addition to administering the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) on behalf of the federal government. Of note in the Ministry's business plan is \$474 million over the next three years that has been allocated for the Springbank Offstream Reservoir flood mitigation project. Also, provincial highway maintenance has increased from \$318.8 million in Budget 2021 to \$345 million in Budget 2022.

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### *Treasury Board and Finance*

The Government of Alberta has established three key anchors to guide fiscal decision-making:

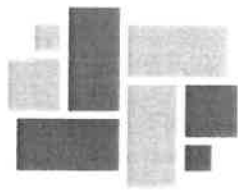
- Keeping net debt-to-GDP under 30 per cent;
- Getting per capita spending in-line with comparator provinces; and
- After the pandemic, re-establishing a commitment to balance the budget.

The Ministry has expressed a commitment to maintaining fiscal discipline and controlling spending to support the government's fiscal targets, as well as working closely with Ministries to ensure adequate funding to deliver on the commitments the provincial government has made to Albertans.

In January 2022, Alberta Municipalities reported on how the province has backtracked on promises made in 2019, when it chose to dissolve the Alberta Capital Finance Authority. As the province has now stopped offering below-market rate loans to municipalities, Alberta Municipalities now very alarmed that the 2022 Fiscal Plan projects the province's investment income from loans to local authorities will increase by 180 per cent over the next three years. This would be a blatant case of cost downloading from the province to municipalities, along with their residents and local businesses.

### *A note on red tape reduction*

Budget 2022 and the provincial government's business plans highlight red tape reduction as a top priority for this government. Many Ministries plan to review and revise legislation, regulations, and policies to reduce red tape by at least one-third. The objectives are to streamline legislation and regulatory requirements to reduce unnecessary barriers to stimulate the economy and create jobs. The Government of Alberta will continue to engage with industry stakeholders, municipalities, non-profits, and the public to pursue further opportunities for red tape reduction. The provincial government is committed to the provisions of the *Red Tape Reduction Act*, including regular reporting, and ensuring the ongoing coordination of cross-government innovation.

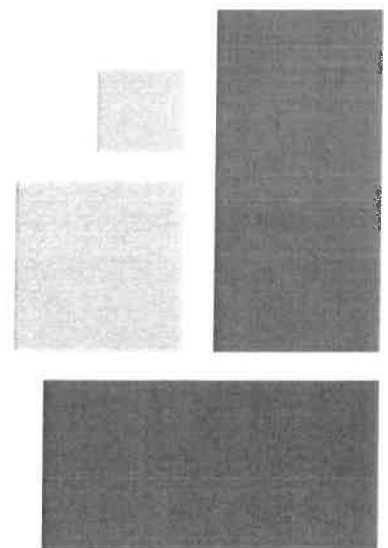


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**What's Happening at Communities ChooseWell**

We're heading into March full steam. Check out what we're up to this month!

- Staff announcements
- 2022 Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium
- Bonus Symposium Keynote Presentation
- Make Your Voice Heard: Part 3 of Evaluation Survey
- 2021 Award Winner Spotlight
- And More!

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## Goodbye's & Best Wishes

We are sad to announce that after 10 years with ARPA, Patrick MacQuarrie is departing to pursue an exciting, new career opportunity. We are so grateful for all of Patrick's contributions to Communities ChooseWell and ARPA, and we wish him the best with all of his upcoming adventures. Any questions or communications that would have been directed to Patrick can be sent to [choosewell@arpaonline.ca](mailto:choosewell@arpaonline.ca).

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## Welcome to New Staff

Join us in welcoming the newest member on our team: Emilia Grindlay!

Emilia has a passion for food, fashion, singing, yoga, houseplants, and sustainability (in no particular order!). She attended the University of Alberta, graduating with honours in 2021 with her bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Food Science and a minor in Communication and Education. Emilia is dedicated to making healthy choices accessible to all, and she is thrilled to be able to apply her knowledge about nutrition and health promotion to help facilitate healthy eating and wellbeing in diverse community and recreation settings.



## Learning & Connecting

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## Join us for the 2022 Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium!

We welcome everyone to the 2022 Symposium! Over the next three days learn how to reconnect with yourself, enhance your capacity to connect with others, and deepen the connections within your communities while we explore our theme *Communities HEAL Through Connection*.

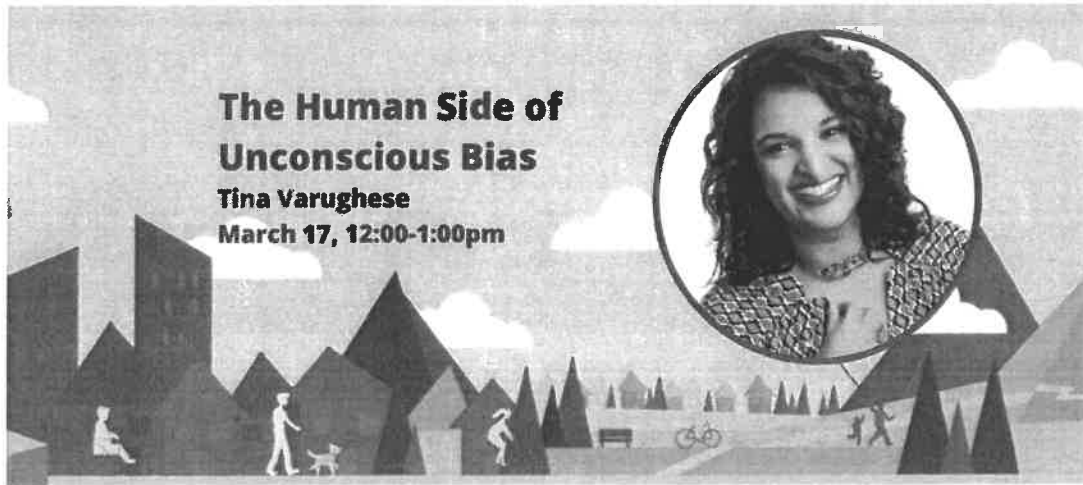
### Join us Wednesday March 9 for a Feature Screening of *The Great Disconnect*

*The Great Disconnect* is an award winning documentary that invites us to reflect on the relationships we have with those around us and raises the question: is it possible to overcome our modern culture of disconnectedness and rediscover how truly essential we are to one another?

Join us after the screening for a live Q&A from director, producer and co-writer, Tamer Soliman.

**Questions or Concerns?** Visit our [AHCS Webpage](#) or contact Maddison Drader at [mdrader@arpaonline.ca](mailto:mdrader@arpaonline.ca) with any questions or concerns

Register Here!



### **Bonus Symposium Keynote: The Human Side of Unconscious Bias**

Communities ChooseWell and ARPA are excited to bring you a special bonus keynote session from Tina Varughese to continue our exploration into equity, diversity and inclusion from the Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium!

Join us **March 17th from 12:00pm- 1:00pm** for Tina's session: *The Human Side of Unconscious Bias*. During this keynote presentation, Tina will explore unconscious bias, cultural differences and how, by embracing diversity and inclusion, we can drive innovation, increase productivity, and stimulate creativity while promoting a healthy, happy, engaging workplace culture.

#### **About Tina:**

Named one of Canada's Top 10 Notable Speakers by Ignite Magazine, Tina cleverly tackles hot button topics, like diversity and inclusion, in today's complex climate. She consistently rates as the 'best speaker of the conference'. By carefully weaving personal stories with touching humour, her interactive and highly entertaining approach disarms attendees as she breaks down barriers while building bridges. She ignites authenticity, transparency and ultimately inclusion.

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### **ChooseWell Evaluation Survey Parts 1, 2 & 3**

Communities ChooseWell is looking for your feedback! We want to know the impact our program has had, both to improve the program in the future, and to report to our funder, Alberta Health.

In the past, we have done one long survey each year. This year, we've streamlined the process, both shortening the process and splitting it up into 3 parts. Anyone who fills out all 3 parts of the survey will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card from a selection of retailers. Additionally, for each individual part, there will be 3 draws for \$25 gift cards from the same list of retailers.

Thank you to everyone for participating in our evaluation so far. **All 3 surveys are now live!** Provide your feedback through the link below.

Take 5-10 minutes and let us know how you feel about the Communities ChooseWell program.

Thank you for your support!

Survey 1

Survey 2

Survey 3



## **Resources**

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## March is Nutrition Month

This year's theme is Celebrate a World of Flavors! Throughout March, embrace the foods and flavors of your heritage and other global cultures.

Click below to learn more about #NationalNutritionMonth



Learn More!



## High Five Sport: Professional Development Opportunity

HIGH FIVE® Sport has updated research-based content, and invites you to take the training!

Designed for those involved with children's sport, the HIGH FIVE® Sport 4-hour on-demand training helps those working with children aged 4 to 12 enhance program quality. In response to the Government of Canada's goal to increase gender equity in sport by 2035, this training focuses on how to best engage girls in sport. Support for this training was provided by the Government of Canada (Sport Canada) and CPRA.

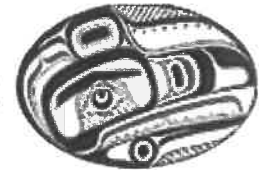
This training equips coaches, managers, and trainers with essential knowledge about the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive attributes of each age and stage of a child's development. Learn how to ensure that programs are inclusive, safe, and fun for your participants using the HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Child Development: A Caring Leader, Friends, Mastery, Participation, and Play.

Register Here!



## Walking with Indigenous Communities

**INDIGENOUS CORPORATE TRAINING INC.**



### Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. Resources

Are you looking to improve Indigenous cultural awareness within your organization?

Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.(ICT) is home to a myriad of training resources and sessions that can help Canadians with learning how to work and engage effectively with Indigenous Peoples. Learn from the President of ICT, Bob Joseph, is a Gwawaenuk Nation member who is a certified Master Trainer, with a background in business administration and former associate professor at Royal Roads University.

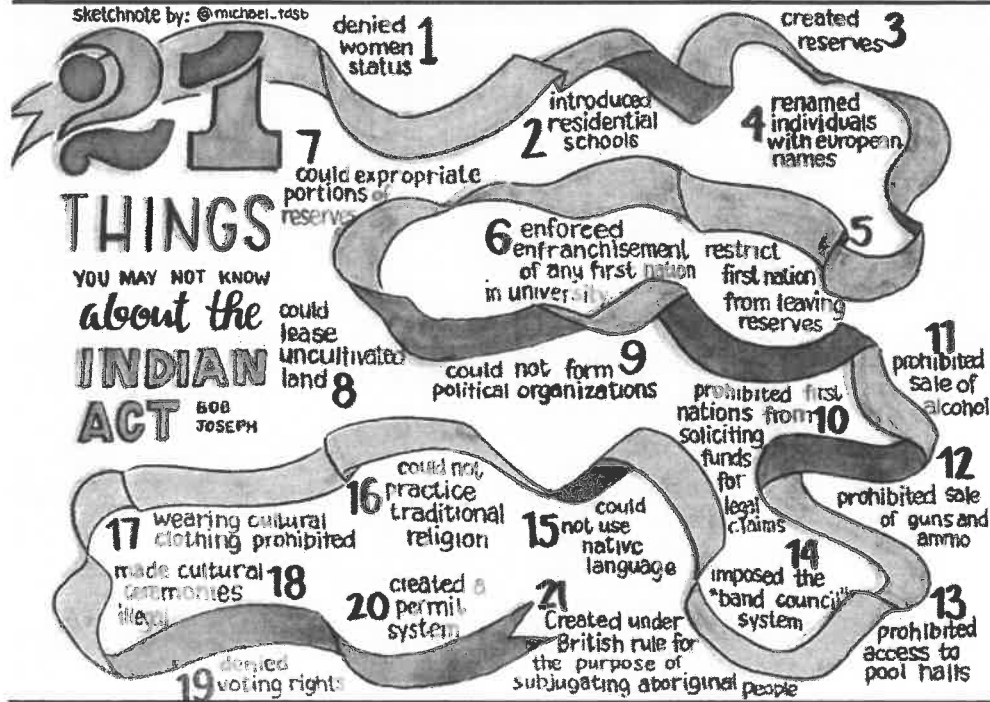
Check out [Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.](#) to discover the right training session for you in addition to their [free ebooks](#) on:

- 23 Tips On What Not To Say or Do When Working Effectively With Indigenous Peoples
- Indigenous Peoples: A Guide To Terminology Usage Tips & Definitions.

Continue your own journey of reconciliation by visiting ARPA's Oral Knowledge Hub.

[Start Learning!](#)

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### More from Bob Joseph: 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act

If you haven't already heard, *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act* was recently acclaimed as the #1 National Bestseller and was written by Bob Joseph, who is the President of Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.

With the intention of "Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality", this book is another great resource that goes hand-in-hand with all the other initiatives released by Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. It gives insight into the damaging legacy that the Indian Act continues to perpetuate on the lives of Indigenous peoples today, and is considered a tool that allies can use in their everyday lives.

This book is available for purchase wherever you buy your books or audiobooks.

Consider enhancing your reconciliation journey by exploring this resource on *Engaging with Elders - A Co-Created Story*. This resource provides information on Indigenous protocol, such as providing honorariums and offering tobacco to name a few.

[Learn More!](#)



## Celebrating Communities

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## **2021 Most Significant Change Award Winners Spotlight Autism Aspergers Society of Calgary**

The Autism Aspergers Society of Calgary worked hard to ensure that despite the increase of isolation and loneliness due to the pandemic, that ASD kids still had meaningful access to recreational activities and friends through their virtual adaptation of the 'Stepping Out' program.

Through social games and physical activity the participants explored the fun of physical movement, learned how to do circuit workout, yoga and meditation. The virtual format of the program helped the ASD community to continue to connect with their friends and added back routine and boosted the mental health of the participants and their families.

Join us in congratulating the Autism Aspergers Society of Calgary for their amazing work, and join us Thursday, March 10 at the Symposium to watch all the 2021 Most Significant Change Award videos!

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More stories from ChooseWell Communities



## **Funding**





## Healthy Community Grants Applications Closed

### ChooseWell Healthy Community Grants Applications Closed

Thank to everyone who applied for a Healthy Community Grant. The application period is now closed and we will be reviewing everyone's proposals. Look to hear back from us by April 22, 2021!



### Alberta Blue Cross: Built Together Grant

#### What Will You Build?

Our Built Together program helps Albertans build spaces for active living in their community. Whether it be a skate park, playground, outdoor gym or sports court, we're giving back to Albertans and helping them live their best lives. Each year, we award \$50,000 grants in Edmonton, Calgary, a secondary city, a rural community and an Indigenous community.

#### Who Can Apply?

Community leagues, school councils, municipalities or other non-profit community groups or organizations with new projects in need of funding are eligible to apply! Organizations must provide services without regard to race, religion, creed, gender or sexual orientation. Priority

will be given to projects that reflect our Healthy Communities mandate of promoting active living and wellness at a grassroots community level, with a particular emphasis on children. Programs must be publicly accessible and free of membership charge.

**The application process will open May 16, 2022 and close at midnight on September 15, 2022.**

Learn More!

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### External Funding Opportunities

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

More Funding

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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.*

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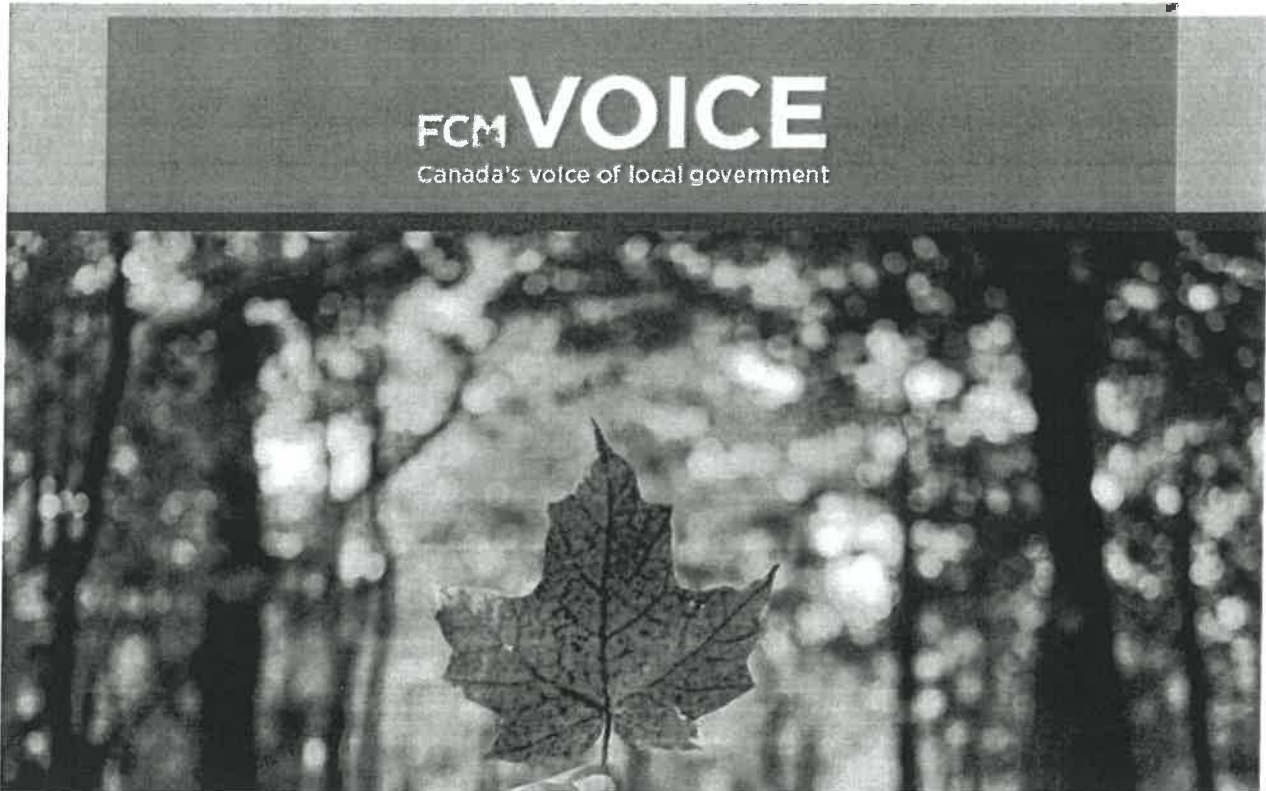
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## Mayors meet with ministers to press budget priorities

Last Tuesday, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus met with a series of federal cabinet ministers—including Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland—to highlight local government priorities for Federal Budget 2022. This complements the ongoing advocacy that FCM Board members are doing in the lead up to the next federal budget.

From housing to transit, infrastructure to RCMP costs, we continue to emphasize to all federal parties the critical municipal priorities laid out in FCM's *Partners for Canada's Recovery*. Our message is clear: Budget 2022 needs to empower cities and communities of all sizes to deliver the strong recovery Canadians deserve.

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**» READ FCM'S PARTNERS FOR CANADA'S RECOVERY**

**NEWS**

**Black History Month in your community**

February is Black History Month and FCM will be featuring key moments in Canadian municipal history impacting Black people and people of African descent on Twitter. We continue to be committed to fighting anti-Black racism, both within our organization and in communities across Canada.

Is your community doing something to commemorate Black History Month? [Tag us on Twitter](#) and use the hashtag [#cdnmuni](#) to let us know

**What FCM has achieved for its members**

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

**» LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT FCM HAS ACHIEVED FOR ITS MEMBERS**

**EVENTS**

**FCM's AC 2022: Registration launches soon**

Your favourite FCM event is back, in a unique hybrid format! Join us June 2-5 for FCM's 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show—in beautiful Regina, or online from anywhere. Prepare to be wowed by our fantastic program and enriching networking opportunities.

Registration will open very soon. New this year: a simplified registration process, and dubs on reserving your first study tour when you register.

After two years of supporting our communities through a global pandemic, it's time to come together—to gear up for a strong recovery on the other side. That's our theme this year: *Together for Recovery*. And this is one conference you will not want to miss.

**» GET A FIRST GLANCE AT OUR PROGRAM NOW**

**Register now at FCM's municipal stream for the GLOBE Forum**

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On March 29-31, FCM will present *Local Solutions to Net-Zero*, a special municipal stream at GLOBE Forum 2022—North America's longest-running sustainable innovation summit. Our four sessions and one panel will showcase municipal innovation at its best, featuring topics ranging from building retrofits, zero-emission vehicles, community-scale energy, land-use and housing development, and outcomes-based procurement. Take a look at our website now to learn more about our session details. Register today for FCM's special municipal stream and receive a discounted rate.

» [LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

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### Learn at your own pace with GMF's new energy modelling course

The Green Municipal Fund's e-learning series is now available online: an introduction to energy modelling for municipal staff. Deepen your knowledge on energy modelling solutions and learn to confidently implement energy modelling into your own municipal project. By completing 11 concise self-paced lessons, you will learn to create a basic energy model and how to develop a business case for energy efficiency and GHG reductions within your infrastructure design plans. This course is open to all municipal staff and those interested in energy modelling.

» [REGISTER FOR THE ONLINE COURSE](#)

## RESOURCES

### Video: why invest in asset management?

Why invest in asset management? Like most municipalities, you're probably facing challenges related to both climate change and aging infrastructure like roads and buildings. Adopting asset management practices can help your municipality make better infrastructure investment decisions to ensure you can best meet the needs of your citizens.

» [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

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### Kingston supports homeowners with financing program for energy upgrades

Lowering residential greenhouse gas emissions through home retrofits can help your community reach its climate goals, and help homeowners save on energy costs.

Learn more about the City of Kingston's recently launched home-energy upgrade financing program. Discover how the city plans to reduce home energy retrofit cost barriers and knowledge gaps and meet their 2040 carbon-neutral goals.

» [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

## FCM IN THE NEWS

## The Big City Mayors' Caucus is sounding the alarm on transit farebox shortfalls

The Big City Mayors' Caucus met virtually last week to discuss budget priorities. Off the top, mayors sounded the alarm on transit farebox shortfalls. With no solution for 2022, cities will see service reductions that hurt vulnerable Canadians, see delays on climate priorities like fleet electrification, and cities will be hamstrung when it comes to delivering on recovery priorities. *iPolitics* wrote about why transit shortfalls are an important issue that needs to be addressed.

» [READ THE STORY](#)

## CORPORATE PARTNER

### Pomerleau: your partner in infrastructure projects

Municipalities are front-line in Canada's infrastructure programs. Pomerleau helps local governments build your communities' infrastructure using modern construction expertise. Did you know we have built transit stations and transit maintenance facilities in urban centres, expanded wastewater treatment plants in mid-size cities, and helped construct renewable energy projects coast-to-coast? Building green and sustainable infrastructure, and applying innovation, is key to the projects we deliver.

We can partner with municipalities to renew and accelerate your local infrastructure projects.

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## FCM TWEETS

**Feb 14:** READ: Canada's recovery hinges on tackling #PublicTransit crunch, by Mayors @MikeSavageHFX and @JohnTory. "With firm federal + provincial commitments, we could end this crisis now. But after months of urging + no commitments, we are sounding the alarm." <https://bit.ly/3Jrdfnr>

**Feb 9:** For #Budget2022, let's scale up the Rapid Housing Initiative—a fast, flexible & cost-effective solution—to create at least 18,000 more supportive & deeply affordable homes for vulnerable Canadians. The RHI is our fed-muni partnership at its best. <http://fcm.ca/recovery> #CDNmuni

**Feb 11:** We've released details on our Local Solutions to Net-Zero stream at #GLOBEForum 2022. Our program will focus on practical ways to  emissions & tackle CA's climate challenges, covering zero-emission vehicles, community-scale energy, housing dev + more.

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### FCM members: We are stronger together

Municipal leaders serve local communities, working across party lines to heal divisions and build equitable neighbourhoods and services. They are the closest order of government to where people live and work. And as Canada recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and enters a period of economic recovery, mayors and councillors will be leading the way.

Watch our video to hear from FCM members describing the ways they are building strong communities by working with people from all political stripes.

» [WATCH THE VIDEO NOW](#)

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## FCM's 2022 Sustainable Communities Awards

Time is running out to apply for FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards. The awards celebrate the most innovative local sustainability initiatives and are open to municipalities of all sizes and regions across Canada. Applications are due March 31st, 2022.

» [HELP US SPREAD THE WORD](#)

## Apply now: FCM seeks municipal elected official for GMF Council

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is seeking an elected municipal official for the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. If you are passionate about environmental sustainability and possess in-depth knowledge of municipal priorities in the energy, waste, water, transportation or land use sectors, we encourage you to apply.

Council membership is an opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the environment and the broader community.

The deadline for applications is March 13 at 12 a.m. ET.

» [APPLY NOW](#)

## Celebrating International Women's Day

Tomorrow, we are celebrating women leaders in local government, both in Canada and around the world. We need women in leadership roles in order to achieve gender equality and open doors for women across all diversities. Together with local, national and international partners, we're developing strategies and tools to ensure that municipal councils are representative of the communities they serve.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

## RESOURCES

### Guide: How to develop an asset management policy and strategy

Are you looking for resources to strengthen your municipality's approach to managing infrastructure assets? Our guide, *How to develop an asset management policy and strategy*, can help you develop an asset management policy, strategy and governance framework for your community.

Based on best practices from 17 municipalities across Canada and supported by asset management experts, this guide can help you develop and meet strategic goals, ensuring a high quality of life for your citizens.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

## Watch our video series on climate resilience and asset management

Check out our series of three videos exploring how municipalities across Canada are making climate action a part of their municipal asset management practices and decision-making.

Take four minutes to watch each video and learn more about:

- Understanding climate impacts on service delivery
- Responding to climate change with asset management
- Leadership in climate and asset management

» [WATCH THE VIDEOS NOW](#)

## Register today for GMF's energy modelling e-learning course

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

» [SIGN UP FOR THE ONLINE COURSE](#)

## LOCAL DATA

### Fastest growing and decreasing municipal populations - 2016 to 2021

The population size and growth rate of municipalities are key indicators to help municipal policy makers and administrators plan the direct services and infrastructure their population needs, such as emergency services, schools, hospitals, roads, social services and parks.

Statistics Canada's website highlights the municipalities in Canada that grew the fastest between the 2016 and 2021 censuses, as well as the municipalities whose populations decreased the most. Over the coming months, many other releases will continue to provide detailed information on Canadian communities, including the socio-demographic and ethnocultural fabrics of their populations.

» [READ STATISTICS CANADA REPORT HERE](#)

## FCM TWEETS

**Mar 2:** [#CDNmuni](#) are the order of gov't closest to where people live and work. Hear how FCM

**Mar 6:** We're calling for a doubling of the Canada Community-Building Fund for [#Budget2022](#). Whether

**Mar 5:** Join us in Regina from June 2-5! FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show is back, with a

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members work across party lines to build strong, equitable communities and services. Together, we can drive the recovery Canadians deserve.

it's upgrading roads or rec centres, this tool works bc it directly empowers [#CDNmuni](#) to fund the best local infra projects, creating jobs & building better lives. <http://fcm.ca/recovery>

unique hybrid format that has something for everyone. <https://bit.ly/3HJn4p> [#FCM2022AC](#)

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**FCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
AND TRADE SHOW  
JUNE 2-5, 2022**

## Register for AC2022 and put your focus on recovery and connection

FCM's 2022 [Annual Conference and Trade Show](#) is happening in Regina—and online—from June 2 to 5. As the fullest national gathering of municipal leaders since 2019, this event is your one-stop shop to gear up for recovery and to engage with colleagues, federal leaders, partners and suppliers.

We know that the green and inclusive recovery we all envision must be rooted in our cities and communities. So we've packed our program with tools and ideas to stir your imagination and kick start innovative approaches to what comes next for our country and our communities.

Our hybrid format is designed to bring AC2022's benefits to the widest possible group, whether you're joining us in Regina or linking in from your home office.

Here's what you'll experience:

- **IN PERSON:** In Regina, you'll get the full conference experience, from interactive workshops and engaging speakers to more than one hundred Trade Show exhibitors, five on-site study tours, and the networking opportunities you've come to expect.
- **ONLINE:** By joining us virtually, you'll have access to key features of the conference, including live plenary sessions that will include political leaders and other keynote

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speakers, the elections and workshop recordings that will be made available after each day.

Regardless of the option you choose, you'll be able to access FCM's virtual platform for a month afterwards, so you can check out workshops you might have missed or continue making new connections with peers and providers.

Register now to take advantage of our early bird rate—available until April 22.

It's been a long and difficult two years. Let's get ready for recovery together!

Register now!



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## It's time to gear up for recovery

In the weeks and months to come, Canadians will be having some very important conversations about what our post-pandemic recovery should look like—and about what our shared future should look like. As the governments closest to daily life, municipalities will be central to these conversations.

Local leaders deliver results that make life better for people. We know how to turn big national objectives into concrete outcomes on the ground—whether it's creating jobs, tackling the housing crisis, reducing emissions, and so much more. That's why FCM has been clear from the start that Canada's recovery needs to take root in communities of all sizes.

Of course, as local leaders, we also know that building takes time, and it requires a solid foundation. That's why the upcoming federal budget is so important. Even as we continue to support Canadians through the pandemic, building a strong and inclusive recovery needs to start now.

While we don't yet know the budget date, FCM has spent weeks ramping up our advocacy with every federal party. We're doubling down on the smart, practical solutions we laid out in FCM's *Partners for Canada's Recovery*. Like investing in infrastructure and affordable housing to create jobs and ensure an inclusive recovery. Like accelerating local climate action to reach net-zero. Like ensuring rural communities thrive, prosper, and are connected. These are the priorities we need to see in Budget 2022.

Local leaders are on the front lines of keeping people safe—and we'll be just as essential to Canada's recovery. So as the federal budget approaches, FCM will continue to deliver a powerful message: Budget 2022 needs to empower frontline leaders to drive the recovery Canadians deserve.

**FCM's annual conference is back!**

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If the upcoming budget is where we lay the foundation for Canada's recovery, FCM's 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show is where we'll gear up to lead it. That's right—our annual conference is back, and I couldn't be more excited.

From June 2-5, municipal leaders from coast-to-coast-to-coast will come together to envision and lead a strong and inclusive recovery. We'll connect with colleagues nationwide to explore how we can turn big ideas into better lives and better communities—for everyone.

This year we're offering a unique hybrid format that'll be your one-stop shop for recovery. Come in-person to Regina for the full conference experience: interactive workshops and study tours, keynote speeches and our trade show, plus valuable networking opportunities. Or join us online to link into key conference features from anywhere you'd like.

FCM's annual conference is where we'll shape Canada's recovery, and it's where you can tool up for a strong recovery in your own community. For many of us, it'll be the first opportunity to come together as a municipal family in two years. I know that's something you don't want to miss. So register today—and let's work together to build a better Canada on the other side of this pandemic.



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

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## @MAYORJOANNEVDH TWEETS

**Mar 2:** It was an honour to gather (virtually) with FCM's Board of Directors this week once again. Communities have faced so many obstacles in the last two years, but municipal leaders remain strong and united.

**Mar 7:** FCM gets results because we bring together thousands of #CDNmuni from coast-to-coast-coast. Together we form the strong & united national voice that's securing crucial support for #CDNmuni. Become a member, or renew your membership today:  
<https://fcm.ca/membership>

**Mar 2:** #CDNmuni are the order of gov't closest to where people live and work. Hear how FCM members work across party lines to build strong, equitable communities and services. Together, we can drive the recovery Canadians deserve.

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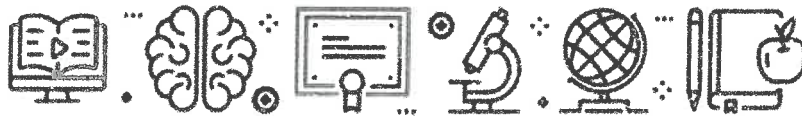
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The nomination period for the 2022 competition for the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM and Excellence in Early Childhood Education is extended until April 21, 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Canada's educators are showing unparalleled resilience and commitment to students in the face of COVID-19. If you know an educator who has gone above and beyond, nominate them for a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM, or Excellence in Early Childhood Education.

[Download your nomination package today.](#) Submit your nomination electronically or by mail by April 21, 2022.

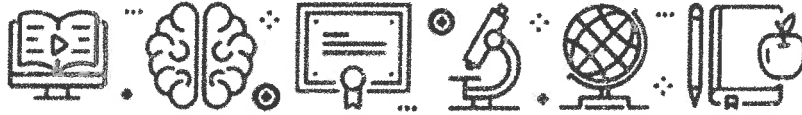
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La période de mise en candidature pour l'édition 2022 des Prix du premier ministre pour l'excellence dans l'enseignement, l'excellence dans l'enseignement des STIM et l'excellence en éducation de la petite enfance sera prolongée jusqu'au 21 avril 2022 en raison de la pandémie de COVID-19.

Les enseignants du Canada font preuve d'une résilience et d'un dévouement inégalés dans le contexte de la COVID-19. Si vous connaissez un enseignant qui a surpassé les attentes, présentez sa candidature dans le cadre des Prix du premier ministre pour l'excellence dans l'enseignement, l'excellence dans l'enseignement des STIM et l'excellence en éducation de la petite enfance.

Téléchargez un dossier de mise en candidature dès aujourd'hui. Soumettez-le ensuite par courriel ou par la poste d'ici le 21 avril 2022.

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## 2022 Notice of Annual Meeting

To be held on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

A notice convening the Annual Meeting of Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society to be held at the Onoway Civic Center 4812 51 St, Onoway, Alberta on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 11:00 am.

Please RSVP to Lorna Porter at [eastendbus@gmail.com](mailto:eastendbus@gmail.com) by Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 if you will be attending.

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: NSWA <water@nswa.ab.ca>  
Sent: February 25, 2022 8:45 AM  
To: Jim  
Subject: Love your watershed!♥

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**IN STREAM NEWSLETTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2022**



We love our watershed and our supporters - thank you for your ongoing interest in the NSWA. We love all the amazing places in our watershed to explore. If you would like to send some photos of your favorite spots in the watershed, we will share some on our social

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media. Just email your photos to [water@nswa.ab.ca](mailto:water@nswa.ab.ca)

There are several webinars coming up and job opportunities available for summer staff. If you know of others who would be interested in our watershed news please share this newsletter - they can sign up for our newsletter at [www.nswa.ab.ca](http://www.nswa.ab.ca)

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## NEW OPPORTUNITIES

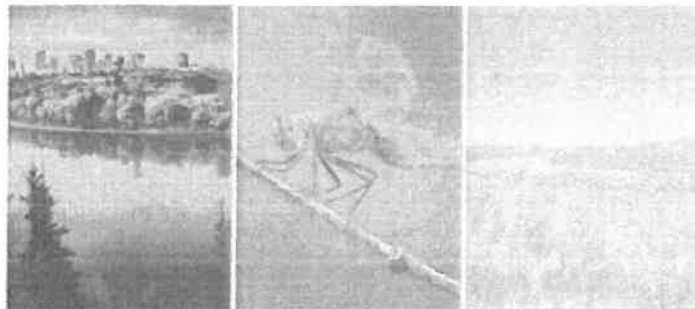
We want to let you know that Leah Kongsrude, NSWA's Executive Director, will be retiring in June. We will certainly miss her excellent leadership. We wish her all the best in this new phase of her life. More information on the search for a new Executive Director will be sent out shortly.

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## WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS - March 2 and April 13

### *Watershed Wednesdays* Speaker Series 2022



Our online **Watershed Wednesdays Speaker Series** have returned for 2022. The next webinars will be held on March 2 and April 13 from noon to 1 p.m. on Zoom.

### **February 2 - Climate Change Effects on the Watershed**

The excellent presentations by Dr. David Sauchyn and Dr. Pascal Badiou are posted on the NSWA website under [Resources](#).

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**March 2 - An Introduction to Watershed Management in Alberta**

Several WPAC managers will discuss watershed management under the *Water for Life Strategy* and the role that **Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs)** play. They will provide updates on the various activities that WPACs are involved in across the province.

**April 13th - Updates on Invasive Species**

**Nicole Kimmel (Alberta Environment) and Bernie Poulin (Summer Villages of Silver Sands -Lac Ste Anne)** will give updates on invasive species and flowering rush.

Register for these online webinars on Eventbrite:

REGISTRATION

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**JOIN THE NSWA TEAM THIS SUMMER!**



**Apply to join the NSWA team this summer!  
NSWA is looking for two enthusiastic people to join our team  
as Watershed Outreach Assistants**

The positions require excellent communications skills, experience with educational outreach and knowledge of watershed science.

Please share this opportunity with young people in your network who may be interested. For more information about the positions and how to apply please go to our website.

APPLY NOW

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**TIME TO RENEW YOUR NSWA MEMBERSHIP**



Membership in the NSWA provides you the opportunity to vote at our AGM in June, as well as to be nominated for open Board positions. If you would like to renew your membership (current members) or become a new member of the NSWA please sign up on our website. Membership renewals close on March 31, 2022.

**Renew your Membership**

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## VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

**VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

2020 EMERALD AWARD WINNER - Shared Footprints Category

Discover how the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance worked with local agencies, landowners, municipalities, and students to enhance and restore over 200 hectares of riparian area along the Vermilion River, creating flood-resilient and ecological wetlands within the Vermilion River Watershed.

The work of the **Vermilion River Watershed Alliance** is featured in one of the **Emerald Award documentary** films. The VRWA, along with many partners and landowners, received an Emerald Award in the Shared Footprints Category for the restoration and enhancement projects in the Vermilion River subwatershed. Take a look at this documentary film and videos about other award winners.

**Documentary Series**

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## WABAMUN LAKE VIDEOS

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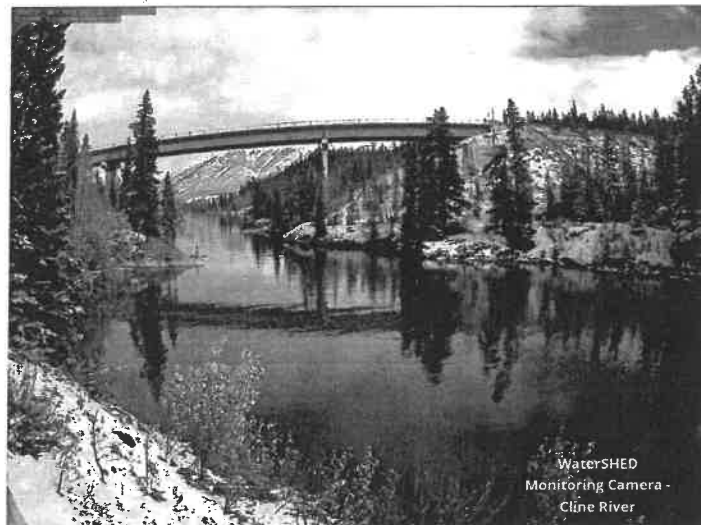
The **Wabamun Watershed Management Council** has posted a new video about projects at their lake. **Michael Short of Lets Go Outdoors** produced a video about water sampling this winter at Wabamun Lake with ALMS, and featuring other partners involved in the Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan. The video highlights the collaborative effort that has gone into producing the Plan and how that same effort will be essential to enacting the Plan.

Check out the video and the Plan!

### Wabamun Lake Videos

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## WaterSHED DATA NOW ON DATASTREAM



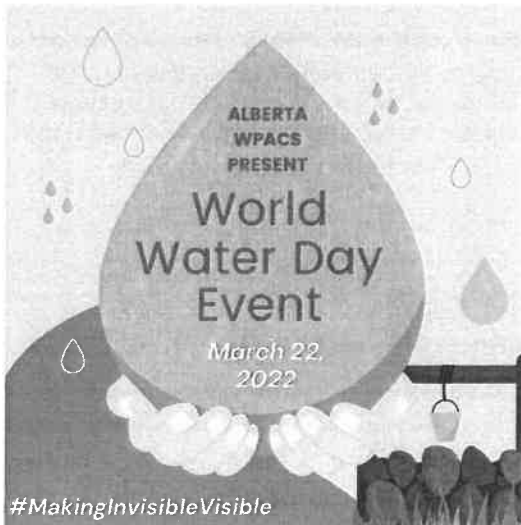
The **WaterSHED Monitoring program** is a unique partnership between Alberta Environment and Parks, EPCOR, the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance and the City of Edmonton.

This is the North Saskatchewan River's most comprehensive river monitoring program. It encompasses 19 monitoring stations, from the headwaters of the North Saskatchewan River to the Saskatchewan Border.

This program improves data collection both upstream and downstream of Edmonton, allowing all partners to make informed decisions for protecting and preserving water in the North Saskatchewan River.

**Two years of data collected from the monitoring stations** across the watershed is now available on the **DataStream** website!

WaterSHED Data on DataStream



**REGISTER NOW!**

**MARCH 22, 2022  
WORLD WATER DAY  
1 to 3 PM**

**Alberta WPACs present "Groundwater: Making the Invisible, Visible".**

This province-wide online event will celebrate **World Water Day**. Featuring speakers and a panel discussion on groundwater. For more information and to register check this Eventbrite link.

WORLD WATER DAY





**RIPARIAN  
WEB PORTAL**

**RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING**

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

<p><b>101: Dive into the Riparian Data: Our Intactness Project</b> Thurs. March 3rd, 1:30pm</p>	<p><b>102: Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal</b> Friday March 4th, 1:30pm</p>
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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)**

In the **Riparian 101 workshop**, you will learn the "**Why and How of the Riparian Intactness Assessment Project**" - how it applies to your work, and how it can improve the health of our watersheds.

Topics will include:

- Information about the project, and why the BRWA and NSW are pursuing it
- An overview of the methods used to measure riparian intactness, pressure, and prioritization
- The importance of riparian areas for watershed health Tools and resources for governments, agriculture, and ENGOs to apply this knowledge
- Share your thoughts on the project and its potential relevance to your work.

Register at least 48 hours in advance.

The 101 webinar is a pre-requisite for the "**Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal**" **102 Workshop**. For more information:

**Riparian Workshop Registration**

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**MEET OUR NSW BOARD MEMBERS**





Our featured NSWA Board member for February is **Tracy Scott**.

He is the head of industry and government relations for **Ducks Unlimited Alberta**. His work involves any policy at the provincial, federal, municipal or industry level that has the potential to impact wetlands or grasslands conservation.

**What is one of your favorite spots in the watershed and why?**

*"My favorite spot is my own land which is in the headwaters of Amisk Creek (I call my place Amisk Lake Lodge). I've lived here and taken care of the land here for 30 years."*

**Any interesting hobbies that you would like to share?**

*"I enjoy hiking, canoeing, hunting, bushcraft and fur trade era history"*

**About NSWA:**

*"I'm very happy to be back on the NSWA Board after being absent for many years. NSWA does great work to raise awareness regarding watershed management and I'm honoured to be back on the Board of Directors!"*

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## OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The **Wetland Knowledge Exchange** is offering a webinars on a variety of topics. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Lee Fedorchuk will present on 'Slow Forestry: Moving Towards the Sustainable Management of Manitoba's Peatlands.' Registration for this webinar can be found [here](#).

The **Land Stewardship Center** has published a new online [Stewardship Directory](#) as well as a new [Green Communities Guide](#). Check their website for upcoming [webinars on watershed stewardship](#) and for more information.

**Cows and Fish** will be hosting a series of workshops on Native Trout! More information and registration can be found [here](#).

A recent article featuring Dr. David Sauchyn was published in the Western Producer; ***"Prairie precipitation predictions: the right amounts at the wrong times"***.

People from local government, researchers, policy makers and educators rely on [Municipal Natural Assets Initiative](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest in measuring, managing and valuing of natural assets. Subscribe to their newsletter for more information.

**Ducks Unlimited** has published a new **Alberta Wetland Classification Field Guide**. You can [download](#) an updated copy or purchase a copy [here](#).

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



## SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

The NSWA accepts donations through the **ATB Cares** program which matches 15% of every dollar donated to Alberta-based charities through their **ATB Cares Web Portal**. It is easy to use and automatically issues a charitable tax receipt for donations \$10 and over.

For more information on supporting our watershed projects go to our **DONATE** webpage.



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**From:** Alberta Beach Library <ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** February 23, 2022 10:38 AM  
**To:** aboffice@albertabeach.com  
**Subject:** Story Walk

Good morning. I was wondering if we could put up a Story Walk in the park with the gazebo, maybe once the snow clears up more. The idea is that pages of a story book (laminated) are placed around the park, likely zip tied to the fence, and people/families could go around and read the story. I may have a little draw for people who come in and tell us they did it. No timeline yet; just wondered if that would be okay to do.

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