

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TEMPORARILY LOCATED AT UNIT 5A, 4000 MUSEUM ROAD
AND HELD FOR THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION
5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - a. Regular Council Meeting of September 21, 2021
 - b. Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of September 21, 2021
6. DELEGATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Campground Financial Report
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance September 24, 2021 Issue
 - b. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance October 1, 2021 Issue
 - c. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance October 8, 2021 Issue
 - d. Alberta Counsel – The News September 28, 2021 Issue
 - e. Alberta Counsel – Upcoming Webinar – Introduction to Grant Opportunities
 - f. Alberta Health – Record of Decision – CMOH Order 40-2021
 - g. Alberta Health – Record of Decision – CMOH Order 42-2021
 - h. Alberta Health – Record of Decision – CMOH Order 43-2021
 - i. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipal Update October 7, 2021 Issue
 - j. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update September 20, 2021 Issue
 - k. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update September 27, 2021 Issue
 - l. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update October 4, 2021 Issue
 - m. Alberta Health Services – Proposed Public Health Standards for Non-Municipal Drinking Water
 - n. Alberta Health Services – Help AHS Fight the Pandemic of Misinformation
 - o. Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2020 Municipal Indicators
 - p. Alberta Municipal Affairs – September 17, 2021 Municipal Town Hall Questions and Answers
 - q. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 September 30, 2021 Issue
 - r. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of September 23, 2021
 - s. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of September 29, 2021
 - t. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC Digest of October 6, 2021
 - u. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA’s 2021 Convention Update & Resolutions Book Published
 - v. Fortis Alberta – Proposed Fortis Alberta 2022 Distribution Rates
 - w. Fortis Alberta – Maximum Investment Level for Rate 31 Street Lighting
 - x. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – September 2021 In Stream Newsletter
 - y. Oneway Regional Fire Services – Information Update
 - z. Town of Sundre – RCMP Retroactive Pay
 - aa. Town of Sundre – Councillor Code of Conduct
 - bb. Yellowhead Regional Library – YRL Announces New Logo
 - cc. Yellowhead Regional Library – YRL Director Letter, Draft 2022 Budget, 2021 Board Overview
 - dd. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 October 14, 2021 Issue
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Fortis Alberta – Electric Distribution Franchise Fee for 2022
 - b. Lac Ste. Anne County – ACP Grant to Conduct Studies related to Old Nuisance Grounds
 - c. Summer Village of Sunset Point – ACP Grant Partnership to Develop a Recreation/Trail Master Plan
15. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. AUMA Vice President Nomination
 - b. Christmas Light Up Contest
 - c. Grasmere School Christmas Donation
 - d. Christmas Office Hours
 - e. Council and Staff Christmas Lunch
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

- Deletion 6.a Delegation – unavailable to attend.
- Deletion 15.b Reschedule October 19, 2021 regular Council meeting – not required.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#133-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

No closed meeting session was held.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

#134-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 17, 2021 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#135-21 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of August 17, 2021 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

JOHN HODGSON, CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE – INTRODUCTION:
Mr. Hodgson cancelled his attendance at the Council meeting due to another commitment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

#136-21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the meeting adjourn to hold a Municipal Planning Commission meeting at 7:04 P.M.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING RECONVENED:

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

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

#137-21 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CONTRACT:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Deputy Mayor Duncan, Councillor Weber and the CAO review the proposals received for the Development Officer contract and further finalize a contract for the position.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None.

BYLAWS & POLICIES:

#138-21 BYLAW #286-21 UNSIGHTLY AND UNTIDY PROPERTY BYLAW:
MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #286-21 being a bylaw to regulate unsightly and untidy property be read a first time.

#139-21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #286-21 be read a second time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#140-21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that unanimous consent be given to Bylaw #286-21 to proceed to third reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#141-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #286-21 be read a third & final time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#142-21 POLICY #G.3.2 EMAIL & INTERNET USE POLICY:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that General Village Policy #G.3.2 Email & Internet Use Policy be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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POLICY #G.3.3 ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH PARK MAINTENANCE POLICY:
MOVED BY Councillor Love that General Village Policy #G.3.3 Alberta Beach Boat Launch Park Maintenance Policy be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#144-21

POLICY #G.3.4 ALBERTA BEACH MAIN BEACH PARK MAINTENANCE POLICY:
MOVED BY Councillor Love that General Village Policy #G.3.4 Alberta Beach Main Beach Park Maintenance Policy be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Annual General meeting of August 21, 2021.
Summer Village of Sunset Point Bare Land Condo Development Open House of August 25, 2021.
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of August 26, 2021.
Trivillage FCSS Committee meeting of September 14, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of September 16, 2021.

COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

Councillor Valiquette reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach 100 Year Anniversary Planning Committee meeting of September 2, 2021.
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of September 14, 2021.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach in Bloom meeting of September 9, 2021.
Watershed Action Group meeting of September 10, 2021.
East End Bus Committee meeting of September 13, 2021.
Partners in Progress meeting of September 14, 2021.

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

Councillor Love reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee meeting of August 23, 2021.
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting of August 23, 2021.
Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting of August 30, 2021.
Alberta Beach 100 Year Anniversary Planning Committee meeting of September 2, 2021.
Alberta Beach Museum & Archives meeting of September 8, 2021.

#145-21

ALBERTA BEACH FAMILY RV PARK & CAMPGROUND – SCHEDULE OF FEES:
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the recommendation from the Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee to approve the 2022 Schedule of Fees for the Alberta Beach Family RV Park and Campground and further direct administration to amend the rates and prepare a new Schedule of Fees and Rates Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#146-21

ALBERTA BEACH FAMILY RV PARK & CAMPGROUND – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT:
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the recommendation from the Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee that the Campground Management Agreement with Kevin Hutton and Joyce Nouta be extended for a 3 year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR BENEDICT:

Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee meeting of August 23, 2021.
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting of August 23, 2021.
Alberta Beach 100 Year Anniversary Celebration of September 4-5, 2021
ABADASA Golf Tournament of September 10, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of September 16, 2021.
Alberta Government Virtual Town Hall Session on Covid-19 Immunization of September 17, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

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

#147-21

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY – UPDATE ON BEACHWAVE PARK:

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Beach Ag Society which included an update on Beachwave Park, funding received, the hiring of a coordinator and the park programs scheduled for September.

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ALBERTA COUNSEL – AT A GLANCE NEWSLETTERS:

At a Glance newsletters of August 27, September 3, 10 and 17, 2021 was received from Alberta Counsel.

ALBERTA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – AEP 2021 DISCUSSION GUIDE:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Emergency Management Agency which included a discussion guide for the Alberta Emergency Plan 2021 to request input from local and regional partners for future incorporation into the plan.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – AHS IMMUNIZATION POLICY:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services regarding the AHS Immunization Policy for physicians, staff and contracted providers.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 community updates of August 30 and September 13, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – LIBRARIES ACT LEGISLATION & RED TAPE REDUCTION:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs inviting the public library community and municipalities to participate in the engagement sessions to provide feedback on possible red tape reduction in the Libraries Act and associated legislation.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2021/22 ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs to advise that applications are now being accepted for the 2021/22 Alberta Community Partnership Program which enables municipalities to collaborate with their neighbours on local and regional priorities.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – PRELIMINARY 2022 EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT:

Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded the preliminary 2022 Equalized Assessment for review.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL STIMULUS PROGRAM RED TAPE REDUCTION:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Municipal Stimulus Program Red Tape Reduction to advise that the 2020 red tape reduction report for Alberta Beach has been accepted and further the 2020 Municipal Red Tape Reduction Report was also included.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AMSC ENERGY NEWS:

AMSC Energy News of August 26, 2021 was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA/AMSC DIGESTS:

AUMA/AMSC Digests of September 9 and 15, 2021 was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA VILLAGES WEST UPDATE:

An AUMA Villages West update was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA – RMA TRADE NAME CHANGE TO CANOE:

Correspondence was received from Canoe Procurement Group of Canada advising on the RMA trade name change to Canoe for the RMA cooperative trade and fuel programs effective August 20, 2021.

HIGHWAY 43 WASTE COMMISSION – HOLIDAY HOURS FOR 2021:

A letter was received from the Highway 43 East Waste Commission advising on the main landfill site holiday hours for 2021.

HIGHWAY 43 WASTE COMMISSION – ALBERTA BEACH 100TH ANNIVERSARY DONATION:

A letter was received from the Highway 43 East Waste Commission to advise on approval of a \$500.00 donation to the Alberta Beach 100th Anniversary.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – ALBERTA BEACH 100TH ANNIVERSARY SPONSORSHIP:

A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne County to advise on approval of a \$1,000.00 sponsorship to the Alberta Beach 100th Anniversary.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTER:

The August 2021 In Stream Newsletter was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

SAGE SENIORS ASSOCIATION – 2021 VIRTUAL SENIORS FORUM:

Correspondence was received from Sage Seniors Association regarding the 2021 Virtual Seniors Forum which is being held online and by phone on September 27-29 and October 1, 2021.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SANDY BEACH – COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:

Correspondence on the Council organizational meeting results & committee appointments was received from the Summer Village of Sandy Beach.

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SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNRISE BEACH – COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:
Correspondence on the Council organizational meeting results & committee appointments was received from the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF YELLOWSTONE – COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:
Correspondence on the Council organizational meeting results & committee appointments was received from the Summer Village of Yellowstone.

TELUS – IMPLICATIONS FOR WESTERN RURAL CONNECTIVITY:
Correspondence was received from Telus regarding the implications for Western rural connectivity following the Quebec-based telecommunications company acquiring spectrum in BC and Alberta despite having no regional presence or network in Western Canada and the possible negative outcomes that are expected for rural communities in Western Canada.

VILLAGE OF ELNORA – LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RCMP IN ALBERTA:
The Village of Elnora forwarded a copy of their letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General in support of the RCMP in Alberta over a proposed provincial police force.

WABAMUN AREA VOLUNTEER ENTERTAINMENT SOCIETY – WAVES SUMMER FEST 2021:
A thank you letter was received from the Wabamun Area Volunteer Entertainment Society for the donation to their WAVES Summer Fest 2021 silent auction to support the development of the future Wabamun Skate Park.

#148-21

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

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

#149-21

ATCO NATURAL GAS DIVISION – ATCO GAS & PIPELINES LTD. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that there be no increase in the 2022 ATCO Gas & Pipelines franchise fees and they remain at 8.00%.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#150-21

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION TO NSWA:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the letter from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance requesting consideration of a municipal per capita contribution to NSWA be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#151-21

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – 4 WAY STOP SIGN:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the request from the Summer Village of Val Quentin for consideration of a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of 50th Avenue and 60 Street be tabled until the new Council is in place and a joint meeting can be arranged and further to advise that our public works department will trim the trees on the boulevard which should resolve the problem with sight lines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#152-21

ACCESS & PARKING LEASE AGREEMENT – PORTION OF LOT 5, BLOCK 5, PLAN 3321BQ:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the Access & Parking Lease Agreement on a Portion of Lot 5, Block 5, Plan 3321BQ with Pappin Holdings Ltd. be approved for a 5 year renewal as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESCHEDULE OCTOBER 19, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO OCTOBER 26, 2021:
Due to receipt of 5 nominations for the 5 positions of Councillor, there will be no municipal election and therefore there is no longer a requirement to reschedule the October Council meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD:

Mayor Benedict thanked his fellow Councillors for their hard work and dedication to the village, he is proud of Council's accomplishments over the past four year term. He also thanked the staff for all their hard work and assistance to Council over the last term and thanked the Development Officers as well. A welcome was sent to the new members joining Council. Council members and members of the public also expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mayor Benedict and Councillor Valiquette for their time on Council and wished them all the best in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Mayor – Jim Benedict

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

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

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR DECISION – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION #21DP49-01:

Lot 8, Block 2, Plan 3210TR (4520 – 46A Street)
Application to leave as sited, a legally non-conforming dwelling making it a legal conforming dwelling and approve the addition of a covered entrance deck and a attached deck with the front yard setback variance to 4.72m (15.5 ft.) and the side yard to 1.28m (4.19 ft.).

The Development Officer reviewed the Request for Decision regarding the Development Permit application with the members of the Municipal Planning Commission. The Development Officer has recommended that the development permit application be approved subject to the conditions as outlined in her report (attached).

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Development Permit application #21DP49-01 to leave as sited a legally non-conforming dwelling making it a legal conforming dwelling and approve the addition of a covered entrance deck and a attached deck with the front yard setback variance to 4.72m (15.5 ft.) and the side yard to 1.28m (4.19 ft.). be approved subject to the conditions as outlined in the Development Officer’s report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mayor – Jim Benedict

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

COUNCIL:

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

ALBERTA BEACH 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.

AUMA 2021 CONVENTION:

Aug.17/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve to register 2 Councillors to attend the 2021 AUMA Convention being held in Edmonton on November 17 to 19, 2021.

Sept.21/21 Two Councillors have been registered for the convention and hotels are booked.

ADMINISTRATION:

AFRRCS (ALBERTA FIRST RESPONDERS RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM) AGREEMENT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

June 15/21 Onoway & LSAC have been in communications with AFRRCS to discuss agreements for the additional emergency mgmt radios to be used by the fire dept. (Next meeting is July 26th)

Aug.17/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Alberta Beach turn over to the Town of Onoway, 4 portable AFRRCS radios received through the Alberta Community Partnership Grant program back in 2015/16 to be provided to Onoway Regional Fire Services to be utilized by the fire department in the provision of their municipal fire services contract pending final approval and execution of all related agreements (Province and LSAC; LSAC and Onoway; Province and NWFR).

Sept.21/21 Email was sent to the Town of Onoway to advise on Council’s motion.

SUNSPLASHED AB BEACH INC. – LEASE AGREEMENT:

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

Sept.21/21 Waiting on Sunsplashed AB Beach Inc. changes to lease agreement.

NORTHWEST FIRE RESCUE AND TRAINING – ORFS 2020 STATISTICS PRESENTATION:

June 15/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Northwest Fire Rescue and Training be advised that Council welcomes a meeting for presentation of the ORFS 2020 Statistics once in person meetings resume.

Fire Chief is not available to attend the July, August or September meeting.

TVRSSC – REQUEST ROAD & SIDEWALK REPAIR:

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

Sept. 21/21 Letter was sent to TVRSSC.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CONTRACT:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Deputy Mayor Duncan, Councillor Weber and the CAO review the proposals received for the Development Officer contract and further finalize a contract for the position.

BYLAW #286-21 UNSIGHTLY AND UNTIDY PROPERTY BYLAW:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #286-21 being a bylaw to regulate unsightly and untidy property be read a third & final time.

POLICY #G.3.2 EMAIL & INTERNET USE POLICY:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that General Village Policy #G.3.2 Email & Internet Use Policy be approved as presented.

POLICY #G.3.3 ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH PARK MAINTENANCE POLICY:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that General Village Policy #G.3.3 Alberta Beach Boat Launch Park Maintenance Policy be approved as presented.

POLICY #G.3.4 ALBERTA BEACH MAIN BEACH PARK MAINTENANCE POLICY:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that General Village Policy #G.3.4 Alberta Beach Main Beach Park Maintenance Policy be approved as presented.

ALBERTA BEACH FAMILY RV PARK & CAMPGROUND – SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the recommendation from the Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee to approve the 2022 Schedule of Fees for the Alberta Beach Family RV Park and Campground and further direct administration to amend the rates and prepare a new Schedule of Fees and Rates Bylaw.

ALBERTA BEACH FAMILY RV PARK & CAMPGROUND – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve the recommendation from the Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee that the Campground Management Agreement with Kevin Hutton and Joyce Nouta be extended for a 3 year term.

ATCO NATURAL GAS DIVISION – ATCO GAS & PIPELINES LTD. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that there be no increase in the 2022 ATCO Gas & Pipelines franchise fees and they remain at 8.00%.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – 4 WAY STOP SIGN:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the request from the Summer Village of Val Quentin for consideration of a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of 50th Avenue and 60 Street be tabled until the new Council is in place and a joint meeting can be arranged and further to advise that our public works department will trim the trees on the boulevard which should resolve the problem with sight lines.

ACCESS & PARKING LEASE AGREEMENT – PORTION OF LOT 5, BLOCK 5, PLAN 3321BQ:

Sept.21/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the Access & Parking Lease Agreement on a Portion of Lot 5, Block 5, Plan 3321BQ with Pappin Holdings Ltd. be approved for a 5 year renewal as presented.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Financial Report

September 30, 2021

BALANCE SHEET	Beg:000000000	End:30Sep2021	Type: A	C U	Name
ASSETS					
CASH ON HAND:					
CASH REGISTER FLOAT	100.00		1		A111
CASH ON HAND - PETTY CASH	100.00		1		A112
BANK	796,226.75		1		A121
INVESTED CASH - TERM DEPOSIT	0.00		1		A122
BANK T-BILL SAVINGS #25	972,838.25		1		A125
BANK CUSTOM PLAN #26 (1.3M)	0.00		1		A126
TOTAL CASH		1,769,265.00	2		TOTC
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:					
TAXES & GRANTS-IN-LIEU REC	390,994.67		1		A210
RECEIVABLE FROM OTHER GOVTS:					
GST COLLECTED\PAID OUT-A230	30,099.32		1		A230
ITC	1,210.59		1		A231
GST SHARED SERVICES - A232	0.00		1		A232
CONDITIONAL PROV GRANTS	0.00		1		A248
RECEIVABLE OTHER LOCAL GOVT:					
ADMIN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	30,030.50		1		A270
ADMIN RECEIVABLE - AFDA	4,162.73		1		A275
TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00		1		A271
ALL OTHER RECEIVABLES	220,000.00		1		A290
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		665,751.17	2		TAR
PREPAID EXPENSES	49,832.47		1		A412
REQUISITION UNDER\OVER LEVY	11,856.62		1		A413
SUPPLIES INVENTORY	11,095.40		1		A164
TAX SALE SURPLUS (BANK ACCT.)	0.00		1		A474
LAND HELD FOR RESALE	0.00		1		A570
FIXED ASSETS:					
ENGINEERING STRUCTURES	6,004,669.04		1		A610
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-ENG.STRUC	3,189,142.47		1		A615
BUILDINGS	2,935,650.15		1		A620
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-BUILDINGS	872,742.12		1		A625
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	947,280.28		1		A630
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-MACH&EQ	652,260.45		1		A635
LAND	1,349,990.57		1		A640
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-LAND	0.00		1		A645
VEHICLES	321,795.29		1		A650
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-VEHICLES	294,120.29		1		A655
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	652,757.05		1		A660
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-LAND IMPR	496,541.94		1		A665
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		6,707,335.11	2		TFA
TOTAL ASSETS			3		TA
					9,191,422.53
SHORT TERM LOANS	0.00		1		L121
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE					
FEDERAL - G.S.T.	0.00		1		L230
Description	Beg:000000000	End:30Sep2021	Type: A	C U	Name

BALANCE SHEET	Beg:000000000	End:30Sep2021	Type: A	C U	Name
FEDERAL - REC GEN	7,425.00		1		L231
PAYROLL - ACCRUED HOLIDAY PA	3,234.23		1		L235
PAYROLL - AMEBSWITH	105.58		1		AMEBSWITH
PAYROLL - R.R.S.P.	0.00		1		RRSPACC
PAYROLL - UNION	0.00		1		UNION
PAYROLL - EMPL RECEIVABLES	0.00		1		EMPLREC
PAYROLL - AHC PREMIUM	0.00		1		AHCWITH
PAYROLL - CANADA SAV BOND	0.00		1		CANSAV
PAYROLL - ADVANCES	0.00		1		ADV
PAYABLE TO OTHER LOC GOVT	0.00		1		L270
TRADE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	119.00		1		L270TP
KIDS IN ACTION	0.00		1		KIDSIA
BIKES FOR KIDS	0.00		1		B4KIDS
VILLAGE MAP\BROCHURE	0.00		1		MAPAP
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM	0.00		1		CI BLOOM
ALL OTHER PAYABLES	7,400.00		1		L290
DEPOSITS	19,491.50		1		L291
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		37,564.15	2		TAP
TAX SALE SURPLUS TRUST	0.00		1		L410
DEFERRED REVENUE	187,409.15		1		L411
DEFERRED REVENUE	0.00		1		L412
DEFERRED REVENUE	25,837.65		1		L413
RESERVES FOR OPERATING		0.00	2		L700
TAX RATE STABILIZATION		187,907.39	2		L701
ADMIN & P.W. INCOME-STAFF		0.00	2		L702
ADMIN & P.W. INCOME-VILLAGE		0.00	2		L703
INSURANCE PROCEEDS- HAYLAND		44,536.80	2		L704
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS		0.00	2		L705
STREET IMPROVEMENTS		0.00	2		L706
CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS		0.00	2		L707
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- 100 YR		2,018.98	2		L708
SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS		0.00	2		L709
SCHOOL PROJECTS		0.00	2		L710
DRAINAGE & WATER STUDY		0.00	2		L711
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUND		23,695.00	2		L712
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN		0.00	2		L713
TOTAL OPERATING RESERVES			3		L790
RESERVES FOR CAPITAL					
GENERAL CAPITAL		810,985.22	2		L750
ADMINISTRATIVE EQUIPMENT		6,803.01	2		L761
LAGOON RECONSTRUCTION		10,205.00	2		L762
PARK RESERVE SALE PROCEEDS		0.00	2		L763
PARKS AND RECREATION DEV		34,494.45	2		L764
PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT		40,959.73	2		L765
CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT		0.00	2		L766
FIREHALL		0.00	2		L767
MSI GRANT RESERVES		0.00	2		L799
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING		28,622.92	2		L768
PATROL EQUIPMENT		25,164.00	2		L770
Description	Beg:000000000	End:30Sep2021	Type: A	C U	Name

BALANCE SHEET	Beg:000000000	End:30Sep2021	Type: A	C U	Name
AMIP GRANT RESERVES		0.00		2	L771
EAST END BUS		0.00		2	L772
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			957,234.33	3	L760
TOTAL EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS		6,707,335.11		2	L800
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - 31\12\94	2,676,756.13			1	L900
ADJUSTED SURPLUS (PRIOR PERIOD)	551,829.92			1	L902
SURPLUS FROM 1\1\95	2,785,134.07			1	L901
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	0.00			1	L905
CURRENT FUNDS USED FOR TCA	0.00			1	L910
CURRENT AMORTIZATON EXPENSE	1,225,399.57			1	L915
NET BOOK VALUE OF TCA DISPOSAL	235,936.38			1	L920
CONTRIBUTED TCA	0.00			1	L925
TOTAL SURPLUS		1,017,883.97		2	ACCUMSURP
TOTAL LIABILITIES			9,191,422.53	3	TL
PROOF			0.00	3	PROOF
DAY OF <u>Sept. 30</u> , 2021					
Description	Beg:000000000	End:30Sep2021	Type: A	C U	Name

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME STATEMENT		(1)	(2)
Period 1: --- Begin		01Jan2021	01Jan2021
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Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
REVENUE		
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	811,213.45	811,035.43
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	418,177.28	418,085.57
COMMERCIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	93,095.23	93,095.22
COMMERCIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	35,342.31	35,342.29
FARM TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	76.71	76.71
FARM TAXES (SCHOOL)	39.54	39.55
POWER & PIPELINE (MUNICIPAL)	16,814.95	16,814.95
POWER & PIPELINE (SCHOOL)	6,383.56	6,383.56
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (MUNICIPAL)	1,652.84	1,652.84
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (SCHOOL)	75.34	75.34
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL (DI)	141.52	141.53
MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX	730,645.00	728,895.00
LIBRARY LEVY	0.00	0.00
MISC. OTHER LEVY	0.00	0.00
TOTAL TAXES	2,113,657.73	2,111,637.99
PENALTIES & COSTS ON TAXES	52,000.00	60,206.48
FRANCHISE - ATCO GAS	31,000.00	25,326.99
FRANCHISE - FORTIS	34,000.00	34,287.31
INVESTMENT INCOME	12,000.00	7,653.94
PROVINCIAL GRANTS		
RESTRUCTURING GRANT	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL FGTF	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL MUNICIPAL GRANTS	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL MSI GRANT	21,210.00	347,836.00
FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
OTHER	0.00	14,106.83
ADMIN		
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE	4,800.00	4,800.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,200.00	1,106.73
TAX CERTIFICATES	1,500.00	2,670.00
PHOTOCOPIES\FAXES\POSTAGE	300.00	0.00
PENALTIES\COSTS - N.S.F. FEES	400.00	175.00
HAWKER PEDDLER LICENSES	1,200.00	576.67
RENTAL AND LEASE	8,600.00	6,775.00
PROV\FED CONDITIONAL GRANT	2,000.00	2,036.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
PATROL		
SALES TO OTHER LOCAL GOV'T	34,200.00	17,569.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00	1,300.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
FINES	6,000.00	4,245.30
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00	2,857.15
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00	0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - DONATIONS	0.00	0.00
FEES DUE TO COUNTY FROM UNPAID	0.00	0.00
RENTAL & LEASE	24,000.00	18,000.00
UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT	3,500.00	0.00
PROVINCIAL CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	6,800.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00	0.00
DISASTER SERVICES	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE GRANT	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE STATION RENTAL	10,200.00	5,100.00
ANIMAL LICENSES	600.00	575.00
BY-LAW FINES	500.00	480.00
COMMON SERVICES		
PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES	0.00	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	500.00	268.20
RENTAL AND LEASE	66,000.00	44,989.62
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	54,800.00	61,633.33
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
ROADS		
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
SALE OF TCA	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
STORM SEWER & DRAINAGE		
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00
SEWER		
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHGS	0.00	0.00
SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00	245,700.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
SOLID WASTE		
CONTRACT WITH OTHER MUNICIPAL	0.00	0.00
SALE OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	150.00	0.00
DEVELOPMENT PERMITS	6,000.00	7,450.00
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES	1,000.00	1,490.47
SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS	0.00	0.00
ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS	0.00	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES\DEF.REV	32,055.00	0.00
SALE OF PUBLIC LAND	0.00	0.00
BOAT LAUNCH	10,000.00	10,000.00
TRANSFER RESERVE\DEF.REV.	25,850.00	0.00
PARKS		
FEDERAL\PROVINCIAL GRANT(ICAP)	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
UNCONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	10,000.00	11,200.00
PARKING LOT REVENUE	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
RECREATION FACILITIES		
SALE OF SERVICE - FEES\CHARGES	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL RECREATION	24,058.00	16,032.00
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	1,000.00
CONDITIONAL PROVINCIAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	3,000.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND		
USER FEES (SEASONAL)	200,000.00	195,000.00
WEEKEND SITES	10,000.00	36,580.48
CAMPGRD CABIN RENTAL	0.00	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,500.00	1,750.88
WINTER STORAGE	24,000.00	23,400.00
DEBIT MACHINE ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	75.60
RENTAL & LEASE	9,600.00	6,400.00
M.R.T.A. GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
CULTURE		
LIBRARIAN WAGE REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00
GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,093,880.73	3,332,291.97
CAPITAL:		
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	0.00	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00	43,200.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	43,200.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		
CAPITAL PROJECT-ROADS	432,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-SHOP	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-DRAINAGE	3,700.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-WALK PATHS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-STORM OUTFALL	202,000.00	25,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-ADMIN BLDG	53,000.00	3,055.00
TOTAL	690,700.00	28,055.00
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE	690,700.00	71,255.00
REQUISITIONS:		
SCHOOL FOUNDATION	0.00	0.00
ASFF	471,874.71	347,450.80
OVER\UNDER LEVY UTILIZED	11,856.62-	0.00
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL	141.53	0.00
TOTAL REQUISITIONS	460,159.62	347,450.80
BUSINESS INCOME PROFIT	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,324,421.11	3,056,096.17
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

EXPENSE STATEMENT	(1)	(2)
--- Begin	01Jan2021	01Jan2021
Period 1: - End	31Dec2021	30Sep2021
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Period 2: - End	000000000	000000000
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Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
COUNCIL		
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS - MAYOR	9,784.00	7,308.40
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS	34,593.00	25,818.00
MEETING FEES	16,250.00	10,275.00
HONOURARIUM DEDUCTIONS	1,500.00	85.20
COUNCIL TRAVEL	2,000.00	478.44
CONFERENCES\CONVENTIONS	5,000.00	2,000.00
INTERNET & PHONE EXPENSE	6,000.00	5,000.00
COUNCIL PROMOTIONAL	6,000.00	2,979.73
MISC. SUPPLIES	1,000.00	64.95
TOTAL	82,127.00	54,009.72
ADMINISTRATION		
ADMINISTRATOR	113,375.00	84,801.89
SALARIES	175,372.00	131,404.75
PAYROLL TO\FROM BUS INC	0.00	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	53,400.00	42,193.31
SCP PAYROLL	0.00	0.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00	0.00
TRAINING	500.00	0.00
TRAVEL	200.00	52.20
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	3,200.00	1,513.63
TELEPHONE\INTERNET\SATELLIT	4,000.00	2,363.89
ADVERTISING	1,200.00	493.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS\MEMBERSHIPS	2,750.00	2,361.38
PRINTING	1,300.00	262.50
LEGAL	3,000.00	4,591.00
AUDITOR	11,500.00	11,600.00
SERVICE CONTR-PHOTO,FAX,POS	4,500.00	2,943.12
SERVICE CONTR - ALARM	500.00	395.80
PURCHASED EQUIPMENT REPAIR	9,500.00	3,726.67
CONTRACT - JANITOR	6,000.00	4,500.00
INSURANCE	54,000.00	0.00
W.C.B.	12,600.00	10,089.04
STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	4,500.00	2,901.00
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,500.00	1,169.62
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	2,000.00	781.99
VILLAGE PROMOTION	4,000.00	2,744.95
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	0.00	33,131.30
UTILITIES	6,200.00	3,760.31
DEBT REPAYMENT	0.00	0.00
SHORT TERM BORROWING FEES	0.00	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
BANK CHARGES	1,000.00	804.97
TAX REBATES & CANCELLATIONS	0.00	0.00
OTHER & BLDG REPAIRS	10,000.00	1,638.83
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	486,097.00	350,225.15
ELECTION \ CENSUS		
SALARIES & WAGES	3,000.00	0.00
ADVERTISING	800.00	182.00
GOODS & SUPPLIES	1,500.00	158.96
TOTAL	5,300.00	340.96
ASSESSMENT SERVICES		
ASSESSMENT SERVICES	25,570.00	17,850.40
TOTAL	25,570.00	17,850.40
PATROL		
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00
SALARIES & WAGES	76,125.00	58,723.88
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUNDING	45,215.00	0.00
CITIZENS ON PATROL	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	14,675.00	8,010.96
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00	132.99
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	0.00	0.00
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	0.00	503.25
TELEPHONE	5,500.00	4,287.25
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	500.00	371.00
AUX PRG\CRIME PREVENTION	0.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00	1,530.00
VEHICLE REPAIR	5,000.00	3,802.47
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	0.00	0.00
STATIONERY & OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	288.64
MISC. SUPPLIES	2,500.00	100.00
UNIFORMS & ACCOTREMENTS	1,000.00	446.13
FUEL & OIL	7,000.00	2,018.21
UTILITIES	4,000.00	2,506.86
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	165,015.00	83,375.92
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT		
BYLAW\ANIMAL CONTROL	0.00	0.00
PARKING ENFORCEMENT	0.00	0.00
POUND FEES	1,000.00	927.43
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	500.00	0.00
SIGNS	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	1,500.00	927.43
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
FIREFIGHTING		
FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORAIUMS	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	0.00	0.00
FIRE CONTRACT	92,659.00	69,819.06
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
GOODS AND SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2,100.00	0.00
BUILDING REPAIR	5,000.00	4,538.55
UTILITIES	7,200.00	2,476.83
CAPITAL	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	106,959.00	76,834.44
DISASTER SERVICES		
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	7,500.00	3,766.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE SERVICES		
AMBULANCE CONTRACT	0.00	0.00
BUILDING REPAIRS	3,000.00	381.41
UTILITIES	4,800.00	3,703.26
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	7,800.00	4,084.67
COMMON SERVICES		
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER	0.00	0.00
PUBLIC WORKS WAGES	197,925.00	189,081.16
EXTRA PERSON	0.00	0.00
STEP\SCP\SUMMER PAYROLL	20,000.00	4,745.52
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - MGR	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	36,000.00	25,360.94
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - STEP	1,500.00	342.10
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL TO BUSINESS INCOME	0.00	0.00
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	2,000.00	0.00
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	200.00	184.18
POSTAGE, FREIGHT & DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	2,600.00	1,498.77
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,000.00	11,195.36
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	30,000.00	22,507.55
VEHICLE REPAIR	18,000.00	24,442.95
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	4,000.00	294.00
GENERAL GOODS	15,000.00	13,186.47
SIGNS	1,000.00	823.06
NON BUDGETED ITEMS	0.00	0.00
SAFETY SUPPLIES	2,500.00	889.10
FUEL & OIL	20,000.00	16,579.34
UTILITES - SHOP	14,000.00	10,413.20
BOAT LAUNCH MTCE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	374,725.00	321,543.70
ROADS AND STREETS		
GRAVEL\SAND\ETC.	18,000.00	9,034.06
CRACK FILLING\LINE PAINTING	32,000.00	26,828.40
UTILITIES - STREET LIGHTS	94,000.00	65,516.35
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
STREET LIGHT PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	144,000.00	101,378.81
STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE		
GENERAL SUPPLY-CULVERTS	8,000.00	5,419.88
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
DRAINAGE STUDY	5,600.00	0.00
TOTAL	13,600.00	5,419.88
WATER SYSTEM		
WATER COMM. OPERATING	18,174.22	18,174.22
WATER COMM. DEBENTURE	40,923.08	40,923.08
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	59,097.30	59,097.30
SANITARY SEWER		
TVRSSC MAINTENANCE AGREE	242,157.00	181,617.00
TVRSSC SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00	122,850.00
TVRSSC DEB. - LAGOON	85,826.00	85,826.00
TVRSSC UPGRADE	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	573,683.00	390,293.00
GARBAGE COLLECTION		
GARBAGE WAGES	50,750.00	0.00
GARBAGE CONTRACT	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL LAND FILL	23,000.00	15,209.45
RECYCLING	7,000.00	4,059.62
ANNUAL WASTE ROUND-UP	0.00	0.00
FUEL & OIL	9,000.00	0.00
TRUCK REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	8,881.63
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	99,750.00	28,150.70
COMPOST FACILITY		
PURCHASED SERVICE - CLEANUP	5,500.00	5,580.00
GENERAL SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	5,500.00	5,580.00
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
MUNICIPAL PLANNING		
CONTRACT - DEVELOPMENT OFF	21,600.00	16,200.00
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	2,800.00	2,465.54
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	500.00	540.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	24,900.00	19,205.54
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	500.00	200.00
TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
REVENUE & COST SHARE STUDY	32,056.00	0.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	1,000.00	713.61
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	33,556.00	913.61
LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION	38,703.53	38,703.53
PIER\BOAT LAUNCH	25,850.00	11,201.52
PIER TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
RECREATION & FACILITIES		
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	30,073.00	30,073.00
EAST END BUS	21,000.00	8,282.02
LSA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT	9,000.00	9,000.00
UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
UTILITY	4,700.00	3,383.30
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	64,773.00	50,738.32
PARKS		
CONTRACT SERVICES	10,000.00	9,685.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	7,000.00	6,030.55
UTILITIES	4,700.00	3,419.51
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	3,425.00	3,425.28
PARK PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
PARK PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CONTRIBUTED ASSETS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	25,125.00	22,560.34
CAMPGROUND:		
ADVERTISING & SIGNS	100.00	0.00
POSTAGE, FREIGHT, DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
PHONE\INTERNET\SATELLITE	2,200.00	1,664.17
PRINTING	500.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND MANAGER CONTRACT	44,400.00	8,000.00
CAMPGROUND SUMMER HELP	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,000.00	71.94
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	3,000.00	1,352.24
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	500.00	23.96
WASTE DISPOSAL	2,500.00	1,888.60
FUEL & OIL	1,000.00	605.34
REPAIR MATERIALS	5,000.00	9,029.49
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	10,000.00	5,699.65
UTILITIES	27,000.00	27,061.15
IMPROVEMENTS	20,000.00	0.00
DEBIT\VISA BANK FEES	500.00	401.51
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	117,700.00	55,798.05
CULTURE		
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00
REIMBURSE LIBR WAGE	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
GRANT TO LIBRARY	12,050.00	12,050.00
YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY	4,540.28	4,540.28
TOTAL	16,590.28	16,590.28
LOSS ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00	0.00
AMORTIZATION OF TCA	65,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL:		
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	45,000.00	55,417.10
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00	31,817.76
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	45,000.00	87,234.86
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ROADS	432,000.00	417,032.50
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SHOP	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-DRAINAGE	15,000.00	4,437.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WALKING PATHS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-STORM OUTFALL	212,000.00	230,189.90
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ADMIN BLDG	50,000.00	10,588.75
TOTAL	709,000.00	662,248.15
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	754,000.00	749,483.01
BUSINESS INCOME EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,324,421.11	2,468,072.28
Description	2021 BUDGET	JAN-SEPT'21

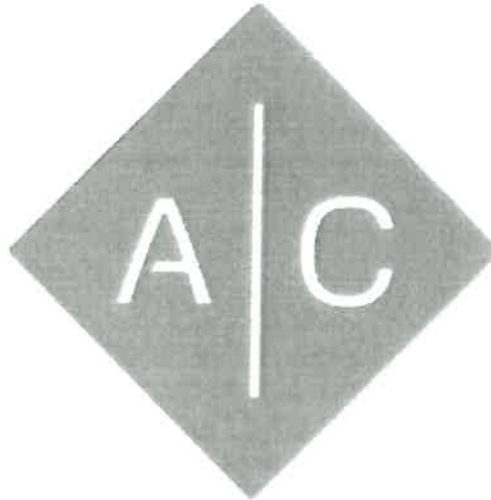
Campground Financial Report

October 15, 2021

2021 CAMPGROUND BUDGET		
REVENUE:	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
Seasonal Sites	200,000.00	195,000.00
Weekend Sites	10,000.00	36,816.48
Cabin Rental	-	-
Sale of Goods (appliance fees/showers /sewer dump/boats)	1,500.00	1,880.88
Winter Storage	24,000.00	23,400.00
Total Revenue	235,500.00	257,097.36
EXPENSES:	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
Advertising & Signs	100.00	-
Postage	-	-
Phone/Internet/Satellite	2,200.00	1,873.67
Printing	500.00	225.25
Manager Contract	44,400.00	48,703.30
Equipment Repair	1,000.00	299.37
General Goods/Supplies	3,000.00	1,856.79
Janitor Supplies	500.00	23.96
Waste Disposal	2,500.00	2,376.86
Fuel & Oil	1,000.00	806.34
Repair Materials	5,000.00	9,448.52
Construction Materials-gravel/dirt/sod	10,000.00	5,699.65
Utilities	27,000.00	31,627.21
Improvements	20,000.00	861.07
Debit/Visa Bank Fees	500.00	457.50
	117,700.00	104,259.49
Capital Purchases	-	-
	117,700.00	104,259.49

2021 Development Permits						***High Lighted are NEW***	
Permit #	Date	Municipal	Lot	Block	Plan	Proposal	Approved
20DP45-01	28-Dec-20	4836 - 59 Street	37	5	722MC	Variance to rear yard setback for existing shed	Approved at MPC Dec 15-20
20DP49-02	10-Jan-21	5027D - 50 Avenue	7	6	3321BQ	Hair Salon	Approved - submitted in 2020
20DP51-01	09-Jan-21	5128 - 49 Avenue	10	3	3321BQ	Grading\Second Access\Driveway Ext.	Approved - submitted in 2020
21DP01-01	03-Feb-21	4812 - 50 Avenue	5	9	3321BQ	Addition to Existing Dwelling	Approved
21DP02-01	01-Mar-21	5244 - 47A Avenue	7	20	6269CG	2nd Access	Refused
21DP03-01	01-Feb-21	5904 - 49 Avenue	41	5	722MC	RV Temporary Accomodations	Approved
21DP04-01	19-Mar-21	4819 - 46 Avenue		R	3321BQ	Retail Garden Market & Sign	Approved
21DP05-01	17-Mar-21	4643-47A Avenue	6	17	3321BQ	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP06-01	29-Mar-21	4603 - 46 Avenue	2	5	3210TR	Demo of Dwelling\Constr. SFD W\ Variance to Front Yard Setback	Approved
21DP07-01	27-Mar-21	5011 - 53 Street	8	1	3321BQ	Demolition of Accessory Bldgs\Constion of Garage	Approved
21DP08-01	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP08-02 (correct south side setback)	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP08-03 (5' setback change on North side)	20-Mar-21	4324 - 50 Avenue	1	A	3510BZ	Placement Modular & Deck	Approved
21DP09-01	31-Mar-21	4611 - 46 Avenue	4	5	3210TR	Construct 8' x 12' Deck	Approved
21DP10-01	30-Mar-21	5231 - 51 Avenue	9	1	3321BQ	Demolition\Construct Dwelling W\Front Yard Variance	Approved
21DP11-01	01-Apr-21	4720 - 48 Street	7	2	3529BZ	Demolition\Construct Shed	Approved
21DP12-01	06-Apr-21	4715 - 47 Street	1	17	3321BQ	Sign	Approved
21DP13-01	26-Apr-21	4712 - 52 Street	5A	13	3321BQ	Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP14-01	26-Apr-21	4712 - 52 Street	5A	13	3321BQ	Fence w\Variance	MPC - April 20, 2021 (Approved)
21DP15-01	12-Apr-21	4207 - 43 Avenue	18	2	O423757	Construction of Dwelling	Approved
21DP16-01	25-Jun-21	4204 - 43 Avenue	18	2	O423757	Garden Suite	Approved
21DP17-01	06-May-21	5039 - 50 Avenue	10	6	3321BQ	Demolition and Construction of Commercial Bldg w\Surveillance Suite	Approved
21DP18-01	09-May-21	5203 - 50 Avenue	1	2	3321BQ	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP19-01	02-May-21	5719 - 51 Avenue	11	10	2018T	Demolition & Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP20-01	10-May-21	3800 Museum Road	4	1	O820136	Addition of Sunroom\Deck	Approved
21DP21-01	07-May-21	4807 - 51 Street	11	23	6269CG	Demolition of Dwelling	Approved
21DP22-01	08-May-21	4925 - 46A Avenue		OT	8722787	Lot Grading	Approved
21DP31-01	17-May-21	5012 - 54 Street	13	3,4	2018T	Construct 2nd Balcony	Approved
21DP32-01	06-Jun-21	4728 - 44 Street	17	3	6604AO	Demolition of all Structures	Approved
21DP33-01	13-Jun-21	5115 - 47 Avenue	6,7	25	8506ET	Demolition of all Structures	Approved
21DP35-01	28-Jun-21	4802 - 51 Street	7	11	3321BQ	Home Occupation - Business Office	Approved
21DP36-01	04-Jul-21	5007 - 56 Street	11	12	2018T	Detached Garage	Approved
21DP37-01	20-Jul-21	4516 - 46 Street	13	4	4696MC	Existing Sea Can	MPC - July 20-21 (Approved)
21DP38-01		5219 - 49 Avenue	1	18	6269CG	Chain Link Fence	Withdrawn
21DP39-01	18-Jul-21	4920 - 55 Street	5	3	2018T	Construct Detached Garage & Second Access	Approved
	28-Jun-21	5803 - 49 Avenue	12	7	7821242	No permits on file for dwelling-was applying for permit for existing dwelling.	Withdrawn
21DP40-01	04-Jul-21	Main Beach	1 to 5		3321BQ	Retail - Rental Business	Approved
21DP41-01	27-Jul-21	5231 - 48 Avenue	4	20	6269CG	Construction of SDD	Approved
21DP42-01	17-Jul-21	4627 - 47 Avenue	6	18	4593MC	Demolition of Dwelling & Detached Garage	Approved
21DP43-01	20-Jul-21	4319 - 47 Avenue	1	5	4569HW	Demo Existing Cabin\Moved in Dwelling	MPC - July 20-21 (Approved)
21DP44-01	04-Aug-21	4632 - 46 Avenue	49	1	898MC	Replacement of 12' x 42' Deck (Balcony)	Approved
21DP45-01	06-Aug-21	4724 - 51 Street	2	12	3321BQ	Installation of Cistern	Approved
21DP46-01	18-Aug-21	4724 - 51 Street	2	12	3321BQ	Modular Home	MPC - AUG 17-21 (Approved)
21DP47-01	12-Aug-21	5311 - 51 Avenue	7	14	2018T	Demolition of Cabin\Outbuildings	Approved
21DP48-01	26-Aug-21	4712 - 50 Avenue	10	9	3321BQ	Construction of Detached Garage	Approved
21DP49-01	23-Sep-21	4520 - 46A Street	8	2	3210TR	Covered Deck\Deck w\Railing - Variance Required	MPC - Sept 21-21 (Approved)
21DP50-01		4603 - 46 Avenue	2	5	3210TR	Temporary Propane Tank	Approved

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Alberta Cabinet Shuffle

On the day that followed the federal election, Premier Jason Kenney conducted a small, yet significant, cabinet shuffle. Now-former Minister of Health Tyler Shandro tendered his resignation from the portfolio to the premier, which was accepted by Premier Kenney. As a result, Minister Jason Copping has taken over the portfolio in the middle of the fourth wave. He was previously the Minister for Labour and Immigration. Minister Shandro will take over Minister Copping’s previous responsibilities.

Speaking to the media, Premier Jason Kenney explained a bit of what happened behind the scenes. “He and I (Tyler Shandro) both came to the conclusion that it would be best to get a fresh pair of eyes and a fresh start at the health ministry”. He went on to explain further that “it’s been a gruelling two-plus years for Tyler. I was there myself and saw he and his family being chased and assaulted by anti-vaccine protesters and all of that I know has taken a real toll on Minister Shandro.”

UCP Leadership Review Moved to Spring

Originally, it was planned that the United Conservative’s leadership review of Premier Jason Kenney would take place at the UCP AGM scheduled for fall 2022. According to the UCP Director of Communications, Dave Prisco, Premier Kenney has requested the AGM be moved to spring 2022, along with the leadership review.

The move was made due to party frustrations with pandemic response which have become quite public since the fourth wave has brought to an end the cancellation of public health restrictions. At the time of writing, there has been no confirmation of the date or venue for the spring AGM.

Liberals Win Another Minority Government

Following polls closing for the second federal election in two years, Canadians have once again elected a minority Liberal government. Justin Trudeau will return to the House of Commons to complete his third term as Prime Minister for a government that will look remarkably similar to the previous when looking at seat count.

Here in Alberta, the Conservative Party of Canada won the vast majority of seats in the province but did see three seats flip to other parties. Blake Desjarlais in Edmonton Griesbach was able to turn his riding NDP orange after defeating incumbent Kerry Diotte. Liberal Randy Boissonnault has also earned his way back to Ottawa after winning his old riding of Edmonton Centre from James Cumming in one of the closest votes in the entire country. Finally, former Calgary City Councillor George Chahal will join the Liberal Caucus as the representative after defeating Jag Sahota in Calgary Skyview.

Province Requests Federal Support

Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver made public a letter he wrote to the federal government formally requesting federal assistance in managing the ongoing hospitalization and ICU spike in Alberta. In the letter, Minister McIver identified the “provision of aero-medical evacuation capability, including where possible, personnel skilled in patient management and transfer to support relocation of patients outside of Alberta” along with “augmentation to Alberta Health Services of critical care staff, especially intensive care unit registered nurses and respiratory therapists”.

In response, the Department of National Defence issued a statement that the call has been received and will be actioned. “The CAF will be providing nurses specialized in intensive care unit operations, aircraft and crews for the air-transport of patients as part of Op LASER.” The specifics of how many aircraft and staff will be released when those particulars have been finalized.

Alberta Innovates Provides Funding to Start Up Business Accelerators

Our province's research and innovation agency has announced that it will provide funding to four accelerators in an effort to address our scaleup gap. The successful candidates were selected from a group of 64 applicants from a request for proposals back in March for a total of \$35 million in funding from all three levels of government. The accelerators selected are:

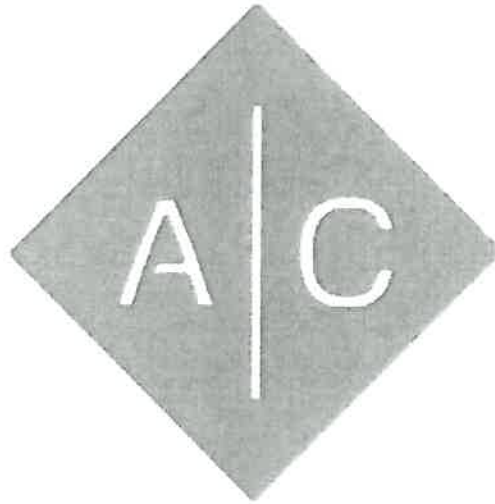
- Alberta Accelerator by 500
- Plug and Play Alberta
- Community Safety and Wellness powered by Alchemist
- Alberta Pre-Accelerator

Alberta Innovates CEO Laura Kilcrease was excited about the prospect of what this funding will mean for our province. "This level of accelerator scaleup and growth has never before been undertaken in Alberta with this quality and scope of global programming. It's a momentous opportunity for entrepreneurs. In addition to helping Alberta-based tech companies scale and grow faster, we are highlighting Alberta's capability to the world, attracting international firms and investment, and creating a global mindset in our provincial ecosystem."

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COVID – 19 Update

Alberta's healthcare system continues to reel under the pressure of the 4th wave. Alberta continues to lead the country in active case counts - as of September 27th, Alberta made up nearly 37% of all new COVID-19 cases in the last two weeks. More alarming, in that same time period, Alberta made up nearly 40% of all COVID-19 deaths. Alberta only holds about 11.6% of the national population.

At the September 28th [press conference](#), Premier Kenney told the province that the government needs more time to see if the newly announced restrictions (i.e. the Restrictions Exemption Program) were working.

Kenney also responded to the calls for a '[fire-break](#)' lockdown, saying that a full shutdown would likely have no effect on those Albertans who remain unvaccinated and would needlessly punish the people who have been vaccinated. To the endless questions about any additional measures coming in to help curb the wave, Kenney had this to say: "We are monitoring the trends and the numbers very closely every day. If we need to take additional measures, we will, but they have to be effective." In the meantime, the government will begin a new advertising campaign, urging people to get vaccinated.

Advocates continue to say that the actions taken so far are not enough and do not provide the immediate help that our healthcare providers need now. On September 27th, the Alberta Medical Association and infectious disease specialists in a [press release](#) called for a complete shutdown, saying this is the only solution to the 4th wave crisis.

Meanwhile, Kenney has flip-flopped on the proffered support from Newfoundland and Labrador, initially turning down the offer, only to change his mind two days later; he has also accepted help from the Canadian Armed Forces. MLA Shane Getson, who has since apologized, has come under fire for his comments about AHS' response to the pandemic, indicating that Alberta should be getting "more bang for our buck" – all while healthcare providers are being trained on the AHS Critical Care Triage Protocol.

Changes to Bill 1

September 28th's press conference brought with it a new announcement. Premier Kenney, joined by Justice Minister Kaycee Madu, and Health Minister Jason Copping announced that the government would be adding hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities to the list of essential infrastructure protected under Bill 1, the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act.

In the announcement, Kenney said that "recent protests at hospitals at hospitals have revealed the need to keep healthcare workers safe and to make sure Albertans can receive critical care when they need it. All Canadians have the right to peaceful protest but blocking ambulances and preventing people from getting treatment is definitely not peaceful."

These changes do not come without concern. The United Nurses of Alberta union highlighted concerns about these changes could be used against healthcare workers in the event of a strike. David Harrigan, director of labour relations for the union, stated "If this was really aimed at anti-vax protestors, they would have done this some time ago... It is most likely that this addition is a direct result of the fact that nurses are in formal mediation and could be in a legal strike position. They want to ensure that no picketing will take place." Irfan Sabir, critic for Justice and Solicitor General echoed the same concerns. A spokesperson for Minister Madu dismissed these concerns, stating that the Act "does not ban protests and demonstrations, nor does it restrict lawful protests..."

New Energy Centre Campaign Launched

Monday the 27th marked the beginning of a new \$240,000 billboard campaign in the U.S., selling Canadian oil as the "better, closer, cleaner, and friendlier option" than oil from other countries like Russia and Saudi Arabia. The campaign, featuring billboards in Times Square, outside of the Capital One Arena, and other high-traffic areas in New York and Washington D.C., will also include a grassroots component by asking Canadians and Americans to speak to the benefits of Canadian energy to U.S. lawmakers.

Tom Olsen, CEO of the Energy Centre added: “We are speaking out for the many Canadians and Americans dismayed that the U.S. government asked OPEC+ countries for more oil to curb rising gas prices, rather than working with Canada.”

UCP Infighting Continues

Premier Kenney continues to face pushback from within his party. Despite having prevented a vote of no confidence, UCP MLA’s continue to publicly denounce the Premier.

Coinciding with the launch of the Free Alberta Strategy, attended by MLA’s Angela Pitt, Jason Stephan, Todd Loewen, Drew Barnes, and Speaker of the Legislature, Nathan Cooper, Ms. Pitt declared that she has no confidence in Premier Kenney. She added that she doesn’t think her constituents do, either. MLA Jason Stephan, while not vocal during the launch about his feelings towards the Premier, penned a letter to supporters where he states, in part, “The leadership review process supports principles of accountability and good governance and should occur sooner rather than later.”

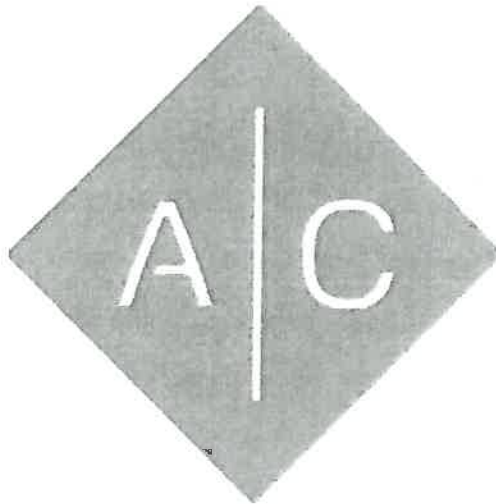
The Free Alberta Strategy, authored by former Wildrose MLA Rob Anderson and well as Barry Cooper and Derek From, calls for Alberta to become a sovereign province within Canada and the end of equalization and net federal transfers out of Alberta, to avoid becoming “a have-not and a has-been.”

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Government of Alberta Reintroduces Contact Tracing in Schools

It was announced on Tuesday that contact tracing and public reporting of COVID-19 cases would be returning to Alberta's schools starting October 12th after it was mostly discontinued in July. Dr. Deena Hinshaw outlined that plan which includes a provision that if any class has three or more confirmed cases over the span of five days, there will be a move to online learning for 10 days for the full class. Many school boards and the Opposition had been asking for the reintroduction of tracing after the start of the new school year brought outbreaks in dozens of schools across the province . 25% of reported cases are from the 5-11 age group.

Military Nurses Arrive in Alberta to Help Battle Fourth Wave

The Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton has received reinforcement from the military to help ease pressure on their ICU which has been stretched to the limit due to COVID-19 patients. The Canadian Armed Forces sent the eight critical nursing officers from Ontario and Nova Scotia after the Government of Alberta requested assistance last month due to the intensifying fourth wave.

Supports for Businesses that Implement Vaccine Passport to get Financial Support

Premier Jason Kenney announced on Thursday that the UCP Government will be bringing in legislation to protect businesses who require vaccines for employees designed to protect them from legal challenges and

protect frontline-workers from harassment. The government will also be doubling the maximum fine for mistreating public-facing workers from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The province has also announced a one-time \$2,000 payment for small and medium businesses that decide to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program. The funding can be used however the business deems fit with the first intake for payment will begin in four to six weeks.

Calgary Mayoral Race Tightening: Poll

With less than two weeks left before the province goes to the polls for the municipal election, a new poll was commissioned by the Calgary Firefighters Association (carried out by Leger). The poll shows a tightening race in the province's most populous city between Jyoti Gondek and Jeremy Farkas with 27% and 24% respectively. Jeff Davison is a distant third at 12% according to the poll. An expected low voter turnout and high levels of undecided voters (29%) makes the ultimate result hard to predict.

DOW Announces Project

US-based company DOW Inc. announced on Wednesday that it is planning to build the world's first net-zero ethylene and derivatives facility just east of Edmonton. If built, the project would triple the amount the company currently produces at the site and would also retrofit the existing plant to produce net-zero status. While no figure was given for the cost of the project, Premier Kenney predicated that it could be one of the largest investments in the province in Alberta in a decade. The project will still need regulatory approval and a final investment decision before it can proceed.

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In our feature article, we discuss the political and medical crisis in our borders from the rollercoaster generated by nearly two years of pandemic response.

On page 5, our newest associate Aileen Burke writes the second part of our mini-series on homelessness and affordable housing.

Finally, our Key Influencer in this issue is Dr. Verna Yiu, President, and CEO of Alberta Health Services.

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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ALL ELECTION RESULTS LEAD TO FURTHER UNEASE BETWEEN ALBERTA AND OTTAWA

Aaron Singleton

Back in the heyday of the now-defunct Reform Party, the battle cry of "the west wants in" could be heard throughout the prairie provinces in an effort to advocate for a more equal relationship between the west and the rest. For decades, the impression (read: reality) that western provinces rarely have a significant impact on the outcome of federal elections has been a wedge issue right-leaning parties have driven into the heart of domestic affairs, albeit with no tangible results.

Following the 2019 federal election that saw the Liberals win a minority mandate despite the Tories winning the popular vote, there was a significant shift in the voice and message coming from the disenfranchised Canadians out west – especially in Alberta where many of these sentiments percolate.

'The west wants out'.

This is not to say that all of those dissatisfied with the state of Canadian federalism are suddenly separatists, but there were some segments of the population that felt strongly enough about this perspective that Wexit Alberta and the Maverick Party were able to mobilize to some extent. In Alberta, about 2.7% of voting intentions are currently leaning towards supporting the Mavericks, so this represents a vocal minority of political opinion.

Of course, we see no reason to believe that the traditionally strong Conservative base in Alberta is going to shift to voting red in this election. Even if we were to see the Tories lose a handful of seats, it would not be interpreted to project the beginning of the end for conservatism in the province. With that in mind, both the Liberals and Tories have very good odds at forming a minority government when the ballots of September 20th are counted.

Here, we will take a look at some of the possible futures that our provincial government will be dealt depending on who forms the next government this fall. While the UCP have an obvious preferred result, it likely will not translate to smooth sailing – even if the provincial government's hopes are realized.

The Consequences of a Liberal Minority

As of this moment, it appears very possible that we could see a repeat of the last federal election which saw the Conservative party secure the most votes while the Liberals walk away with a plurality of seats. Albertans would likely experience some degree of déjà vu should this hypothetical become reality, resulting in a spike in anti-federalism sentiment that led to the establishment of the Fair Deal panel in our province.

Following the 2019 federal election, the UCP attempted to capitalize on this pro-west support by stoking the flames of disenfranchisement with Ottawa. We even see the remnants of this political strategy in 2021 in the form of the debate on the Liberal's \$10-per-day childcare policy. Alberta did not sign onto the intergovernmental agreement as the provincial government sought to receive the same 'no strings attached' agreement that was made with Quebec. However, voting intention for the UCP began to dwindle following the last election rather than resurrect popular support for the government, representing a failure to score on a breakaway with an open net.

For the UCP, the return of a Liberal government births an opportunity to correct the errors of 2019 and regain some of the political capital lost since. A Liberal win gives the provincial government a channel changer – a desperately needed lifeline for Premier Jason Kenney and his team. For this strategy to be successful, the party would need to capitalize on growing populist feelings, especially if the Conservatives once again win the popular vote and find themselves in opposition.

Federal policy will be status quo should the Liberals win, so there is not too much to say with respect to how Alberta will be impacted. However, a Liberal win could very well force the UCP to fight a two-front battle in the next provincial election – a battle that the provincial government would prefer not to exist.

While provincial polling has not been updated since early August due to the federal election, some of the most recent results are beginning to project support for the Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta. In August, the Wildrose were sitting around 11.9% while the UCP are sitting 4-points back of the NDP at about 37.6% (according to 338Canada). While the Wildrose vote would not pose much danger in Edmonton nor Calgary, there is absolutely some



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potential for the province's independence party to cause a split of rural support. As rural Alberta represents the strongest base of support for the governing party, any erosion of support from a competing right-flank would be of concern to the UCP.

The Consequences of a Conservative Minority

From the UCP's perspective, a Conservative minority obviously represents the second most desirable outcome (second only to a Tory majority). The party's platform includes sections dedicated to fiscal fairness to our province by citing changes to equalization. The UCP government would, of course, be supportive of platform items such as changes to Bill C-69 and funding towards hydrogen and small modular reactor technology – all initiatives of significant importance to the party here in Alberta.

At a high-level, a Tory victory provides a degree of validation for the UCP as they will be able to point to the country voting in favour of policies that will be to our province's benefit. But like all generalities, such oversimplification omits important details that paint less of a rosy future for our provincial government.

A cornerstone of Premier Jason Kenney's 2019 platform was centred around fighting for Alberta on the national level by taking the fight right to the Liberals. Many people voted for the UCP in-part because of their promise to get Alberta a 'fair deal' in confederation. While a Conservative win does plenty to mitigate this anti-federalism rhetoric and mark an indirect victory for the UCP, it does present certain issues for their strategy. Outside of the Tories putting forward their own carbon pricing plan in place of the Liberals, the UCP and Conservatives appear to have a difference of opinion of equalization.

You are likely well aware that Alberta will be voting on an equalization referendum question on October 18th. The question reads "should Section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 — Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments — be removed from the Constitution?". The O'Toole-led Conservatives may pose a problem in achieving this goal. Notwithstanding the procedural and legal issues of removing equalization from the constitution (which you can read in previous issues of The NEWS), it does not appear that even a Conservative-majority would lead to support in the House of Commons.

The Conservatives have pitched the Equalization and Transfers Fairness Act which they would table as soon as possible. Essentially, the bill would implement the proposal made by Canadian premiers in 2019 that sought to lift caps on payments and reducing the thresholds to qualify, applying the changes retroactively. While this is something that would likely be seen as a win internally for the UCP, there are issues with the Conservatives taking a different stance.

You see, the result of a constitutional referendum becomes automatically binding in Alberta, meaning the government is required to do everything within its power to ensure the democratic will of the population is upheld. Based on the wording of the question, the UCP would be forced to fight with O'Toole to remove the principal of equalization from the constitution entirely – something the Conservatives do not appear willing to do.

This puts Premier Jason Kenney in a clear lose-lose position when it comes to the referendum. If Albertans vote 'no' in October, it would represent the failure of a key platform promise on which the UCP were elected. If Albertans vote 'yes' with the Conservatives in power, the provincial government will no longer be able to fall back on the populist position that the Liberals prefer to give a fair deal to Quebec while holding Alberta back.

While it may seem odd to read (because it feels odd to type), a Conservative victory could actually represent a significant challenge for Jason Kenney and the UCP going into the 2023 provincial election. It should not be forgotten that Premier Kenney endorsed O'Toole for the leadership of the Conservative Party in 2020, putting him in a clear conflict with himself. Additionally, endorsing the premiers' proposal while simultaneously being forced to advocate against it as a result of the referendum would be less-than-ideal for the premier.

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POLITICAL EVENTS

NDP – Beer Tasting Fundraiser Friday, October 1st @ 7:00 pm

Location: Online

- Join Joe Ceci for an evening of beer tasting, featuring a line up of four Calgary breweries.
- Tix: \$75 (albertandp.ca/events)

NDP – Oktoberfest Saturday, November 13th @ 7:00 pm

Location: Online

- Join Rachel Notley for an evening of beer tasting, food, and live music.
- Tix: \$200 (albertandp.ca/events)

UCP – Banff – Kananaskis Fundraiser September 30th @ 7:00 pm

Location: Snowbirds Chalet, Bragg Creek

- Join Miranda Rosin and Danielle Smith for a political discussion and fundraiser.
- Tix: \$100 (unitedconservative.ca/events)

UCP – AGM November 19th – 21st

Location: Grey Eagle Resort, Calgary

- Join the UCP for their annual general meeting. Included will be voting, hospitality suites, special guests, and a bearpit session with MLAs.
- Tix: \$149-\$999 (unitedconservative.ca/agm-2021)



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KEY INFLUENCER PROFILE

WHITNEY ISSIK

Associate Minister of Status of Women

Aaron Singleton

During the 2019 provincial election, Calgary played a critical role in helping the UCP earn a majority mandate in their first term on the government side of the aisle. The party elected a number of first-time MLAs to their caucus during that election, including Calgary-Glenmore's Whitney Issik. While MLA Issik is a newcomer to serving as an elected official, she is far from a rookie in the world of politics.

Prior to the merger that created what we now call the Conservative Party of Canada, Issik worked with the federal Progressive Conservative Party as the co-chair of their

national policy team. She also worked on Jason Kenney's leadership campaign team prior to the 2019 election. She is a graduate of the University of Calgary having studied economics and political science. In the private sector, she has worked in both energy and telecommunications in addition to running her own jewelry shop. She is also the only female MLA in Alberta to have played competitive football with the Calgary Rage.

When Premier Kenney made his most recent changes to cabinet, it was not a surprise to learn that Issik would be trusted with a promotion to the executive team. In July, Issik became the Associate Minister of Status of Women following the restructuring of the portfolio that now falls under the purview of Minister of Culture, Ron Orr. She was also added to the government house team, replacing now-Associate Minister Mike Ellis as the government whip.

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AT A GLANCE

In the Media

Alberta Announces New Health Measures and Vaccine Incentive

Government officials announced a new swath of initiatives intended to curb the rapid spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19 across the province.

- Provincial mask mandate in place for all indoor public spaces, effective September 4 at 8:00am
 - Will not apply to schools, but school boards will continue to set COVID-19 policies as they deem appropriate
- Curfew on liquor sales by 10:00pm at restaurants, cafes, bars, pubs, nightclubs, and other licensed establishments (as of September 4 at 8:00am).
- A recommendation that employers pause plans to have staff term to work and continue with work at-home measures.
- A recommendation that unvaccinated persons limit their indoor social gatherings to a max of 10 people in two cohort families

In addition, a new vaccine incentive program will pay those who get vaccinated between today and October 14th \$100 in the form of a gift card. Eligible Albertans will have to indicate they have been vaccinated on the government's website, starting September 13th.

Fiscal Update Shows Better-Than-Expected Recovery

Finance Minister Travis Toews released Alberta's latest fiscal update, showing economic recovery has been moving at a faster pace than projected in Budget 2021. The document shows the current deficit has been updated to \$7.759 billion, a total of \$10.462 billion less than originally projected for the year. Revenues increased to \$54.980 billion due in part to rising resource revenues. However, taxpayer-supported debt did not drop significantly as it currently sits at \$105.7 billion.

Alberta's GDP has improved significantly to its current projection of 6.7%. Additionally, it is estimated that the province added about 73,000 jobs to the economy since January, which brings Alberta to 90% of pre-pandemic employment levels.

Barry Morishita Officially Becomes Leader of Alberta Party

The Mayor of Brooks and former president of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) has been

acclaimed as the next leader of the Alberta Party. Interested leadership candidates had until August 31 to file their nomination papers. He will take over from interim-leader and former MLA Jacquie Fenske who took over the role when Stephen Mandel stepped down as leader.

"It is time for a renewed focus on collaborative, democratic leadership that works to better the lives of all Albertans. The Alberta Party is committed to solutions and changes that are practical, affordable and rooted in local communities. That is why I have chosen this path and why I will be working hard over the next few months to earn your support and your trust." – Barry Morishita

Teachers Reach Pension Agreement

After fighting for nearly two years following the announcement in the UCP's first tabled budget as government, Alberta teachers will remain in control of how their pensions will be invested. AIMCo and the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) have reached an agreement which will replace the ministerial order that granted the province's investment manager to have the final say over how pension monies are invested.

While the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund (ATRF) was transferred into AIMCo when Bill 22 went into force and effect, ATRF will be able to once again have the final say in their fund's investment. ATA President Jason Schilling said "teachers mounted a strong, wide-reaching, relentless campaign in defence of their pensions, which provided the ATRF with the backing they needed to negotiate an effective agreement that protects the interests of teachers."

Measures to Improve Health Care Capacity

As the province plunges deeper into a fourth wave of the pandemic driven by the Delta variant, the province announced measures designed to help health care workers combat COVID-19. It was announced that the province will put an indefinite pause on plans to end testing, tracing, and isolation which was pushed back from August to September 27th. Alberta Health Services has also added an additional 58 surge beds over the past week to improve ICU capacity. The province's ICU occupancy currently sits at 87% of total capacity, which includes surge beds.

In the Calgary health zone, all elective surgeries and outpatient procedures have been cancelled for the remainder of the week. The move allows qualified staff to be redirected to COVID-19 wards and care for patients fighting the virus. In Edmonton, it was revealed that empty shell space in the Kaye Edmonton Clinic near the University Hospital may be potentially open in the next few weeks as a field hospital. It would add 195 beds for low-risk patients recovering from COVID-19. A small field hospital was opened in Calgary at the South Health Campus for non-COVID-19 patients.



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

Aileen Burke

This article marks the beginning of The NEWS’ first ever mini-series. This mini-series will provide a brief history of Canada’s and, more specifically, Alberta’s response to homelessness, an overview of the Housing First philosophy, and the subsequent shift in housing policy that has occurred in response to the provincial and federal adoption of said philosophy. Of note, should a reader happen to miss one, while each article will be connected, they are meant to also work as standalones.

Housing Policy in Historical Perspective

First, a bit of context. From confederation in 1867 up to around 1938, housing was considered a by-product of the Protestant work ethic. For example, only those who worked the hardest to obtain a house (through purchase or build) were deserving. This all began to shift by 1938 when housing was identified as a key element of the public health movement. In response, the National Housing Act was established to promote new housing construction, repairs, and modernization of existing housing stock.

By 1949, a national social housing policy was established, delivering 46,000 housing units to meet post-war era growth demands. Throughout the following 44 years, social housing policy weathered funding cuts and program alterations to maintain unit construction projections and maintenance. However, in 1994, active federal funding ended and seemingly reverted back to what is now being described as the neo-liberal approach to housing. That is, individuals are responsible to secure their own housing.

This general timeline captures the main events yet there remains a significant problem - “discussions of housing policy routinely lack historical depth. The consequences can be unfortunate. When old debates resurface they seem new, and so old mistakes are made all over again” (Harris, 1999, p. 1169). This is exacerbated by the fact that approximately “half of social housing in Canada is delivered and owned by small, non-profit, community-based groups, municipal non-profit associations and housing cooperatives” (Wexler, 1996, p. 1915).

Delineation of Provincial and Federal Government Roles

The responsibility for social housing has historically been considered a federal responsibility, consistent with many countries where the responsibility for solving social problems is seen to fall to government, either through regulation or direct spending. It has been speculated that Canada’s “third party – a left-of-centre, labour party – has had a very profound impact on Canada, especially on social legislation” (Wexler, 1996, p. 1911). This impact can especially be seen during times of minority governments, where programs such as universal health care and old-age pensions were adopted. Non-profit housing programs were also adopted by a minority government.

Federal social policy has also been influenced by, or co-opted from, provinces who implemented social programs that were different from what the federal government had been providing. While provincial governments continued to try to avoid federal influence at a local level, some larger municipalities had, and continue to, develop and finance programming to improve local services – in part due to the regionalization of responsibilities. Local communities and non-profits became the alternative to what many considered failed public housing.

Until recently, and with the exception of the 1949-93 period, Canada has not recognized housing as a central component of social policy. It’s argued that the lack of legislated housing programs has left housing initiatives to be implemented by the provinces and municipalities. Compounded by differing political pressures, support for social housing on a federal level has largely been justified to the public as a means of positive impacts on the economy, arguing that social housing is good for business; few agreed to subsidize housing based on need alone. With the creation and adoption of Canada’s first National Housing Strategy, Canadians are beginning to see a shift in this outlook.

Next Time

Much more could be said about the Canadian history of social housing policy, but this provides a high-level overview and a bit of context for the next article. The next article in this series will focus on social housing policy in Alberta, prior to the adoption of the Housing First philosophy. In the meantime, should you have any comments or questions, please share them through email at a.burke@albertacounsel.com



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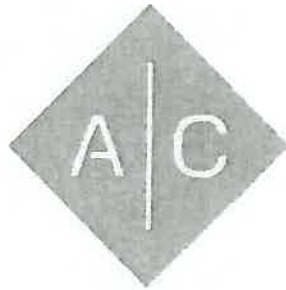
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RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 40-2021**Re: 2021 COVID-19 Response**

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

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

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

Whereas having determined that additional measures are necessary to protect Albertans from exposure to COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, I hereby make the following order:

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Part 1 – Application

- 1.1 This Order applies throughout the Province of Alberta and rescinds:
 - (a) the reference to Part 2 in the Table of Contents of Record of Decision – CMOH Order 34-2021;
 - (b) clause 1.4 in CMOH Order 34-2021; and
 - (c) Part 2 of Record of Decision – CMOH Order 34-2021.
- 1.2 This Order does not apply to those subject matters covered by CMOH Order 10-2020. If a section in this Order is inconsistent, or in conflict with a provision in Record of Decision – CMOH Order 10-2020, the sections in CMOH Order 10-2020 apply to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.
- 1.3 If a section in this Order is inconsistent or in conflict with a provision in Record of Decision – CMOH Order 37-2021 the provisions in Record of Decision – CMOH Order 37-2021 prevails to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.
- 1.4 This Order is effective September 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

Part 2 – Definitions

- 2.1 For the purposes of this Order:
 - (a) “authorizing health professional” means one of the following regulated members under the *Health Professions Act* who holds a practice permit:
 - i. nurse practitioners;
 - ii. physicians;
 - iii. psychologists.
 - (b) “Class A, B or C liquor licence” has the same meaning given to it under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation, AR 143/96*, under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*.
 - (c) “commercial vehicle” means a vehicle operated on a highway by or on behalf of a person for the purpose of providing transportation, but does not include a private passenger vehicle;
 - (d) “day care” has the same meaning given to it in the *Early Learning and Child Care Regulation*;
 - (e) “face mask” means a medical or non-medical mask or other face covering that covers a person’s nose, mouth and chin;
 - (f) “facility-based program” has the same meaning given to it in the *Early Learning and Child Care Act*;

- (g) "Facility Licence" has the same meaning given to it under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation*, AR 143/96, under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*.
- (h) "family day home program" has the same meaning given to it in the *Early Learning and Child Care Act*;
- (i) "farming or ranching operation" means the primary production of eggs, milk, grain, seeds, fruit, vegetables, honey, livestock, diversified livestock animals within the meaning of the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act*, poultry or bees, an operation that produces cultured fish within the meaning of the *Fisheries (Alberta) Act*, and any other primary agricultural operation specified in the regulations, but does not include the operation of a greenhouse, mushroom farm, nursery or sod farm;
- (j) "fitness activity" means a physical activity that occurs at a gym, fitness studio, dance studio, rink, pool, arena or recreation centre and includes dance classes, rowing, spin, pole dancing, yoga, boxing, boot camp, Pilates and other activities of a similar nature;
- (k) "food-serving business or entity" means a restaurant, café, bar, pub or similar business or entity;
- (l) "Gaming Licence" has the same meaning given to it under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation*, AR 143/96, under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*.
- (m) "group family child care program" has the same meaning given to it in the former *Child Care Licensing Regulation*;
- (n) "health condition" means the following mental or physical limitations:
 - i. sensory processing disorders;
 - ii. developmental delays;
 - iii. mental illnesses including: anxiety disorders; psychotic disorders; dissociative identity disorder; and depressive disorders;
 - iv. facial trauma or recent oral maxillofacial surgery;
 - v. contact dermatitis or allergic reactions to mask components; or
 - vi. clinically significant acute respiratory distress.
- (o) "highway" means any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestleway or other place or any part of any of them, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles and includes:
 - i. a sidewalk, including a boulevard adjacent to the sidewalk;
 - ii. if a ditch lies adjacent to and parallel with the roadway, the ditch; and
 - iii. if a highway right of way is contained between fences or between a fence and one side of the roadway, all the land between the fences, or all the land between the fence and the edge of the roadway, as the case may be,

but does not include a place declared by regulation not to be a highway.

- (p) “innovative child care program” has the same meaning given to it in the former *Child Care Licensing Regulation*;
- (q) “masking directive or guidance” means a directive or guidance document made by a regional health authority, or a contracted service provider of a regional health authority, which sets out directions or guidance respecting the use of face masks in facilities or settings operated by the regional health authority or the contracted service provider.
- (r) “medical exception letter” means written confirmation provided to a person by an authorizing health professional which verifies that the person has a health condition that prevents the person from wearing a face mask while attending an indoor public place and
 - i. clearly sets out the information required by section 4.3 of this Order; and
 - ii. is valid for a period of one year from the date on which it is made.
- (s) “outdoor patio and dining area” means an area that meets the following requirements:
 - i. patios and dining areas with a roof with no more than one enclosing wall;
 - ii. patios and dining areas without a roof, with one or more enclosing walls;
 - iii. for the purposes of this Order, umbrellas and pergolas are not considered to be roofs; and
 - iv. for the purposes of this Order, a fence or a half-wall is not an enclosing wall.
- (t) “out of school care” has the same meaning given to it in the Early Learning and Child Care Regulation;
- (u) “performance activity” means singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, acting or other activities of a similar nature.
- (v) “physical activity” means a fitness activity or sport activity that is offered by a business or entity.
- (w) “preschool care”, has the same meaning given to it in the Early Learning and Child Care Regulation;
- (x) “public place” has the same meaning given to it in the Public Health Act, and for greater certainty does not include a rental accommodation used solely for the purposes of a private residence, and does not include a school building;
- (y) “school building” has the same meaning given to it in the Education Act;
- (z) “Special Event Licence” has the same meaning given to it under Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation, AR 143/96, under the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act; and

- (aa) “sport activity” means sports training, practices, events, games, scrimmages, competitions, gameplay, league play, and other activities of a similar nature.

Part 3 – Indoor masking requirements

- 3.1 Except as set out in this Order, a person must wear a face mask at all times while attending an indoor public place.
- 3.2 For greater certainty, an indoor public place means all indoor spaces under the control of a business or entity, including all areas where the public or employees of the business or entity may attend.
- 3.3 For greater certainty, except as otherwise set out in this Order, masks must be worn by persons attending at businesses or entities and workplaces.
- 3.4 A person driving or being transported in a commercial vehicle on a highway with one or more additional persons must wear a face mask at all times.
- 3.5 A person must comply with all masking directives or guidance while attending at a facility operated by a regional health authority under the *Regional Health Authorities Act* or a facility operated by a contracted service provider of a regional health authority.

Part 4 – Masking exceptions

A. General exceptions to indoor masking

- 4.1 Despite Part 3 of this Order, a person is not required to wear a face mask at all times while attending an indoor public place if the person is:
- (a) unable to place, use or remove a face mask without assistance;
 - (b) seated while consuming food or drink;
 - (c) providing or receiving care or assistance where a face mask would hinder that caregiving or assistance;
 - (d) alone at a workstation and separated by at least two metres distance from all other persons;
 - (e) the subject of a workplace hazard assessment in which it is determined that the person’s safety will be at risk if the person wears a mask while working;
 - (f) separated from every other person by a physical barrier that prevents droplet transmission;
 - (g) a person who needs to temporarily remove their face mask while in the public place for the purposes of:
 - i. receiving a service that requires the temporary removal of their face mask;
 - ii. an emergency or medical purpose, or
 - iii. establishing their identity.

- 4.2 For greater certainty, masks must be worn at a wedding or funeral that is held in an indoor public place.

B. Exceptions for health conditions

- 4.3 Despite Part 3 of this Order, a person who is unable to wear a face mask due to a health condition as determined by an authorizing health professional is excepted from wearing a face mask while attending an indoor public place.
- 4.4 For the purposes of section 4.2, the health condition must be verified by a medical exception letter that includes the following:
- (a) the name of the person to whom the exception applies;
 - (b) the name, phone number, email address, professional registration number, and signature of the authorizing health professional; and
 - (c) the date on which the written confirmation was provided.
- 4.5 For greater certainty, although the medical exception letter must verify that a health condition applies, the medical exception letter must not include specific information about the health condition.

C. Exceptions for children

- 4.6 Despite Part 3 of this Order, a child under two years of age does not need to wear a face mask at all times while attending an indoor public place.
- 4.7 Despite Part 3 of this Order, a child does not need to wear a face mask while attending any of the following child care programs:
- (a) a facility-based program providing day care, out of school care or preschool care;
 - (b) a family day home program;
 - (c) a group family child care program;
 - (d) an innovative child care program.

D. Exceptions for farming or ranching operations

- 4.8 Despite Part 3 of this Order, a person does not need to wear a face mask while working at a farming or ranching operation, unless the person is interacting with a member of the public.

E. Exceptions for physical and performance activities

- 4.9 Despite Part 3 of this Order, a person is not required to wear a face mask while participating in a physical activity.
- 4.10 Despite Part 3 of this Order, a person participating in a performance activity is not required to wear a mask.

F. Exceptions for places of worship

- 4.11 Despite Part 3 of this Order, a person is not required to wear a face mask while participating at a worship service at a place of worship.

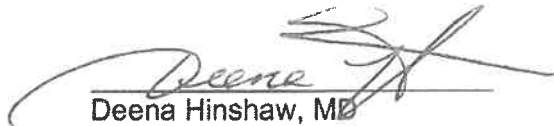
Part 5 – Time limitations on alcohol service and consumption

- 5.1 An operator of a food-serving business or entity that offers or provides food and beverage services must require persons to remain seated while consuming food or beverages.
- 5.2 An operator of a business or entity with a Class A or C liquor licence, including but not limited to restaurants, bars, lounges, pubs, cafes, legions or private clubs is prohibited from serving liquor after 10 p.m.
- 5.3 An operator of a business or entity with a Gaming Licence or Facility Licence or a Class B liquor licence, including but not limited to bowling alleys, casinos, bingo halls, pool halls and indoor recreation entertainment centers is prohibited from serving liquor after 10 p.m.
- 5.4 A person who holds a Special Event Licence is prohibited from serving liquor after 10 p.m. and must ensure that liquor consumption at the event ends at 11 p.m..
- 5.5 An operator of a food-serving business or entity with a Class A, B, or C liquor licence or with a Gaming Licence or Facility Licence must ensure that liquor consumption at the food-serving business or entity ends at 11 p.m..
- 5.6 For greater certainty, an operator of a business or entity with a Class A, B or C liquor licence, may, subject to applicable laws, provide liquor by take-out or delivery at any time, including after 10 p.m..

Part 6 – General

- 6.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Chief Medical Officer of Health may exempt a person or a class of persons from the application of this Order.
- 6.2 This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 3 day of September, 2021.


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RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 42-2021

Re: 2021 COVID-19 Response

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

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

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

Whereas a state of public health emergency for the province of Alberta was declared on September 15, 2021.

Whereas having determined that additional measures are necessary to protect Albertans from exposure to COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, I hereby make the following order:

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Part 1 – Application

- 1.1 This Order applies throughout the province of Alberta.
- 1.2 This Order comes into force on September 16, 2021 except where otherwise stated in this Order.
- 1.3 If a section of this Order is inconsistent or in conflict with a provision in Record of Decision – CMOH Order 37-2021 or 38-2021, the section in those Orders prevail to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.
- 1.4 This Order rescinds Record of Decision – CMOH Order 40-2021.

Part 2 – Definitions

- 2.1 In this Order, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - (a) “adult” means a person who has attained the age of eighteen years.
 - (b) “authorizing health professional” means one of the following regulated members under the *Health Professions Act* who holds a practice permit:

- i. nurse practitioners;
- ii. physicians;
- iii. psychologists.

(c) “child care program” means any of the following:

- i. a facility-based program providing day care, out of school care or preschool care;
- ii. a family day home program;
- iii. a group family child care program;
- iv. an innovative child care program.

(d) “Class A, B or C liquor licence” has the same meaning given to it under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation, AR 143/96*, under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*.

(e) “cohort”, as the context of this Order requires, means:

- i. for a person who resides on their own, one or two other persons with whom the person who resides on their own regularly interacts with during the period of this Order;
- ii. for a household, the persons who regularly reside at the home of that household;
- iii. for a household in which all eligible persons who regularly reside at the home are fully vaccinated, the members of that household and the members of a second household whose eligible members are fully vaccinated, up to a maximum of 10 fully vaccinated persons, excluding children eleven and younger who are not vaccinated;
- iv. for a fully vaccinated person who resides on their own, the person who resides on their own, and up to a maximum of nine fully vaccinated persons of a household, excluding children eleven and younger who are not vaccinated;
- v. for a person attending an overnight camp, the group of campers and staff members assigned to them who stay together throughout the day, day to day, and overnight;
- vi. for a school, the group of students and staff who primarily remain together for the purposes of instruction as a COVID-19 safety strategy.

(f) “commercial vehicle” means a vehicle operated on a highway by or on behalf of a person for the purpose of providing transportation, but does not include a private passenger vehicle.

(g) “day care” has the same meaning given to it in the *Early Learning and Child Care Regulation*.

(h) “drive-in activities” means outdoor activities that a person can participate in or observe while remaining in a motor vehicle including the following:

- i. a worship service;

- ii. a drive-in movie;
 - iii. a graduation ceremony;
 - iv. physical activity, performance activity or recreational activity;
 - v. any activity similar in nature to those listed in this definition.
- (i) “eligible person” means a person born in 2009, or before 2009, who is living, working or going to school in Alberta who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- (j) “face mask” means a medical or non-medical mask or other face covering that covers a person’s nose, mouth and chin.
- (k) “facility-based program” has the same meaning given to it in the *Early Learning and Child Care Act*.
- (l) “Facility Licence” has the same meaning given to it under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation, AR 143/96*, under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*.
- (m) “family day home program” has the same meaning given to it in the *Early Learning and Child Care Act*.
- (n) “farming or ranching operation” means the primary production of eggs, milk, grain, seeds, fruit, vegetables, honey, livestock, diversified livestock animals within the meaning of the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act*, poultry or bees, an operation that produces cultured fish within the meaning of the *Fisheries (Alberta) Act*, and any other primary agricultural operation specified in the regulations, but does not include the operation of a greenhouse, mushroom farm, nursery or sod farm.
- (o) “fitness activity” means a physical activity that occurs at a gym, fitness studio, dance studio, rink, pool, arena or recreation centre and includes dance classes, rowing, spin, yoga, boxing, boot camp, Pilates and other activities of a similar nature.
- (p) “food-serving business or entity” means a restaurant, café, bar, pub or similar business or entity.
- (q) “fully vaccinated” means a person who is eligible for vaccination who has:
- i. received two doses of a World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine in a two dose vaccine series or one dose in a one dose vaccine series; and
 - ii. had fourteen days elapse since the date on which the person received the second dose of the World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine of a two dose series or one dose of the vaccine in a one dose vaccine series.
- (r) “Gaming Licence” has the same meaning given to it under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation, AR 143/96*, under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*.
- (s) “group family child care program” has the same meaning given to it in the former *Child Care Licensing Regulation*.

- (t) "health condition" means the following mental or physical limitations:
 - i. sensory processing disorders;
 - ii. developmental delays;
 - iii. mental illnesses including: anxiety disorders; psychotic disorders; dissociative identity disorder; and depressive disorders;
 - iv. facial trauma or recent oral maxillofacial surgery;
 - v. contact dermatitis or allergic reactions to face mask components; or
 - vi. clinically significant acute respiratory distress.

- (u) "highway" means any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestleway or other place or any part of any of them, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles and includes:
 - i. a sidewalk, including a boulevard adjacent to the sidewalk;
 - ii. if a ditch lies adjacent to and parallel with the roadway, the ditch; and
 - iii. if a highway right of way is contained between fences or between a fence and one side of the roadway, all the land between the fences, or all the land between the fence and the edge of the roadway, as the case may be,but does not include a place declared by regulation not to be a highway.

- (v) "innovative child care program" has the same meaning given to it in the former *Child Care Licensing Regulation*.

- (w) "masking directive or guidance" means, as the context of this Order requires, either:
 - i. a directive or guidance document made by a regional health authority, or a contracted service provider of a regional health authority, which sets out directions or guidance respecting the use of face masks in facilities or settings operated by the regional health authority or the contracted service provider; or
 - ii. a directive or guidance document made by Alberta Health and posted on the Government of Alberta website which sets out directions or guidance respecting the use of face masks in the child care program setting.

- (x) "medical exception letter" means written confirmation provided to a person by an authorizing health professional which verifies that the person has a health condition that prevents the person from wearing a face mask while attending an indoor public place and
 - i. clearly sets out the information required by section 3.6 of this Order; and
 - ii. is valid for a period of one year from the date on which it is made.

- (y) "outdoor food and beverage services" means services which an operator of a food-serving business or entity provides in an outdoor area to persons who remain at the food-serving business or entity while consuming food or beverages. For greater

certainty, outdoor food and beverage services are provided in an area that meet the following requirements:

- i. patios and dining areas with a roof must not have more than one enclosing wall;
 - ii. patios and dining areas without a roof may have one or more enclosing wall;
 - iii. for the purposes of this Order umbrellas and pergolas are not considered to be roofs;
 - iv. for the purposes of this Order, a fence or a half-wall is not an enclosing wall.
- (z) "out of school care" has the same meaning given to it in the Early Learning and Child Care Regulation.
- (aa) "performance activity" means singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, acting or other activities of a similar nature and includes, but is not limited to, a rehearsal, concert, theatre, dance, choral, festival, musical and symphony events.
- (bb) "person who resides on their own" means a person living on their own or a person living on their own who has one or more youth living with them and under their care.
- (cc) "physical activity" means a fitness activity or sport activity.
- (dd) "preschool care", has the same meaning given to it in the *Early Learning and Child Care Regulation*.
- (ee) "post-secondary institution" means a public or private post-secondary institution operating under the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* and includes the physical location or place where the post-secondary institution provides a structured learning environment through which a program of study is offered.
- (ff) "private place" means a private place as defined under the *Public Health Act*.
- (gg) "private social gathering" means any type of private social function or gathering at which a group of persons come together and move freely around to associate, mix or interact with each other for social purposes rather than remaining seated or stationary for the duration of the function or gathering, but does not include a cohort consisting of persons referred to in section 2.1(e) of this Order.
- (hh) "public place" has the same meaning given to it in the *Public Health Act*, and for greater certainty does not include a rental accommodation used solely for the purposes of a private residence.
- (ii) "recreational activity" means any structured or organized activity or program where the purpose of the activity or program is intended to develop a skill, including but not limited to, Girl Guides, Scouts, choir, arts and crafts, pottery or other substantially similar activities.
- (jj) "school" has the same meaning given to it in the *Education Act*.

- (kk) “school building” has the same meaning given to it in the *Education Act*.
- (ll) “Special Event Licence” has the same meaning given to it under *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation*, AR 143/96, under the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*.
- (mm) “sport activity” means sports training, practices, events, games, scrimmages, competitions, gameplay, league play, and other activities of a similar nature.
- (nn) “staff member” means any individual who is employed by, or provides services under a contract with, an operator of a school.
- (oo) “student” has the same meaning given to it in the *Education Act*.
- (pp) “visitor” means any individual who attends a school, but who is not a student or staff member.
- (qq) “youth” means a person under eighteen years of age.
- (rr) “youth activity” means any physical activity, performance activity or recreational activity youth are participating in.

Part 3 – Masking

A. Indoor masking requirements

- 3.1 Except as set out in this Order, a person must wear a face mask at all times while attending an indoor public place.
- 3.2 For greater certainty, indoor public places include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) a school building;
 - (b) commercial vehicles transporting the driver and one or more other persons who are not members of that persons household, or if the person is a person living alone, then the person’s close contact;
 - (c) the common areas of a day camp or overnight camp; and
 - (d) all indoor spaces under the control of a business or entity, including all areas where the public or employees of the business or entity may attend.
- 3.3 For greater certainty, except as otherwise set out in this Order:
 - (a) face masks must be worn at a wedding ceremony or funeral service that is held in an indoor public place; and
 - (b) a person must comply with all masking directives or guidance while attending at:
 - i. a facility operated by a regional health authority under the *Regional Health Authorities Act* or a facility operated by a contracted service provider of a regional health authority; or
 - ii. a childcare program.

B. General exceptions to indoor masking

- 3.4 Despite this Part of this Order, a person is not required to wear a face mask at all times while attending an indoor public place if the person is:
- (a) a youth under two years of age;
 - (b) a youth participating in an indoor performance activity in circumstances where it is not possible for the youth to wear a face mask while participating in the indoor performance activity;
 - (c) a youth participating in an indoor physical activity;
 - (d) an adult participating in an indoor physical activity or performance activity;
 - (e) unable to place, use or remove a face mask without assistance;
 - (f) seated at a table while consuming food or drink or, if standing at a standing table while consuming food or drink, as long as the person remains at the standing table at all times while consuming the food or drink;
 - (g) providing or receiving care or assistance where a face mask would hinder that caregiving or assistance;
 - (h) alone at a workstation and separated by at least two metres distance from all other persons;
 - (i) the subject of a workplace hazard assessment in which it is determined that the person's safety will be at risk if the person wears a face mask while working;
 - (j) separated from every other person by a physical barrier that prevents droplet transmission;
 - (k) a person who needs to temporarily remove their face mask while in the public place for the purposes of:
 - i. receiving a service that requires the temporary removal of their face mask;
 - ii. an emergency or medical purpose, or
 - iii. establishing their identity.

C. Exceptions for health conditions

- 3.5 Despite this Part of this Order, a person who is unable to wear a face mask due to a health condition as determined by an authorizing health professional is excepted from wearing a face mask while attending an indoor public place.
- 3.6 For the purposes of section 3.5, the health condition must be verified by a medical exception letter that includes the following:
- (a) the name of the person to whom the exception applies;
 - (b) the name, phone number, email address, professional registration number, and signature of the authorizing health professional; and
 - (c) the date on which the written confirmation was provided.

- 3.7 For greater certainty, although the medical exception letter must verify that a health condition applies, the medical exception letter must not include specific information about the health condition.

D. Exception for child care programs

- 3.8 Despite this Part of this Order, a youth attending at a child care program is not required to wear a face mask except in accordance with any masking directive or guidance issued by the child care program operator.

E. Exceptions for performance activities

- 3.9 Despite this Part of this Order, a person participating in a performance activity during a worship service is not required to wear a mask.

F. Exceptions for professional physical activities and performance activities

- 3.10 Despite this Part of this Order, a member of, or for, a professional or semi-professional sports team or as a professional or semi-professional athlete, is not required to wear a mask while participating in a physical activity related to their professional or semi-professional sports team or athletics.
- 3.11 Despite this Part of this Order, a member of, or for, a professional or semi-professional performance organization, is not required to wear a mask while participating in a performance activity related to their professional or semi-professional performance.

G. Exceptions for farming or ranching operations

- 3.12 Despite this Part of this Order, a person does not need to wear a face mask while working at a farming or ranching operation, unless the person is interacting with a member of the public.

Part 4 – Physical distancing

A. Two metres physical distance required

- 4.1 For all indoor and outdoor activities, a person must maintain a physical distance of two metres from any other person who is not part of the person's cohort as referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order.
- 4.2 For greater certainty, a person must maintain a physical distance of two metres from any other person who is not a member of the person's cohort as referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order, when the person:
- (a) is attending as a spectator at an indoor location of a business or entity for the purposes of observing indoor physical activity, performance activity or recreational activity;
 - (b) is attending as a spectator at a school building for the purposes of observing indoor youth activity;

(c) is participating in an outdoor private social gathering including a wedding ceremony or reception and a funeral service or reception where the only indoor spaces are washroom facilities;

(d) is a youth or staff member attending at a day camp;

(e) is attending a place of worship.

4.3 For greater certainty, staff and students at post-secondary institution must maintain a physical distance of two metres from any other person who is not a member of their cohort as referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order.

4.4 Despite section 4.1 of this Order, an adult or youth can participate in outdoor group physical activity, performance activity or recreational activity.

B. General exceptions to two metre physical distance requirement

4.5 Despite this Part, a person is not required to maintain a physical distance of two metres from any other person when the person is receiving a service from a business or entity that the person cannot receive while maintaining a physical distance of two metres.

4.6 Despite this Part, a coach, instructor or trainer is not required to maintain two metres physical distance from the person being coached, guided or instructed for physical activity, performance activity, or recreational activity if doing so inhibits the guidance or instruction being provided.

4.7 Despite this Part, a youth is not required to maintain two metres physical distance while participating in a physical activity or performance activity.

4.8 Despite this Part, an adult is not required to maintain two metres physical distance while participating in an outdoor physical activity or performance activity.

C. Three metres physical distance required

4.9 An adult must maintain a physical distance of three metres from any other person who is not a member of their cohort, referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order, when the person is participating in indoor solo or 1:1 physical activity.

4.10 An operator of a business or entity providing a place for indoor solo or 1:1 physical activity must ensure that an adult who is participating in indoor solo or 1:1 physical activity maintains three metres distance from any other person who is not a member of their cohort, referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order.

D. Exceptions to three metre physical distance requirement

4.11 Despite this Part, a coach, instructor or trainer is not required to maintain three metres physical distance from the person being coached, guided or instructed for physical activity, performance activity, or recreational activity if doing so inhibits the guidance or instruction being provided.

Part 5 – Work from one’s private residence

- 5.1 An employer must require a worker to work from the worker’s own private residence unless the employer determines that the worker’s physical presence is required at the workplace to effectively operate the workplace.

Part 6 – Private Residences

- 6.1 Subject to sections 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 of this Order, a person who resides in a private residence must not permit a person who does not normally reside in that residence to enter or remain in the residence.
- 6.2 Section 6.1 of this Order does not prevent a person from entering the private residence of another person for any of the following purposes:
- (a) to provide health care, personal care or housekeeping services;
 - (b) for a visit between a child and a parent or guardian who does not normally reside with that child;
 - (c) to receive or provide child care;
 - (d) to provide tutoring or other educational instruction related to a program of study;
 - (e) to perform construction, renovations, repairs or maintenance;
 - (f) to deliver items;
 - (g) to provide real estate or moving services;
 - (h) to provide social or protective services;
 - (i) to respond to an emergency;
 - (j) to provide counselling services;
 - (k) for a visit between a person who is at the end of their life (last four to six weeks, as determined by that person’s primary health care provider) and a family member, friend, faith leader or other person as long as no more than three visitors enter the private residence of the dying person at one time;
 - (l) to provide or receive personal or wellness services;
 - (m) to provide physical activity or performance instruction; or
 - (n) to undertake a municipal property assessment.
- 6.3 A person who resides on their own may have their cohort described in section 2.1(e)(i) of this Order attend at their own private residence and may attend at the private residence of the one or two other persons described in section 2.1(e)(i) provided the following conditions are met:
- (a) each person whose residence the person is attending at lives alone at their private residence; or
 - (b) each of the two people at the residence the person is attending at live together.

- 6.4 A cohort for a household as defined at section 2.1(e)(iii) of this Order, can choose one other household to visit with at each other's private residences provided that the following conditions are met:
- (a) the two households, when meeting together, are limited to a maximum of ten eligible persons; and
 - (b) all eligible persons who are part of the household must be vaccinated.
- 6.5 A cohort for a fully vaccinated person who resides on their own, as defined at section 2.1(e)(iv) of this Order, can choose one other household to visit with at each other's private residences provided that the following conditions are met:
- (a) the two households, when meeting together, are limited to a maximum of ten eligible persons; and
 - (b) all eligible persons who are part of the household must be vaccinated.

Part 7 – Private social gatherings

- 7.1 Sections 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6 of this Part of this Order come into effect on September 20, 2021.
- 7.2 All persons are prohibited from attending a private social gathering at an outdoor private or public place except in accordance with this Part of the Order.
- 7.3 All persons are prohibited from attending a private social gathering at an indoor public place.
- 7.4 For greater certainty, an indoor wedding reception or a funeral reception is a prohibited private social gathering.
- 7.5 Despite Part 6 and section 7.3 of this Order, a private social gathering of fifty persons or fifty percent of the total operational occupant load, whichever is less, as determined in accordance with the Alberta Fire Code and the fire authority having jurisdiction may occur at an indoor public or private place for the purposes of a wedding ceremony or a funeral service.
- 7.6 A private social gathering of two hundred persons or less may occur at an outdoor public or private place including for the purposes of a wedding ceremony or reception or a funeral service or reception.

A. Private social gatherings for protests

- 7.7 Despite this Part of this Order, a person may attend at an outdoor public place to exercise their right to peacefully demonstrate for a protest or political purpose without limit to the number of persons in attendance if the person:
- (a) remains outdoors except where necessary to use the washroom;
 - (b) wears a face mask at all times;

- (c) maintains a minimum physical distance of two metres from any other person in attendance, including any other person who is a member of the person's household, unless:
 - i. either the person or the other person is, or both persons are, eleven years of age or younger; and
 - ii. both persons are members of the same household;in which case this subsection does not apply;
- (d) does not offer food or beverages to any other person in attendance, regardless of whether the food or beverage is provided for sale or not; and
- (e) immediately disperses in a coordinated fashion at the conclusion of the gathering, while at all times adhering to the requirements in this section.

7.8 For greater certainty, a protest or political purpose as described in section 7.7 means for the purpose of expressing a position on a matter of public interest.

Part 8 - Places of worship

- 8.1 A faith leader may conduct a worship service at a place of worship if the number of persons who attend the worship service at the place of worship is limited to thirty-three percent of the total operational occupant load as determined in accordance with the Alberta Fire Code and the fire authority having jurisdiction.
- 8.2 A person attending a worship service at a place of worship must remain in a cohort consisting of persons referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order.

Part 9 – Businesses and entities

- 9.1 Sections 9.2 and 9.3 of this Part of this Order comes into force on September 20, 2021.
- 9.2 An operator of a business or entity must limit the number of members of the public that may attend the location where the business or entity is operating to the greater of:
 - (a) thirty-three percent of the total operational occupant load as determined in accordance with the Alberta Fire Code and the fire authority having jurisdiction; or
 - (b) five persons.
- 9.3 A person may only attend at a business or entity with a cohort consisting of the persons referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order.
- 9.4 Despite this Part of this Order, a business or entity operating exclusively outdoors, excepting washrooms, is not subject to any capacity limits.
- 9.5 Despite this Part of this Order an unlimited number of persons may attend a drive-in activity if the persons who attend the drive-in activity:

- (a) remain within a motor vehicle that is designed to be closed to the elements while attending and observing or participating in the drive-in activity except where necessary to use the washroom or access other amenities; and
- (b) position their motor vehicle at least two metres away from other motor vehicles.

Part 10 – Restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs

- 10.1 Sections 10.2, 10.3, 10.4(a) of this Part of this Order come into effect on September 20, 2021.
- 10.2 An operator of a food-serving business or entity is prohibited from offering or providing indoor food and beverage services.
- 10.3 A person who attends a food-serving business or entity that offers or provides outdoor food and beverage services, may eat or drink alone or with a cohort where the cohorts participating are the persons referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order.
- 10.4 An operator of a food-serving business or entity that offers or provides outdoor food and beverage services must:
 - (a) limit the number of persons seated at the same table to a maximum of six persons for persons who are members of same household and a maximum of three persons for persons who reside on their own; and
 - (b) require persons to remain seated while consuming food or beverages and must prohibit persons seated at a table or standing at a standing table from interacting with persons seated at a different table or standing at a different standing table.
- 10.5 An operator of a business or entity with a Class A or C liquor licence, including but not limited to restaurants, bars, lounges, pubs, cafes, legions or private clubs is prohibited from serving liquor after 10 p.m. and must ensure that liquor consumption at the business or entity ends at 11 p.m..
- 10.6 An operator of a business or entity with a Gaming Licence or Facility Licence or a Class B liquor licence, including but not limited to bowling alleys, casinos, bingo halls, pool halls and indoor recreation entertainment centers is prohibited from serving liquor after 10 p.m. and must ensure that liquor consumption at the business or entity ends at 11 p.m..
- 10.7 A person who holds a Special Event Licence is prohibited from serving liquor after 10 p.m. and must ensure that liquor consumption at the event ends at 11 p.m..
- 10.8 For greater certainty, an operator of a food-serving business or entity may, subject to applicable laws, provide food or beverages, including liquor, by take-out, delivery or drive-thru at any time, including after 10 p.m..

Part 11 – Adult physical activity, performance activity and recreational activity

- 11.1 This Part of this Order comes into force on September 20, 2021.
- 11.2 No adult may attend at an indoor location of a business or entity for the purposes of participating in a group physical activity, group performance activity, group recreational activity, or a competition or similar activity.
- 11.3 For greater certainty, despite anything in this Order, an adult is not prohibited from participating in 1:1 or solo indoor physical activities and a business or entity is not prohibited from offering or providing services to, or a location for, an adult to participate in 1:1 or solo indoor physical activities.
- 11.4 An operator of a business or entity is prohibited from offering or providing services to, or a location for, adults to hold a competition or similar activity or participate in group indoor physical activity, group performance activity or group recreational activity.
- 11.5 For greater certainty, this Part of this Order does not apply to indoor group physical activity, indoor performance activity, or indoor recreational activity when the adults in the cohorts participating are the persons referred to in sections 2.1(e)(i) or 2.1(e)(ii) of this Order.

A. Professional physical activities and performance activities

- 11.6 Part 11 of this Order does not apply to:
- (a) a person attending or an operator of a business or entity, providing or hosting a physical activity as member of or for a professional or semi-professional sports team or as a professional or semi-professional athlete;
 - (b) a person attending or an operator of a business or entity, providing or hosting a performance activity as a member of or for a professional or semi-professional performance team or as a professional or semi-professional performer.

Part 12 – Youth activities

- 12.1 A parent or guardian of a youth must screen a youth for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the youth participating in indoor youth activities in accordance with the COVID-19, Alberta Health Daily Checklist (for children under the age of eighteen).

Part 13 – Schools

A. Physical distancing in schools

- 13.1 An operator of a school must assign each youth enrolled in kindergarten to grade six to a cohort as in accordance with the guidance on the Government of Alberta website.
- 13.2 Students, staff and visitors at a school building must maintain a physical distance of two metres from any other person who is not a member of their cohort as referenced in

sections 2.1(e)(i), 2.1(e)(ii) or 2.1(e)(vi) in accordance with the guidance on the Government of Alberta website.

- 13.3 Despite this Part and in accordance with the guidance on the Government of Alberta website, students and staff at a school building are not required to maintain two metres physical distance if doing so inhibits the guidance or instruction being provided or where it is not possible to maintain two metres physical distance.

B. Masking requirements in schools

- 13.4 All students enrolled in grades four through twelve, staff, and visitors must wear a face mask while attending at a school building.
- 13.5 An operator of a school must ensure that all students enrolled in grades four through twelve, staff, and visitors wear a face mask while attending at a school building.

C. Exceptions to masking in schools

- 13.6 Despite Part 3 and this Part of this Order, students, staff or visitors are not required to wear a face mask at all times while attending at a school building if the student, staff or visitor:
- (a) is unable to place, use or remove a face mask without assistance;
 - (b) is unable to wear a face mask due to a health condition;
 - (c) is consuming food or drink in a designated area;
 - (d) is engaging in a physical activity;
 - (e) is seated at a desk or table
 - (i) within a classroom or place where the instruction, course or program of study is taking place, and
 - (ii) where the desks, tables and chairs are arranged in a manner
 - (A) to prevent persons who are seated from facing each other, and
 - (B) to allow the greatest possible distance between seated persons;
 - (f) is providing or receiving care or assistance where a non-medical face mask would hinder that caregiving or assistance; or
 - (g) is separated from every other person by a physical barrier.
- 13.7 An operator of a school must use its best efforts to ensure that any student, staff member or visitor who is not required to wear a face mask:
- (a) as permitted by section 13.6(a) or (b) of this Order is able to maintain a minimum of two metres distance from every other person;
 - (b) as permitted by section 13.6(c) of this Order is able to maintain a minimum of two metres distance from every other person, if the designated area is not within a classroom or place where the instruction, course or program of study is taking place.

D. School buses

- 13.8 Subject to section 3.10 of this Order, an operator of a school must ensure that the following persons wear a face mask while being transported on a school bus:
- (a) all students attending grades K through grade 12;
 - (b) all staff members;
 - (c) all visitors.
- 13.9 For greater certainty, section 13.8(b) applies in respect of any individual who transports students attending grades kindergarten through 12 on a school bus to a school, regardless of whether that individual is a staff member.
- 13.10 All students attending grades kindergarten through 12, staff members and visitors must wear a face mask that covers their mouth and nose while being transported on a school bus, unless the student, staff member or visitor:
- (a) is unable to place, use or remove a face mask without assistance;
 - (b) is unable to wear a face mask due to a mental or physical concern or limitation;
 - (c) is providing or receiving care or assistance where a face mask would hinder that caregiving or assistance; or
 - (d) is separated from every other person by a physical barrier.

E. Exception to masking where physical distancing can be maintained

- 13.11 Subject to section 13.12 of this Order, sections 13.4 to 13.10 of this Order do not apply in respect of an operator of a school who is able to ensure that all students, staff members and visitors maintain a minimum of two metres distance from every other person while attending an indoor location within a school or while being transported on a school bus.
- 13.12 An operator of a school must:
- (a) create a written plan that sets out how physical distancing will be maintained;
 - (b) provide the plan upon request from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Medical Officer of Health or Alberta Education; and
 - (c) receive an exemption from the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- 13.13 Despite section 13.11 of this Order, an operator of a school does not need to ensure that students, staff members and visitors are able to maintain a minimum of two metres distance from every other person when a student, staff member or visitor is seated at desk or table:
- (a) within a classroom or place where the instruction, course or program of study is taking place, and
 - (b) where the desks, tables and chairs are arranged in a manner
 - (i) to prevent persons who are seated from facing each other, and

- (ii) to allow the greatest possible distance between seated persons.

Part 14 – Exemptions under Alberta Government’s Restrictions Exemption Program

14.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Chief Medical Officer of Health may, pursuant the Alberta Government’s Restrictions Exemption Program, exempt a person or class of persons from the application of some, or all, parts of this Order.

Part 15 – General

15.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Chief Medical Officer of Health may exempt a person or a class of persons from the application of this Order.

15.2 This Order provides the minimum standards for public health measures in Alberta for those matters addressed by this Order.

15.3 For greater certainty, nothing in this Order relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal, provincial or municipal law or regulation or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or licence covering those matters which are addressed in this Order.

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

Signed on this 16th day of September, 2021.


Deena Hinshaw, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Health

RECORD OF DECISION – CMOH Order 43-2021

Re: 2021 COVID-19 Response – Alberta Government’s Restrictions Exemption Program

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

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

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

Whereas a state of public health emergency was declared in the province of Alberta on September 15, 2021.

Whereas I have determined it is possible to exempt eligible businesses, entities and events and patrons and attendees at their premises from certain restrictions found in Record of Decision CMOH Order 42-2021 provided that eligible participants screen patrons or attendees for proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result, I hereby make the following order:

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Part 1 – Application

- 1.1 This Order is effective September 17, 2021, and applies throughout the Province of Alberta.
- 1.2 Record of Decision CMOH Order 42-2021 is not in force in respect of eligible participants and patrons and attendees who are in compliance with this Order.
- 1.3 Record of Decision CMOH Order 43-2021 is not in force in respect of an employee of an eligible participant.

Part 2 – Definitions

- 2.1 In this Order and the Appendix A to this Order, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - (a) “authorizing health professional” means
 - i. for the purposes of a masking exception, one of the following regulated members under the *Health Professions Act* who holds a practice permit:
 - A. nurse practitioners;
 - B. physicians;
 - C. psychologists.
 - ii. for the purposes of the vaccine exception, one of the following regulated members under the *Health Professions Act* who holds a practice permit:
 - A. nurse practitioners;
 - B. physicians.
 - (b) “COVID-19 test” means a Health Canada approved rapid screening test or a lab based PCR test approved by Health Canada or the lab accreditation body of the jurisdiction in which the test is performed which:
 - i. a person has taken within the last 72 hours;
 - ii. clearly outlines the laboratory that completed the test if applicable the type of test, time of sample collection, and clear indication of a negative result; and
 - iii. is not sourced from the Alberta Health Services public COVID-19 testing system.
 - (c) “discretionary business, entity or event” means a business, entity or event described as “in scope” in Appendix A of this Order.
 - (d) “eligible participant” means an operator of a discretionary business, entity or event that chooses to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program under this Order.

- (e) “eligible person” means a person who is living, working or going to school in Alberta who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- (f) “employee” means workers, contractors, repair workers, delivery workers, volunteers, students inspectors or others who are entering the eligible participant for work purposes and not as patrons or attendees.
- (g) “face mask” means a medical or non-medical mask or other face covering that covers a person’s nose, mouth and chin.
- (h) “fitness activity” means a physical activity that occurs at a gym, fitness studio, dance studio, rink, pool, arena or recreation centre and includes dance classes, rowing, spin, yoga, boxing, boot camp, Pilates and other activities of a similar nature.
- (i) “Guidelines” means the Requirements for the Restrictions Exemption Program published on the Government of Alberta website.
- (j) “health condition” means the following mental or physical limitations:
 - i. sensory processing disorders;
 - ii. developmental delays;
 - iii. mental illnesses including: anxiety disorders; psychotic disorders; dissociative identity disorder; and depressive disorders;
 - iv. facial trauma or recent oral maxillofacial surgery;
 - v. contact dermatitis or allergic reactions to face mask components; or
 - vi. clinically significant acute respiratory distress.
- (k) “masking medical exception letter” means written confirmation provided to a person by an authorizing health professional which verifies that the person has a health condition that prevents the person from wearing a face mask while attending an indoor public place and:
 - i. clearly sets out the information required by section 4.6 of this Order; and
 - ii. is valid for a period of one year from the date on which it is made.
- (l) “medical contraindication to vaccination” means a condition diagnosed by an authorizing health professional as determined by guidance provided by the College of Physicians and Surgeons or the College and Association of Registered Nurses.
- (m) “personal identification” means a valid:
 - i. birth certificate issued by a government of a province of Canada and including the photograph of the holder;
 - ii. citizenship card;
 - iii. driver’s licence issued by a government of a province of Canada and including the photograph of the holder;

- iv. government (Alberta or other) issued identification card, including health card;
 - v. certificate of Indian Status;
 - vi. Métis Nation of Alberta Association citizenship and identification card;
 - vii. Inuit Status card;
 - viii. passport attesting to citizenship or other national status, issued by a government of any jurisdiction and including a photograph of the holder;
 - ix. Permanent Resident Card.
- (n) “patron or attendee” means an eligible person attending at a business, entity or event participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program under this Order.
- (o) “PCR test” means the polymerase chain reaction test for COVID-19.
- (p) “performance activity” means singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, acting or other activities of a similar nature and includes, but is not limited to, a rehearsal, concert, theatre, dance, choral, festival, musical and symphony events.
- (q) “physical activity” means a fitness activity or sport activity.
- (r) “premises” means the site or location where the eligible participant operates.
- (s) “rapid screening test” means a COVID-19 testing device that is listed in *Authorized medical devices for uses related to COVID-19: List of authorized testing devices by Health Canada* published on the Government of Canada website and is approved for point-of-care molecular or antigen COVID-19 testing, including but not limited to, Panbio COVID-19 AG Rapid Test Device (nasal), Bd Veritor System For Rapid Detection Of SARS-CoV-2, Id Now COVID-19 and the Spartan COVID-19 System Cube.
- (t) “recreational activity” means any structured or organized activity or program where the purpose of the activity or program is intended to develop a skill, including but not limited to, Girl Guides, Scouts, choir, arts and crafts, pottery or other substantially similar activities.
- (u) “sport activity” means sports training, practices, events, games, scrimmages, competitions, gameplay, league play, and other activities of a similar nature.
- (v) “vaccinated” means a person who is eligible for vaccination who has:
- i. during the period between September 17, 2021 and October 24, 2021:
 - A. proof of receiving at least one dose of a World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine and has had fourteen or more days elapse since the date on which the person received the first dose of vaccine;
 - ii. on or after October 25, 2021:

- A. proof of receiving two doses of a World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine in a two dose vaccine series and has had fourteen or more days elapse since the date on which the person received the first dose of vaccine;
 - B. proof of receiving one dose in a one dose World Health Organization approved COVID-19 vaccine series and has had fourteen days or more elapse since the date on which the person received the one dose of vaccine.
- (w) "vaccine medical exception letter" means written confirmation provided to a person by an authorizing health professional which verifies there is a medical contraindication to vaccination that prevents the person from being vaccinated and:
- i. clearly sets out the information required by section 5.6 of this Order; and
 - ii. is valid for a period of one year from the date on which it is made.

Part 3 – Restrictions Exemption Program

- 3.1 A discretionary business, entity or event which chooses to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program must do so in accordance with this Order.
- 3.2 A business, entity or event described as "Out of Scope" in Appendix A is ineligible for participation in the Restrictions Exemption Program.

Part 4 – Masking requirements

A. Indoor masking requirements

- 4.1 Except as set out in this Order, a patron or attendee must wear a face mask at all times while attending at an eligible participant's premises.
- 4.2 For greater certainty a patron or attendee must wear a face mask in
 - (a) all indoor spaces on the premises of an eligible participant that all patrons or attendees may attend; and
 - (b) at a wedding ceremony or reception or at a funeral service or reception that is held at the premises of an eligible participant.

B. General exceptions to indoor masking

- 4.3 Despite this Part of this Order, a patron or attendee is not required to wear a face mask at all times while attending an eligible participant's premises if the patron or attendee is:
 - (a) a youth under two years of age;

- (b) participating in an indoor physical activity or performance activity (including a wedding ceremony);
- (c) unable to place, use or remove a face mask without assistance;
- (d) seated at a table while consuming food or drink or, if standing at a standing table while consuming food or drink, as long as the person remains at the standing table at all times while consuming the food or drink;
- (e) providing or receiving care or assistance where a face mask would hinder that caregiving or assistance;
- (f) a person who needs to temporarily remove their face mask while in an eligible participant's premises for the purposes of:
 - i. receiving a service that requires the temporary removal of their face mask;
 - ii. an emergency or medical purpose, or
 - iii. establishing their identity.

C. Masking exceptions for health conditions

- 4.4 Despite this Part of this Order, a patron or attendee who is unable to wear a face mask due to a health condition as determined by an authorizing health professional is excepted from wearing a face mask while attending the eligible participant's premises.
- 4.5 For the purposes of section 4.4, the health condition must be verified by a masking medical exception letter that includes the following:
 - (a) the name of the patron or attendee to whom the exception applies;
 - (b) the name, phone number, email address, professional registration number, and signature of the authorizing health professional; and
 - (c) the date on which the written confirmation was provided.
- 4.6 For greater certainty, although the masking medical exception letter must verify that a health condition applies, the medical exception letter must not include specific information about the health condition.

Part 5 – Obligations of eligible participants

A. Screening of patrons or attendees

- 5.1 An eligible participant must screen every patron and attendee for one of the following at the point of entry in accordance with the Guidelines:
 - (a) proof of vaccination as set out in section 5.3;
 - (b) proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours;

(c) original vaccine medical exception letter.

5.2 A patron or attendee must provide an eligible participant with personal identification and one of the following at the point of entry:

- (a) proof of vaccination as set out in section 5.3;
- (b) proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours;
- (c) original vaccine medical exception letter.

B. Forms of proof of vaccination

5.3 For Alberta residents, one of the following is acceptable as proof of vaccination:

- (a) a picture or paper record of a valid Alberta Health Services, MyHealth Records, pharmacy, First Nations, or physician immunization record prominently displaying the name, type of vaccine and date of administration;
- (b) valid Government of Alberta vaccination QR code;
- (c) an immunization record from another Canadian province or territory displaying the name, type of vaccine and date of administration;
- (d) Canadian armed forces immunization record, displaying the name, type of vaccine and date of administration.

5.4 For international travellers, an ArriveCan app and a valid international travel identity document is acceptable as proof of vaccination.

C. Exceptions for proof of vaccination

5.5 Despite this Part of this Order, a patron or attendee who is unable to be vaccinated due to a medical contraindication to vaccination is excepted from the requirement of showing proof of vaccination to attend at an eligible participant's premises.

5.6 For the purposes of section 5.5 the medical contraindication to vaccination must be verified by a vaccine medical exception letter that includes the following:

- (a) the name of the patron or attendee to whom the exception applies;
- (b) the name, phone number, contact information, professional registration number, and signature of the authorizing health professional;
- (c) the date on which the written confirmation was provided; and
- (d) the length of time the exemption is valid.

5.7 For greater certainty, although the vaccine medical exception letter must verify that a medical contraindication to vaccination applies, the vaccine medical exception letter must not include specific information about the nature of the medical contraindication to vaccination.

- 5.8 Despite section 5.2, the following persons are not required to provide proof of vaccination:
- (a) a person ineligible for immunization under the Alberta COVID-19 immunization program;
 - (b) a person with a medical exemption letter for vaccination;
 - (c) a person with a written or printed copy of a negative COVID-19 test.

D. Positive Test Result

- 5.9 An eligible participant is prohibited from allowing a person presenting a positive COVID-19 test result from attending at the eligible participant's premises and must advise a person who presents a positive COVID-19 test result that the person must isolate in accordance with CMOH Order 06-2021.

Part 6 – General

- 6.1 This Order provides the minimum standards for public health measures in Alberta for those matters addressed by this Order.
- 6.2 For greater certainty, nothing in this Order relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal, provincial or municipal law or regulation or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or licence covering those matters which are addressed in this Order.
- 6.3 This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Signed on this 18th day of September, 2021.


Deena Hinshaw, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Health





Document: Appendix A to Record of Decision – CMOH Order 43-2021

Subject: CMOH Order 43-2021 Alberta Government's Restrictions Exemption Program

Scope of Application: As per Record of Decision – CMOH Order 43-2021

In Scope	Out of Scope
Restaurants	Events in Private Dwellings
Nightclubs	Retail & Shopping Malls
Casinos, Bingo Halls, VLT Lounges	Food Courts
Entertainment/Rec Centers, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bowling, racing entertainment, arcades, billiards halls, other similar entertainment Museums, art galleries 	Libraries
Movie theatres	Employees in/on a worksite for the purposes of their employment
Recreation facilities for physical activity, performance activity or recreational activity	Schools, K-12
Conferences / Meeting Spaces / Halls/ Rented space (excluding dwelling units)	School curriculum based activity
Weddings and Funerals held in public facilities where the facility maintains responsibility for adherence to these requirements	Accommodations (e.g., hotel)
Spectator at a professional sport activity	Places of Worship – for faith services
Spectator at a professional performance activity	Health Services
Private social events held in public facilities where the facility maintains responsibility for adherence to these requirements	Personal Services
Adult sport activity participants	Wellness Services

Classes for recreational activities	
Hotel and condo amenities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fitness rooms, pools• game rooms, movie rooms• other similar amenities	

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Hello,

Please find attached additional resources from the COVID-19 Update for Municipalities session that took place October 7, 2021. The attached are:

- 1) The slides from the session, including links to relevant materials.
- 2) The COVID-19 immunization medical exemption policy, referenced by Dr. Hinshaw. Please note the policy applies only to COVID-19 immunization in the context of Alberta's Restrictions Exemption Program.

Kind Regards,

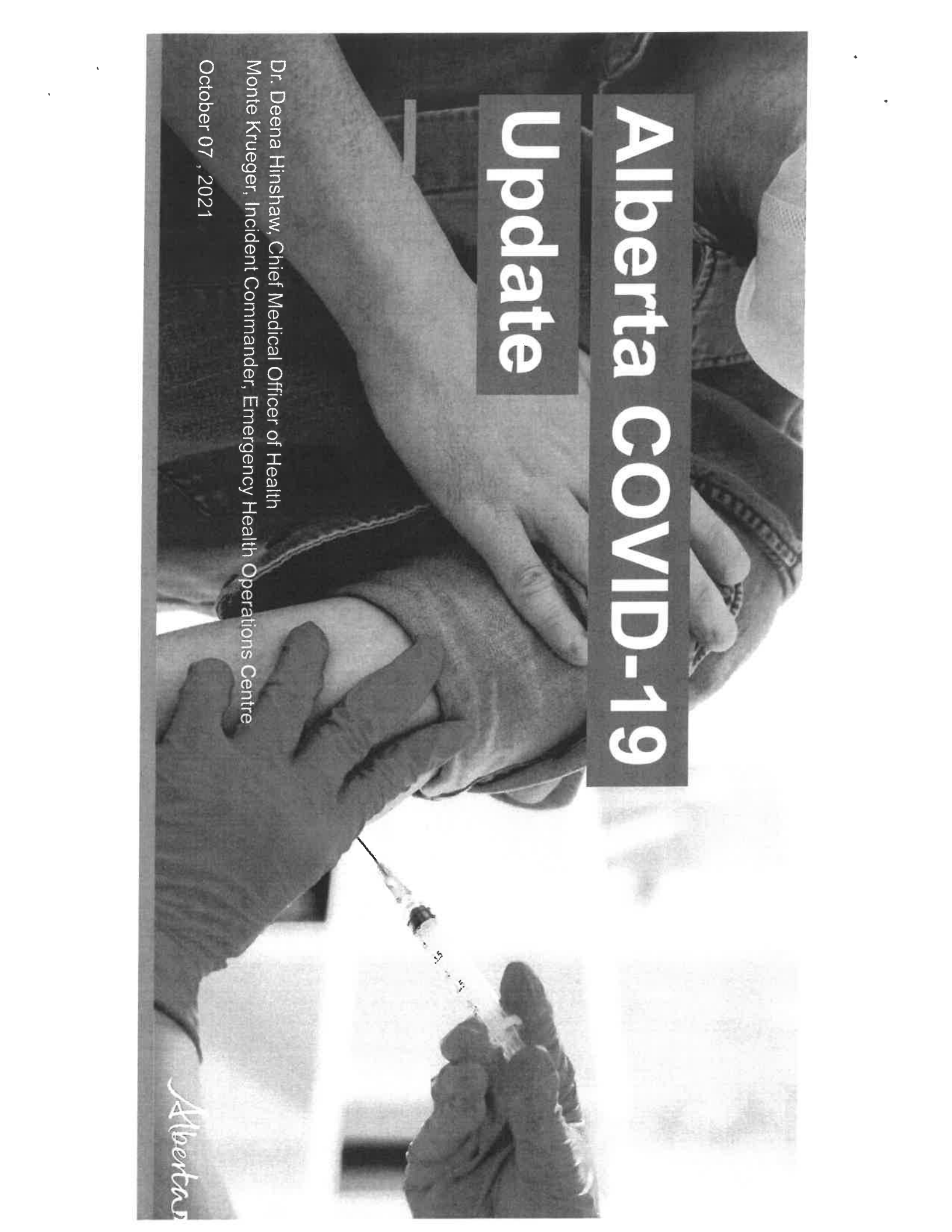
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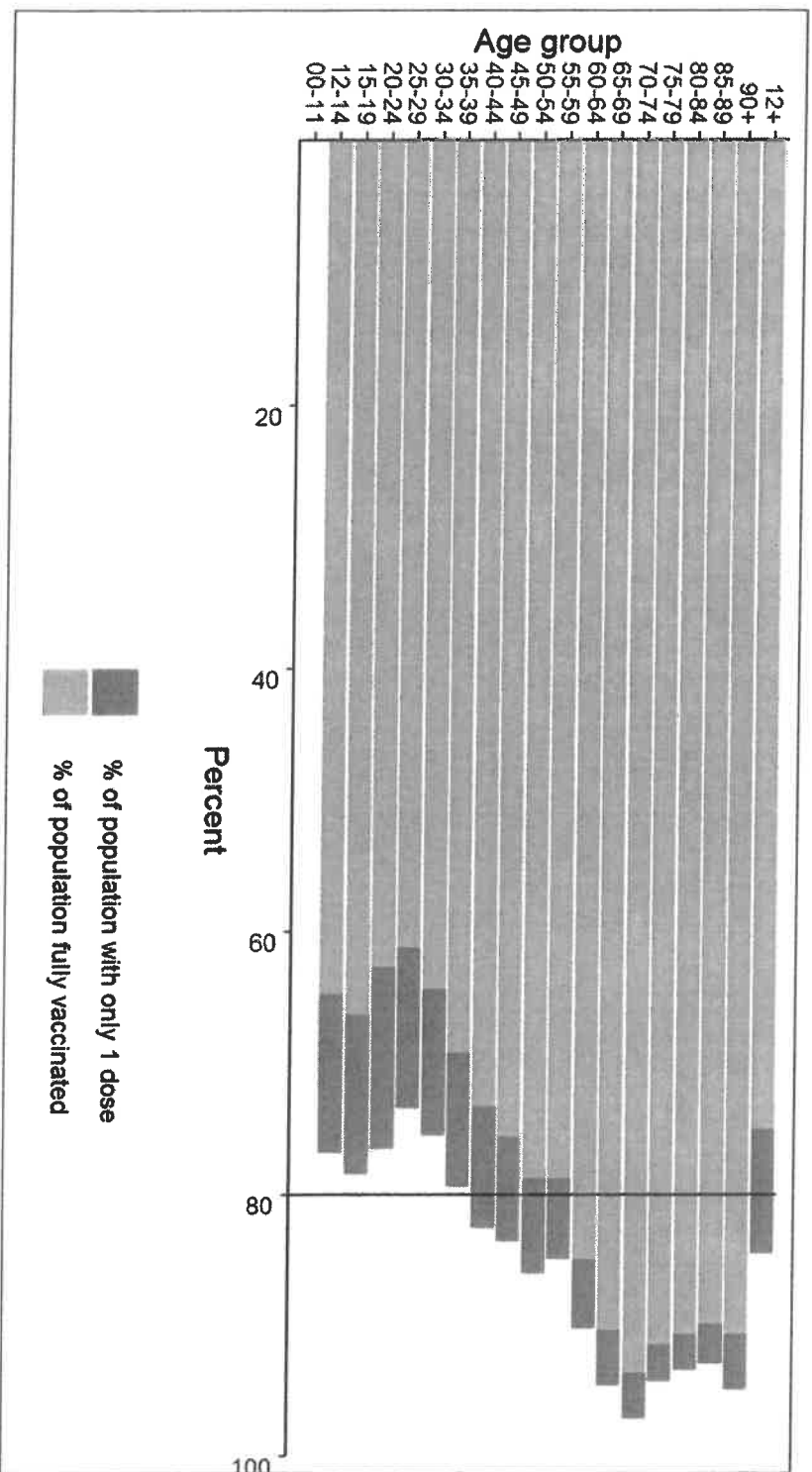
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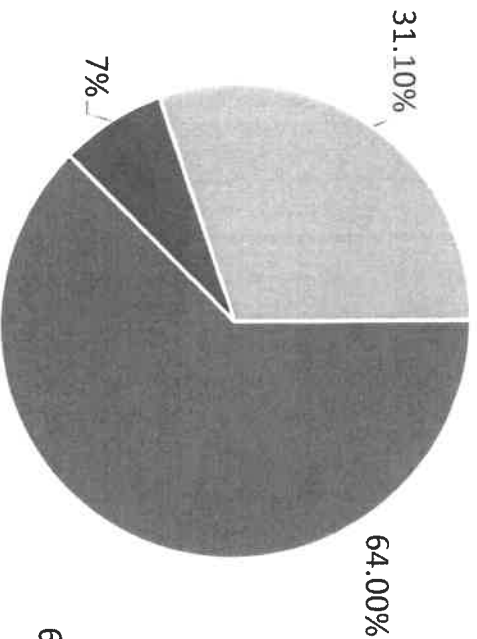
6,155,243 doses administered

84.6% of 12+ population has received at least one dose (**72%** total population)

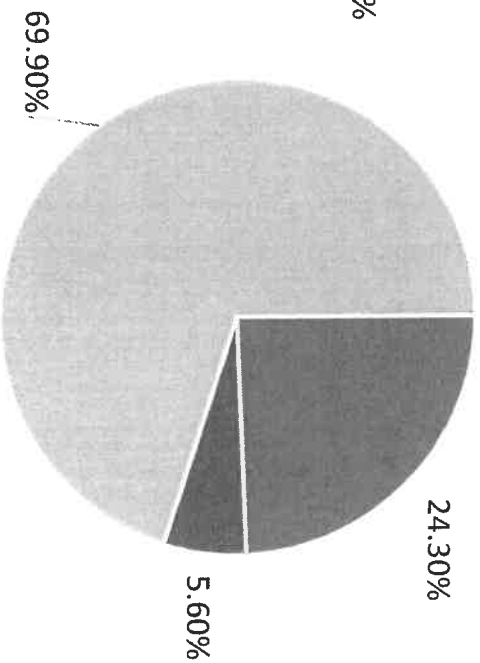
75.2% of 12+ population fully vaccinated (**64%** total population)

Current State by Vaccination Status (Oct 05)

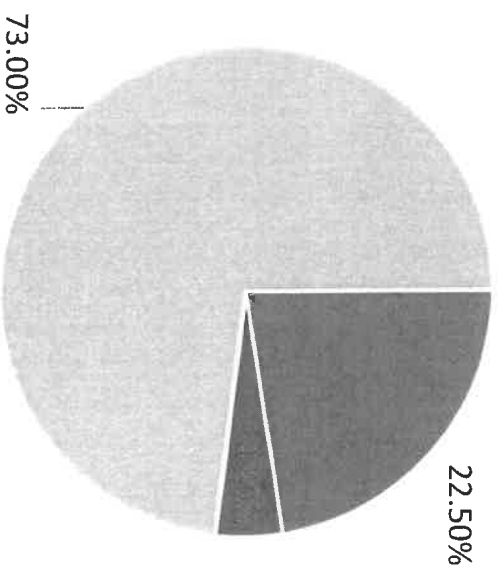
Total Population



Active Cases



Hospitalized



■ Complete ■ Partial ■ Unvaccinated

COVID-19 Public Health Measures

Restrictions Exemption Program

Starting September 20, in-scope businesses, entities and events must follow one of these 2 options:

1. Implement the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) requiring proof of vaccination or negative test result to continue operating as usual, or
2. Follow business capacity and operating restrictions as outlined in CMOH Order 44-2021

Businesses that implement the Restrictions Exemption Program can operate without capacity or operating restrictions if they require people aged 12 and over to show one of the following:

1. Proof of vaccination
2. Proof of a privately-paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hrs
3. Documentation of a medical exemption

Program Requirements

REP permits in-scope businesses, entities and organizers to operate without most public health restrictions as outlined in Order 45-2021. Masks are still mandatory indoors.

Operators that are out-of-scope or choose not to fully implement the program must comply with all public health restrictions outlined in Order 44-2021.

Guidance document for business and event organizers available at:

<https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>

Other Measures

- New supports to manage Covid-19 in schools (*Guidance underway*)
 - Initiating contact tracing in schools across the province and resuming public reporting of cases in schools.
 - At-home rapid tests available to K-6 schools in Alberta with outbreaks
- Mandatory masking for students in Grades 4 and up, plus staff and teachers in all grades.
- Elementary schools to implement class cohorting.

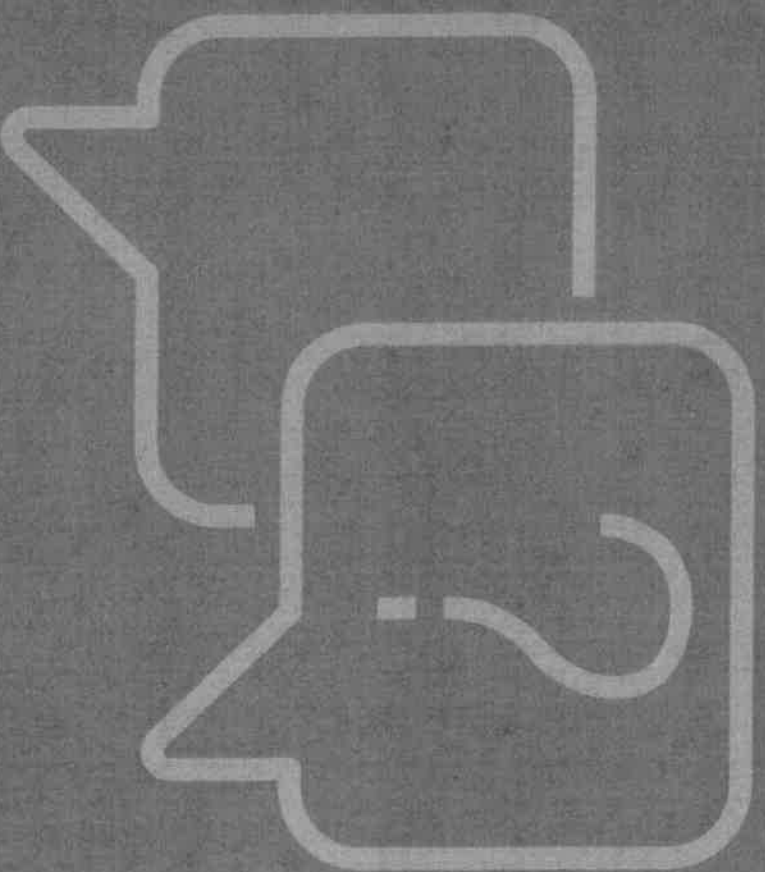
More details at: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>

- **Third Vaccine Dose**

- Albertans 75+ and FNMI 65+ (starting October 6)
- Residents of seniors' supportive living
- Immunocompromised Albertans 12 and older

More details at: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

Questions and Discussion



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COVID-19 Immunization: Medical Exemption Policy

September 24, 2021

This Policy is issued under the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH).

Purpose

The purpose of the Policy is to outline the conditions that constitute a medical exemption from COVID-19 immunization.

Policy Direction

Almost all Albertans can receive a COVID-19 vaccine, and should. Religious and philosophical exemptions are not permitted.

Medical Exemptions

The following conditions constitute a medical exemption from COVID-19 immunization:

- Had an anaphylactic reaction following the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, has been assessed by an allergist/immunologist, and future doses of any COVID-19 vaccine (viral vector or mRNA) are contraindicated,
- Developed a serious adverse event following COVID-19 immunization (e.g., Guillain-Barré syndrome, Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM)) and a MOH has determined that future doses of COVID-19 vaccine are contraindicated, or
- Had an anaphylactic reaction to a component of COVID-19 vaccine that restricts administration of any COVID-19 vaccines available in Canada.

In addition, individuals who are participating in COVID-19 vaccine trials (eg. Medicago) are eligible for a medical exemption.

Medical Deferrals

Medical deferrals (postponement) of the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine may be indicated in certain situations. If deferral is recommended, a medical exemption letter can be provided explicitly stating the length of time for which the exemption is valid.

Examples of reasons for medical deferrals include:

- Developed myocarditis following the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and it is recommended to defer the second dose of mRNA vaccine until more data is available,
- Developed a serious adverse event following COVID-19 immunization (e.g. Bell's palsy) following immunization and MOH has recommended deferral of second dose until individual has recovered,
- Had an anaphylactic reaction following the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and awaiting allergist assessment, or
- Solid organ transplant recipients or Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) recipients post transplant until clearance is received to resume immunization.

Medical Exemption Letter

As per CMOH Order 43-2021, the vaccine medical exemption letter must be written by a physician or nurse practitioner and must include the following:

- Name of the individual to whom the exemption applies; (and should include their address)
- Name, phone number, contact information, professional registration number, and signature of the authorizing health professional;
- Date on which the written confirmation was provided;
- Length of time the exemption is valid (up to one year from the date on which written confirmation was provided).

The vaccine medical exemption letter should also include statement that there is a medical reason for the individual's exemption from being fully immunized against COVID-19; however, do not include specific information about the nature of the medical contraindication to immunization.

The Policy applies only to COVID-19 immunization in the context of Alberta's Restrictions Exemption Program. See [COVID-19 info for Albertans](#) for more information on the Program.

For additional information see [COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Group Rapid Brief – Medical Exemptions for COVID-19 Vaccine Table 1 and 2](#). (September 7, 2021)

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Together4Health Headlines

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

*Please note that due to the rapidly evolving COVID situation in Alberta, **Together4Health Headlines** will temporarily be a weekly publication.*

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COVID-19 Status

Our severe capacity challenges have intensified over the past week, as more people are now being treated in ICU than at any time in Alberta Health Services' history. In response, the government announced more public health measures aimed at reducing pressures on our hospitals, while we're putting out a call for all critical care-trained clinicians (see items below).

There is also some heartening news to share: on September 16 there were 28,158 doses of vaccine administered across the province, a sharp rise from 9,750 the previous day.

Cases in Alberta

Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

AHS currently has 322 ICU beds open in Alberta, including 149 additional 'surge' spaces. AHS has opened 49 additional ICU surge spaces in the past ten days.

As of Friday, September 17, there were 260 patients in ICU, the vast majority of whom are COVID positive. Provincially, ICU capacity — including additional surge beds — is currently at 81 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be 150 per cent.

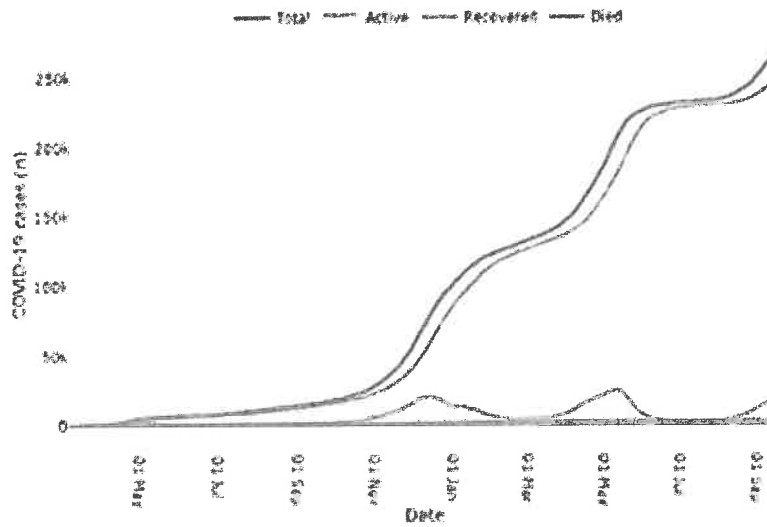
The number of patients in ICU increased by 13 per cent in seven days.

On Friday there were 911 individuals with COVID-19 in hospital, compared to 555 on Sept. 8, an increase of 64.1 per cent.

New and active cases

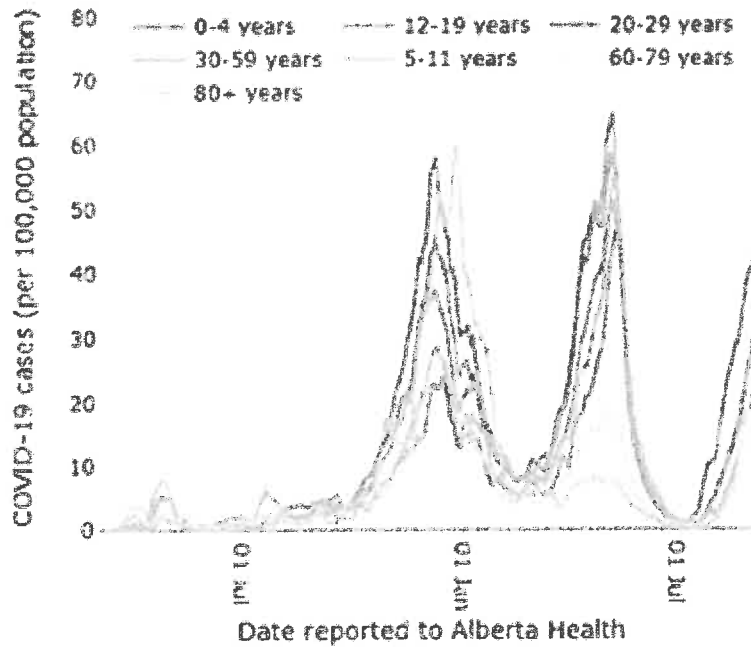
As of Friday, September 17, there were 19,201 active cases of COVID-19 in Alberta, a 20.2 per cent increase compared to Sept. 8 when there were 15,977 active cases. Also on Friday, Alberta reported 2,020 new COVID-19 cases; the first time the province has exceeded 2,000 new daily cases since early May.

For the seven-day period ending Sept. 15, there was an average of 1,573 new daily cases of COVID-19, compared to 1,290 for the previous week (Sept. 2-8), a 21.9 per cent increase. The Calgary Zone reported the most new cases over that period, with 3,183, a 25.7 per cent increase over the previous week when 2,533 cases were reported.



Cases by age group

Children ages 5 to 11 — who are currently ineligible for vaccination — now have the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily cases, with 49.6 cases per 100,000 people. A visual representation of trends in cases by age group can be seen in the figure below.



Variants of Concern

The table below shows the proportion of active cases that are known variants of concern on Sept. 15 compared to Sept. 8.

COVID-19 Variant	Proportion of active cases (Sept 15)	Proportion of active cases (Sept 9)	Difference
Alpha variant	0%	0.1%	-0.1%
Beta variant	0%	0%	0%
Delta variant	60%	78.6%	-18.6%*
Gamma variant	0%	0%	0%
Overall	60.1%	78.7%	-18.6%*

* The Delta variant is the dominant circulating strain. This decrease is likely not a result of another prominent strain but rather a decrease in strain typing of samples at the lab.

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of Sept. 15, a total of 275,538 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 11,551 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.2 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 254,327 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of Sept. 15, 2,505 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 71 deaths over the past week. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- From Sept. 9 to Sept. 16, 97,869 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 13,981 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 10.5 per cent to 12.2 per cent. As of Sept. 15, a total of 5.3 million tests have been conducted and 2.3 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The provincewide R value from Aug. 30 to Sept. 5 was 1.12, the previously reported value was 1.19. COVID-19 R values are currently only being updated every two weeks.

School Outbreaks

Alberta Health has not resumed school reporting. However, all schools are required to monitor absenteeism rates within their school. If there is a school-wide absence rate of 10 per cent or greater due to illness OR there is a higher than expected number of individuals with similar symptoms, schools report to Alberta Health Services (AHS) through the Coordinated Early Identification Response team.

Once AHS has been notified of absenteeism of 10 per cent or an unusual number of individuals with similar symptoms, an investigation is conducted by AHS Public Health. An outbreak investigator will contact the school to collect additional information such as type of symptoms, onset of symptoms, number of students and staff that are ill, and total school population.

If there is a 10 per cent or greater absenteeism rate that includes similar symptoms, AHS Public Health will declare an outbreak. If the absenteeism is due to multiple different illness types (e.g. some students are absent with vomiting and diarrhea while other students have cough and runny nose), an outbreak may not be declared. Once AHS declares an outbreak, AHS Public Health will recommend control measures to reduce ongoing transmission for the duration of the outbreak.

These control measures may include: active health screening with questionnaires such as the Alberta Health Daily Checklist; increasing frequency of cleaning and disinfection; mask recommendations; limiting group/extra-curricular activities; creating cohorts, or limiting student mixing and/or movement. An AHS Public Health Inspector will also follow up and complete an additional assessment. It takes approximately one business day to complete the public health assessment before declaring an outbreak.

COVID-19 Immunizations

As of September 16:

- 5,754,307 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta
- 80.1 percent of 12+ population has received at least one dose (68.1% total population)
- 71.8 percent of 12+ population fully vaccinated (61% total population)
- 1,496 adverse events following immunization have been reported to Alberta Health. This represents 1,473 people, and 1,554 symptoms ([learn about vaccine safety](#)).

[See full stats](#) and coverage rates by local geographic area here.

Printable Vaccination Records Available

Starting Sept. 19, Albertans are able to access a convenient card-sized proof of vaccination easily and quickly on alberta.ca/CovidRecords. Any Albertan who received their COVID-19 immunization, including children 12 years and older, will be able to save or print the card by entering:

- Month and year of vaccination of any dose
- Alberta Personal Health Number
- Date of birth

The COVIDRecords website does not require signing up for My Alberta Digital ID or MyHealth Records. Albertans are able to use their existing immunization records, including those received at their vaccination appointment or saved from MyHealth Records, even after the proof of vaccination requirements are implemented on Sept. 20.

It is recommended Albertans plan ahead and save their proof of vaccination card on their phone or print it out before the needed date. For instructions on how to sign up to get instant access to your immunization record, visit the [MyHealth Records homepage](#). Albertans who need support can contact the MyHealth Records support line at 1-844-401-4016 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday, and weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please refer to the [Proof of Vaccination FAQ](#) on alberta.ca.

Weekly Video Message - A Discussion on Vaccination

On last week's vlog we addressed some of your questions about AHS' [immunization policy](#) and touched on vaccine hesitancy. Today, guest host Sean Chilton continues that discussion, as I (Verna) know it's on the mind of many as of late.

Immunization against COVID-19 is the most effective means to prevent its spread, protect our friends and neighbours, prevent outbreaks in our facilities, and preserve our workforce capacity to support the healthcare system.

While COVID-19 vaccines have been proven safe and effective, I know many Albertans still have questions. [Joining Sean to answer some of those questions and discuss vaccine hesitancy](#) are:

- Dr. Cora Constantinescu, Pediatric Infectious Disease, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Calgary
- Dr. Mark Joffe, Vice President and Medical Director, Cancer Care Alberta, Clinical Support Services and Provincial Clinical Excellence



Find answers to commonly asked questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness by searching the questions asked at [Join the conversation about COVID-19](#). And your COVID-19 immunization appointment through ahs.ca/vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccinations and Pregnancy

Alberta Health Services is strongly urging those who are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, or have recently delivered, to get both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. COVID-19, particularly the Delta variant, is highly infectious and pregnant individuals are at a higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. Immunization is the best way to protect mother and child.

Dr. Colin Birch, AHS Calgary Zone clinical department head, obstetrics and gynecology, explains that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe for pregnant individuals and their babies, as well as those trying to become pregnant. It is much safer to get the vaccine than to get COVID-19 disease. Vaccines make your immune system stronger by building antibodies to help prevent disease. Immunization allows immunity to be passed from mother to infant, helping to protect your baby for the first few months of life. The mRNA vaccines are the safest type of COVID-19 vaccine to get during pregnancy and you can get the vaccine at any time, any trimester, during pregnancy.

Things You Need to Know

Call for All Critical Care-Trained Clinicians

Capacity continues to be a serious challenge across AHS. Last week, we asked clinicians trained in critical care with additional availability to contact their immediate supervisor. Thank you to everyone who has been able to provide additional hours and shifts over and above what we count on you for every day.

In the event there are still internal staff who are willing and able to work in critical care, we are streamlining the referral process by creating a central intake where employees can signal an interest in working in critical care areas. Employees can email icanhelp@ahs.ca to complete a survey where you can indicate your preference, skills and availability.

Government Introduces New Public Health Measures

On Wednesday, the Government of Alberta updated COVID-19 public health measures for gatherings, places of worship, events and a variety of businesses. The measures are aimed at protecting Albertans and easing pressures on the health system.

Measures now in effect:

- Indoor private social gatherings are limited to a single household plus one other household to a maximum of 10 vaccinated people and no restrictions on children under 12. Indoor social gatherings are not permitted for vaccine-eligible people who are unvaccinated.
- Places of worship must limit attendance to one-third of fire code capacity, with mandatory masking and physical distancing between people of different households.
- Masks are mandatory for students in Grades 4 and up, plus staff and teachers in all grades except for schools that implement an alternate COVID-19 safety plan.
- Physical distancing and other measures apply to children's sport, performance and recreation activities.

Effective today, September 20:

- Restaurants are limited to outdoor dining, six people per table (one household or two close contacts for those living alone).
- Capacity limits on weddings and funerals. Indoor receptions prohibited.
- Attendance limits and mandatory masking and physical distancing in place for retail, entertainment and recreation facilities.
- No indoor group sport, fitness, performance and recreation classes/activities permitted. One-on-one training and solo activities permitted with three metres physical distancing in place.
- Businesses, facilities and events that qualify may implement the Restrictions Exemption Program. These spaces can operate as they normally would.
- Customers will need to provide government-issued proof of vaccination, a medical exemption or proof of a negative, privately purchased COVID-19 test within the previous 72 hours. (See Printable Vaccination Records Coming item below.)
- Those under 12 do not need to provide proof of vaccination or a negative test to enter a participating business.

If a business or service chooses not to require proof of vaccination, it must adhere to the new health measures instead. More information is available on the [Government of Alberta website](#).

AHS Ensures Pandemic Preparedness with Critical Care Triage Protocol

Earlier this year AHS developed the critical care triage protocol (adult and pediatric) as a planned and pre-determined province wide approach to guide our response should the demand for life-sustaining critical care support become greater than the available resources either during the current COVID-19 pandemic, future pandemics, or other disasters. Resources can range from beds, ventilators, life-saving equipment, healthcare workers and medicines.

AHS is not currently implementing the critical care triage protocol, nor has the protocol been enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. AHS is educating clinicians on its use and implementation given the rising numbers of Albertans with COVID-19 and the increasing number of Albertans requiring critical care.

The pressure on our ICUs is severe, and AHS is doing all it can to increase capacity so all patients needing critical care will receive it. Given the significant pressure on our ICUs, we are providing education and training on the application of the protocol, which is posted on the [critical care triage webpage](#).

The triage protocol would only be activated when all available resources for critical care have been utilized and all other mitigations have been exhausted.

It is important to be ready, and AHS is taking steps to ensure we are prepared today and for the future.

Led and operationalized by highly trained critical care physicians and staff, the protocol ensures a fair and equitable process is applied to all Albertans. Vaccine status does not impact access to critical care in the event of enacting the protocol. AHS values the lives of all Albertans and follows Canadian standards for healthcare to provide non-judgmental healthcare to all who are in need. The AHS critical care triage protocol applies to all patients considered for ICU admission.

For more information, please see these [frequently asked questions](#).

Updated Acute Care Designated Support & Visitation Access

As COVID-19 hospitalizations across the province rise and sites report capacity challenges, AHS has made the difficult decision to reduce family/designated support and visitation access at this time. We know the importance of family presence for patients and staff, and we understand this reduction in access is not ideal.

The following applies for designated support person and visitor access effective today, Sept. 20:

- Inpatient services - Two designated support persons can be identified; however, only one at a time can be on site with the patient unless alternate arrangements have been made with the service area (e.g., personal support worker or care provider), or if requested by the service area.
- Maternity - Two designated support persons can be identified and be on-site with the patient if physical distancing can be maintained. One additional designated support person (for the infant) will be considered in cases of adoption/surrogacy if physical distancing permits.
- Emergency and urgent care - One designated support person if required to support the care of the patient and physical distancing from others (not from their immediate household) must be able to be maintained. Seniors, minors and patients with mobility and/or cognitive challenges should be given priority to have their designated support person remain with them in-person.
- End-of-life - Two designated support persons can be identified and be on-site with the patient.
- Pediatric inpatient and ambulatory - Two designated support persons can be identified and are welcome to be present with the patient at the same time.
- Ambulatory - One designated support person only if masking and physical distancing from others, not in their immediate household, can be maintained; two designated support persons when pre-arranged with the clinic area and in situations involving:
 - The need for assisting the patient and staff with patient care.
 - End-of-life care or goals-of-care designation discussions.
 - Significant diagnosis/change in medical status leading to poor prognosis.
 - Behaviour challenges requiring two caregivers.
 - Medical or equipment needs requiring two caregivers.
 - Involvement of social services.
 - When requested by the care team.
- Gifts, food and/or flowers - Designated support persons and visitors should check with the service area before bringing in gifts, food and/or flowers to confirm what is appropriate for the unit and how to bring items safely. Delivery services cannot bring gifts, food and flowers to patients or drop them off at site entrances.
- Pediatrics — Due to the increased prevalence and spread of COVID-19 variants, sibling visitation for inpatients is temporarily restricted to monthly visits for long-stay patients (admitted for a minimum of 30 days) and for patients who are at end of life. Sibling visitation must be approved by site command post and follow guidance from Infection Prevention and Control. An adult must accompany sibling(s) at all times if they are under the age of 14. Sibling(s) can no longer accompany a patient to an ambulatory appointment. Exceptional circumstances for sibling support may be considered through site command post.
- Volunteers — AHS volunteers are recognized as vital members of the AHS team and can support patients in addition to designated support persons and visitors.
- Designated support persons are strongly recommended to be fully immunized, and physically and mentally able to assist the patient and staff with patient care.
- Access for visitors, which is anyone not identified as a designated support person, continues to be limited to individuals with a scheduled appointment to see a patient who is at end of life, and outdoor visits.

Sites and service areas that have determined a need to restrict designated support persons and visitor access further than this guidance due to safety concerns (e.g. outbreaks, limited space preventing safe physical distancing, etc.) MUST follow the process outlined in Section 4.0 of the [AHS COVID-19 designated family/support access and visitation in acute care, ambulatory and emergency sites directive HCS-275](#).

The updated guidance is available at ahs.ca/visitation.

AHS Workers Asked to Submit Proof of Immunization

AHS' new [Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Immunization Policy](#) has been approved following

consultation with union partners and key stakeholders.

The policy requires all employees, medical and midwifery staff, students, volunteers and contracted healthcare providers to be fully immunized for COVID-19 by Oct. 31, 2021. This policy will help protect our vital front-line healthcare teams who continue to provide excellent care to anyone who needs it and maintain a safe environment for all staff and patients, as well as anyone who visits or works at our healthcare facilities.

We are very grateful for the exceptional work and dedication of all healthcare workers and their key role in helping keep Albertans safe.

No Physician Coverage in Smoky River ED

Sacred Heart Community Health Centre emergency department (ED) will be without on-site physician coverage for 24 hours, from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m., on Sept. 20, 22, 23 and 30. Patients are asked to call 911 if they have a medical emergency and EMS calls will be re-routed to High Prairie Health Complex, 50 km away. This is a temporary measure and AHS is working to ensure local residents continue to have access to the care they need during this time. Nursing staff will remain on-site in providing care for inpatients, with one local physician in the community.

Alberta Precision Laboratories Study on use of Convalescent Plasma to Treat COVID-19

Dr. Susan Nahimiak, lead of Alberta Precision Laboratories' Transfusion and Transplantation Medicine Program, is the lead author of a new study published in Nature Medicine that found giving severely ill COVID-19 patients a transfusion of blood from donors who have already recovered from the virus did not help them improve - and in some cases made them sicker. The clinical trial followed 921 patients in Canada, the U.S. and Brazil.

Nahimiak said that convalescent plasma has been found to boost immunity in patients infected with some other viral entities, including SARS, in the past, but this trial did not demonstrate any benefit in terms of changing the course for patients who were admitted to hospital needing oxygen for SARS-CoV-2. The study also found that patients treated with convalescent plasma had more serious adverse events such as needing more oxygen or worsening respiratory failure, leading to early termination of the study. The study was announced in a [news release from University of Alberta](#).

Mobile Mammography Service to Visit Beaumont and Thorsby

Women ages 50 to 74 will have access to mammography services when AHS' Screen Test program visits Beaumont and Thorsby. The mobile mammography trailer will be stationed in Beaumont at Jeb's No Frills at 5201 30 Avenue on October 2, 4, 5 and 6, 2021, and at the Thorsby Community Centre at 4813 49 Street on October 7 and 8, 2021. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

Join the Conversation

Lakeland Communities HAC Invites You to Transform Your Stress

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

These free sessions will be held by Zoom, [participants must pre-register using the links below](#).

- **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
 - Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-lakeland-communities-hac.eventbrite.ca>
- **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

- Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-lakeland-communities-hac2.eventbrite.ca>

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

Get the Information You Need About Community Water Fluoridation in Calgary

On October 18th, Calgarians will have an opportunity to vote on community water fluoridation. While there is fluoride in all fresh water, community water fluoridation adjusts the fluoride level in the public water supply to the level recommended to prevent tooth decay.

We know there is a lot of information out there - visit the [Together4Health](#) page for scientific research about community water fluoridation, information about upcoming engagement sessions and a [fact or fiction tool](#) where you can ask your questions and an AHS expert will respond.

Attend an Upcoming Health Advisory Council Meeting:

- The **Peace HAC** meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 21 from 6 – 8 PM. Council will hear an update on the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. For more information and to register e-mail community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line "Peace HAC"
- **True North HAC** meets on Wednesday, September 22 from 7-9:30 PM. They will hear from [Extension for Community Health Outcomes \(ECHO+\)](#). To register, e-mail community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line "True North"
- **Prairie Mountain HAC** meets Thursday, September 23 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. They will feature a presentation on Primary Care Networks - Care close to home. To register, click [here](#)
- The **Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) PAC** meets Saturday, September 25, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. AHS Primary Health will present the Home to Hospital to Home Transitions Guide, followed by a program overview from the Metta Gender Clinic. Contact sogie.pac@ahs.ca for the meeting link

Join an AHS Health Advisory Council

AHS is now accepting applications for volunteers to join our Health Advisory Councils!

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

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

To [apply](#), please complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to community.engagement@ahs.ca.

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

Through donor support, our philanthropic partners fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including

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Breathing Easier at the Royal Alex Thanks to Sam Mraiche and MHCare Medical

The Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation recently received a significant gift from Sam Mraiche and his Edmonton-based company, MHCare Medical.

Mraiche, on behalf of his grateful family, made the donation in support of respiratory care at the Royal Alex after Mraiche's own elderly father received lifesaving care. The gift will also benefit the Patient & Provider Experience Office (PPEO), a unique department within the hospital that works to continually enhance the experience of patients and their care providers.



More surgeries closer to home in Rocky Mountain House



Rocky Health Foundation

A recently announced project in Rocky Mountain House will include building a new operating room to support the surgical program and upgrade the medical device reprocessing department, where reusable medical devices are cleaned and sterilized.

There is currently one operating room at the Rocky Mountain House Health Centre where about 150 procedures are completed each month, including about 60 general and gynecological surgeries, 90 endoscopies, plus hernia repairs, carpal tunnel repairs and other minor procedures.

With the addition of a new dedicated operating room, the hospital will have capacity to perform 120 surgeries each month – or double the number now. The existing operating room will become a procedure room and will offer triple the number of endoscopies and minor procedures, or about 240 procedures each month.

The Rocky Mountain House and Area Health Services Foundation is launching a campaign to raise funds to support furnishing the new space with additional equipment and patient comfort items.

Sharing the Love

Gratitude from Albertans

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

Just watching the news about protests. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all healthcare workers who keep the system moving, who treat COVID-19 patients and who simply do their jobs during this pandemic. I cannot imagine how drained they are and yet they continue to show up every day. Thank you to all of you who are there to take care of us all, vaccinated and unvaccinated. You are true heroes.
— Kim Kordov

Thank you, healthcare workers, for continuing to work hard during this challenging time. How interesting that some of the very people you work to protect and heal are protesting at your workplace. None of you deserve this. May my words help drown out those voices. Know that you are surrounded by the love and support of so many. I personally honour you for the work you do, and wish you the strength and compassion to smile and thrive despite this adversity.
— Colette

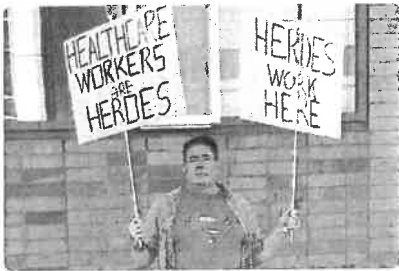
Thank you, healthcare workers, for the long hours suffering through thankless days and traumatic situations. For caring for others who are alone, scared and sick. For being at a hospital or clinic instead of with your family who also need you. Thank you for doing a job that has saved my children's lives twice.

You are appreciated.
— Stacy

Wrapping Up - Let's Respond with Patience & Kindness

This week has seen pressures and emotions continue to mount. The protests that we saw outside some of our facilities can be very disheartening and discouraging. These events have been difficult for all of us, especially our staff who have been directly impacted. We won't tolerate any harassment, bullying, or violence directed towards patients, families, staff and physicians. We'd like to say thanks to our Protective Services teams around the province, who have stepped into heated situations outside some of our hospitals and worked to protect the safety of physicians, staff, patients, families - and even the protesters themselves.

We know that the protesters are far outnumbered by our supporters. For instance, this is Angus, who heard about Tuesday's protests around the province and decided to share a different message at Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge.



This is the sidewalk outside of Strathcona Community Hospital, where anonymous chalk messages were left for the facility's staff and physicians:



And here is a convoy of supporters who drove around Foothills Medical Centre Thursday night to show their support and appreciation for healthcare workers.



Edmonton physician Dr. Raiyan Chowdhury wrote a First Person article for CBC, in which he says: "Let the protesters outside jeer and the haters online hate, and we'll meet them with a Ted Lasso-like kindness and unbreakable dedication to our patients - vaccinated or not." Dr. Chowdhury's story is heartbreaking and yet somehow inspirational as well.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation for our staff, and the people who support them at home and in the communities we serve,



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

*Please note that due to the rapidly evolving COVID situation in Alberta, **Together4Health Headlines will temporarily be a weekly publication.***

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COVID-19 Status

Our hospitals – and in particular, our intensive care units – continue to experience unprecedented patient demand. AHS continues to do all it can to ensure we have enough ICU capacity to meet patient needs, including opening additional spaces and redeploying staff.

We currently have 370 ICU beds open in Alberta, including 197 additional spaces (a 114 per cent increase over our baseline of 173).

[Critical care triage](#) has not been implemented, and our hope is that we will not have to implement it. It will only be implemented if all efforts to increase ICU capacity are exhausted – that has not happened yet. AHS has opened 38 additional ICU surge spaces in the past seven days.

There are currently 312 patients in ICU, the vast majority of whom are COVID positive. This is the highest number of patients in ICU since the pandemic began. The number of patients in ICU has increased by 11 per cent in the past seven days.

Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is currently at 84 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 180 per cent.

We are facing a fragile balance. On some days we are seeing more ICU patients being admitted than new ICU beds being created. We are transferring more patients out of zones to other zones where there is additional critical care capacity. And every day our teams are focused on adding more critical care capacity.

Cases in Alberta

Capacity pressures continued to be intense in AHS hospitals across the province this past week, with the number of active cases in Alberta exceeding 20,000 for the first time since last May. As of Friday, September 24, there are 20,040 active cases of COVID-19 in Alberta, a 4.4 per cent increase compared to Sept. 17 when there were 19,201 active cases.

For the seven-day period ending Sept. 22, there was an average of 1,605 new daily cases of COVID-19, compared to 1,566 for the previous week (Sept. 9-15), a 2.5 per cent increase. New case numbers varied significantly from zone to zone. Calgary Zone reported a 19.6 per cent decrease in new cases compared to last week, whereas South Zone reported a 40.3 per cent increase. Edmonton Zone reported a 7.9 per cent decrease, although it had the highest total number of new cases, with 2,859.

The increase in new and active cases is reflected in our hospitalization numbers. As of Friday there were 1,061 individuals with COVID-19 in hospital, compared to 911 on Sept. 17, an increase of 16.5 per cent.

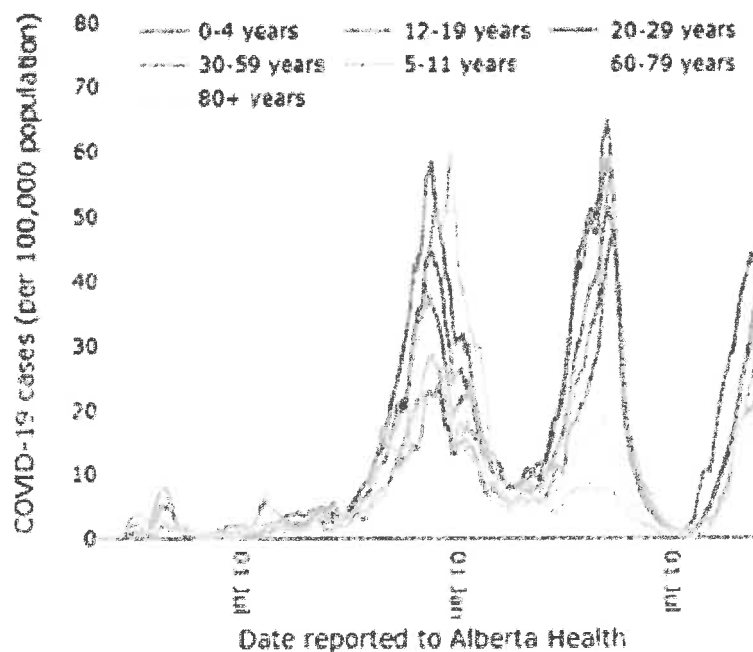
• **Cases by age group**

As of Sept. 19, children ages five to 11 - who are currently ineligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine - had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 62.9 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans ages 12 to 19 had the second-highest rate with 42.3 cases per 100,000 people. Clearly, the Delta variant is much more virulent than previous variants of concern, and it is impacting younger people at higher rates.

To make it easier for eligible children and teenagers to get immunized, we are supporting schools to provide immunizations at temporary in-school clinics. This is open to eligible students in Grades 7 to 12, as well as teachers and staff.

Clinics are running during and after school hours at schools across the province, and we're strongly advising parents to take advantage of this program. More than 1,500 eligible students have already been immunized at these school clinics.

Trends in COVID-19 cases by age group can be seen in the figure below.



Variants of Concern

With the increase in cases of COVID-19, the lab has moved back to targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing. From Sept. 14 to Sept. 20, an average of 43 per cent of positive samples were strain-typed. Of those, the rolling average was 99.5 per cent Delta variant. Strain-typing takes several days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of Sept. 22, a total of 286,706 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 12,177 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.2 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 263,915 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of Sept. 22, 2,611 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 106 deaths over a seven-day period. We extend our deep condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time. We have seen the number of deaths due to COVID-19 increase significantly again during this fourth wave, a sad reminder that this virus can be deadly, particularly for those who are not immunized. Every day we see the numbers; and as you all know well, these are people. They are spouses and partners, grandparents, uncles and aunts, and sons and daughters. They are people's best friends and loved ones.

- From Sept. 16 to Sept. 22, 109,831 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 15,690 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 9.1 per cent to 11.35 per cent. As of Sept. 22, a total of 5.4 million tests have been conducted and 2.4 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The R value is updated every two weeks. From Sept. 13 to Sept. 19, the provincewide R value was 1.04 and the previously reported value was 1.12. The R value for Edmonton and Calgary was 0.97 and 0.94, respectively, while the rest of the province had an R value of 1.15.
- Alberta Health has not resumed school reporting.

COVID-19 Testing For Healthcare Workers

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

As of Sept. 21:

- 82,585 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 7,375 (or 8.9 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 5,503 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 625 (or 11.4 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 1,872 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,839 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 307 (or 5.3 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 232 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 21 (or 9.1 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 75 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

Expansion of Criteria for Third Doses

Last week the Government of Alberta expanded eligibility for an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine to more immunocompromised Albertans to align with [recent recommendations made by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization](#).

Individuals with advanced HIV infection and additional patients receiving medications that impact their immune systems are among those now able to get an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine. A full list of immunocompromising conditions that qualify for an additional dose at least eight weeks after a second dose are available on the [Alberta Health website](#).

Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine are also available for seniors living in congregate care. These individuals are at the highest risk of severe outcomes and potential spread within congregate living sites.

Additional mRNA doses are also available to Albertans who are travelling to a jurisdiction that does not accept visitors who have been vaccinated with Covishield/AstraZeneca or mixed doses.

Eligible Albertans can book appointments online at either an AHS clinic or pharmacy through the online

booking system at alberta.ca/vaccine. Albertans can also book an appointment by calling Health Link at 811.

Protecting Children Under 12 Not Yet Eligible for COVID-19 Immunization

At this point in time, there are no COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada for use in children under 12. Until vaccines are approved, the best way for parents and guardians to protect their children is to get immunized themselves and ensure family members ages 12 and up are immunized as well.

As of Sept. 21, the uptake of COVID-19 vaccine among the 12-to-29 age group continues to fall behind that of all eligible Albertans. Only 73 per cent of those in this age group have received one dose and 61 per cent are fully immunized. This is compared to rates among all eligible Albertans; 82 per cent of whom have received one dose and 73 per cent of whom are fully immunized.

With lower rates of immunization, adolescents and young adults have a higher chance of getting the virus, including variant strains, and transmitting it to those who are not immunized.

If you haven't already, please get immunized. Albertans ages 18 and up may be eligible to receive a \$100 debit card if they receive their first or second dose before Oct. 14. Please encourage loved ones and those you know who are eligible to get the vaccine to do so as soon as possible.

Together, we are building a protective shield around those for whom the vaccine is not yet available, and for those with health conditions that may make them vulnerable. We must all do our part to protect each other.

Co-administration of COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccines

With the annual influenza immunization program launching in mid-October, AHS is reminding Albertans it is safe and recommended to receive both the COVID-19 vaccine and the influenza vaccine this year.

COVID-19 vaccines were previously recommended to be administered alone, with a minimum interval of 14 days before or after administration of any other vaccines. This was recommended out of an abundance of caution when the COVID-19 vaccines were new.

Substantial data has now been collected, and COVID-19 vaccines can now be administered at the same time as, or any time before or after, other inactivated (non-live) vaccines. This is safe and recommended for all populations, including children and youth 12 and older and those who are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or who have recently delivered.

Live vaccines need to be spaced 14 days, before or after, the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 Immunization During Pregnancy

AHS continues to strongly urge those who are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, or have recently delivered to get both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

COVID-19, particularly the Delta variant, is highly infectious and pregnant individuals are at a higher risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for pregnant individuals and their babies, with mRNA vaccines being the safest type of COVID-19 vaccine to get during pregnancy. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada recommend those who are pregnant get a complete series of vaccine. Pregnant individuals can get the vaccine at any time (any trimester) during pregnancy.

Research also shows the COVID-19 vaccine does not impact fertility and does not increase the risk of miscarriage.

We would like to remind you AHS has several resources available (new and recently updated) to support conversations with those who are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, or who have recently delivered:

- **Web:** ahs.ca/vaccinepregnancy
- **Updated:** [COVID-19 Immunization in Pregnancy](#)

- **Updated:** [COVID-19 and Pregnancy, Birth, and Postpartum and Breastfeeding: Information for Expectant and New Parents Public Health](#)
- [Alberta COVID-19 Immunization in Pregnancy Factsheet for Practitioners](#)
- **New Poster:** [COVID-19 Vaccines & Pregnancy 8.5x11 | 11x17](#)
- **New Videos:** [Dr. Sue Chandra on Why COVID-19 Vaccine is Safe During Pregnancy & Dr. Erin Bader on How the COVID-19 Vaccine Protects Mother and Baby](#)

Protective Effects of COVID-19 Immunization

Vaccines remain one of our most powerful tools in the fight against COVID-19. They are safe, effective and they save lives. As Alberta's [Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Deena Hinshaw](#) explained:

- Albertans who have not been fully immunized are about 15 times more likely than those with vaccine protection to end up in the hospital from COVID-19.
- They are about 40 times more likely to be admitted to the ICU.
- About 77 per cent of Albertans in hospital with COVID-19 are not fully immunized and 92 per cent of those in the ICU have not had two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

There is a lot of misinformation out there about COVID-19 vaccines. Different people have different feelings and concerns about COVID-19 immunization and that's OK. But we should all have the same information and support each other to learn more.

The data below compiled by [Alberta Health](#) on vaccine outcomes shows that immunization will protect most people from getting sick, having to go to the hospital or dying if they get infected with COVID-19.

We hope this data can help inform and support your conversations with family members, friends, loved ones and networks, about the importance and effectiveness of COVID-19 immunization.

COVID-19 hospitalization, count and rate in Alberta by vaccine status

Age group	Fully vaccinated & hospitalized (n)	Fully vaccinated & hospitalized (rate per 100K)	Partially vaccinated & hospitalized (n)	Partially vaccinated & hospitalized (rate per 100K)	Unvaccinated & hospitalized (n)	Unvaccinated & hospitalized (rate per 100K)
18-24 years	0	0.00	0	0.00	75	0.25
25-34 years	0	0.00	13	12.81	287	0.77
35-44 years	2	0.71	3	2.53	610	0.82
45-54 years	27	1.31	32	1.91	408	0.87
55-64 years	50	1.06	82	1.70	663	0.93
65-74 years	64	1.06	63	1.46	576	0.93
75-84 years	130	1.75	56	1.46	381	0.93
85+ years	211	1.77	47	1.46	227	0.93

COVID-19 ICU admission, count and rate in Alberta by vaccine status

Age group	Fully vaccinated & admitted in ICU (n)	Fully vaccinated & admitted in ICU (rate per 100K)	Partially vaccinated & admitted in ICU (n)	Partially vaccinated & admitted in ICU (rate per 100K)	Unvaccinated & admitted in ICU (n)	Unvaccinated & admitted in ICU (rate per 100K)
Under 12 years	0	0.00	0	0.00	14	2.12
12-29 years	1	0.17	0	0.00	50	5.80
30-39 years	0	0.00	0	0.00	86	0.97
40-49 years	8	1.87	8	9.24	105	15.33
50-59 years	7	1.67	13	12.43	182	20.23
60-69 years	14	3.47	14	29.59	197	38.77
70-79 years	14	5.97	10	33.43	102	43.67
80+ years	6	4.84	1	4.68	13	15.46

COVID-19 deaths, count and rate in Alberta by vaccine status

Age group	Fully vaccinated & died (n)	Fully vaccinated & died (rate per 100K)	Partially		Unvaccinated & died (n)	Unvaccinated & died (rate per 100K)
			vaccinated & died (n)	Partially vaccinated & died (rate per 100K)		
Under 12 years	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
12-29 years	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	1.26
30-39 years	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	2.38
40-49 years	3	0.70	1	2.40	12	6.65
50-59 years	4	0.95	3	9.79	34	33.74
60-69 years	14	3.47	7	34.79	62	121.85
70-79 years	21	5.96	7	33.43	72	305.11
80+ years	70	66.50	7	172.75	77	624.62

Things You Need to Know

Government Appoints New Health Minister

On September 21 the Government of Alberta appointed Jason Copping the new Minister of Health, replacing Tyler Shandro. Copping was previously Minister of Labour and Immigration. AHS looks forward to working with Minister Copping as the province responds to the fourth wave of the pandemic and severe capacity pressures on the health system.

Verna's Weekly Video Message — Equitable Access to Care

Immunization is one of the most effective ways to protect our health and we strongly encourage everyone to get the vaccine once they are eligible to receive it. At the same time, we recognize different people will

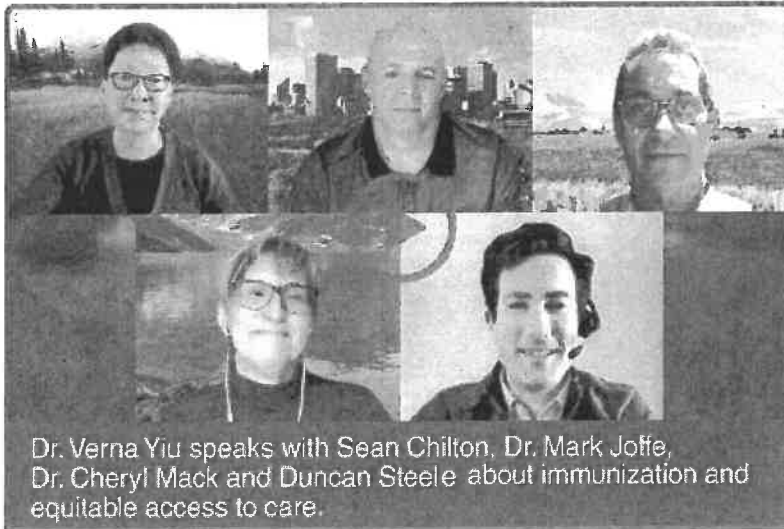
have different feelings and concerns about COVID-19 immunization. And that's OK.

Unfortunately, one of the narratives out there in the public realm is to shame those who are not immunized. Some even suggest we go as far as withholding care to the unvaccinated.

I (Verna) want to be clear: this is a view AHS does not share. While we will continue to strongly advocate for all individuals to become vaccinated, vaccine status will never impact access to care. Our role is to provide care and help break down any barriers that might exist for people who are open to making a different choice.

Joining me to discuss this topic are:

- Sean Chilton, Vice President, People, Health Professions and Information Technology.
- Dr. Mark Joffe, Vice President and Medical Director, Cancer Care Alberta, Clinical Support Services and Provincial Clinical Excellence.
- Dr. Cheryl Mack, Chair, Clinical Ethics Committee, Stollery Children's Hospital, Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, WCM Health Sciences Centre, and Edmonton Kaye Clinic.
- Duncan Steele, Organizational Ethicist, Clinical Ethics Services.



Celebrating Environmental Public Health Week

More than 18 months into the COVID-19 pandemic, the Safe Healthy Environments team continues to be the first point of contact for many Albertans. To date, the team has addressed more than 95,000 complaints and questions.

From responding to complaint service requests, to outbreak response and congregate living inspection collaborations; from producing high-quality rapid reviews to creatively adapting administrative responses, the team has exceeded all expectations.

During Environmental Public Health Week (Sept. 20-26), we recognized the incredible work on the front lines of the pandemic response, which has been critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19. We'd like to [share a video](#) (see below) about the work of the SHE team.



Alberta Healthy Living Program Offers Online Workshops

Diabetes the Basics, Heart Wise, and Weight Management classes are free workshops for residents 18 and older, led by AHS health professionals who share their expertise and guide interactive group sessions. Learn more by contacting your local public health clinic.

Screen Test Coming to Spirit River and Grande Cache

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- Grande Cache Community Health Complex (10200 Shand Ave. - hospital north staff parking lot) on Oct. 12 to 16. Cervical and colorectal consultations will be available in Grande Cache on Oct. 13-15.
- Central Peace Health Complex (5010 45 Ave.) parking lot on Oct 18-23 and Oct. 25-26. Cervical and colorectal consultations will be available Oct. 19 and 20.
- The Savanna Agricultural Society Rec Plex, Silver Valley (Highway 681 near the school) on Oct. 29. Colorectal cancer screening only will also be offered in Silver Valley on Oct. 29.

Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604.

Join the Conversation

Recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with AHS

AHS has been commemorating Orange Shirt Day on September 30 for many years, to recognize the history and truthful impacts of residential schools in Alberta. Wearing an orange shirt symbolizes the harm done to residential school students and their families, and shows a commitment to the principle that every child matters. By acknowledging and understanding the truth of the past, we can take steps to move forward towards reconciliation.

This year Orange Shirt Day became the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. We are more unified in our grief as we follow the ongoing recovery efforts taking place near the sites of former residential schools around the country and we are inviting all AHS staff, physicians, students and volunteers to take this opportunity to consider their own reconciliation journey. Join us in [Recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) by participating in a range of activities on September 30.

Join a Community Conversation and COVID Update for Central Zone

AHS' central zone continues to experience significant system pressures as we strive to care for more COVID-19 patients than ever before. Community leaders and partners across the Zone are invited to a Community Conversation to clarify facts and answer questions about AHS' response and planning measures.

Please join us **Wednesday, September 29**. Click here to register for the time that works best for you:

- 9 - 10:00 am session: <https://ahs-covid-19-community-conversation-conversation.eventbrite.ca>
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm session: <https://ahs-covid-19-community-conversation-conversation2.eventbrite.ca>

Lakeland Communities HAC Invites You to Transform Your Stress

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

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

- **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
 - <https://transform-your-stress-lakeland-communities-hac.eventbrite.ca>
- **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
 - <https://transform-your-stress-lakeland-communities-hac2.eventbrite.ca>

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

Get the Information You Need About Community Water Fluoridation in Calgary

On October 18th, Calgarians will have an opportunity to vote on community water fluoridation. While there is fluoride in all fresh water, community water fluoridation adjusts the fluoride level in the public water supply to the level recommended to prevent tooth decay.

We know there is a lot of information out there - visit the [Together4Health](#) page for scientific research about community water fluoridation, information about upcoming engagement sessions and a [fact or fiction tool](#) where you can ask your questions and an AHS expert will respond.

Program Helps with Ongoing Symptoms of COVID-19

Albertans living with COVID-19 symptoms after their diagnosis have an opportunity to join a free Alberta Health Services (AHS) workshop designed to help them take control of their health. In this free six-week series of workshops participants will learn:

- Techniques to manage their symptoms.
- Tips for healthy eating and becoming more active.
- Strategies for talking with the healthcare team.
- Methods for dealing with difficult emotions.
- Options for making everyday tasks easier.
- Ways to take care of themselves to enjoy a better quality of life.

Virtual workshops start next month on Zoom. Workshops are scheduled to accommodate a range of participant availabilities. Call 825-404-7460 (press 3) to register as spots are limited.

Interested participants should have access to a device (computer, tablet, or smartphone) that connects to

the Internet, and has both a camera and microphone. You can read more about workshops offered on [AHS' website](#).

Attend an Upcoming Health Advisory Council Meeting:

- The **Seniors and Continuing Care (SCC) PAC** meets on Friday, October 1, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. For more information e-mail community.engagement@ahs.ca with 'SCC PAC' in the subject line.
- The **Cancer PAC** meets Saturday, October 2, from 8:30 a.m.-12:15pm. Council will hear an update on the Virtual Care in Cancer initiative as well as the results of the 2021 Ambulatory Oncology Patient Satisfaction Survey. For more information and to register, e-mail PAC.Cancer@ahs.ca with the subject line 'Cancer PAC.'

Join an AHS Health Advisory Council

AHS is now accepting applications for volunteers to join our Health Advisory Councils!

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

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

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

Be Well - Be Kind

Foundation Good News

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

More than \$333,000 squeezed for Stollery kids during Simply Supper's Lemonade Stand Day



When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade! That's exactly what's happened at Simply Supper's Lemonade Stand Day over the past eight years – and this year was no exception. With a goal of squeezing their way to \$1M since their first event, Junior Lemon Squeezers from backyards across Alberta – with the help of our incredible community – raised more than \$333,000 for [Stollery kids](#), surpassing their grand total fundraising goal of more than \$1.2M!

Congratulations to all the Junior Lemon Squeezers near and far – and thank YOU for not only enjoying a

glass of sunshine in support of Stollery kids, but also for supporting kids helping kids.

Sharing the Love

When staff and physicians at the Edson Healthcare Centre finished their shifts on September 23 they found every vehicle in their parking lot had anonymous notes of gratitude and flowers left on the windshields. It brightened the day of our healthcare heroes – thank you!



Sharing the Love

Gratitude from Albertans

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

I am writing this note to you and your staff to let you know how much my family, colleagues, friends and I value all the good work you do in these difficult times. Your courage, perseverance and kindness are extremely appreciated, and we are grateful to you all for your compassion, dedication and commitment to humanity. Your entire staff are in our thoughts and hearts.

— Dani J

A heartfelt thank you to all healthcare workers in this province and this country who selflessly show up to work every day, knowing the risks, remain professional, compassionate and dedicated to helping the sick and injured. You continue to show strength and resolve through a very difficult and demanding time.

— Anonymous

I am blessed to have good health but I am concerned about the numbers. I just want to say that I support you. I am worried about what's going on with COVID-19. I am glad we will have a provincewide mask mandate. I hope more Albertans over 12 and over will get vaccinated. In the meantime, I am so grateful to AHS.

— Anonymous

Wrapping Up

Five years ago, many of our staff, volunteers, advisors and partners participated in the process that led to the development of AHS' organizational values: Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Excellence and

Safety; in short, AHS CARES. These values are meant to inspire, empower and guide how we work together with patients, clients, families and each other.

At a time like this, it's more important than ever to lean on our values. We are going through the most difficult time in our organization's history. It doesn't help that some people are flouting public health measures and putting additional, unnecessary strain on our facilities and teams.

We will continue to do our best to show compassion and respect to everyone; to be accountable to one another; and to strive for excellence and safety in the face of intense pressure on the health system. By doing so, we will draw strength from the best parts of who we are and use our collective humanity to guide our province through this dark time.

Thank you to all of you – the patients and families we serve, and the volunteers, advisors and community partners who work with us – for your ongoing support. And for all the ways you care for us.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation for our staff,



Dr. Verna Yiu
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Together4Health Headlines

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

*Please note that due to the rapidly evolving COVID situation in Alberta, **Together4Health Headlines will temporarily be a weekly publication.***

AHS is committed to ensuring our partners and stakeholders, like you, receive the information you need to help protect yourself, your families, colleagues and staff. If you know of someone else who would benefit from receiving this information directly from AHS, please invite them to subscribe by [clicking here](#). And [respond to this short survey](#) to let us know if you're receiving the information you need in a format that is working for you.

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COVID-19 Status

As we continue to push through the fourth wave of this pandemic, there is increased pressure on our health system and our communities. COVID-19 fatigue is real, and many of us are feeling it now, more than ever – especially with all the pandemic coverage in traditional and social media.

I (Verna) am no exception. This week, Colleen Turner, Vice President of Community Engagement and Communications, (virtually) sits down with me for a one-on-one interview. I speak to the challenges our people are facing, how I'm handling the polarizing discussions on public health measures and immunization, and how I keep moving forward during these unprecedented times.



ICU Capacity Update

AHS continues to do all it can to ensure we have enough ICU capacity to meet patient demand, including opening additional spaces and redeploying staff.

We currently have 374 ICU beds open in Alberta, including 201 additional spaces (a 116 per cent increase over our baseline of 173). AHS has opened four additional ICU surge spaces in the past seven days.

Critical care triage has not been implemented, and our hope is that we will not have to implement it. It will only be implemented if all efforts to increase ICU capacity are exhausted – that has not happened yet. Any patient who requires mechanical ventilation is currently able to receive it.

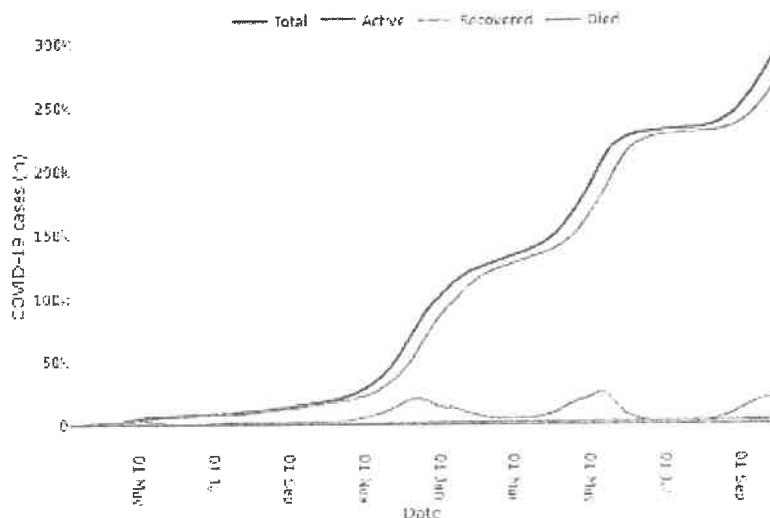
There are currently 298 patients in ICU, the vast majority of whom are COVID positive. The number of patients in ICU has decreased by three per cent in the past seven days. Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is currently at 80 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 172 per cent.

- In Calgary Zone, we currently have 138 ICU beds, including 72 additional spaces. Calgary Zone ICU is operating at 75 per cent of current capacity (including 78 COVID patients in ICU).
- In Edmonton Zone, we currently have 159 ICU beds, including 87 additional spaces. Edmonton Zone is operating at 82 per cent of current capacity (including 106 COVID patients in ICU).
- In Central Zone, we currently have 26 ICU beds, including 14 additional spaces. Central Zone ICU is operating at 85 per cent of current capacity (including 19 COVID patients in ICU).
- In South Zone, we currently have 36 ICU beds, including 19 additional ICU spaces. South Zone ICU is currently operating at 83 per cent capacity (including 26 COVID patients in ICU).
- In North Zone, we have 15 ICU spaces (split between Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray), including nine additional ICU spaces. North Zone is currently operating at 73 per cent capacity (including 10 COVID patients in ICU).

Cases in Alberta

There are currently 20,215 active cases of COVID-19 in Alberta, an increase of less than one per cent compared to Sept. 24 when there were 20,040 active cases.

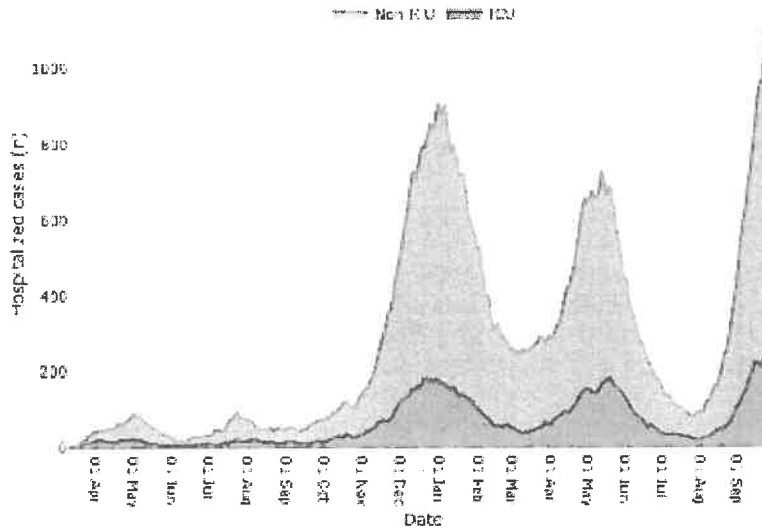
For the seven-day period ending Sept. 29, there was an average of 1,656 new daily cases of COVID-19, compared to 1,592 for the previous week (Sept. 16-22), a 4.0 per cent increase. New case numbers varied from zone to zone. South Zone reported a 10.3 per cent decrease in new cases compared to last week, whereas North Zone reported an 18.5 per cent increase. Edmonton Zone reported the highest number of new cases over the past week, with 2,814.



Hospitalizations

A total of 820 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds with COVID-19 on Sept. 29 compared to 850 on Sept. 22, a one-week decrease of 3.5 per cent. However, a new record high number of individuals in non-

ICU hospital beds with COVID-19 was set on Sept. 27 with 865. The previous record was 736 on Jan. 4, 2021.



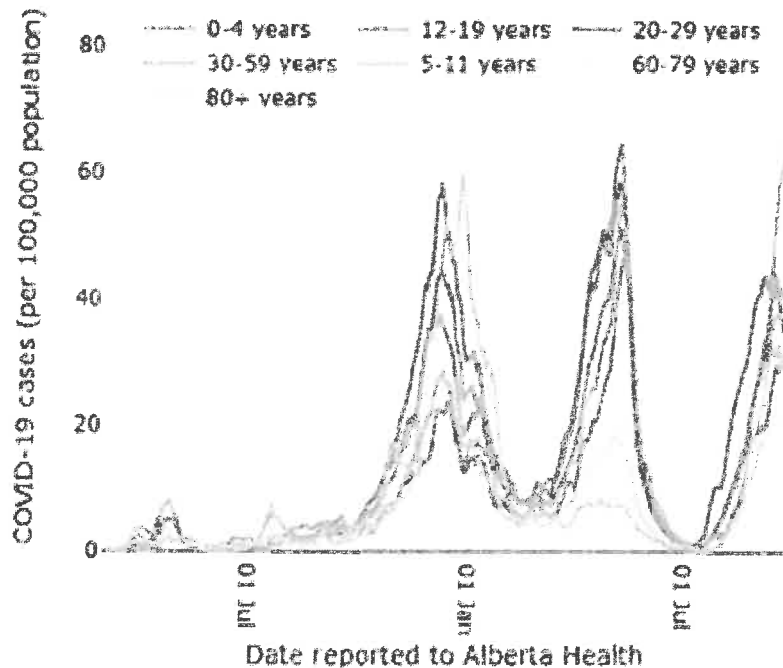
Cases by age group

As of Sept. 26, children ages five to 11 — who are currently ineligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine — had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 67.9 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans ages 12 to 19 had the second-highest rate with 40.6 cases per 100,000 people. The more transmissible Delta variant is spreading more easily than previous variants of concern, and it is impacting younger people at higher rates.

To make it easier for eligible children and teenagers to get immunized, we are supporting schools to provide immunizations at temporary in-school clinics. This is open to eligible students in Grades 7 to 12, as well as teachers and staff.

Clinics are running during and after school hours at schools across the province, and we're strongly advising parents to take advantage of this program.

Trends in COVID-19 cases by age group can be seen in the figure below.



Variants of Concern

With the increase in cases of COVID-19, the lab has moved back to targeted screening of positive samples for strain-typing. From Sept. 21 to Sept. 27, the average percent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 35 per cent. Of those strain-typed, the rolling average was 99.4 per cent Delta variant. Strain-typing takes a number of days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of Sept. 29, a total of 298,172 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 12,739 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.3 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 275,200 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- From Sept. 23 to Sept. 29, 106,525 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 15,218 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 9.9 per cent to 12.0 per cent. As of Sept. 29, 5.5 million tests have been conducted and 2.4 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The R value is updated every two weeks. From Sept. 13 to Sept. 19, the provincewide R value was 1.04 and the previously reported value was 1.12. The R value for Edmonton and Calgary was 0.97 and 0.94, respectively, while the rest of the province had an R value of 1.15.
- Alberta Health has not resumed school reporting.

COVID-19 Immunizations

Expansion of Criteria for Third Doses

Last week, the Government of Alberta expanded eligibility for an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine to more immunocompromised Albertans to align with [recent recommendations made by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization](#).

Individuals with advanced HIV infection and additional patients receiving medications that impact their immune systems are among those now able to get an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

A full list of immunocompromising conditions that qualify for an additional dose at least eight weeks after a second dose is available on the [Alberta Health website](#).

Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine are also available for seniors living in congregate care. These individuals are at the highest risk of severe outcomes and potential spread within congregate living sites.

Additional mRNA doses are available to Albertans who are travelling to a jurisdiction that does not accept visitors who have been vaccinated with Covishield/AstraZeneca or mixed doses.

Eligible Albertans can book an immunization appointment [online](#) at an AHS clinic or pharmacy, attend a [walk-in clinic](#), contact a [doctor's office](#), or call Health Link 811.

Protective Effects of COVID-19 Immunization

Vaccines remain one of our most powerful tools in the fight against COVID-19. They are safe, effective and they save lives. Representatives from AHS, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta, the Alberta Medical Association, and the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary have penned an [editorial and paper](#) — shared with media last week — laying out the facts about vaccine effectiveness and safety. We encourage you to read it and share it, especially with those who may be reluctant to receive the vaccine.

The data compiled by [Alberta Health](#) on vaccine outcomes shows that immunization will protect most people from getting sick, having to go to the hospital or dying if they get infected with COVID-19. We hope this data can help inform and support your conversations with family members, friends, loved ones and networks, about the importance and effectiveness of COVID-19 immunization.

Reminder: Book Your Second Dose as Soon as Possible

If you received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine 28 days ago or longer, you are eligible to book your second dose. Two doses are required for optimal immunity to COVID-19 and to protect against the Delta variant, the dominant strain of COVID-19 in Alberta.

We need to ensure as many Albertans as possible are fully immunized against COVID-19. Please encourage your families, friends, loved ones and networks to book their second dose as soon as they are eligible. Widespread immunization will help us all return to a more normal way of life, sooner.

If you receive your first or second dose between Sept. 3 and Oct. 14, you may be eligible to receive a \$100 debit card. Learn more about vaccine incentives at [alberta.ca/vaccine](#).

You can book your immunization appointment [online](#) at an AHS clinic or pharmacy, attend a [walk-in clinic](#), contact a [doctor's office](#), or call Health Link 811.

COVID-19 Immunization During Pregnancy

Since Sept. 9, eight more pregnant Albertans have been admitted to ICU due to COVID-19. The situation remains serious in Alberta hospitals. From July 15 to Sept. 28, 14 pregnant individuals have been admitted to ICU due to COVID-19. All were unimmunized.

AHS continues to strongly urge those who are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, or have recently delivered, to get both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. Vaccines are safe and effective, and they are the best way to protect mother and baby from COVID-19.

Several resources are available (including a recently updated fact sheet for practitioners) to support your conversations with patients and clients who are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, or who have recently delivered:

- **Web:** [ahs.ca/vaccinepregnancy](#)
- **Updated:** [Alberta COVID-19 Immunization in Pregnancy Factsheet for Practitioners](#)
- [COVID-19 Immunization in Pregnancy](#)

- [COVID-19 and Pregnancy, Birth, and Postpartum and Breastfeeding: Information for Expectant and New Parents Public Health](#)
- [Alberta COVID-19 Immunization in Pregnancy Factsheet for Practitioners](#)
- **Videos:** [Dr. Sue Chandra on Why COVID-19 Vaccine is Safe During Pregnancy & Dr. Erin Bader on How the COVID-19 Vaccine Protects Mother and Baby](#)
- **Posters:** [COVID-19 Vaccines & Pregnancy 8.5x11 | 11x17](#)

Update on Janssen Vaccine

Some Albertans are inquiring about the availability of the Janssen (aka Johnson & Johnson) vaccine in Alberta. Earlier this year, Canada received a shipment of Janssen vaccines that were later determined to be developed at a location that did not pass FDA inspection. Alberta is currently in discussions with the National Operations Centre about potentially requesting a small shipment of doses of Janssen vaccine, when safely available.

Things You Need to Know

Updated Designated Support Person Access in Maternity

To manage the escalating impact of COVID-19 at our hospitals, AHS has made the difficult decision to reduce designated support person access in maternity units.

Being implemented across the province, one designated support person can be on-site with a patient in the maternity unit. Prior to this change, two designated support persons were allowed to be on-site at a time with a patient in the maternity unit. One additional designated support person (for the infant) will be considered in cases of adoption or surrogacy if physical distancing permits.

Exceptional circumstances and requests by patients for two designated support persons will be considered by site command posts on a case-by-case basis. We are asking patients to discuss this option with their healthcare teams directly.

We know the importance of designated support during this time, and we understand how difficult this decision is for all involved. This decision was not made lightly. We continue to encourage patients to stay connected with loved ones virtually or by phone, whenever possible.

Learn more at ahs.ca/visitation.

Changes Made to Protect Access to Hospitals

The Government of Alberta announced this week that hospitals and other facilities that provide health services are now subject to the same protection that railways, highways and pipelines have under the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act.

This law carries punishments for trespassing, interfering with operations and construction, and causing damage. This step was made to help ensure staff, patients and families all have safe, quick access to the facilities and services they need without added stress and fear over disruption or intimidation by on-site protests. More information and the full announcement is available on the [Alberta Health website](#)

Verna's Weekly Video Message — National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, AHS marks Sept. 30 as a time to reflect and remember the thousands of Indigenous children who were taken from their families and sent to residential schools. We honour the survivors and families who continue to feel the impacts of residential schools, and we honour the children who never made it home.

Over the last several months, we have collectively mourned for the hundreds of bodies that have been discovered from the sites of former residential schools all over the country. I recognize that this has been

a very heavy time for all Indigenous people in this country, including our Indigenous staff.

This year, Sept. 30, formerly Orange Shirt Day, was renamed National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with the intention to get more Canadians to recognize that Every Child Matters.

In addition to bearing witness to the harms of residential schools, this day is also an opportunity to recognize and honour the strength of Indigenous people, families and communities, and the wisdom of Indigenous worldviews that have persevered.

Joining me (Verna) to talk about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation are:

- Randal Bell, a senior advisor with the Indigenous Wellness Core.
- Sherri Di Lallo, a manager with the Stollery Awasisak Indigenous Health Centre at the Stollery Children's Hospital.

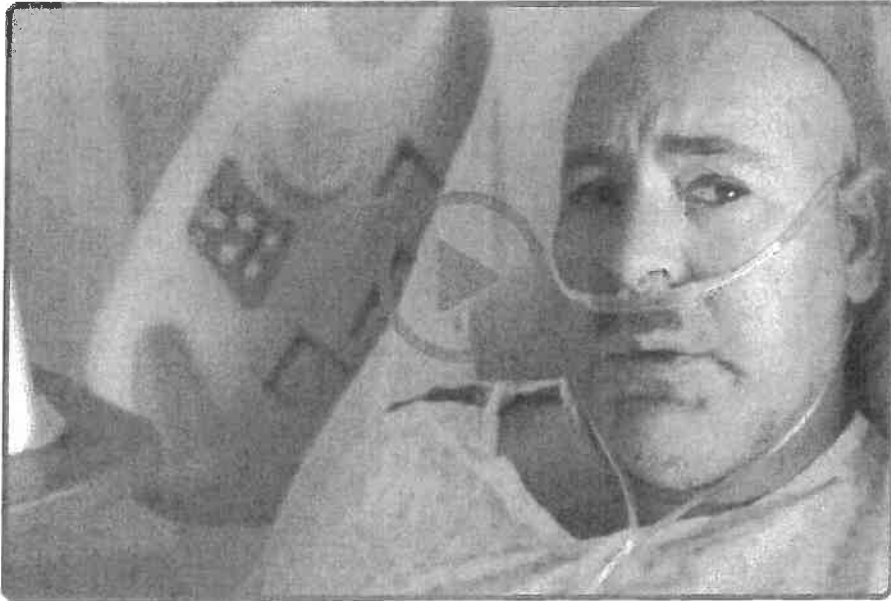


Visit [Together4Health](#) to view recordings of events held on National Day for Truth and Recognition.

Calgary ICU Patient Talks about His Experience

We'd like to share something you might be interested in seeing and hearing: 46-year-old Calgary man Bernie Cook shares his story of contracting COVID-19 and being intubated in an ICU for almost two weeks. He admits he was once vaccine-hesitant but now encourages others to get vaccinated.

You can see a video interview below, and hear him on [CBC Radio's Calgary Eyeopener](#).




AHS Facilities Included on Newsweek’s World’s Best Specialized Hospitals Lists




This week, Newsweek magazine released its World’s Best Specialized Hospitals 2022 list — and we’d like to offer congratulations to both the Alberta Children’s Hospital (ACH) and Stollery Children’s Hospital for being named among the globe’s best pediatric hospitals. Also recognized: the Diabetes in Pregnancy Clinic at Foothills Medical Centre (endocrinology); the ACH neurogenetics and pediatric oncology clinics; and the Foothills’ pulmonary diagnostics unit. We know amazing work is being done at all of our facilities, and in all of our hospital units, across the province. We all have so much to be proud of — and we are grateful for, and impressed by, everything healthcare workers do.

PPE Question of the Week — Have We Learned Anything New About COVID-19 Transmission?

In this PPE Question of the Week, PPE Task Force chair Dr. Mark Joffe addresses recent discussion around the role of aerosols in transmission of COVID-19 and what this means for our PPE guidance. There are many factors that come into play when a decision is being made on appropriate PPE. As per our Joint Statement with the unions, we continue to provide our front-line professionals the authority to make decisions regarding appropriate PPE, based on their point-of-care risk/hazard assessment and professional judgment.

PPE Question of the Week

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

Dr. Mark Joffe answers PPE question of the week.

You can see more videos in the PPE Question of the Week Series on our [PPE webpage](#).

Alberta Healthy Living Program Offers Online Workshops

Diabetes the Basics, Heart Wise, and Weight Management classes are free workshops for residents 18 and older, led by AHS health professionals who share their expertise and guide interactive group sessions. Learn more by contacting your local public health clinic.

Screen Test Coming to Spirit River and Grande Cache

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- Grande Cache Community Health Complex (10200 Shand Ave. - hospital north staff parking lot) on Oct. 12 to 16. Cervical and colorectal consultations will be available in Grande Cache on Oct. 13-15.
- Central Peace Health Complex (5010 45 Ave.) parking lot on Oct 18-23 and Oct. 25-26. Cervical and colorectal consultations will be available Oct. 19 and 20.
- The Savanna Agricultural Society Rec Plex, Silver Valley (Highway 681 near the school) on Oct. 29. Colorectal cancer screening only will also be offered in Silver Valley on Oct. 29.

Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604.

Volunteers Needed at Chinook Regional Hospital

Chinook Regional Hospital (CRH) is seeking volunteers who are available during the day for various positions which involve wayfinding on the hospital's main level, in the atrium and in clinics.

Shifts are two to three hours long and take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Resources Department, 403-388-6311, or e-mail Volunteer.Lethbridge@albertahealthservices.ca.

Extension of Temporary Closure of Elk Point Emergency Department

The Elk Point Healthcare Centre Emergency Department (ED) will be temporarily without on-site physician coverage from 8 a.m. to 8 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, as a result of not having a physician on site. This is a temporary measure and will be in effect until October 31, or until on-site physician coverage for those hours can be secured. Patients are asked to call 911 if they have a medical emergency. [Click here](#) for more information.

Changes to Outpatient Laboratory at Lacombe Hospital and Care Centre

Due to staffing challenges, effective Monday, October 4, 2021, the Outpatient Laboratory in Lacombe will no longer be accepting walk-in patients. All patients will require an appointment for lab work – including regular blood work – until staffing levels stabilize. Patients who have been referred by their physician for urgent or specialized lab testing will need their physician to call the laboratory ahead of time to advise of the urgent need. Laboratory staff will then ensure screeners at the hospital's main entrance know to expect the patient. This is a temporary measure that will help make the best use of available laboratory resources and ensure patients requiring lab work continue to receive it as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for more information.

Join the Conversation

Join a Community Conversation and COVID Update for Edmonton Zone

COVID-19 cases and related hospital and ICU admissions are at an all-time high across Alberta. Demand for COVID-19-related supports and services is unprecedented, and impacting the ability to meet the healthcare needs of Edmonton zone residents – including those who are not experiencing COVID. Community leaders and partners across the Zone are invited to a Community Conversation to clarify facts

and answer questions about AHS' response and planning measures.

Please join us for a session at a time that works best for you:

- **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** [Click here](#) to register
- **Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to register

Lakeland Communities and Wood Buffalo HACs invite you to Transform Your Stress

The Lakeland Communities and Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Councils (HAC) invite you to participate in one of their virtual training sessions: *Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage - Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times*. This training is free and is designed for everyone, including professionals and community members.

These free sessions will be held by Zoom, [participants must pre-register using the links below](#).

Lakeland Communities

- **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-lakeland-communities-hac.eventbrite.ca>
- **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-lakeland-communities-hac2.eventbrite.ca>

Wood Buffalo

- **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**
Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-wood-buffalo-hac1.eventbrite.ca>
- **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
Register in advance for this webinar: <https://transform-your-stress-wood-buffalo-hac2.eventbrite.ca>

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

Attend an Information Session about Community Water Fluoridation in Calgary

On October 18th, Calgarians will have an opportunity to vote on community water fluoridation. While there is fluoride in all fresh water, community water fluoridation adjusts the fluoride level in the public water supply to the level recommended to prevent tooth decay.

On October 7, 2021 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. AHS is hosting an information session through zoom where you can ask AHS experts your questions about community water fluoridation. [Click here](#) to register for the session.

We know there is a lot of information out there - visit the [Together4Health](#) page for scientific research about community water fluoridation, and a [fact or fiction tool](#) where you can ask your questions and an AHS expert will respond.

Program Helps with Ongoing Symptoms of COVID-19

Albertans living with COVID-19 symptoms after their diagnosis have an opportunity to join a free Alberta Health Services (AHS) workshop designed to help them take control of their health. In this free six-week series of workshops participants will learn:

- Techniques to manage their symptoms.
- Tips for healthy eating and becoming more active.
- Strategies for talking with the healthcare team.
- Methods for dealing with difficult emotions.
- Options for making everyday tasks easier.
- Ways to take care of themselves to enjoy a better quality of life.

Virtual workshops start next month on Zoom. Workshops are scheduled to accommodate a range of participant availabilities. Call 825-404-7460 (press 3) to register as spots are limited.

Interested participants should have access to a device (computer, tablet, or smartphone) that connects to the Internet, and has both a camera and microphone. You can read more about workshops offered on [AHS' website](#).

Join an AHS Health Advisory Council

AHS is now accepting applications for volunteers to join our Health Advisory Councils!

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

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

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

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Red Deer Regional Health Foundation receives donation for Breast Health Program



The 5th annual Lakewood Golf 'Fore' the Cure ladies tournament raised \$13,471 in support of the Clinical Breast Health Program at the Red Deer Regional Hospital.

Funds raised from this tournament help make the Breast Cancer journey for the men and women of Central Alberta a little less stressful.

Read more about the foundation [here](#).

Sharing the Love

Clinical Engineering team steps up

There has been a lot of focus and attention in recent weeks on what's happening on our front lines — and rightfully so. But this week we also wanted to provide a glimpse at behind-the-scenes work that supports our front-line efforts.

Here are photos from the Kaye Edmonton Clinic, one of two major pandemic equipment warehouses in the province, which recently received a shipment of high-flow air delivery systems, ventilators, infusion pumps, and other equipment — literally thousands of devices. These assets need to be received, unpackaged, assembled, inspected, tagged, charged, and readied for deployment to hospitals across the province as the AHS Emergency Co-ordination Centre determines.

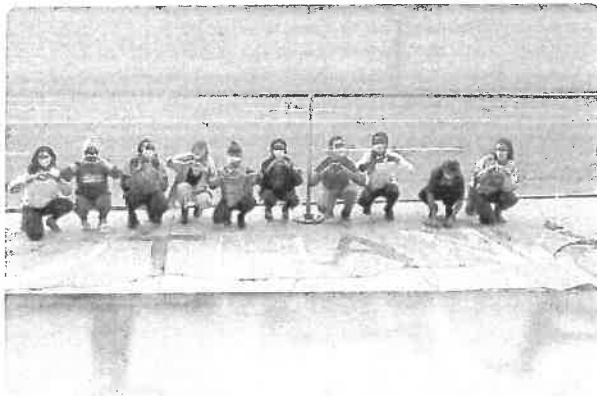


During normal times, the AHS stockpile of disaster/pandemic equipment has been significantly smaller, requiring only occasional technical service and support. However, with huge volumes of assets being received and moved to respond to the pandemic, members of our Clinical Engineering team at acute care sites have been engaged to assist with this massive distribution effort all while still fulfilling their regular obligations.

We are grateful to everyone at AHS and our partners in the community for their contributions to our COVID-19 response and for going the extra mile when needed, especially during this period of intense pressure on the health system. We see you and we appreciate you.

Message from first-year medical students

Earlier this week, first-year medical students at the University of Alberta left messages of gratitude for our healthcare team outside of the University of Alberta Hospital, Stollery Children's Hospital and the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute.



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 recent message of thanks with you; you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

The work of all caregivers and administration at AHS should be revered and applauded during these difficult times. Sending you my full admiration, support, gratitude and friendship wrapped in a warm and comforting virtual hug. You got this!
— Bernie

It appalls me to hear some people have been abusive and unappreciative of your efforts. If I hear anyone criticize hospital staff, they will quickly experience my wrath! Most of the public is well aware of the critical state our hospitals are in. We fully realize resources are finite and trained staff and access to specific equipment is at a premium. I wish I could convey my deep thanks to everyone that works in the hospital, from physicians and nurses to all support staff. Each one of you is equally important and vital in maintaining a healthy environment for patient care. Please take care of yourselves. Know that we are in your corner and support you.
— Corinne Clark

During this challenging time, I want to extend my sincere gratitude, support and thanks to all the workers at Alberta Health Services, especially those on the front lines in the ICU and COVID-19-filled units. We are so grateful for the dedication and compassion you show every day while protecting and caring for Albertans.
— Matthew

To all the amazing healthcare professionals and support staff, a huge thank you. You are all amazing and deserve nothing but kindness and compassion, now and every day.
— Anonymous

Wrapping Up

This week we are saddened by the death of one of our nurses, who worked in the ICU and emergency departments. Our thoughts are with her family, loved ones and colleagues. We know you are all under extreme stress and pressure. The pandemic is impacting people and our communities, both physically and mentally. We know you have been working tirelessly throughout this long and exhausting pandemic. We acknowledge the stress and strain Albertans are under, as well as the impact this is having on your families and loved ones. Please know we're here to support you. If you're struggling, reach out for help. You are not alone.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



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From: Drinking Water <health.drinkingwater@gov.ab.ca>
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Subject: Proposed Public Health Standards for Non-Municipal Drinking Water (Group 1)

Hello,

On Friday, September 17, we sent an email inviting operators to participate in an online survey regarding proposed standards for non-municipal drinking water. This email was recalled as it was sent prematurely. Please delete the September 17 email and use this one (dated September 20) to participate in the survey.

The Health Protection Branch of Alberta Health is planning to introduce standards for public non-municipal drinking water systems based on the Public Health Guidelines for Non-Municipal Drinking Water. The requirement for potable water in all public places has been in place for over 30 years but there has been little guidance for operators as to how potable water should be achieved.

In general, the Guidelines apply to drinking water systems on single properties, such as schools, daycares, campgrounds and camps that are not connected to a municipal system; they also apply to bulk water haulers. The Guidelines provide clear direction and best practices for the management of public non-municipal drinking water regulated under the *Public Health Act*.

We would appreciate your feedback and comments on the measures in the Guidelines to help us understand the impact of adopting the measures into regulation. Please provide your feedback on the Guidelines through the online survey available until **Friday, October 22**. We are hosting a virtual information session to provide an overview of the Guidelines. Please join us here on Monday, October 4 from 1:30-3:00pm.

If you would like clarification or have any questions about the survey, please contact the Health Protection Branch at 780-427-4518 or by email at health.drinkingwater@gov.ab.ca. We will be answering questions about the Guidelines and proposed standards online so that operators and others can see the answers to common questions or submit new questions if their questions have not been previously answered.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Karen Philp
Executive Director, Health Protection Branch
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Notifications

COVID-19 Updates: State of public health emergency declared.

- New temporary measures to reduce transmission come into effect starting Sept. 16.
- Get vaccinated: Everyone 12+ can book first and second doses now.

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Non-municipal drinking water guidelines

Public health guidelines for the management of public non-municipal drinking water from the source to the tap.

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Overview

Safe drinking water is critical to the protection of public health. While most of the drinking water in Alberta is provided by municipal systems, regulated under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, there are many public places, such as restaurants, campgrounds and summer camps, that have their own small systems. These systems typically use groundwater or cisterns to provide potable water and are regulated under the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation of the *Public Health Act*.

The purpose of the Public Health Guidelines for Non-Municipal Drinking Water is to provide clear direction and best practices for the management of public non-municipal drinking water regulated under the *Public Health Act* from the source of the water to the tap.

The guidelines also provide:

- details to help operators consistently achieve and deliver safe drinking water, by taking steps to protect the source of the water, safely transport and store the water, treat the water, when needed, and maintain and monitor the water system

- options and flexibility in reaching safe drinking water with measures that are proportionate to the size and type of system

Future of the guidelines

The Public Health Guidelines for Non-Municipal Drinking Water are the first step towards introducing standards for public non-municipal drinking water under the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation.

The Alberta government is consulting with operators and other stakeholders on future drinking water standards, which will be closely based on the guidelines. The practice notes in the guidelines only provide tips for additional assurance of safety and are not intended to be requirements in the future standards.

Operators are invited to [participate in an online survey](#) from September 16 to October 22, 2021.

Other stakeholders who want to provide feedback on the guidelines can email the Health Protection Branch at health.drinkingwater@gov.ab.ca for information on how to participate.

Using the guidelines

Section 1 of the guidelines describes the types of systems. Each operator will need to determine if and how the guidelines apply to them. Operators would refer to the common sections and then jump to those section that apply specifically to their type of system.

Once an operator has determined that the guidelines apply to them, they are encouraged to work with the local public health inspector as they begin implementing the measures to provide safe drinking water and preparing for the introduction of the drinking water standards.

Three sections apply to all systems:

- 2 – Providing potable water
- 7 – Operations and maintenance
- 8 – Operator knowledge

Specific sections are provided for:

- 3 – Cisterns
- 4 – Water haulers
- 5 – Water wells
- 6 – Water treatment (groundwater systems)

Resources

- [Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation](#) – sets out the requirements for potable water in public places.
- [Public Health Guidelines for Non-Municipal Drinking Water](#) – complement the Regulation with detailed guidance on providing potable water in public places.
- Learn more about [drinking water systems](#) regulated under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, for example, municipal systems, private utilities, systems using surface water.

Contact

Connect with Alberta Health Services:

Operators who have questions about their drinking water system and about how to implement measures in the guidelines can contact a local public health inspector:

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Terminology

Cistern	Any reservoir, tank, or container used for storing or holding drinking water and is intended to be used to supply a public drinking water system for a dwelling or building which is filled by a hauled-in, off-site water supply, piped in from an Alberta Environment and Parks approved system or is connected directly to a groundwater well.
Distribution system	<p>A pipe network for delivery of potable water to consumers. A non-municipal system is considered to have a distribution system if there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• five or more buildings or service connections which serve the public,• two or more buildings or service connections which serve the public and have more than 500 metres of distribution line, after the point of treatment or storage, or• risks which warrant additional barrier protection such as a system serving a large population (e.g. school) or vulnerable population (e.g. health care facility).
Exceedances of chemical or radiological health parameters	Any public drinking water system that is deemed to have a continual or intermittent risk related to an exceedance of one or more of the Maximum Acceptable Concentrations (MAC) for chemical or radiological parameters set out in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality.
Freshet	Spring runoff resulting from snowmelt or from combined rainfall and snowmelt runoff.
Groundwater under the direct influence of surface water (GUDI)	Groundwater having incomplete or unreliable subsurface filtration of surface water and/or infiltrating precipitation as deemed by a qualified hydrogeologist or groundwater engineer who is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) (based on Appendix 1-E Part 1 2012 <i>Standards and Guidelines for Municipal Waterworks, Wastewater and Storm Drainage Systems</i>).
Potable water	Water that is safe for human consumption (Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation A.R. 243/2003).
Protected groundwater	<p>Water from a groundwater well that is considered at low risk of microbial contamination.</p> <p>The groundwater is assessed and classified by Alberta Health Services (AHS) using the Vulnerability Risk Assessment Tool For Wells (VRAW) or is classified as High Quality Groundwater under the Activities Designation Regulation by a qualified hydrogeologist or groundwater engineer who is licensed and in good standing with the APEGA.</p>
Public non-municipal drinking water system	A public place providing or using potable water, which is not connected to a water system operating under the <i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</i> or under other provincial or federal legislation.
Public place	<p>Any place in which the public has an interest arising out of the need to safeguard the public health and includes, without limitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) public conveyances and stations and terminals used in connection with them,(ii) places of business and places where business activity is carried on,(iii) learning institutions,(iv) institutions,(v) places of entertainment or amusement,(vi) places of assembly,(vii) dining facilities and licensed premises,(viii) accommodation facilities, including all rental accommodation,(ix) recreation facilities,(x) medical, health, personal and social care facilities, and

(xi) any other building, structure or place visited by or accessible to the public (Public Health Act).

Secondary disinfection A process used to ensure a disinfection residual is maintained in a distribution system to protect the water from microbiological regrowth and to control biofilm formation.

Truck-fill station or watering point A bulk water station intended to provide potable water.

Vulnerable groundwater Water from a groundwater well that is considered at risk for microbial contamination.

The groundwater is assessed and classified by AHS using the Vulnerability Risk Assessment Tool for Wells (VRAW) or assessed by a qualified hydrogeologist or groundwater engineer who is licensed and in good standing with the APEGA.

Vulnerability risk assessment tool for wells (VRAW) The risk assessment tool for wells used to help determine the microbial risk to the water. The tool aids in the determination of Protected or Vulnerable groundwater.

Water transport container A water grade storage tank intended to transport only potable water, which has an interior finish composed of, or coated with, food grade contact material that is non-corrodible (e.g., stainless steel, fiberglass, plastic, aluminum, approved epoxy liner).

1.0 Introduction

Safe drinking water is critical to the protection of public health. Section 11 of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation under the *Public Health Act* requires potable water in all public places in Alberta where water is provided for human consumption. These public places range from food facilities to campgrounds, camps, schools, rental housing and lodging, and other types of businesses which have their own drinking water supply. The water systems that serve these places are considered non-municipal drinking water systems.

The purpose of the Public Health Guidelines for Non-Municipal Drinking Water (Guidelines) is to provide clear direction and best practices for the management of drinking water, from the source of the water to the tap in Public Non-Municipal Drinking Water Systems (Systems), including transportation by water haulers. The goals are to reduce the risk from hazards that may compromise the safety of the drinking water, and provide potable water, as required under the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation. The Guidelines encompass:

- assessment of the risks of microbial and chemical contamination in water sources, including Protected groundwater, Vulnerable groundwater, stored water and in some cases, surface water;
- health-based targets for water quality;
- appropriate practices for protection of the water source, treatment of the water and operation of the system;
- verification of the system operation through monitoring, appropriate to the water source;
- the response to water system failures, malfunctions or operational changes; and
- operator knowledge.

The Guidelines describe how safe drinking water can consistently be achieved and delivered by protecting the source of the water, safely transporting and storing the water, treating the water, when needed, and maintaining and monitoring the water system. The Guidelines provide options and flexibility in reaching safe drinking water and are intended to be proportionate to the size and type of system. Tips to provide additional assurance of safety are provided in the Practice Notes in blue boxes.

1.1 Scope

The regulation of drinking water systems in Alberta is shared between two ministries: Alberta Environment and Parks and Alberta Health, and is based on the type of water source and the size of the system. Alberta Health Services (AHS) oversees systems regulated by Alberta Health. Systems on First Nations lands are overseen by the First Nation and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) of Indigenous Services Canada.

These Guidelines apply to systems regulated under the current Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, which are Systems that are not overseen by Alberta Environment and Parks under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA), by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry or by the Government of Canada.

Specifically, these Guidelines apply to the following:

- a public place using water from a stand-alone cistern;
- a public place located on federal land with water from any source;
- a public place located on a farmstead, with water from any source (e.g. staff accommodation or food processing);
- a public place located entirely on a single parcel with a groundwater source;
- a truck-fill station, using a groundwater source, that is not connected to a municipal drinking water system; and
- water trucks/tanks used to transport potable water.

The Guidelines do not apply to the following types of drinking water systems; however, AHS will provide advice and support, consistent with these Guidelines, on water sampling, interpretation, and treatment:

- private community water systems (municipal developments such as water co-ops, where there is co-ownership) with fewer than 15 connections, or less than three kilometres of distribution line using either Protected or Vulnerable groundwater or a cistern; and
- private drinking water systems providing water for domestic purposes where the owner of the residential dwelling is also the owner of the water system, and no tenants access the water system.

The Guidelines do not apply to larger community systems such as villages, towns and cities or to most systems using surface water. Alberta Environment and Parks sets the requirements for these types of public drinking water systems.

Additionally, the Guidelines do not apply to non-potable water sources, including watering points which provide water for non-potable water purposes, such as fire fighting or irrigation, and which have signage indicating that water is 'non-potable'.

2.0 Providing potable water

Section 11 of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation (AR 243/2003) states that 'where a person provides a source of water that the person intends to be used or realizes or ought to realize will be used by the public for human consumption, the person shall ensure that water is potable'.

For the purposes of Section 11, there are four ways for the operator of a System to ensure that the water being provided is potable:

- a. Connecting to an existing water system/source approved or registered, or undergoing approval or registration under the EPEA;
- b. Obtaining approval or registration under the EPEA and operating as a waterworks system;
- c. Connecting to a system providing potable water in accordance with these Guidelines; or
- d. Operating a drinking water system that provides potable water in accordance with these Guidelines.

If the owner of an existing System chooses to provide potable water as described under the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation (options c and d), AHS will gather information about the system, including any previous microbiological and chemical sampling results, to evaluate and classify the water source. Information about the water source will be collected using the AHS template called *Starting and Operating a Non-Municipal Public Drinking Water System*. Please contact your local public health inspector for more information.

Prior to any new System providing water to the public, the operator provides results of water sampling and records of system operation to AHS to confirm with AHS that the System is working effectively and meeting the operating conditions outlined in the Guidelines.

3.0 Cisterns

3.1 Potable water sources for cisterns

Cisterns are containers, generally fibreglass or cement, used to store a supply of potable water. The cistern should be filled by a water hauler (with AHS decal) which delivers water from an approved source, and regularly filled, cleaned and disinfected so that the water remains potable and safe to drink.

The practices below maintain the water so that it is safe for domestic uses, including drinking, cooking and bathing:

- The cistern is filled with water that is transported by an AHS approved water hauler from a potable water source. Approved water haulers have an AHS decal on the truck.
- The hauler needs to prevent contamination of the bulk water and the water in the cistern when the cistern is being filled. More information is provided in Section 4.4. The cistern should be clearly labelled on the fill port or hatch with the words 'Potable Water Only'. Cisterns previously used for non-potable uses may not be re-purposed to store potable drinking water, as per section 14 of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation. However, groundwater, which is considered non-potable water, may be stored in a cistern, if the water is then treated as outlined in Part 6.0 prior to using the water for drinking, cooking or personal hygiene.

Practice note: Filling a cistern

To prevent stagnant cistern water, it is recommended that the cistern be filled at least once per month or often enough to maintain chlorine residual.

At a minimum, the total volume of the tank should be at least 3X the expected daily water use and no less than a 24 hour supply, depending on the use and costs of trucking in water. Although the sizing guidance does not incorporate water volumes required for fire suppression systems under the Fire Code, the expected daily water use may be calculated based on the wastewater volumes outlined in the latest Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice Handbook (http://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/Public/Documents/PSSSOP_Handbook_Version_12_Online_Feb_21_2012b.pdf).

3.2 Protecting the water stored in the cistern

3.2.1 Cistern construction

- Cisterns should be made from a material that will not easily decay, deform, corrode, or diffuse any contaminants into the water that will degrade the potability or significantly impact the aesthetics or suitability of the water.¹
- All flanges, gaskets, housing and other components of the cistern should be stamped to indicate that they conform to National Sanitation Foundation/American National Standards Institute NSF/ANSI 61-2016 Drinking Water System Components-Health Effects or the Alberta Plumbing Code.
- Coatings are often applied by manufacturers to the inside of the cistern to ensure potable water does not come in direct contact with the interior of the tank structure. Coatings should be certified as complying with NSF/ANSI Standard 61.
- Liners, if used, should be in good condition and have NSF or an United States Food and Drug Association (USFDA) approval/certification.
- Cisterns are meant to be watertight, and vermin and insect proof, and have no significant flaws or damage in order to protect water quality and enable proper cleaning and disinfection.
- The hatch cover and collar should be secure, insect proof, weather proof and designed in a manner to prevent water infiltration.
 - The operator should visually (at least twice per year) inspect the site, including the exterior of an above-ground tank, for flaws and damage. AHS can provide a template to help record the inspection results. The records should be maintained for at least three years following the inspection.
 - The cistern top surface should be free-draining, to prevent standing water collecting over top of the cistern.
 - Any joints, junctions or other access points into the cistern should be sealed to be water tight.
- Additional security measures may be needed in some situations to prevent unauthorized access and vandalism. Measures may include:
 - a padlock on the access hatch;
 - a protective box with padlock around the access hatch;
 - a chain link fence with lock around the cistern; and/or
 - any other effective means to prevent malicious or accidental contamination.

3.2.2 Cistern location and installation

- All cisterns should be set back from potential sources of contamination and in a location accessible for cleaning, servicing and filling, and located no less than:
 - 1.0 m from property lines;

¹ Currently, most cisterns are constructed of non-toxic concrete, polyethylene, fiberglass or similar material. The Canadian Standards Association-B126 Series-13 - WATER CISTERNS sets out construction requirements for cisterns.

- 1.5 m from drains, foundation walls and roadways;
- 10 m from a septic tank;
- 15 m from a sewage treatment field; and
- 15 m from other sources of contamination, and not down gradient from an open discharge or sewage lagoon or other source of contamination such as solvents, gasoline, animal manure, etc.²
- The cistern should be connected to the plumbing system by a licensed plumber.
- The cistern lid and collar should be elevated and the area landscaped to prevent rainwater, snowmelt or floodwater from entering the basin. Underground piping and the cistern water compartment should be protected from freezing.
- Bollards (steel pipes or posts filled with concrete) or other acceptable permanent barricades should be installed to protect the cistern and immediate area from vehicles or other risk of damage (e.g., located close to traffic).

Practice note: Cistern installation

Cisterns should be installed according to manufacturers' specifications including:

- Maximum burial depth (the depth limit should be specified regardless of manufacturing specifications to avoid any possibility of intersecting the groundwater table)
- Acceptable bedding and cover materials
- Placement in high groundwater tables
- Protection from permafrost, where applicable
- Appropriate sealant to prevent contaminants from migrating through collar segments, piping inlets and outlets, etc.

3.2.3 Cistern maintenance

Cisterns hold a potable water supply, which is considered a type of food, and should be maintained in a well-cleaned and sanitary condition as with any other food storage container.

- Cisterns should be inspected regularly to ensure the integrity of the cistern, the piping and other components.
- Procedures are needed to clean and disinfect the cistern and should be reviewed with the AHS public health inspector.
- Where truck-filled cisterns provide water to a system with a distribution system, chlorine may need to be added to the cistern to maintain a chlorine residual of 0.1 mg/L in the distribution line, depending on the source water and distribution system characteristics. The amount of chlorine would need to be calculated and verified on-site and added manually during the filling of the cistern.
- Whatever the source of water, chlorine should be added to water stored for more than 14 days in order to minimize microbial and algal growth. A total chlorine residual of 0.1 mg/L is recommended.

3.2.4 Cistern cleaning and disinfection

- All potable water cisterns should be cleaned:
 - before first use and commissioning;
 - whenever contamination has occurred or is suspected to have occurred (e.g., unsatisfactory water quality results, contaminated water infiltration or repairs when the cistern has been emptied);
 - after plumbing maintenance inside the tank;
 - when there is a change in the use of the premises or the supply;
 - maintenance after extended periods of non-use e.g., seasonal use in campgrounds; and
 - annually, as part of routine maintenance.
- The interior of the cistern may have low levels of oxygen and so any internal servicing of a cistern should be conducted by a person trained in confined space entry.

² Separation distances from a water source to a sewage system are prescribed in the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2009, adopted by regulation under the *Safety Codes Act*.

- All potable water cisterns should be disinfected:
 - after every cleaning;
 - before first use and commissioning;
 - after plumbing maintenance is done inside the tank;
 - when the source of the water has been deemed not safe to drink;
 - whenever microbial contamination has occurred or is suspected to have occurred (e.g., water is contaminated during filling or when undergoing maintenance or repairs);
 - on a frequency to sustain water quality; and
 - when recommended by the public health inspector.
- During disinfection, the chlorinated water should also be circulated through the distribution system. (The water should be disposed in accordance with local requirements and not discarded into an onsite wastewater treatment system or a communal wastewater treatment system, and not used as potable water).
- Further details on the process of cleaning and disinfection are available at [How to Clean and Disinfect a Cistern](#).

3.2.5 Response to contamination

- If the cistern becomes contaminated, first identify the type of contamination (chemical or microbial). This may include inspecting the interior of the cistern to check for defects. Contact the local public health inspector to review the cleaning/disinfection steps needed.
- Where microbial contamination has occurred, the cistern and piping should be drained, cleaned, disinfected and refilled with a potable supply. The water should be sampled and tested to determine if cleaning and disinfection has been effective.
- Where chemical contamination has occurred, contact the local public health inspector to review steps to clean the cistern. The water should be sampled and tested for the chemical(s) of concern to determine if the cleaning has been effective and if the cistern and the distribution system may remain in use.
- Investigate the reason for the problem.
- Take steps to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.
- Where a cistern is determined to be 'poorly constructed' (e.g., cistern with physical defects, cracks, broken seal, or repeated, sporadic or seasonal presence of total coliform organisms) and deemed at risk of contamination from chemicals or direct sewage from humans or animals, the cistern should be replaced.

3.2.6 Cistern water sampling

Although the water used to fill the cistern will already have been treated and tested, the potable water in the cistern should be tested no less than quarterly for *E. coli* and coliforms, and prior to the opening of a cistern with seasonal use, to monitor the ongoing integrity of the water hauler's tank, the filling process and the cistern.

4.0 Bulk water hauling

Water haulers transport bulk potable water from the water source to the customer and should take steps to protect the water and its source at the time of filling the truck tank, while in transport in the truck storage tank, and during delivery to the cistern. Since drinking water is a type of food, water haulers must take the steps necessary to protect the water from contamination and maintain potability, such as having the equipment necessary to operate safely and keeping equipment in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.

4.1 Water hauler documentation

- AHS will inspect the water-hauling vehicle and review operating procedures and responsibilities with the owner. AHS then issues a water hauler decal which is affixed, in a location visible to the public, on every water-hauling vehicle that meets the tank and operating requirements.
- Public health inspectors inspect water-hauling vehicles on a routine basis under the authority of the *Public Health Act*.

4.2 Water source

All water transported in bulk by means of a tank or receptacle, must be obtained from a water supply that is regulated by either Alberta Environment and Parks or Alberta Health as a potable water source.

4.3 Water transport tank

- The tank can be used only for the transport of potable water. Once approved, the tank and equipment must be exclusively used to haul and deliver potable water, as per section 13 of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation. Transporting untreated, unapproved non-potable water, non-food products, such as petrochemicals or sewage, or any potentially contaminated materials is prohibited and will void the water tank approval.
- All water transport tanks must be made of food-grade material. Water transport tanks must be made of materials appropriate for the transport of potable water which has an interior finish composed of or coated with food-grade contact material that is non-corrodible (e.g., stainless steel, fiberglass, plastic, aluminum, NSF 61 certified epoxy liner) and is approved by AHS.
- Bulk water tanks or other receptacles and associated equipment, which have been approved for potable bulk water delivery, cannot be used for any other purposes (e.g. hauling non-potable water), unless AHS has reviewed the previous use, the impact on water quality and approved the tank for that use.
- Potable water tanks should be clearly and permanently labeled "FOR DRINKING WATER USE ONLY" or "POTABLE WATER ONLY" in a size and contrasting colour that is easily seen. (Recommend letters at least 15 cm (6 inches) tall.)
- Removable/transferable equipment such as hoses should also be clearly labeled "FOR DRINKING WATER USE ONLY" or "POTABLE WATER ONLY".

4.4 Maintaining bulk water potability

The following measures are important to protect the water, the cistern, the truck storage tank and other equipment from contamination during filling, storage, transportation and delivery:

- Tight-fitting covers/caps should be provided at filling/access outlets or any other locations where contamination of potable water may occur during storage/transportation;
- A backflow prevention device is required if water is pumped with a direct connection to potable water tanks or a plumbing system;
- Food grade hoses and nozzles should be used for water intake or discharge on the truck and protected to prevent contamination during transportation, and when not in use;
- Access/fill hatch seals must be in good repair and provide a waterproof seal;
- Access/fill hatches should be inspected visually to ensure they are in good repair and properly sealed;
- Water pumps that fill or empty the tank must use food-grade or potable water-grade lubricants (NSF 60);
- The tank should be routinely assessed for significant damage, including dents, that would affect the integrity of the tank interior;
- Tanks, hoses and/or nozzles should be cleaned and disinfected routinely. These water contact surfaces can become contaminated during transport, (e.g., cap missing on hose during transportation), and after long stagnation or periods of non-use;
- The end of nozzles and hoses should be cleaned and disinfected, at a minimum, every day; and
- Written procedures for emergency disinfection following a contamination incident (e.g. hose falling on the ground) should be developed and kept in each truck.

4.4.1 Recordkeeping

- The operator should maintain an activity logbook in the water-hauling vehicle to help with investigations of water quality issues, should they occur. This log should be available to a public health inspector upon request. Logbook records should include:
 - The date, time and location of each water fill;
 - The date, time and location of each water delivery;
 - The volume of water delivered to each site;
 - The date and time of equipment disinfection; and
 - Comments or observations regarding problems encountered with the water supply or water hauling vehicle and equipment (e.g., unusual water colour or odour) and actions taken, if any.
- The logbook should be retained for one year from the date of last entry.

5.0 Water wells: protection and maintenance³

Every source of water should be protected from microbial and chemical contamination. Contamination from many sources can be introduced into a well, including human and animal waste storage and handling areas, adjacent fuel, pesticide storage and handling areas, wastewater discharges, recreational facility discharges, vermin, wildlife and birds, and industrial activities.

There are several strategies that can be used to protect a well. Setbacks and location can separate the well from the contaminant and well maintenance prevents contaminants that are carried by rainfall, run-off, animals, etc., from entering the well.

Some wells are shallow, located in well pits, poorly constructed or connected to the surface, where protection and maintenance cannot adequately prevent the risk of contamination. For those wells, treatment is needed to ensure that the water is safe for consumption. Further information regarding water treatment is outlined in Section 6.0.

5.1 Well location

- Every water well should be located in a well-drained area, accessible for cleaning, treatment, sampling and repair, properly sloped to prevent run-off entering the well and protected from unauthorized entry or vehicular damage.
- Minimum setback distances for wells, established to reduce the risk of contaminants entering the well, are set out in Section 15(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation:

15(1) A person shall not locate a water well that supplies water that is intended or used for human consumption within

(a) 10 metres of any watertight septic tank, pump out tank or other watertight compartment of a sewage or waste water system,

(b) 15 metres of a weeping tile field, an evaporative treatment mound or an outdoor toilet facility with a pit,

(c) 30 metres of a leaching cesspool,

(d) 50 metres of sewage effluent on the ground surface,

(e) 100 metres of a sewage lagoon, or

(f) 450 metres of any area where waste is or may be disposed of at a landfill within the meaning of the Waste Control Regulation.

(1.1) A person shall not change the use of a water well to a water well that supplies water that is to be used for human consumption from any other use if the water well is located within any of the distances above.

5.2 Well maintenance

Routine maintenance of water wells helps to retain the integrity of the well structure, the productivity of the well, and protects the quality of the water in both the well and the aquifer.

- Every well should be maintained to prevent contaminants from entering the well as follows:
 - Maintain the well cap to minimize entrance of vermin and insects. A vermin-proof well cap provides the best protection.⁴
 - Check where backflow can occur and install an anti-backflow prevention device.
 - Protect all water lines and equipment from contamination during repair and disinfect any equipment being placed into the well.
 - Disinfect, using a shock chlorination procedure, as a microbiological control measure:
 - o immediately after completing well installation;
 - o whenever significant repair work is done on the well, pump or distribution system which may contaminate the water;
 - o following contamination by flood water or any change in water clarity, colour or taste; and

³ The Government of Alberta Water Wells and Ground Source Heat Exchange Systems Directive (2018) outlines the standards for well design and construction, disinfection, pumping and well closure (decommissioning), construction, flows, pumping, testing and reclamation.

⁴ Information about vermin-proof well caps is available at [Farm Water supply Program - Vermin Proof Well Caps](#).

- when lab tests indicate the presence of bacteria (fecal coliform) in the water.
- Any modification to a well should be conducted by a journeyperson certified under the Water Well Driller Trade Regulation (A.R. 94/2014).

Practice note: Well maintenance and shock chlorination

It is recommended that wells be disinfected, using a shock chlorination procedure, every year to prevent biofouling (gradual accumulation of microorganisms).

More information regarding well maintenance is available in Alberta's [Well Maintenance and Shock Chlorination](#) and further information regarding shock chlorination is available at [Alberta Environment and Parks](#).

A water well professional should be contacted if you need assistance with shock chlorinating your well.

6.0 Water treatment

As mentioned above, AHS will assess water wells, and surface water supplies on agricultural land that provide potable water to a public place, to determine the quality of the water, the risk of microbial and chemical contamination, and whether disinfection or treatment is needed.

- The first step is to contact your local public health inspector and complete AHS' *Starting and Operating a Non-Municipal Drinking Water System* document. During the assessment, the health inspector will visit the site, conduct a Vulnerability Risk Assessment, review any available engineering reports, well drilling logs, water quality information (bacteriological and chemical), and any designations from Alberta Environment and Parks.
- Based on the assessment, the water source will be categorized as one of the following:
 - Surface water
 - Protected groundwater, or
 - Vulnerable groundwater.⁵
- The treatment requirements for each type of source water are outlined in the sections below.
- Where the components of the treatment system are part of a pre-configured package, which complies with Section 2.2.10.17 of the National Plumbing Code of Canada, the owner's representative (such as a plumber) may install the required treatment components.
- Where a system's characteristics create treatment of operational complexities, the proposed treatment design may require authentication by a qualified Professional Engineer licensed by the APEGA.
- The treatment system should be adequately sized to ensure the production of adequately disinfected water, which meets the water demand.

⁵ This includes groundwater sources where the Alberta Environment and Parks designation is incomplete or there is new evidence of contamination. For example, where a well was improperly constructed at the time of installation or where construction has failed and although the source is HQGW, the construction introduced contamination.

Practice note: Treatment components

Pre-engineered, certified treatment components are especially suited for small systems where site-specific engineered treatment plants may not be cost effective or necessary to achieve the treatment goals. Factors to be considered when selecting a pre-engineered water treatment component include timely availability of parts and service and estimated annual operating and maintenance costs. (Additional information on design components is available from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment,

Conservation and Parks: Design Guidelines for Drinking Water Systems:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/design-Guidelines-drinking-water-systems/treatment-and-chemical-application>).

6.1 Disinfection to reduce microbiological risks

Protected groundwater has a low risk of microbial contamination while surface water and Vulnerable groundwater sources have a significant risk of microbial contamination and require disinfection to inactivate pathogenic microbes and achieve potable water, as required in Section 11 of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation.

The goal of disinfection is to inactivate pathogens such as *Salmonella* or enteric viruses that are transmitted through water. Disinfection can substantially reduce the total number of viable microorganisms in the water⁶ when the disinfectant concentration, contact time, water temperature, pH and other factors are considered.

6.1.1 Protected groundwater

Wells classified as Protected groundwater have a low risk of microbial contamination; however, enteric viruses have been detected in well-protected aquifers and can be transported significant distances. Any Protected groundwater supply should be protected from fecal waste. Information about disinfection options to provide additional protection is provided below.

Practice note: Disinfection of protected groundwater

Health Canada's Guideline Technical Document – *Enteric Viruses* recommends that Protected groundwater be disinfected to a minimum of a 4-log reduction of viruses (excluding more UV resistant viruses, Adenovirus 40 & 41) for sources vulnerable to virus contamination. The log reduction target may be achieved by installing:

- Pre-treatment filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications for the ultraviolet equipment) and NSF 55 Class A Ultraviolet equipment,
- A disinfection treatment system using free chlorine, or
- A treatment system deemed equivalent by AHS.

⁶ Water Disinfection with Chlorine and Chloramine. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/water_disinfection.html

6.1.2 Vulnerable groundwater

Wells classified as Vulnerable groundwater are vulnerable to microorganisms which can move through the soil into the groundwater. Consequently, Vulnerable groundwater requires continuous disinfection to inactivate both parasites (protozoa) and viruses.

- The treatment targets are a minimum of 3-log reduction (99.9%) of cryptosporidium and a 4-log (99.99%) reduction of viruses (excluding Adenovirus 40 & 41).
- The log reduction targets are achieved by installing one of the following combinations:
 - Pre-filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications) and disinfection with NSF 55 Class A Ultraviolet equipment;
 - Pre-filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications), filtration with absolute 1 micron filter or smaller (with NSF 53 or NSF 58 labelling stating 'cyst reduction'), and disinfection with free chlorine. (Note that nominal pore size rated filters are not adequate to meet the log reduction target for cryptosporidium cysts); or
 - A treatment system deemed equivalent by AHS.

6.1.3 Vulnerable groundwater with potential for fecal contamination

Some Vulnerable groundwater wells are at risk of viral contamination from human feces and may carry more UV resistant viruses, Adenovirus 40 & 41. These water wells will need continuous primary disinfection to achieve the 3 log reduction target for cryptosporidium and additional requirements to treat for the UV resistant viruses that are generally associated with human feces.

- The treatment targets are a 3-log reduction of cryptosporidium and 4-log reduction of the ultraviolet resistant viruses, Adenovirus 40 and 41.
- The log reduction targets are achieved by installing one of the following:
 - Pre-filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications), filtration with absolute 1 micron filter, and disinfection with free chlorine;
 - Pre-filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications), NSF 55 Class A Ultraviolet equipment disinfection and disinfection with free chlorine;
 - Pre-filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications), and ultraviolet disinfection validated for 4 log inactivation of Adenovirus 40 and 41; or
 - A treatment system deemed equivalent by AHS.

Practice note: Treatment

In some situations, a drinking water source may be at risk of human fecal contamination which carries the ultraviolet resistant viruses (Adenoviruses 40 and 41). Adenovirus is only present in water contaminated with human feces.

The standard NSF 55 Class A UV equipment using 40milliJoules/centimetre² does not inactivate these viruses. NSF does not currently certify individual ultraviolet reactors to the 186 mJ/cm² required to achieve 4-log reduction of adenovirus. Equipment with a qualified professional engineer-approved design and specifications for an ultraviolet system that can meet 4-log reduction of Adeno 40 and 41 could be deemed equivalent by AHS.

6.1.4 Surface water

Surface water is commonly contaminated with disease causing microorganisms and has highly variable turbidity (cloudiness) and water quality. It is directly affected by run-off containing contaminants from the surrounding area and consequently requires continuous disinfection to remove or inactivate all types of pathogens (parasites, bacteria and viruses) and achieve 3 log (99.9%) reduction of cryptosporidium and 4 log (99.99%) reduction of viruses including Adenovirus 40 and 41. Pre-filtration/polishing treatment is used to address the inconsistent water quality and make disinfection processes effective.

- The log reduction targets are achieved by installing one of the following:
 - pre-filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications), filtration with absolute 1 micron filtration or smaller, and disinfection with free chlorine;
 - pre-filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications), UV disinfection (NSF 55 A) and disinfection with free chlorine;
 - pre-filtration (as determined by manufacturers' specifications), and UV disinfection validated for 4-log inactivation of Adenovirus 40 and 41; or
 - a treatment system deemed equivalent by AHS.

Practice Note: Filtration

Effective pre-filtration/polishing accompanies any system that employs absolute 1 micron filtration or UV for protozoa treatment. Depending on source surface water quality, an effective pre-filtration step is required to ensure the source is able to be used without frequent disruptions of water service especially during high turbidity time periods (e.g., freshet).

6.1.5 Distribution system

Where a drinking water system has a distribution system, additional disinfection (sometimes called secondary disinfection) may be needed to ensure a minimal level of chlorine throughout the lines. The chlorine will prevent microbiological regrowth and reduce the formation of biofilm.

- The distribution system should be disinfected using adequate dosing and mixing to reach a minimum of 0.1 mg/L total chlorine at the end of the distribution system. This level of chlorine is difficult to measure and maintain and many operators aim for 0.3-0.5 ppm.
- For any system that is not using chlorine for primary disinfection and has a distribution system, a small in-line tank for mixing water and chlorine may provide consistent concentrations of chlorine in the water line from a chlorine metering pump.
- Where an operator of an existing system with Protected groundwater can demonstrate a satisfactory microbiological history throughout the system, based on multiple samples from representative locations, secondary disinfection may not be necessary.

6.2 Specifications for disinfection equipment

6.2.1 Chlorination

- Where chlorine equipment is installed to achieve continuous log reduction requirements:
 - Assess a wide variety of raw water quality parameters to determine the chlorine demand i.e., the amount of chlorine remaining after chlorine combines with other substances in the water. This would include an analysis of pH and ammonia and, in some cases, hydrogen sulfide, nitrite, organic nitrogen, iron, and total organic carbon, or other surrogates.
 - Calculate the chlorine dose for the system. (It will depend on the type of water source and its chlorine demand).
 - Calculate the Concentration-time (CT) value based on the maximum water flow rate of the system installed (designed) and operate the system to ensure that the required CT is met. Please refer to AHS' *Starting and Operating a Non-Municipal Public Drinking Water System* for further details.
 - Install chlorination treatment equipment that is certified to NSF 61: *Drinking Water System Components* or NSF 53 *Water Treatment Devices*.
 - Use chemicals in the water treatment system which are NSF/ANSI 60 certified.
 - Synchronize the chlorinator with the operation of the well water pump for proper chlorination. (i.e., chlorinator comes on when well pump turns on.) A continuous chlorine analyzer with alarms is recommended for optimum delivery and maintenance of chlorine residual (best located entering distribution system).
 - Provide an adequately sized baffled tank, sufficient to provide adequate contact time for chlorine at maximum flow rate.
 - Install ultraviolet treatment equipment, if used in conjunction with chlorine disinfection, upstream of any chlorine application in accordance with manufacturers' specifications.

- Do not hand dose, or use pellets, pucks or liquid chlorinators that directly chlorinate the well.
- Install a flow meter to monitor the water production flow rate, if needed.

6.2.2 Ultraviolet treatment

- Where ultraviolet treatment (UV) equipment is installed to achieve the log reduction targets:
 - Install UV treatment system certified to NSF/ANSI 55 Class A: *Ultraviolet Microbiological Water Treatment Systems* or an equivalent certification.
 - Install equipment which has:
 - Minimum 40 mJ/cm² dosage;
 - A sensor to measure intensity;
 - An automatic shut-off valve, that will shut down the unit if the UV dosage drops below 40mJ/cm²; and
 - A flow restrictor or meter.
 - Prior to selecting the UV system, test the raw water quality to make sure the source water quality meets the minimum raw water quality targets set out by the manufacturer.
 - Ensure that the UV transmittance for source water exceeds 80% and is verified weekly, unless the UV unit is designed to compensate dosage for changes in transmittance.
 - Install an alarm which alerts the operator when validated lamp hours are reached, or if there is a lamp outage.
 - Adhere to the manufacturer's specifications for pre-treatment, intensity, flow rate, transmissivity and maintenance, including the frequency of UV lamp change outs.
 - Ensure that the manufacturer's maximum flow rate for the UV system is not exceeded.
 - Install a solenoid valve or automatic shut-off to prevent the flow of water when there is a UV alarm or a power failure. These alarms would indicate inadequate dosing and disinfection.
 - For UV installations in rental accommodations, such as long-term single family dwellings, an audible alarm may be used instead of a solenoid shut-off, if the alarm is in the audible range and residents are trained in the operation.
 - Install all equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to reach operating targets.

6.3 Treatment to reduce chemical constituents

The primary risk to human health from drinking water is microbial; however, in some cases, the chemical constituents, often naturally occurring, exceed the levels recommended by Health Canada (Maximum Acceptable Concentration) and can be a risk to health. These are of particular concern for systems where the water is used frequently, over longer periods or by vulnerable populations.

- AHS will assess all source water except for cisterns, to determine the potential for chemical risks. If recent water chemistry is not available, the water will be sampled and analyzed for routine and trace chemicals through the Alberta Centre for Toxicology. AHS will assist in the sampling, transport and interpretation of the results.
- Where the results from baseline water sampling indicate an exceedance of a chemical Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC), set by Health Canada, AHS will contact the operator to resample the source, confirm the concentration, and determine appropriate mitigation strategies, such as treatment.
- Appropriate treatment will be based on an assessment of:
 - Exposure (amount of water consumed over time, concentration of the chemical with respect to the MAC);
 - Likelihood of acute risk; and
 - Vulnerability of population (life stage and immunity status).
- Unsafe chemical concentrations may be reduced as follows:
 - Install a Point of Entry (POE) device, certified by NSF for the chemical of concern, such as a reverse osmosis or distillation unit at the point of entry into each building where water is used for consumption to remove the chemical(s) of concern. NSF certifications include NSF 53 for water treatment devices, NSF 58 for reverse osmosis and NSF 62 for distillation. More information on NSF certifications are available in [Appendix A](#).
 - Install an NSF certified Point of Use (POU) device at fixtures where there is a reasonable likelihood that water will be used for human consumption (areas such as kitchens, drinking water fountains).
 - Modify operations to reduce the concentration of the chemical. For example, blending with another source, removal of lead plumbing, etc.
 - Use an alternative water supply for drinking (e.g., bottled water). This may be practical under limited circumstances where the water is provided at temporary facilities, occupational settings, and in situations where treatment is not possible.
- Where there is no certified NSF treatment device for a parameter, alternate and equivalent treatment devices can be considered.

6.4 General treatment equipment requirements

- For purposes of Section 12 of the Regulation, all drinking water treatment equipment shall be:
 - in operation whenever water is being supplied;
 - operated in accordance with manufacturers' instructions;
 - operated in a manner to achieve the design capabilities; and
 - maintained to ensure potable drinking water, including use of chemicals that are designated for use in the production of drinking water in ANSI/NSF 60.
- Where an existing water treatment system is evaluated and does not align with this Guideline, the treatment system may need to be repaired, modified or replaced in order to meet the water quality targets.

All systems must meet any other applicable governing legislation including backflow prevention, treatment, operation, water allocation and material requirements under the Alberta Plumbing Code, the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and the *Water Act*.

7.0 Operations and maintenance

7.1 Operations plan

Every operator should develop and follow an Operations Plan that outlines the operating procedures, maintenance procedures, monitoring, responses to failed conditions, recordkeeping and reporting necessary for their system. (AHS can provide an operational template on request.)

- The owner should designate an operator to have primary responsibility for overseeing the system and meeting operational requirements.
- An operator should 'know the system', and be familiar with the system's normal operating conditions to be able to recognize unusual signs and situations.
- The Operations Plan should include:
 - the general schematic of the system components and general description of the system (source, type of distribution, type of treatment, population served);
 - a list of components, a description of related manufacturers' manuals, operational manuals;
 - operating and maintenance procedures specific to their system, including but not limited to:
 - surveys for possible signs of contamination of the source of water;
 - inspections of system components (intake/well, storage, treatment equipment and distribution);
 - start-up procedures for seasonal systems; and
 - a list of preventive maintenance of equipment, as needed.
 - description of the microbiological, chemical and operational parameters to be monitored; and
 - a response plan, including reporting, for water system failures such as unsatisfactory water quality results, system shutdown, lack of water, power failure. (See [Appendix D](#) for a response plan template.)
- The owner should record the following information and retain it for three years, to document trends and compliance with water quality and treatment targets:
 - name of the operator;
 - residuals and other operational indicators;
 - use of chemicals and concentrations;
 - maintenance of equipment;
 - water quality results;
 - complaints and water system failures;
 - unusual events, such as flood or fire; and
 - date and time of maintenance actions with full description including who performed the maintenance actions.

7.2 Operations

- The operator shall ensure the equipment and overall systems for treatment, transmission and storage are maintained in adequate operating condition as required under Section 12 of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation to ensure that the equipment performs consistently and adequately to meet microbiological and chemical water quality objectives.
- The operator shall notify AHS of any major change to operation or treatment which might impact the water quality.

- The operator shall notify AHS of any changes to the name or ownership of the business.

7.3 Monitoring

Routine monitoring of microbiological and chemical constituents and equipment performance can detect changes in operation, track trends in water quality and confirm the efficacy of disinfection and other treatment processes in treated systems. The monitoring results confirm the characteristics of the source water, the water quality and system operation and provide the operator with evidence of what is normal. Any substantial change from that normal can then be investigated.

The sampling frequency, procedures and sampling locations applicable to each system will be based on the source water quality, operating conditions, the site-specific risks and developed in consultation with the public health inspector.

The Operations Plan should describe the microbial and chemical parameters to be monitored, the sampling frequency and location, the method of monitoring and the reporting process.

Practice note: Sampling procedures

Routine sample collection procedures should be conducted following the protocols from the designated public health laboratories (ProvLab and Alberta Centre for Toxicology) for microbial and chemical parameters.

7.3.1 Microbiological sampling

The operator should submit routine samples for testing *E. coli* and total coliforms to the local Community Health Centre of AHS (or directly to Alberta Precision Laboratories (ProvLab), if applicable). AHS will send the samples to ProvLab for analysis and AHS will provide the results back to the owner/operator. Unsatisfactory results will be shared as soon as available. The recommended frequency of sampling is outlined in [Appendix B](#).

7.3.2 Chemical sampling

- The operator should submit samples for testing of routine and trace chemicals from the raw water source to the local Community Health Centre of AHS. AHS will transport the samples to the Alberta Centre for Toxicology (ACFT) for analysis and AHS will provide the results back to the owner/operator.
- All groundwater and surface water supplies should be tested to develop a baseline and then should be monitored at least every three years. Cistern supplies do not require chemical monitoring as the water quality is monitored at the source.
- ACFT analyzes the samples for a prescribed list of chemicals called Routine and Trace Elements (see [Appendix C](#) for a description of the chemicals analyzed) which includes physical properties and major and minor ions and metals. A number of the chemicals analyzed have an impact on health and have a MAC, set by Health Canada. Other chemicals are associated with taste, odour and usability of the water, and have Aesthetic Objectives, set by Health Canada.
- Additional chemicals may be analyzed, if they have been identified as a risk during a site-specific assessment, or if part of an investigation under the direction of the local public health inspector.

Practice note: Sampling

Water samples are shipped from the AHS Community Health Centres to the ProvLab and Alberta Centre for Toxicology for analysis of microbiology and chemistry. Samples are taken using the bottles, requisition form and instructions provided by AHS. Bacteriological samples must reach the ProvLab within 24 hours where they are analyzed for *E. coli* and total coliforms for accurate results. If the results are unsatisfactory from either lab, or the sample is rejected, the laboratory will notify AHS and the operator as quickly as possible for appropriate remedial action to be taken.

7.3.3 Equipment and operational monitoring

- Every operator should ensure that the system, including the treatment equipment, is working properly and should monitor the effectiveness of the equipment as outlined by the manufacturer.
- For those systems with chlorine disinfection, a minimum target of 0.1 mg/L total chlorine measured as the water enters the distribution system and at a point downstream of the treatment equipment confirms an adequate disinfection residual in all parts of the system. Other parameters, such as turbidity, may also be measured, where necessary for optimal disinfection.
- For ultraviolet treatment, the operator should follow the manufacturer's instructions for monitoring.
- Fail-safe systems should be tested for proper functioning at least semi-annually.

7.4 Response to water system failures

The operator should identify and document responses to critical water system changes and failures in the Operations Plan. [Appendix D](#) provides examples of system failures and responses.

- The first step is to notify the local public health inspector immediately when there is a system failure, a change in water quality, or unsatisfactory monitoring results. The public health inspector will consult with the operator to review the risks and appropriate response.
- Where there is evidence of a change in water quality or contamination in a well classified as Protected, AHS should be notified and the well will be re-evaluated. The well could be re-classified as Vulnerable groundwater, depending on the evidence of potential contamination.

Practice note: Water quality signals

A number of water quality indicators are commonly regarded as aesthetic concerns such as discolouration, odour and taste issues. But, these can be early indicators of health-related water quality such as when corrosion results in excessive levels of lead.

Unusual odour and taste has provided early consumer warning of sewage contamination and should never be dismissed without investigation to establish the cause. Groundwater in Alberta can experience problems with iron, manganese that causes discolouration, sulfides that cause odour and taste, and methane which can pose an explosion risk in confined spaces for furnaces and other devices with pilot lights.

8.0 Operator knowledge

Operators should have a comprehensive understanding of their system ranging from the source water and treatment processes to system risks, so that they are better able to assess and respond quickly and proactively to issues that could affect the potability of the water.

- Every operator should have knowledge and an understanding of:
 - health risks associated with drinking water;
 - drinking water system components and operations;
 - disinfection and treatment at their system;
 - storage and distribution; and monitoring procedures and response to water system failures.

Resources: Operator education

Operators may obtain further information from their local public health inspector and through the following organizations:

- Alberta Working Well Program (<https://www.alberta.ca/working-well.aspx>)
- British Columbia Small Systems Operators Course (available on line) <https://eocp.ca/certified-operators/>
- Alberta Water and Wastewater Operators Association (Small Water System Operations Course) <https://awwoa.ca/courses/details/small-water-systems>
- Training offered by equipment manufacturers or suppliers.

Appendix A: National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certifications

The following NSF certifications are used in the drinking water industry. Note that the certification is based on a maximum concentration and may not be effective where the raw concentration is higher than manufacturers' specifications.

NSF 53 Drinking Water Treatment Units - Health Effects

Certifies filters to reduce a contaminant which has a health effect. Contaminants with health effects are those regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Health Canada. Both standards 42 and 53 cover adsorption/filtration which is a process that occurs when liquid, gas or dissolved/suspended matter adheres to the surface of, or in the pores of, an adsorbent media. Carbon filters are an example of this type of product.

NSF 58 Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water Treatment Systems

Establishes minimum materials, design and construction, and performance requirements for point-of-use (POU) and point-of-entry (POE) drinking water reverse osmosis systems and the components used in these systems to reduce contaminants that are regulated by US EPA and Health Canada.

NSF 62 Drinking Water Distillation Systems

Establishes minimum materials, design and construction, and performance requirements for point-of-use (POU) and point-of-entry (POE) drinking water distillation systems and the components used in these systems.

NSF 60 Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals

Establishes limits for drinking water treatment chemicals that are directly added to water and are intended to be present in the finished water.

NSF 61-2017 Drinking Water System Components – Health Effects

Establishes limits for the chemical contaminants and impurities that are indirectly imparted to drinking water from products, components, and materials used in drinking water systems. This Standard does not certify treatment performance, taste and odour, or microbial growth support requirements for drinking water system products, components, or materials.

Appendix B: Microbiological sampling frequency

Facility type ⁷	Surface water ⁸ , Vulnerable groundwater	Protected groundwater	Cistern
Institution ⁹ (daycares, nursery school, family day home, adult care)	W	M	Q
School ⁹	W	M	Q
Mobile home park	W	M	Q
Food establishment	W	M	Q
Recreation area	W	M	Q
Work camp	W	M	Q
Personal services facility	W	M	Q
Housing ¹⁰ (single family rental)	M	S	S
Housing (multi-unit, hotels, foreign worker accommodation; bed and breakfast)	W	M	Q
Occasional/seasonal use public facilities (campground)	7 days prior to use and every week while in use	7 days prior to use and every month while in use	7 days prior to use and every month while in use
Truck-fill station/watering point	W	M	M

W=weekly; M=monthly; Q=quarterly; S=semi-annually; NA=Not applicable

⁷ The sampling frequency for a multi-use system is based on the highest risk type of use. E.g., For a multi-use system with a restaurant and other public facilities, the highest risk would be the restaurant.

⁸ Surface water systems should be sampled weekly, regardless of treatment, as the water quality at the source is highly variable and at greater risk of microbial contamination.

⁹ Where practical, all drinking water systems serving high-risk or vulnerable populations should be sampled weekly. Over time, where effective operation of the treatment equipment for a vulnerable groundwater system can be confirmed, sampling frequency may be reduced from weekly to monthly.

¹⁰ Sampling is recommended for housing but an operational plan would not be required.

Appendix C: Water chemistry

Routine chemistry

The following parameters are included in routine chemistry:

Parameter

Bicarbonate, carbonate and hydroxide

Calcium

Chloride

Conductivity

Fluoride

Iron (total)

Magnesium

Nitrate

Nitrite

pH

Potassium

Sodium

Sulfate

Total Alkalinity

Total Dissolved solids (TDS)

Total Hardness

(Further information is available at [My Health Alberta - Understanding your drinking water chemical test results](#))

Trace elements

The following parameters are included in trace elements:

Parameter

Aluminum

Antimony

Arsenic

Barium

Beryllium

Boron

Cadmium

Chromium

Cobalt

Copper

Lead

Manganese (total)

Mercury (only screening)

Molybdenum

Nickel

Selenium

Silver

Strontium

Thallium

Titanium

Uranium

Vanadium

Zinc

(Further information is available at [My Health Alberta - Understanding your trace metals analysis results](#))

Appendix D: Response to water system failures

(Adapted from the British Columbia Ministry of Health EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS June 2016) <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/keeping-bc-healthy-safe/healthy-communities/ercp-sws-final-july-14-2016.pdf>

This list provides examples of common water system failures. The list and/or the responses can be modified to suit the system. For example, the type of response, contact list, and order of response will vary, depending on the size of the system, the type of source water used and other factors. Please work with a public health inspector to complete the response plan.

Examples of possible water system failures

Sources(s)/intake(s)

- Contamination of source (chemical)
- Loss of source
- Flood conditions
- Turbidity

Distribution system

- Broken water line
- Backflow or back siphonage
- Blocked/faulty valve
- Contaminated reservoir/storage

Treatment/pump house

- Equipment failure such as pump failure
- Chlorinator failure
- Ultraviolet equipment failure
- Power failure

Other

- Fire

Examples of planned responses

Contact the local public health inspector.

Close emergency shut off valve to shut off water supply.

Modify or close facility and notify affected water users (as per advice of public health inspector or Boil Water Order).

Resample.

Coordinate repairs.

Arrange for alternate source of water, where possible.

Correct the problem.

Flush and disinfect the system prior to re-start.

Contact the public health inspector for approval to resume operation.

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From: Nicole Merrifield <Nicole.Merrifield@albertahealthservices.ca> on behalf of Community Engagement <Community.Engagement@albertahealthservices.ca>
Sent: October 7, 2021 4:37 PM
To: Community Engagement
Subject: Help AHS Fight the Pandemic of Misinformation
Attachments: 10 07 21_COVID-19 and Fertility op-ed final.doc



**Stick with the facts.
 Stick together.
 Learn more.**

Every day Albertans, Canadians, and individuals across the globe are rolling up their sleeves to get the COVID-19 shot. Close to 6.4 billion doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been rolled out world-wide. COVID vaccines are proving incredibly effective at stopping the spread of COVID-19. As we have seen through numerous credible news reports and scientific data, *areas with the highest rate of vaccination are also seeing the lowest rates of hospitalization, illness, and death.*

However, misinformation has a tendency to grow faster, last longer, and travel farther than factual, evidence-based information. Over the last 19 months AHS has been fighting this epidemic of misinformation – striving to put out clear, scientifically backed information and responding to the many questions and concerns of Albertans.

We can't do it alone. **Research and experience tell us that people are more likely to trust information when it comes from their own colleagues, friends and family.** So the greatest service you can provide as community leaders is to encourage those in your sphere of influence to seek information from reliable sources.

We have attached an op-ed on one of these recent topics of interest: *the effect of the COVID-19 vaccine on fertility.* As you will read, none of the data collected from the billions of immunized men and women across the globe indicates any correlation between receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, and an individual's fertility. In fact, the data demonstrates that getting the virus can have a serious impact on fertility in both men and women.

We are grateful for the support of our community partners in helping AHS share accurate information about COVID-19, and AHS' ongoing efforts to protect and serve Albertans. We therefore ask you to review the attached, and share this information within your networks. When you hear your staff, colleagues, friends and neighbours quoting questionable data, ask them about their sources and encourage them to verify that the information they are hearing and spreading is accurate and reliable.

You can read previous statements on other 'hot topics' here: [Facts the only cure for epidemic of vaccine misinformation.](#) You can also visit this dedicated webpage for [Community Partners & Stakeholders.](#) As well as resources that you can use, you will find key talking points and social media messages.

We encourage you to subscribe to **Together4Health Headlines** by emailing Community.Engagement@ahs.ca. AHS' bi-weekly e-newsletter is designed to keep you informed of decisions being made to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS. We have Community Conversations planned for Edmonton Zone next week, and will host more information sessions as the need is identified.

- Oct 13: <https://covid-19-community-conversation-for-edmonton-zone.eventbrite.ca>
- Oct 14: <https://covid-19-community-conversation-for-edn-zone-2.eventbrite.ca>

You can also visit [Together 4 Health](#) to join the conversation on a wide variety of healthcare topics. AHS has responded to over 160 questions on our COVID Fact of Fiction tool, which invites Albertans to ask questions and receive answers directly from AHS experts. You can use the search function to find questions, and the corresponding answers, that have already been asked.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership,

AHS Community Engagement and External Relations



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Does the COVID-19 vaccine affect fertility? Here's what the experts say

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As we have seen through numerous credible news reports and scientific data, areas with the highest rate of vaccination are also seeing the lowest rates of hospitalization, illness, and death.

However, as is a regularly occurring phenomenon in our social media world, misinformation has a tendency to grow faster, last longer, and travel farther than factual, evidence-based information.

One of these recent topics of interest is the effect of the COVID-19 vaccine on fertility.

None of the data collected from the billions of immunized men and women across the globe indicates any correlation between receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, and an individual's fertility.

In fact, the data demonstrates that getting the virus can have a far more serious impact on fertility in both men and women.

For men:

A recent small study of 45 healthy men who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) looked at sperm characteristics like quantity and movement, before and after vaccination.

Researchers found no significant changes in these sperm characteristics after vaccination.

However, recent reports indicate that COVID-19 disease may possibly impact sperm quality, and fertility.

Fever from illness has been associated with short-term decrease in sperm production in healthy men. While some individuals experience fever as a short-term side effect of COVID-19 vaccination, longer-term high fever is a common symptom of COVID-19 disease, providing a greater opportunity for decreased sperm production, and the potential to impact fertility.

For women:

Confusion arose after it was hypothesized that the spike protein of the COVID-19 virus would be similar enough to syncytin-1 (a key protein necessary for the placenta's formation) that the immune system might mistake one for the other. This claim was found to be false and there is no immune cross-reaction between the spike protein and syncytin-1, dispelling the claim that there is a risk of disrupting the growth of the placenta after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

There is currently no evidence from studies and real-world experience that COVID-19 vaccines impact ability to become pregnant now or in the future.

A recent study found no difference in implantation rates in patients with previous vaccination, previous infection, and no previous vaccination or infection.

During pregnancy:

The known risks of COVID-19 to pregnant people are severe, including increased rates of intensive care admissions and more premature births.

Evidence about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy suggests the benefits of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine far outweighs any known or potential risks of vaccination during pregnancy.

Pregnant and recently pregnant individuals are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 compared with non-pregnant people.

From July 15, 2021 to September 28, 2021, 14 pregnant individuals were admitted to ICU in Alberta due to COVID-19. All were unvaccinated.

Most serious is that several of these cases resulted in pre-term births - some as early as 29 weeks.

The truth is simple: anyone who is able to should get the COVID-19 vaccine. It is safe, and will protect you and your loved ones from serious illness.

It is understandable that Albertans want to ensure they make an informed choice about the vaccine.

The benefits of the vaccine can be seen worldwide, and right here in our own province. Today, our ICUs are at levels we have never seen before. 89% of the patients currently receiving care in the ICUs are unvaccinated.

The faster we all get immunized, the sooner we can get back to life as we once knew it.

I want to encourage anyone with questions about the vaccine and vaccine safety to reach out to their family physician, or call and talk to a registered nurse at Health Link 811 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We all want to go back to the lives we had before COVID-19. The way to do that is simple – stick with the facts, rollup your sleeve, and get the jab today.

Dr. Kristin Klein

Lead Medical Officer of Health, Communicable Disease Control, AHS
COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force Co-Chair

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: municipalservicesandlegislation@gov.ab.ca
Sent: September 29, 2021 2:03 PM
To: aboffice@
Subject: 2020 Municipal Indicators
Attachments: AR106493 - ADM Letter.pdf

Attention: CAOs

Please see the attached letter.

Subject: 2020 Municipal Indicator Results

Dear Chief Administrative Officer,

Beginning in 2017, Alberta Municipal Affairs started reporting on a new performance measure, which identified the percentage of municipalities that were deemed to be “not at risk” based on financial and governance risk indicators. This performance measure was developed in consultation with stakeholders, and is used as a benchmark for measuring the ministry’s efforts to ensure Albertans live in viable municipalities and communities with responsible, collaborative and accountable local governments.

Each of the thirteen indicators has a defined benchmark, and a municipality will be deemed “not at risk” as long as it does not trigger a critical indicator or three or more non-critical indicators. Municipal Affairs will publish the 2020 Municipal Indicator Results report for municipalities that are deemed “at risk” on the open government portal in early 2022 (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/municipal-indicator-results>).

The municipal indicator results from 2016 to 2020 for all municipalities are available on the online Municipal Indicator Dashboard on the Municipal Indicators webpage (www.alberta.ca/municipal-indicators.aspx).

The ministry has compiled and verified the data collected from Alberta’s municipalities for the 2020 financial year and is pleased to inform you that your municipality did not trigger the required number of indicators to appear in this year’s Municipal Indicator Results report.

If you would like to discuss your results or the potential future release of these results on the Municipal Affairs website, please contact the Municipal Services Division at toll-free 310-0000, then 780-427-2225, or via email at lqsmail@gov.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

Gary Sandberg
Assistant Deputy Minister

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: municipalservicesandlegislation@gov.ab.ca
Sent: September 30, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: September 17, 2021 Municipal Town Hall Questions and Answers
Attachments: Answers to Sept 17 TTH questions_FINAL.pdf

Attention CEO/CAO

Thank-you for participating in the September 17, 2021 municipal town hall. New temporary health measures have been introduced in Alberta to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Below are answers to questions raised in the webinar.

We are taking necessary and critical steps to prevent our health system from being overwhelmed and once again slow the spread of COVID-19 in Alberta. These steps are not easy for anyone, and I commend all of you for your continued leadership to keep your communities safe.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Public Health Restrictions

1. Can you clarify the requirements for outdoor gatherings, sports, performance events? What are the requirements for recreation centres? If a recreation facility implements the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP), can you confirm how that will affect organized youth sports/activities? Are all participants/spectators over 12 required to provide proof of vaccination/exemption/negative test? Or are organized youth activities exempt from having to do that?

- Entertainment and recreation facilities (including any indoor venues, libraries, conferences, rental spaces, concerts, nightclubs, casinos and similar) are under the following restrictions:
 - Attendance is limited to one-third fire code capacity, and attendees are only permitted to attend with their household or two close contacts for those living alone. Attendees must be masked and have two-metre physical distancing between households.
 - Alberta's government has decided against requiring proof of vaccination for youth under age 18 who are taking part in sport, recreation and performance activities, whenever possible with other precautions in place.
- Restrictions for adults' (over 18 years old) sport, fitness, performance, and recreation are as follows:
 - Indoor activities:
 - No indoor group classes or activities are permitted.
 - One-on-one training or individual workouts are permitted but three-metre physical distancing is required.
 - No contact between players; indoor competitions are paused except where vaccine exemptions have been granted.
 - These facilities and programs are eligible to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program. Specific exemptions may also be granted on a case-by-case basis.
 - There are no restrictions on outdoor sport or fitness activities.
- To enter spaces participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program, people ages 18 and older can provide proof of vaccination or a negative test result or a medical exemption document. Details:
 - Valid photo identification that matches the vaccine record (only required for adults 18 and over)
 - Valid paper or digital vaccine record that shows name, vaccine type and date of administration:
 - From September 20 to October 25: proof of partial vaccination (one dose) is considered acceptable as long as the dose was given more than two weeks before the time of service.
 - After October 25: proof of full vaccination (two doses) is required.
 - Negative test result must be privately-paid, Health Canada approved rapid antigen, rapid PCR or lab-based PCR test completed within the previous 72 hours.
 - A valid medical exemption is the original signed letter from a physician or nurse practitioner that includes the person's name that matches their identification, and complete information on the signing Physician or nurse practitioner.
- Outdoor events and facilities with no indoor portion (excluding washrooms):
 - No attendance restrictions; however, two-metre physical distancing must be in place.

- These same rules apply whether you are a participant or spectator, as per an individual's age.
 - For more information, visit: alberta.ca/COVID19.
2. **Are youth between 12 and 18 years old registered in youth sports exempt from showing proof of vaccination?**
 - Youth under age 18 who are taking part in sport, recreation and performance activities do not require proof of vaccination.
 - Vaccines are safe and parents are strongly encouraged to vaccinate their children.
 - The orders set out the minimum standard to which entities accessing the Restriction Exemption Program must comply; however, operators may implement a program that is more restrictive than outlined in the guidance. Operators should obtain legal advice about the impact of additional measures in their business/industry context. Additionally, municipalities may have more stringent requirements than those outlined in the provincial orders.
 3. **Under the REP, can bars return to having last call at 2 a.m.?**
 - Under REP restaurants can return to having last call as directed by their liquor licence.
 4. **Can you tell me if Seniors Lodges fall under AHS direction of mandating vaccines for employees?**
 - Yes, if they have a contract with Alberta Health Services.
 5. **What supports are in place for rural municipalities?**
 - Guidance for all Albertans, including municipalities, is available here: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>.
 - In addition, resources for municipalities to address governance, administration and finance topics during COVID-19 are available here: <https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-governance-during-covid-19.aspx>.

Vaccine Passports/QR code

6. **For organizations that choose to implement the vaccine passport, can they accept proof of vaccination only and NOT accept the proof of negative rapid test as there are many issues with the test and associated time frames?**
 - Under the Restrictions Exemption Program, operators must follow or exceed the program requirements at all times, including requiring all patrons/attendees aged 12 and over to provide valid:
 - proof of vaccination, or
 - proof of a privately-paid negative rapid test result taken within 72 hours of service, or
 - documentation of a medical exemption.
 - Certain businesses and entities who implement a proof-of-vaccination program will be eligible to operate without most restrictions.
 - A list of all the in-scope and out-of-scope businesses are listed online at: alberta.ca/COVID.

- To enter spaces participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program, people aged 12 and older can show proof of a negative test result. Details on how to access a valid test are online at alberta.ca/COVID under the section on “proof of negative test”.
- We know these restrictions are disruptive to Albertans and businesses, but we must bend down the curve.
- These measures will buy us some time for additional COVID-19 vaccines to be provided to those who choose to get vaccinated.

7. Are these COVID vaccine passports going to be permanent?

- Restrictions will remain in place until we see a change in trends. After that time, any changes would be made based on the spread of COVID-19 and the state of the health system in the province.
- The Restrictions Exemption Program and new public health measures are designed to work hand-in-hand. They offer options to Albertans and will help to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our province and take the pressure off our health-care system.
- Health officials will continue to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 and health system to assess whether additional action is needed to reduce transmission.

8. Is there any timeframe that can be shared for when the QR code may be available?

- The Government of Alberta is working to make QR codes available in October. More information on this support will be available in the near future.

9. Will the QR code display the name of individuals so organizations can confirm it matches the individual presenting it?

- This feature is expected.

10. Will there be financial supports for business that have to hire more workers to respond to the new restriction?

- At this time, there is not a program in place to compensate businesses for expenses due to the costs of implementing the Restriction Exemption Program.

11. Do you foresee any problems for people receiving their vaccination records and will the Alberta MyHealth site have the ability to handle thousands trying to obtain their vaccination proof?

- Starting Sept. 21, and over the following days, Albertans can visit a local registry agent to request a printed version of their vaccination card at no cost. They will need to provide the month and year of any dose of vaccination, their Alberta Personal Health Number and their date of birth.
- Starting September 19, Albertans 12 and older can get a card-sized vaccine record through the new express system at alberta.ca/CovidRecords.
 - It's fast and easy, download your card and print out or save on your phone.
 - If you were vaccinated recently it may take up to two weeks for your records to be available online.
- MyHealth Records is still available for Albertans 14 and over who wish to use a verified account to view their health records, including lab tests and medications.
- Albertans will receive a paper record of their vaccination record at their vaccination appointment.

- If you lost your paper record given to you when vaccinated or require another paper copy, print one from alberta.ca/CovidRecords or request a copy through your vaccination provider:
 - pharmacy or physician's office – contact the location you received your vaccination;
 - AHS Clinic – call 811 to request a copy be mailed to you.

12. Why has your government decided to download the responsibility of deciding whether or not to require vaccination proof to the individual business causing these business to bear the brunt of customer displeasure, rather than do your job and make the hard decisions?

- Businesses in Alberta have a choice. They can select the best option that works for their business and clients. Businesses, except retail, have the option to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program or adhere to the new health measures.
- For more information, visit alberta.ca/COVID.

13. Will there be a reinstatement of CMOH weekly calls with municipal officials?

- The CMOH will be on calls with municipal officials as often as needed, to share new information and answer questions.

14. Can households host gatherings if they participate in the Restrictions Exemption Program?

- The Restrictions Exemption Program is an option for certain businesses only.
- Here are the rules for households for private social gatherings:
 - Indoor social gatherings
 - Vaccinated: Indoor private social gatherings are limited to a single household plus one other household to a maximum of 10 vaccine-eligible, vaccinated people, with no restrictions on children under 12.
 - Unvaccinated: Indoor social gatherings are not permitted for vaccine-eligible people who are unvaccinated.
 - Outdoor social gatherings
 - Outdoor private social gatherings limited to a maximum of 200 people, with two metre physical distancing at all times.

15. Why are you insisting that young people should get vaccinated yet their risk is low and you are allowing them to continue some activities?

- Getting vaccinated makes us all safer. A one-time incentive of \$100 is available for Albertans 18+ who get their first or second dose between September 3 and October 14.
- Rules for young adults 12+ entering spaces participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program (restaurants, etc.) are the same as required for all Albertans.
- Alberta's government has decided against requiring proof of vaccination for youth under age 18 who are taking part in sport, recreation and performance activities, whenever possible with other precautions in place.
- For young adults 12+ rules set out in schools are also required.
- Masks and distancing are not required by youth under 18 while engaged in physical activity.
- For more information visit alberta.ca/COVID.

16. Would it be safe to use this as a rule of thumb: if a business/facility/service does not implement a restriction exemption program, then they need to abide by their industry-specific restrictions? The exception being blanket restrictions such as indoor masking, work from home where possible, etc.

- Yes, if a business/facility/service does not implement a restriction exemption program, then they need to abide by their industry-specific restrictions.
- For more information, visit alberta.ca/COVID.

17. In regards to the Truth and Reconciliation Day at the end of the month, does a round dance ceremony fit into the indoor social gathering or entertainment part of the exemption?

- If it is a private social gathering, then the indoor or outdoor social gathering rules apply.
- If it is organized as a public event then the entertainment, event and recreation facilities part of the exemption applies, as below:
 - Indoor entertainment, event and recreation facilities:
 - Indoor facilities that do not implement the Restrictions Exemption Program must follow these restrictions:
 - Capacity limited to 1/3 fire code occupancy.
 - Attendees must be with household members only, or two close contacts if they live alone.
 - Outdoor entertainment, event and recreation facilities:
 - Events and facilities that are fully outdoors (excluding washrooms), have no capacity restrictions but must maintain two metres distancing between households or two close contact for those living alone.

Healthcare and Vaccination plans

18. If you have a history of heart inflammation, are you exempt from the vaccine?

- Please check with your physician or heart specialist on exemptions that apply to you, including vaccinations.

19. Is the province considering expanding the availability of booster shots?

- Yes, the province has expanded eligibility for an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine to more immunocompromised Albertans. Individuals with advanced HIV infection, immunodeficiency syndromes and patients receiving high-dose systemic corticosteroids are among those now able to get an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- For more information, visit Alberta.ca/COVID, click the link marked: Get Vaccinated.

Municipalities' Responsibilities

20. Do voters have to provide proof of vaccination to vote on October 18, 2021?

- Proof of vaccination is not required to enter a polling station and cast a ballot.
- However, there are other restriction considerations at polling stations:
 - A municipality may choose to pass a bylaw requiring election workers show proof of vaccination, or a negative test result, if they believe such a bylaw is needed.
 - As of September 4, 2021, masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces.

- In the specific settings where a mask is required, anyone unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition will require a medical exception letter from an authorized health professional. The medical exception letter may be presented when in a public setting if requested by enforcement officials.

21. How will the public health restrictions affect municipal election campaigns?

- Election campaigning such as door knocking and open houses can proceed while following current health restrictions including physical distancing and wearing masks.

22. Will there be guidance for municipalities on how to implement the REP in their facilities?

- Guidance for all Albertans, including municipalities, is available here: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>.
- In addition, resources for municipalities to address governance, administration and finance topics during COVID-19 are available here: <https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-governance-during-covid-19.aspx>.

23. What are the rules and guidelines for council and committee meetings? Can councils continue to meet in person? If so, do councillors and the public in attendance need to be vaccinated?

- Councils can continue to meet in person. However, councils are encouraged to use electronic meetings wherever possible as a way to minimize COVID-19 transmission.
- The Public Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation is still in effect and can be found here: <https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/regu/alta-reg-50-2020/latest/alta-reg-50-2020.html>
- Under the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), councils can pass bylaws respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property. This could include a requirement to show proof of vaccine or negative test results to attend a council meeting.

24. How do you suggest we continue to conduct public hearings?

- Municipalities are encouraged to use electronic meetings wherever possible as a way to minimize COVID-19 transmission.
- During the COVID-19 health emergency, when the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) requires a council, board or commission to hold a meeting, an electronic meeting (e.g., live-stream, teleconference, etc.) meets that requirement as long as:
 - notice of the electronic meeting is provided and states the electronic means being used and gives the information necessary for the public to access the meeting;
 - the public is able to hear the meeting as it is occurring;
 - eligible parties can send submissions before and during the meeting by email or any other method the council, board or commission considers appropriate; and
 - the following people attend by electronic means:
 - CAO or designated officer;
 - for a commission, growth management board or subdivision and development appeal board, the chair or vice-chair;
 - for a composite or a local assessment review board, the presiding officer.

25. Are you considering extensions of spending of the MSP funding grant to allow completion past the end of 2021?

- Program funding is meant to be fully expended by December 31, 2021 in order to support the goals of economic stimulus and job creation.
- However, we recognize that extenuating circumstances such as supply chain disruptions, weather issues, and the continued impacts of the pandemic have caused some delays.
- The Minister will consider requests for additional time to spend the funding on a case-by-case basis, providing there is a strong rationale.

Libraries

26. Could you please provide direction on library programs? In some communities, all library programs are going ahead while in others programs have been cancelled.

- Libraries are considered entities that need to be accessed by the public for daily living purposes, and as such are not included in the organizations/businesses that can implement the Restrictions Exemption Program. Libraries are directed to take other steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Adult indoor programming is not able to continue indoors. Library programs for youth under 18 can continue if they follow the guidance for youth activities, which include:
 - Screen youth for symptoms prior to participation.
 - Maintain two metres physical distancing, except between youth who are engaged in a physical activity.
 - Maintain masking indoors, except for youth who are engaged in a physical activity.
- Youth programming that requires adults to support the youth (ex: a parent & tot story time) may continue under the guidance for youth activities, with the addition that adults must be masked at all times and remain two metres distanced from those outside their household at all times.
- Programming which contains a mix of adult and youth, where the adults are not required to support the youth (ex: a book club), will follow the guidance for adult activities and are not permitted to continue indoors.

Enforcement

27. Can community peace officers enforce the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health?

- Peace officers currently do not have authority to enforce the CMOH orders. The Ministerial Order expired early this summer and was not renewed.

28. How does the government of Alberta intend to enforce the new rules and what role do you anticipate municipalities have in enforcement? Will the CMOH extend enforcement authorities to peace officers? How will proof of REP be enforced without further reluctance by businesses?

- The Alberta government will continue to respect the independence of law enforcement agencies and their discretion, including when it comes to issuing tickets.
- As for extending enforcement authority to peace officers, we currently do not feel additional authorities are needed beyond those who already have them, such as police

and some Alberta Health Services staff. We are trusting Albertans to act responsibly, get vaccinated, and follow the new restrictions.

- If you violate a public health order, you may be subject to a \$2,000 fine. Or you could be prosecuted for up to \$100,000 for a first time offense.
- People can make a COVID-19-related complaint [here](#), or submit a complaint to AHS public health inspectors online or call 1-833-415-9179.

29. How is enforcement of the restrictions on people's homes possible? This issue of the government getting into the business or directives of what people do in their homes is a huge one. Any past directives have only encouraged education and there appears to be very few police officers or bylaw officers who would get involved in entering people's homes.

- Day-to-day enforcement of public health orders is handled by Alberta Health Services and/or local law enforcement agencies. Public health order violations can be reported, including to Alberta Health Services.

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From: municipalservicesandlegislation@gov.ab.ca
Sent: September 30, 2021 4:06 PM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: COVID-19 Municipal Governance - September 30 Issue
Attachments: Attachment 1 Sept 30 FAQ.pdf

Dear Chief Administrative Officers:

Thank you again for your efforts as we navigate the public health restrictions and the details of the Restrictions Exemption Program.

In an effort to share the most current information regarding the Government of Alberta's pandemic response with you, Municipal Affairs will be continuing the frequently asked questions (FAQ) update to assist you in responding to the needs of your community.

Attached is the most current FAQ document covering some of the more common municipal governance questions we have received. This week's FAQ provides additional details on the Restrictions Exemption Program.

I encourage you to continue to visit www.alberta.ca regularly for the latest COVID-19 information. Past issues of the Municipal Affairs FAQ document can be found at www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx.

Sincerely,

Brandy Cox
Deputy Minister

Attachment – Frequently Asked Questions

Municipal Governance

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Frequently Asked Questions – September 30, 2021

On September 15, 2021, the Premier announced the declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency in response to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Alberta Municipal Affairs remains committed to issuing updates to address frequently asked questions, and providing information on new information or resources as they become available.

If you would like a specific question answered in an upcoming update, please email your request to ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca.

Municipal Affairs Updates

Previous COVID-19 updates are available at www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx

Council Meetings

Can municipal councils still meet in person and meet the Chief Medical Officer of Health's recommendations for physical/social distancing?

YES. While Municipal Affairs encourages councils to consider electronic meetings whenever possible as a way to ensure compliance with the public health orders regarding public gatherings, the decision on how to conduct meetings remains at the discretion of the council, committee or commission. The [Public Meeting Procedures \(COVID-19 Suppression\) Regulation](#) enables municipalities to follow the Chief Medical Officer of Health's recommendations for physical/social distancing by conducting meetings electronically.

Can meetings be held entirely by electronic means?

YES. During the COVID-19 health emergency, when the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) requires a council, board or commission to hold a meeting, an electronic meeting (e.g., live-stream, teleconference, etc.) meets that requirement as long as:

- notice of the electronic meeting is provided and states the electronic means being used and gives the information necessary for the public to access the meeting;
- the public is able to hear the meeting as it is occurring;
- eligible parties can send submissions before and during the meeting by email or any other method that the council, board or commission considers appropriate; and
- the following people attend by electronic means:
 - CAO or designated officer;
 - for a commission, growth management board or subdivision and development appeal board, the chair or vice-chair;
 - for a composite or a local assessment review board, the presiding officer.

Can a member of the public/council be required to wear a mask in order to attend a council meeting?

YES. Under the current measures, masks are mandatory across Alberta in all indoor public spaces and workplaces, except for employees alone in their work stations or when individuals are separated from every other person by a physical barrier that prevents droplet transmission. We encourage

municipalities to conduct their meetings electronically wherever possible.

Can council/committee meeting attendees be required to show proof of vaccination?

YES. Under the MGA a council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting matters that include the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property. Municipalities are encouraged to meet via digital means.

Upcoming Municipal Election

The current health measures do not impact the date of the municipal election and planning efforts should continue. Where available, municipalities should encourage their electors to vote at advanced polls.

We encourage candidates who are campaigning to follow all public health restrictions.

Municipal Affairs has created a document for Returning Officers about elections during the pandemic:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/guide-for-municipal-returning-officers-in-alberta>

A COVID-19 risk reduction guide is also available for municipalities with information on how to limit virus exposure for candidates, voters and poll staff:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/2021-municipal-election-covid-19-risk-reduction-guide>

If the current mask mandate remains on municipal election day or during advance voting, are electors required to wear masks in the voting station?

YES. As of September 4, 2021, masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces.

In the specific settings where a mask is required, anyone unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition will require a medical exception letter from an authorized health professional. The medical

exception letter may be presented when in a public setting if requested by enforcement officials.

Are returning officers expected to enforce the public health orders during upcoming election events such as advanced polls or election day?

NO. It is not the role of the returning officer to enforce public health orders, and electors should be provided with a ballot if they are eligible to vote.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and police units are permitted to enforce the public health orders. Municipalities are encouraged to notify their local police of upcoming election events.

Enhanced Restrictions

Restriction Exemption Program

The Restrictions Exemption Program permits in-scope businesses, entities and organizers to operate without most public health restrictions, wearing masks is mandatory in all indoor public spaces.

Details of the program, how to participate, and a listing of in-scope and out-of-scope operators can be found at:

<https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>.

Youth Sports in Municipal Facilities

The Government of Alberta has decided against requiring proof of vaccination for youth under 18 who are taking part in sport, recreation and performance activities.

Should council deem it necessary, section 7 of the MGA provides the authority for municipal councils to pass bylaws respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people, including activities and things in, on, or near a public place or a place open to the public. This could include prescribing supplemental measures to those provided in the public health order.

Municipal Multi-Use Facilities

All the amenities in a multi-use facility should all be in, or out of the Restrictions Exemption Program, unless an activity is out-of-scope.

Additional information is available at:

<https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>.

Enforcement of Health Orders

Enforcement of the health orders is under the jurisdiction of Alberta Health Services and local police.

Can community Peace Officers enforce the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health?

NO. The authority to enforce health orders by peace officers has expired. This document will be updated should the authority be reintroduced. Peace Officers are encouraged to review the Peace Officer Bulletins for updates at:

<https://www.alberta.ca/peace-officers-overview.aspx#jumplinks-1>.

Can municipal bylaw enforcement officers who are not designated as community peace officers enforce the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health?

NO. Municipal bylaw officers can only enforce municipal bylaws.

General Information

Can municipalities choose to close certain municipally controlled properties even if they are allowed to be open under the provincial approach?

YES. The decision to close facilities remains a local council decision. Municipalities and the public must continue to put safety first while operating businesses and undertaking activities.

Do municipal staff have to work from home?

YES. Mandatory work-from-home measures are in place unless the employer has determined a physical presence is required for operational effectiveness.

If employees are working on location, they must mask in all indoor settings, except while alone in work stations.

Municipal Advisory Services

If you have further questions, please call:

780-427-2225 (or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000) or email ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca

Can a municipality declare a pandemic State of Local Emergency (SOLE), create local enforceable restrictions and provide for the staged opening of businesses and facilities?

YES. If a municipality determines an emergency exists in the municipal boundaries that requires coordination or action to protect the safety, health and welfare of people, a pandemic SOLE can be declared and municipalities can then restrict travel into, out of, and within the municipality, and close municipal properties. The *Emergency Management Act* does not include powers to close a business, or reduce the capacity of businesses operating in the municipality.

Additional Resources

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and Rural Municipalities of Alberta continue to be a valuable resource for municipalities. A COVID-19 response hub is accessible via <https://rmalberta.com/about/covid-19-response-hub/>.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities also has a list of links and resources for municipalities. <https://fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities>.



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Definitions

1 In this Regulation,

- (a) “arbitrator” means a person who is chosen as an arbitrator under section 708.35 of the Act;
- (b) “board” means an assessment review board, a subdivision and development appeal board or a growth management board and includes any panel of the board;
- (c) “Chief Medical Officer” means the Chief Medical Officer of Health as may be appointed under the *Public Health Act*;
- (d) “commission” means a regional services commission or a municipal planning commission;
- (e) “council” means a council of a municipal authority or a committee of the council;
- (f) “COVID-19” means COVID-19 as described or determined by the World Health Organization;
- (g) “information” includes a report, financial statement, bylaw, order, decision, record or other document;
- (h) “meeting” includes a hearing;
- (i) “quarantine” includes any self isolation and self quarantine as a result of COVID-19 or recommendations

of the Chief Medical Officer or the World Health Organization relating to COVID-19.

AR 50/2020 s1;139/2021

Purpose

2 The purpose of this Regulation is to provide for meetings under the Act to be held in a manner that avoids exposing persons to COVID-19.

Public meetings may be held electronically

3(1) Where the Act requires a council, board or commission to hold a meeting in public, that requirement is deemed to have been complied with by holding the meeting by electronic means, including, without limitation, a teleconference or a live, publicly streamed broadcast, if

- (a) members of the public are able to hear the meeting as it occurs,
- (b) any members of the public who would be entitled to make submissions at the meeting if the meeting were being held in person are able, before and during the meeting, to make submissions by email or any other method that the council, board or commission considers appropriate, and
- (c) the following persons attend the meeting by electronic means:
 - (i) in the case of a meeting of a council, the chief administrative officer or a designated officer;
 - (ii) in the case of a meeting of a commission, growth management board or subdivision and development appeal board, the chair or vice-chair;
 - (iii) in the case of a meeting of an assessment review board, the presiding officer.

(2) Where a meeting is intended to be held by electronic means under this section and the Act requires that notice of the meeting be given to the public, the notice must state the electronic means by which the meeting is to be held and give the information necessary for the public to access the meeting.

(3) Where a meeting of a council is held by electronic means in compliance with subsections (1) and (2),

- (a) electronic access to the meeting may be restricted or suspended in order to close all or part of the meeting to

the public under section 197 of the Act, and, for the purposes of section 197(5) of the Act, any members of the public whose access to the meeting is restricted or suspended are considered to be present outside the meeting room during the restriction or suspension,

- (b) the meeting is deemed to be conducted in public for the purposes of section 198 of the Act,
- (c) section 199(1)(b) and (c) of the Act do not apply in respect of the meeting,
- (d) the council is deemed to have met its obligations under section 230(4) of the Act,
- (e) the reference in section 230(5) of the Act to representations made at the public hearing is to be interpreted as a reference to the submissions received by the council in accordance with subsection (1)(b), and
- (f) the term “address” in section 606(6)(b) of the Act and the expression “place where it will be held” in section 606(6)(d) of the Act are to be interpreted as meaning a website address, telephone number or other information identifying where the meeting can be accessed electronically.

(4) Where a meeting of a regional services commission or a growth management board is held by electronic means in compliance with subsections (1) and (2), electronic access to the meeting may be restricted or suspended in order to close all or part of the meeting to the public

- (a) under section 602.08 of the Act, in the case of a meeting of a regional services commission, or
- (b) under section 708.041 of the Act, in the case of a meeting of a growth management board.

(5) For the purposes of

- (a) section 602.08(5) of the Act, in the case of a meeting of a regional services commission, or
- (b) section 708.041(6) of the Act, in the case of a meeting of a growth management board,

any members of the public whose access to the meeting is restricted or suspended as described in subsection (4)(a) or (b), whichever is applicable, are considered to be present outside the meeting room during the restriction or suspension.

Information to be made public

4 Where a provision of the Act requires a council, board or commission to make information available to the public or for public inspection, the provision is deemed to have been complied with

- (a) by making the information available electronically on the website of the council, board or commission or on any other website where the council, board or commission considers the information is likely to be easily found by the public, or
- (b) if requested to do so by a person, by sending the information to the person by email, mail or facsimile.

Arbitration hearing

5(1) An arbitration hearing under Division 2 of Part 17.2 of the Act may be held by electronic means, including, without limitation, a live, publicly streamed broadcast, if members of the public are able to hear the meeting as it occurs.

(2) An arbitration hearing held in compliance with subsection (1) is deemed to be open to the public for the purposes of section 708.36(5) of the Act.

Reduced quorum

6 Where under the Act a certain number of members of a council, board or commission is required to constitute quorum and the council, board or commission is unable to achieve quorum because one or more of its members are in quarantine, quorum is constituted by the number of members not in quarantine, if that number is 2 or more.

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Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

AUMA is proud to see eight of our members recognized for their collaboration, hard work, and creativity. Congratulations to the City of Medicine Hat, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Town of Devon, Town of Okotoks, and Town of Bruderheim!

This year, the Minister of Municipal Affairs also recognized the Village of Elnora, the City of Lloydminster, and Red Deer County for their efforts in reducing red tape.

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Update from the Legislature - September 22

- Cabinet Shuffle
- Restrictions Exemption Program
- Federal Election

Proximity Guidelines for Rail Safety Week

Did you know that Canada is the only country in the world that has proximity guidelines to guide new development near railways?



The Pathway to the 'New Normal' Workplace webinar series continues

On September 29 at 11:00 a.m we will be joined once again by our partners from Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP, where we will dive deeper into the newest restrictions introduced by the Government of Alberta on September 16.

CASUAL LEGAL: New Approach to Interpreting Releases

The Supreme Court of Canada recently confirmed that the rules of contractual interpretation that apply to all contracts now also apply to releases.

BUSINESS SERVICES



Thank you Maureen O'Neil

As we all know, the greatest constant in life is change.

Maureen O'Neil, our Senior Director Business Development, is making a change. With her deep understanding of municipal needs, she is taking the next step in her career as she moves to a wonderful new role as Deputy CAO, External Services with the City of Beaumont. Her last day with us will be Friday, October 15.

Maureen has been with us for almost 5 years. In that time, she has been a dedicated representative of AUMA / AMSC and a driving force behind many endeavours. And she has forged strong professional and personal relationships with members, clients, partners, and colleagues.

While we are all very excited for her, we are also very sad to see her leave us.

Please join us in congratulating Maureen and wishing her the very best in her new role, which she starts on Monday, October 18.

Invitation to Service Alberta's First Regional Digital Forum

Are you an information management and technology leader in your municipality? If you are, don't miss out on the first-ever Regional Digital Forum hosted by Service Alberta! It's a chance to share your knowledge and learn from other jurisdictions around the table.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT



Support for Alberta Not-for-Profits through the Freedom to Care Act

Learn how the act protects volunteers from personal liability when volunteering in good faith, and allows non-profit organizations to apply for a one-time exemption to certain regulatory requirements if an exemption doesn't already exist.

Board Leadership Webinar Series

Governing in uncertain times requires board members to shift how they lead, work together, and make decisions. Join Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women on Oct 4 for a "Lunch and Learn" webinar!

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Learn more about how the City of Boston is boosting civic engagement and creating more meaningful touchpoints with citizens.

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Get the details and applications here: [Municipal Internship Program | Alberta.ca](#)

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To complete the survey, click [here](#). The survey closes on **Friday, October 8, 2021**. Please contact Libraries@gov.ab.ca if you have any questions about Municipal Affairs' stakeholder engagement on public libraries legislation.

Join PAAC & CPRS for a political panel and discussion of Alberta's municipal election campaign and Alberta referendum questions. Register for the **Alberta Municipal Election Panel** on October 14, 2021.

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AUMA Publishes 2021 Resolutions Book

AUMA's 2021 Resolutions Book is now available.

The resolutions will be considered at AUMA's 2021 Convention, taking place November 17 - 19 at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

Stay tuned to the Digest for updates.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

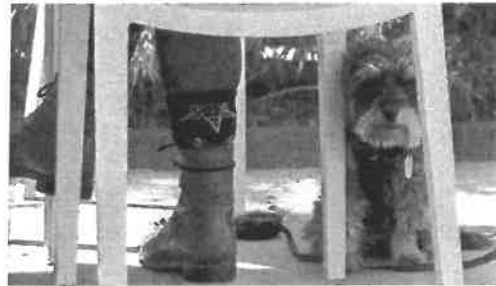


School Site Joint Use and Planning Agreements

Alberta Municipal Affairs published an Implementation Fact Sheet that provides the basic information on JUPAs that municipalities need to know.

Dogs on Patios: Call for Feedback on Proposed Changes to the Food Regulation

The Province is proposing amendments to reduce red tape for operators of food establishments who choose to allow dogs in outdoor eating areas, such as patios.



CASUAL LEGAL: What does that mean? A Review of the Interpretation Act

The purpose of the Interpretation Act is to assist people in reading, understanding, and interpreting all Alberta statutes. Any person acting under Alberta legislation should be familiar with its provisions.

INNOVATION



Residents Balancing Municipal Budgets Online

See how the City of Beaumont is better identifying budgetary priorities as it heads into its 2022 budget process by offering residents an innovative way to have their say using an online budget simulation tool.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT



We want to hear from our not-for-profit members!

A quick reminder to our not-for-profit members: We need your input for our not-for-profit program. Help us improve the program by taking our three-minute survey.

Deadline for submission is October 8, 2021

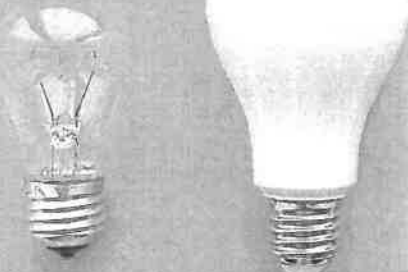
GOOD TO KNOW

Cleanfarms is working to create a zero-plastics waste strategy for agriculture. The three-year project will increase farmers' access to recycling programs and explore ways to deliver long-term, permanent programs. Full project details are available [here](#).

The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) released its 2020-2021 [annual report](#), available on the NRCB website. The quasi-judicial and regulatory agency is mandated to fulfill applications and compliance responsibilities, advance policies, and conduct reviews for confined feeding operations. AUMA is a member of the NRCB Policy Advisory Group.

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Call for Nominations – AUMA Board of Directors

We are seeking nominations for qualified candidates to serve on the Board of Directors. Elections will take place on Friday, Nov.19, 2021, during the annual AUMA Convention.

The deadline for ALL nominations for the 2021 AUMA Board elections is 11:59 p.m., Friday, November 12, 2021.

ADVOCACY UPDATES



AUMA's advocacy pays off with time extensions available for the Municipal Stimulus Program



Following our advocacy, Municipal Affairs announced last week that it will consider time extensions, project amendments, and scope changes on a case-by-case basis.

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We're proud to participate in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Canadian Women in Local Leadership project.



Update from the Legislature - October 6

- Alberta Public Service employee vaccination requirements
- Restrictions Exemption Program
- Vaccination Progress

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AUMA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place the morning of Friday, November 19, 2021. The AGM is held in conjunction with the annual AUMA Convention.

Accepting Applications – Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program

Alberta Environment and Parks' Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program is accepting applications for projects that build long-term resiliency to flood and drought events.

CASUAL LEGAL: Third Party Advertising in Municipal Elections

Anyone wishing to engage in third-party election advertising should review the legislation in advance, as there are many other conditions third-party advertisers must abide by in municipal elections (and stiff penalties for non-compliance).

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The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has announced Phase 3 of its First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI). FCM is seeking applications proposing First Nation-Municipal partnerships. Eight partnerships will be selected to participate in Phase 3 of the program. New for this phase of the CEDI, FCM is offering two program streams: a three-year standard participation, and a two-year accelerated option.

In Phases 1 and 2, many projects focused on the following thematic areas: land use planning, infrastructure and service agreements, inclusive regional economic development and Indigenous procurement. FCM expects these areas to be addressed in Phase 3 as well, but other areas of collaboration are also possible.

Applications will be accepted until October 22, 2021. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

Oct. 6 is Energy Efficiency Day!

Energy efficiency is, simply put, eliminating energy waste. Through newer technologies such as programmable thermostats, space heaters and pumps, and old standbys like weather stripping and insulation, we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs.

This week we celebrated the hard work and investments municipalities make to reduce energy consumption and improve their building stock. Congratulations to all participating municipalities! Learn more about successful [energy efficiency projects](#) in our [Project Showcase](#).

To celebrate Energy Efficiency Day 2021 (#EEDay2021), the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is giving away prize packages to three winners! Packages include items that will help you live a more sustainable lifestyle.

Enter to win one of three energy efficiency packages featuring an [Ecobee Smart Thermostat](#) and other prizes between Oct. 4 and 8 (11:59pm, MT), 2021.

[Enter to win, here!](#)

Join the Net-Zero Communities Accelerator

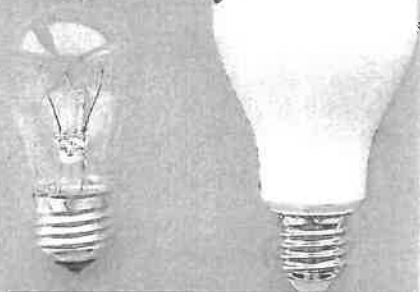
The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre, in collaboration with [QUEST Canada](#), [Eco-West Canada](#), the [Community Energy Association](#), and the [Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources](#), is seeking small to mid-sized communities from across Canada to participate in a three-year Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program.

Eligible applicants include local governments (Indigenous, municipal, regional or a group of small communities and/or Indigenous communities), or organizations applying on behalf of a local government or a group of local governments (e.g. a local energy distributor, Indigenous group, or not-for-profit organization). Applications are being accepted from across Canada. For more information, download the [project backgrounder](#).

Submit your **Expression of Interest** by October 17, 2021.

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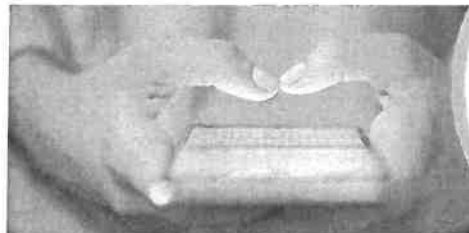
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Good afternoon,

The 2021 AUMA Convention is right around the corner, taking place November 17 – 19, 2021 at the Edmonton Convention Centre. While we are excited to report that we are continuing to plan for an in-person event, we will adjusting our health and safety protocols to meet provincial restrictions that are in place.

In order to continue with an in-person event, the Edmonton Convention Centre, along other partnering Sponsors' Networking Event venues, must adhere to the provincial Restrictions Exemption Program. This means that all delegates, speakers, contractors, government partners and trade show vendors will be required to show one of the following each time they enter a facility:

- Proof of full vaccination (both vaccination doses must be administered 14-days prior),
- Proof of negative, privately-paid test result within 72-hours of the time and day you are entering the facility, or
- An original medical exemption letter.

Please note, as per the REP requirements copies of medical exemption letters will not be accepted - it must be the original letter. Results from Alberta Health Services tests are not permissible.

If your privately-paid testing is completed after 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, those test results will permit your attendance for the remaining 72-hours of Convention - so, until the event closes on Friday, November 19. However, if your test is completed prior to Tuesday, November 16, those test results will not be valid for admission into the Edmonton Convention Centre on Friday as the 72-hour will have lapsed. You will require a new, privately-paid test prior to Friday's session.

We will also be following the current mask bylaws in place, which require attendees to be masked at all times unless consuming food or beverage at a table. Please note, eating and drinking are only permitted while at a table, either seated or standing. We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns ahead of our event, please contact events@auma.ca. We look forward to being together next month.

Dan Rude | Chief Executive Officer
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as: Council

From: Exec. Assistant on behalf of Dan Rude <EA_DRude@auma.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: AUMA's 2021 Resolutions Book Published

Hello Mayors, Councillors and CAOs,

AUMA's 2021 Resolutions Book is now available as a PDF and in Word format on our [Resolutions webpage](#).

The resolutions will be considered at AUMA's 2021 Convention, taking place November 17 - 19 at the Edmonton Convention Centre. We are currently planning for an in-person event, but are continually monitoring the situation around COVID-19 and will follow public health orders that are in place at the time.

New this year, a virtual option is available for those who would like to attend from their office or home. Virtual attendees will have access to all plenary sessions, including the Resolutions Session. All registered elected officials representing regular members are eligible to vote virtually for elections and resolutions.

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From: Nixon, Kelsey <kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com> on behalf of Stakeholder Relations Team <stakeholderrelations@fortisalberta.com>
Sent: September 30, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Alberta Beach; Beaumont; Betula Beach; Breton; Calmar; Castle Island; Devon; Drayton Valley; Edson; Hinton; Lac Ste. Anne; Lakeview; Leduc; Leduc County; Mayerthorpe; MD of Greenview; Nakamun Park; Onoway; Parkland County; Point Alison; Rick Sereda (Leduc); Ross Haven; Sandy Beach; Seba Beach; Silver Sands; Spruce Grove; Stony Plain; Sunset Point; Thorsby; Val Quentin; Wabamun; Warburg; West Cove; Whitecourt; Woodlands County; Yellowhead County
Cc: Smith, Nicole; Hunka, Dave
Subject: Proposed FortisAlberta 2022 Distribution Rates Letter
Attachments: Proposed FortisAlberta 2022 Distribution Rates.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a copy of the Proposed FortisAlberta 2022 Distribution Rates letter.

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

Thank you,

Kelsey Nixon | Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Key Accounts

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September 30, 2021

RE: Proposed FortisAlberta 2022 Distribution Rates

As your electrical distribution provider, FortisAlberta appreciates serving you as a customer and we look forward to continuing our partnership. Within this letter, we will share our 2022 Proposed Distribution Rates, currently filed with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). While these are not yet approved, we recognize that the information contained here may be helpful for Municipal, Industrial and Commercial customers for budget planning purposes. Under Performance Based Regulation (PBR), distribution rate setting follows a formulaic approach set by the AUC, which allows for inflationary increases or decreases in recovery of costs plus recovery of amounts associated with investment in the distribution system. These investments ensure continued safe and reliable provision of distribution services. In addition, all transmission increases, or decreases are flowed through by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) to be collected through the Delivery Charges section of the customer bill. Both distribution (FortisAlberta) and transmission (transmission provider) costs will see an increase in 2022.

FortisAlberta customers in all rate classes benefited from a one-time refund in 2021 that lowered the overall average rate adjustment that customers would normally see. The proposed 2022 rate adjustments reflect annual rates with the removal of this one-time refund from 2021. The transmission costs are flowed through costs from AESO, and its tariff increases approved by the AUC.

Pending approval of our submission on September 10, 2021, from the AUC under proceeding 26817, following is a summary of the proposed 2022 rate changes, which would become effective January 1, 2022:

1. FortisAlberta has submitted proposed changes to our base Distribution Rates and the Transmission Rates.
2. FortisAlberta has proposed adjustments to the AUC for the Maximum Investment Levels.

Note: 2022 rates may also be impacted by other applications and fees outside of FortisAlberta's control, including transmission rider rates, the Balancing Pool Allocation Rider, the Base Transmission Adjustment Rider, and the Quarterly Transmission Adjustment Rider for Q1, and Municipal Franchise Fee Riders.

The attached Rate chart(s) illustrate the estimated percentage and monetary changes for each rate class based on estimated consumption and demands between your December 2021 and January 2022 bundled bill from your retailer.

We thank you for the opportunity to advise you of these pending updates. We'll be sending additional communications once our 2022 Rates are approved. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your Stakeholder Relations Manager should you have any questions or require further information.

FortisAlberta
2022 Proposed Rates
Average Monthly Bill Impacts by Rate Class
Including Energy, Retail, and DT Rates & Riders

Rate	Rate Class Description	Consumption Usage	Demand Usage	Monthly/Seasonal Bill			
				Jan 2021 Bill	Jan 2022 Bill	\$ Difference	% Change
		300 kWh		\$80.63	\$82.14	\$1.51	1.9%
11	Residential	640 kWh		\$134.24	\$136.49	\$2.25	1.7%
		1200 kWh		\$222.52	\$226.00	\$3.48	1.6%
		900 kWh	5 kVA	\$116.93	\$115.72	\$-1.21	-1.0%
21	Farm (Breaker) (Closed)	1,400 kWh	10 kVA	\$344.19	\$349.85	\$5.66	1.6%
		7,500 kWh	25 kVA	\$1,351.99	\$1,442.83	\$90.84	6.7%
		700 kWh	10 kVA	\$253.17	\$272.51	\$19.34	7.6%
22	Farm (New)	3,000 kWh	20 kVA	\$695.00	\$728.50	\$33.50	4.8%
		15,000 kWh	60 kVA	\$2,827.58	\$2,907.18	\$79.60	2.8%
		6,000 kWh	20 kW	\$1,809.17	\$1,922.25	\$113.08	6.3%
26	Irrigation (Seasonal Bill)	14,518 kWh	33 kW	\$3,847.09	\$3,940.11	\$93.02	2.4%
		45,000 kWh	100 kW	\$11,525.02	\$11,790.35	\$265.33	2.3%
31	Streetlighting (Investment)	5,144 kWh	12,500 W	\$3,093.92	\$3,174.93	\$81.01	2.6%
33	Streetlighting (Non-Investment) (Closed)	7,900 kWh	12,000 W	\$1,715.48	\$1,674.68	\$-40.80	-2.4%
38	Yard Lighting	5,000 kWh	12,000 W	\$2,022.94	\$2,051.47	\$28.53	1.4%
<i>Rates 31, 33 and 38 is based on 100 HPS Lights in assorted fixture wattages.</i>							
		1,083 kWh	5 kW	\$232.32	\$242.14	\$9.82	4.2%
41	Small General Service	2,165 kWh	10 kW	\$439.76	\$447.33	\$7.57	1.7%
		10,825 kWh	50 kW	\$2,099.37	\$2,088.88	\$-10.49	-0.5%
		2,590 kWh	7.5 kW	\$508.87	\$511.42	\$2.55	0.5%
44/45	Oil and Gas Service	5,179 kWh	15 kW	\$981.77	\$993.36	\$11.59	1.2%
		25,895 kWh	75 kW	\$4,695.41	\$4,848.84	\$153.43	3.3%
		32,137 kWh	100 kW	\$4,960.83	\$4,946.25	\$-14.58	-0.3%
61	General Service	63,071 kWh	196 kW	\$9,366.82	\$9,527.60	\$160.78	1.7%
		482,055 kWh	1500 kW	\$69,151.73	\$72,581.69	\$3,429.96	5.0%
		824,585 kWh	2500 kW	\$115,379.09	\$116,112.75	\$733.66	0.6%
63	Large General Service	1,529,869 kWh	4638 kW	\$199,703.45	\$200,903.92	\$1,200.47	0.6%
		3,298,338 kWh	10,000 kW	\$421,524.91	\$423,896.14	\$2,371.23	0.6%
65	Transmission Connected Service	<i>The Distribution component will increase from \$42.11/day to \$44.38978/per day. The Transmission Component is the applicable rate of the AESO.</i>					

CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULES

Table 1
Maximum Investment Levels for Distribution Facilities
When the Investment Term is 15 years or more

Type of Service	Maximum Investment Level
Rate 11 Residential	\$2,677 per service
Rate 11 Residential Development	\$2,677 per service, less FortisAlberta's costs of metering and final connection
Rate 21 FortisAlberta Farm and Rate 23 Grain Drying	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$869 per kVA of Peak Demand
Rate 26 Irrigation	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$966 per kW of Peak Demand
Rate 38 Yard Lighting	\$864 per fixture
Rate 31 Street Lighting (Investment Option)	\$3,125 per fixture
Rate 41 Small General Service	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$966 per kW of Peak Demand
Rate 45 Oil and Gas Service	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$966 per kW of Peak Demand FortisAlberta invests as required per unmetered to metered service conversion program.
Rate 61 General Service (less than or equal to 2 MW)	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$966 per kW for the first 150 kW, plus \$121 for additional kW of Peak Demand
Rate 63 Large General Service (over 2 MW) (Distribution Connected)	\$109 per kW of Peak Demand, plus \$120 per metre of Customer Extension

Notes: Maximum investment levels are reduced if the expected Investment Term is less than 15 years, as specified in Table 2.

*Proposed 2022 Maximum Investment Levels as filed with AUC on September 10, 2021.

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Sent: October 6, 2021 3:28 PM
Cc: Smith, Nicole; Hunka, Dave
Subject: RE: Maximum Investment Level for Rate 31 Street Lighting (Investment Option)
Attachments: Maximum Investment Level for Rate 31 Street Lighting (Investment Option) Letter.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a letter regarding the Maximum Investment Level for Rate 31 Street Lighting (Investment Option).

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

Thank you,

Kelsey Nixon | Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Key Accounts

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October 6, 2021

Re: Maximum Investment Level for Rate 31 Street Lighting (Investment Option)

FortisAlberta was recently made aware, through various discussions with both municipalities and developers, of certain complexities regarding the refund of the streetlight portion of the FortisAlberta Maximum Investment Level following installation and energization of the streetlight(s) (the "**Streetlight Refund**"¹).


The intent of this letter is to advise that those complexities only exist in the event that the municipality and the developer do not agree as to which entity receives the Streetlight Refund. It is FortisAlberta's position that the language of our Terms and Conditions, as currently drafted, allows for certain flexibility between the municipality and the developer. Therefore, the municipality and the developer are able to make certain commercial agreements between themselves on either a project-by-project basis, or for a more defined term.

FortisAlberta's current practice, as it relates to the Streetlight Refund, is to require the developer (more typically their engineering consultant) to work with the municipality to complete and submit to FortisAlberta's attention a checklist whereby the municipality directs who is to receive the Streetlight Refund. In the event the parties are unable to agree who receives the Streetlight Refund, FortisAlberta advises that we will defer to the municipality, as the Customer, to elect where the Streetlight Refund is to be directed.

In an effort to avoid any confusion, FortisAlberta further notes that several municipalities have negotiated and state in their development permits, other agreements, understandings, or contracts with developers where the Streetlight Refund is to be directed.

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hunka".

Dave Hunka

Manager Municipalities, Customer Care and Connections

¹ Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms have the meaning ascribed to them in FortisAlberta's Customer Terms and Conditions of Electric Distribution Service (the "**Terms and Conditions**").

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Alberta Beach Village Office

Cc: Council

From: NSWA <water@nswa.ab.ca>
Sent: September 28, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Jim
Subject: Watershed news and events

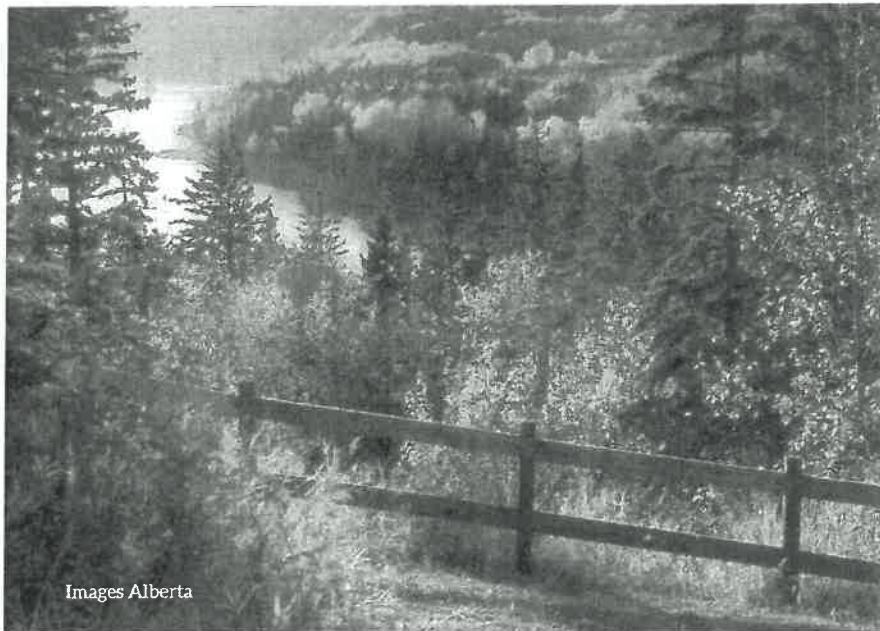


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IN STREAM NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2021

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS FALL?

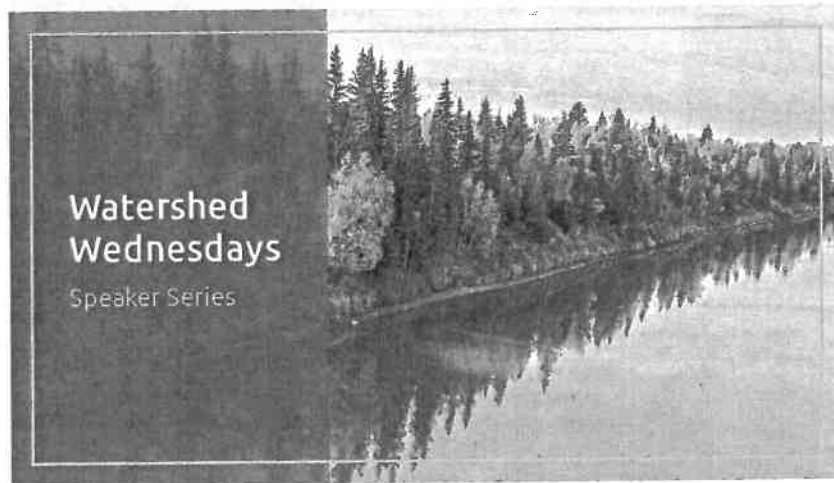


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Check out information and events around the watershed this fall!

It is a great time of year to explore the watershed and enjoy the changing fall colors. Watch our social media for information on wetlands and riparian areas in our watershed. This month's newsletter has links to many new resources and publications.

WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS RETURN



Join NSWA for **Watershed Wednesdays** this fall - an online speaker series, the first Wednesday of each month (noon to 1 pm) on a variety of watershed topics:

October 6 - WETLANDS

- *Flooded with Initiatives - Strathcona County Wetland Projects* - Jocelyn Thrasher-Haug and Emily Kabotoff, Strathcona County
- *Alberta's Wetland Policy Implementation Review Report* – Scott Millar, Alberta Water Council.

November 3 - AQUATIC HEALTH

- *Using parasites as a surrogate for host biodiversity in reclaimed wetlands* -Brooke McPhail, PhD candidate, University of Alberta
- *Using Watershed geospatial data to guide Aquatic Ecosystem Health sampling in the North Saskatchewan River basin* - Craig Emmerton, Alberta Environment and Parks

December 1 - WATER QUALITY

These webinars will be held online using Zoom. Register now to get more information and reminders for the series. The Zoom link will be sent the day before the webinar. We look forward to meeting with you.

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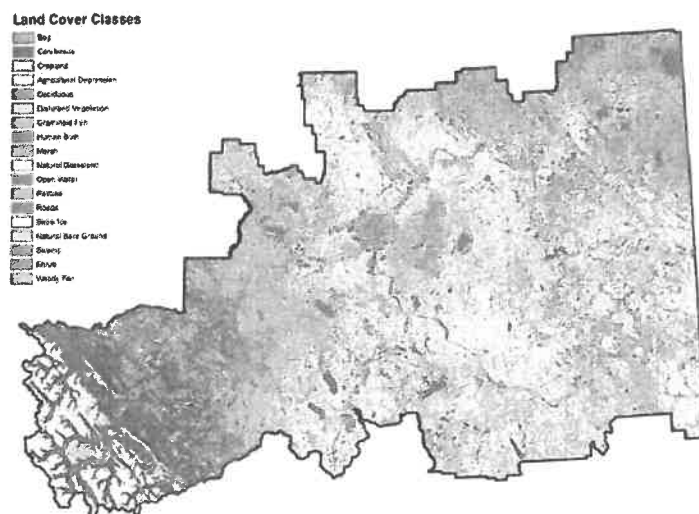
PADDLERS on the RIVER!



NSWA staff Michelle Gordy and Danielle Barry had a great day talking to Engineering students from the **University of Alberta** about the North Saskatchewan River watershed. The day included a canoe trip on the North Saskatchewan River (a first for many of the students). The students put together a short video of their trip. You can find it here:

Trip Down the River

LAND COVER DATASET AVAILABLE



Good news! The 2018 Land cover dataset commissioned by the NSWA is now available on the Government of Alberta Open Data website and freely available for download.

Many people asked about this dataset created in the NSWA Riparian Intactness project, and now this foundational dataset is available for your use! The 18-class, 6-meter resolution dataset covers the North Saskatchewan River and Battle River watersheds. In addition, a more detailed dataset is available for a 50-meter buffer along creeks and lakes in the watershed.

You can find the datasets on the Government of Alberta Website: <https://geodiscover.alberta.ca/> by searching **Wall to Wall Land Cover and Shoreline Buffer Landcover**. You can find supplementary descriptions about the dataset and the methods used on the NSWA website here:

DATASET INFORMATION

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE NEWS

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

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



SEPTEMBER'S BLOG:
Stories of Stewardship: what is stewardship and how is it practiced in a watershed?

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



Check out the latest VRWA blog about **Stories of Stewardship**.

What is stewardship? Hear what local landowners in the Vermilion River subwatershed have to say about it on our new video posted on YouTube <https://youtu.be/hY9oUm5XGaM>

Stories of Stewardship Blog

Thank you to Municipalities for Supporting the Work of NSWA!

NSWA relies on contributions from our watershed municipalities to support our subwatershed groups and local projects. Last year 41 municipalities contributed over \$165,000 to NSWA based on \$0.50 per resident.

Each contribution NSWA receives allows us to support municipal-led groups such as the Headwaters, Sturgeon and Vermilion Watershed Alliances as well as local watershed stewardship groups. These funds have helped NSWA leverage over \$3 million dollars in

provincial and federal grant funding in the last five years.

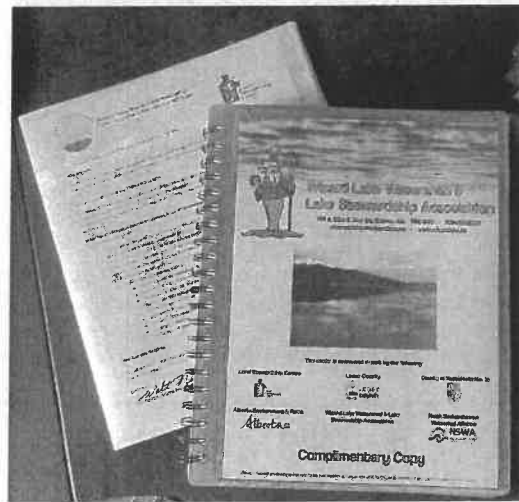
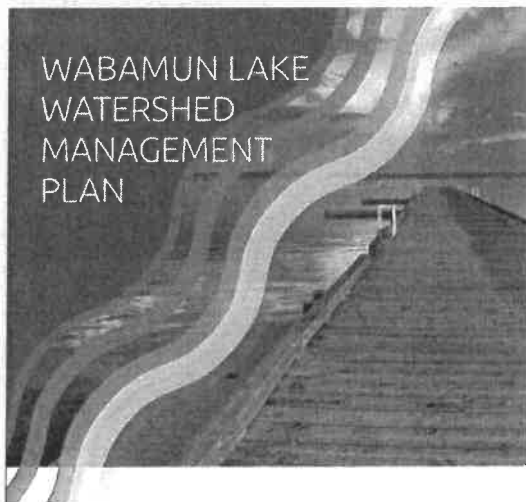
This year our first municipal contributions received included:

Town of Thorsby

Village of Spring Lake

Thank you!

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP GROUPS UPDATES



The **Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan (2020)** is now on the NSWA website. This plan was the result of the hard work of the Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee and input from many lake stakeholders.

A shout out to the **Wizard Lake Watershed and Stewardship Association** and the **Mayatan Lake Management Association** for their community outreach booklets filled with information from many partners including Alberta Lake Management Society, Alberta Environment and Parks, municipalities and others.

What a great way to provide watershed information to their communities!

Are you in Grades 7 to 12?

Compete to win \$1,000 cash!

Submit a proposal that answers the question:


“What can you do to improve your watershed?”

- Research your local watershed and come up with a solution to an environmental concern.
- Finalists present their idea to win cash rewards.

early \$20,000 will be awarded to students and schools who participate.

- Funding is also available to help implement student ideas.

Alberta contest deadlines:
 March 22, 2022 – Contest Entry Deadline
 April 23, 2022 – Final Competition



CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS CONTEST

Teachers and students in grades 7 to 12 - an exciting opportunity is open in the **Caring for our Watersheds** contest! Learn about your local watershed and come up with a solution to an environmental concern. Your project could win \$1,000. Take a look at the information in the link below and share with others who might be interested in participating. For more information on the contest check out this [website](#).

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The [Canadian Conservation and Land Management website](#) is a forum for sharing information and lessons learned about boreal caribou conservation, wetland best practices, land restoration and land reclamation.

There are several [Working Well](#) workshops across the province this fall. Check out the poster link for more information.

The **Government of Alberta** has posted new **flood study update** notices for the North Saskatchewan River Hazard Study and the St. Albert Flood Hazard Study. The updated information can be found at the link [here](#).

People from local government, researchers, policy makers and educators rely on [Municipal Natural Assets Initiative](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest in measuring, managing and valuing of natural assets. Subscribe to their newsletter for more information.

The **Land Stewardship Center** has published a new online [Stewardship Directory](#) as well as a new [Green Communities Guide](#). Check them out on their website as well as many other resources.

A [Review of Alberta's Integrated Land Management Policies, Practices and Legislation](#) has now been published by the Alberta Regional Caribou Knowledge Partnership

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.



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



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ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

WHAT HAS YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT DONE?

Here at Onoway Regional Fire Services, we like to be as transparent as possible with the citizens of whom we serve. We are proud to answer some common questions regarding your fire service.



HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LEAVE AFTER BEING NOTIFIED? 2020 AVERAGE:

1.8 minutes. Most volunteer and Paid-On-Call services average around 10 minutes.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GET TO MY HOUSE AFTER BEING NOTIFIED? 2020 AVERAGE:

6.8 minutes combined average for all Onoway Regional areas and 5.4 minutes for urban areas (Onoway, Alberta Beach, Sunset Point, Val Quentin). Edmonton Fire Rescue posts an average of 4 minutes.

I HEARD ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES NOW RESPONDS TO HIGHWAY CALLS. DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

In 2020, 67% of highway emergencies experienced reduced response times. Onoway Regional Fire Services responded to 33 emergencies on Alberta Highways in 2020.

DO FIREFIGHTERS STILL VOLUNTEER?

In 2020, firefighters volunteered over 6,281 hours of their free time. This time was spent training, responding to medical calls, and taking part in community events.



ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

ON THE HIGHWAY



Here at Onoway Regional Fire Services, we like to be as transparent as possible with the citizens of whom we serve. We would like to tell you how our highway emergency response has gone so far in cooperation with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services.

ORFS responded to **33** emergency highway incidents with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services in 2020.

Of the **33** emergency calls ORFS responded to in 2020, ORFS was able to improve the response time for **22** of the emergencies.

ORFS shaves off on-average **5-minutes** from the previous response time on highway incidents.

In 12 cases, ORFS was able to reduce the response time by over 5 minutes. In 6 incidents, ORFS was able to save over 10 minutes.

In 2020, 67% of highway emergencies experienced reduced response times. Sometimes arriving on scene up to 18 minutes faster. When you are badly hurt and trapped in a vehicle, 5 minutes can mean a lot, and 18 can mean death.



If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call, or send us an email!

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RATIO OF CALLS COMPARED TO 5-YEAR AVERAGE:

CALL OUTS:

	First 1/2 2021	% of Calls	5-Year Average %	Change:
Medical Co Response	52	51%	58%	-12%
Motor Vehicle Collision	20	20%	17%	15%
Outside Fire	9	9%	4%	121%
Residential Alarm	7	7%	10%	-31%
Structure Fire	4	4%	3%	31%
Vehcile Fire	3	3%	2%	47%
Electircal Hazzards	3	3%	1%	194%
Commercial Alarm	2	2%	4%	-51%
Hazmat	2	2%	1%	96%
TOTAL:	102	100%	100%	

Turnout Time:

2021 YTD:	1.6min
5-Year Average:	2.4Min
48-Second Improvement	

YTD: Summary:

- False Alarms are Down
- Medical Co Responses & Motor Vehicle Collisions are Stable
- Fires and Hazards are Up
- Turnout Time is Faster.

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From: Anne-Marie Jonke <annemarie.j@sundre.com>
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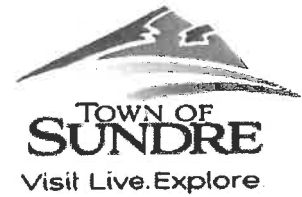
Good morning,

Please see attached correspondence from the Town of Sundre.

Sincerely,

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September 10, 2021

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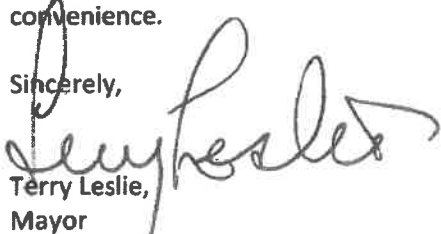
RE: ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) RETROACTIVE PAY

At our last council meeting on September 7, 2021, Council discussed the correspondence received earlier this summer from the Town of Claresholm requesting 'that the Alberta Government ensures that Alberta municipalities are not charged with assisting in funding the RCMP's retroactive pay when the agreement is complete. It should be up to the provincial and federal governments to deal with any shortfalls, and not to overload municipalities with further monetary strain.'

The Town of Sundre would like to echo this sentiment. The Town of Sundre is a municipality with a total population of under 3,000 citizens, the tax increase implication that would result from being required to pay retroactively to the RCMP would, especially after the economic effects of the pandemic, be too great a burden to place upon our taxpayers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Terry Leslie,
Mayor
Town of Sundre

TL/aj

c.c. Mr. Jason Nixon, MLA for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)
AUMA Member Municipalities

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Anne-Marie Jonke <annemarie.j@sundre.com>
Sent: September 22, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Anne-Marie Jonke
Subject: Councillor Code of Conduct
Attachments: Councilor Code of Conduct Letter.pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached correspondence from the Town of Sundre.

Sincerely,





717 Main Avenue West | P.O. Box 420 | Sundre, Alberta, Canada T0M 1X0 | T. 403.638.3551 | F. 403.638.2100 | E. townmail@sundre.com

September 10, 2021

Honourable Ric McIver
Minister of Municipal Affairs
320 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

RE: CODE OF CONDUCT

At our last regular meeting of Council held on September 7, 2021, Council discussed correspondence received from the Town of Claresholm regarding the importance of continuing to keep the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw requirement as a legislated requirement.

The Town of Sundre would like to stand in solidarity with the Town of Claresholm and along with them, 'respectfully request that your ministry make sure that consultation with municipalities in Alberta is completed prior to any major changes being made to remove the requirement of the Councillor Codes of Conduct. We agree that having a requirement for municipalities to have a Code of Conduct Bylaw in place provides a framework for Council member's behaviour and provides each Council direction and guidance for dealing with any contentious issues that may arise. It is imperative that the option of imposing sanctions on Council members continues as necessary to support this process. The Town of Sundre requests that the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw requirement remains mandatory.'

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Terry Leslie,
Mayor
Town of Sundre

TL/aj

c.c. Mr. Jason Nixon, MLA Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)
AUMA Member Municipalities

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Laurie Haak <LHaak@yrl.ab.ca>
Sent: September 24, 2021 12:42 PM
Cc: YRL Chair; Bill Elliot - City of Wetaskiwin (billelliot14@gmail.com); Karla Palichuk; Wendy Sears; Jessica Knoch; Jocie Wilson; Stephanie Thero; Andrew Nierenhausen; Ashley Holand; Carrie Borle; David Gould; yrlintern; Erik Becker; Janet Killips; Jennifer Laskosky; Laura Peters; Pat Bradshaw; Rembrant E. Puzon; Rob Tuininga; Scott Morrey; Sophia Guo; Wayne McKeen
Subject: Press Release
Attachments: YRL Announces New Logo.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached news release for our exciting announcement!

Laurie Haak on behalf of:

Karla Palichuk
Director
kpalichuk@yrl.ab.ca

Yellowhead Regional Library
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YRL Launches New Brand

September 24, 2021

New brand reflects rich history, bold future

Today, the Board and staff of Yellowhead Regional Library celebrate the organization's 50th anniversary by launching a new brand.

"Yellowhead Regional Library has come so far in its 50-year existence," said Director Karla Palichuk. "We have many to thank for the opportunity to build on the rich legacy they created at the forefront of regional libraries in Alberta."

Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) serves as a hub for public and school libraries in the central west part of the province. It helps its member libraries to deliver a world of information and enjoyment through shared resources. Further, YRL connects its member libraries through technology, helping them to maintain their collections, access online resources and manage material loans. YRL also provides consultation services and onboarding, professional development, and training to its members.

"The logo creates a unique icon for Yellowhead Regional Library which may appear random but is rooted in the geographical locations of the member libraries YRL serves, with the main converging point being YRL's own location. Visually this symbolizes the lengths YRL will go to serve the community, as well as the variety of ways they can provide support."

*-Corey Bexon
Graphic Designer
Focus Communications*

"YRL is well-known in the provincial library community as an innovator and risk taker," says Palichuk. "We wanted our brand to reflect that and inspire the future for our staff and member libraries."

The logo design reflects the interaction between YRL and its member libraries: the interdependencies, outreach, and feedback that each provides to the other. It's a bold look that is indicative of YRL's bold future. Other activities to celebrate YRL's 50th anniversary include the production of two new videos: celebrating our history, and about our services. In anticipation of seeing its member library staff again, YRL has renovated its meeting space to welcome them for in-person workshops and training. Last, as a gift back to those who mean the most, YRL will be adding \$50,000 of digital content for the enjoyment of YRL member library patrons.

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For more information:

Wendy Sears Ilnicki

Manager, Administrative Services | Deputy Director

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Laurie Haak <LHaak@yrl.ab.ca>
Sent: October 1, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Kevin Bird - Northern Gateway School Division (kevin.bird@ngps.ca); Mark Thiesen - Pembina Hills School Division (mark.thiesen@pembinahills.ca); Michael Borgfjord - Pembina Hills School Division (michael.borgfjord@pembinahills.ca); Peter Barron - Wetaskiwin School Division (peter.barron@wrps11.ca); Annette Driessen - Town of Drayton Valley (adriessen@draytonvalley.ca); Bill Given - Municipality of Jasper (bgiven@town.jasper.ab.ca); Bill Lewis - Town of Swan Hills (bill@townofswanhills.com); Christine Beveridge - Town of Edson (christineb@edson.ca); Christine Pankewitz - Village of Warburg (cao@warburg.ca); Dean Screpnek - City of Spruce Grove (dscrepnek@sprucegrove.org); Debbie Oyarzun - County of Barrhead No. 11 (doyarzun@countybarrhead.ab.ca); Deborah Juch - Yellowhead County (djuch@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca); Dennis Evans - SV of Birch Cove (d.evans@birchcove.ca); Dennis Evans - SV of Val Quentin (d.evans@explornet.com); Derek Prohar - City of Leduc (dprohar@leduc.ca); Duane Coleman - Leduc County (duanec@leduc-county.com); Dwight Moskalyk - SV of Nakamun Park (ddm@kronprinzconsulting.ca); Edward LeBlanc - Town of Barrhead (eleblanc@barrhead.ca); Emily House - SV of Kapasiwin (emily@milestonemunicipalservices.ca); Emily House - SV of Lakeview (cao@lakeview.ca); Emily House - Village of Spring Lake (emily@springlakealberta.com); Emily Olsen - Town of Hinton (eolsen@hinton.ca); Gordon Frank - Woodlands County (gordon.frank@woodlands.ab.ca); June Boyda - SV of Silver Beach (cao@silverbeach.ca); Karen St. Martin - Town of Mayerthorpe (cao@mayerthorpe.ca); Kathy Krawchuk - Town of Calmar (kkrawchuk@calmar.ca); Kathy Skwarchuk - Village of Alberta Beach (aboffice@albertabeach.com); Kayleena Spiess - Westlock County (cao@westlockcounty.com); Laura Swain - Parkland County (lswain@parklandcounty.com); Leanne Carpenter - Town of Stony Plain (l.carpenter@stonyplain.com); Lisa Schoening - Town of Millet (cao@millet.ca); Luc Mercier - Yellowhead County (lmercier@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca); Martino Verhaeghe - SV of Seba Beach (svseba@telusplanet.net); Matthew Ferris - SV of Sunset Point (office@sunsetpoint.ca); Mike Primeau - Lac Ste. Anne County (mprimeau@lsac.ca); Mike Schwirtz - City of Beaumont (mike.schwirtz@beaumont.ab.ca); Peter Smyl - Town of Whitecourt (petersmyl@whitecourt.ca); Rod Hawken - County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 (rhawken@county10.ca); Ron Cust - Village of Clyde (cao@villageofclyde.ca); Shawn McKerry - Brazeau County (smckerry@brazeau.ab.ca); Shelley Marsh - SV of Castle Island (svcastle@telus.net); Simone Wiley - Town of Westlock (swiley@westlock.ca); Sue Howard - City of Wetaskiwin (sue.howard@wetaskiwin.ca); Sylvia Roy - SVs of Crystal Springs, Grandview, Ma-Me-O Beach, Norris Beach and Poplar Bay (sylvia.roy@svofficepl.com); Tamara Sloboda - Town of Thorsby (tsloboda@thorsby.ca); Terri Wiebe - Village of Breton (vbreton@telusplanet.net); Tony Kulbisky - Town of Devon (tkulbisky@devon.ca); Tony Sonnleitner - SV of Ross Haven (cao@rosshaven.ca); Wendy Wildman - SV of Sunrise Beach (svsunrisebeach@wildwillowenterprises.com); Wendy Wildman - SV of West Cove (swestcove@outlook.com); Wendy Wildman - SVs of Silver Sands, South View and Yellowstone (administration@wildwillowenterprises.com); Wendy Wildman - Town of Onoway (cao@onoway.ca)
Cc: Karla Palichuk; Wendy Sears; Annette Boissonnault (aboissonnault@westlock.ca); Charlotte Watson (charlotte.watson@pembinahills.ca); Dianne Johnston (ea@westlockcounty.com); Emily House - Village of Spring Lake (emily@springlakealberta.com); Jasen Aussant - Town of Edson (jasena@edson.ca);

Cc: Sheryl Kapty (skapty@sprucegrove.org); Wendy Grimstad-Davidson (wendydavidson@whitecourt.ca); Gail Hove (ghove@barrhead.ca); Sabine Landmark (admin-support@draytonvalley.ca)
Subject: YRL 2022 Budget (draft)
Attachments: YRL Director Letter - October 2021.pdf; YRL Draft 2022 Budget.pdf; YRL 2021 Board Overview and Appointments.pdf; YRL Board Appointment Form.pdf; YRL Board Appointment Form.docx

Hello,

Please find attached the following five documents:

- Letter from YRL Director Karla Palichuk
- Draft 2022 budget
- Information about the YRL board and appointing a trustee/alternate
- Board appointment form in both PDF and Word.

Note: Please return the board appointment form whether you appoint a trustee/alternate or not.

For your information, this email will be forwarded to YRL trustees and alternates, and member public library managers.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Karla at kpalichuk@yrl.ab.ca or 780-962-2003 (toll free 1-877-962-2003), extension 226.

Thank you!

Laurie Haak

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Executive Assistant

P 780-962-2003 EXT 221

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October 1, 2021

Dear Municipal Administrators and School Division Superintendents:

On behalf of the Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) Board, I am pleased to enclose the draft 2022 budget. The Executive Committee reviewed the budget on September 13 and a motion was carried recommending the YRL Board approve the 2022 budget. The Board meets October 4 to review the budget and December 6 to vote on it.

In accordance with the YRL Master Membership Agreement, you may appoint a representative (trustee) to the YRL Board. To assist you, I have included appointment information that I believe you will find relevant and beneficial. Please return the enclosed YRL Board Appointment form following your council/board organizational meeting, whether you appoint a trustee or not.

YRL hosts an orientation session for newly appointed and returning trustees and alternates. This half-day seminar provides the opportunity to learn about YRL's governance and finances, the many services offered to member libraries, and information about the role of Alberta Municipal Affairs Public Library Services Branch.

Upcoming Meetings and Training		
YRL Board Meeting	October 4, 2021	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
YRL Board Organizational Meeting	December 6, 2021	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
YRL Trustee/Alternate Orientation	January 24, 2022	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at kpalichuk@yrl.ab.ca or 780-962-2003 (toll free 1-877-962-2003), extension 226.

Yours truly,

Karla Palichuk, Director
Yellowhead Regional Library

Attachments: Draft 2022 Budget
Board Overview and Appointments
Board Appointment Form (Word & PDF)

Copy: YRL Trustees and Alternates

**Yellowhead Regional Library
DRAFT 2022 Operating Fund Budget**

REVENUE		2021	2022	VARIANCE	
		\$	\$	\$	
R1	Additional Allotment	95,000	95,000	-	Additional allotment purchased by member libraries; offset in Line E19: <i>Purchases - Allotment</i> .
R2	Additional Services	500	500	-	Wild Card Promotions and other incidentals.
R3	Contract Services	78,000	78,000	-	TRAC Central Site Agreement.
R4	Interest	33,000	17,000	(16,000)	Estimate based on projected cashflow for 2022; interest accrued on funds from Infrastructure grant completed at end of 2020.
R5	Local Appropriations	1,316,485	1,354,480	37,995	Based on \$4.46 per capita on Alberta Treasury Board and Finance population estimates: 303,695 for YRL region.
R6	Non-allotment Sales	175,000	175,000	-	Reflects trend for volume of non-allotment purchase; offset in Line E21: <i>Purchases - Non-allotment</i> .
R7	Operating Grant	1,390,506	1,390,506	-	Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) operational funding; based on 2016 population figures; assumption grant remains at \$4.70 per capita. Includes Library Services Grant paid out to member libraries and offset in Line E11: <i>Library Grant Disbursements</i> .
R8	Other Grants	26,432	26,432	-	PLSB provides the On-reserve/On-settlement Grant; offset in Line E16: <i>On-reserve/On-settlement Grant</i> .
R9	School System Levy	156,392	156,392	-	Based on \$14.44 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student on Alberta Education population figures; reflects trend of relatively stable student populations.
R10	Summer Reading Program	5,400	0	(5,400)	Prizes program was through YRL, libraries can purchase from TD-SRC directly now; offset in Line E24: <i>Summer Reading Program</i> .
R11	Workshop Revenue	17,500	32,450	14,950	Received from workshop and annual in-person conference delegates to help with cost recovery; offset in Line E28: <i>Workshops</i> .
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 3,294,215	\$ 3,325,760	\$ 31,545	

Yellowhead Regional Library
DRAFT 2022 Operating Fund Budget

EXPENSES Part 1

	2021		2022		VARIANCE	
	\$	1,700	\$	2,200	\$	500
E1 Bank Charges and Miscellaneous						Credit card fees; uncollectable debt; electronic funds transfer (EFT); offset by postage decrease in Line E15: <i>Office Supplies and Equipment</i> .
E2 Building Maintenance		42,500		44,000	1,500	Non-capital building maintenance including mechanical, cleaning and increased security monitoring services/fire panel.
E3 Delivery		42,500		42,500	-	Direct non-salary costs of delivery system.
E4 Employee Benefits		279,746		276,622	(3,124)	Renegotiated benefits reduction received in 2021; not expected to increase substantially in 2022.
E5 Benefits Cost of Living Increase		0		1,613	1,613	As per Compensation Philosophy Policy; one per cent increase.
E6 Employee Salaries		1,404,699		1,457,574	52,875	Reflects known staff changes including salary grid step increases based on good performance; 0.5 FTE student position added.
E7 Salaries Cost of Living Increase		0		14,476	14,476	As per Compensation Philosophy Policy; one per cent increase.
E8 Insurance		10,200		10,700	500	Anticipated rate increase; Alberta Municipal Services Corporation provides all coverages (auto, building, liability).
E9 Inter-library Loan Expenses		5,000		0	(5,000)	Provision for additional delivery bins.
E10 Leases and Licensing		108,950		121,200	12,250	Licensing costs for software and equipment leasing/maintenance; 2022 warranty renewals of member library FortiGate devices/FortiSwitches.
E11 Library Grant Disbursements		56,016		56,016	-	Funds distributed to designated libraries, as directed; income reflected in Line R7: <i>Operating Grant</i> .
E12 Library Supplies		30,950		29,000	(1,950)	Processing supplies (mylar, labels, barcodes); incoming shipment charges.
E13 Membership Support		2,500		2,500	-	Hot swap inventory; IT staff travel to member libraries (fuel, meals, hotels, if necessary).
E14 Memberships		20,200		20,600	400	Alberta Library Trustees' Association (ALTA; fee increase), Library Association of Alberta (LAA), The Alberta Library (TAL) and Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC).
E15 Office Supplies and Equipment		28,900		27,400	(1,500)	General office supplies and internal hardware/software purchases; postage will be reduced.
E16 On-reserve/On-settlement Grant		\$ 26,426		\$ 26,426	\$ -	Offset in Line R8: <i>Other Grants</i> .

Yellowhead Regional Library
DRAFT 2022 Operating Fund Budget

EXPENSES Part 2

	2021	2022	VARIANCE
E17 Printing and Promotion	4,750	4,750	-
E18 Professional Services	128,000	143,000	15,000
E19 Purchases - Allotment	315,981	333,602	17,621
E20 Purchases - HQ Collections	240,000	222,500	(17,500)
E21 Purchases - Non-allotment	175,000	175,000	-
E22 Staff Travel Expenses/Recruitment	8,500	6,000	(2,500)
E23 Staff Professional Development	17,000	24,137	7,137
E24 Summer Reading Program	6,000	0	(6,000)
E25 Telephone and Utilities	96,200	96,200	-
E26 TRAC Expenses	187,500	197,000	9,500
E27 Trustee Expenses	27,500	22,500	(5,000)
E28 Workshops	26,500	20,500	(6,000)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,293,218	\$ 3,378,016	\$ 84,798

Operating Fund Surplus (Deficiency)	\$ 997	\$ (52,256)	\$ (53,253)
Revenue Over Expenses	18.72	19.50	0.78
Staffing FTE (Full-time equivalent)			
Capital Asset Purchase New staff vehicle	\$ 40,000		

**Yellowhead Regional Library
Fund Reserves to June 30, 2021**

	Operating Fund	Equity in Capital Assets	Capital Fund	Operational Contingency Fund	Special Projects Fund	Total
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 181,549	\$ 279,044	\$ 1,117,980	\$ 1,786,223	\$ 231,387	\$ 3,596,183
Interfund Transfers	(181,549)			181,549		-
Balance at 2020 Year End	\$ -	\$ 279,044	\$ 1,117,980	\$ 1,967,772	\$ 231,387	\$ 3,596,183
Excess to June 30, 2021						
Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 642,793					
Amortization to June 30, 2021		(134,659)				
Capital Asset Purchases		4,936	(4,936)			
Capital Asset Disposals						
Special Projects					(9,459)	
Deferred Contribution		79,494				
Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ 642,793	\$ 228,815	\$ 1,113,044	\$ 1,967,772	\$ 221,928	\$ 3,596,183



2021 Board Overview and Appointments

Mission Statement

- Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) provides materials and services to public and school libraries, and other organizations, to assist them in meeting the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of their communities.

Government Oversight

- YRL is required by the [Alberta Libraries Act](#) to be governed by a library system board comprised of appointed trustees from each member municipality and school division.
- YRL is required by the [Alberta Libraries Regulations](#) to establish an executive committee of not more than 10 persons when the board has more than 20 members.

Appointments

- Each member municipality and school division may appoint a trustee and alternate.
 - Appointee(s) can be an elected official, library board member or a community member.
 - Should strongly believe in, and be committed to, the importance of libraries.
 - Should be knowledgeable and skilled in one or more area of governance: advocacy, finance, personnel, policy and/or services.
- As per YRL policy, the Executive Committee comprises five seats from municipalities with over 15,000 in population, four seats apportioned by municipality type, and one school division seat.
 - Trustees must be prepared to stand for and/or elect the Executive Committee.

Term

- A continuous three-year term (or three sequential one-year terms) is recommended.

Meetings

- The Board meets four times per year, typically in March, June, October and December.
 - Upcoming meetings: October 4 and December 6.
- The Executive Committee meets six times per year, typically in February, April, May, August, September and December.
 - Upcoming meeting: December 6 following the Board meeting.
- YRL meetings are scheduled on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Roles and Responsibilities

- The Board approves the annual budget, auditor, audited financial statements and recommendations for modifications to the YRL Master Membership Agreement.
- The Executive Committee frames policy, sets priorities, develops goals and objectives, and employs qualified staff to administer the library.

General

For additional trustee and board information, please refer to the [YRL website](#) or contact Laurie Haak, Executive Assistant, at lhaak@yrlab.ca or 780-962-2003, extension 221.



Municipality or School Division			
Effective Date		Term Length	year(s)

YRL Board Trustee			
<input type="checkbox"/>	< Select to decline appointing a YRL Board Trustee		
Name			
Mailing Address			
Home address *			
Email			
Alternate Email			
Cell		Business	
Home		Fax	

YRL Board Alternate			
May attend board meetings when trustee cannot.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	< Select to decline appointing a YRL Board Alternate		
Name			
Mailing Address			
Home address *			
Email			
Alternate Email			
Cell		Business	
Home		Fax	

Return to Laurie Haak at lhaak@yrl.ab.ca or fax 780-962-2770

* The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requires a home address, complete if different from mailing address.

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: municipalservicesandlegislation@gov.ab.ca
Sent: October 14, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: COVID-19 Municipal Governance-October 14 Issue
Attachments: FAQ.pdf

October 14, 2021

Dear Chief Administrative Officers:

Thank you again for your efforts as we navigate the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

In an effort to share the most current information regarding the Government of Alberta's pandemic response with you, Municipal Affairs will be continuing the frequently asked questions (FAQ) update to assist you in responding to the needs of your community.

Attached is the most current FAQ document, which primarily covers questions we have received about the conduct of Election Day.

I encourage you to continue to visit www.alberta.ca regularly for the latest COVID-19 information. Past issues of the Municipal Affairs FAQ document can be found at www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx.

Sincerely,

Brandy Cox

Deputy Minister

Attachment – Frequently Asked Questions

Municipal Governance During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Frequently Asked Questions – October 14, 2021

On September 15, 2021, the Premier announced the declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency in response to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Alberta Municipal Affairs remains committed to issuing updates to address frequently asked questions, and providing information on new information or resources as they become available.

If you would like a specific question answered in an upcoming update, please email your request to ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca.

Municipal Affairs Updates

Previous COVID-19 updates are available at www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx

Upcoming Municipal Election

The current health measures do not impact the date of the municipal election and planning efforts should continue. Where available, municipalities should encourage their electors to vote at advanced polls or continue to utilize any special ballot provisions approved by your council.

Candidates who are campaigning should follow all [public health orders and relevant guidance documents](#).

Municipal Affairs has created a [guide for municipal returning officers](#) about elections during the pandemic.

A COVID-19 [risk reduction guide](#) is also available for municipalities with information on how to limit virus exposure for candidates, voters and poll staff.

If the current mask mandate remains on municipal election day or during advance voting, are electors required to wear masks in the voting station?

YES. As of September 4, 2021, masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces.

In the specific settings where a mask is required, anyone unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition will require a medical exception letter from an authorized health professional. The medical exception letter may be presented when in a public setting if requested by enforcement officials.

Are returning officers expected to enforce the public health orders during upcoming election events such as advanced polls or election day?

NO. It is not the role of the returning officer to enforce public health orders, and electors should be provided with a ballot if they are eligible to vote.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and police units are permitted to enforce the public health orders. Municipalities are encouraged to notify their local police of upcoming election events.

Election Day (October 18, 2021)

Will there be additional advisory support on election day?

YES. Advisors will be available from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to respond to election questions. After election day advisors are available during regular office hours. To reach an advisor, call 780-427-2225 (or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

Are there restrictions or modifications to voting lineups and the line up when voting stations close?

YES. Due to the State of Public Health Emergency, social distancing should be maintained at voting stations.

In recognition of the distancing rules which may lead to longer than usual lines, Ministerial Order MSD:103/2021 was approved to modify the close of poll procedures of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and permit electors to vote if they are in line when a polling station is declared closed, regardless of whether they are inside or outside the voting station. This also applies to school board elections and voters only participating in the Senate nominee election and referendum votes. Ministerial Orders can be viewed on [AB Queen's Printer](#).

Does the Restriction Exemption Program apply to municipal election facilities?

NO. In accordance with Appendix A of the [Chief Medical Officer of Health Order 45-2021](#), the Restrictions Exemption Program does not apply to elections and related activities. This means voting station staff are not required to enforce vaccination status, even if the building normally does so as part of opting-in to the program.

Can municipalities continue with plans for institutional votes and elector assistance at home voting?

YES. Under the current health restrictions, municipalities are allowed to provide for institutional votes and elector assistance at home voting. Returning Officers may wish to work with the institutions where voting is being held to determine how to minimize risk and comply with the current health orders and ensure voting supplies utilized can be sanitized between electors for at home assisted voting.

Council Organizational Meetings

Are councils still required to hold their organizational meetings after October 18, 2021 (Election Day)?

YES. Organizational meeting must be held not later than two weeks after the third Monday in October for all municipalities except for summer villages, as their organizational meetings are held during the summer months.

Are there any modifications to the *Oaths of Office Act* enabling virtual signing of the official oath for elected officials?

NO. There are no modifications to enable the oath of office to be signed virtually. As such, oaths must be completed in person prior to them carrying out any power, duty or function as an elected official.

If the first meeting of council (organizational meeting) is held virtually, elected officials will need to sign their oaths after election results are official, and prior to the meeting.

Can municipal councils still meet in person and meet the Chief Medical Officer of Health's recommendations for physical/social distancing?

YES. While Municipal Affairs encourages councils to consider electronic meetings whenever possible as a way to ensure compliance with public health orders regarding public gatherings, the decision on how to conduct meetings remains at the discretion of the council, committee or commission. The [Public Meeting Procedures \(COVID-19 Suppression\) Regulation](#) enables municipalities to follow the Chief Medical Officer of Health's recommendations for physical/social distancing by conducting meetings electronically.

Enforcement of Health Orders

Can Community Peace Officers or bylaw officers enforce the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health?

NO. Enforcement of the health orders is under the jurisdiction of Alberta Health Services and local police.

Community Peace Officers are encouraged to monitor the [Peace Officer bulletins](#) for updates.

Municipal Advisory Services

If you have further questions, please call:

780-427-2225 (or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000) or email ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca

General Information

Can municipalities choose to close certain municipally controlled properties even if they are allowed to be open under the provincial approach?

YES. The decision to close facilities remains a local council decision. Municipalities and the public must continue to put safety first while operating businesses and undertaking activities.

Do municipal staff have to work from home?

YES. Mandatory work-from-home measures are in place unless the employer has determined a physical presence is required for operational effectiveness.

If employees are working on location, they must mask in all indoor settings, except while alone in work stations.

Additional Resources

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and Rural Municipalities of Alberta continue to be a valuable resource for municipalities. A COVID-19 response hub is accessible via: <https://rmalberta.com/about/covid-19-response-hub/>.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities also has a list of links and resources for municipalities. <https://fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities>.

The most recent Alberta COVID-19 information is accessible on: <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Nixon, Kelsey <kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com> on behalf of Stakeholder Relations Team <stakeholderrelations@fortisalberta.com>
Sent: September 21, 2021 7:50 AM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Cc: Smith, Nicole
Subject: FortisAlberta Inc. Franchise Fee Documents/Changes - Alberta Beach
Attachments: 1 2021-2022 Franchise Calculator - Alberta Beach.xlsx; Municipal Franchise Fee Riders (2021).pdf; Franchise Fee Advertisement Template - Please Use.docx; Franchise Fee Advisement Notification - Please Return via Email by Nov. 1, 2021.doc

Importance: High

Good morning:

RE: Request Confirmation of Electric Distribution Franchise Fee for 2022

As part of your Electrical Distribution System Franchise Agreement with FortisAlberta you have the annual ability to either **increase, decrease or keep your franchise fee the same, with written notice.**

IMPORTANT TIMELINES TO ENSURE FRANCHISE FEE CHANGES ARE IMPLEMENTED BY JANUARY 1, 2022

1. **Review** the attached Franchise Fee Calculator and present the recommendations to Council;
2. If Council is proposing an **increase or decrease to your franchise fee**, a resulting impact to the customer's annual billing is **required to be advertised in the local newspaper having the widest circulation within your municipality for two consecutive weeks.**
(Please use the sample advertisement that is attached).
2. If **increasing** your franchise fee, it must stay within the current **Franchise Fee Cap of 20%.**
3. **By November 1st, 2021**, please **email** clear copies of the following to Kelsey Nixon @ kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com

INCLUDE:

- ✓ Copies of **both** advertisements;
 - ✓ **Publication dates** for both advertisements;
 - ✓ Name & location of newspaper.
4. Any late, inaccurate or incomplete responses may be subject to late Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approvals, which may cause your new franchise fee to be in **effect April 1, 2022.**
 5. If Council decides to keep the current franchise fee you do not have to advertise, but please notify Kelsey Nixon @ kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com

TIPS FOR USING THE FRANCHISE CALCULATOR

Attached you will find the FortisAlberta Franchise Calculator specific to your municipality. The spreadsheet is intended to assist in determining the **estimated** revenue forecast from your Franchise Fee.

- On the first tab: **Financial Impacts**, you can change the Franchise Fee percentage (**yellow cell**) By changing this **cell**, the spreadsheet will automatically update to reflect your estimated revenue for 2022.

Franchise Fee Calculator Changes:	
Yellow area is to calculate different franchise fee.	
2021 Proposed Franchise Percentage	2.00%



- On the second tab: Residential Bill Impacts, you can **view the impact to an Average Residential Bill Impact on the second tab by changing cell F21 & F39.**

(You will need this information for your advertisement if you are changing your current fee)

- **On the third tab:** January 2019 to June 2021 you can see how much revenue your municipality has collected over the last two and a half years.

Please note: All rate increases/decreases are estimated and have not been approved with the AUC. The Distribution Tariff revenues shown are estimates only, and are subject to change dependent on several factors, including but not limited to; fluctuations in the amount of electrical services within the municipality, their electrical consumption increasing or decreasing, and/or changes to Transmission or Distribution rates and riders.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your Stakeholder Relations Manager.

Thank you,

Kelsey

Kelsey Nixon | Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Key Accounts

FortisAlberta | 100 Chippewa Road, Sherwood Park, T8A 4H4 | p: 780-464-8859 | c: 587-591-4716

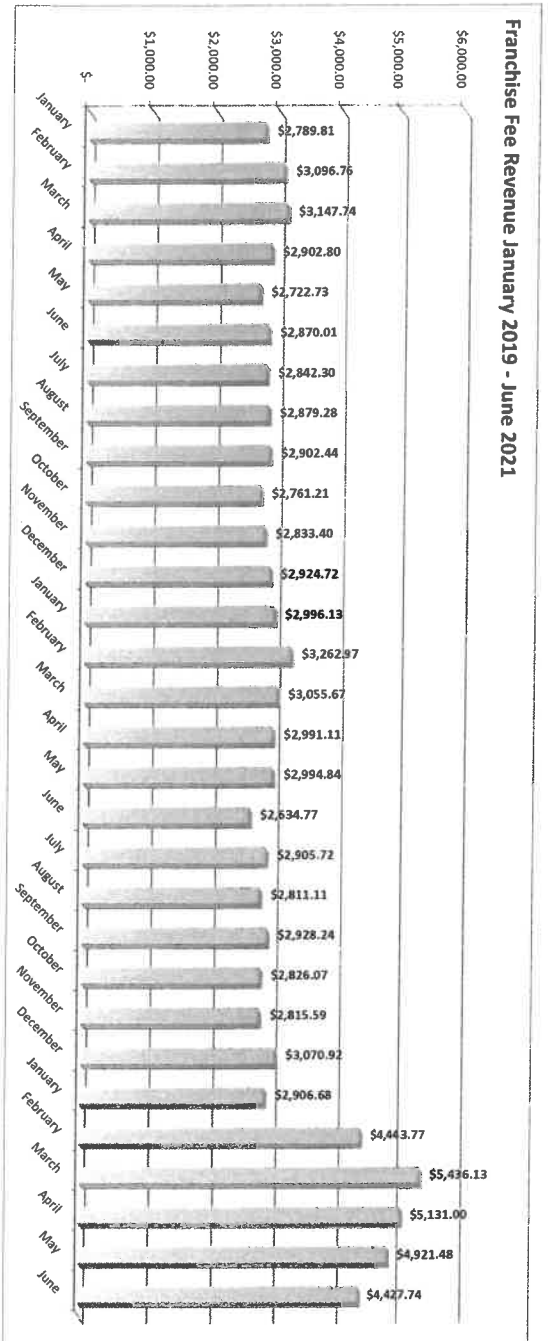
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ALBERTA**



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

Year	Month	Revenue Collected
2019	January	\$ 2,789.81
	February	\$ 3,096.76
	March	\$ 3,147.74
	April	\$ 2,902.80
	May	\$ 2,722.73
	June	\$ 2,870.01
	July	\$ 2,842.30
	August	\$ 2,879.28
	September	\$ 2,902.44
	October	\$ 2,761.21
	November	\$ 2,833.40
	December	\$ 2,924.72
2020	January	\$ 2,996.13
	February	\$ 3,262.97
	March	\$ 3,055.67
	April	\$ 2,991.11
	May	\$ 2,994.84
	June	\$ 2,634.77
	July	\$ 2,905.72
	August	\$ 2,811.11
	September	\$ 2,928.24
	October	\$ 2,826.07
	November	\$ 2,815.59
	December	\$ 3,070.92
2021	January	\$ 2,906.68
	February	\$ 4,443.77
	March	\$ 5,436.13
	April	\$ 5,131.00
	May	\$ 4,921.48
	June	\$ 4,427.74

2019 Total	\$ 34,673.20
2020 Total	\$ 35,293.14
2021 Jan - June Total	\$ 27,266.80

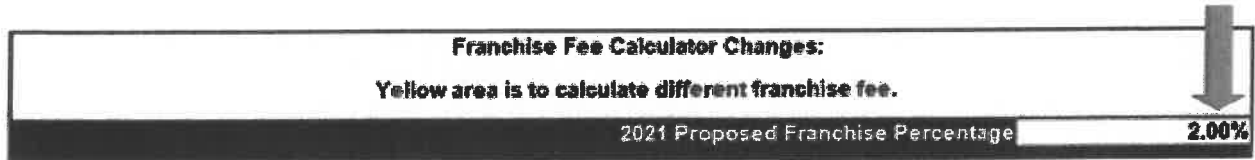


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	Distribution
11 - Residential Service	8.8%
21 - Farm Service	9.6%
26 - Irrigation Service	13.6%
31 - Street Lights	5.4%
33 - Street Lights	5.4%
38 - Yard Lighting Service	5.4%
41 - Small General Service	9.2%
41D - Small Gen. Service Flat Rate Only	9.2%
44 - Oil and Gas (Capacity) Service	8.0%
44D - Oil & Gas Capacity Flat Rate Only	8.0%
45 - Oil and Gas (Energy) Service	8.0%
61 - General Service	2.5%
63 - Large General Service	-15.9%
65 - Transmission Connected Service	9.3%
	Transmission
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21 - Farm Service	0.6%
26 - Irrigation Service	-0.8%
31 - Street Lights	-17.9%
33 - Street Lights	-17.9%
38 - Yard Lighting Service	-17.9%
41 - Small General Service	4.4%
41D - Small Gen. Service Flat Rate Only	4.4%
44 - Oil and Gas (Capacity) Service	3.5%
44D - Oil & Gas Capacity Flat Rate Only	3.5%
45 - Oil and Gas (Energy) Service	3.5%
61 - General Service	13.0%
63 - Large General Service	14.2%
65 - Transmission Connected Service	5.7%

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEE RIDERS

Availability Effective for all consumption, estimated or actual, on and after the first of the month following Commission approval, the following franchise fee riders apply to each rate class.

Price Adjustment A percentage surcharge per the table below will be added to the total distribution tariff, (the sum of the transmission component and the distribution component), excluding any Riders calculated for every Point of Service within each municipality and will be billed to the applicable retailer.

FortisAlberta will pay to each municipality each month, in accordance with the franchise agreements between FortisAlberta and the municipalities, the franchise fee revenue collected from the retailers.

Muni Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective	Muni Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective
03-0002	Acme	3%	2013/07/01	02-0040	Bowden	15%	2017/01/01
01-0003	Airdrie	20%	2021/04/01	03-0041	Boyle	20%	2021/01/01
03-0005	Alix	8.50%	2019/01/01	03-0042	Breton	20%	2015/01/01
03-0004	Alberta Beach	8%	2021/01/01	01-0043	Brooks	14%	2021/01/01
03-0007	Amisk	0%	2014/01/01	02-0044	Bruderheim	0%	2013/07/01
02-0011	Athabasca	12%	2021/01/01	02-0047	Calmar	20%	2013/07/01
04-0009	Argentia Beach	0%	2017/01/01	01-0048	Camrose	14%	2021/04/01
03-0010	Arrowwood	12%	2015/07/01	02-0050	Canmore	12%	2021/01/01
02-0387	Banff	6%	2020/01/01	03-0054	Carmangay	15%	2021/01/01
07-0164	Banff Park	4%	2019/10/01	03-0055	Caroline	12%	2021/01/01
03-0363	Barnwell	5%	2013/07/01	02-0056	Carstairs	10%	2015/01/01
03-0013	Barons	5%	2015/04/01	03-0061	Champion	15%	2015/04/01
02-0014	Barrhead	12%	2016/04/01	03-0062	Chauvin	11%	2016/01/01
02-0016	Bashaw	2%	2021/01/01	01-0356	Chestermere	11.50%	2014/01/01
02-0017	Bassano	14.40%	2019/01/01	03-0064	Chipman	0%	2016/01/01
03-0018	Bawif	6%	2016/01/01	02-0065	Claresholm	4%	2017/01/01
01-0019	Beaumont	17.25%	2020/01/01	03-0066	Clive	10%	2020/01/01
03-0022	Beiseker	3.50%	2019/01/01	03-0068	Clyde	15%	2017/01/01
02-0024	Bentley	10%	2019/01/01	02-0069	Coaldale	11%	2015/01/01
04-0026	Betula Beach	0%	2017/01/01	02-0360	Coalhurst	4%	2021/01/01
03-0029	Bittern Lake	7%	2016/01/01	02-0070	Cochrane	17%	2020/01/01
02-0030	Black Diamond	10%	2017/01/01	03-0076	Coutts	3%	2017/01/01
02-0031	Blackfalds	20%	2013/10/01	03-0077	Cowley	5%	2016/01/01
02-0034	Bon Accord	20%	2013/07/01	03-0078	Cremona	10%	2016/01/01
02-0039	Bow Island	8.50%	2018/01/01	02-0079	Crossfield	0%	2015/01/01

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Effective: the first of the month following Commission approval for consumption from the first of the month following Commission approval

Muni Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective	Muni Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective
09-0361	Crowsnest Pass	16%	2016/01/01	01-0194	Lacombe	17.00%	2021/01/01
04-0080	Crystal Springs	0%	2016/01/01	04-0196	Lakeview	2%	2016/01/01
03-0081	Czar	5%	2013/10/01	02-0197	Lamont	7.50%	2020/01/01
02-0082	Daysland	7%	2018/01/01	04-0378	Larkspur	3%	2020/04/01
02-0086	Devon	13%	2018/01/01	01-0200	Leduc	16%	2014/01/01
02-0088	Didsbury	17%	2016/01/01	02-0202	Legal	15%	2021/01/01
02-0091	Drayton Valley	10%	2016/01/01	03-0207	Lomond	15%	2017/01/01
03-0093	Duchess	15%	2018/01/01	03-0208	Longview	17%	2017/01/01
02-0095	Eckville	10%	2015/01/01	03-0209	Lougheed	5%	2016/01/01
03-0096	Edberg	13%	2021/01/01	02-0211	Magrath	10%	2021/01/01
03-0097	Edgerton	16%	2015/01/01	04-0210	Ma-Me-O Beach	0%	2016/01/01
02-0100	Edson	4.75%	2020/01/01	02-0215	Mayerthorpe	10%	2020/01/01
03-0109	Ferintosh	11%	2016/01/01	04-0359	Mewatha Beach	2%	2016/10/01
03-0112	Foremost	7%	2016/01/01	02-0218	Milk River	12%	2017/01/01
02-0115	Fort Macleod	15%	2018/10/01	02-0219	Millet	16%	2019/01/01
01-0117	Fort Saskatchewan	0%	2013/10/01	03-0220	Milo	20%	2017/01/01
02-0124	Gibbons	10%	2013/01/01	02-0224	Morinville	20%	2013/07/01
03-0128	Glenwood	0%	2016/02/11	04-0230	Nakamun Park	0%	2013/10/01
04-0129	Golden Days	0%	2017/01/01	02-0232	Nanton	9%	2019/01/01
02-0135	Granum	5.50%	2013/07/01	02-0236	Nobleford	0%	2013/10/01
04-0134	Grandview	0%	2016/01/01	03-0233	New Norway	6%	2009/01/01
04-0138	Gull Lake	0%	2016/01/01	04-0237	Norglenwold	5%	2015/01/01
04-0358	Half Moon Bay	0%	2021/01/01	04-0385	Norris Beach	0%	2016/01/01
02-0143	Hardisty	9.50%	2021/01/01	02-0238	Okotoks	20%	2021/01/01
03-0144	Hay Lakes	9%	2021/01/01	02-0239	Olds	15%	2019/01/01
02-0148	High River	20%	2015/07/01	02-0240	Onoway	9.50%	2021/01/01
03-0149	Hill Spring	5%	2015/09/01	04-0374	Parkland Beach	0%	2015/01/01
02-0151	Hinton	12.70%	2019/01/01	02-0248	Penhold	19%	2014/01/01
03-0152	Holden	4%	2016/01/01	02-0249	Picture Butte	10%	2016/01/01
03-0153	Hughenden	5%	2016/01/01	02-0250	Pincher Creek	13%	2017/01/01
03-0154	Hussar	12.50%	2017/01/01	04-0253	Point Alison	0%	2017/01/23
02-0180	Innisfail	15%	2021/04/01	04-0256	Poplar Bay	0%	2016/01/01
03-0182	Irma	20%	2015/01/01	02-0257	Provost	20%	2015/01/01
02-0183	Irricana	0%	2013/10/01	02-0261	Raymond	12%	2016/01/01
04-0185	Island Lake	0%	2016/01/01	02-0265	Redwater	5%	2020/01/01
04-0186	Itaska Beach	0%	2017/10/01	02-0266	Rimbey	16%	2019/01/01
04-0379	Jarvis Bay	0%	2015/10/08	02-0268	Rocky Mtn House	12%	2017/01/01
04-0187	Kapasiwin	0%	2018/04/01	03-0270	Rockyford	5%	2015/04/01
02-0188	Killam	9%	2021/01/01	03-0272	Rosemary	14.50%	2020/01/01

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04-0273	Ross Haven	0%	2016/01/01	02-0350	Whitecourt	3.32%	2021/01/01
03-0276	Ryley	3%	2016/01/01	04-0354	Yellowstone	3%	2016/01/01
04-0279	Seba Beach	4%	2014/01/01				
02-0280	Sedgewick	9%	2020/01/01				
04-0283	Silver Sands	3%	2018/01/01				
04-0369	South Baptiste	0%	2005/05/01				
04-0288	South View	3%	2019/01/01				
01-0291	Spruce Grove	20%	2016/01/01				
01-0292	St. Albert	10%	2021/01/01				
03-0295	Standard	0%	2015/01/01				
02-0297	Stavely	6%	2021/01/01				
03-0300	Stirling	12%	2019/01/01				
02-0301	Stony Plain	20%	2015/01/01				
09-0302	Strathcona County	0%	TBD				
02-0303	Strathmore	20%	2020/07/01				
03-0304	Strome	8%	2016/01/01				
02-0307	Sundre	10%	2020/01/01				
04-0386	Sunrise Beach	0%	2018/01/01				
04-0308	Sunset Point	10%	2017/01/01				
02-0310	Sylvan Lake	15%	2019/01/01				
02-0311	Taber	18%	2020/07/01				
02-0315	Thorsby	20%	2015/01/01				
02-0318	Tofield	5%	2015/01/01				
02-0321	Turner Valley	10%	2017/01/01				
04-0324	Val Quentin	0%	2016/01/01				
02-0326	Vauxhall	6%	2020/01/01				
02-0331	Viking	8%	2013/07/01				
02-0333	Vulcan	20%	2013/10/01				
03-0364	Wabamun	10%	2017/01/01				
02-0335	Wainwright	11%	2020/04/01				
07-0159	Waterton Park	8%	2018/10/01				
03-0338	Warburg	10%	2015/01/01				
03-0339	Warner	5%	2021/01/01				
04-0344	West Cove	0%	2018/01/01				
02-0345	Westlock	12.75%	2020/01/01				
01-0347	Wetaskiwin	13.80%	2020/01/01				
04-0371	Whispering Hills	5%	2016/10/01				

Advertisement Template

FRANCHISE FEE INCREASE/DECREASE NOTICE

Please be advised that the (City) (Town) (Village) (Summer Village) of _____ is proposing to increase the local access fee, which is charged to FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) for use of municipal lands for its power lines effective **January 1, 2022***.

The fee is recovered by FortisAlberta from its customers as the local municipal access fee on electric billings of all customers that receive electric service in the (City) (Town) (Village) (Summer Village). This local access fee will be increased/decreased from \$__ (__)% to \$__ (__)% ** of the delivery charge of FortisAlberta, excluding energy related riders. This calculation is based on 640 kWh consumption in 30 days.

Questions or concerns should be directed to _____ (Name), _____ (Position) at (____) _____ (Phone Number).

Thank you.

***Your advertisement must include the full date**

****Your advertisement must have the \$ amount and the % amount**

*These numbers are calculated for you once you enter the proposed change in the Franchise Calculator on the first tab (yellow box); **the second tab (Residential Bill Impact)** automatically populates with the estimated Residential Bill Impact by dollar & percentage.*

Existing Municipal Typical Residential Customer Monthly Costs			
Rate 11 Effective Jan. 1, 2020 Distribution Tariff Estimated Base Tariff Based on Current 5% Franchise Fee			
Delivery Service Charge			
All kWh Delivered	\$6,862,718	640 kWh	\$48.17
Basic Daily Charge	\$8,8187	30 Days	\$24.58
			<u>\$72.75</u>
Current Franchise Fee			
	0.00%		\$0.00
	0.00%	5.9%	\$3.23
			<u>\$3.23</u>
Current Annual Franchise Fee Costs: 30 * 12 = \$0			

Proposed Residential Customer Monthly Costs			
Rate 11 Proposed January 2021 Estimated Distribution Tariff Based on NEW 2% Franchise Fee			
Delivery Service Charge			
All kWh Delivered	\$ 6,862,718	640 kWh	\$48.17
Basic Daily Charge	\$ 8,8087	30 Days	\$24.58
			<u>\$72.75</u>
Estimated Proposed Franchise Fee			
	0.00%		\$1.35
	0.00%	2.80%	\$3.52
			<u>\$4.87</u>
Proposed Annual Franchise Fee Cost: 31.20 * 12 = \$374.40			

* Includes estimated Rate of charges



Please email your 2021-2022 franchise decision by November 1st, 2021 to Kelsey Nixon.

Kelsey Nixon – Stakeholder Relations Advisor
780-464-8859
kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com

From:
Municipality:
Phone:
Email:

- No Change
- Increase, From _____% to New Percentage: _____%
- Decrease, From _____% to New Percentage: _____%

Please email Kelsey and include the following attachments if any changes are being made to the Franchise Fee:

- Clear copies of both advertisements (ran consecutively for two weeks).
- Publication dates for both advertisements.
- Name & location of newspaper.

_____ Signature	
_____ Print Name	_____ Title
_____ Municipality	_____ Date

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aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Matthew Ferris <mferris@lsac.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 2:39 PM
To: Summer Village of West Cove; cao@onoway.ca; Summer Village of Silver Sands; Village of Alberta Beach
Subject: ACP Grant
Attachments: Nuisance_Properties.pdf

Flag Status: Flagged

Over the last couple of years LSAC has experienced more and more problems with old nuisance grounds and the restrictions associated with them. We have flagged nuisance grounds either previously or currently owned and operated by your municipalities or ourself that negatively impact development within our jurisdiction. Lac Ste. Anne County is wondering if you would be willing to jointly apply for an ACP grant where we seek funding to conduct the studies necessary to mitigate the nuisance grounds. In our experience the studies and reports can typically run between \$35-80k per site. That being said we are willing to apply for a single ACP application but are also willing to partner with each of your municipalities on separate ones should you desire to.

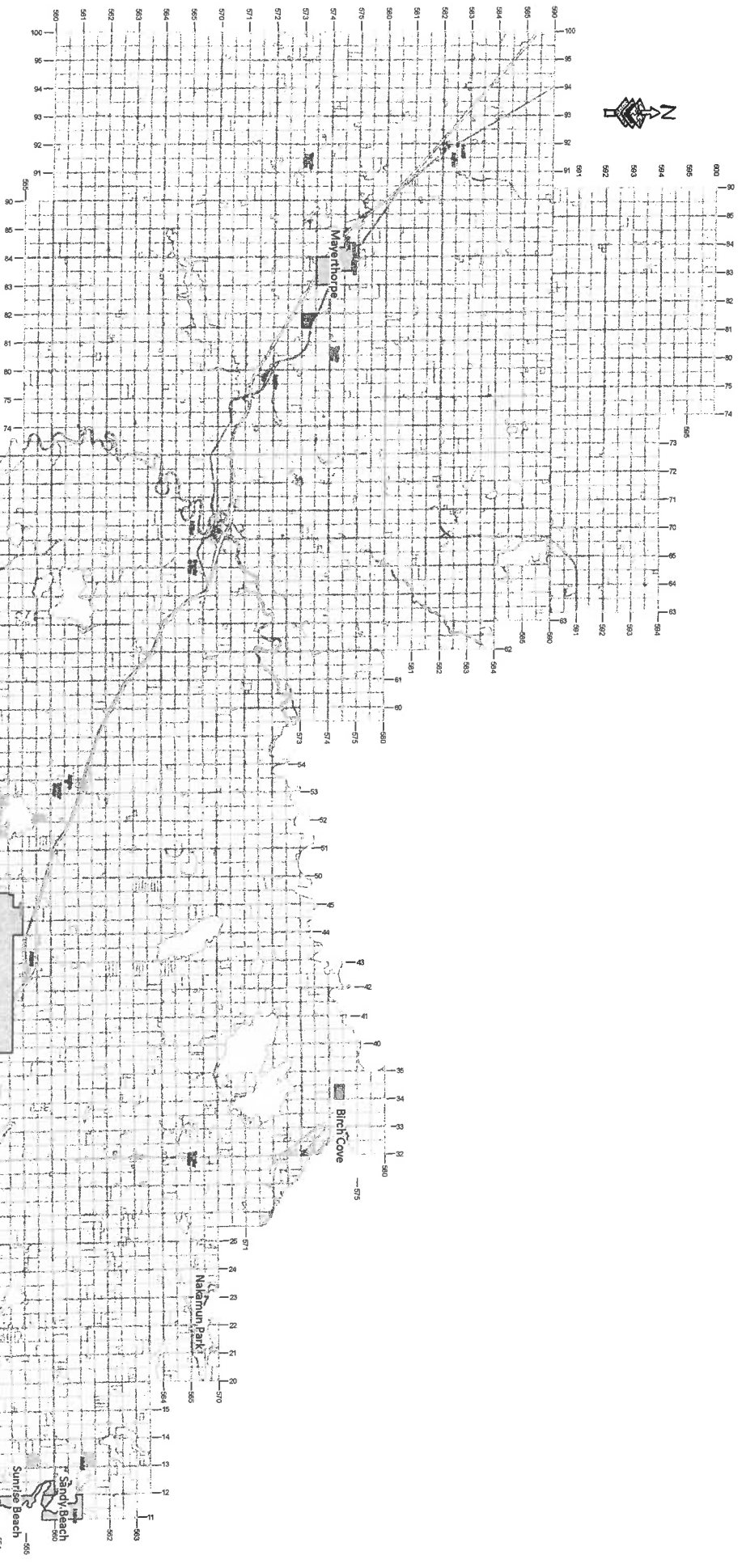
Matthew Ferris
Manager of Planning & Development

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PHONE: 780.785.3411 | TOLL-FREE: 1.866.880.5722 | FAX: 780.785.2985 | WEBSITE: lsac.ca

The Lac Ste. Anne County Administration Office has resumed its regular business hours of Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm (including lunch hour). Reception staff are managing all telephone inquiries at this time and representatives from each County department will be on hand to address a variety of ratepayer requests. Thank you for your patience as we implement our re-entry strategy.

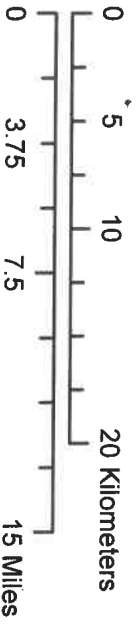
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LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

Nuisance Properties - Count: 38



From: Matthew Ferris <mferris@lsac.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 2:48 PM
To: 'cao@onoway.ca'; Summer Village of West Cove; Summer Village of Silver Sands; Village of Alberta Beach
Subject: RE: ACP Grant

I was thinking one application to begin with but my concern is that would limit the dollar amount significantly. Im leaning towards 4 applications but Im not set in stone.

Matthew Ferris
Manager of Planning and Development
Lac Ste. Anne County
Tel (780) 785-3411 | Toll Free 1 (866) 880-5722

From: cao@onoway.ca <cao@onoway.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Matthew Ferris <mferris@lsac.ca>; Summer Village of West Cove <svwestcove@outlook.com>; Summer Village of Silver Sands <administration@wildwillowenterprises.com>; Village of Alberta Beach <aboffice@albertabeach.com>
Subject: RE: ACP Grant

Matt I think that is a fabulous idea, and thank you for reaching out. Onoway, West Cove and Silver Sands would definitely partner in it.

Are you thinking one big application for all 4 sites, or 4 different applications?

Wendy Wildman
CAO
Town of Onoway
Box 540
Onoway, AB. T0E 1V0
780-967-5338 Fax: 780-967-3226
cao@onoway.ca

NOTE EMAIL CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED TO: cao@onoway.ca

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To: Summer Village of West Cove <svwestcove@outlook.com>; cao@onoway.ca; Summer Village of Silver Sands <administration@wildwillowenterprises.com>; Village of Alberta Beach <aboffice@albertabeach.com>
Subject: ACP Grant

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Matthew Ferris <mferris@lsac.ca>
Sent: September 24, 2021 9:04 AM
To: 'cao@onoway.ca'; Summer Village of West Cove; Summer Village of Silver Sands; Village of Alberta Beach
Subject: RE: ACP Grant

Flag Status: Flagged

Sounds good. So the County is willing to manage one ACP grant and is willing to support any one else that wants to do one.

Matthew Ferris
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From: cao@onoway.ca <cao@onoway.ca>
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Subject: RE: ACP Grant

Yeah I was kinda leaning for 4 as well, hoping that would get more money. And if only a couple get approved this round and a couple another year that's where it falls.

Wendy Wildman
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From: Matthew Ferris <mferris@lsac.ca>
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Subject: RE: ACP Grant

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aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: office@sunsetpoint.ca
Sent: September 24, 2021 10:13 PM
To: 'Mike Primeau'; 'Kathy Skwarchuck'; d.evans@valquentin.ca
Subject: ACP grant

We are wondering if your municipalities are interested in potentially partnering in an ACP grant to develop a recreation/trail master plan for the area. Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks

Matthew Ferris
CAO
Summer Village of Sunset Point

(780) 665-5866

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: office@sunsetpoint.ca
Sent: October 14, 2021 10:32 PM
To: 'Mike Primeau'; d.evans@valquentin.ca; 'Kathy Skwarchuck'
Subject: ACP for Trail Master Plan

I do not have much for this concept yet. But basically I was think we apply for the full amount and aim for the final deliverable to be something along the lines of the document attached in the link. It would be a smaller version that could allow us to plan when to take reserves for an interconnected network with various degree of users for certain areas. I will be drafting the proposal in the next two weeks

MEMORANDUM (rdos.bc.ca) ← *Regional District of Okanagan - Regional Trail Master Plan*

Matthew Ferris
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aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: Angela Duncan <duncan.angela.ad@gmail.com>
Sent: September 22, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Alberta Beach Office
Subject: AUMA VP Nomination

Hi Kathy,

I am emailing you now so that I do not forget. Can you please put my AUMA Vice President nomination on the agenda for our next council meeting?

Thank you,

Angela Duncan
Deputy Mayor, Alberta Beach
Interim President, AUMA
780-868-5103
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Introduction

The 2021 AUMA Board elections will be held during the AUMA Annual Convention on **Friday, November 19, 2021**.

This package provides information to individuals interested in participating in the nomination and election process for AUMA Board positions. Prospective AUMA Board candidates are encouraged to contact AUMA's Returning Officer for further information on the role and responsibilities of an AUMA Board Member.

Positions Available

The following AUMA Board positions are up for election this year:

- President – two-year term
- Director, Cities up to 500,000 – two-year term (two positions available)
- Director, Towns East – two-year term
- Director, Villages South – two-year term
- Director, Summer Villages – two-year term
- Vice-President, Cities up to 500,000 – one-year term
- Vice-President, Towns – one-year term
- Vice-President, Villages and Summer Villages – one-year term

Board Role and Responsibilities

The role of the Board is to provide informed leadership for Alberta municipalities on behalf of AUMA programs, policies and initiatives. Each Board member is responsible for advancing the interests of AUMA, its goals, programs, issues and policies. Key Board responsibilities include:

- Developing and evaluating the specific advocacy programs and services of the Association.
- Ensuring that the powers, duties and functions of the Association are appropriately carried out.
- Carrying out the powers, duties and functions expressly given to it under legislation and the Bylaws or policies of the Association.
- Monitoring and influencing government legislation, programs and policies which impact the membership.
- Ensuring effective, credible relations in respect of advocacy are maintained with member municipalities, the provincial government and other organizations.
- Apprising the membership of significant national and provincial trends and/or issues that affect local governments and taking action to ensure their interests are known to decision makers.
- Monitoring, as the sole shareholder, the Association interest in the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC).
- Establishing a mandate for itself and for the Administration on an annual basis and approving an operational plan to achieve its mandate.
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Eligibility

Complete details on standing for election are outlined in the AUMA Election Procedures Handbook; however, generally those eligible to stand in an election must:

- be an elected official of a Regular Member in good standing,
- submit a completed nomination in the form prescribed by the Returning Officer,
- be nominated by at least two other elected representatives of Regular Members in good standing, and
- for President or Vice-President positions, have the nomination approved by a motion of the council of the nominee’s municipality.

Ideal Board Member Profile

AUMA seeks committed Board members with high ethical standards and an interest in the long-term best interests of AUMA and its members. Experience serving on public/private sector or not-for-profit boards is desirable. While not required, other desirable competencies include:

- Board Governance
- Municipal Governance/Operations
- Business Administration/Management
- Legal/Regulatory
- Human Resources
- Accounting/Financial
- Risk Management
- Public Relations/Media
- Information Technology
- Strategic Planning

Time Commitment

Below is the estimated amount of time necessary for an individual to fulfill their role as an AUMA Board member. Board members are also expected to attend additional retreats, meetings, or education sessions as required from time to time.

Regular Scheduled Board Meetings	Board meetings are held monthly, except for July. Meetings begin at 9:00 am (allow 5-6 hours per meeting). <i>*Please note that the first meeting of the new Board will commence immediately following the close of Convention</i>
Board Member Orientation Session	New Board Members are required to attend orientation sessions prior to the December 2021 Board meeting (allow 3 -5 hours).

In addition, each Board member is expected to serve on at least one Board committee. The current Board standing committees are:

Executive Committee	Committee meetings are held monthly and begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Municipal Governance Committee	Committee meetings are held quarterly and begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Sustainability and Environment Committee	Committee meetings are held quarterly and begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Safe and Healthy Communities Committee	Committee meetings are held quarterly and begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Infrastructure and Energy Committee	Committee meetings are held quarterly and begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Small Communities Committee	Committee meetings are held three times per year and begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Human Resources Committee	Committee will meet a minimum of twice per year. Meetings begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Audit and Finance Committee	Committee meetings are held quarterly and begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Investment Advisory Committee	Committee will meet a minimum of twice per year. Meetings begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).
Economic Affairs Committee	Committee will meet a minimum of twice per year. Meetings begin at 9:00 am (allow 4-6 hours per meeting).

Honoraria and Expenses

Board members are entitled to receive honoraria for their service on the Board, a committee, or task force and are reimbursed for expenses incurred on AUMA business in accordance with AUMA policy. Board members also receive an allowance for professional development.

Nomination Papers

Nomination Papers for each Board position are provided in Appendix B, C and D.

Nomination Deadline

The deadline for receipt of nomination documents is Friday, November 12, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

Your nomination documents must be submitted by email to ReturningOfficer@auma.ca.

Appendix A – Electoral Zones

Towns East	Towns West	Towns South	Villages East	Villages West	Villages South
Athabasca	Barrhead	Banff	Alliance	Alberta Beach	Acme
Bashaw	Beaverlodge	Bassano	Amisk	Alix	Arrowwood
Blackfalds	Bentley	Black Diamond	Andrew	Bawlf	Barnwell
Bon Accord	Bowden	Bow Island	Boyle	Berwyn	Barons
Bonnyville	Calmar	Canmore	Chauvin	Big Valley	Beiseker
Bruderheim	Calmar	Cardston	Chipman	Bittern Lake	Carbon
Castor	Devon	Carstairs	Clyde	Breton	Carmangay
Coronation	Drayton Valley	Claresholm	Consort	Caroline	Champion
Daysland	Eckville	Coaldale	Czar	Clive	Coutts
Elk Point	Edson	Coalhurst	Edgerton	Delburne	Cowley
Gibbons	Fairview	Cochrane	Forestburg	Donalda	Cremona
Hardisty	Falher	Crossfield	Glendon	Donnelly	Delia
Innisfail	Fox Creek	Crowsnest Pass	Halkirk	Edberg	Duchess
Killam	Grimshaw	Didsbury	Heisler	Elnora	Empress
Lac La Biche County	High Level	Drumheller	Holden	Girouxville	Foremost
Lamont	High Prairie	Fort Macleod	Hughenden	Hay Lakes	Glenwood
Legal	Hinton	Hanna	Innisfree	Hines Creek	Hill Spring
Millet	Jasper	High River	Irma	Nampa	Hussar
Morinville	Manning	Improvement	Kitscoty	Rosalind	Kananaskis
Mundare	Mayerthorpe	District No. 9 (Banff	Lougheed	Rycroft	Improvement
Ponoka	McLennan	National Park)	Mannville	Spring Lake	District
Provost	Onoway	Irricana	Marwayne	Warburg	Linden
Redwater	Peace River	Magrath	Myrnam		Lomond
Sedgewick	Penhold	Milk River	Paradise Valley		Longview
Smoky Lake	Rainbow Lake	Nanton	Ryley		Milo
Stettler	Rocky Mountain	Nobleford	Veteran		Morrin
St. Paul	House	Okotoks	Vilna		Munson
Tofield	Sexsmith	Olds	Waskatenau		Rockyford
Trochu	Slave Lake	Oyen			Rosemary
Two Hills	Spirit River	Picture Butte			Standard
Vegreville	Stony Plain	Pincher Creek			Stirling
Vermilion	Swan Hills	Raymond			Warner
Viking	Sylvan Lake	Redcliff			Youngstown
Wainwright	Thorsby	Redwood Meadows			
	Valleyview	Stavelly			
	Wembley	Strathmore			
	Westlock	Sundre			
	Whitecourt	Taber			
		Three Hills			
		Turner Valley			
		Vauxhall			
		Vulcan			
Cities up to 500,000				Cities over 500,000	Summer Villages
Airdrie		Lethbridge		Calgary	<i>All Summer Villages vote for the Summer Village Director and for the Vice-President Villages and Summer Villages</i>
Beaumont		Lloydminster		Edmonton	
Brooks		Medicine Hat			
Camrose		MD of Mackenzie No. 23			
Chestermere		Red Deer			
Cold Lake		Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo			
Fort Saskatchewan		St. Albert			
Grande Prairie		Spruce Grove			
Lacombe		Strathcona County			
Leduc		Wetaskiwin			

PART A – Nomination Paper for Board of Directors

We, the undersigned, duly nominate _____ of
NAME

MUNICIPALITY POSITION ON COUNCIL

as a candidate in the election to be held for a two-year term for the office of:

- Cities up to 500,000 Directors (two to be elected by Cities up to 500,000 voting delegates)
- Towns East Director (one to be elected by Towns East voting delegates)
- Villages South Director (one to be elected by Villages South voting delegates)
- Summer Villages Director (one to be elected by Summer Villages voting delegates)

NOMINATORS

To be signed by two (2) elected officials from AUMA member municipalities of the relevant classification. Should the signatories not be elected officials from AUMA member municipalities of the relevant classification, the nomination will be disqualified.

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	MUNICIPALITY
PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	MUNICIPALITY

- The candidate’s biography is included with this Nomination Paper (please check)**

**The nomination deadline is 11:59 pm Friday, November 19, 2021
 Completed nomination documents are to be submitted by email to ReturningOfficer@auma.ca.**

PART B – Candidate’s Acceptance

CANDIDATE’S ACCEPTANCE

CANDIDATE’S NAME

CANDIDATE’S SIGNATURE

CANDIDATE’S EMAIL

By signing this form, I declare that:

1. I am eligible to be elected to the office,
2. I will carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office if elected,
3. I will be bound by AUMA Policy BD010 – Board Member Ethics, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest and the disclosure provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the AUMA Bylaws, and
4. **I authorize the AUMA to publish my biography in AUMA publications including, but not limited to, the AUMA website and Weekly Digest.**

Please check one of the following:

- I will be attending the AUMA Convention in-person
- I will be attending the AUMA Convention virtually

PART A – Nomination Paper for President

We, the undersigned, duly nominate _____ of
NAME

MUNICIPALITY POSITION ON COUNCIL
as a candidate in the election to be held for a two-year term for the office of President.

NOMINATORS

To be signed by two (2) elected officials from AUMA member municipalities of the relevant classification. Should the signatories not be elected officials from AUMA member municipalities of the relevant classification, the nomination will be disqualified.

_____ PRINT NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ MUNICIPALITY
_____ PRINT NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ MUNICIPALITY

The candidate's biography is included with this Nomination Paper (please check)

**The nomination deadline is 11:59 pm, Friday, November 12, 2021
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PART B – Candidate’s Acceptance

CANDIDATE’S ACCEPTANCE

CANDIDATE’S NAME

CANDIDATE’S SIGNATURE

CANDIDATE’S EMAIL

By signing this form, I declare that:

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Please check one of the following:

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PART A – Nomination Paper for Vice-President

We, the undersigned, duly nominate _____ of
NAME

MUNICIPALITY POSITION ON COUNCIL

as a candidate in the election to be held for a one-year term of:

- Vice-President, Cities up to 500,000
- Vice President, Towns
- Vice-President, Villages and Summer Villages

NOMINATORS

To be signed by two (2) elected officials from AUMA member municipalities of the relevant classification. Should the signatories not be elected officials from AUMA member municipalities of the relevant classification, the nomination will be disqualified.

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	MUNICIPALITY
PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	MUNICIPALITY

APPROVED BY MOTION OF COUNCIL

To be signed by the City Clerk/Municipal Secretary of the candidate’s municipality confirming, through checking the minutes of Council, that the candidate’s nomination has been approved.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	MUNICIPALITY	CITY CLERK/MUNICIPAL SECRETARY SIGNATURE
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- The candidate’s biography is included with this Nomination Paper (please check)**

The nomination deadline is 11:59 pm, Friday, November 12, 2021
Completed nomination documents are to be submitted by email to ReturningOfficer@auma.ca.

PART B – Candidate’s Acceptance

CANDIDATE’S ACCEPTANCE

CANDIDATE’S NAME

CANDIDATE’S SIGNATURE

CANDIDATE’S EMAIL

By signing this form, I declare that:

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Suggested motions based on previous year.

15.b CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP CONTEST:

MOTION THAT the Village sponsor a Christmas Light Up Contest and that the prizes be as follows:

\$100.00 for first place;

\$75.00 for second place; and

\$50.00 for third place;

AND FURTHER THAT the judging take place on December 18th, 2021 and that _____, _____ and _____ be appointed as the judges for the contest.

(Last year judges were Councillor Weber, Ken Anderson and Donovan Boggs)

15.c GRASMERE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DONATION:

MOTION THAT Alberta Beach make a Christmas donation to Grasmere School in the amount of \$500.00 to be used towards the student's Christmas Hot Dog Lunch as well to supply candy canes for each student.

(Last year due to covid-19 the motion was to donate \$500.00 to be used towards the students in lieu of a Christmas Hot Dog Lunch as well to supply candy canes for each student)

15.d CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:

MOTION THAT the Village office be closed for Christmas on December 24th, 2021 and re-open on January 4th, 2022.

15.e COUNCIL & STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

MOTION THAT the Council & staff Christmas lunch be held

(Last year the lunch was cancelled due to Covid-19)