

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION
5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - a. Regular Council Meeting of December 21, 2021
6. DELEGATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
 - a. Bylaw 287-22 The Fees & Rates Bylaw
 - b. General Village Policy #G.3.5 Snow & Ice Control Policy
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Community & Social Services – FCSS Surplus Policy
 - b. Alberta Counsel – At a Glance January 7, 2022
 - c. Alberta Counsel – The News January 11, 2022
 - d. Alberta Environment – 2022 Alberta Fisheries Management Engagement
 - e. Alberta Health Operations – Covid-19 Municipal Update December 15, 2021
 - f. Alberta Health Operations – Covid-19 Municipal Update December 22, 2021
 - g. Alberta Health Operations – Covid-19 Municipal Update January 12, 2022
 - h. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update December 20, 2021
 - i. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update January 4, 2022
 - j. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update January 10, 2022
 - k. Alberta Municipalities – Alberta Municipalities Year End Review
 - l. Alberta Municipalities – Alberta Municipalities Villages West Update
 - m. Alberta Municipalities – Alberta Municipalities Re-assignments to RMA Pembina District #3
 - n. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly December 22, 2021
 - o. Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly January 12, 2022
 - p. Alberta Municipalities – New FireSmart Program Offering
 - q. Brownlee LLP – Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar
 - r. Communities Choose Well – The Choose Letter January 2022
 - s. Communities in Bloom – Scotts Canada 2022 Gro for Good Grants Initiative
 - t. Community Futures Yellowhead East – Digital Economy Program
 - u. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM Voice News January 10, 2022
 - v. Fortis Alberta – 2022 Fortis Alberta Approved Rates
 - w. Municipality of Crowsnest Pass – Letter in Support for Streamlining Foreign Physician Assessments
 - x. National Police Federation – Keep Alberta RCMP Community Engagement Tour on Proposed APPS
 - y. Town of Tofield – Rural Alberta Adolescent Vaccine Provision
 - z. Wild Water Commission – Notice of Orthophosphate Additives in the Epcor System
 - aa. Alberta Municipalities – Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) Webinar
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
15. NEW BUSINESS
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

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PRESENT:

Deputy MayorAngela Duncan
CouncillorDebbie Durocher
CouncillorTara Elwood
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAOCathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

ABSENT:

Mayor.....Bud Love

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#191-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

No closed meeting session was held.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

#192-21 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021:
MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 16, 2021 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

#193-21 LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – ACP GRANT PARTNERSHIP TO CONDUCT STUDIES RELATED TO OLD NUISANCE GROUNDS:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve the request to participate in the Lac Ste. Anne County ACP Grant Partnership to conduct studies related to old nuisance grounds.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#194-21 SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT – ACP GRANT PARTNERSHIP FOR A REGIONAL RECREATION TRAIL MASTER PLAN STUDY:
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council approve to participate in the Summer Village of Sunset Point ACP Grant Partnership for a regional recreation trail master plan study.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP CONTEST:

Councillor Weber reported that the 1st place winner in this years' Christmas Light Up Contest was Bud & Barb Love, 2nd place winner was Stuart & Lorraine Craig and the 3rd place winner was Richard & Laurie Demers.

Deputy Mayor Duncan congratulated the winners and thanked all the residents who participated in this years' Christmas light-up contest, she also expressed a special thank you to Donovan Boggs, Ken Anderson and Councillor Weber for judging the contest.

COUNCIL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

#195-21 MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approve the reimbursement to a maximum of \$750.00 per Councillor every four year term for the purchase of an electronic device to be used specifically for Council business with the funding to come from the 2021 or 2022 Council budget and further that administration draft a policy for the purchase and use of Council electronic devices.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

#196-21 2022 INTERIM BUDGET:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the 2021 Budget be accepted as a 2022 Interim Budget.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

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COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher gave a brief report on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting of December 7, 2021.
1 Watershed Action Group meeting of December 13, 2021.

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

Councillor Elwood gave a brief report on the following meetings:
Yellowhead Regional Library Board trustee overview meeting of December 2, 2021 and board orientation meeting of December 6, 2021 Councillor Elwood also reported she has been elected to the executive board.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Christmas Light Up Contest judging of December 18, 2021.
Community Futures Yellowhead East meetings of December 2 & 21, 2021.
Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting of December 13, 2021.
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting of November 24, 2021.

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
FCSS Trivillage Committee meeting of November 23, 2021.
Rogers/Shaw Broadband meeting of November 24, 2021.
Provincial Broadband Update meeting held on December 16, 2021.
Regional Rural Economic Development Stakeholders Engagement meeting of November 24, 2021.
Alberta Beach Ag Society AglipleX Operations Committee meeting of December 2, 2021.
West Inter-lake District (WILD) Water Commission meeting of December 3, 2021.
Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance meeting of November 22, 2021.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A INTERMUNICIPAL REGIONAL LAKE ACTION PLAN:

#197-21

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Alberta Beach approve the request from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance to provide a letter of support for the application from the Summer Village of Seba Beach for an Alberta Community Partnership Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to fund an Intermunicipal Regional Lake Action Plan to support collaborative work on lake education and restoration projects for Lac Ste. Anne, Lake Isle and Wabamun Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

The administration department submitted a report for information on the 2021 Development Permits issued to date.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

#198-21

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES – FCSS REGULATION REVIEW:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Community & Social Services regarding the amendments to the Family & Community Social Services (FCSS) Regulation which took effect on July 1, 2021, also enclosed was a Q & A document and the Order in Council.

ALBERTA COUNSEL – NEWSLETTERS:

At a Glance newsletters of November 19 & 26, 2021 as well as the November 24 & December 7, 2021 issues of The News was received from Alberta Counsel.

ALBERTA EDUCATION – PROVINCIAL EDUCATION REQUISITION CREDIT PROGRAM:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Education regarding the Provincial Education Requisition Credit Program which was recently restored in the *Municipal Government Act* to relieve the burden on municipalities of unpaid taxes from oil & gas companies while pursuing special liens on the companies.

ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL – AISC QUARTERLY UPDATE

The AISC Quarterly Update of December 3, 2021 was received from the Alberta Invasive Species Council.

ALBERTA HEALTH OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

Covid-19 Municipal Updates of November 17, 24, December 1 & 8, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Operations.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 Community Updates of November 15, 22, December 6 & 13, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Services.

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ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION & NEW NAME:

An introductory letter was received from Angela Duncan, Alberta Municipalities Director of Villages West and Vice President of Villages and Summer Villages, the letter also included information on the rebranding from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association to Alberta Municipalities.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS:

The Weekly Newsletters of November 25, December 1, 8 & 15, 2021 was received from Alberta Municipalities.

ALBERTA RECREATION & PARKS – CONGRATULATIONS & INTRODUCTORY LETTER:

A congratulations & introductory letter was received from Alberta Recreation & Parks Association.

ALBERTA TREASURY BOARD & FINANCE – LOANS PRICING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Treasury Board & Finance announcing that effective December 2021 the interest rates charged on new loans to local authorities will be revised to better reflect the market cost of borrowing.

COMMUNITIES CHOOSE WELL – THE CHOOSE LETTER:

The Choose newsletter of November 2021 was received from Communities Choose Well.

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – REGIONAL BUSINESS NEWS & EVENTS:

Correspondence was received from Community Futures Yellowhead East regarding regional business news & events.

GRASMERE SCHOOL – THANK YOU CARD:

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

HONOURABLE JASON KENNEY, PREMIER OF ALBERTA – CONGRATULATIONS LETTER:

A congratulations letter was received from Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta.

HONOURABLE KAYCEE MADU, ALBERTA JUSTICE & SOLICITOR GENERAL – ALBERTA PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE TRANSITION STUDY:

A letter was received from Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Alberta Justice & Solicitor General regarding the release of the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study as well as an invitation to participate in further engagement on the findings of the report.

HONOURABLE RIC MCIVER, ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – CONGRATULATIONS LETTER:

A congratulations letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs.

HONOURABLE SHANE GETSON, MLA – CONGRATULATIONS LETTER:

A congratulations letter was received from Honourable Shane Getson, MLA.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA – CONGRATULATIONS & INTRODUCTORY LETTER:

A congratulations & introductory letter was received from the Library Association of Alberta.

NATIONAL POLICE FEDERATION – ALBERTA PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE TRANSITION STUDY:

A letter was received from the National Police Federation regarding a recent survey and the Government of Alberta's release of the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTERS:

The November & December 2021 In Stream Newsletters were received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – INTRODUCTION LETTER:

An introduction letter was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance as well as NSWA 2022 calendars in appreciation of the support in their work towards a healthy and sustainable watershed.

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – NEW TRAINING RESOURCES FOR LIBRARY BOARDS & MUNICIPALITIES:

Correspondence was received from Yellowhead Regional Library which included Alberta Municipal Affairs new training resources for library boards & municipalities, appointments to boards and Municipal Councils and Library Boards roles and responsibilities.

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

#199-21

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#200-21 ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB – SNOMO DAYS 2022:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Alberta Beach & District Lion's Club be advised that Council has approved that the village provide snow clearing on the ice for the drag race track, parking and ice park, the building of a track for the OHV challenge subject to the ice conditions, as well a \$300.00 contribution to the washroom expense, the supply of garbage cans, picnic tables, two fire pits at the ice park, one fire pit at Beachwave Park, spectator stands at drag race track and barricades to direct traffic and further that Council approve to permit a Fireworks Display to be set off from the Boat Launch on SnoMo Days provided that the fireworks is conducted by a licensed Pyro-Technician carrying adequate property and liability insurance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#201-21 THE MARC GROUP – PARTNER WITH ALBERTA BEACH FARMERS MARKET ON BAGVERTISING:
MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the request from The MARC Group to partner with the Alberta Beach Farmers Market in the launch of the new community program BagVertising be tabled to the January meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#202-21 TOWN OF ONOWAY – FIRST RESPONDERS THANK YOU:
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Alberta Beach accept the challenge from the Town of Onoway to show appreciation and to thank our first responders and Council will discuss appreciation ideas at the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS: None.

QUESTION PERIOD:

A question was asked regarding notification on development permits issued for the demolition of a cabin, Deputy Mayor Duncan confirmed that as it is a permitted use, there is no requirement to notify adjacent properties.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Mayor – Bud Love

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.

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

Aug.17/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that a letter be forwarded to the TVRSSC to request that they repair the road and sidewalk along 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.

Oct.19/21 Sidewalk repair has been completed.

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

SCHEDULE OF FEES & RATES BYLAW:

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.

Oct.19/21 Schedule of Fees & Rates Bylaw has been drafted, Council will need to review bylaw for any further changes.

Nov.16/21 CAO has requested that the Development Officer review the rates in the bylaw pertaining to development and has asked for comments on implementing additional fees for variance, changes in application or change of scope.

Dec.21/21 Development Officer has suggested to implement a fee of \$100.00 for a major variance and a fee of \$100.00 for change in application or change in scope. Administration will prepare the bylaw for next meeting.

PARKING OF OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL:

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

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

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – ACP GRANT TO CONDUCT STUDIES RELATED TO OLD NUISANCE GROUNDS:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council direct the CAO to request further information from Lac Ste. Anne County regarding their request for participation in an ACP Grant Partnership to conduct studies related to old nuisance grounds.

Dec.21/21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve the request to participate in the Lac Ste. Anne County ACP Grant Partnership to conduct studies related to old nuisance grounds.

SV OF SUNSET POINT – ACP GRANT PARTNERSHIP FOR A REGIONAL RECREATION TRAIL MASTER PLAN:

Oct.19/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council direct the CAO to follow up and request further information from the Summer Village of Sunset Point regarding their request for participation in an ACP Grant Partnership to develop a Recreation/Trail Master Plan.

Dec.21/21 MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council approve to participate in the Summer Village of Sunset Point ACP Grant Partnership for a regional recreation trail master plan study.

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC):

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

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

CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST

DECEMBER 2021

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

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

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PUBLIC WORKS:

MUNICIPAL STIMULUS PROGRAM – ALBERTA BEACH STORM OUTFALL PROJECT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEVELOPMENT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A BYLAW OF ALBERTA BEACH, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO ESTABLISH
A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND RATES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, authorizes a municipality to have the authority to establish fees and rates for the provision of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Alberta Beach wishes to establish, in a bylaw, a schedule of fees and rates;

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

1. That this Bylaw may be cited as the "the Fees and Rates Bylaw".
2. That Alberta Beach shall charge fees and rates as established in Schedule A, "The Fees and Rates Schedule", attached hereto.
3. That this Bylaw shall be reviewed by Council annually.
4. That Bylaw #277-20 is hereby rescinded.
5. That this Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the third and final reading and signing of this bylaw.

Read a first time this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Read a second time this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Read a third time and passed this ____ day of _____, 2022.

SIGNED by the Mayor and C.A.O. this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor, Bud Love

C.A.O., Kathy Skwarchuk

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SCHEDULE "A"
THE FEES & RATES SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES:

Photocopies for public at large:	
8 ½ x 11	\$0.25/copy
8 ½ x 14	\$0.25/copy
11 x 17	\$0.50/copy
Colour Photocopies for public at large:	
8 ½ x 11	\$0.50/copy
8 ½ x 14	\$0.50/copy
11 x 17	\$1.00/copy
Photocopies for Non-Profit Groups:	
8 ½ x 11	\$0.10/copy
8 ½ x 14	\$0.15/copy
11 x 17	\$0.25/copy
Colour Photocopies for Non-Profit Groups:	
8 ½ x 11	\$0.15/copy
8 ½ x 14	\$0.20/copy
11 x 17	\$0.50/copy
Laminating Fees:	
8 ½ x 11	\$1.00/copy
8 ½ x 14	\$1.50/copy
11 x 17	\$2.00/copy
Copies of Village documents	As per copy rates above
Fax (Sending & Receiving)	\$1.00/page
Fax Long Distance (extra)	\$1.00
Returned Cheque Fees	\$35.00
NSF Fees (Non Sufficient Funds)	\$35.00
Tax Certificates	\$50.00
Land Title Search / Certificate of Title	\$25.00
Tax Notification Fee	\$55.00
Tax Notification Fee - each additional named interest on Title	\$5.00
Land Use Bylaw	\$25.00
Municipal Development Plan	\$10.00
County Maps	\$10.00
Sand Bags (not filled) (if available) - per Bag	Sold at Cost
Blue Bags (if available) - per Bag	Sold at Cost
Souvenirs / Promotional Products	Sold at Cost + 5%
Overdue Account Penalties (not property taxes)	2% per Month

PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES:

Property Tax Penalties as per Penalty on Unpaid Taxes Bylaw	per Bylaw
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DOG TAGS:

Neutered/Spayed	\$10.00
Unaltered	\$20.00
Vicious	\$250.00
Replacement Tag	\$5.00

SKUNK TRAPS:

Deposit (Refundable on Return)	\$65.00
3 Day Rental (Alberta Beach Residents)	No Charge
Additional per Day Rental (Alberta Beach Residents)	\$5.00
3 Day Rental (Non-Residents)	\$25.00
Additional per Day Rental (Non-Residents)	\$10.00
Cleaning	\$20.00

BUILDING RENTAL:

Council Chambers – Full Day	\$100.00
Council Chambers – Half Day	\$50.00
Council Chambers – Not For Profit-Local Community Groups	No Charge

FOOD VENDORS:

Resident Food Vendor - per Calendar Year	\$35.00
Non-Resident Food Vendor - per Day	\$35.00
Non-Resident Food Vendor - per Calendar Year	\$350.00
FREE - Food Truck Fridays - No day rate charged	No Charge

MOBILE SALES VENDORS:

Resident Mobile Sales - per Calendar Year	\$35.00
Non-Resident Mobile Sales - per Day	\$35.00
Non-Resident Mobile Sales - per Calendar Year	\$350.00

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AMUSEMENT VENDOR:

Amusement Vendor - per Day	\$35.00
Amusement Vendor - per Calendar Year	\$350.00

HAWKER PEDDLER FEES:

Hawker Peddler - per Day	\$35.00
Hawker Peddler - per Calendar Year	\$350.00

BUSKER:

Buskers must be registered with the Village Office	by donation
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SPECIAL EVENT:

Special Event License (as approved by Council)	as per Council
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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FEES:

Residential – Permitted	\$300.00
Residential – Discretionary	\$500.00
Additions and Accessory Buildings	\$150.00
Secondary Suite (Garage & Garden Suite) – Permitted	\$300.00
Secondary Suite (Garage & Garden Suite) – Discretionary	\$500.00
Commercial/Light Industrial – Permitted	\$300.00
Commercial/Light Industrial – Discretionary	\$500.00
Home Based Business – Home Occupations	\$150.00
Home Office Letter	\$50.00
Signs – Permanent or Temporary	\$50.00
Deck, Shed, Fence, Gazebo, Fabric Shelter	\$50.00
Retaining Wall, Culverts, Driveway Access	\$50.00
Holding Tank, Cistern, Well	\$50.00
Development Permit - Time Extension	\$50.00
Development Permit - Amendment	\$100.00
Development Permit - Request for Major Variance	\$100.00
Development Permit - Change in Scope	\$100.00
Demolition Permit	\$50.00
Emergency Municipal Planning Commission Meeting	\$500.00 (in addition to permit fee)
Security Deposit for Relocated or Moved-in Dwelling (Refundable)	\$5,000.00
Failure to Apply for Development Permit	Double
(Permit fees double if construction starts prior to approval of development permit)	

BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPLICATION FEES:

(Application fees do not guarantee approval)	
Plan Cancellation Bylaw (Lot Consolidation)	\$400.00
Land Use Re-Districting Application	\$500.00 + all associated costs
Amendment to Land Use Bylaw	\$500.00 + all associated costs
Amendment to Municipal Development Plan	\$500.00 + all associated costs
Amendment to Intermunicipal Development Plan	\$500.00 + all associated costs
Amendment to Area Structure or Redevelopment Plan	\$500.00 + all associated costs

LETTER OF COMPLIANCE:

Standard	\$100.00
Rush (Less than 72 hours)	\$200.00

LETTER OF CONCURRENCE:

Cell/Internet/Communication Tower	As per Council
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AGREEMENTS:

Encroachment Agreement	\$400.00
Letter of Consent	\$50.00
Developer's Agreement	As per Council
Other Leases	As per Council

SUBDIVISION FEES:

Subdivision Application Fee	\$400.00
Additional Lots (per lot)	\$200.00
Endorsement &/or Condo Plan Endorsement Fees (per lot or unit)	\$50.00

APPEAL FEES:

Assessment Appeal Fee (residential)(refundable if successful)	\$50.00
Assessment Appeal Fee (non-residential)(refundable if successful)	\$150.00
Development Permit Appeal Fee	\$150.00
Subdivision Appeal Fee	\$150.00
Food Vendor, Mobile Sales Vendor, Amusement Vendor Appeal Fee	\$25.00
Hawker, Peddler or Busker Appeal Fee	\$25.00
Enforcement Appeal Fee	\$150.00

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SAFETY CODES PERMITS:

Permits for Building, Electrical, Gas, Plumbing, Demolition) As per inspection agency

SOLID WASTE & ORGANIC CARTS:

Additional Residential Solid Waste Cart Deposit (Refundable) \$100.00
Additional Residential Organic Waste Cart Deposit (Refundable) \$100.00

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS LABOUR & EQUIPMENT:

Grader - per Hour (includes Operator) \$173.00
Skid Steer - per Hour (includes Operator) \$109.00
Backhoe - per Hour (Includes Operator) \$114.00
Gravel Truck - per Hour (includes Operator) \$111.00
Plow Truck - per Hour (includes Operator) \$176.00
Garbage Truck - per Hour (includes Operator) \$125.00
Mower - per Hour \$75.00
Steamer c/w Tank - per Hour \$65.00
½ Ton Truck - per Hour \$24.00
Labourer - per Hour \$70.00
Management Consultant - per Hour \$80.00

MUNICIPAL RV PARK & CAMPGROUND:

Season Rate: Full Service Site Paid by May 31st \$3,000.00
Full Service Site Paid after June 1st \$3,300.00
Monthly Rate: Full Service Site \$1,000.00
Weekly Rates: Full Service Site \$300.00
Power & Water Site \$250.00
No Services Site \$200.00
Daily Rates: Full Service Site \$ 50.00
Power & Water Site \$ 45.00
No Services Site \$ 40.00
Cabin: Weekly (if available) \$ 600.00
Extra Person: Above rates based on 2 adults & 2 Dependent Children
Extra Person(s) per person \ per night \$5.00
Visitor Over Night Fee - Extra Tent Nightly Fee \$15.00
Seasonal Sites Additional Charges:
Extra Fridge - Monthly Fee \$10.00
Extra Freezer - Monthly Fee \$10.00
Winter Storage/Reserve Site (Due by Sept. 15th of current year) \$ 300.00
Winter Storage/Reserve Site (After Sept. 15th of current year) \$ 400.00
Boat Storage - Winter Storage \$100.00

BEACHWAVE PARK:

Fees may be waived by Council or C.A.O.
Fees not applicable to Alberta Beach Minor Ball or ABADASA
Ball Diamond - per Day per Diamond \$50.00
Concession - per Day \$150.00
Open Shelter/Washroom - per Day \$75.00
Rink - per Day \$100.00
Damage Deposit (Refundable) \$250.00

FIRE RATES:

As per Fire Bylaw

FOIP - ACCESS TO INFORMATION:

Reports generated by Alberta Beach \$20.00 plus copy rates above
Reports adopted by Council \$20.00 plus copy rates above
Minutes, Bylaws, Correspondence As per copy rates above
Administrative Fee - per Hour for search of information exceeding 1 hr) \$35.00 (in addition to above fees)
Third Party Costs to Access Information \$all costs (in addition to above fees)

GST:

Gst will be charged in addition to above fees where applicable. As applicable

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**ALBERTA BEACH
VILLAGE POLICIES**

POLICY: G.3.5 SNOW & ICE CONTROL POLICY

1. Policy Statement:

Alberta Beach Council will provide direction to standardize the priority and procedure for snow and ice control on municipal roadways and sidewalks.

2. Purpose:

To establish standards, procedures, and priorities to effectively and efficiently manage the process of snow and ice control on municipal roadways and sidewalks.

3. Principles:

- a) To ensure public safety;
- b) To set a policy to provide staff direction for snow and ice control priorities and procedures on roadways and sidewalks; and
- c) To provide a policy to the public for the awareness of village policy for snow and ice control priorities and procedures on roadways and sidewalks.

4. Definitions:

- a) **Accumulation** - means the total amount of snow that has fallen and remained undisturbed in place, measured from the roadway surface.
- b) **Alley** - means a narrow highway, lane, street, or roadway intended mainly to give access to the rear of buildings and parcels of land.
- c) **Boulevard** - means the part of a road allowance that is not roadway and is not specifically adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by pedestrians.
- d) **CAO** - means the person appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer of Alberta Beach.
- e) **Council** - the municipal Council of Alberta Beach, in the Province of Alberta.
- f) **Public Works Department** - means the Public Works Department of Alberta Beach.
- g) **Roadway** - means the part of a road allowance intended for use by vehicular traffic.
- h) **Sanding** - means the application of de-icing materials to roadways to improve vehicle traction and promote safe traffic flow.
- i) **Sidewalk** - means the part of the road allowance that is not for the use of vehicle traffic, is specifically for the use of pedestrian traffic, cyclist, or handicap wheeled conveyances and maybe gravel or hard-surfaced.
- j) **Snow drifting** - means the deposit of windblown snow on roadways or lanes which makes the passage of vehicular traffic extremely difficult.
- k) **Snowplowing** - means pushing accumulated snow from the roadway surface either to the sides of the roadway or the center of the roadway to ensure travel lanes are passable to traffic.
- l) **Street** - means any public thoroughfare for movement of vehicles and pedestrians.
- m) **Street Storage** - means the on-street storage of plowed snow.
- n) **Truck Route** - means the highway or roadway so designated for heavy truck traffic.
- o) **Village** - means the municipal corporation of Alberta Beach.
- p) **Windrow** - means a continuous ridge of snow running parallel to the road, created from snowplowing operations.

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5. Guidelines:

- a) Alberta Beach will take full advantage of the snow storage capacity of roadways and boulevards to minimize the expenditures associated with snow removal.
- b) Although this policy sets out the priorities and procedures for snow and ice control, public works staff may be directed to work in areas requiring immediate attention due to emergency conditions or localized drifting.
- c) The snow and ice control policy aims to provide reasonable winter driving conditions for vehicles that are:
 - i) adequately equipped for winter driving; and
 - ii) are operated in a manner consistent with good driving habits.
- d) It is expected that there will be situations that arise where the immediate demand for snow and ice control services will exceed the available resources. In these situations, accessibility for emergency vehicles will be deemed the greatest priority.
- e) This policy must be kept flexible and should serve as a guideline for snow and ice control within the Village.
- f) Alberta Beach may adjust/alter any section within this policy when an emergency situation and/or when severe weather situations occur.
- g) The Village will consistently endeavor to accomplish the tasks laid out within this policy in the most cost-effective and safe manner, while still maintaining a high level of service.

6. Service Levels:

Level of service standards is established for municipal controlled roadways according to their priority ranking.

- a) Snow plowing and ice operations will begin after accumulations of at least 10.16 centimeters (four inches) of snow or when drifting snow significantly impedes traffic flow.
- b) Should the Public Works Manager consider the road surface unsafe for the traveling public the appropriate action shall be taken as deemed necessary, including the hiring of casual staff or contractors as required.
- c) Snow and ice control operations are primarily conducted Monday through Friday. If deemed necessary by the CAO and/or Public Works Manager due to weather conditions, snow and ice control operations may commence on or continue into the weekend.
- d) Private driveways will not be cleared by Village crews or equipment.
- e) Roadway sanding will occur on the same priority basis as snow plowing.
- f) Service Levels may be impacted by:
 - i) available resources;
 - ii) equipment failures;
 - iii) extreme weather conditions; and
 - iv) budget.
- g) It is to be expected that there will be extreme winter situations where the immediate demand for snow and ice control services will exceed the available resources.

7. The procedure for snow removal and ice control shall be as follows:

- a) Removal or plowing of as much snow or ice as possible shall be done with suitable plowing equipment.

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- b) Treatment of remaining snow or ice with buckshot, sand, treated sand, or mixed combinations shall be done to achieve good winter driving conditions.
- c) Plowing and de-icing activities shall continue as weather and operational conditions permit.

8. Roadway Plowing Priority Ranking:

Priority for plowing of roads with heavy snowfall shall be as follows:

- a) Emergency Services;
- b) Truck routes;
- c) Main arterial roads;
- d) School Bus Route (46 St & 45 Ave);
- e) Residential streets;
- f) Alleys;
- g) Municipal Parking lots;
- h) Windrows.

9. Roadway Sanding:

Roadway sanding will occur on the same priority basis as snow plowing. Emphasis will be placed on truck routes, emergency services, important intersections, and other known problem areas.

10. Snowfall Accumulation:

If a snowfall with an accumulation of 10.16 centimeters (4 inches) or more should occur during snow and ice control operations, roadway plowing and sanding operations will start from the beginning of the priority ranking list.

11. Sidewalk Snow & Ice Control:

Snow clearing of sidewalks shall be prioritized as follows:

- a) It shall be the responsibility of the Public Works Department to provide snow and ice control on the municipal sidewalks where there is no residential or commercial property adjacent to the sidewalk.
- b) The sidewalk ice control shall be by using an approved de-icing solution.
- c) As per the Alberta Beach Traffic Bylaw, an owner of a property shall ensure the removal of snow and ice on the sidewalk adjacent to the residential or commercial premises including private driveway crossings.

12. Windrow Service:

The Public Works Department will endeavor to keep driveway accesses clear of windrows while performing snow plow procedures however this is not always possible and the following will apply:

- a) Windrow service will only be provided in the priority as shown above under Roadway Plowing Priority Ranking.
- b) The windrow removal service intends to knock down the windrow and allow for vehicle passage; it is not the intent of the service to provide full clearing and cleaning of the entire width of a driveway, from edge to edge. An approximate depth of 10.16 centimeters (4 inches) of snow will be left to avoid damage to driveways.

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- c) Service will be provided only when the windrow is an accumulated height of 30.48 centimeters (12 inches) or greater.
- d) No windrow removal service will be provided to those property owners who push snow from their driveways into the windrow for removal by the Village.
- e) It is the intent that windrows will only be removed from driveways that have been continuously cleared, however, service may be available in other situations.
- f) Snow from the cleared windrows will be deposited on the road allowance adjacent to driveways.

13. General:

- a) Alberta Beach may if deemed necessary, build or place windrows of snow either in the center of the roadway or on the sides of the roadway.
- b) Boulevards may be utilized for snow storage and may result in damages to improvements and trees within the Village boulevards. Care and attention will be taken to reduce potential damage to trees and boulevards; however, it will not be the responsibility of the Village to replant or reconstruct any damaged trees or boulevards.
- c) The Village is not responsible for any sand/gravel that may be left on boulevards after the snow has melted. It is the responsibility of the property owner/occupier to remove the sand/gravel from the boulevards.
- d) Residents are strictly prohibited from depositing snow on or pushing snow across any roadway as per the Alberta Beach Traffic Bylaw as this could cause damage to snow removal equipment and cause a safety liability problem should a vehicle hit this accumulation of snow and lose control. Snow is not to be deposited on any Village property.
- e) No vehicles, garbage waste containers, equipment, or other objects are to be left or parked on the roadway during snow plowing or removal operations.
- f) Damages to vehicles, garbage waste containers, equipment, and other objects left or parked on road allowances will be the property owner's responsibility.
- g) The Village accepts no responsibility for damage to or restoration of sod, sculptures, rock gardens, concrete, stonework, and other landscaping on public property from the actions of snow plowing or removal, sand, or a mixed combination thereof, the weight of snow, or any other cases of damage.
- h) Other than for emergency conditions, snow operations may be suspended at temperatures below minus 30 degrees Celsius.
- i) Residents are not to attempt to flag down equipment operators, and when approaching snow equipment, a minimum distance of 10 meters (32 feet) is to be maintained.

DEPARTMENT: _____

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL: _____, 2022

AMENDMENT DATE/RESOLUTION NO: _____

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From: CSS FCSS Admin <CSS.FCSSAdmin@gov.ab.ca>
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Cc: Karen Wronko
Subject: FCSS Surplus Policy
Attachments: FCSS Surplus Policy.pdf

Sent on behalf of Julie Skrepnek:

Good afternoon,

I am writing to provide an update about a surplus policy for the provincial FCSS program. As you may have heard in Karen Wronko's presentation at the FCSSAA conference on December 3rd, a surplus policy for the provincial FCSS program was recently approved.

Various FCSS grant program documents outlined options for addressing grant surpluses, but there was no overarching written policy to support decision-making and approvals, so a surplus policy for the program was drafted and recently approved.

The written policy is not expected to result in a significant change in the use of FCSS surpluses but will provide better options for addressing challenging and unique situations and will ensure transparency and accountability.

The surplus policy describes how surpluses will be dealt with, according to the FCSS grant agreement. Section 7 of the FCSS grant agreement outlines four scenarios for addressing surpluses:

7. If the Minister determines there is unexpended funding ("Surplus") during the Term or at any time following the expiry or termination of this Agreement, the Minister, in the Minister's sole discretion, may:

(a) demand repayment of all or part of the Surplus by the Municipality to the Government of Alberta within ninety (90) days of the demand or the expiry or termination of this Agreement;

(b) adjust the total amount of Funding by withholding payment of any portion of Funding equal to the Surplus amount, or by setting-off the Surplus amount against any future scheduled payments of Funding in the Term;

(c) authorize the Municipality to retain the Surplus and redistribute the Surplus amount across the remaining year(s) of the Term; or

(d) apply the Surplus to any payment made by the Minister pursuant to a further funding agreement with the Municipality for the same or similar purpose.

The FCSS Surplus Policy also outlines the process for receiving, evaluating and communicating decisions about requests, and lists the factors that may be used to evaluate surplus retention requests. The delegated authority to approve a surplus request will remain with the Executive Director of Civil Society and Community Initiatives.

The FCSS Surplus Policy has been posted on the GoA Open Government site. You can find the document here: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/family-and-community-support-services-surplus-policy>

I appreciate some local FCSS programs have had pending surplus requests for longer than we would like as the new policy was finalized. We are working to review those requests and will have a decision to you soon and will be in direct contact with you. As a note, surpluses from 2020 can be spent until the end of the current grant agreement term, December 31, 2022 for Municipalities and March 31, 2023 for Metis Settlements. You are encouraged to closely monitor budgets and identify surplus in advance of the end of your grant agreement to myself or the team ensure a smooth transition to the new agreements for 2023. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Surplus Policy

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Introduction

Since 1966, the Government of Alberta (GoA), together with participating municipalities and Metis Settlements, have partnered to fund preventive social services for Albertans through the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding Program. Through the FCSS Funding Program, partnering municipalities and Metis Settlements design and deliver preventive social services to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Services provided must be of a preventive nature, delivered through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity.

Participating municipalities and Metis Settlements enter into a funding agreement with the GoA, and set up FCSS programs in their community (referred to as 'local FCSS programs' in this document). Each local FCSS program is a partnership between the communities and the GoA. Participating municipalities and Metis Settlements are required to contribute one dollar for every four dollars provided by the GoA.

The FCSS Funding Program funding formula determines the allocation of provincial funding amongst participating municipalities and Metis settlements. Each local FCSS program is required to fully expend the funding allocated from the municipality or Metis settlement and the GoA funding each year.

Section 7 of the current funding agreement, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 for municipalities and April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023 for Metis Settlements, outlines provisions the Minister may pursue to address unexpended funds. Section 7 reads as follows:

7. If the Minister determines there is unexpended funding ("Surplus") during the Term or at any time following the expiry or termination of this Agreement, the Minister, in the Minister's sole discretion, may:

(a) demand repayment of all or part of the Surplus by the Municipality to the Government of Alberta within ninety (90) days of the demand or the expiry or termination of this Agreement;

(b) adjust the total amount of Funding by withholding payment of any portion of Funding equal to the Surplus amount, or by setting-off the Surplus amount against any future scheduled payments of Funding in the Term;

(c) authorize the Municipality to retain the Surplus and redistribute the Surplus amount across the remaining year(s) of the Term; or

(d) apply the Surplus to any payment made by the Minister pursuant to a further funding agreement with the Municipality for the same or similar purpose.

Note: The Family and Community Support Services Act defines municipality in section 1(b)(i) as both a municipality and a Metis Settlement.

Purpose of Surplus Program Policy

This document is intended to outline and clarify the process the FCSS Funding Program will employ related to section 7 of the funding agreement to address surplus funds as reported by funding program recipients (local FCSS programs).

What is a surplus?

Each local FCSS program has an annual budget consisting of 80% provincial dollars and at least 20% matching contribution by the municipal or Metis Settlement program. Local FCSS programs are required to provide annual reports consisting of financial reporting of revenues and expenditures.

If a local FCSS program does not spend all its FCSS dollars budgeted within a fiscal year within the term of the agreement and/or at the end of the agreement's term, the remaining funds result in a surplus. By convention through the history of the FCSS Funding Program, every dollar spent by a local FCSS program spends at a rate of 80% provincial dollars and 20% local program dollars. Therefore, surplus dollars at the end of the year are calculated proportionate to the amount the GoA and municipality have contributed. If a municipality, through the submission of its annual report, demonstrates it has contributed more than the required 20% of funding, consideration may be given in the determination of the surplus under section 7 of the funding agreement.

Four Mechanisms to address FCSS Funding Program Surpluses

Based on the FCSS Funding agreement, the department (on behalf of the Minister of Community and Social Services) has four mechanisms by which to address surpluses reported by local FCSS programs.

Occurrences of a Surplus

Local FCSS programs whose annual reports confirms a financial surplus will be engaged by the GoA to provide the reason (rationale) and/or unique circumstances that resulted in the surplus. Efforts will be made by GoA FCSS Funding Program staff to discuss individual circumstances of the surplus prior to determining which provision to exercise.

The provisions are:

1. Demand repayment of the surplus funds (section 7(a) of the FCSS Funding agreement).
 - If this option is pursued, a letter will be sent from the GoA to the local program indicating the amount of funding the local FCSS program is owing to the GoA. Repayment of the surplus will be due ninety (90) days from the date the letter was received by the local FCSS program.
2. Adjust the total amount of funding to the local program by withholding payment of any portion of funding equal to the surplus amount or by setting-off the surplus amount against any future scheduled payments (section 7(b) of the FCSS funding agreement).
 - If this option is pursued, a letter will be sent from the GoA to the local FCSS program indicating the amount of FCSS Funding dollars the local FCSS program will have withheld or set-off future payments to account for the surplus.
 - Funding releases to the local FCSS program will be withheld or set-off until the GoA portion of the surplus is matched by the funding release being withheld by the GoA.
 - Amendments to the funding schedule within the funding agreement will be made to reflect the necessary changes.
3. Authorize a local FCSS program to retain and carryover a surplus into the following year of the term (section 7(c) of the FCSS Funding agreement).
 - If this option is pursued, an email from the local FCSS program authority to the GoA will be required stating the amount of the surplus, what caused the surplus, and details explaining how the monies will be used to ensure zero surplus at the end of the year following the surplus.
 - If this option is pursued, a letter will be sent from the GoA to the local program indicating the amount the local FCSS program has been approved to carry forward into the following year. The GoA surplus funds will be required to be spent in the year with the required matching municipal contribution.
 - Surpluses approved by the GoA will show as 80% of the total surplus request added to the next year's annual report. With additional provincial funding added as a surplus carry over, the local FCSS program will need to match that amount to complete the 80/20 provincial/municipal or Metis Settlement program split.
 - This option will not be pursued if there is not sufficient time left within the funding agreement term.

Example

- A local FCSS program has a \$100 surplus at the end of the year. The local FCSS program requests to carry over the full surplus. 80% of that surplus is deemed GoA FCSS Funding and 20% is deemed municipal.
 - The 80% or \$80 is carried over into the following year of the term and requires the additional 20% matching local FCSS program contribution.
4. Authorize the municipality or Metis Settlement to use the surplus funding for another funding agreement with the same or similar purpose (section 7(d) of the FCSS Funding agreement)
 - This option would likely be authorized only in the last year of the funding agreement.
 - If this option is pursued, a letter will be sent from the GoA to the local FCSS program indicating the amount of GoA dollars the local FCSS program will be approved to transfer to a new FCSS Funding agreement. The new FCSS funding agreement will reflect the surplus that is carried over in addition to any new funding.

Surplus Decision Process

Surplus decisions are determined on a case-by-case basis and cannot be appealed. The steps and factors used to evaluate a grantee's individual circumstance include, but are not limited to, the following. GoA Staff will:

- Review the FCSS annual report from the local FCSS program to determine the surplus amount.
- Engage and consult with the local FCSS program to discuss the reason for the surplus.
- Assess the recipient's individual circumstances to inform which provision is the most suitable under section 7 of the funding agreement. Assessment may include:
 - The validity of the budget provided by the local FCSS program to the GoA to utilize the requested surplus funds in the year following the surplus.
 - The amount of the surplus compared to their annual funding.
 - How often the local FCSS program reports a surplus.
 - The quality of the reporting from the local FCSS program.
 - The rationale and circumstances for the surplus.
 - The remaining term of the funding agreement.
- Make a recommendation to the responsible Executive Director and will subsequently endeavour to notify the recipient of their decision within thirty days.

Delegation of Authority

The FCSS program is within the portfolio of the Minister of Community and Social Services. Each FCSS Funding agreement is entered on behalf of the Minister of CSS. The Executive Director of FCSS within CSS will make all local FCSS program funding surplus decisions on behalf of the Minister of CSS, unless otherwise delegated.

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From: Alberta Counsel <news@albertacounsel.com>
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Premier Says Absolutely No Mandatory Vaccinations in Alberta

Canada’s federal Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos held a media briefing on Friday, January 7 to discuss COVID-19 strategies heading into 2022. Duclos told reporters that while physical distancing, tests, and PPE are important, the only thing that will bring the COVID-19 crisis to an end is vaccinations. Duclos stated that mandatory vaccination is a “conversation” that the provinces and territories will need to have in the upcoming weeks.

Premier Jason Kenney responded within an hour with a resounding declaration that mandatory vaccination requirements will not happen in Alberta. The Premier’s tweet stated, “Alberta’s Legislature removed the power of mandatory vaccination from the Public Health Act last year and will not revisit that decision, period”. Premier Kenney followed up his statement by encouraging all who are eligible to get vaccinated while reiterating that vaccination is a personal choice that individuals must make for themselves.

Alberta reports record-high COVID-19 cases

On January 6, Alberta reported a record 4,869 new COVID-19 cases bringing the provincial number up to 39,897 active cases. Edmonton and Calgary have the highest rates with 14,972 and 19,261 active cases respectively. There are now 498 Albertans in hospitals with COVID-19 and 64 patients in the ICU. These rates

are consistent with physician warnings that the Omicron variant is vastly more contagious than previous variants of COVID-19 with a chance of it leading to less severe side effects.

As the rate of infection grows, so does the number of Albertans who have received COVID-19 booster shots. As of January 6, more than one million booster shots had been administered to Albertans. None of the current COVID-19 hospital patients had received their third dose of the vaccine and Dr. Deena Hinshaw urged Albertans in her Thursday news release to get the third dose of the vaccine to protect against infection and to prevent the development of severe outcomes from the Omicron variant.

Back to school season has arrived in Alberta

The Alberta government has announced that Alberta's K-12 students will return to in-person classes on January 10, 2022. Experts in child development from across the world have continued to stress the important of in-person learning to the overall health and wellbeing of children. During Minister Adriana LaGrange's January 5 news conference, she stated that "most children feel more connected, they learn better and generally thrive when they are at school in person. This is why Alberta's government has placed such a priority on safe in-classroom instruction and on making sure that our schools have the tools that they need".

Minister LaGrange defended the decision by citing COVID-19 poses a reduced risk for children and that the mental health of children must be considered when making schooling decisions in the province. Dr. Hinshaw has reiterated the importance of teachers and students remaining at home if they experience any symptoms of illness. To support the return to in-person classes, the Alberta Government is providing schools with rapid test kits and medical-grade masks.

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Dear Friends of Alberta Counsel,

We are pleased to be sending you the latest edition of The NEWS from Alberta Counsel. You can check out individual articles below!

In our feature article, we look at some of the major stories to come in 2022 for Alberta's government.

Aileen Burke continues her mini-series on Alberta's response to homelessness as we release part 4.

Finally, our Key Influencer in this issue is Brandy Cox, the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs.

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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Happy Reading,

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At a Glance

Province Further Restricts Access to PCR Testing

On the day Alberta's K-12 students and school staff returned to the classroom, Dr. Deena Hinshaw shared that the province's PCR testing resources have been overwhelmed. The Chief Medical Officer of Health indicated that wait times to book a PCR test is nearly four days with an average turn around time for results estimated to be about two days. While [a full list can be found online](#), Dr. Hinshaw explained that eligibility for PCR testing will be limited to those who live or work in long-term care facilities and those who have a clinically high risk of severe outcomes.

"While we have been used to managing COVID through widespread PCR testing, that approach is not possible with the Omicron variant. At this time, most people who have mild symptoms don't need a PCR test. For those without risk factors such as immunosuppression, they should self-isolate and manage their symptoms at home, using a rapid test if they have one."

Premier Says Absolutely No Mandatory Vaccinations in Alberta

Canada's federal Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos held a media briefing on Friday, January 7 to discuss COVID-19 strategies heading into 2022. Duclos told reporters that while physical distancing, tests, and PPE are important, the only thing that will bring the COVID-19 crisis to an end is vaccinations. Duclos stated that mandatory vaccination is a "conversation" that the provinces and territories will need to have in the upcoming weeks.

Premier Jason Kenney responded within an hour with a resounding declaration that mandatory vaccination requirements will not happen in Alberta. The Premier's tweet stated, "Alberta's Legislature removed the power of mandatory vaccination from the Public Health Act last year and will not revisit that decision, period". Premier Kenney followed up his statement by encouraging all who are eligible to get vaccinated while reiterating that vaccination is a personal choice that individuals must make for themselves.

Alberta reports record high COVID-19 cases

On January 6, Alberta reported a record 4,869 new COVID-19 cases bringing the provincial number up to 39,897 active cases. Edmonton and Calgary have the highest rates with 14,972 and 19,261 active cases respectively. There are now 498 Albertans in hospitals with COVID-19 and 64 patients in the ICU. These rates are consistent with physician warnings that the Omicron variant is vastly more contagious than previous variants of COVID-19 with a chance of it leading to less severe side effects.

As the rate of infection grows, so does the number of Albertans who have received COVID-19 booster shots. As of January 6, more than one million booster shots had been administered to Albertans. None of the current COVID-19 hospital patients had received their third dose of the vaccine and Dr. Deena Hinshaw urged Albertans in her Thursday news release to get the third dose of the vaccine to protect against infection and to prevent the development of severe outcomes from the Omicron variant.

Back to school season has arrived in Alberta

The Alberta government has announced that Alberta's K-12 students will return to in-person classes on January 10, 2022. Experts in child development from across the world have continued to stress the importance of in-person learning to the overall health and wellbeing of children. During Minister Adriana LaGrange's January 5 news conference, she stated that "most children feel more connected, they learn better and generally thrive when they are at school in person. This is why Alberta's government has placed such a priority on safe in-classroom instruction and on making sure that our schools have the tools that they need".

Minister LaGrange defended the decision by citing COVID-19 poses a reduced risk for children and that the mental health of children must be considered when making schooling decisions in the province. Dr. Hinshaw has reiterated the importance of teachers and students remaining at home if they experience any symptoms of illness. To support the return to in-person classes, the Alberta Government is providing schools with rapid test kits and medical-grade masks.

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Sent: January 7, 2022 2:06 PM
Subject: 2022 Alberta Fisheries Management Engagement

Hello!

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) will be hosting a series of public engagement sessions this month regarding fisheries management and proposed regulatory changes. Topics covered in this engagement will include:

- * management objectives and fishing regulation options for a number of waterbodies across Alberta;
 - * notification items on fishing regulations, which are necessary to achieve conservation management objectives;
- and
- * updates on items from previously conducted engagements, such as Alberta’s walleye stocking program, new angling guide licensing, and the special harvest licence electronic-tag pilot, as well as describing options to address the additional stress on stream fisheries from the combination of low flows, high temperatures, and high angler effort.

There will be webinars focusing on regional, waterbody-specific regulations proposed for 2022-23. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, these engagement sessions will be delivered as online webinars by AEP fisheries staff through Zoom. All webinars will include a question and answer period. For those who can’t attend, a recording of the webinar will be added to the Alberta Environment and Parks YouTube Page

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Together, these public webinars will provide background information that will help inform the feedback Albertans provide on the 2022-23 Sportfishing Regulation survey, which will be available online on January 10 at 12:00pm. Further information on these sessions can be found on the Fisheries Management Engagement homepage <<https://www.alberta.ca/2022-23-sportfishing-regulations-engagement.aspx>> . Details on the engagement site include webinar registration information, additional background materials, and a link to the online survey once it opens on January 10. When individuals pre-register for the webinar, they can also submit a question which may be answered at the beginning of the question and answer period.

As a valued stakeholder or partner in fisheries management, we would like to invite you to join these webinars and complete the online survey. We would also appreciate your support in forwarding and posting fisheries engagement information on your social media platforms – we will be sharing information on My Wild Alberta’s Facebook.

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January 12 – South Region Sportfishing Regulation Changes

<https://goa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3e9mDPsWSXWXf8LuGziumw>

January 13 – North Region Sportfishing Regulation Changes <https://goa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I8sOYQBkR8-QfPWft5NucQ>

January 19 – Provincial Fisheries and Sportfishing Updates

<https://goa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CV32rNj7R0SHvtqDiv801g>

With Kind Regards,

Travis Ripley, Executive Director

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Subject: For Information - Municipal COVID-19 Update Slides from Dec 15
Attachments: 2021-12-15-Covid-19 Municipal Update.pdf

Hi all,

Please find attached a copy of the webinar slides from yesterday's (Dec 15) COVID-19 municipal update. Please note that the noted typos have been corrected, and a slide providing ICU data by age and vaccination status has been added. The latter was not included in the presentation yesterday, but is being shared in response to the request for this information.

Sorry not getting this out sooner. Just a reminder that our next municipal update is scheduled for Dec 22. Please watch for your Outlook invitation to be sent out later this week.

Curt Horning

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Alberta COVID-19

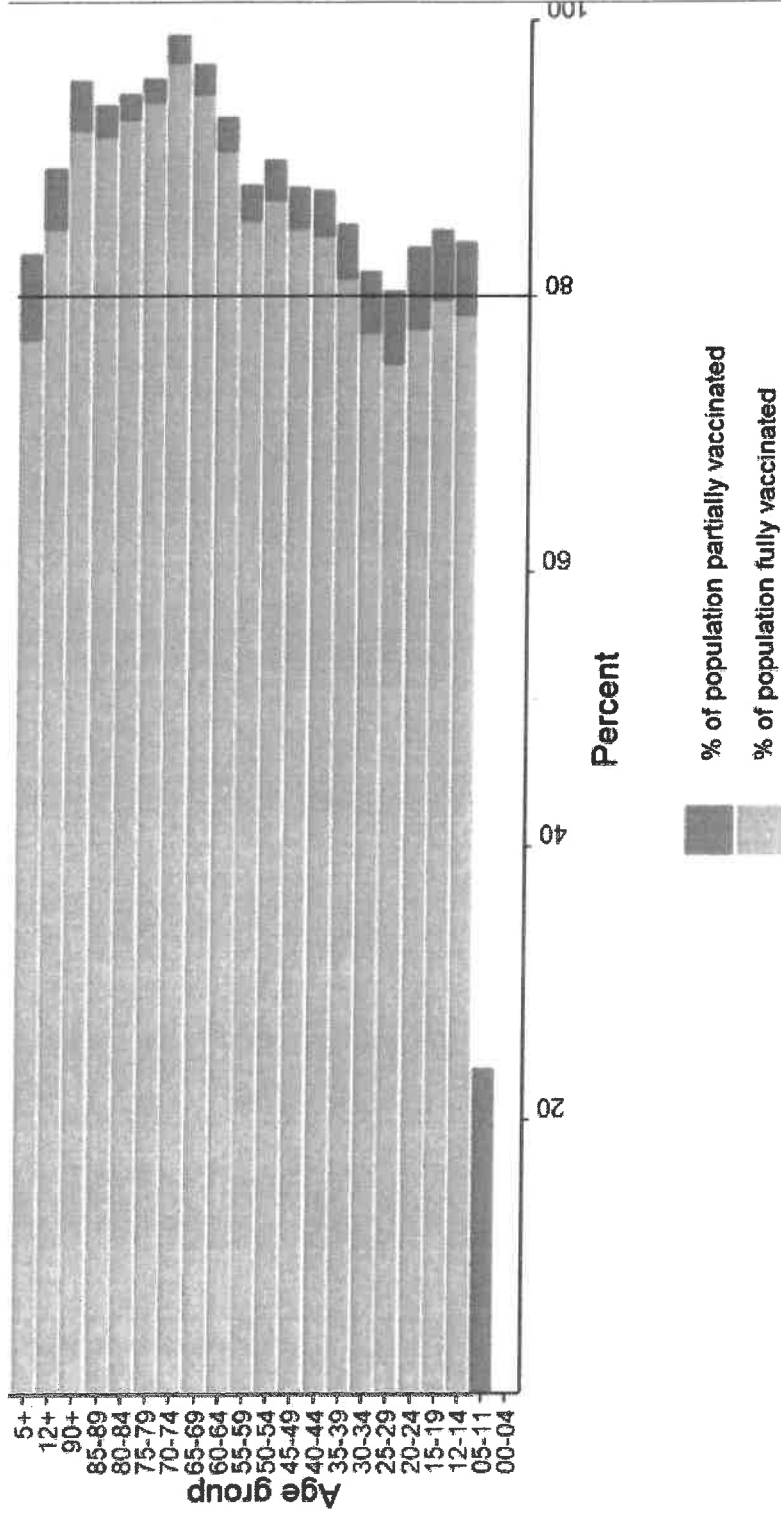
Update

Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Ethan Bayne, Incident Commander, Emergency Health Operations Centre

December 15, 2021

Alberta

Alberta Vaccine Coverage (Dec 13, 2021)



7,170,647 doses administered.

83.10% of Albertans 5 years of age and up have received at least one dose and **76.88%** have been fully immunized.

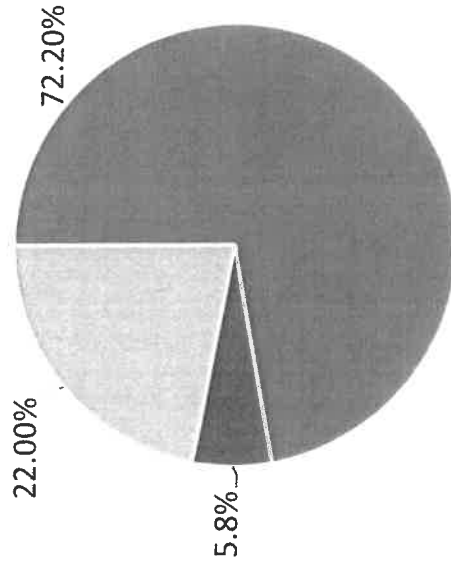
89.27% of Albertans 12 years of age and up have received at least one dose and **84.88%** have been fully immunized.

78.07% of all Albertans have received at least one dose and **72.22%** have been fully immunized.

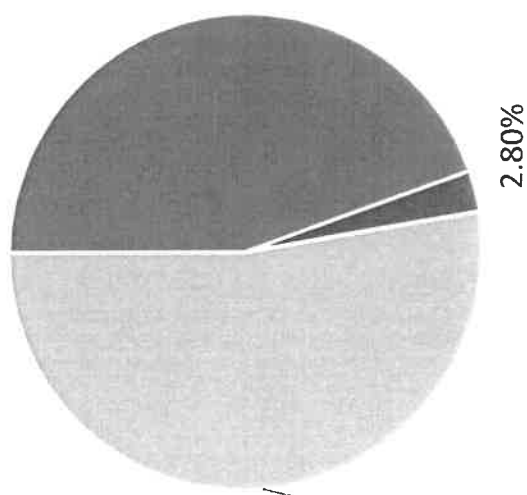


Current State by Vaccination Status (December 12, 2021)

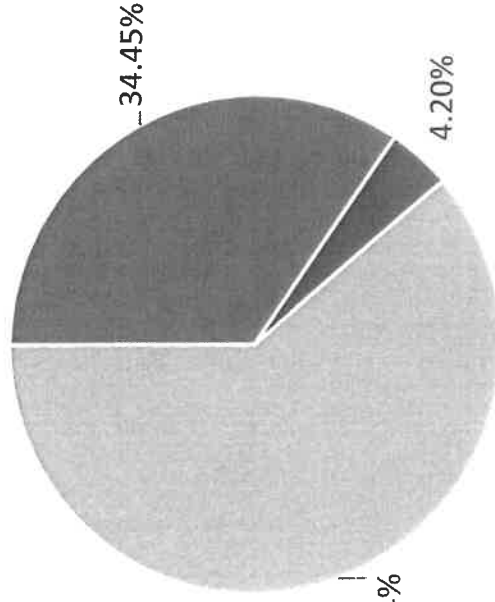
Total Population



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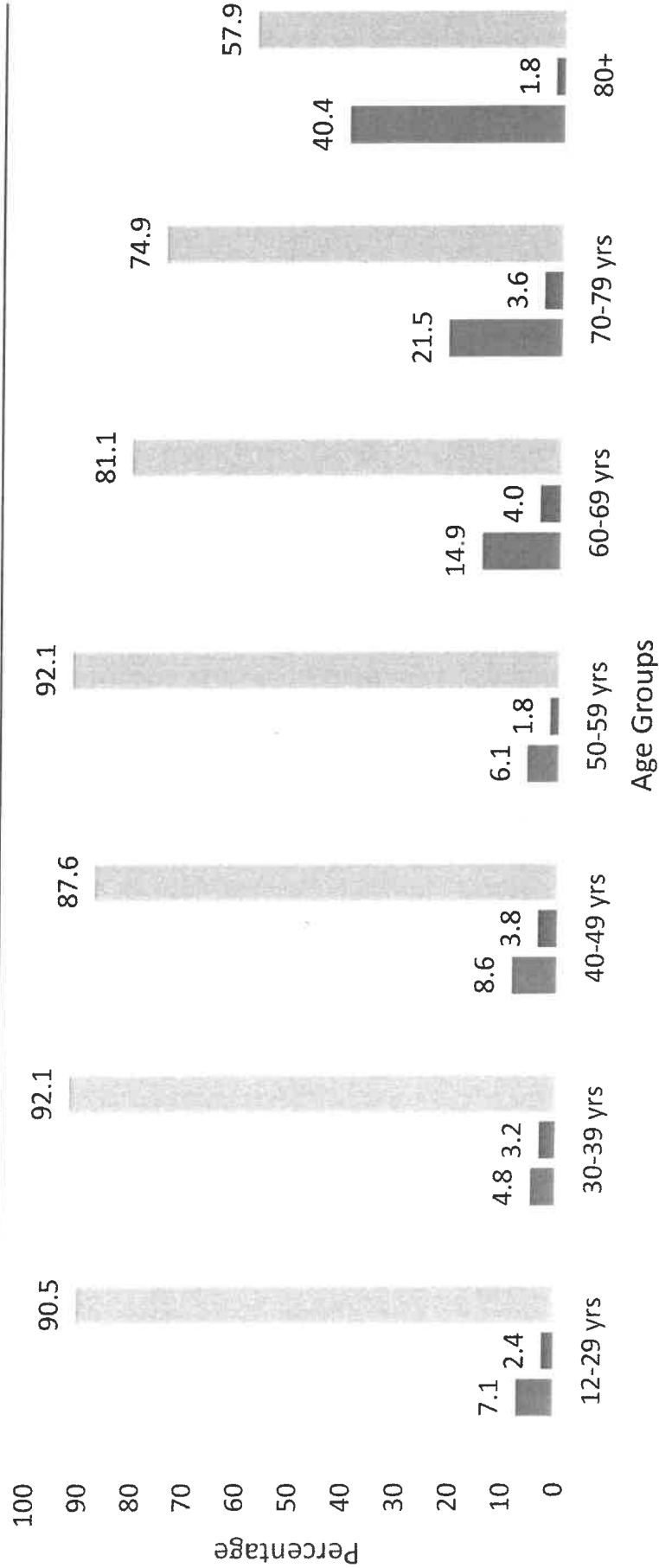


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Alberta's COVID-19 cases in ICU by vaccine status and age group

(Aug 13 – Dec 13, 2021)



Omicron Variant (B.1.1.529)

- As of December 13, 2021, 50 confirmed Omicron cases in Alberta.

Zone	Omicron (Total 50)
Calgary Zone	27
Central Zone	2
Edmonton Zone	13
North Zone	8
South Zone	0

Summary of Current Evidence on Omicron

- In all countries who are able to track Omicron differentially, the rise is dramatically higher than any previous variant, the breakthrough infection rate is higher, and the variant is doubling every 3 to 4 day.
- Early reports indicate Omicron is highly transmissible and actual severity is not yet known.
 - Even if severity is decreased, the high transmissibility and rapid spread will have an impact on acute care if transmission is not slowed, due to the larger number of people infected.
- Omicron shows a 3 to 8 times higher risk of reinfection than Delta, so protection from previous infection will not be as strong.
- Preliminary lab data from Pfizer indicates three doses of vaccine may be required to neutralize the Omicron.
 - Two doses may still induce protection against severe disease, but more studies are required
- Taking a cautious approach now will lower the risk of having to introduce even stricter public health measures.

Expansion of Vaccination Booster Doses

Starting Dec 15, 2021:

- Albertans 50 years and older, and all health care workers can book a 3rd dose if 6 months since their 2nd dose.
- Appointments for 3rd doses can be booked online using the Alberta Vaccine Booking System, or by calling 811, participating pharmacies or participating physicians' offices directly.

Social Gathering Restrictions

Beginning Dec 15, 2021:

- Indoor private social gathering no longer limited to 2 households.
 - Max 10 persons (18+ years)
 - Does not apply to children (<18)
 - No distinction between vaccinated and unvaccinated Albertans.
- Outdoor social gatherings remains capped at 20 persons.
 - Regardless of vaccination status
 - Physical distancing between households still required.

Restrictions Exemption Program in Schools

Effective Dec 10:

- School authorities may choose to participate in REP for hosting in-school extracurricular spectator activities.
- Schools may shift between REP and non-REP activities, provided there is no overlap/mingling between attendees of these distinct activities, and screening is enforced at the REP event.

Expansion of Rapid Testing Program

Schools - effective Dec 14:

- Rapid test kits now available to all K-6 schools on “alert” status.

Public - effective Dec 17:

- Free rapid testing kits available to public at select AHS sites and select pharmacies in Edmonton, Calgary, and Red Deer.
 - 1 box of 5 tests per person per 2 week period
- Rapid tests are intended for people without symptoms.
- Rapid test kits provided through this program cannot be applied to facilities who have adopted REP.
- Rapid test kits do not meet requirements for domestic or international travel.

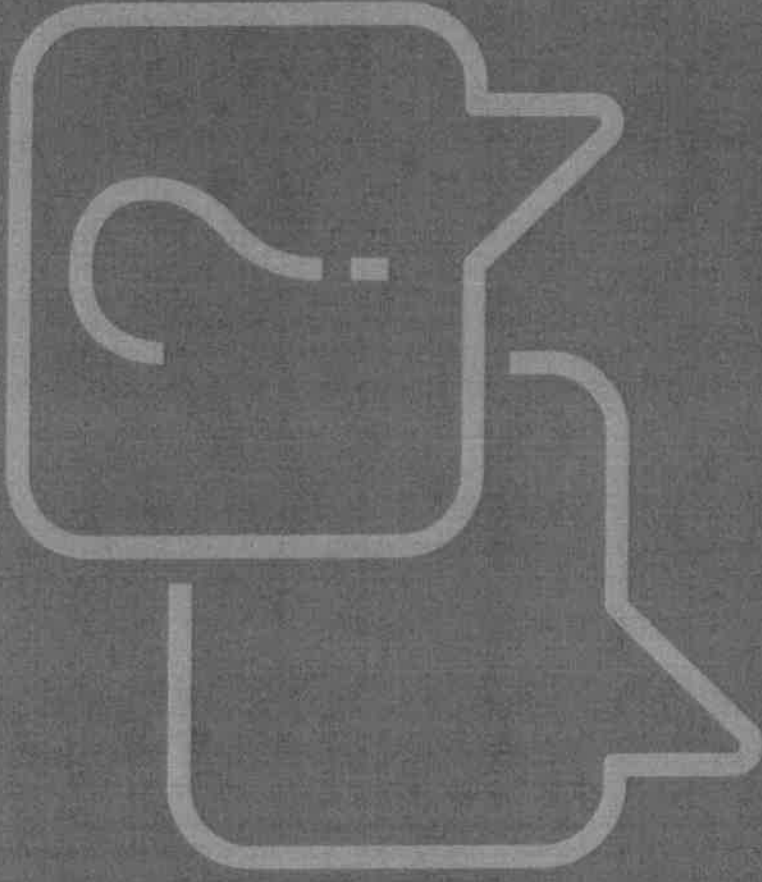
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Subject: COVID Municipal Update Slides - December 22
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Hello all,

Please find attached a copy of the slides from today's COVID-19 municipal update.

Just a reminder that our next municipal update is scheduled for January 12th, an invite will be sent out in the new year. A survey will be sent out the first week of January to collect topics of interest.

Have a safe holiday season,

Khrystyna

Khrystyna Rewa

Health Emergency Operations Centre
Government of Alberta

Get the latest [Alberta.ca/covid19statistics](https://alberta.ca/covid19statistics)

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Alberta COVID-19

Update

Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health
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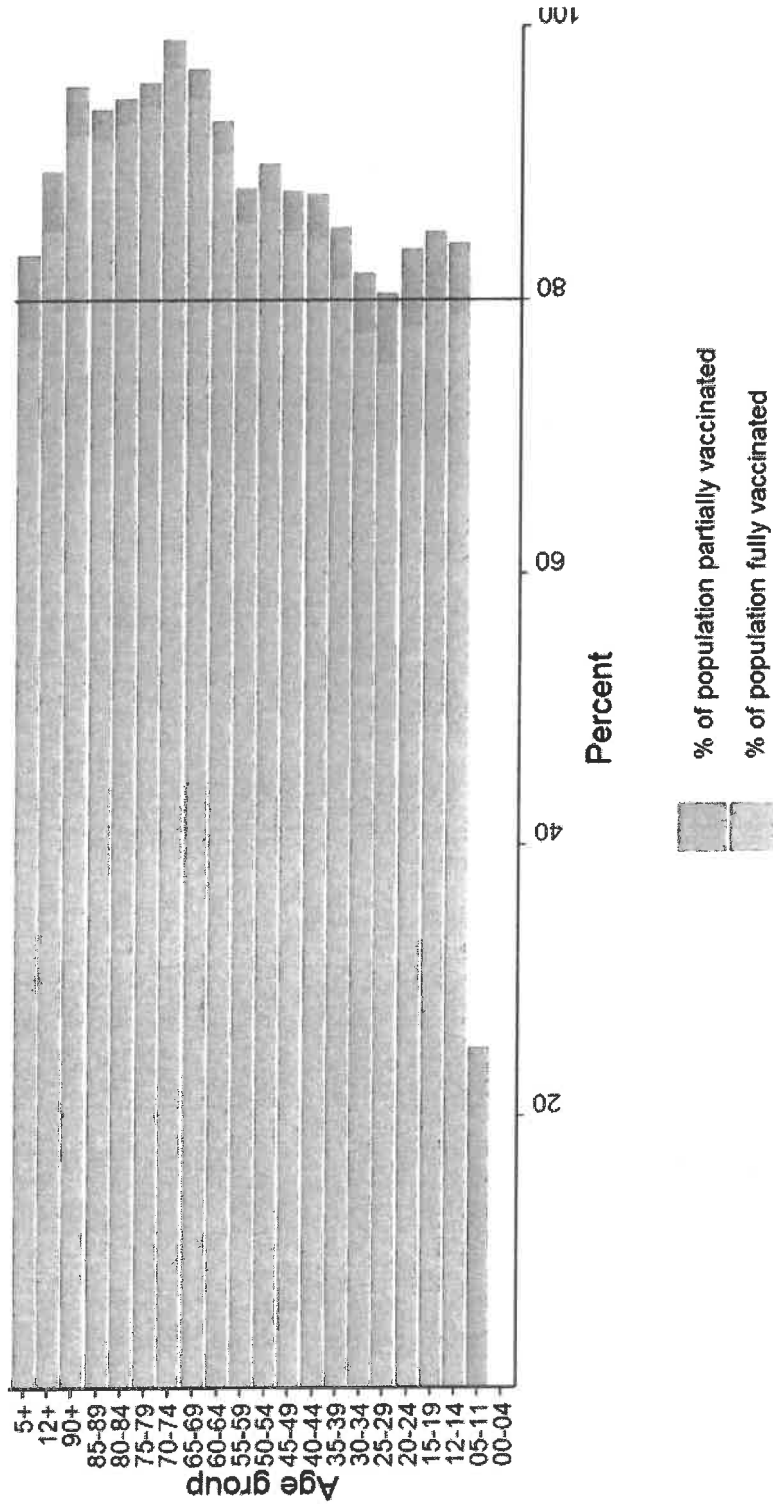
December 22, 2021

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COVID-19 Status Update

Alberta

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7,251,484 doses administered.

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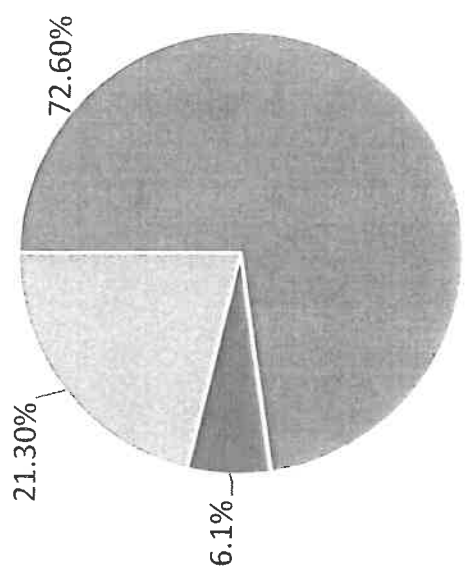
89.42% of Albertans 12 years of age and up have received at least one dose and **85.09%** have been fully immunized.

78.31% of all Albertans have received at least one dose and **72.40%** have been fully immunized.

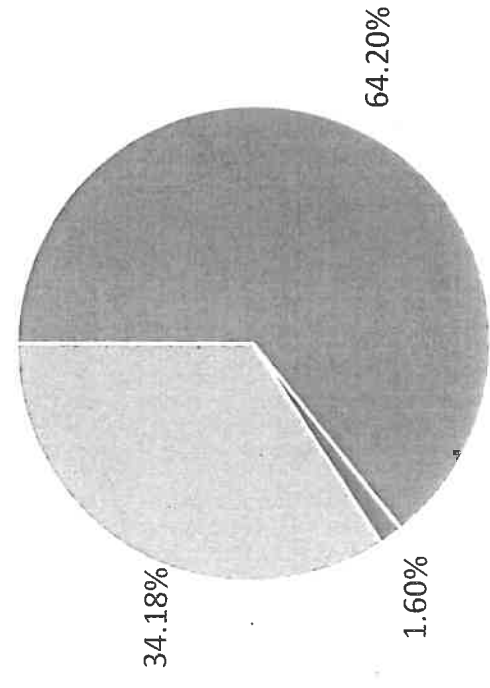


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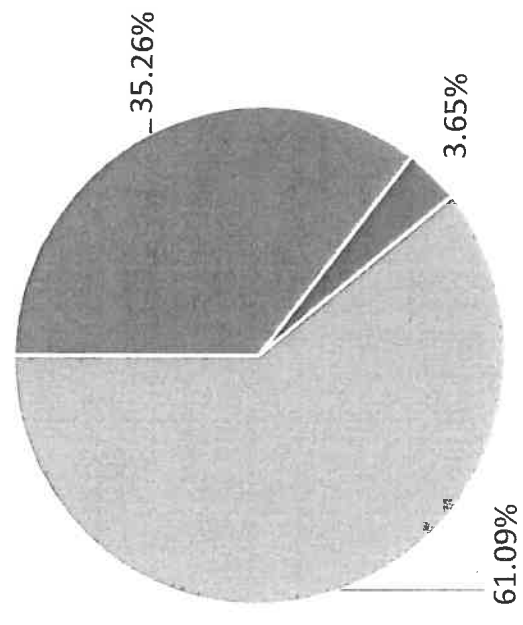
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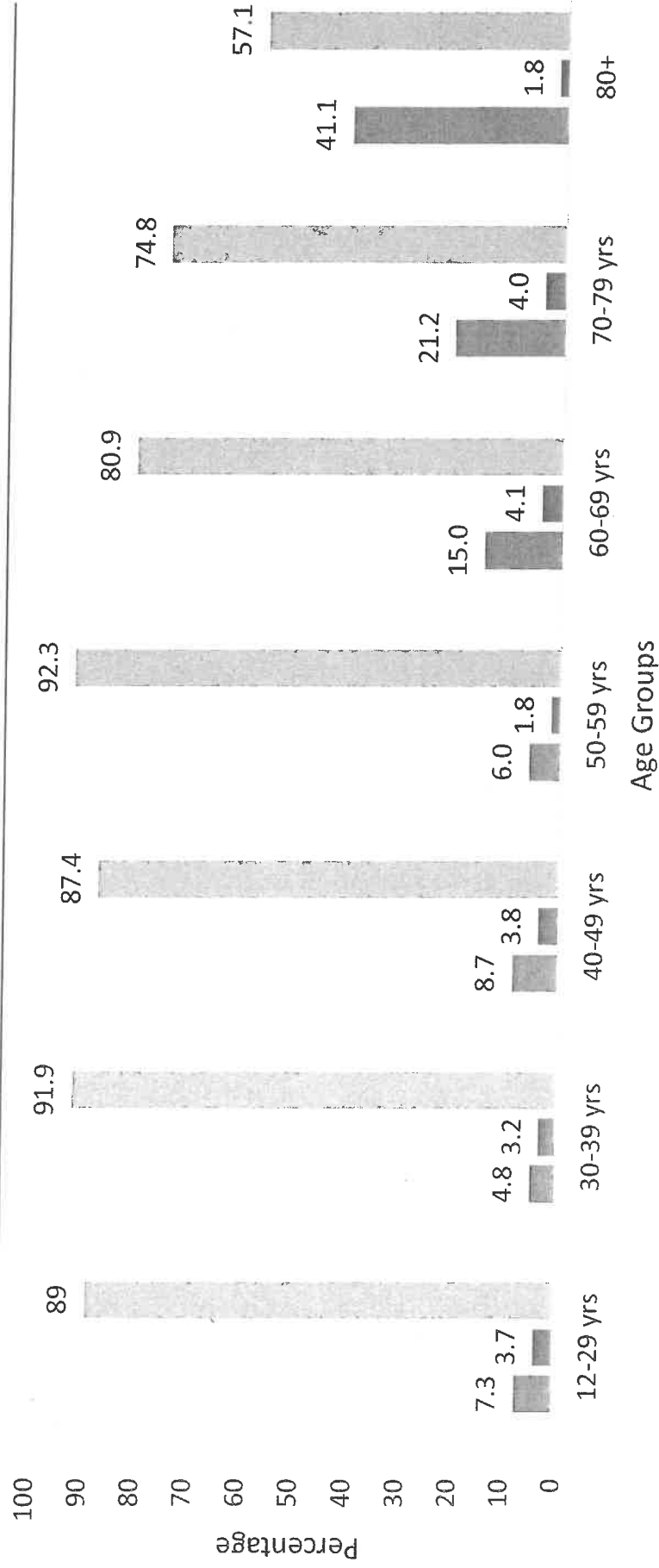


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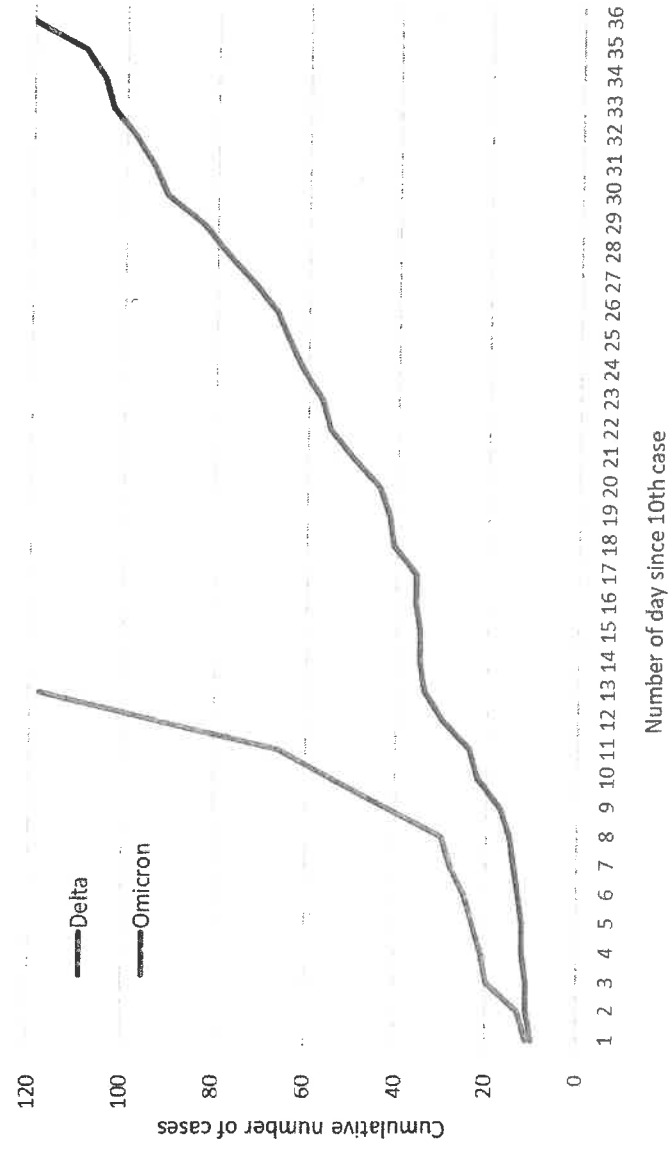


Alberta's COVID-19 cases in ICU by vaccine status and age group

(Aug 20 – Dec 20, 2021)



Omicron – Alberta cases



- Omicron case growth rate is substantially higher than what was witnessed with the Delta variant.

- The number of Omicron cases identified remains too low for robust estimates; however, preliminary analyses suggest that doubling time may be 2-3 days.

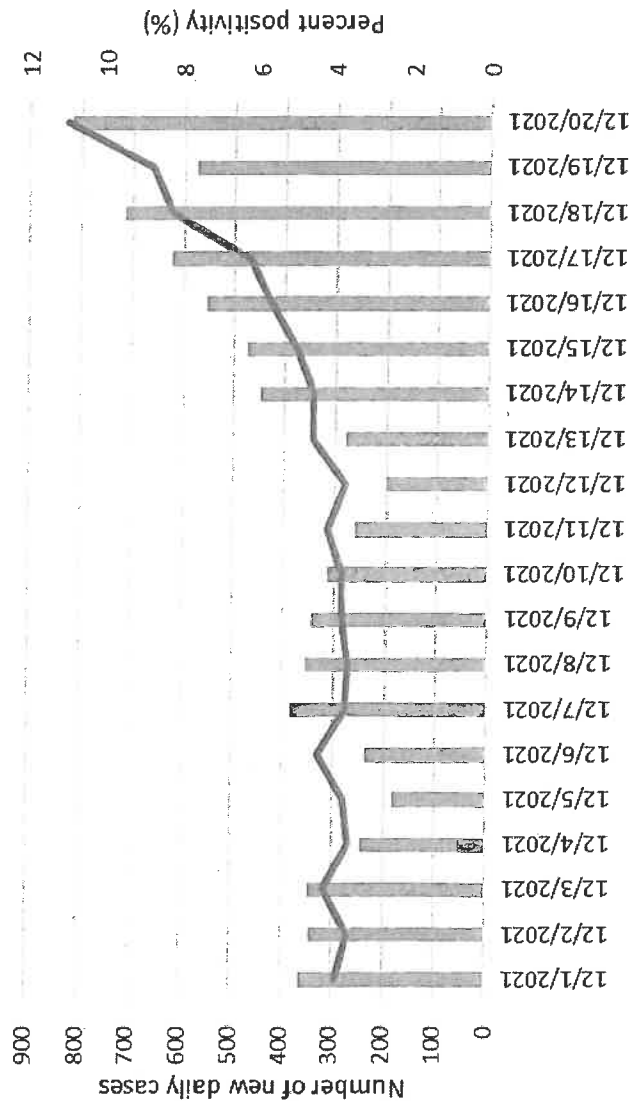
- This is in line with what is being reported in other jurisdictions.



Cases in Alberta: current status

(As of December 20, 2021)

- The number of daily new cases in Alberta is increasing rapidly: they increased from around 320 per day in early December to 818 new cases on December 20.
- Percent positivity is also climbing: daily positivity increased from 5.7% to 11% in just five days (Dec 16 to 20).
- These increases are driven largely by increasing case rates in the Calgary Zone (percent positivity: 16.6%), where Omicron cases are highest.
- Total hospitalizations have been decreasing but remain high. The number of current ICU hospitalizations has remained around 70 while non-ICU has been dropping.



Expansion of Vaccination Booster Doses

Starting December 21, 2021:

- Everyone 18+ can book at least 5 months after second dose.
- How to book: [Book online \(pharmacy or AHS clinic\)](#), call 811, or contact a physicians' office. Clinics also available on reserve.
- Vaccine: Take the first mRNA vaccine available to you. Both Pfizer and Moderna offer a high level of protection. People 18 to 29 will be offered the Pfizer vaccine.

Updated Public Health Measures

Rapid Test Kit Program

- Program launched Dec 17 with initial distribution of 500,000 test kits distributed through select pharmacies and AHS locations.
- Rapid Test Kits for continued distribution at pharmacies and AHS centres will be replenished as quickly as supply is received.
- Going forward:
 - 2 million more tests (400,000 kits) on-hand to be distributed in coming days.
 - 1 million additional tests (200,000 kits) arriving later this month.
 - Alberta pursuing direct purchase of up to 10 million additional tests to support the Rapid Testing Program
 - Intention to increase distribution to 10 million tests per month beginning in January.

Additional Public Health Measures

Effective December 24:

- Capacity restrictions upon REP venues
 - Venues with 1,000+ person capacity reduced to 50%;
 - Venues with 500 - 1,000 person capacity capped at 500;
 - No impact to venues with capacity <500.
- Food/drink consumption no longer permitted in seated audience settings impacted by large venue capacity restrictions.
- Restaurants and bars limited to 10 people per table
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- Licensed facilities to cease alcohol service at 11:00pm, and close by 12:30am.

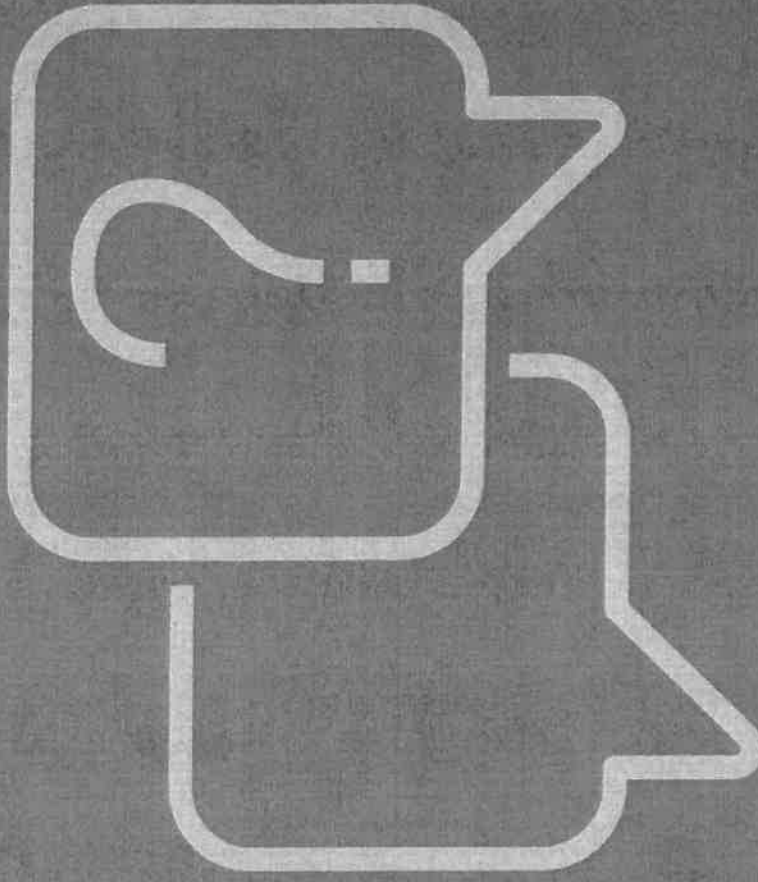
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Hello,

For your reference, please see the slide deck from yesterday's Municipal call attached. We are working on a Q&A document for the questions that were not answered during the call, and will be sending that out shortly.

Thanks,
Khrystyna

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Alberta COVID-19

Update

Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health

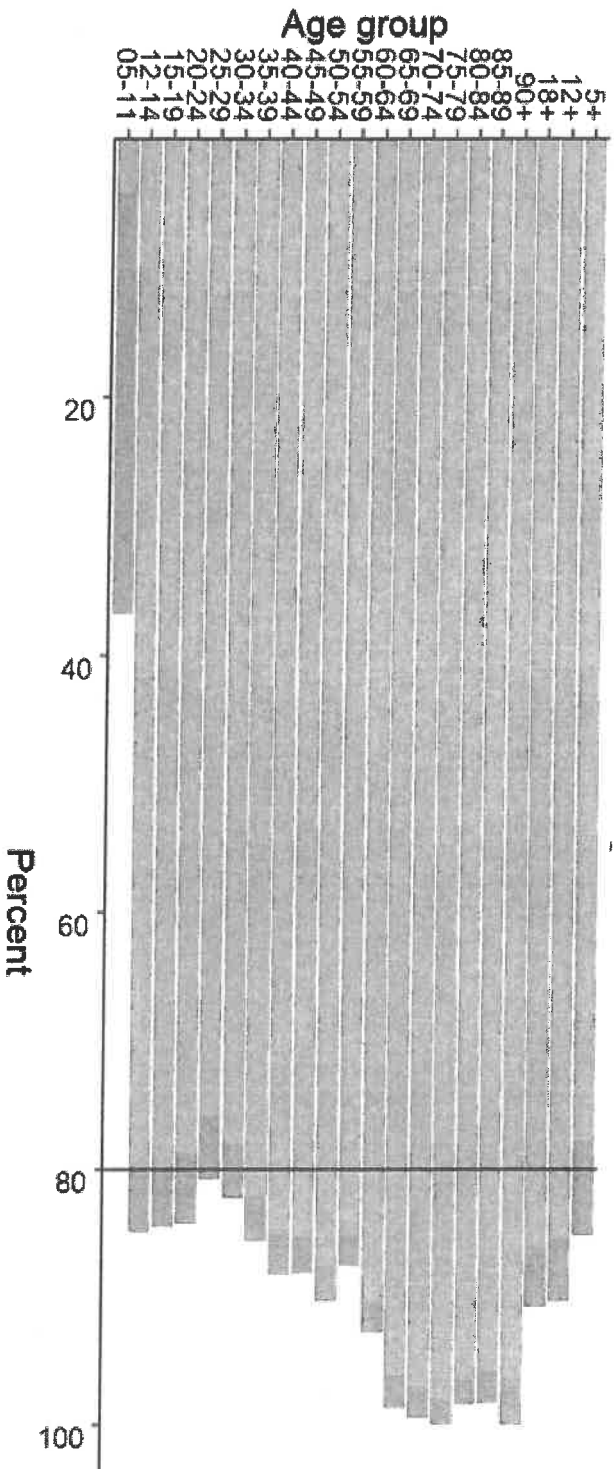
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January 12, 2022

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Alberta Vaccine Coverage by Age Group

(as of January 06, 2022)



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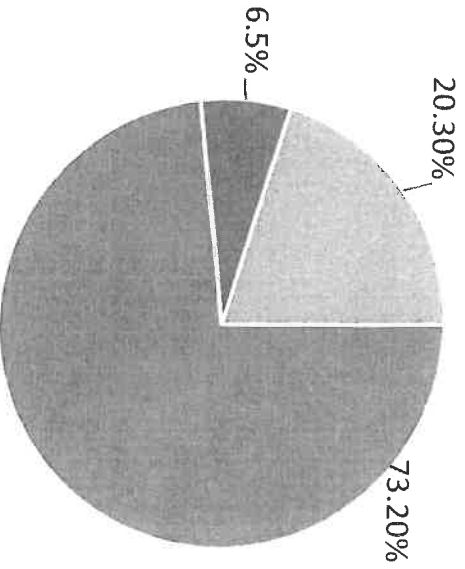
79.51% of all
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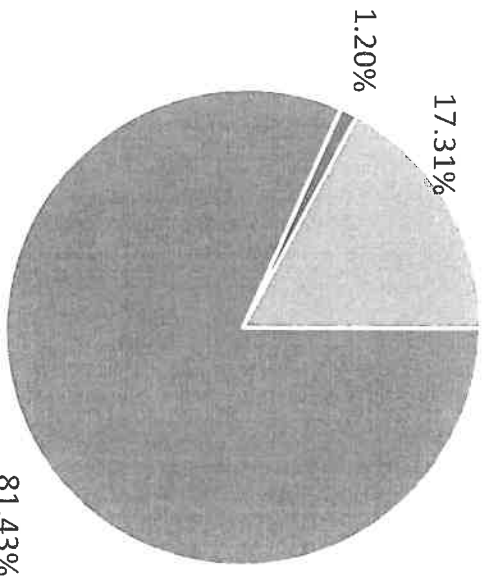
Alberta's Current State by Vaccination Status

(as of January 09, 2022)

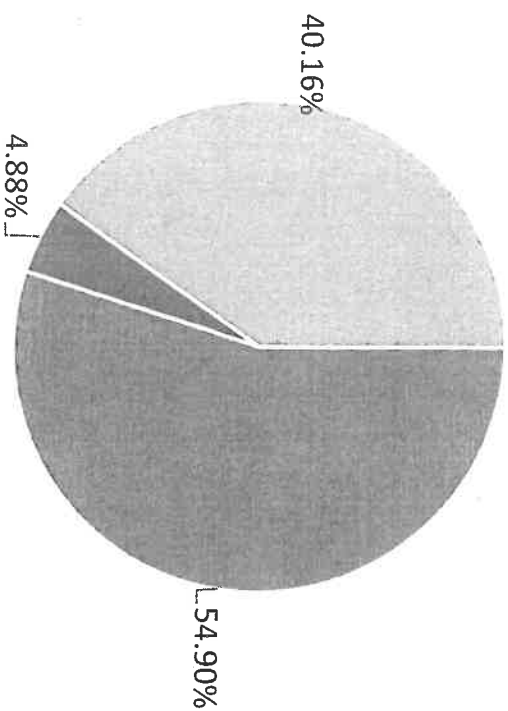
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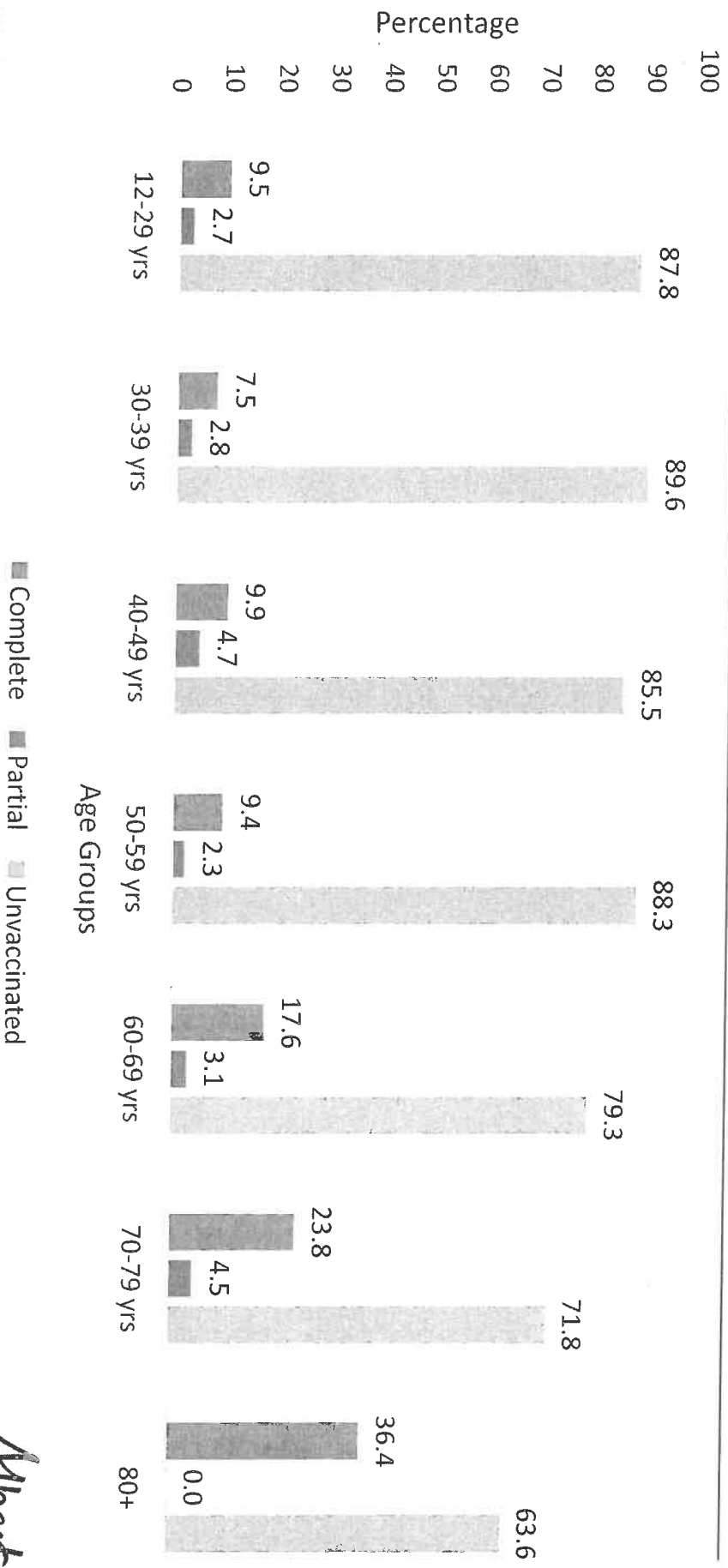


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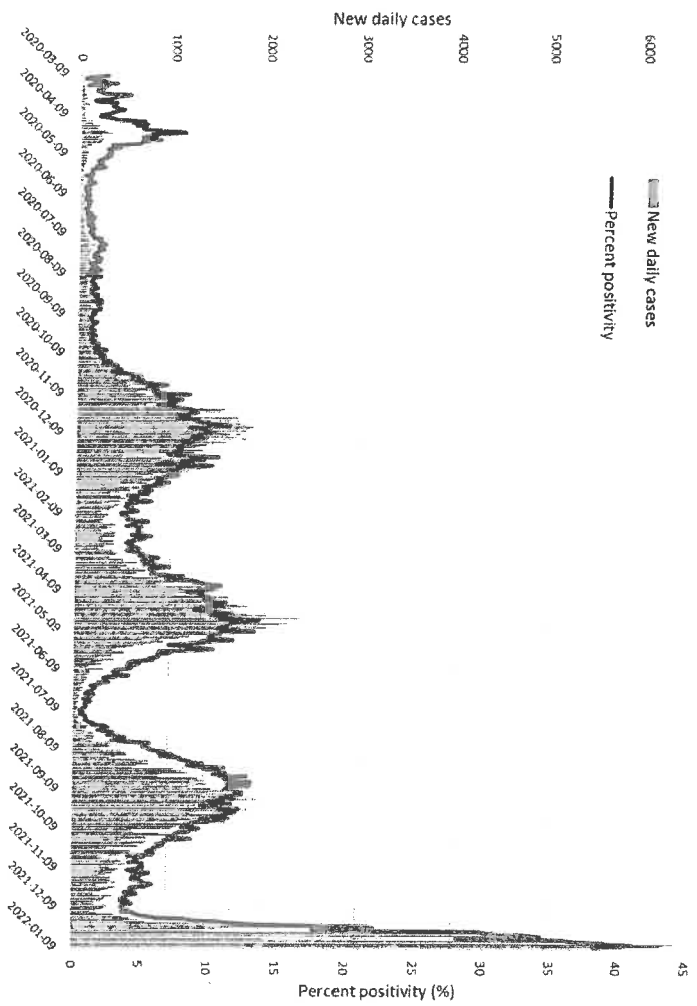
Alberta's COVID-19 cases in ICU by vaccine status (Sept 09, 2021 – Jan 09, 2022)



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Cases in Alberta: current status (as of January 9, 2021)



Changes to COVID-19 Testing Eligibility

Effective January 10, 2022

- Due to rising demand for PCR tests, Alberta is changing the eligibility for these tests to focus on those who most need them.
- PCR testing eligibility will now be focused on those who have clinical risk factors for severe outcomes and those who live and work in high-risk settings.
 - ([Click here](#) for detailed information on eligibility criteria)
- AHS has updated the [online COVID-19 assessment tool](#) to help Albertans determine whether they need a PCR test, what type of care to seek based on their symptoms and how to take care of symptoms at home with appropriate support.

Changes to Isolation Period

Order 02-2022 (replaces Order 01-2022) - effective January 10, 2022

- Isolation period for fully vaccinated individuals reduced to 5 days or until person's COVID-19 symptoms resolve (whichever is longer).
 - Must remain masked in public or in company of others until day 10.
- Isolation period for not-fully vaccinated individuals remains 10 days or until person's COVID-19 symptoms resolve (whichever is longer).
- Isolation period for residents of healthcare facility remains 10 days or until person's COVID-19 symptoms resolve (whichever is longer).

Updated Public Health Measures

Recent Public Health Measures

Order 59-2021 - effective December 24, 2021

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Order 02-2022 - Continued

Critical Worker Eligibility:

The only workers eligible for the isolation exception are those critical workers who are required to be on-site, in-person for critical work duties.

This exception is only permitted when:

- (a) services provided by the business or entity are critical for the ongoing operation of services that impact the public interest;
- (b) any substantive service disruption will be detrimental to the public interest;
- (c) the person otherwise required to be in isolation are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic; and
- (d) all other means of staffing critical worker positions have been exhausted.

Rapid Testing Program

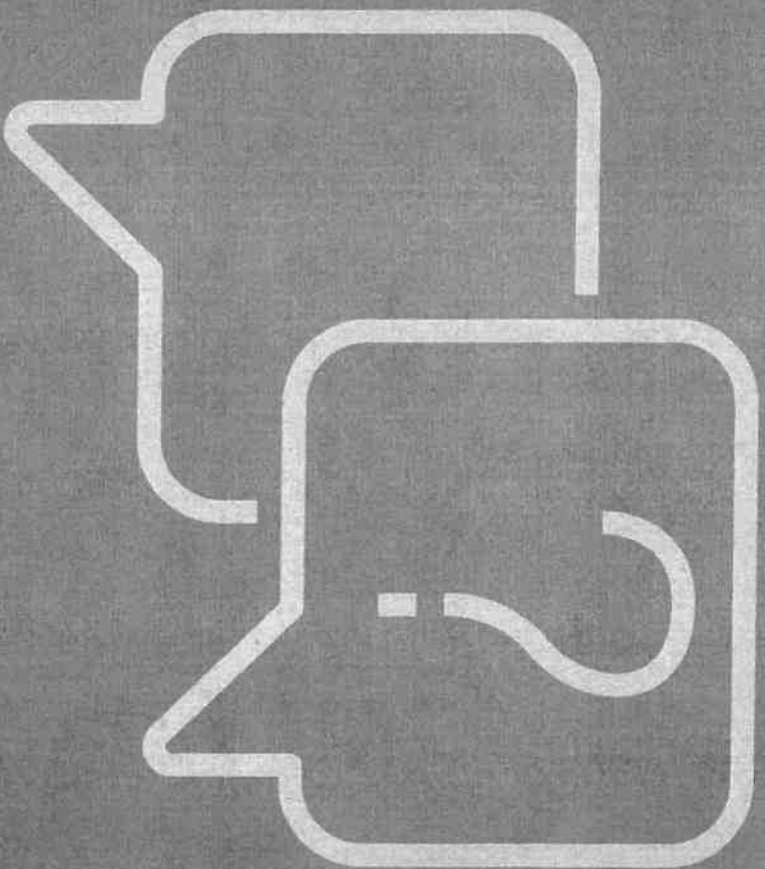
General

- Demand increasing for access to rapid tests.
- Supply chain uncertainty also increasing.
- GoA continues to pursue procurement of tests to supplement allocation from federal government.

Employee Testing Program

- AH continues to review a high volume of new applications to the program and requests for additional tests.
- In light of supply and demand, Alberta Health is considering options for prioritization with the employer and service provider program.

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COVID-19 Status

Omicron Variant: What We Know

Today we're beginning with some information and context on the Omicron variant. As you've likely read, the COVID-19 Variant of Concern Omicron was first detected in Alberta on November 30. As of Friday, December 17 there were 323 cases, including 302 confirmed, 15 suspect and six probable. 56 per cent of Alberta's Omicron cases are in the Calgary zone, and all but 50 cases are in those under the age of 60.

78 per cent of Omicron variant-positive Albertans have been fully immunized; and seven per cent have additional doses. As of Friday there are no hospitalizations, ICU admissions or deaths as a result of the Omicron variant.

Overall, COVID-19 cases in Alberta hit 500 last Thursday for the first time since Nov. 5. The positivity rate is likewise increasing, and is at 6.4 per cent today, compared to 4.5 per cent two days ago. There is an expectation that positive cases are going to continue to grow in the days ahead, and we have once again started planning for higher case numbers in the community, and for Albertans potentially needing hospital care. For those involved in that planning and preparation, we thank you.

There are some early lessons from other jurisdictions. Ontario has seen rapid growth in the variant and it is predicted that Omicron will become the dominant variant this week. Ontario has not reported any hospitalizations or deaths among the Omicron cases, and the early outbreaks have tended to be among a young adult population. It is too soon to tell the degree to which Omicron can cause serious illness. In the U.K. Omicron cases are increasing and on Thursday, the U.K. reported its highest daily COVID-19 case count since the beginning of the pandemic. The U.K. is seeing limited hospitalization to date and has reported one death as a result of the Omicron variant.

Globally it's being reported that Omicron spreads more easily than other variants and is more likely to evade immunity. Compared with other variants Omicron is more likely to cause re-infection in people who have been infected before and to cause symptomatic infection among people who are fully vaccinated. Early studies demonstrate that vaccine efficacy among those who are fully immunized is better at reducing hospitalizations, but not at reducing the risk of infection. Vaccine effectiveness increases with the third booster of an mRNA vaccine.

Data sources include: [U.K. Health Security Agency](#), [Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy](#) and [Science Table: COVID-19 Advisory for Ontario](#).

ICU Capacity Update

AHS continues to do all it can to ensure we have enough ICU capacity to meet patient demand. We will ensure that we maintain ICU capacity above daily demand to a planned maximum of 380 beds as long as staff and physician availability allows, and will readjust our plans as needed if COVID-19 cases rise again.

We currently have 228 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 55 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds. There are currently 184 patients in ICU.

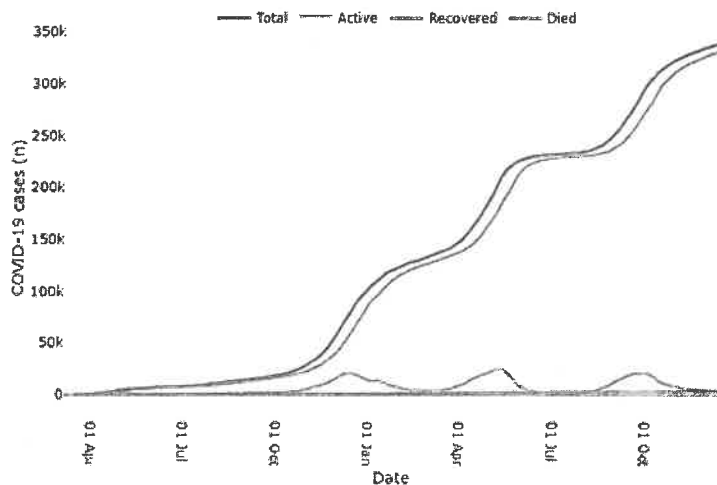
Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is at 81 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 106 per cent.

Learn more at [AHS Facilities: ICU Updates & Temporary Space Reductions](#).

New and Active Cases

For the seven-day period ending on Dec. 15, there was an average of 333 new cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to 300 cases per day the previous week (Dec. 2 to Dec. 8), an 11.0 per cent increase. Most zones reported an increase in the number of new cases per day, ranging from a 3.6 per cent increase in North Zone to a 23.0 per cent increase in Calgary Zone, compared to the previous week. Central Zone was the only zone to report a decrease in the number of new cases per day with a 10.0 per cent decrease. South Zone reported no change in the number of new case per day compared to the previous week. Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 1,088 (an average of 155 new cases per day).

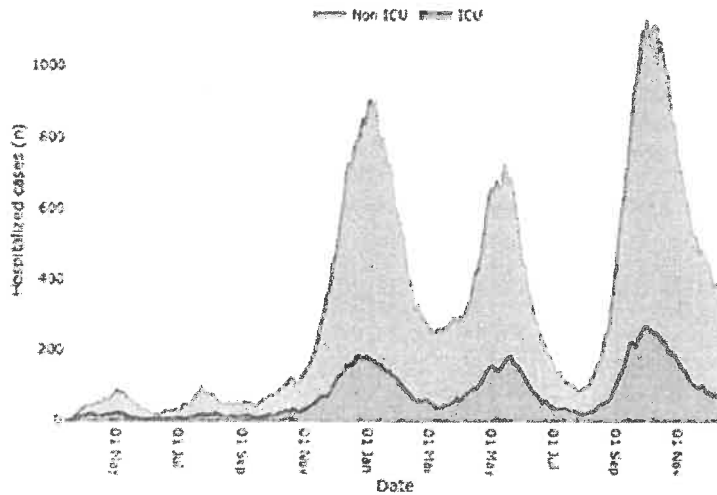
As of the Dec. 17 report there are 4,431 active cases in Alberta, an 8.2 per cent increase compared to our last update on Dec. 8. Most zones reported a decrease in active cases. The zone with the largest reported decrease was North Zone. Edmonton Zone and Calgary Zone both reported an increase in active cases compared to Dec. 8. For the eleventh week in a row, Calgary Zone reported the most active cases with 2,069.



Hospitalizations

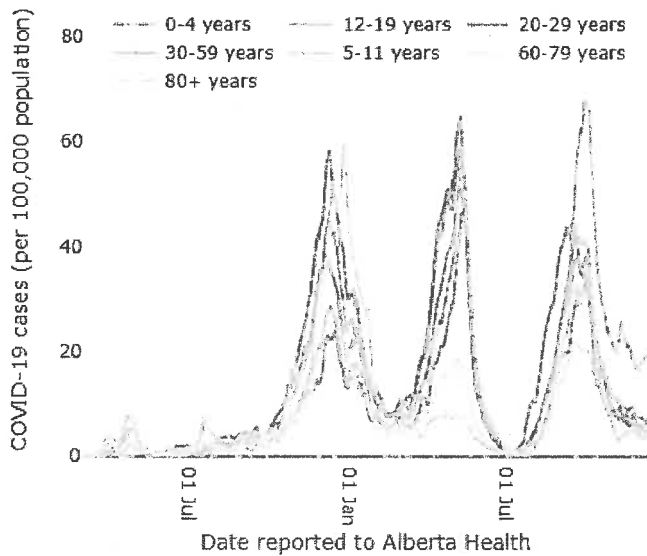
A total of 282 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on Dec. 15, compared to 304 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Dec. 8, a 7.2 per cent decrease. The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Dec. 15, is as follows:

- 114 hospitalizations with 20 of those in ICUs in Calgary Zone
- 106 hospitalizations with 35 of those in ICUs in Edmonton Zone
- 68 hospitalizations with 9 of those in ICUs in Central Zone
- 41 hospitalizations with 3 of those in ICUs in North Zone
- 23 hospitalizations with 3 of those in ICUs in South Zone



Cases By Age Group

As of Dec. 12, children aged five to 11 had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 15.86 cases per 100,000 children. Albertans aged 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 8.0 cases per 100,000 people. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are shown below.



As of Dec. 17, 3,286 individuals have passed away from COVID-19 including 15 deaths since the last report. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.

Variants of Concern

For variants of concern, from Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, the average percent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 89 per cent. Of those strain-typed, the seven-day rolling average was 93.5 per cent Delta variant, 5.1 per cent Omicron variant, and 1.4 per cent wild type or presumptive 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 Dec. 15, a total of 341,023 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 15,361 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.5 individuals for every 100

cases. In all, 333,306 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious.

- From Dec. 9 to Dec. 15, 56,110 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 8,016 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 3.72 per cent to 4.98 per cent. As of Dec. 15, a total of 6,258,563 tests have been conducted and 2,613,777 individuals have ever 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 November 29 to Dec. 12, the provincewide R value was 0.96 and the previously reported value was 0.88.
- Public reporting of outbreaks in schools continues and you can find more information, [here](#).

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 Dec. 14:

- 87,325 employees (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 9,112 (or 10.43 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 6,794 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 686 (or 10.10 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,318 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 6,143 physicians (AHS and APL combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 385 (or 6.27 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 282 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 24 (or 8.51 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 103 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

One Year Anniversary of First COVID-19 Vaccines in Alberta

On Dec. 15, 2020, registered respiratory therapist, Sahra Kaahiye, and registered nurse, Tanya Harvey, became the first and second Albertans to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

"The timing of it being the first didn't really matter. The fact that we got the vaccine mattered," says Kaahiye. "The fact that it was in Alberta and we were eligible for getting it. It felt like it was a big step forward in the pandemic."

Harvey agrees. "We could begin the process of putting our lives back together, putting the economy back together, putting our workplaces back together."

The COVID-19 vaccine has been a major step forward in the battle against the virus, Kaahiye adds. "I look forward to where the future is going to take us."

Since Dec. 15, 2020, more than 7.2 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered across the province. More than 85 per cent of eligible Albertans aged 12 and older have received both of their recommended doses and more than 89 per cent of Albertans aged 12 and older have received at least one dose.



Third doses available for additional Albertans

As announced by Alberta Health earlier this week, third doses of COVID-19 vaccine are now available to additional Albertans, including:

- Healthcare workers (regardless of the spacing between their first two doses)
- Adults aged 50 and older

These individuals are eligible for a booster dose **at least six months** after their primary series (i.e. two doses of any combination of AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Moderna OR one dose of Janssen). Booking is based on the honour system and appointments can be made through the [online booking tool](#) or by calling Health Link at 811. Many pharmacies are also accepting walk-ins.

In addition to these groups, those previously eligible for an additional dose continue to be eligible. For a full list, visit alberta.ca/vaccine.

Vaccine Rollout to Children 5 to 11 Continues

More than 98,400 pediatric vaccines have been administered to children aged five to 11 – 25% of Albertans aged 5-11 have now received one dose of the COVID vaccine. Appointments continue to be available for this age group at AHS immunization clinics and select pharmacies.

Appointments can be booked [online](#) or by calling Health Link at 811 and are only available at AHS sites. In the rural Zones, walk-in are available at some sites. Check ahs.ca/vaccine for more information. Children who live on a First Nations reserve can access doses through the nursing stations or public health clinics on-reserve.

Alberta Health has recommended that the interval between first and second doses should be at least eight weeks. It is recommended, but not required, to wait for a period of at least 14 days before and after the administration of the COVID-19 pediatric vaccine and the administration of another vaccine. Routine school immunizations can be administered regardless of spacing from the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine Availability

AstraZeneca - AHS has received an additional 1,900 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine. Individuals requiring second doses of AstraZeneca should call Health Link to book an appointment. For those who received the AstraZeneca vaccine as a first dose, followed by a two-dose mRNA vaccine series (Pfizer or Moderna), a booster dose is not recommended or required at this time.

Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) - As announced by Alberta Health on Dec. 15, the province is expected to receive 5,000 doses of the Janssen vaccine this week. This is in addition to the initial 5,000 dose shipment, of which 80 per cent has been used.

Please call Health Link at 811 to get on a wait list for notification when the vaccine has arrived.

The Janssen vaccine is available for Albertans 18 years of age and older who have not had any COVID-19 vaccines previously and is administered at AHS clinics in select locations across the province.

The Janssen vaccine is also available for individuals with a contraindication to currently available COVID-19 vaccines. This includes people who have had a dose of COVID-19 vaccine previously and had a

serious adverse reaction. A minimum of 28 days from any previously received COVID-19 vaccine is required. Only one dose of the Janssen vaccine is needed to be fully immunized.

mRNA Vaccines - These vaccines continue to be recommended as the most safe and effective vaccine choice, for all those who are able to receive them. Individuals without a contraindication to an mRNA vaccine, who have been immunized with a single dose of Janssen as their only vaccine, are recommended to have a booster dose of mRNA vaccine after six months.

Things You Need to Know

Influenza Immunization Update: Spread Joy, Not Germs

As of Dec. 11, 1,044,623 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is about 23.6 per cent of the population. Eleven additional influenza cases were identified this past week, bringing the total to 17 confirmed cases of influenza so far this season.

To ensure a happy and healthy holiday season for you and your loved ones we encourage you to get immunized against influenza, as soon as possible. Influenza is serious and immunization works to lower your risk of influenza infection.

It is safe to get the influenza and COVID-19 vaccine at the same time. We have substantial data regarding the safety of COVID-19 vaccines and currently, there are no known safety concerns with administering both vaccines at the same time.

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

AHS Immunization Policy

The [Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 policy](#) was developed and implemented for one main reason – to keep our patients and staff from getting COVID-19 while in our care or working at our sites.

Those who are unimmunized are more likely to contract COVID-19, and their risk of acquiring and passing an infection onto others is much higher. Unimmunized are at higher risk of severe illness. This is why we will continue to strive for a fully immunized active workforce.

It is crucial our patients know they are coming into an environment where those who care for them are doing everything they can to protect them, including getting immunized and we must keep our healthcare teams healthy as you are essential to keeping our healthcare system available for all Albertans.

We are extremely grateful to the vast majority of our workforce — 97.4 per cent of full-time and part-time staff, and 99.8 per cent of physicians who are now fully immunized.

Our Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy is more necessary than ever, as we must continue to do everything we can to protect vulnerable Albertans and keep our healthcare system strong against the highly-transmissible Omicron variant.

Government of Canada Advises Against Non-Essential International Travel

In response to the spread of Omicron, the Government of Canada has implemented [enhanced border measures](#). Effective Dec. 15, the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#) is advising travellers, regardless of their vaccination status, to avoid non-essential travel internationally.

The Omicron variant is present in all continents, with community transmission reported in some countries. This variant has a large number of concerning mutations, with preliminary evidence suggesting a growth advantage over the Delta variant and a potential decrease in vaccine protection against infection.

If you must travel internationally, monitor and review [Canada's entry requirements](#) before and during your travel as arrival to Canada following international travel could be severely restricted.

Fully vaccinated travellers who have been in any country other than Canada and the United States in the 14 days prior to entry to Canada may be selected for arrival testing. The Government of Canada is

increasing the number of fully vaccinated travellers being selected for testing to reach 100 per cent of vaccinated travellers in the coming weeks.

Travellers must quarantine in a suitable place until they receive a negative test result. Requirements for unvaccinated travellers remain unchanged.

New Social Gathering Restrictions

Effective Dec. 15, indoor private social gatherings are no longer limited to two households. The maximum number of individuals 18 years and older is limited to 10. In addition, there is no distinction between vaccinated and unvaccinated Albertans. Outdoor social gathering capacity remains at 20 people, regardless of vaccination status.

All other current public health restrictions continue to remain in effect, including mandatory masking in indoor public places, and physical distancing between households.

Free Rapid Testing Kits Available

Free COVID-19 rapid testing kits are available to Albertans at select AHS sites and pharmacies across the province. More than 500,000 rapid antigen test kits will initially be available for at home use, helping with early identification of infections in Albertans.

You may wonder why antigen tests and not PCR tests are being provided to Albertans. An antigen test looks for a protein from the virus that causes COVID-19, and is a simple test that does not require specialized equipment and can produce a result in as little as 15 minutes. A PCR test looks for the genetic material of the virus that causes COVID-19. PCR tests can only be done in a lab, by an expert, and it can take one to three days to generate a test result.

The antigen tests are intended for at-home personal use for regular screening in asymptomatic people. Rapid tests are only for people without COVID-19 symptoms, or for those who may have had a recent COVID-19 exposure.

Kits are available on a first-come first-served basis. There is a limit of one box (five tests per box) of tests within a 14-day period per person. Unvaccinated individuals must continue to obtain a negative COVID-19 test at their own expense administered through a private vendor or pharmacy for both travel and the Restriction Exemption Program. If an individual has COVID-19 symptoms, they should not use a rapid test, but book a PCR test through AHS instead.

Albertans who screen positive on a rapid test, or who have COVID-19 symptoms, should book a confirmatory PCR test through AHS, and must isolate for 10 days or until they receive a negative PCR test result.

For more information on the Alberta Health rapid testing kit program, visit the Alberta Health website.

AHS recruits two family physicians for Grande Cache

AHS has recruited two family medicine physicians in the Grande Cache area to fill positions that will be vacated early next year. The resignations of two current family medicine physicians are effective March 1, 2022. The two newly recruited physicians are required to go through the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) Practice Readiness Program prior to practicing in the community. The new physicians may be ready to start seeing local patients next summer.

Manning Outpatient clinics resume normal weekend hours

The Manning Community Health Centre has resumed normal weekend operating hours. Weekend clinic hours are 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Regular weekday (Monday to Friday) outpatient clinics remain open from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The emergency department remains open 24/7 for any urgent health concerns.

No doctors in Barrhead ED for 12 hours on three days

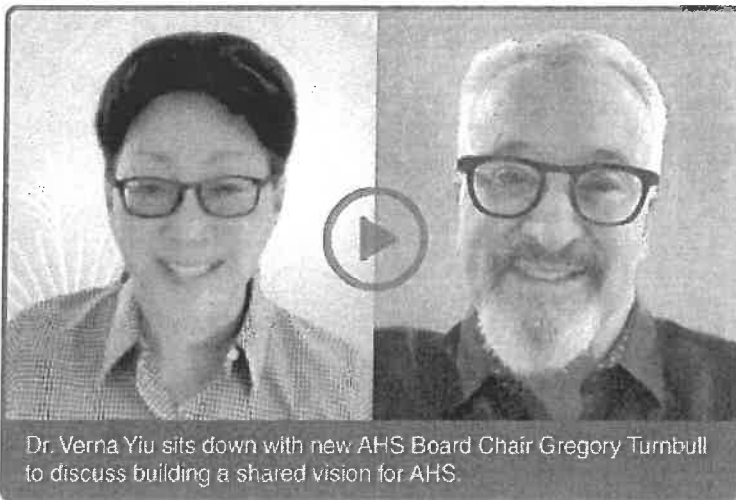
The Barrhead Healthcare Centre Emergency Department (ED) will be temporarily without on-site physician coverage for 12 hours (from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.) Monday, December 20, Tuesday, December 21, Wednesday, December 22. During this time, nursing staff will remain on-site in the Emergency Department providing urgent triage and assessments, and referring patients to alternate Emergency

Departments in neighbouring communities as needed. Patients are asked to call 911 if they have a medical emergency. EMS will be re-routed to the Westlock Healthcare Centre (41 km) or Whitecourt Healthcare Centre (99 km).

Verna's Weekly Video Message: An interview with Gregory Turnbull, AHS Board Chair

Last week Alberta Health appointed Gregory Turnbull to the position of AHS Board Chair for a three-year term. As a former partner with McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Greg has more than 35 years of experience in corporate governance. Greg is no stranger to healthcare, as he is currently a member of the Advisory Council at the School of Public Policy and the Dean's Advisory Council at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary.

He is also a long-term member of the Calgary Health Foundation, where he most recently served as the Chair of the governance committee. This week I (Verna) sat down with Greg to [learn a bit more about him and how we can develop a shared vision for AHS](#).



Operation Ho Ho - Santa visits the Stollery

With some help from the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, Santa was flown by helicopter to the Stollery Children's Hospital to visit with patients. His visit looked a bit different than in years past, as staff made sure all COVID-19 safety protocols were followed. Watch the video recap of Santa's visit: [Operation Ho Ho - Santa visits the Stollery](#)

Join the Conversation

2022 Health and Provincial Advisory Council Meetings

Council meetings will resume in the new year, beginning with Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council on January 17. Visit together4health.albertahealthservices.ca to find upcoming Council meetings and events. Please note, you must register in advance to attend the virtual meetings.

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Foundation Good News

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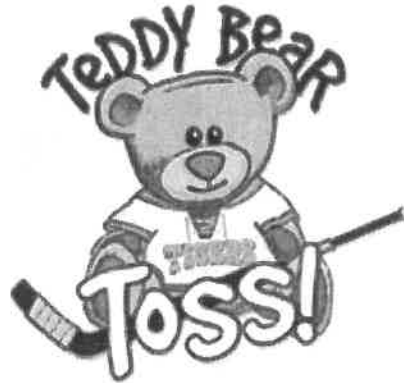
Medicine Hat Tigers deliver teddy bears to the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

The Medicine Hat Tigers made their annual trip to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on December 10 to deliver a portion of the 1,235 stuffed animals collected from the Teddy Bear toss game to the Medicine Hat and District Health Foundation.

The Tigers leadership weren't able to enter the hospital due to COVID-19 regulations, but brought some bears from the Teddy Bear Toss to the hospital doors. Heather Bach, executive director of the Medicine Hat and District Health Foundation, says it's a fun time of year for them.

"The best part is watching the seniors and the children's eyes light up when they show up in uniform. It's kind of sad that they can't come in and visit everybody but it's still exciting because those teddy bears are so meaningful," Bach said. "They reduce so much stress and they give the kids someone to hug, so it's really a nice time of year."

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Ponoka Adopt-a-Grandparent

Ponoka General Hospital Long Term Care residents, including Marilyn Lane, pictured, will soon receive their annual Christmas gift from the Adopt-A-Grandparent program. Six-year-old Steele Bodin inspired the program so that no grandparents went without a present at Christmas.

The Bodin family and other members of the community donate so that each resident receives a gift bag containing items such as a sweater, slippers, hand lotion, crossword puzzles and cookies. After receiving her gift from the Bodin family last year for her first Christmas at Ponoka LTC, Lane made a blanket for Steele to thank him for his kindness. Lane says crocheting blankets, which she has done since she was 12, helps keep her grounded during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Managing Seasonal Stress during COVID-19

Navigating the holidays while facing the ongoing challenges COVID-19 can bring additional stress. There are many other ways we can support you through these challenging times no matter what your situation. See the [Help in Tough Times](#) website for a comprehensive list of health and wellness supports available to Albertans.

Gratitude from Albertans

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

As I walked out of the hospital (UAH) and out to the parkade yesterday, I was struck at how much work our facilities crews have done to remove the orange visitor stickers stuck to the beams, walls or posts, and to pick up the masks that have not been discarded in the garbage. It was a stark contrast from our last visit and I wanted to say thank you for all of that tedious work. It somehow reminded me of a time before COVID whereas walking out and seeing the stickers was a constant reminder of how much has changed

and has been lost since March 2020. THANK YOU - for all of that work - and it is like a chain reaction - it seems folks aren't adding them there when there is none in sight. I appreciate you and all of your work.

My small child lost all her bravery for her much awaited Covid vaccination (age 5 - 11 yrs) when it actually came to sitting in the chair with the public health nurse, "Miranda". She understood children well and was just so incredibly adept with her listening, acknowledging and skills with children. Within minutes, my daughter was feeling good again, surprised with how easy it was. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Your skill and experience shows in your work! - W.F.

Wrapping Up - Happy Holidays from AHS

Many Albertans may be taking some much-needed time off over the next few weeks, however, we want to ensure that you continue to have access to the information you require. We will therefore continue to provide updates over the next two weeks to ensure you have all the latest information from across AHS and the province.

There is no doubt that we are approaching this holiday season with worry and concern. Omicron is here, and we are all concerned about the health and safety of our loved ones. We sincerely wish all of you a happy holiday season, and for those celebrating, Merry Christmas. We will continue to care for Albertans one day at a time.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

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COVID-19 Status

New and Active Cases

This data was updated from the AHS email from December 29. As a result, this update extended the usual seven day reporting range to a thirteen day range.

For the thirteen-day period ending on January 3, there was an average of 2,640 new cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to 769 cases per day the previous reporting period (Dec. 16-21), a 243.3 per cent increase. All zones reported an increase in the number of new daily cases, ranging from a 189.7 per cent increase in the Calgary Zone to a 378.0 per cent increase in the South Zone, compared to the previous reporting period. The Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 17,208 (a thirteen-day average of 1,324 new cases per day).

As of Jan. 3, there are 34,276 active cases in Alberta, a 385 per cent increase compared to Dec. 21*.



All zones reported an increase in active cases compared to the last report, as you can see in the table below. Please note: Given Alberta Health announced last week that many people with a self-administered positive rapid test do not need PCR testing, we know the data underestimates the number of people infected with COVID-19 across the province. *Note the comparison range is wider than the usual seven day range.

	Active Cases (as of January 3)	Active Cases (as of December 21)	Per cent Change
Calgary	17,082	3,887	+339.5%
Edmonton	12,760	2,087	+511.0%
North	1,219	406	+200.2%
Central	1,602	454	+253.0%
South	1,132	223	+408.0%
Unknown	481	8	+5,913%

Variants of Concern

From Dec. 23-29, an average of 21 per cent of positive samples were strain-typed. Of those strain-typed, the rolling average was 89.9 per cent Omicron variant, 7.7 per cent Delta variant, and 2.4 per cent wild type or presumptive variant. As of Jan.3, 10,432 cases involving the Omicron variant have been detected. Strain-typing takes several days and these numbers may change as lab data becomes available.

Other Notable COVID-19 Related Information:

- As of Dec. 28, a total of 357,623 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 15,577 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 336,917 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious. The number of Albertans who have recovered from COVID-19 does not reflect the recovery time from longer-lasting effects associated with a COVID-19 infection that could persist beyond the time in which people are contagious.
- As of Dec. 28, 3,310 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 11 deaths since the last report. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- From Dec. 22 to Dec. 28, 62,115 COVID-19 tests were completed, a seven-day average of 10,353 tests per day. As of Dec. 28, a total of 6.37 million tests have been conducted and 2.63 million individuals have been tested.
- The R values were not updated this week.

Changes to Isolation Requirements

As announced by Alberta Health, effective January 3, 2022, the isolation period for fully immunized individuals has been reduced from 10 days from the start of symptoms to five days, or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. For asymptomatic people who are fully immunized, isolation has been reduced from 10 days to 5 days from the day the swab was taken, assuming symptoms didn't develop.

For those who are **not fully immunized**, isolation remains at 10 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer. For asymptomatic people who are not fully immunized, isolation remains at 10 days from the day the swab was taken, assuming symptoms didn't develop.

AHS has implemented this new Alberta Health guidance for staff and physicians. Staff who are fully immunized and symptom free can return to work after five days.

Please note AHS will not be changing the isolation requirements for acute care patients with COVID-19.

Update on Omicron Variant Spread

The Omicron variant continues to rapidly spread across the province and has resulted in an exponential growth in COVID-19 cases. On Dec. 29, the positivity rate was 33.3 per cent, the highest during the pandemic.

At this time, hospitalizations remain relatively stable; however, we know from previous waves that hospitalizations are a lagging indicator. We will not know the impact of Omicron on our acute care system until later in January.

We can expect to see hospitalizations rise in the coming weeks. While there may be a lower risk of serious illness with Omicron, the substantial rise in cases could still have a significant impact on the hospital system.

The actions we take now can help slow the spread of Omicron:

- Stay home and away from others if you are sick.
- Reduce your in-person social interactions and close contacts by 50 per cent.
- Abide by all current public health measures and travel advice.
- Get immunized – whatever dose you are eligible for and with the first available vaccine.

Rapid vs. PCR testing

To conserve testing capacity and reserve PCR testing for higher-risk groups, rapid tests are available for at-home personal use to screen symptomatic and asymptomatic people.

Alberta Health recommends symptomatic people use at-home rapid tests, if they have access to one, rather than getting a PCR test. People who have a positive rapid test, including children who have no medical risk factors, do not need PCR confirmation.

The exceptions to this recommendation are if a person lives or works in a high-priority setting (such as acute care, continuing care, congregate care, correctional facilities and shelters), or qualifies for Sotrovimab treatment. These individuals should still get a PCR test if they test positive on a rapid test.

If you **have symptoms** and **test positive** on a rapid test, consider that as confirmation that you have COVID-19, isolate immediately and notify any close contacts. If you have **no symptoms** and **test positive** on a rapid test, isolate immediately and take a second rapid test in 24 hours. If the second result is negative, your isolation can end unless you develop symptoms. If the second result is positive, continue isolating for 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. If you **have symptoms** and **test negative** on a rapid test, stay home and away from others until you feel better, even if you have multiple negative rapid tests.

If you have not already picked up your at-home rapid test kit, visit alberta.ca/CovidRapidTests to find the location nearest you.

PCR testing through AHS continues to be available for:

- People with symptoms of COVID-19 who do not have access to a positive rapid test result.
- People who have been told by AHS Public Health to get a test.

Temporary Site Access Limitations Enacted

In response to the Omicron variant, AHS is proactively taking precautions to limit transmission of the virus.

Site access is now temporarily limited for designated support persons and visitors who are close contacts of a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19. The limitation will pertain to all designated support persons and visitors, even if they are fully immunized, until we have more information about the risks posed by Omicron. This change went into effect Dec. 21.

Anyone who is a close contact of someone with COVID-19 or has a case of COVID-19 in their home, cannot access continuing care or AHS acute care sites as a designated support person or visitor for 14 days from the date of their last exposure.

Given this additional limitation to access, front-line staff will work with patients and their designated support persons to arrange for an alternate designated support person should the primary not be able to access the site. We will also work with patients to arrange alternate communication options, such as video chat and phone calls.

The COVID-19 Family Presence & Visitation Taskforce has updated the following to reflect precautions taken for Omicron and the decision to screen out close contacts:

- **Acute Care Directive:** The COVID-19 Directive Designated Support and Visitor Access in Acute Care, Ambulatory and Emergency
- **Acute Care Guidance:** The Provincial Designated Support Persons and Visitor Access Guidance for all AHS Acute Care, Ambulatory, Urgent and Emergency Care sites
- **Screening Forms:**
 - Designated Support Person and Visitor Screening Questionnaire for Acute Care, Ambulatory, Emergency and Urgent Care Facilities
 - COVID-19 Continuing Care Daily Checklist for Visitors and Volunteers
- **Compassionate Exemption:** Compassionate Exemption Application Process for End-of-Life Visitation (Note: the federal process for international travellers has been updated to reflect recent changes and there is a new process for asymptomatic close contacts to apply for the purposes of an exemption for end-of-life visitation.)

This is a temporary limitation. The COVID-19 Family Presence & Visitation Taskforce will continue to review and update the provincial guidance on a regular basis based on the current pandemic situation. Learn more at ahs.ca/visitation.

COVID-19 Immunizations

Get Immunized - whatever dose you are eligible for and first available vaccine

One of the critical ways we can each help to slow Omicron's spread is to get immunized – with whatever dose we are eligible for, and whichever type of vaccine is available to us first.

Albertans aged 18 and older who received their second COVID-19 vaccine at least five months ago are encouraged to book a third dose as soon as possible. Booster doses are not currently approved for those 12 to 17 years of age, unless they have an [eligible immunocompromising condition](#).

Please take the first mRNA vaccine available to you for a third dose rather than waiting for your preferred brand to be available. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines offer a high level of protection against severe outcomes from COVID-19.

The Moderna vaccine is recommended for people ages 30 and up. We have ample Moderna supply available across the province.

The Pfizer vaccine is being administered for people 12 to 29 years of age for booster purposes, as a cautionary measure. While there is a slightly increased risk of myocarditis in younger people from Moderna, especially in males, individuals are much more likely to experience myocarditis from COVID-19 infection than the vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine will be available as supplies last. We anticipate additional supply in the coming weeks.

Book appointments for third doses online with participating pharmacies or AHS by using the [Alberta vaccine booking system](#) or by calling AHS at 811.

COVID-19 infection and getting your vaccine

If you have COVID-19 or have symptoms on the day you are scheduled for your vaccine, please reschedule your appointment. Please wait until you have completed your required isolation period and are feeling better before getting the vaccine, or your next dose.

Even if you are already infected with COVID-19 just before or just after getting the vaccine, being immunized will still help lower your risk of becoming seriously ill and potentially needing to be in the hospital. You are also less likely to spread the virus to others if you are immunized.

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

Vaccine rollout to ages 5 to 11 continues

As of Dec. 28, approximately 35.5 per cent of children aged five to 11 have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Appointments continue to be available and can be booked [online](#) or by calling Health Link at 811. Appointments are only available at AHS sites. In the North, Central and South zones, walk-in appointments are available at some sites. Children who live on a First Nations reserve can access doses through the nursing stations or public health clinics on-reserve.

The interval between first and second doses should be at least eight weeks. It is recommended, but not required, to wait for a period of at least 14 days before, and after, the administration of the COVID-19 pediatric vaccine and the administration of another vaccine. Routine school immunizations can be administered regardless of spacing from the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine Availability

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Things You Need to Know

Infant nutrition classes temporarily moving online

Parents who have questions about feeding their growing babies have access to a free, online infant nutrition class offered by Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Led by a registered dietitian, the 90-minute workshop highlights why babies need to start on iron-rich foods at six months, how to start introducing solid foods and why progressing to different food textures is important.

AHS dietitians will answer questions and show parents how to make their own baby food using a variety of kitchen tools they may already have at home. Parents will learn how to prepare vegetables, fruit, meat and meat alternatives using a number of different tools, including hand mixers, food mills and food processors.

The class is an online version of AHS' infant nutrition workshops, which are offered regularly in 29 communities across Central Zone. Online infant nutrition classes will be offered via Zoom on the following dates:

- Jan. 12 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 9 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information and to register to attend, please call your local community health centre. You will receive an email with your Zoom link one day before the workshop.

AHS expands Text4Hope in multiple languages

Text4Hope is now available in Arabic, French, Simplified Chinese and Punjabi to provide support for those dealing with mental health-related issues. To subscribe, visit www.ahs.ca/text4hope.

Text4Hope is an evidence-based tool that helps people identify and adjust the negative thoughts, feelings and behaviours a pandemic might be expected to provoke. Through a set of daily messages, people receive advice and encouragement helpful in developing healthy personal coping skills and resiliency. Community members simply subscribe to receive ongoing supportive content at no cost. (Standard message rates may apply.)

To date, more than 54,000 people have subscribed to the Text4Hope service.

Text4Hope is supported by the Mental Health Foundation, in partnership with Calgary Health Foundation, the University Hospital Foundation, the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation, Alberta Cancer Foundation, Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and the RBC Foundation.

Verna's Video Message - The Importance of Recognition

If there's been one constant throughout the history of AHS, it's the dedication, compassion and

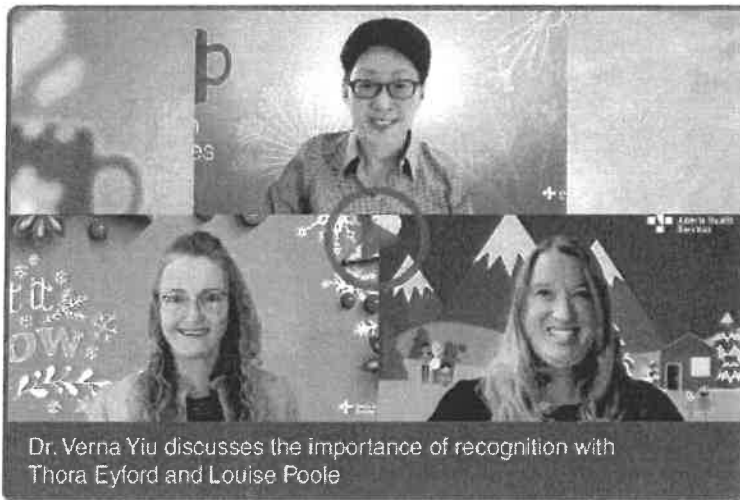
professionalism of our people. This has been especially true during the pandemic.

You provide the very best care to patients across the province, and also do your very best to support one another. Albertans see this every day, and share their appreciation on social media, on our [Sharing the Love webpage](#), and in their emails to us.

What's just as important is the [recognition and appreciation](#) we share with and for each other. Whether it's a simple 'thank you,' a note in this weekly update, or a long-service recognition event, these things matter. In fact, they are essential.

Our Recognition Services team supports these efforts across AHS, and here with me (Verna) today to [talk about their work, and the importance of recognition](#) are:

- Thora Eyford, Senior Lead, Talent Management Strategies.
- Louise Poole, Senior Advisor, Talent Management Strategies.



Join the Conversation

Help name Calgary's new centre for child and adolescent mental health

Alberta Health Services has partnered with the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and our generous community to build a [new centre for child and adolescent mental health](#) in northwest Calgary.

When it opens next fall it will be unlike any other centre in Canada, providing three crucial new services: a dedicated walk-in clinic, an intensive treatment program and Calgary's first mental health day hospital – all supporting youth and families in the Calgary area. The centre will be at the Child and Adolescent Addiction, Mental Health and Psychiatry Program site.

We are inviting our entire community to [help name the new building](#). Add your voice to the conversation by [taking a short survey](#). It takes less than 10 minutes to share your thoughts. And please share this survey through your networks. While we are interested in hearing from all members of the community, we are particularly eager to hear from youth and young adults who have sought support, or may in the future.



2022 Health and Provincial Advisory Council Meetings

Council meetings will resume soon. Visit together4health.albertahealthservices.ca to find upcoming Council meetings and events. Please note, you must register in advance to attend the virtual meetings. Visit ahs.ca/advisorycouncils to review the Annual Reports from each of AHS' 12 Health Advisory Councils, four Provincial Advisory Councils, and Wisdom Council.

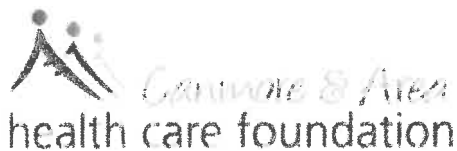
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Foundation Good News

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

Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation announcing a new major gift

The Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation recently announced a new major gift from Pierre and Sylvie Doyon, valued members of the community. This generous contribution will be used to renovate the staff rooms at Canmore General Hospital starting with the main staff room.



"We are enormously grateful to the Doyon family," said Kristen Pauch-Nolin, Executive Director of the Foundation. "This gift is transformational and will help recognize and celebrate the hard-working staff at Canmore General Hospital."

Board Chair Steven Scott affirmed that "Pierre and Sylvie's gift demonstrates what the Foundation is about –providing funds that support the needs of the hospital and its staff so that the incredible patient care delivered at Canmore General Hospital can continue. The impact of this renovation will not only achieve that goal but help celebrate the unwavering dedication and commitment of our healthcare workers."

Gratitude from Albertans

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

others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

On this Christmas Day, thank you, Angels of AHS, for everything you do every day. Thank you for caring for my beloved wife. Thank you for being the best of the best of the human soul.
— Paolo

Thank you for helping me to remain calm with my breathing issues and for your friendly attitude. What a wonderful way to enter a hospital in a stressful situation. The whole team working on Boxing Day were just wonderful.
— Anonymous

Wrapping Up - Looking back at 2021

2021 will be in the rearview mirror. No doubt, this year has been draining, physically and mentally. However, as we look back on the past 12 months, let us not focus solely on our hardships and struggles. Let us also allow ourselves the perspective to appreciate the resilience we've all shown in the face of unprecedented pressure; to appreciate the many ways we've supported each other; and to give ourselves credit for practicing self-care and seeking help when we needed it.

The pandemic tested us all in 2021 but we're still here, still caring for ourselves and each other.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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COVID-19 Status

ICU Capacity Update

AHS continues to do all we can to ensure we have enough ICU capacity to meet patient demand. We will ensure that we maintain ICU capacity above daily demand to a planned maximum of 380 beds as long as staff and physician availability allows.

As of Friday, January 7 we have 242 general adult ICU beds open in Alberta, including 69 additional spaces above our baseline of 173 general adult ICU beds. There are 177 patients in ICU.

Provincially, ICU capacity (including additional surge beds) is at 73 per cent. Without the additional surge spaces, provincial ICU capacity would be at 102 per cent.

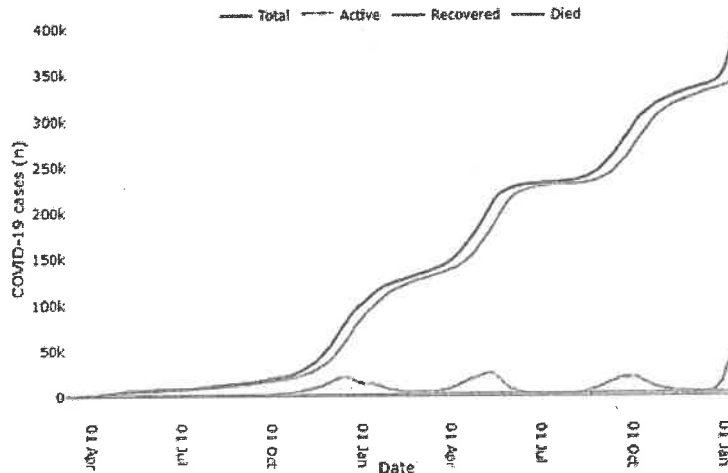
- In Calgary Zone, we currently have 91 ICU beds, including 25 additional spaces. Calgary Zone ICU is operating at 75 per cent of current capacity (including 26 COVID patients in ICU).
- In Edmonton Zone, we currently have 97 ICU beds, including 25 additional spaces. Edmonton Zone is operating at 76 per cent of current capacity (including 30 COVID patients in ICU).
- In Central Zone, we currently have 18 ICU beds, including six additional spaces. Central Zone ICU is operating at 61 per cent of current capacity (including six COVID patients in ICU).
- In South Zone, we currently have 24 ICU beds, including seven additional ICU spaces. South Zone ICU is currently operating at 63 per cent capacity (including three COVID patients in ICU).
- In North Zone, we have 12 ICU spaces (split between Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray), including six additional ICU spaces. North Zone ICU is currently operating at 75 per cent capacity (including three COVID patients in ICU).

These numbers are updated daily; learn more at [AHS Facilities: ICU Updates & Temporary Space Reductions](#).

New and Active Cases

For the eight-day period ending on Jan. 5*, there was an average of 3,909 new cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to 1,810 cases per day the previous reporting period (Dec. 22 to Dec. 28), a 116.0 per cent increase. All zones reported an increase in the number of new cases per day, ranging from a 105.5 per cent increase in Edmonton Zone to a 210.0 per cent increase in South Zone, compared to the previous reporting period. Calgary Zone reported the highest total number of new cases with 15,236 (an eight-day average of 1,905 new cases per day).

**The reporting period was adjusted to accommodate the holidays.*



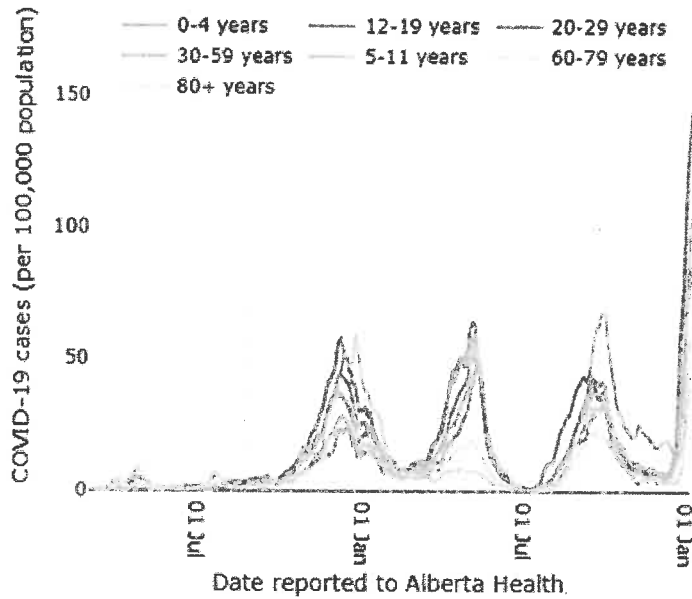
As of Jan. 5 there were 39,897 active cases in Alberta, a 129.3 per cent increase compared to Dec. 28. All zones reported an increase in active cases compared to the last report, as you can see in the table below.

Please note: given that many people with a self-administered positive rapid test do not need PCR testing, we know the data greatly underestimates the number of people infected with COVID-19 across the province.

	Active Cases (as of Jan. 5)	Active Cases (as of Dec. 28)*	Per cent change
Calgary	19,261	9,293	+107.3%
Edmonton	14,972	6,216	+141.0%
North	1,523	597	+155.0%
Central	1,993	687	+239.5%
South	1,545	471	+228.0%
Unknown	603	132	+357.0%

Cases by Age Group

As of Jan. 2, Albertans aged 20 to 29 had the highest seven-day rolling average of new daily COVID-19 cases, with 145.71 cases per 100,000 people, the highest rate reported during the pandemic. Albertans aged 30 to 59 had the second-highest rate with 104.43 cases per 100,000 people, followed by children aged 12 to 19 with 85.43 cases per 100,000 people. Trends in cases in Alberta by age group are shown in the graph below.



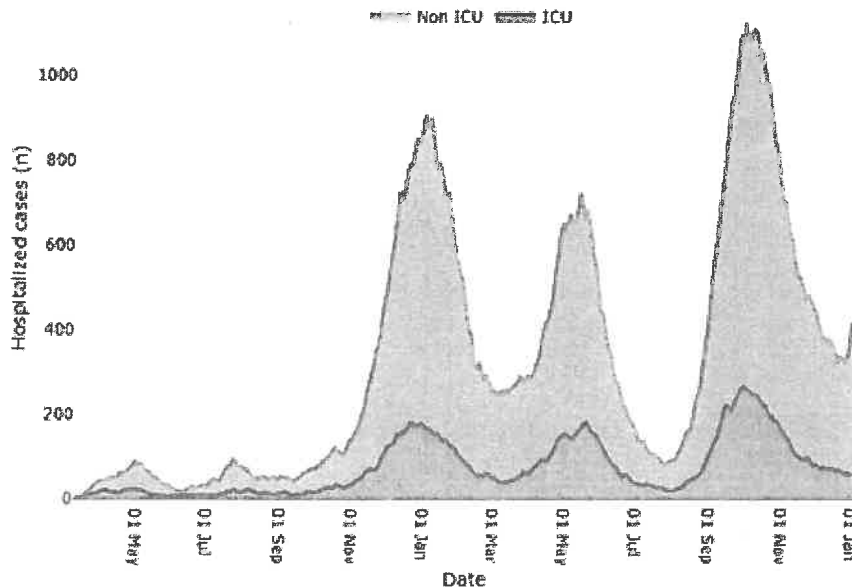
As of Jan. 5, 3,336 individuals have passed away from COVID-19 including 26 additional deaths since the last report. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.

Hospitalizations

434 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds for COVID-19 on Jan. 5, compared to 314 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on Dec. 28, a 38.2 per cent increase.

The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Jan. 5 is as follows:

- 212 hospitalizations with 25 of those in ICUs in Calgary Zone,
- 136 hospitalizations with 25 of those in ICUs in Edmonton Zone,
- 77 hospitalizations with 7 of those in ICUs in Central Zone,
- 51 hospitalizations with 4 of those in ICUs in North Zone, and
- 22 hospitalizations with 3 of those in ICUs in South Zone.



Variant Screening

Targeted screening for variants of concern resumed on December 23, 2021. For variants of concern, from Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, the average percent of positive samples that were strain-typed was 20 per cent. Of those strain-typed, the rolling average was 93.4 per cent Omicron variant, 3.9 per cent Delta variant, and 2.7 per cent wild type or presumptive 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 Jan. 5, 388,995 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and 15,960 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.1 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 345,762 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19, meaning they are no longer considered contagious.
- From Dec. 29 to Jan. 5, 89,211 COVID-19 tests were completed, an eight-day average of 11,151 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 28.03 per cent to 39.05 per cent. This is the highest percent positive reported during the pandemic. As of Jan. 5, 6,463,880 tests have been conducted and 2,657,823 individuals have ever 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 Dec. 27 to Jan. 2 the province-wide R value was 1.35 and the previously reported value was 0.96.
- Public reporting of schools continues and you can find more information [here](#).

Further Changes to Case Investigation and Outbreak Management

In response to the continued rapid spread of the Omicron variant, AHS has made additional changes to case investigation and outbreak management.

At this level of COVID-19 spread in our communities, and with multiple possible sources of infection for each case, we have shifted our approach in order to continue to mitigate COVID-19 spread in high-risk settings, while also supporting other areas of the healthcare system in need.

We do not make these decisions lightly. As we have many times before, we must remain nimble to the changing needs of the pandemic response.

Effective Dec. 31 AHS has paused investigation and outbreak management activities for children, schools and daycares. With [students returning to classrooms on Jan. 10](#), students and school staff will still be notified of their test results by SMS text or autodialer, and may receive a call to ensure they are aware of

isolation requirements.

The team will continue to support investigation for:

- Patients in hospital with COVID-19
- Healthcare workers
- Residents and staff of congregate care settings (including LTC, DSL, lodges, hospices)
- Residents and staff of congregate living settings (corrections, shelters)

The team will continue to call people who have not consented to receive their test results by SMS text or autodialer, complete routine case notification calls as capacity allows, and support reporting for adverse events following immunization. People who have had a PCR test will continue to receive a SMS text message or autodialer notification with their test result.

In addition, outbreak management is now focused on the following **high priority settings** only:

- Acute care
- Congregate care (long term care, designated supportive living, lodges, hospices)
- Congregate living (corrections, shelters)

Outbreak management for all non-high priority settings has been paused. This includes schools and daycares.

The outbreak team will no longer routinely declare new outbreaks in settings outside the high priority ones. Community outbreaks with a surge in cases leading to severe outcomes will be addressed as needed.

We expect to see COVID-19 cases connected to workplaces increase and our teams will continue to support workplaces with recommendations to prevent further spread of the virus.

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Vaccine rollout to ages 5 to 11 continues

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In Canada, third doses are not currently recommended for children five to 11. They are also not currently recommended for those 12 to 17 years of age, unless they have an [eligible immunocompromising condition](#). Evidence continues to be reviewed nationally and provincially.

This week, the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) authorized the use of a third dose of the Pfizer vaccine for children between 12 and 15 years of age. They also shortened the time between the completion of a primary vaccine series and a booster dose to at least five months, and authorized a third dose for children aged five to 11 years who are immunocompromised.

Get immunized after COVID-19 infection

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

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

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

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Things You Need to Know

Verna's Video Message - The Omicron Variant

As you know, Omicron, the latest COVID-19 variant of concern, is spreading across the province. Alberta's positivity rate has been as high as 39 per cent this week. This is the highest positivity rate we have ever had in this province, including all previous waves.

While we are still learning about Omicron, we do know that it is highly transmissible. We expect we will continue to see a considerable increase in cases over the coming weeks.

There are still many unknowns about this variant of concern. Joining me (Verna) on [the vlog to discuss what we have learned about Omicron and what it means for staff, patients and the healthcare system](#) are:

- Dr. Mark Joffe, Vice President and Medical Director, Cancer Care Alberta, Clinical Support Services and Provincial Clinical Excellence
- Dr. Laura McDougall, Senior Medical Officer of Health



Self-Care Resources help Albertans Manage COVID-19 Symptoms at Home

Following the rapid spread of the Omicron variant throughout the province and the growth in COVID-19 cases, many Albertans calling Health Link 811 are unsure how to manage symptoms, or if they need to seek care with a positive COVID-19 test result.

While COVID-19 can cause serious illness, most people can recover without special treatment.

AHS has launched a [new web resource](#) to help Albertans manage mild COVID-19 symptoms at home. It includes:

- What to do when you have symptoms of COVID-19
- How to provide effective self-care at home to yourself or a family member
- When to test for COVID-19, and
- How to manage prolonged COVID-19 symptoms.

We need to ensure people who need immediate care in Urgent Care Centres, Emergency Departments and hospitals are able to receive it, and that those who can manage mild COVID-19 symptoms can care for themselves and their loved ones at home.

Albertans can visit the site at ahs.ca/covidselfcare.

AHS Policy for Staff Attending Work

AHS has updated the *Attending work with COVID-19 symptoms, positive test, or close contact directive* to align with public health measures announced on Dec. 31, which came into effect on Jan. 3. These changes are necessary to balance the protection of our people and patients from the highly transmissible Omicron variant, as well as to ensure we have the staffing necessary to maintain critical services.

Key changes to the directive include:

- Shorter work restriction period for fully immunized healthcare workers who test positive for COVID-19. This means fully immunized workers can return to work after day 5 as long as symptoms are improving and you've been without fever for 24 hours.
- New guidance for healthcare workers who are close contacts:

- Introduction of 10 days of rapid testing for close contacts who are fully immunized (note, this differs from the temporary frequent testing option under the [Immunization or Testing of Workers for COVID-19 Policy](#)).
- Fully immunized workers with a booster dose can remain at work if they are a close contact, without any testing requirement, as long as it has been at least 14 days since the booster dose.
- Workers who are not fully immunized will be restricted from work for 14 days if they become a close contact.

Staff must continue to use the [Online Fit for Work Screening Tool](#).

Update: Designated Support and Visitor Access Screening Questionnaires

As we continue to learn more about the Omicron variant of COVID-19 AHS is proactively taking precautions to limit transmission of the virus. As such, AHS will continue to require that designated support persons and visitors who test positive for COVID-19, whether asymptomatic or symptomatic, not enter an acute care, ambulatory, urgent or emergency services site for a **minimum of 10 days** from the positive test date or from the onset of COVID-19 symptoms, unless qualifying for a CMOH exemption as the designated support person for minor children or dependent adults in need of medical care. This is regardless of immunization status. For those who are symptomatic, symptoms must have resolved and they must be fever free for at least 24 hours before entry.

As healthcare settings are more vulnerable environments, maintaining the 10-day requirement will help us to protect those in our care.

Please review the screening questionnaires to ensure you are using the latest version:

- [Standard](#) (Daily Designated Support Person & Visitor Screening Questionnaire For Acute Care, Ambulatory, Emergency & Urgent Care)
- [Visitors to continuing care](#)

More information on designated support and visitor access is available at ahs.ca/visitation.

Influenza Immunization Update

As of Jan. 1, 1,104,224 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered, which is approximately 25 per cent of the population. 17 influenza cases were identified over the holidays, bringing the total to 34 confirmed cases of influenza so far this season.

Influenza is serious and immunization works to lower your risk of influenza infection. It is safe to get the influenza and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time. We have substantial data regarding the safety of COVID-19 vaccines and currently, there are no known safety concerns with administering both vaccines at the same time. For more information on influenza, visit ahs.ca/influenza. Interactive aggregate data is available online at [Alberta influenza statistics](#).

Fairview Health Complex sets specific outpatient service hours

The Fairview Health Complex has set specific hours for outpatient services. Outpatient services - for patients seeking medical care for non-urgent issues, or minor ailments - will be available at the Fairview Health Complex between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., seven days a week. Patients must register at the emergency department and will be assessed and triaged by nursing staff prior to being seen by a physician. The emergency department remains open 24/7 for urgent medical needs.

Online adult weight-management sessions

Central Zone residents wanting to learn principles of effective weight management are invited to register for workshops include Adult Weight Management Level 1, 2, 3 and Introduction to Bariatric Surgery. In Level 1, participants will learn to manage calories and nutrition. Level 2 provides strategies to manage thoughts and feelings that affect behaviour change, and in Level 3, participants will learn to maintain positive habit changes. The last workshop offers general information about bariatric surgeries including possible complications, and the steps clients can take to be successful.

Participants have to attend each level consecutively. Zoom workshops will be offered from Jan. 11. Interested residents can call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Online sessions help seniors stay healthy and socially connected

Central Zone seniors are invited to learn practical ways to remain healthy and socially connected. Workshops will be offered on Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 11 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants can join virtually with a computer, a tablet or a phone. Interested participants can call 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Making mealtimes happy times

Parents and guardians of young children in Central Zone are invited to free Goodbye Mealtime Struggles workshops on Jan. 19 and Feb. 17 via Zoom. The program is led by a registered dietitian and a pediatric occupational therapist. The workshops help parents and guardians learn how to overcome mealtime conflicts with children from one to five years of age. Participants can call their community health centre to register, and they'll receive a Zoom link one day before the workshop.

Online prenatal classes offered

Central Zone residents who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant to free online prenatal classes on Jan. 18 and Feb. 15, noon to 1:15 p.m. During the class led by registered dietitians, participants will learn about meal and snack ideas, nutrients they need in pregnancy, safe foods to eat during pregnancy and more. Dietitians will be available to answer questions, provide resources and handouts. Participants can register on the Central Zone Eventbrite Page. They will receive an email with a Zoom link two days before the workshop.

Mobile mammography to visit Rocky Mountain House

Women in Rocky Mountain House ages 50-74 - the group most at risk of developing breast cancer - will have local access to mammography services when the AHS' Screen Test program visits their community. The mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at Rocky Mountain House Health Centre, 5016 52 Ave. on Jan. 21, 22, 24-29, 31 and Feb. 1. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling toll-free 1-800-667-0604. Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of clients and staff. Details will be shared when residents book an appointment.

Join the Conversation

Help name Calgary's new centre for child and adolescent mental health

Alberta Health Services has partnered with the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and our generous community to build a new centre for child and adolescent mental health in northwest Calgary. When it opens next fall it will be unlike any other centre in Canada, providing three crucial new services: a dedicated walk-in clinic, an intensive treatment program and Calgary's first mental health day hospital – all supporting youth and families in the Calgary area. The centre will be at the Child and Adolescent Addiction, Mental Health and Psychiatry Program site.

We are inviting our entire community to help name the new building. Add your voice to the conversation by taking a short survey. It will take less than 10 minutes to share your thoughts. Thank you for participating!

Lakeland Communities HAC to learn about the Rural Mental Health Project

Join the Lakeland Health Advisory Council January 12 from 5-8 pm to learn about the Rural Mental Health Project as presented by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). For the meeting link, contact community.engagement@ahs.ca with 'Lakeland' in the subject line.

Join David Thompson HAC Conversation on Palliative Health Services

Join this virtual conversation on palliative care services in the Central Zone and learn about advance care planning, including goals of care and personal directives. The event is on January 13, 6-7 pm. Registration is required, via Eventbrite.

Volunteers wanted!

Recruitment continues to the Lesser Slave Lake and True North 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.

University Hospital Foundation receives major donation toward kidney care

The University Hospital Foundation recently recognized Qualico for their generous donation of \$750,000, which will support the expansion of West Edmonton Kidney Care and the quality of life for Albertans who are living with end-stage kidney disease.

With donor support, the foundation is moving closer toward its goal of expanding West Edmonton Kidney Care's home dialysis program and giving kidney patients more comfortable, accessible care.

Art for Heart raises funds for Stollery Children's Hospital

Some of Edmonton's best artists competed against each other for a good cause. Four tattoo artists went head-to-head against four of the city's top comic illustrators in the Art for Heart competition to raise money for the Stollery Children's Hospital.

The groups of artists were given a theme and input from the audience to craft unique pieces that were auctioned off. David Tuff, the event organizer, said the idea behind the event came from when he drew and auctioned off an art piece while his daughter was in the Stollery for her first heart surgery.

"Because of the time we spent at the Stollery, (my daughter), she's six now and she's running around," Tuff said. "She was born with a rare heart defect so the Stollery has been a second home to us. They've always been amazing and just so awesome. So I wanted to give back in the best way I could."



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. You can see messages we have received – and add your own - on our Sharing the Love webpage.

Wrapping Up - 2022 Arrives with a Bang

Here we are, just over a week into 2022, and it certainly has started with a bang! We hope you found time over the holiday break to rest and recharge as it seems the Omicron variant will not be giving us an easy start to this New Year.

You can help support the health system by ensuring you have your third/booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and your influenza immunization, and please, stay home with any symptoms consistent with an infectious illness.

We thank all those AHS staff, healthcare providers and physicians who continue to demonstrate their commitment to the health of Albertans during this difficult season. We truly feel privileged to move into 2022 as part of this amazing team.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Cathy Heron <president@abmunis.ca>
Sent: December 30, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Kathy Skwarchuk
Subject: Alberta Municipalities Year End Review

What a year 2021 has been!

With the year coming to an end, I'd like to take a few moments to reflect on the 'year that was,' and look ahead to 'the year to come.'

Throughout 2021, we advocated tirelessly on your behalf to support you, Alberta's community builders. Some of the major highlights from this past year include:

- **Our New Brand-** After hosting focus groups and analyzing the results of a survey to which 416 members responded, we proudly launched a new brand that reflects what our members told us:
 - A single brand instead of AUMA and AMSC brands;
 - It moves away from classifying municipalities as urban or rural. Many of our members do not relate to the term 'urban,' nor do they wish to define themselves as being 'urban' or 'rural' at all, but as municipalities and communities;
 - The change to our brand and name is more unifying;
 - We do not need to divide our members into urban and rural terms, we are all municipalities and communities; and
 - members felt the acronym AUMA does not hold a lot of meaning and many people do not know that AUMA is an acronym for Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

For those of you who missed the big unveiling at Convention, here is more information, including our launch video! Our brand name, Alberta Municipalities, is how we now refer to ourselves. We will be bringing forward a resolution to the next Convention to change our legal name as well.

- **Policing and EMS-** We made it known that municipalities cannot afford to pay the retroactive pay increase for RCMP members – a position the provincial government supports. We questioned the need and additional costs associated with the creation and operation of a provincial police service. And we made it known that the current EMS system does not meet the needs of the communities our members serve.
- **Downloading Costs-** Throughout the year, we went to great lengths to ensure the Government of Alberta knew that its continual downloading of services and expenses onto municipalities to balance the provincial budget was unacceptable and blatantly unfair.
- **The Pledge-** We championed democratic principles and values, telling the provincial government it was in Alberta's best interest to maintain codes of conduct for municipal governments because they improve accountability. We also encouraged candidates to take the Local Democracy Pledge in the run-up to October's municipal elections. We were very happy with how many local candidates took the Pledge.
- **Extender Producer Responsibility (EPR)-** We were pleased when the provincial government acted on EPR in early December. We hope it will result in greater innovation, the creation of a plastics 'circular economy,' and new jobs.
- **Indigenous Relations-** We increased our Indigenous relations efforts in 2021, following revelations of unmarked graves near former residential school sites across Canada. Throughout the year, we set up

numerous Indigenous cultural training sessions for our members and provided a comprehensive online toolkit.

No retrospective would be complete without acknowledging the superb leadership and guidance of Barry Morishita, who stepped down as President in August after nearly four years at the helm to pursue his provincial political aspirations, and Angela Duncan, for providing excellent interim leadership up to, and including, Convention. Thank you, Barry and Angela!

Looking Ahead

Your newly elected President and Board of Directors are busy setting Alberta Municipalities' priorities and agenda for 2022 based on the resolutions that were passed at Convention.

One thing is certain: We'll continue to listen to you and advocate tirelessly on your behalf. It's what we've done for more than 100 years, because we know there is Strength in Members.

I look forward to working with you and helping to support your community-building efforts in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Cathy Heron | President

Mayor, City of St. Albert

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Hello Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs,

I hope that everyone had an excellent Christmas and New Years and that you all managed to stay warm!

First, I would like to thank everyone who applied to be on a committee. We had an overwhelming number of applications, and it was especially wonderful to see so many applicants from small communities like ours. Letters were sent out last week to let applicants know their outcome. Congratulations to those who were chosen. For those who weren't, please stay engaged with the association and make sure you apply again next year. I, personally, applied 3 times before I was chosen for a committee. I am excited to be Chairing the Small Communities Committee again this year. A full list of the committees that I sit on can be found at the bottom of this email, for your information.

As always, there is lots going on within the province, our municipalities, and for Alberta Municipalities (AB Munis). I will provide you an overview of a few of AB Munis key initiatives, but this is in no way comprehensive.

Policing

There are a few key issues with policing that AB Munis is working on; the Alberta Police Advisory Board, the new RCMP union contract, and a potential transition to an AB Provincial Police Service (APPS).

The Interim Police Advisory Board has completed its mandate and provided its final report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. The intention had been for the board to recruit for and transition to a permanent board after the municipal election and before the new year. Unfortunately, the Minister's response to the report was not received until a few days before Christmas so the transition has been delayed. The Interim Board will be meeting later this week to discuss the Minister's response and I will have more information after that.

The other part of the Interim Boards mandate was to provide input into the build up of rural police resources and provincial policing priorities. I am very pleased to say that the board met numerous times with RCMP Deputy Commissioner Zablocki and that he was very receptive to our feedback and recommendations. The Interim Board will be sending out an update of the buildup and rollout out of resources soon, so keep your eyes open for that.

AB Munis is following the rollout of the new union contract between the federal government and the National Police Federation closely. While we support the right of RCMP members to collective bargaining and believe they have a right to equitable pay, municipalities were not at the negotiating table and are concerned about the implications of significant back pay resulting from the agreement. We do not yet know what the impact of this will be on our municipalities and we are working with the province and other provincial municipal associations to advocate to the federal government to cover the significant back pay.

Finally, the province is moving forward on engagements with municipalities on a new Provincial Police Service (APPS). This is an important issue and I hope that you are all following it closely, as it has the potential to significantly impact service levels, governance, and costs associated with policing in Alberta. AB Munis has hired Global Consulting to review and provide in depth feedback on the PwC report and associated documents that were released last fall. There are 3 sets of engagements/consultations that are occurring on this issue, simultaneously.

- **AB Munis will be hosting a webinar, tentatively scheduled for Jan 19 at 6pm to inform our members about what is happening, solicit feedback to help the board establish a position, and provide information and**

questions that may be helpful for those that are attending the provincial engagements. Monitor your emails for further information on this important event.

- The GoA is running engagement sessions specifically for municipal elected officials. This is your opportunity to hear what the government has to say and let your voice be heard. The relevant reports and information on the provincial engagement can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/provincial-police-service-engagement.aspx>. This is an extremely important issue and I strongly encourage you to attend a session near you. You should have received an email with engagement details from the GoA.
- The National Police Federation is also holding a series of townhall style engagements. Having attended one of these, I can say that they are very informative and may help provide some clarity on what is happening. More information can be found at <https://www.keepalbertarcmp.ca/communityengagementtour>.

Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF)

The province is intending to replace MSI with the LGFF in 2024. While the LGFF is not perfect, it is a great achievement for Alberta municipalities. For years we have been advocating for a predictable, sustainable, and adequate capital funding model that will meet municipalities' needs. By cementing our funding in legislation and tying it to provincial revenues on a two-year cycle, Alberta is now one of three provinces with a funding model that is directly linked to provincial revenues. The legislation will provide municipalities with predictable sustainable funding. However, there continues to be room for improvement, and based on a motion at last years Municipal Leaders Caucus, AB Munis will continue to advocate for:

- Removing the 50% limitation in the revenue index factor so that annual changes in LGFF will match annual changes in provincial revenue,
- Increasing the starting amount of LGFF (it is currently set to start with a 36% reduction from historical MSI levels), and
- Implement the program one year earlier in 2023.

Additionally, AB Munis will be working with the RMA on an allocation formula. To help inform these conversations, AB Munis has formed a Municipal Financial Health Working Group which is set to present their findings to the Board in February.

EOEP Courses

The Elected Official Education Program offers an excellent selection of courses to assist you in your work as a councillor, regardless of if you are a new or returning councillor. If you have not yet taken it, I encourage everyone to take Munis 101. Information on courses and course availability can be found at <https://eoep.ca/>. I am also very excited to say that EOEP has partnered with the University of Alberta Augustana Campus to offer a new Municipal Elected Leaders Certificate. Visit the website for more information.

Other initiatives and programs

I cannot possibly update you on everything that we are working on, additional initiatives include (in no particular order):

Covid 19 advocacy
Provincial financial support for economic growth
Access to healthcare
Red Tape Reduction
Broadband
MGA Review
Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
Future of Municipal Government
Fostering a culture of respect
Welcoming and Inclusive Communities
Municipal Climate Change Action Center (MCCAC)
Clean Energy Improvement Program
Asset Management

Even this list is not comprehensive, so if you would like more information on these or anything else, please let me know. I am looking forward to working with you and your municipalities. I encourage you to get in touch with me, via email, phone, or text, if you would like to talk about the work AB Munis is doing or if you want to discuss something that is happening in your community. I am also looking forward to visiting communities again this summer, please let me know when will work for you and we will set it up.

Sincerely,

Angela Duncan

Deputy Mayor, Alberta Beach

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Current AB Munis Committee Appointments

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Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Zone 3 Representative/liaison

Rural Sustainability (in Primary Care) Task Force

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Alberta Municipalities Business Board (Formerly AMSC)

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From: Anita Sookar <Anita@abmunis.ca>
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Subject: Alberta Municipalities re-assignments to RMA Pembina District #3
Attachments: RMA Pembina District 3 (Duncan and Heron) - 2022.pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached letter from Alberta Municipalities CEO, Dan Rude.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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January 11, 2022

Councillor John Burrows
P.O. Box 60, #1 Woodlands Lane,
Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N3

Dear Councillor Burrows:

Re: Alberta Municipalities re-assignments to RMA Pembina District #3

On behalf of the Alberta Municipalities Board, please note the following re-assignments of Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan, Village of Alberta Beach (lead) and Mayor Cathy Heron, City of St. Albert (backup), as Alberta Municipalities' representatives on RMA Pembina District #3.

Please provide Deputy Mayor Duncan and Mayor Heron with any information on upcoming meetings and events. Their contact information is as follows:

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Mayor Cathy Heron

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Anita Sookar at 780-989-7406 or Anita@abmunis.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Rude".

Dan Rude

CEO, Alberta Municipalities

Cc: Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan
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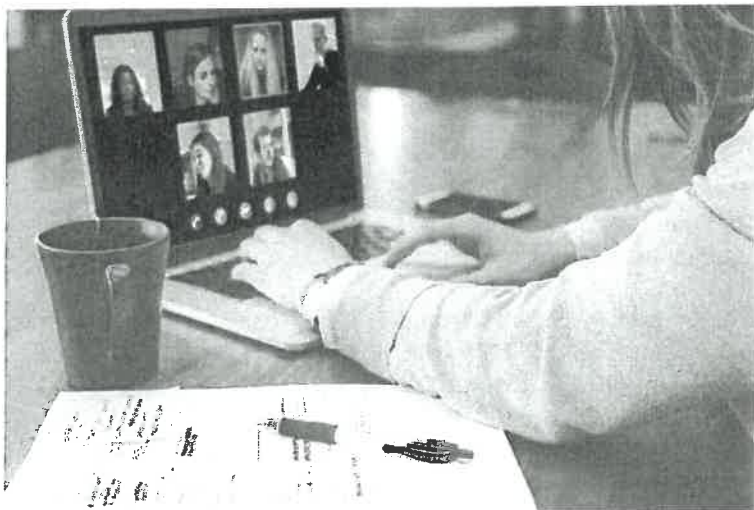
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EPR Municipal Workshop - Free Webinar



What would residential recycling look like under an EPR program? What will the impacts be on household hazardous waste programs?

Join us for an EPR workshop on January 5 at 10:30 a.m. to find out.

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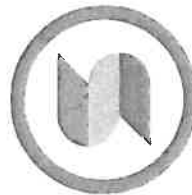
CASUAL LEGAL: New Guidance on SDAB Variance Powers

The Alberta Court of Appeal recently issued a decision that provides some important direction for Subdivision and Development Appeal Boards (SDABs) when interpreting and applying their variance powers under the Municipal Government Act.

GOOD TO KNOW

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP (RMRF) is hosting a virtual seminar on important and trending topics in employment law. The agenda boasts a lineup of timely topics focused on the legal landscape and how it relates to labour and employment in Alberta. Leaders, managers, and human resources professionals will all benefit from participating in this webinar. Please follow the [link](#) to learn more about the event and register.

Due tomorrow! Submit your Expression of Interest for the Municipal Energy Champions Program.



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Climate Change
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Participation in the **Municipal Energy Champions Program** is FREE, but it can save your community thousands of dollars.

The program helps small municipalities identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption and save money. We will help your 'champion' understand energy use and management, better track municipal energy consumption, and move forward in the energy planning process.

Your **Expression of Interest** is due tomorrow!

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The Alberta Court of Appeal recently issued a decision that provides some important direction for Subdivision and Development Appeal Boards (SDABs) when interpreting and applying their variance powers under the Municipal Government Act.

The decision dealt with the separation distance required between a library and a cannabis retail sales development under the municipality's land use bylaw. The proposed cannabis development was less than the required 200m from a public library, such that the initial application for a development permit was denied. The decision was appealed to the SDAB, where the Board allowed the appeal by granting a variance to the separation distance requirement.

In its reasons, the SDAB accepted the Developer's submission that "unless the Board can articulate what harm can come from granting a variance, then the variance should be granted. The Board must reasonably demonstrate the negative effect the proposed variance would have on the amenities of a neighbourhood and on the neighbouring parcels of land."

The Library Board appealed to the Court of Appeal for several reasons, including on the basis that the SDAB had incorrectly interpreted and applied the variance test in s 687(3)(d) of the MGA. Specifically, they argued that a party seeking a variance from the requirements of the land use bylaw should bear the onus and burden of proof to justify the

variance by establishing that it would not lead to any negative effects; as opposed to the SDAB's approach in effectively requiring some proof that the variance would be harmful before declining to approve a requested variance.

The majority of the Court of Appeal, however, rejected that argument and dismissed the appeal. They concluded that although the SDAB's use of the word "harm" was unhelpful and best avoided, it should be understood as referring to potential negative effects based on the proper test for granting a variance as set out in section 687(3)(d) of the MGA. They found the SDAB did identify proper reasons in its decision for concluding a variance was appropriate, including that the library and development were separated by a major roadway, and that possible nuisance concerns were mitigated by the presence of a police station on the same site as the proposed cannabis development. As such, the Board did not improperly impose a burden of proof on the opponents of the variance, and the Court of Appeal concluded it was acceptable for an SDAB to observe that it had not been provided with any substantive planning reasons to suggest negative effects would arise from granting the variance.

To access Alberta Municipalities Casual Legal Helpline, Alberta Municipalities members can call toll-free to 1-800-661-7673 or email casuallegal@abmunis.ca and reach the municipal legal experts at Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP. For more information on the Casual Legal Service, please contact riskcontrol@abmunis.ca, or call 310-MUNI (6864) to speak to Alberta Municipalities Risk Management staff. Any Regular or Associate member of Alberta Municipalities can access the Casual Legal Service.

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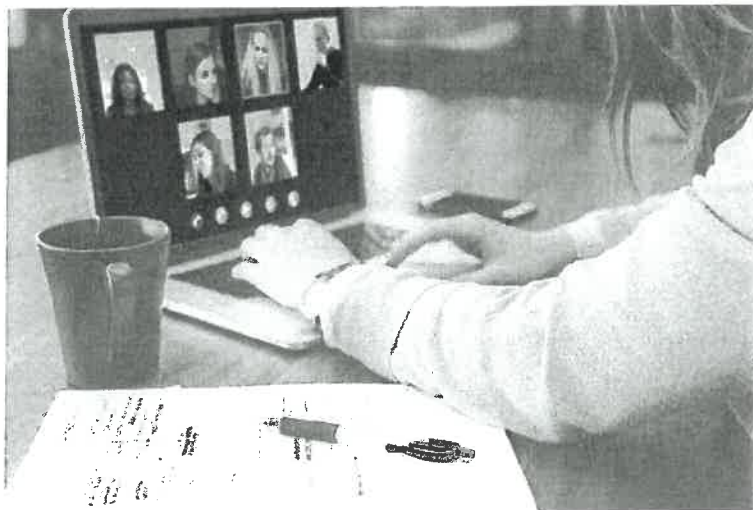
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QUICK LINKS

EPR Municipal Workshop Recording Available

Stormwater Ponds: Unsafe for Recreational Use

Casual Legal: New Year, New Work Arrangements, New Risks



Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations Published

Environment and Climate Change Canada published the Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations on Dec. 25, 2021, initiating a 70-day public comment period.



ADVOCACY UPDATES

Workshops on Canada's History & the Municipal Role in Reconciliation

Check out the eight virtual workshops exploring how past government policies have defined today's relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

CASUAL LEGAL: New Year, New Work Arrangements, New Risks

The COVID-19 pandemic caused an unprecedented shift in working arrangements, with countless employees transitioning to fully or partially working from home.

Recording Available: Jan. 5 EPR Municipal Workshop

The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) workshop hosted on January 5, 2022 is now available to view on YouTube.

Submissions for Transportation Innovation Awards Due by Feb. 25

The Minister's Awards for Transportation Innovation (MATI) honour innovative transportation projects completed in the last two years.

New FireSmart Program Open to Alberta Municipalities

The Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) is now accepting expressions of interest (EOI) for its new FireSmart Program.

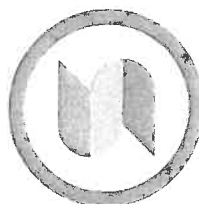
PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Stormwater Ponds: UNSAFE For Recreational Use

Stormwater ponds are working facilities that are unsafe for ALL forms of winter recreation.

2 Billion Trees Commitment

Planting two billion trees is no small feat. It takes a lot of planning, preparation and often many years to get from a seed to planting a tree in the ground, but the benefits last decades!



Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

The 2 Billion Trees (2BT) program aims to motivate and support new tree planting projects. Over the next 10 years, up to \$3.2 billion will be invested in tree planting efforts to support communities plant 2 billion trees. The deadline to apply for this round of funding is **February 17, 2022**. [Learn more here](#).

Communities like yours are making real change.

As part of the Action Centre's Recreation Energy Conservation (REC) program, the City of Lloydminster installed a REALice system at the Russ Robertson Arena. The REALice installation

resulted in a reduction of 18 tCO2/year and an energy cost saving of \$3,789.77/year. [Read more about this project here.](#)

GOOD TO KNOW

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP (RMRF) is hosting a virtual seminar on important and trending topics in employment law. The agenda boasts a lineup of timely topics focused on the legal landscape and how it relates to labour and employment in Alberta. This amazing seminar will be great for leaders, managers, and human resources professionals. [Learn more & register.](#)

The Edmonton-based [Resiliency Project](#) is hosting a FREE three-part webinar series on understanding hate, case studies and prevention of violence, and reporting hate crimes and incidents. The series offers guidance to any community that wants to reduce hate and become more inclusive and is designed for front-line staff, social workers, educators, school administrators, and youth program personnel.

Jan. 26, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. – Understanding Hate & Extremism

Feb. 2, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. – Local Context, Case Studies, & Prevention of Hate-Motivated Violence

Feb. 9, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. – Understanding and Reporting Hate Crimes & Incident

[Sign up before Wednesday, January 26.](#)

The [Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association \(ASCHA\)](#) will host a virtual information session for municipal elected officials to strengthen their understanding of the housing continuum in Alberta on February 17. We will explore the roles of municipalities and the potential impacts on seniors housing and community housing embedded in the new provincial Affordable Housing Strategy and government-led transformations in continuing care and home care.

[Register for Housing 101 for Municipal Elected Officials: 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 17.](#)

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Subject: New FireSmart Program Offering – up to \$200K in available funding

Hello,

The Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) is now accepting expressions of interest (EOI) for its new FireSmart Program.

Offering up to \$200K in funding, the program is open to all municipalities and helps communities and residents manage and reduce the threat of wildfire.

The program is offered in alignment with the Provincial Government's FireSmart Program. Eligible projects must be related to one or more [FireSmart disciplines](#).

The FRIAA is holding information sessions on January 25 and 31. If interested in attending, you are asked to send an email to FRIAA with your name, title, and organization to admin@friaa.ab.ca to register.

EOI submissions are due February 18. For more information, please visit this [webpage](#).

FRIAA is pleased to announce 1 current funding opportunities (/current-funding-opportunities/)



FRIAA FIRESMART PROGRAM

Forests cover over 50 per cent of Alberta's landscape, and communities across the province are nested within or near the forest. This creates a wildland/urban interface – an area where buildings and forested areas meet. Though beautiful, these communities are at increased risk of wildfire. The FRIAA FireSmart Program helps communities and residents manage and reduce the threat of wildfire. The program supports communities in carrying out activities aimed at reducing the threat of wildfire.

FRIAA FireSmart Program projects can include activities related to any of the seven disciplines that make up FireSmart:

- Planning (e.g. FireSmart community plan: wildfire preparedness guides and wildfire mitigation strategies; resource-sharing and mutual-aid fire control agreements);
- Vegetation/Fuel management (e.g. fuel breaks, thinning and pruning, vegetation removal/reduction and conversion to more fire-resistant species);
- Public education (e.g. increased awareness regarding wildfire threat and application of FireSmart principles);
- Inter-agency cooperation and cross-training;
- Legislation and planning (e.g. review provincial and municipal legislation, land-use bylaws and plans);
- Development (e.g. new subdivision development re: roadway access; water supply and utilities placement); and

- Emergency planning (e.g. develop or update procedures and response plans, and upgrading existing developments to FireSmart standards).

Each activity funded through the FRIAA FireSmart Program aims to create safer communities. Activities can range from modifying forest vegetation on the wildland/urban interface to educating residents about steps they should take on their own property to reduce the wildfire risk. Under planning, a wildfire preparedness guide (WPG) (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/9781460146095#summary>) can increase the situational awareness of emergency responders, refer to the updated manual by Agriculture and Forestry, Government of Alberta, January 2020.

FRIAA FireSmart endeavours to offer funding opportunities twice a year, typically in the summer and winter, subject to funding availability. Funding opportunities are open to Alberta communities and municipalities, First Nations, Metis Settlements and Locals and other eligible organizations.

For more information on FireSmart principles and FireSmart Canada (<https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/>), please visit their website.

Link below to a sample of FRIAA funded projects:

FireSmart Wildfire Exposure Assessment (https://firesmartcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FS_ExposureAssessment_Sept2018.pdf)- A planning tool for identifying values at risk and prioritizing mitigation effort. (Dr. Jen Beverly, September 2018)

State-of-Practice of Water Delivery Systems (Sprinklers) Used In The Wildland-Urban Interface (https://friaa.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/10_Compndium-State-of-practice-review-of-water-delivery-systems_v1.pdf)- (Ray Ault and Chad Gardeski, FPInnovations, April 2019)

FFP DOCUMENTS

Some of the following forms may require Adobe Acrobat Reader to view. Download Adobe Acrobat Reader here. (<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>)

FRIAA FireSmart Program Outline (<https://friaa.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FRIAA-FireSmart-Program-Program-Outline-for-RFEDI-21-Jan-21.pdf>)

Template – FireSmart Progress Report (Schedules A&B) (<https://friaa.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Template-Progress-Report-Schedules-AB.docx>)

Template – FireSmart Final Outcomes Report (Schedules A&B) (<https://friaa.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Template-Final-Outcomes-Report-Schedules-AB.docx>)

Wildland Hazardous Fuels Management Prescription Completion Guide (<https://friaa.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/WILDLAND-HAZARDOUS-FUELS-MGMT-PRESCRIPTION-HOW-TO-GUIDE.pdf>)

Wildland Hazardous Fuels Management Prescription (https://friaa.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Wildland_HazardousFuelsPrescription_20151008.docx)

Summary of Approved FireSmart Projects-June 2021 (https://friaa.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Summary-of-Approved-FireSmart-Projects_June2021_FINAL.pdf)

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EMERGING TRENDS IN MUNICIPAL LAW

**The trends you need to know
for your community to grow**

Calgary | February 10, 2022 | Virtual Option
Edmonton | February 17, 2022 | on Both Dates

Topics include:

- Employment Law in the Time of COVID
- Privacy and Freedom to Information Issues
- How to Manage Legal Matters
- Municipal Tax Powers, Conflicting Fiduciary Obligations
- Case and Legislative Updates
- Q&A bear pit session where our lawyers will answer your questions.

In-person Registration \$185 + GST
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Dear Bud,

You are invited to join us this February for our annual **Emerging Trends in Municipal Law** seminar featuring topics curated for our elected and administrative municipal clients.

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law will be held in-person in Calgary and Edmonton – and we will also offer a live-stream option if you are unable to attend in person.

The following topics will be featured at both sessions: employment law in the time of COVID, privacy and freedom to information issues, how to manage legal matters, municipal tax powers, conflicting fiduciary obligations, case and legislative updates, and a Q&A bear pit session where our lawyers will answer your questions.

In-person Registration \$185 + GST
Virtual Registration \$85 + GST

If we must switch to an entirely virtual event due to COVID, we will issue refunds or transfer in-person registrations to virtual tickets and refund the difference.

Details:

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law - Calgary

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm reception to follow

Location: Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre

Address: 1316 - 33 St. NE, Calgary

➔ **Register here: YYC**

Discounted room rates are available at the Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel from \$125 for double occupancy, only available until **January 10, 2022**.

Call 1.403.248.8888 and quote Brownlee LLP-MAIN or [click here](#) to book.

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law - Edmonton

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm reception to follow

Location: Edmonton Expo Centre

Address: 7515 - 118 Ave. NW, Edmonton

➔ **Register Here: YEG**

Discounted room rates are available at the Sutton Place Hotel from \$129 a night. Only available until **January 28, 2022**. Call 1.800.SANDMAN and quote BROWNLEE2022 or [click here](#) to book.

If you have any questions please contact, Prescilla Thompson by email:

pthompson@brownleelaw.com

Event is by invitation only.

We hope you can join us!

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To help limit the spread of the COVID-19, the Brownlee LLP Edmonton and Calgary offices are closed to the public. Email, telephone, and video conferencing, including Zoom and Skype are the primary channels of communication for our clients with their lawyer instead of in-person meetings. Please refer to our [COVID-19 resource page](#) that features articles written by our lawyers that examine how COVID-19 is affecting different industries and municipalities.



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Legal Topics Will Include: employment law in the time of COVID, privacy and freedom of information issues, how to manage legal matters, municipal tax powers, conflicting fiduciary obligations, case and legislative updates, and a Q&A bear pit session where our lawyers will answer your questions.

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Time: 8:30am – 3:30pm reception to follow

Location: In-person and virtual options available

\$185 + GST In-person Registration

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Call 1.800.SANDMAN and quote BROWNLEE2022 or click here to book via email.

**Emerging Trends is proud to be going green! We recommend you use the conference materials which will be available online closer to the date. Please note, we will not have any printed materials on-site.*

Event is by invitation only.

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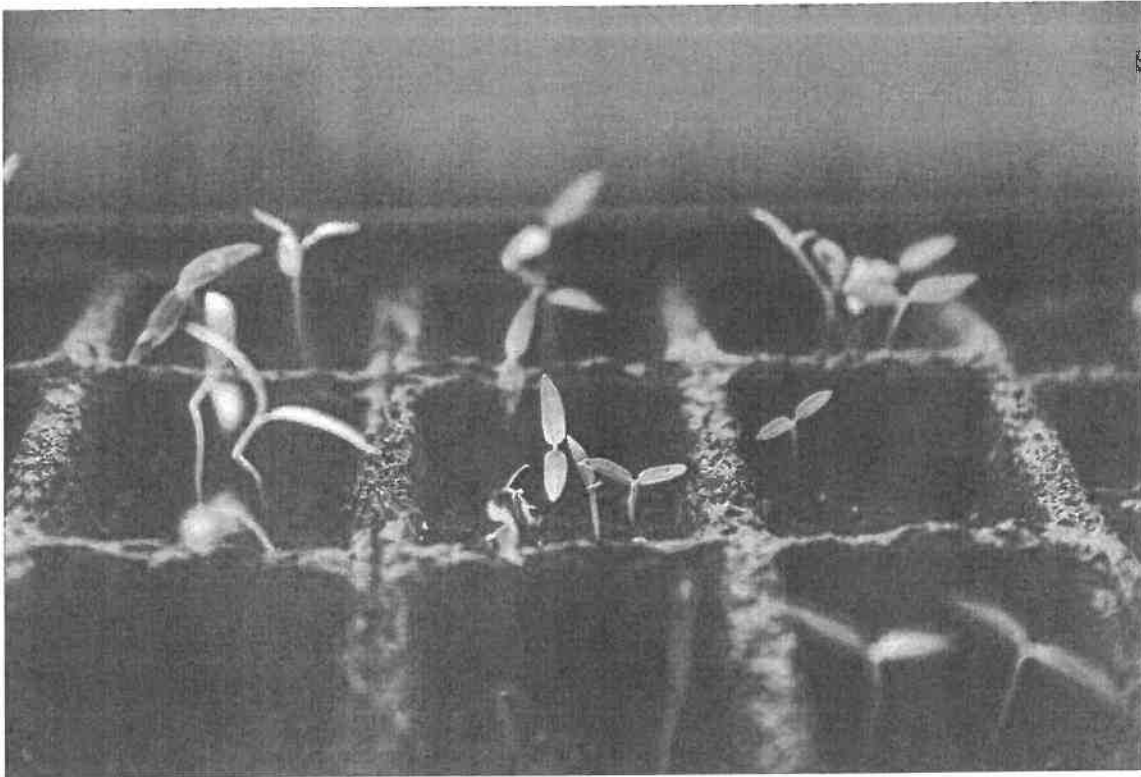


What's Happening at Communities ChooseWell

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you enjoyed the holidays and wish you all a happy, and healthy start to 2022!

The Communities ChooseWell team is looking forward to all the exciting events and opportunities we're planning for this year. Let's start the new year with:

- Intentions and goal setting from Communities ChooseWell
- Healthy Community Grants are open- apply today!
- Save the Date: 2022 Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium
- 2021 Award Winner Spotlight



Intentions and Goal Setting:

What to expect in 2022!

Happy New Year! We hope that your holidays were full of good food, big laughs, and cherished memories with loved ones. Our Communities ChooseWell Team is back in the office, and looking forward to an amazing 2022. We're working on a lot of exciting projects that we can't wait to share with you - but in the meantime, here's a peek at what you can expect to see from us in 2022:

- Hosting another dynamic Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium this Spring – keep an eye on our website and on your emails for updates in the coming weeks.
- Featuring more experts and champions in our Healthy Communities Webinar Series. Missed the first Healthy Communities Webinar? [Click here](#) to check out the recording
- Launching our 2022 Healthy Community Grants – be sure to get your applications submitted, we can't wait to hear about all the exciting projects in your community.
- ... And much, much more!

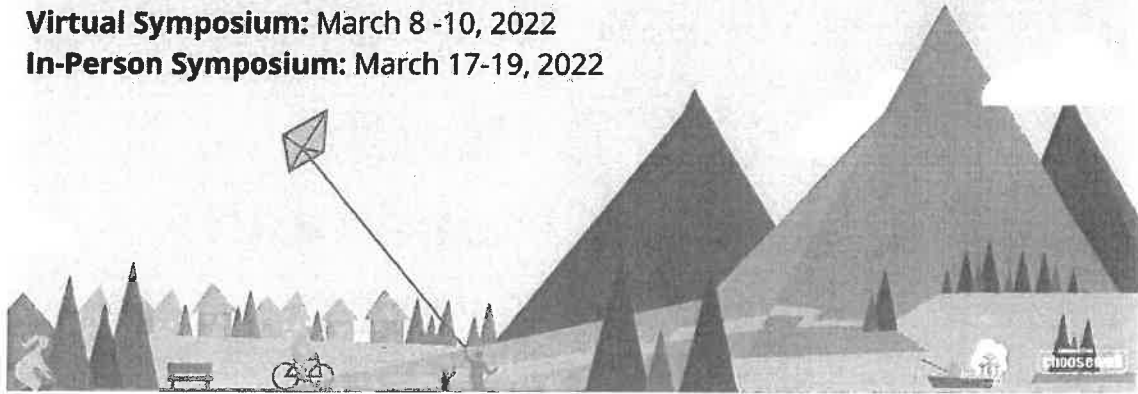


Learning & Connecting

Save The Date! Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium

Virtual Symposium: March 8 -10, 2022

In-Person Symposium: March 17-19, 2022



Save the Date: 2022 Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium

Mark your calendars for the 2022 Alberta Healthy Communities Symposium which will take place **virtually March 8-10, 2022** and **In-Person March 17-19, 2022** in Calgary, AB at the Grey Eagle Resort & Casino.

We are inviting all Community ChooseWell Champions to join us for the virtual symposium, or in-person symposium, OR BOTH!

Our theme this year is *Communities HEAL Through Connection*, with the focus on providing opportunities to reconnect with yourself, enhance your capacity to connect with others, and deepen your connection within your community.

This hybrid symposium will begin by introducing the Connection theme through keynote and breakout sessions and then dive into content rich master classes during the in-person symposium. You will gain a deeper understanding of the concepts related to healthy eating and active living and community connection.

Visit our website to learn more and keep your eyes open for registration details in mid January!

[Learn More!](#)



ChooseWell Healthy Community Grants
Apply today!

The Healthy Community Grant application period is officially open for 2022! Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for community projects related to an active living and/or healthy eating project in 2022. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2022. Here is everything you need to get started:

- [Application Guide](#)
- [Application Form](#) (includes optional eligibility quiz)
- [Interview Application Form](#)



ChooseWell Evaluation Survey Part 1

Communities ChooseWell is looking for your feedback! We want to know the impact our program has had, both to improve the program in the future, and to report to our funder, Alberta Health.

In the past, we have done one long survey each year. This year, we've streamlined the process, both shortening the process and splitting it up into 3 parts. Parts 2 and 3 will be sent out in February and March, respectively. Anyone who fills out all 3 parts of the survey will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card from a selection of retailers. Additionally, for each individual part, there will be 3 draws for \$25 gift cards from the same list of retailers.

Take 5-10 minutes and let us know how you feel about the Communities ChooseWell program. Thanks in advance!

Take the Survey!

Stay active this winter by joining Winter Walk Day 2022!

Winter Walk Day encourages people across Alberta to be active outdoors in winter - with more than 800 organizations and 100,000 Albertans taking part last year!

[Click here](#) below to learn more and get involved.

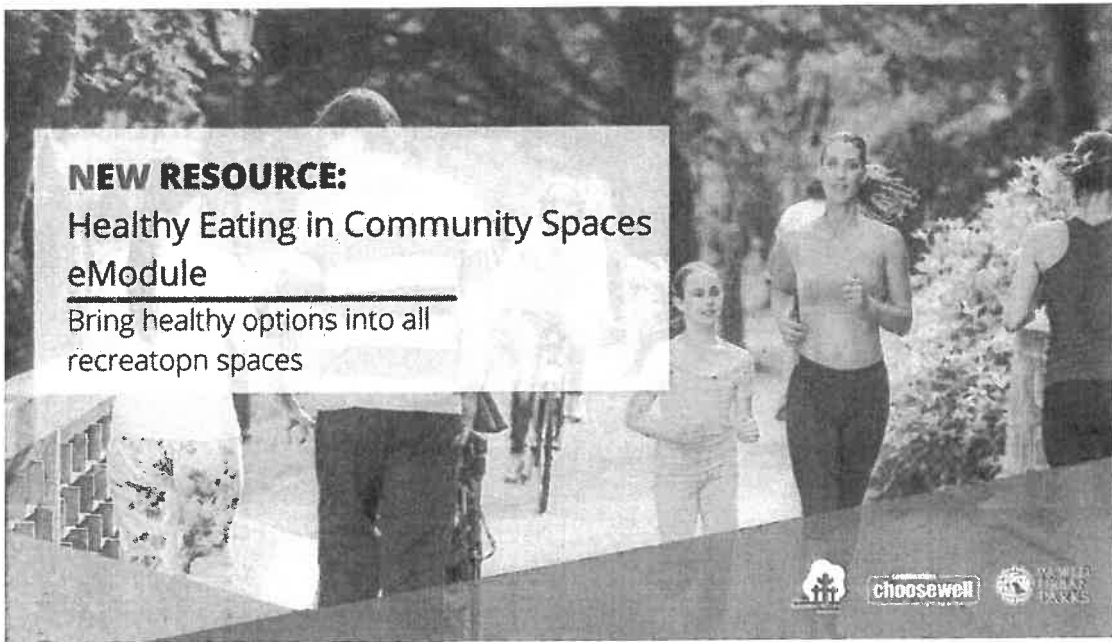


Wednesday February 2, 2022

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Resources



NEW RESOURCE:

**Healthy Eating in Community Spaces
eModule**

Bring healthy options into all
recreatopn spaces

New Resource:
Healthy Eating in Community Spaces eModule

Check out the new resource developed by Communities ChooseWell and World Urban Parks to support healthy options every place where communities recreate!

In this new addition to the Healthy Eating in Recreation Settings eCourse, we cover how you can bring healthy food and drinks into public and cultural events, parks and open spaces. Learn from local Albertan and international champions who have successfully implemented changes.

Start Learning!



Check out ARPA's Indigenous Oral Knowledge Hub

Over the past year, many of you have reached out to us for resources related to reconciliation. If your looking to continue your reconciliation journey this new year, we suggest that you take a look at the ARPA Indigenous Oral Knowledge Hub.

In this Hub, we have gathered all of our resources, alongside some external guest additions, to share with you. Our huge thanks go to the Elders and to our partners who have shared the gift of these incredible stories and teachings.

Another friendly reminder to also check out ARPA's newest resource on reconciliation, our [Indigenous Awareness & Engagement Toolkit](#).



Celebrating Communities



2021 Most Significant Change Award Winners Spotlight Town of Vulcan

Vulcan has been taking major steps to enhance the options for outdoor recreation in the town since the pandemic has begun. Last year, they were recognized for working with the local golf course and library to provide snowshoeing options for the winter, and they are being recognized again this year for their innovative use of local space to create places where community members can gather safely. We're excited to recognize them again at our Symposium in March, but, for now, enjoy their awards video from 2020:

[Watch the Video!](#)

[More stories from ChooseWell Communities](#)



Funding

External Funding Opportunities

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

[More Funding](#)

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

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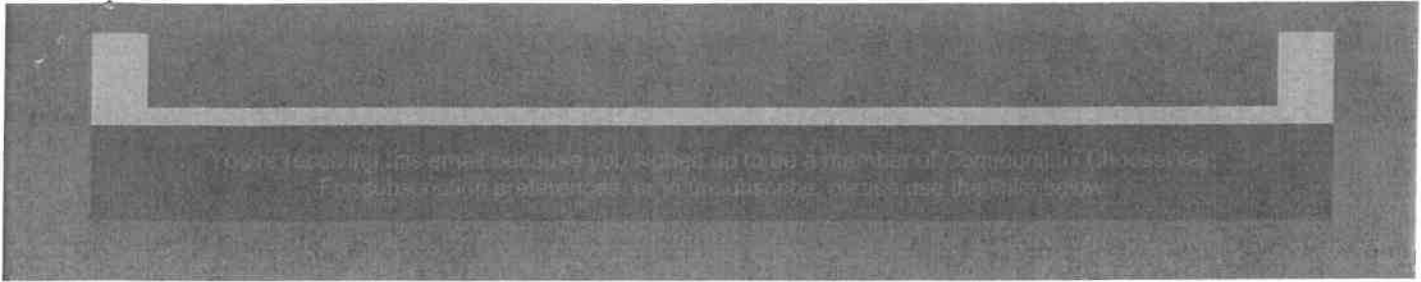


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Looking for updates about the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association?
Find them here!

Communities ChooseWell is a partnership between the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association and the Government of Alberta Ministry of Health.





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Gro for Good.

Scotts Canada launches 2022 *Gro for Good* Grants Initiative



**IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS & GREEN SPACES
ACROSS CANADA**

Mississauga, ON (January 12, 2022) – **Scotts Canada** Limited proudly announces the 2022 edition of the **Gro for Good** program to keep the spirit of community and

connection to nature alive in Canada. The program provides grants to deserving communities, schools and non-profit organizations seeking to develop sustainable community gardens and green spaces.

“Gardening has continued to be a focus for individuals and communities throughout the pandemic. As we enter into 2022, which has been proclaimed the Year of the Garden, Scotts Canada looks forward to providing more opportunities for communities to enjoy the benefits that gardens and gardening provide.”

Karen Stephenson
Director Regulatory Affairs & Stakeholder Relations
Scotts Canada

Scotts Canada is proud to offer another year of **Gro for Good** grants to support green space projects and the **Year of the Garden** initiative, spearheaded by the Canadian Garden Council. Gardening has been shown to provide multiple benefits, such as, encouraging healthy eating habits while learning how to grow your own food along with the health and wellness benefits that come from being outdoors and interacting with nature and other members of your community. Gardens have also been a response to food insecurity in many neighbourhoods across Canada.

Scotts Canada is pleased to be offering this exciting grant opportunity to Canadian communities in partnership with **Communities in Bloom, Plant · Grow · Share a Row and Nutrients for Life.**

Gro for Good grants are valued at \$2,500 (cash plus in-kind product donation) and will be awarded to selected projects across Canada based on community impact, youth involvement and sustainability. The applicants will need to demonstrate one or more of the following benefits to the community: addressing health and wellness needs, enhancing the environment and/or engaging with youth. Each recipient of a grant will also have the opportunity to compete for one additional grant of \$2,500 in cash that will be awarded based on a social media contest hosted by **Scotts Canada**.

[Apply Now for a 2022 Gro for Good Grant Online](#)

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the program, applications will be accepted until February 28, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST or until the first 300 submissions are received, whichever comes first. **Gro for Good** grants will be awarded as a combination of cash and in-kind product donation. Projects must be completed in 2022.

For further details on the **Gro for good** program, please visit: groforgood.com
Questions can also be directed to communication@cib-cef.com



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Subject: Digital Economy Program

Hello Community Stakeholders and Partners,

My name is Ian Butler, and I am reaching out to you today to introduce myself on behalf of Community Futures Yellowhead East, as I am the new Digital Economy Specialist, filling the role of Digital Service Squad (DSS) Member working within the Yellowhead East Region.

As you are aware, the DSS Member position is a grant position provided by the Government of Alberta in partnership with Business Link and Digital Main Street to help our local small businesses start or grow their digital presence in this difficult and changing environment through the Digital Economy Program (DEP).

My role as a DSS Member is to provide free one-on-one support to our local small business owners by providing guidance on using digital tools and technologies to become a more successful business, by increasing their online presence. The free one-on-one sessions with the owner can be done either digitally or in-person depending on what the business owner prefers due to public health restrictions and what is more comfortable for the owner. Examples of what I will be helping business owners with include but are not limited to; creating/optimizing social media accounts & Google My Business listings, ensuring best Search Engine Optimization practices are being applied, as well as teaching how to run ads via Instagram, Facebook and/or Google Ads.

The DEP is completely **free** for all local small business owners that fall into the requirements listed by the program. All costs are covered by the Alberta Government, Business Link and Digital Main Street. The only costs any business may incur is if they choose to use a recommended service during the consultation, e.g., purchasing a program or choosing to run an Ad Campaign, but the assistance to get these programs set up and running is provided as a free service.

As a community sponsor of the project, I would like to ask if you could provide me with a list of any small businesses within your area, that you feel could benefit from the Free Digital Economy Services and Resources that are available. Please feel free to forward those names and contact information directly to me, so that I may in turn reach out directly to those businesses to provide them with more information about the program. I can be reached at dssye@albertacf.com or businesses can automatically register for the onboarding process at <https://dep.businesslink.ca/#check-my-eligibility-form>.

The website also contains all information regarding the requirements in order to be eligible to apply for the program. If the business does fall into the criteria, they can then fill out the application at the end of the form and will be contacted afterwards.

I appreciate your support on sharing the word about this valuable program as I am confident it will prove to be a useful service to all small businesses in our community.

Happy New Year Stakeholders and Community Partners,

Ian Butler | Digital Squad Service Member
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- Moving from planning to implementation

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NEWS

Upcoming deadline for scholarship applications

FCM offers a total of seven scholarships for young women in high school, CEGEP, university and college. They are awarded to students who are active in their school's community and interested in the role of women in elected politics. This initiative supports FCM's objective of reaching gender parity in municipal councils across Canada. Please share this great opportunity in your networks. The deadline for applications is January 21, 2022.

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Sneak peek at FCM's municipal stream for the GLOBE Forum

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Your favourite FCM event is back, in a unique hybrid format! Join us June 2-5 for FCM's 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show—in beautiful Regina, or online from anywhere. Prepare to be wowed by our fantastic program, enriching networking activities and exclusive online content access. Registration will open in a few weeks, so stay tuned for that. For now, be sure to save the date, because this is one event you won't want to miss.

RESOURCES

FCM's GMF Annual Report success story: Kootenays, BC

Transportation accounts for 61% of GHG emissions in the Kootenays. That's why local leaders saw opportunity in a network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and boost the use of EVs and EV tourism.

Working with GMF, the region built 13 direct current fast charging stations and 40 Level 2 stations. By 2030 the project is expected to save 11 million litres of gasoline annually.

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FCM TWEETS

Jan 10: Are you a [#CDNmuni](#) elected official looking to expand your [#ClimateChange](#) knowledge and skills? We want to help you develop as a climate leader. Learn about our new, free course and apply by January 26 to participate:
<https://bit.ly/3teoHOv>

Jan 5: Do you know a young woman who has demonstrated commitment to her studies and the political life of her community? The application period for FCM's scholarships closes on January 21. Tell someone about it today!
<https://bit.ly/3q5zM2p>

Jan 6: FCM drove landmark new investments in public transit & rural trans—incl a new permanent transit fund that will create jobs, support economic growth, shorten commutes & get Canada closer to net-zero emissions. FCM unites &

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Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Nixon, Kelsey <kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com> on behalf of Stakeholder Relations Team <stakeholderrelations@fortisalberta.com>
Sent: December 23, 2021 3:02 PM
Cc: Smith, Nicole; Hunka, Dave
Subject: RE: Approved FortisAlberta 2022 Distribution Rates
Attachments: 2022 FortisAlberta Approved Rates - Muni Final.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a copy of the Approved 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

Kelsey Nixon | Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Key Accounts

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December 23, 2022

RE: Approved FortisAlberta 2022 Distribution Rates

As a follow up to our correspondence in September 2021, FortisAlberta has received approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for its distribution rates, effective January 1, 2022. In addition, the AUC has approved the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) 2022 tariff resulting in adjustments to the Base Transmission Adjustment Rider, the Quarterly Transmission Adjustment Rider and Balancing Pool Allocation. FortisAlberta collects and flows through all transmission and Balancing Pool costs billed by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) as approved by the AUC.

The attached charts illustrate the estimated percentages and average changes for each rate class based on estimated consumption and demand between December 2021 and January 2022 on a distribution rate only basis and a bundled bill basis from your retailer. The bundled bill percentages indicated on the attached chart will vary slightly compared to the version you received in September, as it reflects the transmission rate rider adjustments. Additionally, in January most quotation packages will now breakdown project costs into three categories which are Construction (Labour, Equipment & Services), Materials and Engineering (Project Management & Administrative).

We thank you for the opportunity to advise you of these updates. Please feel free to contact me or your Stakeholder Relations Manager should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hunka".

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2022 Approved Rates
Average Monthly Bill Impacts by Rate Class
DISTRIBUTION ONLY

Rate	Rate Class Description	Consumption Usage	Demand Usage	Dec 2021 Bill	Jan 2022 bill	\$ Difference	% Change
		300 kWh		\$32.15	\$34.23	\$2.08	6.5%
11	Residential	640 kWh		\$40.07	\$43.61	\$3.54	8.8%
		1200 kWh		\$53.12	\$59.07	\$5.95	11.2%
		900 kWh	5 kVA	\$85.06	\$84.09	-\$0.97	-1.1%
21	Farm (Breaker Billed)	1,400 kWh	10 kVA	\$155.79	\$163.10	\$7.31	4.7%
		7,500 kWh	25 kVA	\$368.00	\$467.62	\$99.62	27.1%
		700 kWh	10 kVA	\$155.79	\$175.92	\$20.13	12.9%
22	Farm (Demand Metered)	3,000 kWh	20 kVA	\$297.26	\$334.24	\$36.98	12.4%
		15,000 kWh	60 kVA	\$863.13	\$960.27	\$97.14	11.3%
		6,000 kWh	20 kW	\$788.22	\$955.87	\$167.65	21.3%
26	FortisAlberta Irrigation	14,518 kWh	33 kW	\$1,338.94	\$1,569.54	\$230.60	17.2%
		*Seasonal bill impact	45,000 kWh	100 kW	\$4,053.98	\$4,732.32	\$678.34
31	Streetlighting (Investment)	5,144 kWh	12,500 W	\$2,327.79	\$2,454.03	\$126.24	5.4%
38	Yard Lighting	5,000 kWh	12,000 W	\$1,462.13	\$1,540.42	\$78.29	5.4%
Rates 31 and 38 are based on 100 HPS Lights in assorted fixture wattages.							
		1,083 kWh	5 kW	\$73.59	\$81.57	\$7.98	10.8%
41	Small General Service	2,165 kWh	10 kW	\$130.52	\$135.17	\$4.65	3.6%
		10,825 kWh	50 kW	\$585.96	\$563.97	-\$21.99	-3.8%
		2,590 kWh	7.5 kW	\$180.51	\$190.07	\$9.56	5.3%
44/45	Oil and Gas Service	5,179 kWh	15 kW	\$336.72	\$362.28	\$25.56	7.6%
		25,895 kWh	75 kW	\$1,517.52	\$1,739.98	\$222.46	14.7%
		32,137 kWh	100 kW	\$589.40	\$512.25	-\$77.15	-13.1%
61	General Service	63,071 kWh	196 kW	\$940.88	\$971.97	\$31.09	3.3%
		482,055 kWh	1500 kW	\$4,840.13	\$7,198.73	\$2,358.60	48.7%
		824,585 kWh	2500 kW	\$9,525.10	\$8,843.73	-\$681.37	-7.2%
63	Large General Service	1,529,869 kWh	4638 kW	\$11,081.29	\$9,659.21	-\$1,422.08	-12.8%
		3,298,338 kWh	10,000 kW	\$14,984.13	\$11,704.42	-\$3,279.71	-21.9%
65	Transmission Connected Service	The Distribution component will increase from \$39.17/day to \$44.39/per day. The Transmission Component is the applicable rate of the AESO.					

2022 Approved Rates
Average Monthly Bill Impacts by Rate Class
BUNDLED BILL Including Energy, Retail, and DT Rates & Riders

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		1200 kWh		\$238.03	\$245.89	\$7.86	3.3%
		900 kWh	5 kVA	\$120.10	\$119.66	-\$0.44	-0.4%
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		7,500 kWh	25 kVA	\$1,468.04	\$1,587.70	\$119.66	8.2%
		700 kWh	10 kVA	\$264.07	\$286.10	\$22.03	8.3%
22	Farm (Demand Metered)	3,000 kWh	20 kVA	\$741.46	\$786.50	\$45.04	6.1%
		15,000 kWh	60 kVA	\$3,059.59	\$3,196.84	\$137.25	4.5%
		6,000 kWh	20 kW	\$1,885.54	\$1,998.02	\$112.48	6.0%
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		10,825 kWh	50 kW	\$2,240.67	\$2,271.04	\$30.37	1.4%
		2,590 kWh	7.5 kW	\$541.13	\$552.45	\$11.31	2.1%
44/45	Oil and Gas Service	5,179 kWh	15 kW	\$1,046.48	\$1,075.60	\$29.12	2.8%
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<p>Riders Included: Municipal Franchise Fee Municipal assessment Rider (0.73% on July 1, 2021) 2021 Base TAR & 2022 Base TAR 2021 Q4 QTAR and 2022 Q1 QTAR 2021 BPAR and 2022 BPAR Utility Deferral Adjustment Rider</p>	<p>Retail/Energy Price Assumptions Rates 11 through 44 – Jan 2021 to Dec 2021 Average EEAI RRT Rates Rates 61 and 63 – November 2020 to October 2021 Average EPCOR Default Supply Rate</p>
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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 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 Streetlighting (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

** Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) Decision 26817-D01-2021, Dec. 15, 2021.
Maximum Investment Levels are reduced if the expected Investment Term is less than 15 years.

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Subject: Re: Streamlining Foreign Physician and Nurse Assessments

Attachments: College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta - LOS City of Cold Lake - January 7, 2022.pdf; College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta - LOS to Fast Track Immigrant Nurses - January 7, 2022.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached copies of correspondence from Mayor Blair Painter of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass to be shared with your Councils in hopes they too will extend their support to Streamlining Foreign Physician and Nurse Assessments in Alberta.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully,



Bonnie Kawasaki

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January 7, 2022

Via Email: registrar@cpsa.ab.ca

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta
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Attention: Dr. Scott McLeod, Registrar

Dear Dr. McLeod:

Re: Letter of Support for City of Cold Lake and Streamlining Foreign Physician Assessments

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Council fully supports the request by the City of Cold Lake to have the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta consider streamlining the assessment process for physicians from outside of Canada but wish to extend this consideration be given to facilitate integration for those doctors in all communities in Alberta currently facing physician shortages.

Our current health crisis has clearly demonstrated the need for additional doctors to support and enhance caregivers that are overworked and stretched to capacity when there are many immigrant physicians sitting on the sidelines forced to work in underemployed positions to make ends meet.

We recognize that it is a great responsibility to ensure that foreign educated doctors are qualified to Canadian standards, but it appears that the current process is too cumbersome and that as a country we are losing out on this virtually untapped pool of skilled medical professionals.

We thank you for your kind consideration and hope that we can all work together to find a solution to this problem, or at the very least to make improvements to the current accreditation process by removing the significant barriers to becoming certified in our province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blair Painter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Blair Painter
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
403-563-0700
blair.painter@crowsnestpass.com

cc: The Honorable Jason Copping, Minister of Health
Alberta Municipalities
Rural Municipalities Association



January 7, 2022

Via Email: carna@nurses.ab.ca

College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta
11120 178 Street
Edmonton, AB T5S 1P2

Dear Council:

Re: Letter of Support for Fast Tracking Immigrant Nurses for Certification in Alberta

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Council respectfully requests that the College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta consider fast tracking immigrant nurses to qualify to work in Alberta in all communities currently facing nursing shortages.

Our current health crisis has clearly demonstrated the need for additional nurses to support and enhance our current caregivers that are overworked and stretched to capacity when there are many immigrant nurses sitting on the sidelines forced to work in underemployed positions to make ends meet.

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cc: The Honorable Jason Copping, Minister of Health
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cc: Conrad

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Colin Buschman <cbuschman@npf-fpn.com>
Sent: January 4, 2022 10:49 AM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: REMINDER: KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour on the Proposed APPS

REMINDER

Dear Mayor Love and Alberta Beach Council,

I am reaching out to you to invite you to our upcoming Community Engagement Tour regarding the recently released PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) APPS Transition Study and what this may mean for you and your community.

While the Government of Alberta (GoA) states that the report “found the concept was realistic, cost-effective and worth further study” as well as puts “more frontline personnel in communities across Alberta at equal or lower cost”, we have found the GoA Report to be overlooking and omitting vital details which will have a tremendous impact on municipalities across Alberta.

As Premier Jason Kenney continues his push for a police transition Albertans don’t want, the NPF is travelling the Province to discuss these issues directly with Mayors, Councillors, stakeholders, and all Albertans. We hope you will be able to join us to share your unique perspectives, thoughts, and concerns. We look forward to having this conversation with you and your community.

The KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour will be open to the public, please forward this message on to those who may be interested in attending. Due to COVID-19 regulations, all venues are participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program and as such, all participants must comply with those restrictions including the wearing of masks. As well, we ask all participants to RSVP to ensure we stay within capacity limits and so that we can contact you should any details change.

If you have any questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact Colin Buschman, Western Government Relations Advisor, at CBuschman@NPF-FPN.com.

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January 6, 2022

10:00am

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January 6, 2022

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Athabasca

January 10, 2022

3:00pm

Fort McMurray

January 11, 2022

10:00am

Regards,

Colin Buschman

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Subject: Adolescent Vaccine Provision - Town of Tofield

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Good morning,

The attached is being provided on behalf of Mayor and Council. Could I kind ask that the attached be shared with your Mayor and Councils, please.

Respectfully,

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January 13, 2022

Honorable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta
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Dear Premier,

Re: Rural Alberta – Adolescent Vaccine Provision

Premier Kenney, since the availability of vaccines has been provided to Albertans, the message from yourself, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and the Health Minister has remained consistent. This message has been that all eligible individuals should receive the first available vaccine, and now, this availability has extended to our youth. During the first availability of vaccine, rural Alberta felt that they were being slighted, or ignored in not having vaccine provision to those who were unable to travel, or not wanting to leave the comforts of their own community, to truly do the right thing and become vaccinated. Many across rural Alberta, Tofield included reached out to advocate and make our voices heard in having this service provided in our communities through our very capable means, such as, our pharmacies and competent pharmacists.

Bluntly, your government is ignoring rural Alberta, and creating barriers and hindrances for vaccine provision. Members of our community wanting to have their children vaccinated are being forced to drive between 50 and 70 kilometers one way to have this service provided. On top of this true inconvenience, the weather elements and poor road conditions are adding a further issue to what is already a stressful time for these parents. The decision of many is to not contend with these barriers, which is resulting in a lower vaccination rate in our rural locations.

The path forward from our vantage point appears clear, provide vaccine to our rural pharmacies to vaccinate our youth. Globally, we know that the way back to a normal life requires vaccination. In not having this ability in rural Alberta, the pandemic and its challenges to our health care system, economy and Albertans mental health will continue.

Honorable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta
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Premier Kenney, please do not continue to ignore rural Alberta. We in the outlying centres have suffered deeply, and this stance only stands to hurt Alberta as a province on a longer-term basis. As a Council and a community, we implore your government to take a stance and advocate for change.

Sincerely,



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Good Morning WILD Water Commission Members,

Attached is information regarding the Orthophosphate additive that will be become standard in our water supply system by December 2022. Please reach out to our office if you have any questions regarding this information.

Thanks,

WILD Water Commission

**WEST INTER LAKE DISTRICT (WILD)
REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION**

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January 6, 2022

TO: ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS
(Sent by E-Mail)

Dear Member,

Re: WILD Water Commission – Notice of Orthophosphate Additives in the EPCOR System Beginning December 2022

On January 3rd, 2022, the WILD Water Commission was informed by our upstream water supplier (the Capital Regional Parkland Water Services Commission) that beginning in December 2022 the addition of orthophosphate (a lead inhibitor) to our water supply will become standard. This change has been initiated by and through our source water supplier, EPCOR. The purpose of this letter is simply to inform our stakeholders and users of this change, and to allow time for you to evaluate and adjust for any impacts it may have on your organization.

Detailed background on orthophosphates, including a sample correspondence and material package members may wish to post on their websites, has been enclosed to this letter and we encourage you to share it with stakeholders in your service area. This round of notice is intended for commercial, industrial, or food processing operations as these operations may face a greater impact (possible need to retrofit/upgrade equipment, etc.). There is not as significant an expected impact to the average residential household or consumer, but additional messaging for this consumer group is anticipated in a second notice which we will provide once made available to us.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, who to share this information with, or what the impacts of orthophosphates in your water supply may be please reach out to our office to discuss further.

Regards,



Dwight Darren Moskalyk
Commission Manager
WILD Water Commission

Encl: Letter (Commercial) Orthophosphate Background (WILD 2022 to Members)
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Orthophosphate - Lead in Water Treatment - Web Copy

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Word Count	955 (target: 785)

Adding Orthophosphate For Corrosion Control And Lead Prevention

We care about the health and wellbeing of our customers, and we take our commitment to providing safe, reliable drinking water very seriously. We are protecting our customers from water pipe corrosion and lead in drinking water by adding anti corrosion additives for water including orthophosphate for corrosion control to our water treatment process.

What is Orthophosphate Used For In Water Treatment?

Orthophosphate is a safe, tasteless, odorless substance, naturally present in foods as phosphate that forms a protective coating inside our city's water infrastructure and inside household plumbing systems. Orthophosphate is a corrosion inhibitor for water service lines, and a proven water treatment method to prevent corrosion and reduce the amount of lead in drinking water.

As part of EPCOR's enhanced Lead Mitigation Program, EPCOR will be adding orthophosphate to our water treatment process in December 2022. Phosphate is a safe additive found naturally in foods such as bread, cheese, fruit and nuts. In fact, you'd have to drink 104 glasses of water with orthophosphate added to match the same amount of phosphorus found in one banana.

EPCOR has been managing lead levels since 2008 by removing household lead water service that showed high levels of lead; now we are supplementing this with orthophosphate due to other sources of lead that homeowners may not be aware of, like lead solder in the household plumbing or lead fixtures in taps. We expect that the addition of orthophosphate will aid in the prevention of water line corrosion, lower lead levels, and achieve compliance with Health Canada's lead concentration recommendations.

The addition of Orthophosphate in drinking water as a lead inhibitor was approved by City Council and City Administration in March 2019, and is the industry standard for reducing lead in water systems used by many municipalities throughout North America including Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Halifax, New York City and Washington D.C.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why do we need to add a lead inhibitor if only a few homes in Edmonton have lead pipes and service lines?

A: Lead pipes and service lines are not the only source of lead; our sampling research has shown that lead present in in-home plumbing, old solder and brass fixtures also have the potential to exceed Health Canada's proposed guideline.

Q: Are there any health effects related to orthophosphate?

A: Adding a lead inhibitor (orthophosphate) has no negative effects on health. It is commonly used by water utilities across North America and the United Kingdom to prevent lead from entering into drinking water. Phosphate is naturally present in food and is a common additive to beverages. In fact, you would have to drink 104 glasses of tap water to match the phosphorus in one banana.

Q: Is there a difference between orthophosphate and phosphate?

A: Orthophosphate is a member of the phosphate family. Orthophosphates are small molecules, formed from the smallest and most basic form of phosphorus and are added to processed foods and naturally present in many foods.

Q: Do I need to do anything after orthophosphate is added?

A: No, residential customers can continue to use the water as they normally would. There is no action necessary once orthophosphate is added. The water will remain safe to drink.

Commercial customers that use Edmonton's water for manufacturing or petrochemical production may need to make adjustments to their water processes.

Orthophosphate Addition for Commercial Customers

The addition of Orthophosphate concentration in the water supply may require businesses that rely on Edmonton's water for manufacturing, food processing, petrochemical production as well as commercial heating and cooling to make adjustments to their own water processes.

Orthophosphate will be added to Edmonton's water at the water treatment plants beginning in December 2022. During implementation, the concentration of orthophosphate will begin at 0.9 mg/L. EPCOR will monitor and, over time, optimize the orthophosphate dosing and concentration. We expect the implementation process to take approximately one year where orthophosphate concentrations may fluctuate. We recommend businesses in the manufacturing, food processing, petrochemical production as well as commercial heating sectors review your process requirements to determine if your business may be impacted by the addition of orthophosphate. Areas where your business may be impacted could include:

Production and Water Treatment

Orthophosphate may affect reverse osmosis systems. EPCOR recommends that you contact your process equipment consultants to complete an assessment in advance of December 2022 to determine if you will need to make any required adjustments prior to orthophosphate implementation.

Cooling Towers

Orthophosphate in the water may change the type and amount of precipitate that deposits on commercial heat exchangers. Companies may need to adjust their chemical treatment to account for the change in phosphate levels. It is recommended that companies contact their heating and cooling supplier, water treatment chemical provider or water process consultant to discuss the need for adjustment to your heating and cooling system.

Boilers

The impact of orthophosphate on boilers is expected to be minimal. Many customers already add phosphate to precipitate calcium or as a tracer in their boiler system. For this reason, companies already adding phosphate may benefit from the addition of orthophosphate. Companies that already add phosphate may need to adjust their dosage levels accordingly or apply for an overstrength permit for discharge of their wastewater.

There may be other processes within your business that we have not identified that may be impacted by the addition of orthophosphate. We recommend that you discuss these changes with a water process consultant or industry association to determine if there is an impact to your water process.

Looking for more information:

You can also reach out to our Orthophosphate Program Representative if you have any questions regarding the orthophosphate treatment process: orthophosphate@epcor.com.



Stakeholders of the West Inter Lake District (WILD) Regional Water Services Commission:

DRINKING WATER CHEMISTRY CHANGES COMING DECEMBER 2022

TO REDUCE LEAD, EPCOR WILL BE ADDING ORTHOPHOSPHATE TO EDMONTON'S TREATED WATER EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2022.

EPCOR cares about the health and wellbeing of our customers, and we take our commitment to providing safe, reliable drinking water very seriously. As one of our commercial customers, we want to make you aware of an upcoming change to Edmonton's drinking water chemistry. As part of EPCOR's Enhanced Lead Mitigation Program, orthophosphate will be added to treated water starting in December 2022. This may require businesses that use water for manufacturing, food processing, petrochemical production, as well as commercial heating and cooling, to make adjustments to their processes.

Orthophosphate is being added to reduce the release of lead into drinking water from all sources, including lead service lines and plumbing components. It is the industry standard for treating lead corrosion in municipal drinking water all over the world. Orthophosphate is a tasteless, odourless substance that creates a protective barrier on plumbing surfaces. Approximately half of medium and large utilities in the United States and nearly all of the utilities in the United Kingdom rely on a phosphate-based lead corrosion inhibitor to reduce lead in their systems. Canadian cities such as Toronto, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Halifax, and Saint John have also seen positive results by adding orthophosphate to their drinking water.

WHY IS EPCOR ADDING ORTHOPHOSPHATE TO THE WATER?

In March 2019, Health Canada released an updated guideline for Canadian Drinking Water Quality that established a new maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) of lead in the water. The MAC has been reduced from 10 μ g/L to 5 μ g/L and monitoring has been moved from the distribution system to the consumer's tap. As part of EPCOR's Enhanced Lead Mitigation Strategy, the City of Edmonton approved the addition of orthophosphate as a lead inhibitor to protect residents from releases of lead in the water. The use of orthophosphate has also been endorsed by Alberta Health Services and our regulator Alberta Environment and Parks.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION?

Orthophosphate will be added to Edmonton's water at the Rosedale Water Treatment Plant and E.L. Smith Water Treatment Plant beginning in December 2022. The concentration of orthophosphate will begin at 0.9 mg/L as P. and EPCOR will monitor and, over time, optimize the concentration. Over approximately one year, orthophosphate concentrations may fluctuate. EPCOR anticipates that after the implementation and optimization phase, orthophosphate concentrations will remain stable, with possible slight adjustments from season to season.

HOW CAN I PREPARE MY BUSINESS FOR THIS CHANGE?

EPCOR is providing advanced notice of these changes to allow businesses adequate time to identify potential impacts on their processes and equipment. Some business areas that may be affected include:

Production and Water Treatment

- The addition of orthophosphate may affect reverse osmosis and other water treatment systems. EPCOR recommends that you contact your process equipment consultants or suppliers to complete an assessment in advance of December 2022 to determine if you will need to make any required adjustments prior to orthophosphate implementation.

Heat Exchangers and Cooling Towers

- Orthophosphate in the water may change the type and amount of precipitate that deposits on commercial heat exchangers and cooling towers. Companies may need to adjust their chemical treatment to account for the change in phosphate levels. It is recommended that companies contact their heating and cooling supplier, water treatment chemical provider or process consultant to discuss the need for adjustment to your heating and cooling system.

Boilers

- The impact of orthophosphate on boilers is expected to be minimal. Many customers already add phosphate to precipitate calcium and/or as a tracer in their boiler system. For this reason, companies already adding phosphate may benefit from the implementation of EPCOR's Enhanced Lead Mitigation Strategy. Companies that already add phosphate may need to adjust their dosage levels accordingly or apply for an overstrength permit for discharge of their wastewater. You can apply for an overstrength permit through EPCOR Drainage at epcor.com.

There may be other processes within your business that we have not identified that may be impacted by the addition of orthophosphate to the municipal drinking water. We recommend that you discuss these changes with a consultant to determine if there is an impact to your water process.

IMPACT TO CUSTOMERS PAYING WASTEWATER OVERSTRENGTH SURCHARGE FOR TOTAL PHOSPHORUS

EPCOR recognizes that this change to water chemistry may impact the total phosphorus level measured in samples collected for the overstrength surcharge program. Once the orthophosphate program has been implemented, the measured concentrations in your discharged water will be reduced by the concentration that is added to the municipal drinking water to determine the overstrength surcharge.

The intent is to have no net financial impact to our customers.

For more information on EPCOR's Lead Mitigation Strategy, please visit epcor.com/lead.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to us via email at wildwatercommission@gmail.com

Regards,

Administration
West Inter Lake District (WILD)
Regional Water Services Commission

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Cathy Heron <president@abmunis.ca>
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Attachments: ABmunis - Analysis of PwC Report Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) Transition.pdf

Hello Mayors, Councillors and CAO's,

Alberta Municipalities is hosting a webinar for members on Wednesday, January 19 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, to review and discuss the Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) that is being proposed by the Alberta provincial government. This webinar will prepare members for the upcoming provincial meetings with the Department of Justice and Solicitor General (JSG), ensuring that members are aware of the details from the PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) Transition Report and what information gaps exist. We will also ensure members are equipped with questions that JSG must eventually answer with regards to an APPS.

JSG administration recently met with the Alberta Municipalities Board to provide a “dry run” through their presentation. It caused many concerns which we will discuss in more detail next week at our webinar.

Also, to prepare for this session, we contracted Global Public Affairs to provide a detailed analysis of the APPS transition report developed by PWC. Global will present their findings during the webinar and we will then use the remaining time to connect with members regarding the outstanding questions and concerns.

Attached to this email is a synopsis and analysis of the PWC Transition Report to the APPS and preliminary questions for your review prior to the webinar. Based on what we hear during the webinar and JSG sessions, Alberta Municipalities intends to draft a Request for Decision on an official position on policing in Alberta. This position development and ratification will be the significant focus on at our Spring Municipal Leaders’ Caucus in Edmonton (March 9 and 10).

To register for this important discussion, please click on the link below:

When: Jan 19, 2022 06:00 PM Edmonton
Topic: Alberta Municipalities Meeting on Provincial Policing - January 12, 2022
Link to Registration Page:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkd-yorTwtEtXheb6CnY3kgOqSdLQj03e->

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining. If you have any questions, please email advocacy@abmunis.ca. We look forward to connecting.

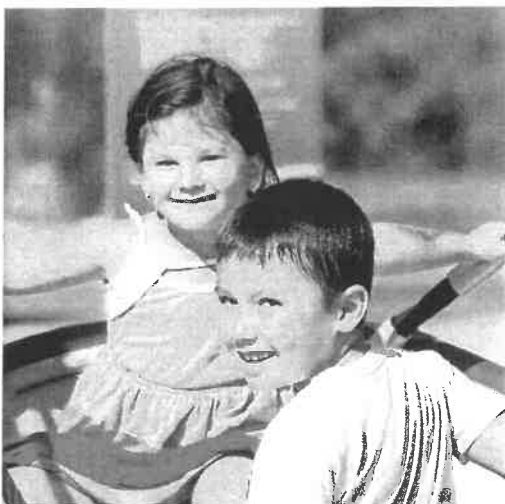
Thank you,

Cathy Heron | President

Mayor, City of St. Albert

Analysis of **PwC Report** **Alberta Provincial** **Police Service** **(APPS) Transition**

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Executive Summary

In November of 2019, Premier Jason Kenney struck up the Fair Deal Panel, with the mandate of consulting with Albertans to gather input on how best to define and secure a fair deal for Alberta within the country. In May of 2020, the panel submitted their final report to the provincial government with a number of recommendations. These included areas of focus such as addressing the future of equalization, the possibilities of an Alberta Pension Plan, and an issue impacting all municipalities in the province – exploring an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS).

In October of 2021, the Government of Alberta released the independent report developed by PwC that studied the feasibility of replacing the RCMP with the APPS, including the operational needs, processes and potential transition costs. With an outline on service delivery options and proposed governance models, the PwC Report does not provide a formal stance or recommendation on a decision, but lays out a potential framework and rollout timeline.

Since the possibility of an APPS was announced, municipalities in Alberta have looked to engage with the ministries of Municipal Affairs and Justice and Solicitor General to be a voice at the table. Municipalities ranging in size have a vested interest in the future of their local law enforcement and community safety and are looking to provide their feedback and input into this process. As municipalities began to take in the PwC Report, a number of questions began to arise on the direction the province was going.

While the PwC Report provided insights into APPS governance, costs and timelines, there were certain questions that were still unasked that are vital to the process. Stakeholders involved with the APPS discussion have been narrowly focused on the cost consideration discussion. Both Premier Kenney and Justice and Solicitor General Minister Kaycee Madu have addressed cost concerns in public forums, assuring that there will be a net zero impact on municipalities. The Official Opposition Alberta NDP have also made cost considerations a main area of focus for their criticisms, openly stating their support for the RCMP and their work within the province. Municipalities, through numerous surveys and in public engagement opportunities have expressed their concern with potential costs being downloaded onto them and the certain level of mistrust of the province to uphold the net zero commitment. While APPS costs are an important piece of the equation, there are a number of other gaps that should be on the radar for stakeholders. These include governance structure service level metrics that require more clarity before a decision is made. This analysis highlights those areas of concern.

Given the reality that this is a topic of transformational change and we haven't seen a provincial police force stood up in more than 100 years – by bringing solutions to the table with provincial counterparts, municipalities across the province are in a unique position to have meaningful impacts on the conversation of future policing in Alberta.

Future State Operating Model

PwC Report's recommended service delivery model focuses on community policing and the ability to share resources, data, and intelligence across all police services and non-policing partner organizations. The PwC Report states that if Alberta were to adopt the APPS, the province would lose \$170 million in federal funding but increase the number of frontline officers and civilian specialists. Additional costs would include \$32 million for real estate leases, repairs, utilities, professional services, furnishings, and maintenance. Administration and other costs are estimated at \$72 million.

The defining characteristics of the PwC Report's proposed operating model are the following:

Enhanced Community Input & Accountability to Citizens

Stronger and more formalized local governance measures with representation from rural, urban, and Indigenous communities and supported by local Police commissions will give communities a voice in what services are delivered, how services are delivered and how police performance will be measured at a local level.

Improved Service Levels Across Rural Alberta, Indigenous Communities, & Municipalities

The proposed model will result in an increased number of frontline members of the APPS deployed in Alberta from 3,097 under the current model to 3,218 in the recommended model while reducing operating costs. The total staffing will increase to 4,189 from 4,030 as of June 2020.

Improved Efficiency, Integration, and Value for Money

The PwC Report suggests APPS can build integration points directly into the service delivery model and embed them into the organization with formal governance and dedicated resources.

Fit for Alberta Innovations

The PwC Report says that incorporating innovative, evidence-based approaches to challenges facing Albertan communities – including rural policing, mental health, opioid responses and policing in Indigenous communities – is a key part of creating a modern fit for Alberta provincial police service.

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) Policing Principles and identified alignment and gaps

ABmunis hosted the 2021 President's Summit on Policing as two virtual sessions on February 3 and 17, 2021. Attendees of the webinars indicated that they were in favour of improvements to RCMP governance and service levels, but the majority disagreed that an independent APPS would better meet their communities' needs than the current model. After deliberation, ABmunis chose to hold off on announcing a policy position related to an APPS following the Summit until the province released the PwC APPS Transition Report. In preparation for this announcement and any subsequent advocacy, the ABmunis Board of Directors adopted a set of principles for an APPS should one be transitioned to.

The principles include three pillars – **police governance and oversight, police service levels and policing costs**. Upon further analysis and comparison between ABmunis' provincial police service principles and the PwC Report, there are areas of alignment but also gaps. These gaps turn into areas of concern for ABmunis for any transition to an APPS and further create numerous questions that must be asked by ABmunis and answered by the Alberta provincial government.

In addition to these information gaps in the PwC report, there are many important issues that the PwC Report never does address, such as:

- Proposed changes to policing does little to impact the lack of resources for the Alberta prosecution and judicial systems, which remains the largest barrier to Alberta's "catch and release" problem.
- Why hasn't the provincial government already implemented many of the PwC suggested policing improvements, under its current policing arrangements with the RCMP, including:
 - Integration of health and family services.
 - Effective performance metrics.
 - Effective police governance and independent commission.
- Establishing Alberta policing priorities, what would be different in the APPS model compared to the RCMP arrangement? And why?
- Although Alberta policing costs may decrease by \$24 million or 3 per cent with an APPS, how is the provincial government going to address the \$170 million of lost funding from the federal government.
- How is the provincial government going to fund the \$366 million of APPS one-time transition costs?

ABmunis Policing Principle

1. Police governance and oversight

- a. An APPS must ensure that all municipalities have meaningful input into developing local policing priorities.
- b. Governance and oversight bodies for an APPS must include municipal representation at local, regional, and provincial levels.
- c. An APPS must provide regular reporting on policing priorities and outcomes to the municipalities it serves.

Alignment

The PwC Report outlines a future operating state model that focuses on Enhanced Community Input & Accountability to Citizens – a direct correlation to the ABmunis principle of ensuring an APPS model allows municipalities to bring meaningful input into developing local policing priorities. Aspects of this future operating state model focus include:

- Prioritizing community policing with local resources who are recruited and representative of their communities, with a focus on proactive problem solving and ongoing community engagement.
- Local Police Commissions to increase accountability to local community priorities and service needs.
- Rethinking how performance is measured by moving from a broad national focus to a highly tailored local community focus. This can be best achieved by developing performance metrics directly with the communities being served to truly connect the needs of the community.

With a focus on the ABmunis principle on governance and oversight bodies, the PwC Report recommends a governance structure that includes Commission-led Decision Rights.

- Commission set priorities on quantity and quality of services required. Political intervention into operations is minimized but collaboration to identify priorities and performance metrics.
- Oversight and decision authority is distributed across several executives (e.g. Commission Directors) who are representative of the citizens/communities.
- Agency is accountable to communities through board representation and additional local governance structures.
- Performance is monitored against service levels, which are tailored to customer need.
- Complemented by Local Police Commissions that are in place to collaborate with local detachments in determining how policing is provided in their local community and to agree on performance measures.

Gaps

While the PwC Report touches on the need to develop and make use of police commission and committees under governance structure, it does little to consider structures that already exist.

At a local level, communities already set up their own police committees or commissions to review performance, set goals, carry out community engagement and seek input that would result in improved service delivery and crime reduction.

ABmunis Policing Principle

2. Police service levels

- a. An APPS must establish and deliver a minimum standard of policing infrastructure, supervision, administration, and front-line services necessary to respond to calls for service and provide adequate proactive policing in all Alberta municipalities.
- b. This minimum standard must exceed current RCMP performance.
- c. The GOA must create, with input from municipalities, metrics to demonstrate that the minimum standard is being met or exceeded in all Alberta municipalities.
- d. The GOA must publicly share reporting on APPS performance.

Alignment

An ABmunis principle focus on metrics to demonstrate the minimum standard is reflected in the governance model recommendation on Performance Metrics and Locally Determined-Priorities – in which the framework suggests local detachments and Police Commissions should collaborate to establish performance metrics and measures for service in their local area. The PwC Report goes as far as to outline specific metrics as well, focusing on dimensions of police work which provide a solid foundation for defining performance metrics for individuals, units and the organization to drive continuous improvement and accountability of outcomes.

These dimensions are:

- Public confidence and trust in police services.
- Engagement with the community and police community partnerships.
- Reduction in Crime & Victimization.
- Offenders called to account (through prosecution, restorative justice, alternative measures etc.).
- Reduced fear & enhanced sense of personal security.
- Civility in public spaces.
- Use of authority or force fairly with appropriate oversight from civilians and communities.
- Effectiveness and efficiency of use of financial resources.

Gaps

When it comes to the ABmunis principle of a requirement of the GOA to publicly share reporting on APPS performance, there is an identified gap. The PwC Report outlines the work of the Transition Management Office (TMO) within the transition roadmap as one of the nine key elements. The goal of the TMO is to oversee and manage the transition project, escalate risks and issues and provide critical reporting to leadership and key stakeholders. However, there's little additional information on reporting requirements with no commitment to public reporting.

When it comes to Improved Service Levels Across Rural Alberta, Indigenous Communities, & Municipalities – the proposed model will result in an increased number of frontline members of the APPS deployed in Alberta from 3,097 under the current model to 3,218 in the recommended model while reducing operating costs. The total staffing will increase to 4,189 from 4,030 as of June 2020. The PwC Report states that rethinking what resources are needed and how those resources are deployed to be more responsive to service calls across Alberta will allow the APPS to increase the number of regular members in communities across Alberta and be more flexible in meeting the needs of each specific community.

ABmunis Policing Principle

3. Policing costs

- a. Municipalities must not bear any of the costs associated with implementing and transitioning to a provincial police service.
- b. Police funding must be based on the principles of fairness, transparency, and predictability.
- c. The GOA must fill the funding gap associated with the loss of federal funding for using RCMP services.
- d. Municipal policing costs for an APPS must not exceed the current RCMP policing costs.
- e. All municipalities must pay an equitable share of policing costs for the minimum standard of policing.
- f. Municipalities must retain the ability to negotiate contracts with an APPS. Municipalities requesting contract enhancements, e.g. additional dedicated officers or staff, would be responsible for paying the additional cost of providing these.

Alignment

Identified in the PwC Report under a future state operating model is a key element to Improved Efficiency, Integration, and Value for Money. This is in alignment with the ABmunis principle of a policing funding model passed on fairness, transparency, and predictability. This key element outlines a focus on integrating other services to maximize Alberta's resources through efficient and cost-effective partnerships, as well as:

- Embedded operational competencies and integrations aligned with other provincially delivered services including health care, family and community services, mental health supports, education, and addictions treatment.
- Integrating with other police services in the province with shared data, real time communications, shared training facilities and standards, and responses to reduce duplication of investigations and expanding the role of ALERT in Alberta.
- Leveraging existing expertise and infrastructure in Alberta to provide lab services, specialized operations, training, and civilian expertise specialist fields such as financial crime or cyber-crime to allow members of the police to focus on proactive community policing and improving service levels.
- Utilizing existing government of Alberta technology, infrastructure and processes to maintain economies of scale, reduce infrastructure investment costs and be more efficient in-service delivery for enabling functions.

Gaps

Many stakeholders are not convinced that the costing outlined in the PwC Report is accurate as presented.

- A clear example of this is the lack of detail as it pertains to capital costs, with questions such as how will pensions for the existing RCMP members transition over to APPS and at what cost, how will current non-billable costs and the current federal funding be absorbed. This includes a lack of consideration for recently agreed upon pay increases for RCMP officers.
- In the past, programming and services provided by the province that started out as a minimal cost to municipalities became an increasing burden to many municipalities as funding never increased and further costing and service expectations were downloaded with no recourse or input. The PwC Report does not address these past instances or have commitments in place to ensure they do not occur again.
- The RCMP have also highlighted gaps with consolidated services and non-billable costs – such as human resource management, corporate management, communications are paid through the divisional administration charge, which allows these costs to be consolidated and shared amongst all contract partners.

Potential questions for conversations

The Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General will be touring the province, presenting the findings and outcomes of the PwC Report. Given the number of information gaps and lack of transparency in the PwC Report, it is important that municipal leaders look for answers to the following questions:

Financial

- Given that the province has stated that there will be no net financial impact to municipalities, how will the increase in costs be covered, and how will you guarantee that municipalities will not shoulder a greater burden in the future?
- Considering the loss of federal grants, how will funding for a new police service be structured, and will the provincial government look at changing how PPSA and/or MPSA fund policing?
- What will be done to achieve reduced operating costs while the overall staffing levels are going up?
- How will cost over runs during the transition process be mitigated?
- Have training costs been included in the forecasting, especially since many RCMP officers do not transition over to provincial police services and there is extensive training that needs to be completed?
- The PwC Report notes 65 new FTEs of health, family and social work professionals. Will they be those who have roles in the various systems or are these NEW FTEs that will fall under the umbrella of the APPS?
- When considering economies of scale, will the APPS be able to purchase goods and services at the same or better cost than the RCMP?
- Has the province considered insurance and liability costs for potential class-action lawsuits?

Logistics

- How many officers do you anticipate will transition from the RCMP in Alberta to a new APPS and how did you come up with those numbers?
- How will the new APPS work with the RCMP on cross-jurisdictional issues and current joint ventures?
- Considering that many police services are having troubles with recruitment, are you confident that you can recruit enough members for the transition and why? Do you have a backup plan?
- When will details on training programs be shared? Info such as – where will training be provided, who will lead training programs, will new APPS training compliment training already available or will it be an entirely new program, will training be available to those just beginning their policing education journey as standalone training?
- Will the creation of an APPS create barriers for municipalities that may consider a transition to their own municipal police force? Do the cost/benefit projections account for the possibility of some municipalities exploring municipal police forces in place of APPS?

Engagement and Options

- What work has been done to evaluate the ability of the RCMP to adjust to meet the core values, innovations, and outcomes the GoA is seeking?
- What is the province's engagement plan for first nations and indigenous communities/people?
- What conversations have been had with standalone police services regarding shared training facilities and other services? Are those services amicable to the idea?
- When it comes to the balance of power, would existing Local Police Commissions relinquish or lose powers to the newly established Provincial Police Commission (PPC)?
- When the PwC Report discusses priorities being set by a local police commission, there are no clearly defined roles and guidelines for the different commissions. Are the broader goals entrenched through the PPC and mandated downward?
- Will municipalities over 5,000 in population still have MPSA arrangements?

Accountability

- The PwC Report says that there will be continuous evidence-based improvements to service. How will this be achieved and measured?
- When it comes to service levels metrics and reporting, how are the proposed service level metrics different from existing ones and how will it be publicly shared?
- Will the province commit to holding a referendum before a final decision is made, and what is the timeline for that?
- What role will municipalities have in setting APPS priorities and direction?
- The provincial narrative has evolved to now identifying that the federal government has indicated that it wants to have the RCMP exit community policing. If so, what conversations has the provincial government had with its federal counterparts?



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