

**ALBERTA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

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 - a. Regular Council Meeting of February 16, 2021
6. DELEGATIONS
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 - a. Financial Report of December 31, 2020
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 - a. Bylaw #282-21 Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County ICF Bylaw
 - b. Bylaw #283-21 Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Sunset Point ICF Bylaw
 - c. Bylaw #284-21 Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Val Quentin ICF Bylaw
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
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 - a. Alberta Climate Engagement – Municipalities and Communities Climate Engagement
 - b. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update February 16, 2021 Issue
 - c. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update February 22, 2021 Issue
 - d. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update March 1, 2021 Issue
 - e. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update March 8, 2021 Issue
 - f. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update February 17, 2021 Issue
 - g. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update February 24, 2021 Issue
 - h. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update March 3, 2021
 - i. Alberta Invasive Species Council – AISC Quarterly Update
 - j. Alberta Invasive Species Council – Zebra Mussel found in Moss (Marimo) Balls
 - k. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 February 19, 2021 Issue
 - l. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 March 5, 2021 Issue
 - m. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Budget 2021 Message from Hon. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
 - n. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Alberta Beach 2020 Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) Report
 - o. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Changes to Disaster Recovery Program
 - p. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board Quarterly Report
 - q. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA Villages West Update
 - r. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA’s Preliminary Budget Report 2021
 - s. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA’s Spring Municipal Leaders’ Caucus
 - t. Athabasca County – Proposed Changes to Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) Directive 067
 - u. Canada Post – Alberta Beach Post Office Update
 - v. Community Futures Yellowhead East – Regional Business Items, E-Commerce and Grants
 - w. Community Planning Association of Alberta – CPAA 2021 Annual Conference
 - x. Farm Safety Centre – Update
 - y. Government of Alberta Community & Social Services – Alberta Critical Worker Benefit
 - z. Lac Ste. Anne County – Media Release regarding Lac Ste. Anne County and Town of Mayerthorpe ICF
 - aa. Municipal Government Board – Draft Subdivision and Development Appeal Procedure Rules Changes
 - bb. Municipality of Crowsnest Pass – President’s Summit on Policing
 - cc. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – February 2021 In Stream Newsletter
 - dd. Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance – Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan
 - ee. Town of Mayerthorpe – Press Release regarding Lac Ste. Anne County & Town of Mayerthorpe ICF
 - ff. Westlock County – Proposed Changes to Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) Directive 067
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Alberta Environment & Parks – Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC
 - b. AUMA / AMSC – Natural Gas Aggregation Opportunity 2022-2026
 - c. Lac Ste. Anne County – Notice of Public Hearing - Proposed Amendments to Land Use Bylaw
 - d. RMA Insurance – Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Annual General Meeting
 - e. Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society – Beachwave Park
15. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Capital Region Assessment Services Commission – Appointment of Assessment Review Board Members
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

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PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#013-21

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

Closed meeting session was held at the end of the meeting..

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

#014-21

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#015-21

MOVED BY Councillor Love that the minutes of the Alberta Beach Emergency Advisory Committee meeting of May 27, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#016-21

MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the minutes of the Alberta Beach Emergency Advisory Committee meeting of December 14, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

SWITCH – SWITCH ALBERTA BEACH 5G AIR FIBER FIXED WIRELESS PRESENTATION:
Jared Zamzow and Freddie Jawaid of Switch met with Council to present the Switch Alberta Beach 5G Air Fiber Fixed Wireless Presentation. Mr. Zamzow reviewed the presentation, he acknowledged the existing agreement between Switch and Alberta Beach is coming up to 5 years and they would like to discuss a new agreement. Switch is looking to expand their service in Alberta Beach and are proposing a 5% revenue share on all air fiber sales gross revenue, further that they would require the right to co-locate their equipment, access to power, no after hours fees to access their equipment in the municipal facilities and the approval to put up signs. Mr. Jawaid expanded on the details of their presentation. After further questions and discussions, Mayor Benedict thanked Mr. Zamzow and Mr. Jawaid for their presentation. The Switch representatives left the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

#017-21

MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council defer their decision regarding Switch to the end of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

No Municipal Planning Commission meeting was held.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

#018-21

BUSINESS LICENSE BYLAW:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve of the following resolution;
Whereas, Alberta is in the midst of a recession and global pandemic that has had a significant impact on businesses in Alberta and specifically businesses in Alberta Beach;
Whereas, the Provincial Government has asked Alberta municipalities to reduce red tape and costs for the business community as well as the costs for starting a business;
Whereas, businesses in Alberta Beach are able to participate in Lac Ste. Anne County's Shop the County advertising program without purchasing a business license from Alberta Beach; and now therefore
Be it resolved that a Business License Bylaw is not in the best interest of Alberta Beach at this time and we cease further work on developing a bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#019-21

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None.

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BYLAWS & POLICIES:

- #020-21 BYLAW #281-21 ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD BYLAW:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #281-21, being a bylaw to establish one or more Assessment Review Boards and the appointment of an Assessment Review Board Clerk be read a first time.
- #021-21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #281-21 be read a second time.
- #022-21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that unanimous consent be given to Bylaw #281-21 to proceed to third reading.
- #023-21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #281-21 be read a third & final time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Yellowhead Regional Library Orientation of January 25, 2021.
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality meetings of January 26, 2021.
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of January 27, 2021.
Regional Sewer Collection meeting with Alberta Environment of February 9, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of February 12, 2021.

COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

Councillor Valiquette reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of January 12 and February 9, 2021.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting of January 21, 2021.

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

Councillor Love gave a brief report on the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project and he also reported the Alberta Beach Museum meat draws will start up again now that the hotel has re-opened.

MAYOR BENEDICT:

Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Water Levels meeting with MLA and Alberta Environment of January 26, 2021.
Town Hall meeting with Premier and Alberta Health of February 4, 2021
Regional Sewer Collection meeting with Alberta Environment of February 9, 2021.
Meeting with MLA and Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve of February 10, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of February 12, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

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

#024-21

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

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 Community Updates of January 18, 25, February 1 & 8 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPALITY UPDATE:

Covid-19 Municipality Update of January 19, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Emergency Operations.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:

Municipal Governance during Covid-19 of January 22 & February 5, 2021 was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK & INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework & Intermunicipal Development Plan which are due to be completed by April 1st, 2021.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR MUNICIPAL EXCELLENCE:

A letter was received from the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 20th Annual Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence.

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ALBERTA RECYCLING MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM:
An update on Alberta Recycling Municipal Grant Program was received from the Alberta Recycling Management Authority to advise that due to Covid-19 the program has been temporarily suspended.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION COURSE:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding a Regional Partnerships & Collaboration course being offered through the Elected Officials Education Program

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – PRESIDENTS SUMMIT ON POLICING:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the AUMA Presidents Summit on policing which takes place this month via zoom sessions.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – ALBERTA POLICE INTERIM ADVISORY BOARD:
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded the Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board Report which included the Board's recommendations for 2021 municipal policing priorities and financial plan.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA REPRESENTATIVE ON RMA PEMBINA DISTRICT #3:
A letter was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association advising on the AUMA representatives appointed to the RMA Pembina District #3 and further that Deputy Mayor Duncan is appointed as one of the representatives.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA/AMSC DIGEST:
The AUMA/AMSC Digest of February 10th was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

DOYLE & COMPANY – AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE:
A report letter was received from Doyle & Company outlining the audit process and responsibilities in the audit of the Financial Statements for December 31, 2020 as well as a letter outlining the Auditor independence with respect to Alberta Beach.

DOYLE & COMPANY – AUDIT TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER:
The terms of engagement letter was received from Doyle & Company which outlines the responsibilities of management as well as the Auditor for the audit of the financial statements.

FORTIS ALBERTA – 2021 FORTIS ALBERTA APPROVED RATES REVISED:
Correspondence was received from Fortis Alberta which included a revised 2021 Fortis Alberta approved rates letter to correct an error on the previous distribution chart.

MACKENZIE COUNTY – LETTER TO PREMIER REGARDING REOPENING RECREATIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES:
MacKenzie County forwarded a copy of their letter to the Premier requesting the Provincial Government reopen recreational & business services.

M.D. BONNYVILLE – NEED FOR STRONGER WESTERN CANADIAN MUNICIPAL ADVOCATE:
A letter was received from Council of the M.D. of Bonnyville regarding the need for a stronger western Canadian municipal advocate.

M.D. SPIRIT RIVER – LETTER TO PREMIER REGARDING IMPACT OF COVID-19 LOCKDOWNS ON ALBERTANS:
The M.D. of Spirit River forwarded a copy of their letter to the Premier regarding the impact of Covid-19 lockdowns on Albertans as well as a paper published by Ari R Joffe, MD, FRCPC with the Stollery Hospital.

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

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – MUNICIPAL WATERSHED PLANNING:
An invitation was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance to participate on a study on municipal watershed planning.

SENATOR DOUG BLACK – MESSAGE ON VACCINES, VIRTUAL TOUR & KEYSTONE:
Senator Doug Black, Alberta Elected Senator forwarded a message on vaccines, his Alberta 2021 virtual tour & the Keystone cancellation.

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER – REINSTATEMENT OF THE 1976 COAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY:
A letter was received from the Town of High River requesting support regarding the reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy.

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GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES – 2021 FCSS UPDATE:
A 2021 FCSS Update was received from the Government of Alberta Community & Social Services.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA’S BUDGET WEBINAR:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the AUMA’s Budget Webinar being held on February 26th.

#025-21

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Deputy Mayor Duncan be approved to attend the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association’s Budget Webinar.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#026-21

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

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

#027-21

LAKE ISLE & LAC STE. ANNE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY – WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP GRANT:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve the request from Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society to provide in-kind support by assisting with marketing and advertising for their Lake Water Quality Education Project and further that Alberta Beach provide a letter of support on their project for their application to the Land Stewardship Centre’s Watershed Stewardship Grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#028-21

MP GERALD SOROKA – SUPPORT FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve the request from MP Gerald Soroka for support for a three digit Suicide Prevention Hotline and further approves the resolution as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#029-21

MR. TONY OSWALD – DAMAGE TO GAZEBO DURING WINDSTORM:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council deny the request from Mr. Tony Oswald for reimbursement of his gazebo which was damaged due to a fallen tree during the windstorm on January 19th, 2021 and further advising that Council agrees with the letter provided by our Insurance Adjuster.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#030-21

CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT 2021:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council authorize the CAO to sign the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission Memorandum of Agreement 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#031-21

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES AGREEMENT – SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Community Peace Officer Services Agreement with the Summer Village of Sunset Point be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#032-21

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES AGREEMENT – SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN:

MOVED BY Councillor Love that the Community Peace Officer Services Agreement with the Summer Village of Val Quentin be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held regarding land description plan numbers in Alberta Beach, drainage to the lake from Lac Ste. Anne County and snow piled on the lake accesses.

SWITCH – SWITCH ALBERTA BEACH 5G AIR FIBER FIXED WIRELESS PRESENTATION:
Deferred from earlier in the meeting.

#033-21

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL MATTER(S):

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the meeting be closed to the public at 8:38 P.M. due to section 197(2) of the MGA and section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act to discuss the proposed contract from Switch regarding the Switch Alberta Beach 5G Air Fiber Fixed Wireless Presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present for the closed meeting session:

Mayor Jim Benedict, Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan, Councillor Bud Love, Councillor Judy Valiquette, Councillor Daryl Weber and C.A.O. Kathy Skwarchuk were in attendance for the closed meeting session.

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#034-21

MEETING RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council move to come out of closed meeting at 8:46 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public was invited back into the meeting at 8:46 P.M.

#035-21

**SWITCH/ALBERTA BEACH WIFI DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT & SWITCH INCORPORATED
EQUIPMENT LOCATION AGREEMENT:**

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Alberta Beach provide Switch Incorporated written notice of termination of the Switch/Alberta Beach Wifi Distribution Agreement and further provide written notice of non-renewal of the Switch Incorporated Equipment Location Agreement by providing 60 days notice rather than the required 30 days notice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Mayor – Jim Benedict

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

aboffice@albertabeach.com

From: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Sent: February 18, 2021 1:05 PM
To: 'big t'
Subject: RE: Our File: 012767 JR/ Village of AB Beach

Good Afternoon Mr, Oswald,
Thank you for your email.

I apologize that I did not give you the opportunity to reschedule your attendance at the Council Meeting. I can certainly add you to our next Council Meeting Agenda where you can address Council on this matter. Our next Council Meeting will be Tuesday March 16th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. I will email you the week prior to our meeting to confirm your attendance. Please note that our Council Meetings are held via Zoom, our office will send you an email with the link to participate prior to the meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kathy Skwarchuk,
CAO
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From: big t
Sent: February 17, 2021 6:10 PM
To: Alberta Beach Village Office <aboffice@albertabeach.com>
Cc: ; joel.ramcharan@priddlegibbs.com
Subject: Re: Our File: 012767 JR/ Village of AB Beach

I have reviewed the letter and I believe that the villages inaction in dealing with matter, despite being notified of the danger, constitutes negligence. I understand the wind storm contributed to the resulting damage and that the wind storm was unusual in nature as to the strength and severity. If there were no prior notification I would accept this. Had the village not been aware and the tree not clearly marked it would be a different matter. Maybe someone unbiased and smarter than both of us should review it. Please be advised that I intent to seek a remedy through other means. I urge you to reconsider your position to avoid additional costs. Realistically I'm asking for \$900 for the physical damage only . I guess I'm being redundant in pointing out that it will cost more to defend your position than the monies that I am asking for. If I'm forced to proceed with this I would also seek the additional expenses associated with it such as demolition, disposal, construction costs etc. This would certainly add a considerable amount to the incident. I wish I could have attended the recent council meeting to plead my case but circumstances made that impossible for me. I

called in ahead of time to state that I was unable to attend. Perhaps it would have been better to defer this matter till I could have a say. Perhaps your decision would have been the same but I feel over run by bureaucracy. There is also the remaining tree that is in immediate danger of falling for a number of reasons. I have yet to hear of the councils decision in this matter. I am willing to defer this to the next council meeting if it is possible to readdress the matter otherwise I will proceed with my own means for compensation.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 2021, 4:58 p.m. , <aboffice@albertabeach.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Oswald

Please see the attached correspondence regarding the above.

Kathy Skwarchuk,

CAO

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February 17, 2021

Mr. Tony Oswald

Sent Via Email:

Dear Mr. Oswald:

Re: Damage to Gazebo during Windstorm

Alberta Beach Council received your correspondence with regards to the above at their regular Council meeting held on February 16th, 2021. Please be advised that Council denied your request for reimbursement of the damages to your gazebo due to the fallen tree during the windstorm of January 19th, 2021. Council sympathizes with the situation, however agrees with our Insurance Adjuster, Mr. Joel Ramcharan of Priddle Gibbs Adjusters in his letter of January 29, 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Kathy Skwarchuk
Kathy Skwarchuk,
C.A.O.

Cc: Alberta Beach Council
Joel Ramcharan, Priddle Gibbs Adjusters

Alberta Beach Village Office

From:
Sent: February 9, 2021 4:39 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: RE: Our File: 2021-02-09 7 JR/ Village of AB Beach

Sure that sounds good. I think that the council should review this incident. I think that not only this particular occurrence should be looked at there is still a remaining tree that is in immediate danger of falling. There were 2 trees that are on village property that I marked and notified the village as to needing attention. One obviously has already come down. The other still remains. If possible I would like to address the council pertaining to both and where the village stands in regards to their obligations are concerned. Feel free to use any or all of my correspondence as a matter of record. Should you need any additional information feel free to contact me. I would like any inquiries and or decisions made in this matter be done by written notice rather than verbal notice.

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Date: 2021-02-09 8:52 a.m. (GMT-07:00)
To: 'big t' <f
Subject: RE: Our File: 2021-02-09 7 JR/ Village of AB Beach

Good Morning Mr. Oswald,

I have received your email in response to our insurance adjuster's letter of January 29, 2021 regarding the damage to your gazebo due to the windstorm.

The next regular Council Meeting is February 16, 2021, would you like your correspondence to be included in the Council Meeting?

Thank you,

Kathy Skwarchuk,

CAO

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From: big t <>
Sent: February 2, 2021 3:09 PM
To: aboffice@albertabeach.com
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Tue., Feb. 2, 2021, 2:49 p.m.
Subject: Re: Our "mailto:Joel.Ramcharan@priddlegibbs.com">Joel.Ramcharan@priddlegibbs.com>

I have reviewed the attached letter. I would suggest that the village take another look at this matter. I think that all the circumstances surrounding this claim should be addressed. The tree in question was in distress. The tree was clearly marked. The village was notified of the situation. The village's inaction does not relieve them of some liability. A reasonable person could foresee that this tree would fall eventually. In this case it was aided by a strong wind but could have easily fallen of its own accord. I feel that I am being more than fair in this matter. I am asking for the cost of material only. There is also demolition, disposal and reconstruction which I am not asking for any compensation. While I don't consider myself to be a litigious person it is something that I am considering. I await your review of this matter.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 2021, 1:15 p.m. Joel Ramcharan, <Joel.Ramcharan@priddlegibbs.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Oswald

Please see enclosed letter as it relates to the claim captioned above.

Regards,

Joel Ramcharan, B Admin, FCIP, CRM | Priddle Gibbs Adjusters

17313 – 107 Ave, Edmonton, AB T5S 1E5

Tel: (780) 489-3310, Ext. 208 | Fax: (780) 489-3320 | Email: joel.ramcharan@priddlegibbs.com

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January 29, 2021

Tony Oswald

Our File No:
Our Insured: Village of AB Beach
Your Reference: Damaged Gazebo
Date of Loss: January 19, 2021

Dear Mr. Oswald,

As you may recall, we are the adjusters appointed to represent the Village of Alberta Beach under the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange in conjunction with RMA Insurance. I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you last week regarding the damage to your gazebo.

We have spoken with the representatives of the Village of Alberta Beach regarding this incident and have confirmed the tree that came down on your backyard gazebo was a tree that was originally situated on village property.

We have determined that the cause of the felled tree was related to a severe weather event on January 19, 2021 (windstorm) and as such we do not believe there has been any negligence on the part of the Village of Alberta Beach.

As the damage to your gazebo is directly related to an "Act of God" we must respectfully deny all liability surrounding this matter on behalf of the Village of Alberta Beach and their liability insurers. You may wish to submit a claim for the damages to your own property insurers.

We are required to remind you that the Fair Practices Regulation, under the Alberta Insurance Act, requires me to inform you that all claims relating to this matter must be finalized within two years of the date that the cause of action arose, as outlined in the Alberta Limitations Act. Failure to comply with the above will result in your claim being statute barred.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JR' with a stylized flourish.

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CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST

FEBRUARY 2021

COUNCIL:

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

ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH – LOC (LICENCE OF OCCUPATION):

July 21/20 A letter was received from Minister Nixon of AEP regarding the A.B. boat launch confirming AEP does not have a grant program & Alberta Beach as the disposition holder is responsible for the maintenance & operations, further regarding the collection of fees a written request to amend the LOC must be submitted for their consideration.

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict to forward a written request to Alberta Environment and Parks to request the Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC be amended to allow for charging user fees.

Sept.15/20 Letter was sent to AEP to request amendment to LOC.

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

BOAT LAUNCH & MAIN BEACH PARKS MAINTENANCE POLICY:

Oct.15/19 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council develop a Boat Launch and Main Beach Parks Maintenance Policy to define a parks maintenance program for the boat launch park and main beach park and further that the policy include any requirements for regulatory authorizations and approvals. (2 maintenance policies)

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA’S BUDGET WEBINAR:

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Deputy Mayor Duncan be approved to attend the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association’s Budget Webinar. (Feb.26th)

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

BYLAW #257-18 UNTIDY & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW:

June 18/19 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council direct the Development Authority to revise Bylaw #257-18 strictly for unsightly premises and further develop a Bylaw strictly for property maintenance.

July16/19 D.O. has drafted bylaws & forwarded to patrol for comments. (Patrol forwarded to admin for comments)

Sept.17/19 CPO requested Bylaw 257-18 remain as is and additional bylaw be created to deal with grass & weeds only.

Nov.19/19 D.O. has submitted a draft bylaw for CPO to review. CPO is requesting further changes.

Sept.15/20 Bylaw sent to Patriot Law for review. (Patriot Law will be drafting bylaw)

ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD AGREEMENT:

Mar.17/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the letter from Lac Ste. Anne County to terminate the Assessment Review Board Agreement be accepted.

Apr.21/20 Capital Region Assessment Services Contract was previously distributed for review.

July 21/20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve to make application to the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission to provide Assessment Review Board services beginning in 2021.

Aug.18/20 Request was sent to CRASC.

Nov.17/20 Email rec’d from CRASC advising that the board approved our application, next step they apply to the Minister for approval. (Once approved CRASC will forward agreement & admin will prepare the bylaw)

Feb.16/21 Bylaw #281-21, being a bylaw to establish one or more Assessment Review Boards and the appointment of an Assessment Review Board Clerk received third and final reading.

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council authorize the CAO to sign the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission Memorandum of Agreement 2021 as presented.

AFRRCS (ALBERTA FIRST RESPONDERS RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM) AGREEMENT:

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

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

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

Oct.20/20 Agreement was signed & returned and Patrol has completed application process for their use. AFRRCS mtg with Emergency Mgmt group scheduled for Oct. 23rd. (meeting was held – waiting for further information)
Jan.19/21 Meeting is scheduled with AFRRCS for Jan.27th. Meeting was rescheduled to Feb.25th due to covid restrictions.

ABADASA – BALL DIAMOND FENCING:

Oct.20/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council agree in principle with the cost share proposal from ABADASA (Alberta Beach & District Amateur Ball Association) to increase the height of the ball diamond outfield fences and further that the CAO contact ABADASA for further discussion.

Nov.17/20 ABADASA sent letter to LSAC to request their participation on the fence upgrade project.

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

ACP (ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP) PROGRAM GRANT – REGIONALIZATION STUDY:

Oct.20/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve to partner with Lac Ste. Anne County in an Alberta Community Partnership Program (ACP) application for an Alberta Beach and Area Regionalization Study; that Alberta Beach be the managing partner; that Lac Ste. Anne County be advised that Alberta Beach Council has approved to partner in an application; and further that letters be sent to the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin to invite their participation. (LSA County agreed to partner in ACP Application Sept'20)

Nov.17/20 Letters were sent to LSAC, SVSP & SVVQ. ACP Applications opened Nov.17th, 2020.

Dec.15/20 SVSP CAO has advised they will not be participating as they are working on an ACP application to look into regionalization of summer villages.

Jan.19/21 A letter was received from the S.V. of Val Quentin advising that they will not be participating with Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County in the ACP Grant application for an Alberta Beach and area Regionalization Study.

Jan.19/21 Admin has submitted the ACP grant application for the Alberta Beach & Area Regionalization Study.

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.

LILSA WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY – WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP GRANT:

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve the request from Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society to provide in-kind support by assisting with marketing and advertising for their Lake Water Quality Education Project and further that Alberta Beach provide a letter of support on their project for their application to the Land Stewardship Centre's Watershed Stewardship Grant.

MP GERALD SOROKA – SUPPORT FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE:

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve the request from MP Gerald Soroka for support for a three digit Suicide Prevention Hotline and further approves the resolution as presented.

MR. TONY OSWALD – DAMAGE TO GAZEBO DURING WINDSTORM:

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council deny the request from Mr. Tony Oswald for reimbursement of his gazebo which was damaged due to a fallen tree during the windstorm on January 19th, 2021 and further advising that Council agrees with the letter provided by our Insurance Adjuster.

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES AGREEMENT – SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT:

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Community Peace Officer Services Agreement with the Summer Village of Sunset Point be approved.

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES AGREEMENT – SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN:

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the Community Peace Officer Services Agreement with the Summer Village of Val Quentin be approved.

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

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

Financial Report

December 31, 2020

(Pre-Audit)

Please note:

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic various accounts are over budget due to unexpected costs related to the pandemic, however a Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) funding was received which distributed federal and provincial operating funding support to Alberta municipalities to help offset increased operating costs or lost revenues incurred due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

BALANCE SHEET		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
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Description	BAL END 2019	2020 DEBITS	2020 CREDITS	BAL END 2020
ASSETS				
CASH ON HAND:				
CASH REGISTER FLOAT	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
CASH ON HAND - PETTY CASH	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
BANK	620,806.93	3,737,505.38	3,899,086.51	459,225.80
INVESTED CASH - TERM DEPOSIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BANK T-BILL SAVINGS #25	1,056,710.88	11,047.13	100,000.00	967,758.01
BANK CUSTOM PLAN #26 (1.3M)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CASH	1,677,717.81	3,748,552.51	3,999,086.51	1,427,183.81
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:				
TAXES & GRANTS-IN-LIEU REC	139,122.71	2,528,694.17	2,503,874.41	163,942.47
RECEIVABLE FROM OTHER GOVTS:				
GST COLLECTED\PAID OUT-A230	31,056.76	77,257.91	79,723.93	28,590.74
ITC	576.33	14,918.74	12,309.56	3,185.51
GST SHARED SERVICES - A232	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL PROV GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RECEIVABLE OTHER LOCAL GOVT:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMIN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	34,714.25	143,991.68	154,567.08	24,138.85
ADMIN RECEIVABLE - AFDA	4,162.73	0.00	0.00	4,162.73
TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALL OTHER RECEIVABLES	2,096.07	225,715.34	2,096.07	225,715.34
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	203,403.39	2,990,577.84	2,752,571.05	441,410.18
PREPAID EXPENSES	42,470.50	49,832.47	42,470.50	49,832.47
REQUISITION UNDER\OVER LEVY	10,833.30	0.00	22,689.92	11,856.62
SUPPLIES INVENTORY	8,969.99	2,125.41	0.00	11,095.40
TAX SALE SURPLUS (BANK ACCT.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAND HELD FOR RESALE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIXED ASSETS:				
ENGINEERING STRUCTURES	5,446,541.91	0.00	0.00	5,446,541.91
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-ENG.STRUC	2,984,953.39	0.00	0.00	2,984,953.39
BUILDINGS	2,759,249.63	0.00	0.00	2,759,249.63
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-BUILDINGS	820,029.12	0.00	0.00	820,029.12
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	867,528.11	0.00	0.00	867,528.11
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-MACH&EQ	612,878.35	0.00	0.00	612,878.35
LAND	1,349,990.57	0.00	0.00	1,349,990.57
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-LAND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VEHICLES	321,795.29	0.00	0.00	321,795.29
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-VEHICLES	289,228.53	0.00	0.00	289,228.53
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	630,437.98	0.00	0.00	630,437.98
Description	BAL END 2019	2020 DEBITS	2020 CREDITS	BAL END 2020

% Taxes higher than prior years

*Includes MSI-C 2020 220,000,¹⁰
+ Fortis + Atco-Dec*

*Includes insurance 46,770.⁸⁰ +
Munisight program 3061.67
School (was over levy in 2020)*

Description	BAL END 2019	2020 DEBITS	2020 CREDITS	BAL END 2020
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-LAND IMPR	477,846.29	0.00	0.00	477,846.29
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	6,190,607.81	0.00	0.00	6,190,607.81
TOTAL ASSETS	8,134,002.80	6,791,088.23	6,816,817.98	8,108,273.05
SHORT TERM LOANS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE				
FEDERAL - G.S.T.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL - REC GEN	0.00	205,095.30	205,095.30	0.00
PAYROLL - ACCRUED HOLIDAY PA	1,458.56	213.12	1,200.41	2,445.85
PAYROLL - AMEBSWITH	0.00	11,639.36	11,639.36	0.00
PAYROLL - R.R.S.P.	0.00	31,604.31	31,604.31	0.00
PAYROLL - UNION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL - EMPL RECEIVABLES	0.00	13,709.36	13,709.36	0.00
PAYROLL - AHC PREMIUM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL - CANADA SAV BOND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL - ADVANCES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYABLE TO OTHER LOC GOVT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRADE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	21,590.67	1,837,109.04	1,845,546.88	30,028.51
KIDS IN ACTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BIKES FOR KIDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VILLAGE MAP\BROCHURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALL OTHER PAYABLES	7,400.00	0.00	0.00	7,400.00
DEPOSITS	22,891.50	13,400.00	9,800.00	19,291.50
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	53,340.73	2,112,770.49	2,118,595.62	59,165.86
TAX SALE SURPLUS TRUST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEFERRED REVENUE	137,027.84	405,357.81	455,739.12	187,409.15
DEFERRED REVENUE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEFERRED REVENUE	51,085.21	25,735.69	488.13	25,837.65
RESERVES FOR OPERATING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TAX RATE STABILIZATION	187,907.39	0.00	0.00	187,907.39
ADMIN & P.W. INCOME-STAFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMIN & P.W. INCOME-VILLAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INSURANCE PROCEEDS- HAYLAND	44,536.80	0.00	0.00	44,536.80
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STREET IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- <u>100 YR</u>	2,625.00	2,353.69	1,747.67	2,018.98
SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DRAINAGE & WATER STUDY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUND	0.00	0.00	23,695.00	23,695.00
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING RESERVES	235,069.19	2,353.69	25,442.67	258,158.17
RESERVES FOR CAPITAL				
GENERAL CAPITAL	910,985.22	100,000.00	0.00	810,985.22
Description	BAL END 2019	2020 DEBITS	2020 CREDITS	BAL END 2020

see attached

*transferred for Admin Bldg
Roof & Exterior Reno*

Analysis: BALANCE SHEET

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Description	BAL END 2019	2020 DEBITS	2020 CREDITS	BAL END 2020
ADMINISTRATIVE EQUIPMENT	6,803.01	0.00	0.00	6,803.01
LAGOON RECONSTRUCTION	10,205.00	0.00	0.00	10,205.00
PARK RESERVE SALE PROCEEDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PARKS AND RECREATION DEV	34,494.45	0.00	0.00	34,494.45
PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	40,959.73	0.00	0.00	40,959.73
CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIREHALL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MSI GRANT RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING	28,622.92	0.00	0.00	28,622.92
PATROL EQUIPMENT	25,164.00	0.00	0.00	25,164.00
AMIP GRANT RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EAST END BUS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES	1,057,234.33	100,000.00	0.00	957,234.33
TOTAL EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS	6,190,607.81	0.00	0.00	6,190,607.81
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - 31\12\94	2,160,080.83-	0.00	0.00	2,160,080.83-
ADJUSTED SURPLUS (PRIOR PERIOD)	551,829.92-	0.00	0.00	551,829.92-
SURPLUS FROM 1\1\95	1,660,212.49	5,286,642.50	5,306,864.89	1,680,434.88
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CURRENT FUNDS USED FOR TCA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CURRENT AMORTIZATON EXPENSE	1,225,399.57	0.00	0.00	1,225,399.57
NET BOOK VALUE OF TCA DISPOSAL	235,936.38	0.00	0.00	235,936.38
CONTRIBUTED TCA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SURPLUS	409,637.69	5,286,642.50	5,306,864.89	429,860.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,134,002.80	7,932,860.18	7,907,130.43	8,108,273.05
PROOF	0.00	14,723,948.41	14,723,948.41	0.00
DAY OF _____, 2020				
Description	BAL END 2019	2020 DEBITS	2020 CREDITS	BAL END 2020

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS 2020
DEFERRED REVENUE L411

2019 Bal.

	JE13-20	JE14-20	JE15-20	JE16-20	JE17-20	JE18-20	JE19-20	JE21-20	JE24-20	JE25-20	JE26-20	JE27-20	JE28-20	Balance
MSI:														
Interest (Capital)														
Capital 2019	4,717.07													
Capital 2020 (Not Rec'd)	14,341.63													
Set up in AVR \$220,000.00 from MSLC'20				125,066.00					615.93	(5,333.00) (139,407.63)				
Recreation Funding	2,500.00													2,500.00
LSA Rec Grant '19 & 20	1,000.00			1,000.00										2,000.00
Recreation/Trail (Ecko)	1,000.00													1,000.00
FCSS 2021 Funds								2,014.00						2,014.00
GTF : (Roads)														
GTF 2019		115,035.00												
GTF 2020		58,231.00									(115,035.00)			
GTF Interest											(58,231.00)			
BMTG (SIP): (Drainage Project)														
BMTG Interest		744.07												856.25
BMTG 2013		13,854.22							112.18			(13,455.27)		398.95
Municipal Stimulus Program														
MSP'20 Funds			121,009.00											
MSP Interest														
ACP Grant (Revenue & Cost Share)														
AB Comm Partnership Grant	93,936.67													
ACP Grant (Interest)	4,934.18					(67,395.91)			581.19					
Canadian Heritage Grant														
Cdn Heritage Funds	32,000.00													
Cdn Heritage Interest									74.82					32,000.00
														74.82
	137,027.84	32,000.00	173,266.00	125,066.00	1,000.00	(67,395.91)	-	2,014.00	1,384.12	(144,740.63)	(173,266.00)	(13,455.27)	(6,500.00)	187,408.15
DEFERRED REVENUE (L413)														
Wharf Agr.	37,587.97						(25,735.69)		488.13					11,852.28
Interest	13,497.24						(25,735.69)		488.13					13,985.37
	51,085.21													25,837.65
	188,113.05	32,000.00	173,266.00	125,066.00	1,000.00	(67,395.91)	(25,735.69)	2,014.00	1,872.25	(144,740.63)	(173,266.00)	(13,455.27)	(6,500.00)	213,246.80

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

year end

INCOME STATEMENT		(1)	(2)
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Description | 2020 BUDGET | 2020 ACTUAL

REVENUE	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	828,890.11	827,503.01
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	441,687.15	440,947.99
COMMERCIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	95,794.42	95,632.86
COMMERCIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	38,313.49	38,248.86
FARM TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	78.38	78.39
FARM TAXES (SCHOOL)	41.77	41.77
POWER & PIPELINE (MUNICIPAL)	16,598.87	16,598.87
POWER & PIPELINE (SCHOOL)	6,638.81	6,638.80
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (MUNICIPAL)	1,670.68	1,670.68
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (SCHOOL)	80.23	80.23
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL (DI)	138.51	138.51
MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX	709,770.00	708,070.00
LIBRARY LEVY	0.00	0.00
MISC. OTHER LEVY	0.00	0.00
TOTAL TAXES	2,139,702.42	2,135,649.97
PENALTIES & COSTS ON TAXES	26,000.00	25,946.05
FRANCHISE - ATCO GAS	28,000.00	28,065.41
FRANCHISE - FORTIS	30,000.00	35,203.69
INVESTMENT INCOME	20,000.00	14,596.76
PROVINCIAL GRANTS		
RESTRUCTURING GRANT	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL FGTF	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL MUNICIPAL GRANTS	0.00	108,082.00
CONDITIONAL MSI GRANT	22,446.00	22,385.00
FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
OTHER	0.00	487.55
ADMIN		
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE	4,800.00	4,800.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	494.19	11,380.40
TAX CERTIFICATES	100.00	1,770.00
PHOTOCOPIES\FAXES\POSTAGE	500.00	321.83
PENALTIES\COSTS - N.S.F. FEES	300.00	665.00
HAWKER PEDDLER LICENSES	0.00	1,370.00
RENTAL AND LEASE	21,800.00	26,148.39
PROV\FED CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	1,600.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	2,353.69
PATROL		
SALES TO OTHER LOCAL GOV'T	21,655.00	29,000.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00	0.00

Assessor changes *401/#444/#453/#790/#1200/#1201/
 " " " #1202/#1203/#59/#63

Assessor changes * 944 TC
 " " "

Removed M.S.T. #1120 Council Motion #175-18 and
 # 866TC Eastlink Linear-No Longer.

(Council waived Aug '20 Penalties)

Atco
 Fortis
 interest earned (some interest earned from Grants
 was transferred to Deferred Revenue.

MOST Grant (Municipal Operating Support-Transfer)
 MSI Operating Grant

ACFA Refund/RMA Rebate/Switch

TVR SSC Contract
 Promo Products sold + orders to Remedy Admin Fees
 Tax certificates
 Photocopies
 NSF Fees
 Mobile Vendor Fees
 Canada Post/Atco Surface Lease/Baschside Parking Lease
 FCSS Grant for 100 yr. Volunteer shirts
 transfer from 100yr Reserve for Deposits paid.

CPO Services to SVVQ. + SVSP
 12,400.⁰⁰ + 16,600.⁰⁰

Description | 2020 BUDGET | 2020 ACTUAL

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	
FINES	4,000.00	2,357.15	traffic fines (provincial)
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00	0.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT - DONATIONS	0.00	0.00	
FEES DUE TO COUNTY FROM UNPAID	0.00	0.00	
RENTAL & LEASE	24,000.00	24,000.00	Firehall lease
UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT	3,800.00	3,500.07	Firehall - Utilities Reimbursement
PROVINCIAL CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	6,800.00	14,170.00	Onoway Fire Group Reimbursement:
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00	0.00	capital 6800.00 (Annual)
			operating 7370.00 (5 yrs)
DISASTER SERVICES	0.00	0.00	
AMBULANCE GRANT	0.00	0.00	
AMBULANCE STATION RENTAL	10,200.00	10,200.00	Ambulance-AHS lease
ANIMAL LICENSES	500.00	635.00	Licenses
BY-LAW FINES	500.00	535.00	Fines (Bylaw)
COMMON SERVICES			
PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES	0.00	0.00	
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,000.00	436.00	Road Repair invoice
RENTAL AND LEASE	42,000.00	38,984.57	New Shop Leases TCF & Wicked f Buses
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	(Council reduced Wicked Auto rent) due to covid.
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00	
ROADS			
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
SALE OF TCA	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00	
STORM SEWER & DRAINAGE			
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00	
SEWER			
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHGS	0.00	0.00	TRRSSC:
SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00	245,700.00	Sewer Revitalization buy 819.00 x 300.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
SOLID WASTE			
CONTRACT WITH OTHER MUNICIPAL	0.00	0.00	
SALE OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00	0.00	
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	0.00	0.00	
DEVELOPMENT PERMITS	2,000.00	5,345.24	Development Permits
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES	500.00	1,100.00	Compliance Letters
SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS	0.00	0.00	
ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS	0.00	0.00	
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES\DEF.REV	137,028.00	67,395.91	Transfer from Def. Revenue for Revenue + Cost Share Project (ACP Grant.)
SALE OF PUBLIC LAND	0.00	0.00	
PIER & MARINA	0.00	10,000.00	Lac Ste Anne County Funding for Boat Launch
TRANSFER RESERVE\DEF.REV.	51,085.00	25,735.69	Transfer from Def. Rev. for Boat Launch Project costs
PARKS			
FEDERAL\PROVINCIAL GRANT(ICAP)	0.00	0.00	
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
UNCONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00	
PARKING LOT REVENUE	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00	
RECREATION FACILITIES			
SALE OF SERVICE - FEES\CHARGES	0.00	0.00	
REGIONAL RECREATION	24,058.00	24,058.00	FCSS - Provincial
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00	
CONDITIONAL PROVINCIAL GRANT	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	2,000.00	0.00	
CAMPGROUND			
USER FEES (SEASONAL)	175,000.00	190,350.00	Seasonal sites 76 sites x 2500. ⁰⁰ + 350. ⁰⁰
WEEKEND SITES	0.00	17,821.01	Weekend Rentals
CAMPGRD CABIN RENTAL	3,200.00	2,400.00	Campgrd Cabin (May-Sept.)
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	800.00	1,623.82	Appliance Fees/Boat Storage/Dump Fee/Late Fee
WINTER STORAGE	21,000.00	23,700.00	Winter Storage 79 x 300. ⁰⁰
DEBIT MACHINE ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	0.00	
RENTAL & LEASE	5,600.00	6,400.00	Campgrd Cabin lease (off season)
M.R.T.A. GRANT	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00	
CULTURE			
LIBRARIAN WAGE REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00	
GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,076,568.61	3,166,223.20	
CAPITAL:			
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	6,460.00	0.00	(Admin copier-funded by General Revenue)
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00	0.00	
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	0.00	0.00	(P.W. equipment purchases - Funded by General Revenue)
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	6,460.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		
CAPITAL PROJECT-ROADS	644,000.00	538,006.63
CAPITAL PROJECT-SHOP	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-DRAINAGE	14,600.00	19,955.27
CAPITAL PROJECT-WALK PATHS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-47 ST UPGRADE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-ADMIN BLDG	150,000.00	100,000.00
TOTAL	808,600.00	657,961.90
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE	815,060.00	657,961.90
REQUISITIONS:		
SCHOOL FOUNDATION	0.00	0.00
ASFF	475,928.20	463,267.73
OVER\UNDER LEVY UTILIZED	10,833.30	22,689.92
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL	138.51	0.00
TOTAL REQUISITIONS	486,900.01	485,957.65
BUSINESS INCOME PROFIT	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,404,728.60	3,338,227.45
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL

Transferred from Def. Rev. for Road Project:

MSI-C 2019	139,407.63
MSI-C Interest	5,333.00
GTF 2019	115,035.00
GTF 2020	58,231.00
MSI-C 2020	220,000.00 set up in A/R

Transferred GATE Funds from Def. Rev. 13,455.27 for Drainage Projects & Engineering

Transferred MSP Funds from Def. Rev. 6,500.00 for storm outfall project.

Transferred \$100,000.00 from General Capital Reserves for Admin Bldg.

School

2019 Underlevy	10,833.30
2020 overlevy - Res.	10,730.09
2020 overlevy - Non-Res.	1,126.53

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

EXPENSE STATEMENT		(1)	(2)
Period 1: --- Begin		01Jan2020	01Jan2020
--- End		31Dec2020	31Dec2020
--- Type		B	A
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Period 2: --- End		000000000	000000000
--- Type			
Ratios: % of Account			
Graphs: # of Columns, Scale		0 0	0 0

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL
COUNCIL		
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS - MAYOR	9,550.00	9,550.20
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS	33,579.00	33,579.00
MEETING FEES	14,000.00	13,475.00
HONOURARIUM DEDUCTIONS	1,700.00	1,167.43
COUNCIL TRAVEL	2,000.00	1,065.18
CONFERENCES\CONVENTIONS	2,000.00	0.00
INTERNET & PHONE EXPENSE	6,000.00	6,000.00
COUNCIL PROMOTIONAL	9,000.00	8,739.91
MISC. SUPPLIES	1,000.00	85.40
TOTAL	78,829.00	73,662.12
ADMINISTRATION		
ADMINISTRATOR	111,700.00	111,737.34
SALARIES	172,780.00	171,973.64
PAYROLL TO\FROM BUS INC	0.00	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	49,800.00	49,313.06
SCP PAYROLL	0.00	0.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00	0.00
TRAINING	1,000.00	0.00
TRAVEL	200.00	62.64
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	3,200.00	3,079.27
TELEPHONE\INTERNET\SATELLIT	4,000.00	4,002.29
ADVERTISING	1,500.00	1,130.17
SUBSCRIPTIONS\MEMBERSHIPS	2,700.00	2,743.24
PRINTING	1,500.00	1,312.50
LEGAL	3,000.00	3,102.77
AUDITOR	11,200.00	11,735.38
SERVICE CONTR-PHOTO,FAX,POS	5,000.00	4,872.82
SERVICE CONTR - ALARM	500.00	475.00
PURCHASED EQUIPMENT REPAIR	7,000.00	7,834.24
CONTRACT - JANITOR	6,000.00	6,000.00
INSURANCE	50,000.00	52,378.45
W.C.B.	9,700.00	9,401.40
STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	4,500.00	4,708.12
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	750.00	1,258.92
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	3,000.00	1,562.12
VILLAGE PROMOTION	3,000.00	2,560.49
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	0.00	2,353.69
UTILITIES	5,300.00	6,184.30
DEBT REPAYMENT	0.00	0.00
SHORT TERM BORROWING FEES	0.00	0.00
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL

CPP

No conventions

includes donation to Greshmere Grizzlies Playground

100 Year Anniv. - Deposits paid (funded by Reserves)

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL
BANK CHARGES	850.00	737.47
TAX REBATES & CANCELLATIONS	0.00	0.00
OTHER & BLDG REPAIRS	8,500.00	8,503.70
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	466,680.00	469,023.02
ELECTION \ CENSUS		
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00	0.00
ADVERTISING	0.00	0.00
GOODS & SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00
ASSESSMENT SERVICES		
ASSESSMENT SERVICES	24,870.00	22,120.00
TOTAL	24,870.00	22,120.00
PATROL		
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00
SALARIES & WAGES	48,825.00	48,055.50
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUNDING	45,215.00	45,215.00
CITIZENS ON PATROL	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	9,000.00	8,369.75
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	500.00	0.00
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	0.00	0.00
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	5,500.00	5,496.91
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	350.00	350.00
AUX PROG\CRIME PREVENTION	0.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00	1,691.69
VEHICLE REPAIR	5,000.00	5,310.41
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	0.00	0.00
STATIONERY & OFFICE SUPPLIES	300.00	274.93
MISC. SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,397.64
UNIFORMS & ACCOTREMENTS	2,000.00	2,779.12
FUEL & OIL	3,500.00	2,179.19
UTILITIES	3,600.00	4,122.97
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	128,290.00	126,243.11
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT		
BYLAW\ANIMAL CONTROL	0.00	0.00
PARKING ENFORCEMENT	0.00	0.00
POUND FEES	500.00	500.00
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	500.00	190.22
SIGNS	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	1,000.00	690.22
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL

includes Fire Ext. Rechg. & inspection & Generator Inspectio

(No ARB costs)

*Partial year
(23,695⁰⁰ transferred to Reserves for Prov. Police Costs)*

includes Laptop for Ps2 (Sol. Gen. Changes to ticketing)

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	
FIREFIGHTING			
FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORAIUMS	0.00	0.00	
TELEPHONE	150.00	188.81	
FIRE CONTRACT	86,421.00	86,421.00	
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	
GOODS AND SUPPLIES	700.00	802.50	
MISCELLANEOUS	2,000.00	2,066.54	Fire Dispatch Fees
BUILDING REPAIR	2,000.00	5,413.92	Misc Repairs & Fencing
UTILITIES	7,500.00	7,169.69	50% invoiced to NWFR
CAPITAL	0.00	0.00	
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	98,771.00	102,062.46	
DISASTER SERVICES			
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	8,500.00	28,080.28	overbudget due to covid-19 & Flooding
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
AMBULANCE SERVICES			
AMBULANCE CONTRACT	0.00	0.00	
BUILDING REPAIRS	4,300.00	3,511.02	Replaced Boiler
UTILITIES	4,200.00	4,669.21	
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	8,500.00	8,180.23	
COMMON SERVICES			
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER	0.00	0.00	
PUBLIC WORKS WAGES	195,000.00	209,943.64	over budget
EXTRA PERSON	0.00	0.00	
STEP & SCP PAYROLL	24,500.00	23,259.37	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - MGR	0.00	0.00	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	40,000.00	27,366.48	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - STEP	1,300.00	1,568.14	
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00	0.00	
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00	0.00	
PAYROLL TO BUSINESS INCOME	0.00	0.00	
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00	27.00	
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	200.00	123.45	
POSTAGE, FREIGHT & DELIVERY	0.00	0.00	
TELEPHONE	2,700.00	1,964.91	
PURCHASED SERVICES	4,300.00	7,860.48	overbudget due to extra handicans & cleaning (covid)
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	30,000.00	56,458.24	over budget - extra repairs required
VEHICLE REPAIR	15,000.00	39,379.12	over budget - extra repairs required
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	3,000.00	3,960.00	over budget - Dump trailer rental
GENERAL GOODS	9,500.00	11,710.91	over budget - misc
SIGNS	2,000.00	0.00	
NON BUDGETED ITEMS	0.00	0.00	
SAFETY SUPPLIES	2,500.00	1,062.28	
FUEL & OIL	18,000.00	25,760.20	over budget (Fuel & oil)
UTILITES - SHOP	14,000.00	14,078.61	
BOAT LAUNCH MTCE	0.00	0.00	
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00	
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	363,000.00	424,522.83
ROADS AND STREETS		
GRAVEL\SAND\ETC.	18,000.00	15,544.43
CRACK FILLING\LINE PAINTING	15,000.00	16,896.75
UTILITIES - STREET LIGHTS	92,000.00	94,274.47
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
STREET LIGHT PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	125,000.00	126,715.65
STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE		
GENERAL SUPPLY-CULVERTS	20,000.00	19,135.31
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
DRAINAGE STUDY	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	20,000.00	19,135.31
WATER SYSTEM		
WATER COMM. OPERATING	18,260.90	18,326.94
WATER COMM. DEBENTURE	40,923.00	40,923.08
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	59,183.90	59,250.02
SANITARY SEWER		
TVRSSC MAINTENANCE AGREE	242,980.00	242,980.00
TVRSSC SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00	245,700.00
TVRSSC DEB. - LAGOON	85,826.00	85,826.00
TVRSSC UPGRADE	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	574,506.00	574,506.00
GARBAGE COLLECTION		
GARBAGE WAGES	50,000.00	53,754.00
GARBAGE CONTRACT	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL LAND FILL	20,000.00	22,777.03
RECYCLING	7,000.00	7,175.43
ANNUAL WASTE ROUND-UP	0.00	0.00
FUEL & OIL	6,000.00	8,533.00
TRUCK REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	12,424.01
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	88,000.00	104,663.47
COMPOST FACILITY		
PURCHASED SERVICE - CLEANUP	3,000.00	2,670.00
GENERAL SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,000.00	2,670.00
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL

includes pumps/Rental of 6" Pumps

landfill- extra garbage.
Bluebag - Extra recycling dump cngs

Fuel & oil
over budget - extra repairs required.

Dozer

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	
MUNICIPAL PLANNING			
CONTRACT - DEVELOPMENT OFF	21,600.00	21,600.00	
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	500.00	0.00	
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	500.00	97.50	
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	22,600.00	21,697.50	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	500.00	0.00	
TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	0.00	0.00	
REVENUE & COST SHARE STUDY	137,028.00	67,395.91	(Funded by ACP Grant in Def. Revenue)
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	500.00	0.00	
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	138,028.00	67,395.91	
LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION	38,134.99	38,134.99	Seniors Foundation
PIER\BOAT LAUNCH	51,085.00	35,735.69	(Funded by LSA County finding & wharf funds in Def. Revenue)
PIER TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
RECREATION & FACILITIES			
REGIONAL RECREATION	30,073.00	30,073.00	Fees - Provincial & Municipal Funds
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	10,000.00	8,721.36	Beachview Park Funding \$800.00
EAST END BUS	11,210.71	11,210.71	Municipal Finding/Bus Replacement & Bus housing
LSA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT	0.00	0.00	
UTILITIES	5,000.00	4,697.68	
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00	
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	56,283.71	54,702.75	
PARKS			
CONTRACT SERVICES	10,000.00	10,458.00	Public washroom/Parks Janitorial
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	5,000.00	6,133.82	
UTILITIES	4,700.00	4,698.47	
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	3,388.00	3,388.37	Parking Lot Lease
PARK PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	
PARK PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	
CONTRIBUTED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	23,088.00	24,678.66	
CAMPGROUND:			
ADVERTISING & SIGNS	0.00	501.10	Campgrd Manager Ad.
POSTAGE, FREIGHT, DELIVERY	0.00	0.00	
TELEPHONE & SATELLITE	1,800.00	1,874.97	
PRINTING	200.00	0.00	
CAMPGROUND MANAGER CONTRACT	45,850.00	55,012.75	overbudget due to extra Revenue Received (Based on Percentage of Revenue)
CAMPGROUND SUMMER HELP	0.00	0.00	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00	
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	300.00	3,300.31	Thomas Skid steer - tires & maintenance
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,573.80
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	300.00	474.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	2,300.00	2,549.78
FUEL & OIL	700.00	654.95
REPAIR MATERIALS	4,000.00	5,881.82
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	6,000.00	10,037.80
UTILITIES	24,000.00	26,534.36
IMPROVEMENTS	2,000.00	1,895.25
DEBIT\VISA BANK FEES	400.00	455.59
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	90,350.00	111,746.48
CULTURE		
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00
REIMBURSE LIBR WAGE	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
GRANT TO LIBRARY	10,500.00	10,500.00
YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY	4,469.00	4,469.02
TOTAL	14,969.00	14,969.02
LOSS ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00	0.00
AMORTIZATION OF TCA	65,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL:		
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN		
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	42,000.00	43,111.43
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	48,460.00	50,572.62
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ROADS	644,000.00	538,171.86
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SHOP	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-DRAINAGE	14,600.00	19,955.27
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WALKING PATHS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-FIREHALL LOT	0.00	22,319.07
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ADMIN BLDG	150,000.00	176,400.52
TOTAL	808,600.00	756,846.72
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	857,060.00	807,419.34
BUSINESS INCOME EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,404,728.60	3,318,005.06
Description	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL

Includes new roof on cabin.
Campground - Extra Gravel

A.B. Library
XRL Funding 1018 x 4.39

TCA (Not transferred)

Admin: Photocopier 6460.⁰⁰
Laptop 1001.19 } Funded by General Revenue

Public Works: Elgin Sweeper 3800.⁰⁰
Tenco Sander Unit 2990.⁰⁰
2008 CAT Track Skidsteer 28571.43
Wacker Plate Tamper 1750.⁰⁰
Bobcat Trade in Program 6000.⁰⁰
43,111.43

2020 Road Projects - see attached
Funded by MSI-C & GTF Funds

Drainage Projects 13,455.27 funded by BMTA
Storm outfall project 6,500.⁰⁰ funded by MSP

Firehall Parking Lot Rebuild - Funded by General Revenue
Snowday Fire group of Funds Reimb. (Not Budgetted)

Admin Bldg. Roof & Exterior Upgrade. Funded by Reserves 100,000.⁰⁰
originally did not budget Doors & windows + 50,000.⁰⁰ General Revenue

CAPITAL PURCHASES 2020

2020 Expense Budget for Capital Purchases:		Budget	Actual	2020 Income Budget for Capital Purchases:		Funding	Actual
12-940 Admin Capital Purchases:				R12-940 Admin Income for Capital Purchases			
Admin- Photocopier	6,460.00	6,460.00		Reserves	6,460.00		
Admin- Laptop	-	1,001.19		General Revenue	-	7,461.19	
	6,460.00	7,461.19			6,460.00	7,461.19	
21-940 Patrol Capital Purchases:				R21-940 Patrol Income for Capital Purchases:			
MK1 Vehicle Laptop	-	4,673.30		General Revenue	-	4,673.30	
	-	4,673.30			-	-	
					-	4,673.30	
31-940 Public Works Capital Purchases:				R31-940 Public Works Income for Capital Purchases:			
2008 CAT Track Skidsteer	29,000.00	28,571.43		General Revenue	42,000.00	43,111.43	
Tenco Sander Unit	3,000.00	2,990.00			-	-	
1992 GMC Elgin Sweeper	4,000.00	3,800.00			-	-	
BobCat Trade In Program	6,000.00	6,000.00			-	-	
2020 S76 Bobcat \$63,937.82 Less:					-	-	
Trade 2019 S650 Bobcat (\$57,937.82)					-	-	
Wacker Plate Tamper	-	1,750.00			-	-	
	42,000.00	43,111.43			42,000.00	43,111.43	
71-940 Recreation Capital Purchases:				R71-940 Recreation Income for Capital Purchases:			
Nil	-	-		Nil	-	-	
	-	-			-	-	
	-	-			-	-	
					-	-	
72-940 Parks Capital Purchases:				R72-940 Parks Income for Capital Purchases:			
Nil	-	-		Nil	-	-	
	-	-			-	-	
	-	-			-	-	
					-	-	
73-940 Campground Capital Purchases:				R73-940 Campground Income for Capital Purchases:			
Nil	-	-		Nil	-	-	
	-	-			-	-	
	-	-			-	-	
					-	-	
Total Budget Capital Purchases	48,460.00	55,245.92		Total Income for Capital Purchases	48,460.00	55,245.92	

CAPITAL PROJECTS 2020

2020 Expense Budget for Capital Projects:		Budget	Actual	2020 Income Budget for Capital Projects:		Funding	Actual
32-950 Capital Projects - Roads:				R32-950 Income for Capital Projects - Roads:			
2020 Road Reconstruction & Paving	644,000.00	538,171.86		MSI-C 2019	139,407.63	139,407.63	
	-	-		MSI-C Interest	4,700.37	5,333.00	
	-	-		GTF 2019	115,035.00	115,035.00	
	-	-		GTF 2020	58,231.00	58,231.00	
	-	-		MSI-C 2020	326,626.00	220,000.00	
	-	-		General Revenue	-	165.23	
Total Budget for Road Projects	644,000.00	538,171.86		Total Income Budget for Capital Road Projects	644,000.00	538,171.86	
32-951 Capital Projects - :				R32-951 Income for Capital Projects - :			
Nil	-	-		Nil	-	-	
Total Budget	-	-		Total Income Budget	-	-	
32-952 Capital Projects - Drainage:				R32-952 Income for Capital Projects - Drainage:			
2020 Drainage Project Costs	14,600.00	13,455.27		BMTG 2013	13,854.00	13,455.27	
2020 Storm Outfall Project	-	6,500.00		BMTG Interest	746.00	-	
	-	-		Municipal Stimulus Program 2020	-	6,500.00	
	-	-			-	-	
Total Budget for Drainage Project	14,600.00	19,955.27		Total Income Budget for Drainage Project	14,600.00	19,955.27	
32-953 Capital Projects - :				R32-953 Income for Capital Projects - :			
Nil	-	-		Nil	-	-	
Total Budget	-	-		Total Income Budget	-	-	
32-954 Capital Projects - :				R32-954 Income for Capital Projects - :			
Firehall Parking Lot	-	22,319.07		Fire Committee Op Cost Reimbursement (Receipt #166545)	-	7,370.00	
	-	-		General Revenue	-	14,949.07	
Total Budget	-	22,319.07		Total Income Budget	-	22,319.07	
32-955 Capital Projects - Admin Building:				R32-955 Income for Capital Projects - Admin Building:			
Admin Bldg Roof & Exterior Reno	150,000.00	176,400.52		Reserves	150,000.00	100,000.00	
	-	-		General Revenue	-	76,400.52	
Total Budget	150,000.00	176,400.52		Total Income Budget	150,000.00	176,400.52	
Total Budget Capital Projects	808,600.00	756,846.72		Total Income for Capital Projects	808,600.00	756,846.72	

PROJECTS 2020 (Not Capital)

2020 Expense Budget for Non-Capital Projects:		Budget	Actual	2020 Income Budget for Non-Capital Projects:	
				Funding	Actual
12-514 FCSS Grant			1,704.25		1,600.00
100 Yr Anniv. Volunteer Shirts		-		-	104.25
Total Budget for FCSS Project		-	1,704.25	-	1,704.25
12-515 100 YR Anniv.					
100 YR Anniv. Expenses		-	2,353.69	-	2,353.69
Total Budget for LED Light Upgrade		-	2,353.69	-	2,353.69
61-1-235 Revenue & Cost Sharing Project:					
Facility Assessment Consulting Fees		137,028.00	67,395.91	137,028.00	67,395.91
Total Budget for Rev&Cost Project		137,028.00	67,395.91	137,028.00	67,395.91
68-750 Boat Launch Project					
Boat Launch Repairs		51,600.00	35,735.69	51,600.00	25,735.69
Total Budget for Boat Launch		51,600.00	35,735.69	51,600.00	35,735.69
Total Budget Non-Capital Projects		188,628.00	107,189.54	188,628.00	107,189.54
2020 Income Budget for Non-Capital Projects:					
R12-840 Income for Fortis LED Light Upgrade Project:					
FCSS 2020 Grant					
General Revenue					
Total Income Budget for FCSS Project					1,704.25
R12-910 Income for 100 Year Anniv.					
L708 Reserves					
Total Income Budget for LED Light Upgrade Project					2,353.69
R61-910 Income for Revenue & Cost Sharing Project:					
ACP Grant in Deferred Revenue L411				137,028.00	67,395.91
Total Income Budget for Rev&Cost Project				137,028.00	67,395.91
R68-910 Income for Boat Launch Project:					
Wharf Funds in Deferred Revenue L413				51,600.00	25,735.69
Lac Ste. Anne County Funds					10,000.00
Total Income Budget for Boat Launch Project				51,600.00	35,735.69
Total Income for Non-Capital Projects				188,628.00	107,189.54

2020 Grant Allocations

2020 Grant Allocations	2020 Funding	Add'l Funding	Total
2020 MSI Capital	265,546.00	-	265,546.00
2020 MSI Capital - BMTG Component	61,080.00	-	61,080.00
Total 2020 MSI Capital	326,626.00	-	326,626.00
2020 MSI Operating	22,385.00	-	22,385.00
2020 GTF (Gas Tax Fund)	58,231.00	-	58,231.00
2020 MOST (Municipal Operating Support)	108,082.00	-	108,082.00
2020 MSP (Municipal Stimulus Program)	120,009.00	-	120,009.00
Total	635,333.00	-	635,333.00

Grant Funds Received in 2020	2019/2020 Allocations	Funds Received in 2020	Balance Not Received Yet
2019 MSI Capital	125,066.00	125,066.00	-
2020 MSI Capital	326,626.00	-	326,626.00
2020 MSI Operating	22,385.00	22,385.00	-
2019 Gas Tax Fund	115,035.00	115,035.00	-
2020 Gas Tax Fund	58,231.00	58,231.00	-
2020 MOST	108,082.00	108,082.00	-
2020 MSP	120,009.00	120,009.00	-
Total	875,434.00	548,808.00	326,626.00

**ALBERTA BEACH
BYLAW # 282-21**

BEING A BYLAW OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK BETWEEN ALBERTA BEACH AND LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto authorizes a municipality to enter into agreement with another municipality and Section 708, Part 28, Division 1 states that municipalities that have common boundaries must create a Intermunicipal Framework with each other;

AND WHEREAS, the purpose of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework is to provide for the integrated and strategic planning, delivery and funding of intermunicipal services; to steward resources efficiently in providing local services; and to ensure municipalities contribute funding to services that benefit their residents;

AND WHEREAS, Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County have worked collaboratively on the preparation of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between both municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, Council of Alberta Beach deems it desirable and appropriate to adopt the Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Alberta Beach, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That this Bylaw may be cited as the "Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County ICF Bylaw";
2. That the "Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County" attached and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted; and
3. 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 _____, 2021.

READ a second time this ___ day of _____, 2021.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT given to proceed to third reading this ___ day of _____, 2021.

READ a third and final time this ___ day of _____, 2021.

SIGNED by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer this ___ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor, Jim Benedict

Chief Administrative Officer, Kathy Skwarchuk

**Intermunicipal
Collaboration
Framework**

Alberta Beach & Lac Ste. Anne County

CORE SERVICES

- TRANSPORTATION
- WATER
- WASTE WATER
- SOLID WASTE
- STORM WATER
- EMERGENCY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES
 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 - FIRE SERVICES
 - COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES
- RECREATION
 - AGLIPLEX
 - BEACHWAVE PARK
 - BOAT LAUNCHES
 - MUNICIPAL PARKS
- SOCIAL SERVICES
 - LIBRARY
 - FCSS
 - EAST END BUS
 - SENIORS HOUSING
 - SENIORS CENTRE
 - MUSEUM

OTHER SERVICES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

- LAND USE PLANNING
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- OTHER SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION

Description:

Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County retains' responsibility for all roads within their respective municipal boundaries. Each municipality is responsible for the maintenance and snow clearing of the roads within their municipal boundaries.

Any major roadwork or asphalt paving on Boundary Road, 45 Avenue, 46 Street, 47 Street, Museum Road, 60 Street, Range Road 32 and Range Road 33 may be negotiated jointly between the municipalities.

Funding:

The respective municipalities will fund all transportation requirements in their municipal boundaries. Any major roadwork required for Boundary Road, 45 Avenue, 46 Street, 47 Street, Museum Road, 60 Street, Range Road 32 and Range Road 33 may be completed on a cost share basis, where support is requested from the other municipality, the municipalities will agree on the scope of work and the costs involved for each participating municipality.

Transition Plan:

Changes to how the respective municipalities deal with transportation issues are not anticipated. The municipalities will continue to support regional transportation initiatives where possible and within their respective budgets. The municipalities will work collaboratively to support transportation in the region.

WATER

Description:

Residents within the municipalities have independent wells or cisterns to meet water requirements. Both municipalities are partners in the West Interlake Regional Water Services Commission (WILD) and contribute to the capital and operational costs. WILD has a water fill station located on Range Road 32 just outside the municipal boundaries of Alberta Beach. The municipalities will work together to investigate a water distribution system, however it is recognized that each municipality is responsible for water distribution within their respective municipal boundaries.

Lead Municipality:

WILD is the lead for the regional water line and water fill stations.

Funding:

Funding for WILD is detailed within the capital and operating agreements and the WILD Business Plan.

WASTE WATER

Description:

Waste Water within Alberta Beach is provided by the Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC). TVRSSC members are Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin. TVRSSC is responsible for providing wastewater services to the three municipalities.

Lac Ste. Anne County manages the commissions for lagoon and waste water systems in Lac Ste. Anne County.

Lead Municipality:

TVRSSC is the lead for the wastewater and lagoon in Alberta Beach. Lac Ste. Anne County is responsible for their wastewater and lagoon systems through regional commissions.

Funding:

Existing agreements are in place. Any changes to wastewater services will be done through the respective commissions.

SOLID WASTE

Description:

The municipalities are responsible for the collection of solid waste, compost and recycling within their respective municipality. The Highway 43 East Waste Commission (Commission) owns and operates the regional landfill site and both municipalities are members of this commission.

Lead Municipality:

Each municipality will be responsible for the collection of solid waste, compost and recycling in their respective municipal boundaries. The Commission is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the landfill site.

Funding:

The municipalities are each responsible for the costs of solid waste, compost and recycling pick up and disposal in their respective municipal boundaries as well as the fees payable to the Commission.

STORM WATER

Description:

Each municipality retains responsibility for the storm water management in their respective municipal boundaries.

The municipalities will work together to manage the storm water system from Lac Ste. Anne County which runs through Alberta Beach.

EMERGENCY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Description:

Each municipality operates its own Emergency Management Agency and Advisory Committee responsible for the planning and operations of emergency management within their municipal boundaries. The agencies will work cooperatively and ensure mutual aid agreements are in place.

Funding:

The municipalities are each responsible for the costs of emergency management in their respective municipal boundaries.

FIRE SERVICES

Description:

Alberta Beach contracts from the Town of Onoway to provide fire suppression services within their municipal boundaries through the services of Onoway Regional Fire Services.

Lac Ste. Anne County is responsible for their fire services within Lac Ste. Anne County.

The municipalities will work cooperatively and ensure mutual aid agreements are in place as well that dual call out on highway calls are in place as agreed.

Funding:

Each municipality is responsible for funding fire services in their respective municipality.

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES

Description:

Each municipality employs Community Peace Officers and each is responsible for enforcement of provincial statutes, bylaw enforcement and animal control in their respective municipality. The agencies will work cooperatively and ensure mutual aid agreements are in place.

Funding:

Each municipality is responsible for funding Community Peace Officer services in their respective municipality.

RECREATION

Description:

Each municipality provides funding to recreation facilities within their municipal boundaries and/or within the region.

Recreation Agreements will be negotiated under separate agreement.

AGLIPLEX

Description:

The Alberta Beach Agliplex is operated by the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society (Land & building is leased from Alberta Beach). The Ag Society provides social and recreational activities to the entire region.

Funding:

Currently Alberta Beach provides funding for insurance, utilities as well provides various in-kind public works services at the Agliplex. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to the Alberta Beach Agricultural Society towards operation of the Alberta Beach Agliplex.

Recreation Agreements will be negotiated under separate agreement.

BEACHWAVE PARK

Description:

Beachwave Park provides recreational activities to the surrounding communities including ball diamonds, skating rink, basketball court, skate board park etc. The park is owned by Alberta Beach and managed by a local community group.

Funding:

Beachwave Park relies on support through municipal partners and various groups. Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County support a fair funding formula to continue operations of the park.

Both Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County provide direct municipal funding annually.

Recreation Agreements will be negotiated under separate agreement.

BOAT LAUNCHES

Description:

The Alberta Beach Boat Launch is owned by the Province. Alberta Beach holds an LOC on the Boat Launch and through the LOC is responsible the maintenance & operations. Lac Ste. Anne County manages boat launches within Lac Ste. Anne County.

Funding:

Currently each municipality is responsible for boat launches in their respective municipality. Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County support a fair funding formula to continue operations of the Alberta Beach boat launch and park.

Recreation Agreements will be negotiated under separate agreement.

Transition Plan:

The municipalities will work together to lobby the Government of Alberta for the ability to charge a user fee on the Alberta Beach boat launch and to provide funding for maintenance. The municipalities will work together to re-establish the SARLUC (Ste. Anne Regional Lake Use Committee).

MUNICIPAL PARKS

Description:

Each municipality is responsible for the municipal parks and recreational lands within their municipal boundaries unless otherwise identified.

SOCIAL SERVICES

LIBRARY

Description:

Alberta Beach has established the Alberta Beach Municipal Library Board through Bylaw, who is responsible for the operations of the Alberta Beach Public Library. Lac Ste Anne County has established the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board through Bylaw, who is responsible for the operations of three library service points located in Lac Ste. Anne County (Darwell Public Library, Sangudo Public Library & Rich Valley Public Library). The Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board also provides support to the three libraries located with the urban neighbours within the county boundary, inclusive of the Alberta Beach Library.

Funding:

Alberta Beach provides direct funding and in-kind support to the Alberta Beach Municipal Library Board. Lac Ste. Anne County provides direct funding to the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board which allocates funding to all six libraries in the region, inclusive of the Alberta Beach Municipal Library Board.

Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County support a fair funding formula to support the operations of Alberta Beach Public Library.

FCSS

Description:

Each respective municipality is responsible for FCSS programming and/or external grant funding in the region. The municipalities agree to work together on FCSS programs in the region.

Funding:

Both Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County receive annual provincial FCSS funding, by agreement, through Alberta Children's Services. The provincial funding represents 80%, with the municipality contributing a minimum required 20% contribution.

EAST END BUS

Description:

East End Bus Society is a legal entity formed to meet transportation and socialization needs, primarily for senior's and person with disabilities, on the eastern end of the Lac Ste. Anne County region. Both Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County are voting members of the Society.

Funding:

Both Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County provide financial contribution to both operating and capital budget of the Society, as per an agreed upon funding formula, and also provide in-kind support. A formal agreement is anticipated for 2021.

SENIORS HOUSING

Description:

The municipalities provide funding for seniors housing throughout the region through an annual requisition from the Lac Ste Anne Foundation.

SENIORS CENTRE

Description:

The Alberta Beach Senior's Centre is owned and operated by the Alberta Beach & District Senior Citizens Club (land is leased from Alberta Beach). The Club provides various recreational and social activities to the seniors in the surrounding communities. Alberta Beach provides various in-kind services at the Alberta Beach Seniors Centre. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to senior centres in the region.

Funding:

Alberta beach provides various in-kind services to the Alberta Beach Seniors Centre. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to the Alberta Beach Seniors Centre.

MUSEUM & HERTIAGE VILLAGE

Description:

The Alberta Beach Museum & Heritage Village is owned and operated by the Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives Society (the land is leased from Alberta Beach). Alberta Beach provides in-kind services at the Alberta Beach Museum & Heritage Village. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to museums in the region.

Funding:

Alberta Beach provides in-kind services to the Alberta Beach Museum & Heritage Village. Lac Ste. Anne County provides annual funding to the Alberta Beach Museum & Heritage Village.

OTHER SERVICES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT:

LAND USE PLANNING

Description:

Alberta Beach contracts to a third party for development officer and planning services. Lac Ste Anne County employs staff for development and planning in Lac Ste. Anne.

The municipalities have a Regional Intermunicipal Development Plan which expires in 2021.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County are members of the Lac Ste. Anne Partnership (LSAP) that is focused on working together to discover and promote economic opportunities in the region.

OTHER SERVICES

Either municipality may provide other services to the other upon request, with the terms of service provision being negotiated by the two municipalities.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County commit to resolving any disputes in a non-adversarial, informal, and cost-effective manner. Where there is no other existing agreement or bylaw, the following dispute resolution process will prevail.

Step 1 (Administration):

- Chief Administrative Officers and applicable administrative staff meet to discuss and resolve the dispute.
 - If resolved, the agreement(s) will be amended accordingly.
 - If not resolved, the matter will be referred to Step 2.

Step 2 (Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee) (ICFC):

- The Alberta Beach/ Lac Ste. Anne County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee (ICFC) will meet to discuss and resolve the dispute. The ICFC will be made up of two Councillors and one administration representative from each municipality.
 - If resolved, the agreement(s) will be amended accordingly.
 - If not resolved, the matter will be referred to Step 3.

Step 3 (Municipal Councils):

- The Alberta Beach Council and Lac Ste. Anne County Council will meet to discuss and resolve the dispute.
 - If resolved, the agreement(s) will be amended accordingly.
 - If not resolved, the matter will be referred to Step 4.

Step 4 (Mediation):

- A mutually agreed upon Mediator will be retained.
- The costs of mediation shall be split on a 25/75 percent basis being 25% for Alberta Beach and 75% for Lac Ste. Anne County.
 - If resolved, the agreement(s) will be amended accordingly.
 - If not resolved, the matter will be referred to Step 5.

Step 5 (Formal Arbitration):

- In the event a dispute cannot be resolved through any of the steps outlined above, the dispute will be referred to formal arbitration with a mutually agreed upon certified arbitrator. Failing mutual agreement in selecting an arbitrator, the municipalities will request the Province appoint one.
- The costs of arbitration shall be split on a 25/75 percent basis being 25% for Alberta Beach and 75% for Lac Ste. Anne County.
 - Arbitrator's decision to be immediately implemented by the municipalities.

TERM OF REVIEW

This ICF will be reviewed and amended in joint consultation at least every 5 years or as needed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement as of the ____ day of _____, 2021.

Lac Ste Anne County

Alberta Beach

Reeve

Mayor

County Manager

Chief Administrative Officer

**ALBERTA BEACH
BYLAW #283-21**

BEING A BYLAW OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK BETWEEN ALBERTA BEACH AND THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT.

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto authorizes a municipality to enter into agreement with another municipality and Section 708, Part 28, Division 1 states that municipalities that have common boundaries must create a Intermunicipal Framework with each other;

AND WHEREAS, the purpose of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework is to provide for the integrated and strategic planning, delivery and funding of intermunicipal services; to steward resources efficiently in providing local services; and to ensure municipalities contribute funding to services that benefit their residents;

AND WHEREAS, Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Sunset Point have worked collaboratively on the preparation of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between both municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, Council of Alberta Beach deems it desirable and appropriate to adopt the Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Sunset Point Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Alberta Beach, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That this Bylaw may be cited as the "Alberta Beach and Sunset Point ICF Bylaw";
2. That the "Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Sunset Point" attached and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted; and
3. 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 _____, 2021.

READ a second time this ___ day of _____, 2021.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT given to proceed to third reading this ___ day of _____, 2021.

READ a third and final time this ___ day of _____, 2021.

SIGNED by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer this ___ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor, Jim Benedict

Chief Administrative Officer, Kathy Skwarchuk

INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK

ALBERTA BEACH

&

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT

CORE SERVICES

- TRANSPORTATION
- WATER
- WASTE WATER
- SOLID WASTE
- EMERGENCY SERVICES
- FIRE SERVICES
- ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
- RECREATION

OTHER SERVICES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

- LIBRARIES
- FCSS
- SENIORS HOUSING
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Sunset Point share a common boundary;
and

WHEREAS, Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Sunset Point share common interests and
are desirous of working together to provide services to their ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act* stipulates that municipalities that have a common
boundary must create a framework with each other that describes the services to be provided
under the framework that benefit residents in more than one of the municipalities that are parties
to the framework, identifies which municipality is responsible for providing which services and
outlines how the services will be delivered and funded.

NOW THEREFORE, both parties agree as follows::

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Framework, words have the same meanings as set out in the *Municipal Government Act*,
except that:

- A. "Committee" means the Alberta Beach & Sunset Point Intermunicipal
Collaboration Framework (ICF) Committee established in Section 3 of this
Framework.
- B. "Framework" means this intermunicipal collaboration framework entered
into by the Parties pursuant to part 17.2 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- C. "Parties" means Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Sunset Point, and "Party"
means any one of them.
- D. The word "shall" is interpreted as meaning an obligatory direction.

2. TERM AND REVIEW

- A. In accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, this Framework shall
come into force on the passing of bylaws by the Parties that contain this
Framework.
- B. This Framework may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties and
shall come into force on the passing of bylaws by the Parties that contain
the Framework as amended.
- C. It is agreed that the Parties shall meet at least once every five years, as
requested in writing by either party or as outlined within the framework to
review, discuss and propose amendments to the framework.

3. INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION

- A. The Parties hereby establish a committee to be known as the Alberta Beach & Sunset Point Intermunicipal Committee.
- B. The Committee shall consist of six (6) members, being one (1) Mayor, or Deputy Mayor, one (1) Councillor and one (1) CAO from each Municipality. An Alternate may be appointed as required.
- C. The Chief Administrative Officers or designate(s) of each Party will be advisory staff to the Committee and responsible to develop agendas and recommendations where appropriate.
- D. The mandate of the Committee shall be to develop recommendations to the respective Councils of the Parties regarding intermunicipal collaboration.
- E. A Party may request a meeting of the Committee on giving at least thirty (30) calendar days' notice. Meeting requests will be directed to the Chief Administrative Officer for the respective Party.

4. GENERAL SERVICE PROVISION

- A. Unless otherwise specified the Parties have agreed that the best and most efficient way to provide services to residents is to continue providing services independently or through the various arrangements that each Party currently has with their respective neighbours.
- B. In addition, Alberta Beach and Sunset Point agree to support each other through various grant funding opportunities, when they arise.

5. INTERMUNICIPAL SERVICE PROVISION

In congruence with the *Municipal Government Act*, the following section outlines the level of service provision between Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Sunset Point:

1) TRANSPORTATION

Description:

Both municipalities shall retain the responsibility for all roads within their respective municipal boundaries. Each municipality is responsible for the maintenance and snow clearing of the roads within their boundaries.

Any major roadwork or asphalt paving required for 50th Ave, Sunset Drive, 47th Street, and Boundary road may be completed on a cost sharing basis subject to municipalities agreeing on the scope of the work and costs. All cost sharing requests will be considered in allowance to municipal budgets.

While maintenance is the responsibility of the Municipality in which the road lies. Annually the municipalities shall work in conjunction with the Summer Village of Val Quentin to jointly tender roadmaintenance costs for crack filling, line painting and street sweeping in the respectivemunicipalities. Each CAO will be responsible for acquiring tenders as per the following schedule:

2021- Alberta Beach

2022- Val Quentin

2023 Sunset Point

And on a rotational basis thereafter.

Lead Municipality:

Each municipality retains responsibility for all roads within their respective municipal boundaries.

Funding

The respective Parties will fund all transportation requirements through their respective budgets. Where support is required from one Party, the municipalities will agree on the scope of work and the costs involved for each participating municipality.

Each municipality will be responsible for the operational costs associated with the joint tendering for crackfilling, linepainting and or street sweeping in their respective municipalities acquired through the joint tender and mobilization costs will be split evenly.

Timeline

The Parties will continue consultation and support for each municipality where and when required.

For the Joint Tender it should be the responsibility of, Alberta Beach in 2021, Val Quentin in 2022 and Sunset Point in 2023. The responsibilities of this tender shall be repeated as needed.

Transition Plan

The Parties will continue its amiable working relationship built on fairness and equality. Changes to how the respective municipalities deal with transportation issues are not anticipated, but the two municipalities will continue to support regional initiatives where possible and will continue to support transportation within the region.

Term of Review

Transportation issues will be reviewed on an as required basis in line with each municipalities review of its ongoing 3 year operating budget and 5 year capital budget.

2) WATER

Description

Residents within the municipalities have independent wells or cisterns to meet water requirements. The municipalities have partnered in the West Interlake District Regional Water Commission (WILD) and contribute to the capital costs (annual debenture payments) and operational costs. It is not anticipated that either Party will initiate a municipal water service in their respective municipalities, but both Parties may work cooperatively with other municipal partners to work collaboratively to investigate a regional distribution system.

Lead Municipality

WILD Regional Water Commission is the lead for the regional water transmission line and waterfill stations.

Possible distribution of water may be an opportunity to explore with Alberta Beach, the Summer Village of Sunset Point and other regional partners. (distribution from the existing water fill station may be developed on an agreed cost-sharing formula.) Prior to commencing connections to the Alberta Beach Truck fill station both parties agree to meet and discuss regional options for services.

Funding

Funding for the WILD Regional Water Commission is detailed within the capital and operating agreements with the respective municipalities and WILD Regional Water Commission.

If additional funding is required for new water facilities, these agreements will be negotiated with the participating municipalities.

Timeline

Current funding agreements will remain in place with WILD. There is no timeline for transition to a regional distribution system.

Transition plan

Existing agreements are in place. If new projects are initiated, then a transition plan may be developed for the planned project. Both parties agree to investigate the development of a Regional Water Distribution Commission or Utility Service to be responsible for water distribution of potable water.

Term of review

Contract agreements with WILD Regional Water Commission spell out all contractual requirements for review

Dispute Resolution

Contracts with WILD Regional Water Commission contain requirements for dispute resolution.

3) WASTE WATER

Description

Residents within the Summer Village of Sunset Point and Alberta Beach are partners in the Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC). The Commission members are Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin. The Commission is responsible for providing wastewater services to the municipalities.

The TVRSSC is responsible to ensure proper Sewer connections, sewer mains and lift stations are installed and operating within the municipality. The Commission is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the shared sewer and lagoon system.

Lead Municipality

The TVRSSC is the lead for the sewer system and sewage lagoon.

Funding

Funding for the TVRSSC is as per agreement with TVRSSC.

Timeline

Ongoing agreements in place.

Transition Plan

No transition away from the Tri Village Lagoon Commission is contemplated.

Term of Review

Contractual arrangements within the TVRSSC specify review timelines.

Binding Dispute Resolution

Agreements with the TVRSSC specify dispute resolution.

Alberta Beach and Sunset Point are satisfied with the existing relationship with the Tri Village Lagoon Commission and do not anticipate any issues.

4) SOLID WASTE

Description

Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Sunset Point collect solid waste from residents, and deliver the solid waste to the Highway 43 East Waste Commission, and pay a tipping fee based on the weight of the refuse. Residents can also deliver waste to the landfill operated by the Highway 43 East Waste Commission and pay the associated fees.

The landfill is owned and operated by the Highway 43 East Waste Commission.

Lead Municipality

Highway 43 East Waste Commission, a partnership of member municipalities is responsible for overseeing the operations of the landfill.

Funding

The landfill is operated by the Highway 43 East Waste Commission and collects a tipping fee from users to fund the operations.

Timeline

This is an ongoing agreement with the Highway 43 East Waste Commission, Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Sunset Point.

Transition plan

No changes are expected to occur in the immediate future.

Term of Review

As per the agreement with the Highway 43 East Waste Commission.

Binding Dispute Resolution

As per the agreement with the Highway 43 East Waste Commission.

5) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Description

The Summer Village of Sunset Point is a member of the regional emergency management partnership for the purpose of an integrated emergency management planning and operations with other Summer Villages within the area.

Alberta Beach has its own Emergency Management Agency and Advisory Committee responsible for the planning and operations of emergency management within its boundaries.

Lead Municipality

Each municipality has established their own Emergency Management Advisory Committee and respective Agency.

Funding

Each municipality is responsible for funding emergency management in their respective municipality.

Timeline

Each Emergency Management Agency meets on a regular basis to review the planning and operations for emergency management for the partners in the respective region.

Transition Plan

While no transition away from this current model is currently considered. Both municipalities endeavour to work cooperatively and ensure that a mutual aide agreement be established. Further to this all parties commit to investigating the viability of a regional tri-village emergency management agency.

Term of review

As established within the Regional Emergency Management Agency agreements

Dispute Resolution

As established within the Regional Emergency Management Agency agreements.

6) FIRE SERVICES

Description

The Town of Onoway provides fire suppression services within the respective municipalities through the services of Onoway Regional Fire Service.

The fire suppression agreement with the Town of Onoway also includes a mutual aid clause for backup assistance from the Lac Ste Anne County Fire Services.

Lead Municipality

The Town of Onoway is the lead agency for fire protection in both communities.

Funding

The Onoway regional Fire Services is funded through an annual contribution as established in the Fire Service Agreement.

Each respective municipality is responsible for funding for fire services.

Transition Plan

No transition away from this current model is currently contemplated. While each municipality is allowed to transition to an alternative fire service provider a mutual aid agreement for fire services shall always be maintained.

The municipalities agree to provide notice in accordance with the fire service agreement if making any changes to fire service.

Term of review

Existing agreements are in place, renewal agreements are based on a 5-year term. No changes are currently anticipated.

7) ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Description

Alberta Beach provides Community Peace Officer(s) (CPO) service to the Summer Village of Sunset Point.

Lead Municipality

Alberta Beach is the lead municipality for CPO services.

Funding

The CPO service are provided on a cost sharing basis as per a separate agreement.

Transition Plan

No transition away from this plan is expected at this time.

Term of review

Existing agreements are in place, renewal agreements are based on terms of that agreement. No changes are currently anticipated.

8) RECREATION

Description

The Summer Village of Sunset Point does not operate park/recreational facilities however it is abundant in recreational land and provides a high level of water access to its citizens and large trail network which is used by both municipalities' residents.

However, the Summer Village does recognize that residents of the Summer Village do participate in recreation programs that are operated within Alberta Beach. The Summer Village of Sunset Point does provide annual contributions to these recreation facilities, these contributions are determined within the annual Sunset Point budget process.

Alberta Beach has a variety of recreational facilities which are operated by Alberta Beach and its various service groups where Alberta Beach subsidizes the services for the various service groups.

Lead Municipality

The lead municipality for recreation facilities and programs is the municipality in which the facilities or programs are situated.

The Summer Village of Sunset Point is solely responsible for any recreation activities that occur within the Summer Village.

Alberta Beach is solely responsible for any recreation activities that occur within the Village.

Funding

The Summer Village of Sunset Point provides funding for recreational facilities and activities within the region as established within the annual budget. Sunset Point commits to provide ongoing annual funding to Recreation projects in Alberta Beach.

Alberta Beach provides funding to the recreational facilities and activities within its boundaries as established thru its annual budget. In addition, Alberta Beach receives additional funding from other municipalities to further subsidize the variety of recreational services in the community.

Timeline

Ongoing, on an annual allocation.

Transition Plan

No changes or transition is anticipated. Alberta Beach and Sunset Point agree to support one another with grant opportunities in future grant projects.

Sunset Point would support Alberta Beach if it wanted to implement a user pay system on the various users of some of its infrastructure including but not limited to its Boat Launch, and Museum. Each party agrees to participate in the Lac Ste. Anne Regional Recreation Committee to investigate option for shared funding for creation facilities in the region.

Term of Review

Recreation contributions are reviewed on an annual basis.

6. OTHER SERVICES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

A) LIBRARIES

Description

Both municipalities pay a Library requisition to the to the Yellowhead Regional Library Board (YRL) based on a per capita levy. In addition to the annual requisitions, the municipalities provide annual funding to the Alberta Beach Library.

Lead Municipality:

Alberta Beach Library Board.

Funding

The per capita funding of YRL is determined by the YRL board on an annual basis.

Sunset Point commits to providing annual funding to the Alberta Beach Library on an annually basis based on its annual budget process at a per capita commitment of \$15.57 for the next five years.

Alberta Beach commits to providing annual funding to the Alberta Beach Library on an annual basis based on its annual budget process. Alberta Beach agrees to match the per capita funding of the Summer Village of Sunset Point through a combination of direct funding and in-kind services (Alberta Beach will provide a breakdown of the in-kind services on any request from the Summer Village of Sunset Point).

Timeline

Ongoing, on an annual allocation for next five years.

Transition Plan

No changes or transition is anticipated. However Sunset Point has formally requested that the Alberta Beach Library starts recording users residency to the best of their ability recognizing the library's staffing limitations. The Library has agreed to this service change. The intent is that in 2025 all partner municipalities may be able to better allocate funding support based on use rates rather than per capita allotments.

B) FCSS

Description

Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Sunset Point transfers its FCSS funding to the Town of Onoway which provides funds to various organizations for events and activities hosted within the area.

Lead Municipality: Town of Onoway.

Funding

Each municipality provides funding to FCSS in accordance with Provincial requirements.

Timeline

Ongoing, on an annual allocation

Transition Plan

Both parties agree to commit to the establishment of a FCSS Tri-village Committee made up of Alberta Beach, and the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin with the intent of regionally allocating all funds for the three municipalities in the most cost effective and efficient manner so that all community groups receive funding.

The Committee shall consist of 3 elected officials one from each municipality. A meeting shall be held no later than March each year to outline the funding requirements of the future budget year.

C) SENIORS HOUSING

Description

Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Sunset Point provides funding for seniors housing throughout the region through an annual requisition from the Lac Ste Anne Foundation.

D) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Description

The municipalities will work together to discover and promote economic opportunities in the region in accordance with best practice and the Tri-Village Intermunicipal Development Plan. Alberta Beach contracts to a third party for planning and development requirements. Sunset Point sources these services internally.

7. COLLABORATION PROCESS

- 1) In their present circumstance, neither Party intends to engage in future projects or agreements with one another in the foreseeable future, apart from mutual aid agreements that may be renewed or amended in the future. However, if a circumstance arises that one Party wishes to enter into an intermunicipal service agreement, section 7(2) to 7(10) of this Framework shall dictate the process.
- 2) In the event either Party believes the development of a new project and/or service may benefit residents of the other Party and request collaboration or a cost-sharing agreement, the initiating Party's Chief Administrative Officer shall notify the other Party's Chief Administrative Officer of such a development and/or service being considered for construction or development.
- 3) The initial notification, as referenced in section 7(2) of this Framework, will include a general description of the project, estimated costs and timing of expenditure.
- 4) Once either Party has received notice of a new project, an Intermunicipal Committee meeting must be held within 30 calendar days of the date the notice was received, unless both Chief Administrative Officers agree otherwise.
- 5) The Committee will be the forum used to address and develop future mutual aid agreements and/or cost-sharing agreements and bring forward recommendations to the Parties' respective Councils as the final decision-making authorities. Both Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Sunset Point shall agree that time shall be of the essence throughout the Intermunicipal Committee meetings.
- 6) When developing service agreements, the Committee shall clearly identify which municipality will lead service delivery for the service(s).
- 7) When developing service agreements, the Committee shall determine the appropriate funding for the service(s) being discussed.
- 8) All future service agreements shall set out a process for discontinuing the service provided if one or both Parties wish to discontinue in the service delivery.
- 9) All future service agreements shall set out a time frame for the delivery of the service(s) being discussed including the start date of the service delivery.
- 10) In the event that the Intermunicipal Committee is unable to reach an agreement, the dispute shall be dealt with through the procedure outlined within Section 8 of this document.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Where Dispute Resolution mechanisms are not already established in the various partner agencies, commissions or committees both municipalities agree to follow the following steps for dispute resolution:

- 1) The Parties commit to resolving any disputes in a non-adversarial, informal and cost-efficient manner.
- 2) Both parties shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve all disputes by negotiation and agree to provide open and timely disclosure of relevant facts, information and documents to facilitate negotiations.
- 3) Any dispute arising out of the interpretation, implementation of this Framework or any contravention or alleged contravention of this Framework will firstly be addressed by the CAO's or designate of both Parties.
- 4) Where dispute cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of both Chief Administrative Officers after thirty (30) calendar days, the dispute will be referred to the Committee.
- 5) Where a dispute cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the Committee after thirty (30) calendar days, the dispute will be referred to the Councils of both parties, unless the Committee agrees to extend this timeframe.
- 6) Where a dispute cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the Councils of both parties, the Parties may seek the assistance of a mediator acceptable to both parties. The costs of mediation shall be shared equally between the parties.
- 7) In the event that a dispute cannot be resolved through the above noted provisions, the arbitration processes contained in Part 17.2 of the *Municipal Government Act* shall apply whether or not one year has passed after the Parties started the dispute resolution process in this Framework.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Written notice under this Framework shall be addressed as follows:

In the case of Alberta Beach to:

Alberta Beach
c/o Chief Administrative Officer
Box 278
Alberta Beach, AB
T0E 0A0

In the case of Summer Village of Sunset Point to:
Summer Village of Sunset Point
c/o Chief Administrative Officer
Box 256
Alberta Beach, AB
T0E 0A0

- 2) Email to the respective parties CAO and Mayor shall also be an acceptable means of written notice in relation to this agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the ____ day of _____, 2021.

ALBERTA BEACH

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT

Mayor

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Chief Administrative Officer

**ALBERTA BEACH
BYLAW #284-21**

BEING A BYLAW OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK BETWEEN ALBERTA BEACH AND THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN.

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto authorizes a municipality to enter into agreement with another municipality and Section 708, Part 28, Division 1 states that municipalities that have common boundaries must create a Intermunicipal Framework with each other;

AND WHEREAS, the purpose of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework is to provide for the integrated and strategic planning, delivery and funding of intermunicipal services; to steward resources efficiently in providing local services; and to ensure municipalities contribute funding to services that benefit their residents;

AND WHEREAS, Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Val Quentin have worked collaboratively on the preparation of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between both municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, Council of Alberta Beach deems it desirable and appropriate to adopt the Alberta Beach and Summer Village of Val Quentin Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Alberta Beach, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That this Bylaw may be cited as the "Alberta Beach and Val Quentin ICF Bylaw";
2. That the "Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Val Quentin" attached and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted; and
3. 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 _____, 2021.

READ a second time this ___ day of _____, 2021.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT given to proceed to third reading this ___ day of _____, 2021.

READ a third and final time this ___ day of _____, 2021.

SIGNED by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer this ___ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor, Jim Benedict

Chief Administrative Officer, Kathy Skwarchuk

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

Alberta Beach

&

Summer Village of Val Quentin

CORE SERVICES

- TRANSPORTATION
- WATER
- WASTE WATER
- SOLID WASTE
- STORM WATER
- EMERGENCY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES
 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 - FIRE SERVICES
 - CPO SERVICES/ BYLAW ENFORCEMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL
- RECREATION
 - BEACHWAVE PARK
 - BOAT LAUNCH
 - MUNICIPAL PARKS
- SOCIAL SERVICES
 - LIBRARY
 - FCSS
 - EAST END BUS
 - SENIORS HOUSING
 - ONOWAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CLINIC

OTHER SERVICES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

- LAND USE PLANNING
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TRANSPORTATION

Description:

Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Val Quentin retains' responsibility for all roads within their respective municipal boundaries. Each municipality is responsible for the maintenance and snow clearing of the roads within their municipal boundaries.

The maintenance on 60 Street within the municipal boundaries is the responsibility of Alberta Beach, any major roadwork or asphalt paving may be negotiated jointly between the bordering municipalities.

Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin will proceed on a joint tender in January of each year for line painting and crack filling in the municipalities. Each CAO will be responsible for acquiring tenders as per the following schedule:

2021 – Alberta Beach

2022 – Val Quentin

2023 – Sunset Point

Funding:

The respective municipalities will fund all transportation requirements in their municipal boundaries.

Any major roadwork required for 60 Street may be completed on a cost share basis, where support is requested from one municipality, the municipalities will agree on the scope of work and the costs involved for each participating municipality. Val Quentin recognizes the importance of 60 Street as a main access point to their community.

Each municipality will be responsible for the costs of line painting and crack filling in their respective municipalities' that may be acquired through the joint tender & mobilization costs will be split evenly.

Transition Plan:

Changes to how the respective municipalities deal with transportation issues are not anticipated. The municipalities will continue to support regional transportation initiatives where possible and within their respective budgets. The municipalities will work collaboratively to support transportation in the region.

Term of Review:

Transportation will be reviewed and amended in joint consultation at least every 5 years or on an as required basis.

WATER

Description:

Residents within the municipalities have independent wells or cisterns to meet water requirements. The municipalities partnered in the West Interlake Regional Water Services Commission (WILD) and contribute to the capital and operational costs. The WILD Water Commission has a water fill station located on Range Road 32 just outside the municipal boundaries of Alberta Beach. The municipalities

will work co-operatively to investigate a municipal water distribution system or a water utility commission to tie into the WILD System for distribution of treated water in the municipalities.

Lead Municipality:

The WILD Regional Water Services Commission is the lead for the regional water line and water fill stations. The lead municipality for a water distribution system is to be determined.

Funding:

Funding for the WILD Regional Water Services Commission is detailed within the capital and operating agreements and the WILD Business Plan. The WILD Water Commission is funded through federal and provincial grants as well as the member municipalities. If additional funding is required for the regional water facilities, these agreements will be negotiated with the member municipalities.

Timeline:

No changes to operations and financing of the WILD Water Commission are anticipated and current funding agreements will remain in place. No timeline is established for a water distribution system.

WASTE WATER

Description:

Waste water within Alberta Beach and Val Quentin is provided by the Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC). The Commission members are Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin. The Commission is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the shared sewer and lagoon system.

Lead Municipality:

The TVRSSC is the lead for the sewer system and sewage lagoon.

Funding:

Each municipality is responsible for their requisition to the TVRSSC.

SOLID WASTE

Description:

Each municipality retains responsibility for the collection of solid waste, compost and recycling within their respective municipal boundaries.

The municipalities deliver their solid waste to the landfill site which is owned and operated by the Highway 43 East Waste Commission (a partnership of member municipalities). The municipalities are member municipalities in the commission and pay to the waste commission a tipping fee based on the weight of the refuse. Residents can also deliver waste to the landfill operated by the Highway 43 East Waste Commission and pay the associated fees.

Lead Municipality:

Each municipality will be responsible for the collection of solid waste, compost and recycling in their respective municipal boundaries. The Highway 43 East Waste Commission is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the landfill site.

Funding:

The municipalities are each responsible for the costs of solid waste, compost and recycling pick up and disposal in their respective municipal boundaries as well as the Highway 43 East Waste Commission fees based on the weights each municipality disposes at the landfill site.

STORM WATER

Description:

Each municipality retains responsibility for the storm water management within their respective municipal boundaries.

EMERGENCY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Description:

Alberta Beach manages its Emergency Management Agency and Advisory Committee responsible for the planning and operations of emergency management within the municipal boundaries.

Val Quentin is a member of the regional emergency management partnership for the purpose of an integrated emergency management planning and operations with other summer villages within the region.

The municipalities agree to work cooperatively and ensure mutual aid agreements are in place.

The municipalities agree to continue to explore opportunities to improve collaboration in a regional emergency management agency.

Funding:

Each municipality is responsible for funding for emergency management in their respective municipality.

FIRE SERVICES

Description:

Alberta Beach and Val Quentin have contracted with the Town of Onoway to provide fire suppression services within the respective municipalities through the services of Onoway Regional Fire Services.

Alberta Beach owns a fire hall located in Alberta Beach which provides a regional station for Onoway Regional Fire Services.

The fire suppression agreement with the Town of Onoway and Onoway Regional Fire Services also includes a mutual aid clause for backup assistance from the Lac Ste Anne County Fire Services.

Lead Municipality:

The Town of Onoway is the lead agency for fire protection in Alberta Beach and Val Quentin.

Funding:

Each municipality is responsible for their respective municipal budget for fire services and their requisition as per their fire agreement with the Town of Onoway.

Transition Plan:

The municipalities agree to give each other one year notice if making a change to fire services.

Term of Review:

Existing agreements are in place with the Town of Onoway, renewal agreements are based on a 5 year term.

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES

Description:

Alberta Beach employs a Community Peace Officer and may provide Community Peace Officer services through separate agreement with Val Quentin.

Lead Municipality:

Alberta Beach is the lead municipality for Community Peace Officer Services provided by Alberta Beach.

RECREATION

BEACHWAVE PARK

Description:

Beachwave Park provides recreational activities to the surrounding communities such as ball diamonds, skating rink, basketball court, skate board park etc. The park operations is contracted out to a local community group.

Funding:

Beachwave Park relies on support through municipal partners and various groups. Alberta Beach supports a fair funding formula to continue operations of the park.

Alberta Beach provides direct municipal funding per year towards the Beachwave Park and the Summer Villages provide municipal funding. The municipalities provide FCSS funding to Beachwave Park which is in addition to municipal funding.

Alberta Beach pays for the insurance, utilities, building repairs and supplies, as well provides various in-kind services at the park. Alberta Beach supports a shared funding formula as this park is open to all of the surrounding communities.

Val Quentin agrees to continue to support Beachwave Park with municipal funding.

BOAT LAUNCH

Description:

The Alberta Beach Boat Launch is owned by the Province. Alberta Beach holds an LOC on the Boat Launch and through the LOC is responsible for the maintenance & operations.

Funding:

Alberta Beach pays for the maintenance costs of the boat launch, as well provides various public works services. Alberta Beach is requesting a shared funding formula as this boat launch is open and used by the surrounding communities.

The municipalities will work together to lobby the Government of Alberta for the ability to charge a user fee on the boat launch and to provide funding for maintenance. The municipalities may work towards transitioning from an LOC to a provincial park.

The municipalities agree to investigate the formation of the Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC) to help maintain long term sustainability of boat launches in the region.

MUNICIPAL PARKS

Description:

Each municipality provides parks and recreational lands within their municipal boundaries.

Funding:

Each municipality will be responsible for the municipal parks within their municipal boundaries unless otherwise identified.

SOCIAL SERVICES

LIBRARY

Description:

Alberta Beach and Val Quentin are members of the Yellowhead Regional Library and pay a Library Requisition to the Yellowhead Regional Library based on a per capita levy. In addition to the annual requisition, the municipalities provide direct annual funding to the Alberta Beach Library.

Lead Municipality:

Alberta Beach Library Board

Funding:

The per capita funding requisition for the Yellowhead Regional Library Board is determined by the YRL Board.

The Alberta Beach Library Board requests funding from the municipalities to operate the Alberta Beach Library, each municipality is responsible for their municipal funding provided to the local library. The municipalities provide FCSS funding to the Library which is in addition to municipal funding.

The Library is open to all residents in the municipalities and Alberta Beach is requesting the municipalities work cooperatively in determining an equitable funding formula to support the Alberta Beach Library.

Alberta Beach provides direct annual funding and also provides insurance and in-kind services. Alberta Beach supports Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board in a per capita funding provided to the libraries and is requesting Val Quentin provide an equitable per capita funding to the library.

Alberta Beach agrees to match the per capita funding which Lac Ste. Anne County provides to the Alberta Beach library through direct annual funding and services provided. Val Quentin agrees to consider matching the per capita funding which Lac Ste. Anne County provides to the Alberta Beach library.

FCSS

Description:

The Town of Onoway manages the FCSS program for Alberta Beach and Val Quentin, the municipalities transfer their provincial and 25% matching municipal FCSS funds to the Town of Onoway. The municipalities agree to form a steering committee to establish a Terms of Reference for review of the FCSS funding applications.

EAST END BUS

Description:

East End Bus Society is a cooperative effort of Lac Ste. Anne County, the Town of Onoway and Alberta Beach as well as support of 10 summer villages to provide affordable transportation for seniors and handicapped in the region.

Funding:

Alberta Beach provides annual funding to East End Bus for the bus housing, coordinator wages and capital bus replacement funding. Val Quentin provides a volunteer contribution to East End Bus.

SENIORS HOUSING

Description:

The Lac Ste. Anne Foundation provides seniors housing in the region and the municipalities provide funding through an annual requisition to the Lac Ste Anne Foundation.

ONOWAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CLINIC

Description:

The Summer Village of Val Quentin participates in the Onoway Regional Medical Clinic.

OTHER SERVICES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT:

LAND USE PLANNING

Description:

Alberta Beach and Val Quentin contracts to a third party for development officer and planning services.

The municipalities have a regional Intermunicipal Development Plan with Lac Ste. Anne County which expires in 2021.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The municipalities will work together to discover and promote economic opportunities in the region.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Where not specified, dispute resolution will be in accordance with the following:

Mediation Steps:

- CAO's and administration staff meet to discuss and resolve dispute;
- ICF Committee will meet to discuss and resolve dispute;
- ICF Committee will be made up of two Councillors and one admin rep from each municipality.
 - Resolved?
 - Yes – agreement amended to reflect.
 - No – move to next step.
- Full Municipal Councils will meet to discuss and resolve dispute;
 - Resolved?
 - Yes – agreement amended to reflect.
 - No – move to next step.
- Optional Mediator - the Mediator must be mutually agreed upon. All costs for mediation to be split equally between the municipalities.
 - Resolved?
 - Yes – agreement amended to reflect.
 - No – move to next step.
- Binding arbitration with certified arbitrator within the province of Alberta. The arbitrator must be mutually agreed upon. If no agreement can be made, the municipalities will ask the province to appoint one. All costs for arbitration to be split equally between the municipalities. Arbitrator's decision to be immediately implemented by the municipalities.

TERM OF REVIEW

This ICF will be reviewed and amended in joint consultation at least every 5 years unless otherwise specified or as needed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement as of the ____ day of _____, 2021.

Alberta Beach

Summer Village of Val Quentin

Mayor

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Chief Administrative Officer

Alberta Beach Village Office

From: Alberta Climate Engagement <engagement@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: March 11, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Heather Carmichael
Cc: Alex Mochid; Che-Wei Chung; Trina Innes
Subject: Municipalities and Communities Climate Engagement
Attachments: MunicipalitiesWaste-DiscussionGuide.pdf; MandC-Agenda.pdf; Stakeholder Feedback Form.docx; Electricity DiscussionGuide.pdf; TechnologyBioBasedSolutions-DiscussionGuide.pdf; TechnologySolutionsHeavy Industry-DiscussionGuide.pdf; OilGasMethane-DiscussionGuide.pdf; OilSands-DiscussionGuide.pdf

Dear Alberta Stakeholder,

In the face of evolving federal and international climate related policy, the Government of Alberta is looking to identify provincial policy and programming that will result in real emission reductions, unlock new opportunities for Alberta's economy and mitigate potential impacts of climate policy established by external jurisdictions and trading partners.

This work will build off Alberta's 20-year track record of provincial climate policy and will ensure Alberta's communities, businesses and industries are set up for success and ready to take advantage of emerging opportunities.

The Government of Alberta is interested in gathering your input and feedback on climate-related policies/initiatives in addition to how Alberta can support your organization's climate-related objectives. Alberta Environment and Parks is conducting a series of virtual engagement kick off stakeholder sessions. Scheduled sessions booked for the week of March 15-19 are as follows:

- Technology and Innovation for Heavy Industry – Monday, March 15, 2021 - morning
- Technology and Innovation in the Electricity Sector – Monday March 15, 2021- afternoon
- Technology and Bio-based Solutions – Tuesday March 16, 2021 - afternoon
- Municipalities and Communities – Thursday March 18, 2021 - afternoon

Additional sessions will be scheduled for the last week in March and early April. Focus areas of these additional sessions will be oil sands emissions, Environmental non-Governmental Organizations, and Indigenous Communities.

Stakeholders will receive invites to the session(s) that best align with your organization. As such, I would like to formally invite you, or a designated member of your organization, to a virtual session for Municipalities and Communities on **Thursday, March 18th from 1:30 to 3:30 PM.**

Please register your company/organization to participate at the following link:

<https://goa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYlc-CqqTqvEtOZjkLwNmqxyFoeJ-kmMj44>

The session agenda, feedback form and a series of discussion guides, including one specific to Municipalities and Communities, has been included in this invitation.

If you require more than one attendee from your company/organization, please contact us at the email address below prior to the meeting. If you do not receive an invite to a session scheduled to occur next week that is directly applicable to your organization by Wednesday March 10th, please contact us at the email address below to seek an invitation.

Complementary to the session, I invite you to complete the attached stakeholder feedback form for submission to Alberta Environment and Parks **by April 25, 2021**. The feedback form provides all stakeholders, including those that are not able to attend the stakeholder sessions, an opportunity to provide feedback. I ask that you limit your submission to **one per municipality**.

Please send questions, requests for additional invites and your completed feedback form to engagement@gov.ab.ca.

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Discussion Guide - Municipalities and Communities

Introduction

Alberta's municipalities and communities present opportunities – including those associated with buildings, urban and community planning, and improved waste management – that will not only reduce emissions but also lower costs for Albertans through improved efficiency. Municipalities and communities continue to pioneer innovative design and technologies that will result in significant emission reductions.

Context

National and international policy and technology continue to evolve, often calling for increased ambition on emission reductions in an effort to achieve ambitious climate targets. For example:

- The Government of Canada's "Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy" plan (2020), highlights federal policy development and investment aimed at:
 - cutting energy waste through building codes and retrofits to improve energy efficiency, and creating robust supply chains for low-emission building materials;
 - incentivizing low and zero-emission transportation; and
 - regulations to increase the number of landfills that collect and treat methane, and ensuring current systems make improvements to collect all they can.
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities offers low-interest loans, in combination with grants, totalling up to \$10 million for municipalities for capital infrastructure projects that will improve environmental performance in municipal energy, transportation, waste, and/or water.
- Carbon sequestration through nature-based solutions (NBS) – including urban forestry and water management – offer emission removal

opportunities as well as enhance recreation spaces and municipal infrastructure.

- Growing number of municipalities with their own climate objectives and ambition.

Drivers

Alberta seeks to build on its track record of developing cost-effective policies that achieve environmental and economic objectives while meeting the needs of our communities and job creators. Enhanced climate policies will be considered to achieve the following outcomes:

- Maximize investment attraction and job growth in Alberta.
- Reinforce Alberta's strong environmental, social and governance approach.
- Leverage availability of public funding opportunities, ensuring a fair amount is allocated to support Alberta's objectives.
- Reduce negative impacts of external climate policy on Albertan communities and industry.
- Maintain control of climate policy in Alberta.
- Mitigate risks and leverage the opportunities of American and other trading partners' climate policies.

Emissions/Policy Profile

- In 2018, the waste sector emitted 2 Mt of CO₂e, representing 0.7% of provincial emissions; however, Alberta produces more municipal solid waste per capita than any other province or territory.¹
- Methane from waste is not priced under the federal carbon tax. It is within the scope of the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) regulation, but few landfills are regulated. Offset protocols incent methane emission reduction projects in the waste sector.

¹ Statistics Canada Table 38-20-0032-01, 38-10-0033-01, and 17-10-0009-01

Challenges

Challenges to reducing emissions from municipalities and communities include:

- High upfront costs for improvements to retrofit infrastructure.
- Affordability of lower emission vehicles compared to gas and diesel powered vehicles.
- Availability of low-emission transportation infrastructure and costs for further development.
- Waste conversion technologies are more economically feasible for large facilities, disadvantages smaller communities.
- Cost differences between waste diversion and disposals – subsidization of disposal infrastructure has made landfill disposal economical for waste generators.
- Limited research, data, and awareness of costs, benefits, and trade-offs of improved waste management.

Policy Solutions

To build on the strong environmental practices in place, the Government of Alberta is examining areas for further action. Government is seeking your input on the implications and considerations of the following example approaches, as well as others not listed:

- Policies to increase methane management from landfills and waste facilities.
- Establish policy and investment framework to incentivize development of novel technologies within the waste sector.
- Public reporting on emissions from government buildings and operations.

Questions



1. What are the greatest opportunities for emissions reductions from municipalities and communities?
2. What is the role of the province and municipal governments to support emissions reductions from municipalities and communities?
3. How can Alberta shape our climate policies to leverage federal funding and attract investment in technology development and implementation?
4. What policy solutions and partnerships are required to accelerate investment in technology and innovation in Alberta?
5. Where do you see policy opportunities to enhance the use of carbon sequestration (e.g. trees, vegetation, soils, etc.) to support emission removals in Alberta?

Stakeholder Feedback Form

Please use the accompanying Discussion Guides for additional context as you complete this stakeholder feedback form.

Stakeholders who wish to provide written feedback to the ongoing consideration and development of Alberta's climate related policies and programming can complete the following steps:

1. Provide contact information in the table below (**please limit stakeholder submissions to one per organization or community**)
2. Complete responses to questions within the spaces provided – do not feel obligated to respond to all questions
3. Email the completed form to engagement@gov.ab.ca by April 25, 2021.

Organization/Community	Click or tap here to enter text.
Contact Name	Click or tap here to enter text.
Contact Email Address	Click or tap here to enter text.
Contact Phone Number	Click or tap here to enter text.
Title within organization/community <i>(if applicable)</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
TIER Regulated Facility <i>(if applicable)</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<u>Primary</u> sector for organization, community, or facility	Choose an item.
If 'other' was selected, please identify the primary sector	Click or tap here to enter text.

* Information you provide to Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act and is managed in accordance with Part 2 of the FOIP Act. Your name, organization, and contact information you provide will be used for the purpose of analysis and contact, should AEP have follow-up questions based on your input. Any feedback you provide in this survey will be used for analysis in consideration of Alberta's climate policy and programming. AEP will not use or disclose your information for any other purpose without your written consent or unless required to do so by law. If you have any questions or you wish to request the change or removal of information you provided, please contact engagement@gov.ab.ca.

Alberta's Climate Approach

Alberta seeks to build off its track-record of developing cost-effective policies that achieve environmental outcomes while meeting the needs of our communities and key industries. Alberta is interested in creating climate policy and programs that accomplish multiple objectives, in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. These include:

- Maximize investment attraction and job growth in Alberta.
- Reinforce Alberta's strong environmental, social and governance approach.
- Leverage availability of public funding opportunities, ensuring a fair share is allocated to support Alberta's objectives.
- Mitigate negative impacts of external climate policy on Alberta.
- Maintain control of climate policy.
- Mitigate risks and leverage the opportunities of American and other trading partners' climate policies.

Tell Us About Your Organization's Climate-Related Goals

1. What are your organization's climate-related objectives and intended pathways to support their achievement?

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2. What are the benefits and rationale for setting your climate-related objectives and intended pathways?

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3. What do you see as challenges and barriers to achieving your organization's climate-related objectives and implementation of pathways?

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4. Where do you see opportunities for Government of Alberta to support achievement of your organization's climate-related objectives and preferred pathways?

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5. Has investor concern related to climate change impacted your organization or sector's ability to attract investment and/or impacted your organization's competitiveness? Please provide examples.

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6. What are the key challenges and opportunities that your organization will face regarding national/international climate policies to align with goals set under the United Nations Paris Agreement on climate change?

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Tell Us How Alberta Can Build on its Climate Success

7. How can the Government of Alberta shape our climate related policies to attract investment towards emission reduction technology development and implementation?

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8. How can the Government of Alberta shape our climate policies to leverage the availability of federal funds towards Alberta's emission reduction areas of focus?

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9. How can the Government of Alberta shape climate policy to maximize cost effectiveness in the face of external pressures while increasing the province's ability to thrive as international climate policy changes?

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10. Where do you see opportunities within the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) regime (both the TIER Regulation and Alberta's Emission Offset System) to drive innovation and technology development to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

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11. Alberta had identified advancement of **technology and innovation** as a key focus area.
- a. What approaches can be used to drive cost-effective near-term reductions while addressing the need to invest in innovation for reductions in the future?

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12. Alberta had identified **reducing methane emissions** as a key focus area.

- a. As Canada looks to establish oil and gas methane targets and associated regulations for 2030 and 2035, what should Alberta consider to prepare for engagement?

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- b. What objectives should government consider for the review of the provincial oil and gas methane requirements set to occur by the end of 2022?

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- c. What opportunities may exist for Alberta to strengthen its methane emission reduction initiatives beyond the current 45% reduction target for the oil and gas sector by 2025 (e.g. expand scope to other sectors, increase oil and gas reduction target, etc.)?

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- d. What do you see as challenges and barriers to methane emissions reductions beyond the current 2025 oil and gas reduction target?

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- e. What are the key considerations and opportunities for improvements related to methane emissions data in Alberta (e.g. detection, quantification, reporting, and tracking)?

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13. Alberta has identified **carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) and other negative emission technologies (NETs) including nature-based solutions (NBS)** as a key focus area.

- a. What role should government play in advancing CCUS investment, adoption, and deployment in Alberta?

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- b. What policy solutions and partnerships are required to accelerate investment in innovative negative emission technologies such as Bioenergy with CCUS and Direct Air Capture in Alberta?

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- c. Where do you see policy opportunities to enhance the use of natural carbon sequestration (e.g. forests, vegetation, soils, etc.) to support climate change mitigation in Alberta?

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14. The **oil sands sector** including mining, in situ, and upgrading activities, is a key focus area of opportunity for further greenhouse gas emissions mitigation in Alberta.

- a. What policy solutions should government consider to further reduce oil sands emissions? What are the challenges and barriers to these solutions?

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- b. What emissions objectives should be established for oil sands emissions to build credibility to support investment attraction, project approval, and market access and support corporate net zero by 2050 goals?

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- c. How can the Oil Sands Emission Limit (legislated 100 megatonne cap on oil sands emissions) be revised to better reflect today's climate ambitions, public and investor concerns and economic challenges?

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- d. What are the emission boundaries for the oil sands sector and what exemptions, if any, should be considered?

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15. If your organizations/community is interested in providing feedback to any of the additional questions included in the Discussion Guides that accompany this form, please use the space below to submit your response. Multiple questions can be addressed in the space below. Please identify the Discussion Guide question you are providing feedback for.

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16. In addition to the areas identified in Questions 10-14, what other opportunities should government

consider to build on the success of Alberta's current climate approach to support emission reductions and economic growth?

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AGENDA

Round Table Session on Municipalities and Communities Climate Policy and Programming Government of Alberta

March 18, 2021

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Virtual Session through ZOOM

Meeting Chair – Rob Hamaliuk, Executive Director, Air and Climate Policy, AEP

Introduction to Session

Opening Remarks

Whitney Issik, MLA Calgary-Glenmore

Purpose, Scope and Key Issues

Alberta Environment and Parks

Discussion in Breakout Rooms

Participants

Debrief from Breakout Rooms

Facilitators

Engagement Process – Next Steps

Alberta Environment and Parks

Closing Remarks

Whitney Issik, MLA Calgary-Glenmore

Please register in advance at the following link:

<https://goa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYlc-CqgTqvEtOZikLwNmaxyFoeJ-kmMi44>

Technical Difficulties Contact – rita.stagman@gov.ab.ca

Discussion Guide - Technology and Innovation in the Electricity Sector

Introduction

Alberta's electricity sector has been a leader in emissions reductions while continuing to innovate, attract investment and create jobs for Albertans. The sector understands the need to reduce emissions by exploring new and innovative technologies while providing affordable and reliable electricity to Albertans.

Context

National and international policy and technology continue to evolve, often calling for action from governments, corporations, and individuals.

- Alberta has a single electricity benchmark under the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) regulation, which drives emissions reductions while protecting Alberta power consumers, industry and residents..
- Alberta generators have shown leadership by committing to phasing out coal power generation by 2023, years ahead of the federally-mandated timelines.
- Innovative uses, manufacturing techniques and strategies for hydrogen and carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS) enables natural gas to be a part of our low-emissions electricity mix.
- The federal government has proposed increasing the carbon tax to \$170 per tonne by 2030.

Drivers

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Emissions/Policy Profile

- With 32.8 megatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (Mt CO₂e) in 2018, the electricity sector is the third largest source of provincial emissions – 12 per cent of provincial emissions.
- Electricity emissions dropped from 47.4 Mt CO₂e in 2015 to 32.8 Mt CO₂e in 2018, driven largely by coal power reductions that will continue as coal is phased out by 2023.
- In 2018, 90 per cent of net-to-grid electricity production in Alberta¹ was regulated by Alberta's TIER regulation and has increased as smaller generators continue to opt-in to the regulation.
- TIER regulates generators with emissions equal to or greater than 100,000 t CO₂e per year with the single 0.37 t CO₂e/MWh electricity

¹ 2018 AB industrial carbon pricing regulatory compliance data and AESO data. Denominator excludes generation that less than 5 MW. Behind-the-fence generation consumed behind-the-fence not included.

benchmark. Other generators – emitting or non-emitting – can opt-in to the regulation.

- Renewable and other low-emitting generation also have the option to participate in the Alberta Emission Offset System to generate Alberta Emission Offset Credits (0.53 tCO₂e/MWh) which can be sold for use by facilities to achieve TIER compliance.
- Through TIER, Alberta is providing strong support for market-based renewables.

Challenges

Challenges to reducing electricity emissions include:

- Later reduction opportunities will be harder to achieve than those from the coal phase-out.
- There is an increasing trend in intermittent renewable generation, distributed energy resources and improving storage technology. This will present a future infrastructure planning challenge for the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) as it considers how best to incorporate emerging generation trends into the existing system.
- Extra-jurisdictional policy uncertainty including Clean Fuel Standard, Hydrogen Strategy for Canada, A Healthy Environment and A Healthy Economy (which included talk of a national standard and intra-jurisdictional transmission from areas with renewable power).
- Disruptive technologies such as storage, distributed generation and distributed storage create risks and opportunities for the sector.
- Uncertain magnitude and timing of increased demand from EVs and other electrification.

Policy Solutions

- Alberta will continue to implement a market-driven approach for electricity generation, efficient use, and renewable support as indicated in government's platform.
- Build on the results of TIER in successfully maintaining jurisdiction of electricity carbon pricing in Alberta.
- Alberta is further supporting the advancement and deployment of innovation and technology through partners like Alberta Innovates, Emissions Reduction Alberta, and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre.

- Continued establishment of new and updated offset protocols to drive cost-effective, low-emitting reductions beyond regulatory requirements.
- Assessment of TIER system for supply/demand dynamics to ensure robust market for offsets.
- SMRs have the potential to further lower emissions and continue the diversification of Alberta's energy sector. The Government of Alberta and Alberta Innovates collaborated to provide Alberta's perspective for Canada's SMR Action Plan, released in December 2020.
- Development of clean hydrogen will further lower emissions and support Alberta's energy sector.

Questions



1. What role should government play in positioning the electricity sector for greater emission reductions in response to possible increased pressure from the federal government or related to the new US administration?
2. Where do you see opportunities within the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) regime (both the TIER regulation and Alberta's Emission Offset System) to drive innovation and technology development to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
3. What policy solutions and partnerships are required to accelerate investment in technology and innovations including CCUS deployment and negative emission technologies (e.g. Bioenergy with CCUS and Direct Air Capture) in Alberta?
4. How should government be involved in attracting investment towards market-based renewables?
5. How should government incent lower emitting forms of electricity generation while respecting a fair, efficient, open and competitive market system?
6. What are the challenges and opportunities of smart metering and smart grid?
7. What place does demand side management have as an emissions reduction approach for electricity sector?

Discussion Guide - Technology and Innovation for Heavy Industry

Introduction

Alberta is host to a diverse manufacturing and industrial sector. Industrial manufacturing – including cement, minerals, chemicals, fertilizers, and metals production – is a foundational industry that supports Alberta's economy, and is integral to Alberta's future and greater economic diversification. Alberta's heavy industry delivers high-value products across Canada and around the world. Alberta implements leading-edge solutions and technologies that strengthens the manufacturing industry advances economic competitiveness and diversification, and drives emissions reductions in Alberta and globally.

Context

National and international policy and innovative technology solutions to reduce emissions in heavy industrial sectors continue to evolve in an effort to address global demand for environmentally sustainable products and processes. For example:

- The Government of Canada is proposing to increase the carbon price by \$15 per year, starting in 2023, rising to \$170 per tonne in 2030.
- The Government of Canada is proposing to set a national emission reduction target of 30 per cent below 2020 levels from fertilizers, including manufacturing and use.
- The Government of Canada and important trading partners in the United States and European Union are considering the potential of border carbon tax adjustments to address risk of carbon leakage and level the playing field across jurisdictions.
- Corporate net zero ambitions are expanding to include Scope 3 emissions which could result in markets evaluating emissions as part of their supply chain decisions.
- Institutional investors are re-allocating capital to investments with lower climate risk.

- Government of Canada is reducing the corporate tax rate by 50 per cent for companies making zero-emissions products. Could be an opportunity for Alberta companies with ability to link to carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) infrastructure.
- The Government of Canada is launching a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Action Plan to lay out the next steps to develop and deploy this technology to decarbonize heavy industry and spur economic development.
- Federal Strategic Innovation Fund – Net Zero Accelerator of \$3 Billion to support for the development and adoption of clean technology solutions in all industrial sectors

Drivers

Alberta seeks to build on its track record of developing cost-effective policies that achieve environmental and economic outcomes while meeting the needs of our key industries. Enhanced climate policies will be considered to achieve the following outcomes:

- Maximize investment attraction and job growth in Alberta.
- Reinforce Alberta's strong environmental, social and governance approach.
- Leverage public funding opportunities, ensuring a fair amount is allocated to support Alberta's objectives.
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- Maintain control of climate policy in Alberta.
- Mitigate risks and leverage the opportunities of American and other trading partners' climate policies.

Emissions/Policy Profile

- In 2018, manufacturing and other industrial emitters released 19 megatonnes of CO₂e, or just over 7 per cent of provincial emissions¹.
- Many of the industries are emissions-intensive and trade-exposed (EITE), meaning production requires large inputs of energy, and that prices for these products are set by global markets.
- The Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) system regulates about 95 per cent of the sector's emissions. Facilities emitting less than 100,000 tonnes of CO₂e per year may be eligible to opt-in for greater sector coverage.

Challenges

Challenges to reducing emissions and building resilience in the sector include:

- EITE industries compete with international firms in foreign and domestic markets, which makes them more vulnerable to impacts of domestic policies that affect their competitiveness.
- Clean energy and technology typically have long development horizons, long adoption cycles, and significant capital requirements.
- Methods of benchmarking and evaluating research and/or innovation need to be modernized to capture transformative changes that support and augment traditional research and development.
- Few options exist to achieve large reductions without significant capital investment at facilities.
- Uncertainty regarding ability to capture full return on investment.
- High transaction costs associated with implementing emissions reduction projects.
- Capital and borrowing constraints.

Policy Solutions

The following are examples of past and current policies and programs implemented in Alberta, or in other jurisdictions. Government is seeking your input on the implications and considerations of such approaches, as well as others not listed:

- Reducing emissions in some processes (i.e. cement production) through fuel switching/alternative fuels.
- Enhancing access to leading-edge research facilities and equipment at post-secondary institutions to support discovery and early development of innovative solutions.
- Improving assessment and disclosure of climate risks to align with global best practices.
- Enhancing industrial planning and emergency preparedness to improve economic resilience.
- Exploring industrial energy efficiency and carbon CCUS programs to upgrade facilities to reduce operating costs, increase competitiveness and reduce emissions.
- Small Modular Reactors represent a new field of innovation with designs that are smaller and less expensive.
- Increasing the production and use of low carbon intensity hydrogen to reduce industrial emissions.

Questions

1. What are the greatest opportunities for the sector to reduce emissions?
2. Where do you see opportunities within the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) system (both the TIER regulation and Alberta's Emission Offset System) to drive innovation and technology development to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
3. What additional approaches can be used to drive cost-effective emission reductions?
4. How can Alberta shape our climate policies to attract investment or leverage federal funding toward emission reduction technology development and implementation in heavy industrial sectors?



¹Environment Canada, National Inventory Report 1990-2017
http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2019/eccc/En81-4-2017-3-eng.pdf

Discussion Guide - Oil and Gas Methane Emissions

Introduction

Alberta's oil and gas sector has been a leader in developing and implementing transformative technologies to reduce emissions while continuing to attract investment and create jobs for Albertans. The sector understands the need to achieve emission reductions and remain globally competitive by exploring new and innovative technologies.

Context

National and international policies and technologies continue to evolve, often calling for increased ambition on methane reduction. For example:

- The Government of Canada's "Healthy Environment Healthy Economy" plan (2020), which proposes to strengthen the approach to reducing methane emissions from the oil and gas sector through new targets and regulations.
- US proposal to enforce existing, or create new, regulatory tools to reduce methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by September 2021.
- European Commission strategy to reduce methane emissions (2020), which proposes to reduce methane in the energy sector, and improve measurement and reporting of imported fuel methane emissions.
- Advances in methane detection and monitoring technologies, such as satellites, that can cost-effectively pinpoint methane emissions.
- Increasing demand for emissions data transparency and considerations of upstream emissions in supply chain decisions.
- Increasing demand for disclosure of risk or financial impacts of existing or emerging policy.
- Emphasis on reaching net zero by 2050 by energy companies and governments.

Drivers

Alberta seeks to build on its track record of developing cost-effective policies that achieve environmental and economic objectives while meeting the needs of our key industries. Enhanced climate policies will be considered to achieve the following outcomes:

- Maximize investment attraction and job growth in Alberta.
- Reinforce Alberta's strong environmental, social and governance approach.
- Leverage public funding opportunities, ensuring a fair amount is allocated to support Alberta's objectives.
- Mitigate negative impacts of external climate policy on the oil and gas industry.
- Maintain control of climate policy.
- Mitigate risks and leverage the opportunities of American and other trading partners' climate policies.



Emissions/Policy Profile

- The oil and gas sector (excluding the oil sands) is the second largest source of provincial emissions. In 2017, upstream oil and gas production, processing and transmission emitted

52.1 megatonnes of CO₂e, representing 19 per cent of provincial emissions¹.

- An estimated 51 per cent of oil and gas sector emissions (excluding the oil sands) are regulated under the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) system as of 2020, including opt-in aggregate facilities.
- TIER regulates stationary combustion emissions for aggregate opt-in facilities.
- Alberta has a methane emissions reduction framework that drives methane emission reductions – including offset protocols to drive early action, support for small producers, funding for technology development and implementation and the Methane Emission Reduction Regulation and associated Directives.

Challenges

Challenges to reducing emissions in the oil and gas sector include:

- Existing facilities may have limited cost-effective options to achieve emissions reductions without hindering production.
- Regulatory uncertainty surrounding future methane emissions reduction ambition.
- Low commodity price environment, rendering some conservation and efficiency upgrades uneconomic even with existing incentives.
- Capital and borrowing constraints.
- Knowledge gaps and data challenges related to vented and fugitive emissions inventories.

Policy Solutions

To build on the strong environmental, social, and governance practices in place, the Government of Alberta is seeking opportunities to evaluate our current environmental performance and examine areas for further action.

The following are examples of past and existing policies and programs implemented in Alberta, or in other jurisdictions. Government is seeking your input

on the implications and considerations of such approaches, as well as others not listed:

- Establish objectives and data for the provincial (end of 2022) and federal (end of 2021) reviews of current methane regulations.
- Establish new methane targets and regulations for 2030 and beyond, based on reduction potential and international best practices.
- Establish new and updated offset protocols to drive cost-effective voluntary methane reductions beyond regulatory requirements.
- Assessment of TIER system for supply/demand dynamics to ensure robust market for offsets.
- Strengthen research and innovation capacity in Alberta by enhancing scientific and technical expertise and supporting innovative and technology projects.
- Improving assessment and disclosure of climate risks to align with global best practices.
- Enhancing public data availability on oil and gas sector emissions.

Questions

1. As Canada looks to establish oil and gas methane targets and associated regulations for 2030 and 2035, what should Alberta consider in preparation for federal engagement?
2. What opportunities exist for Alberta to strengthen its methane emission reduction initiatives beyond the current 45 per cent reduction target for the oil and gas sector (e.g. by expanding scope of sectors covered, increasing stringency, etc.)?
3. What do you see as challenges and opportunities to methane emissions reductions beyond the current target?
4. What are the key considerations related to methane emissions data in Alberta? How should methane emissions data be improved?
5. What objectives should government consider for the review of the provincial oil and gas methane regulations?



¹ Environment Canada, National Inventory Report, 2017 Table A12–10
http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2019/eccc/En81-4-2017-3-eng.pdf

Discussion Guide - Oil Sands Emissions

Introduction

Alberta's oil sands sector has been a leader in developing and implementing transformative technologies to reduce emissions while continuing to attract investment and create jobs for Albertans. The sector understands the need to achieve emission reductions and remain globally competitive by exploring new and innovative technologies.

Context

National and international policies and technologies continue to evolve, often calling for increased ambition on emissions reductions associated with energy production and use. For example:

- The Government of Canada is proposing to increase the carbon price by \$15 per year, rising to \$170 per tonne in 2030.
- Federal Strategic Innovation Fund – Net Zero Accelerator of \$3 billion to support for the development and adoption of clean technology solutions in all industrial sectors
- The Federal Clean Fuel Standard (CFS) will provide additional price signal for the adoption low-carbon fuels and innovative technologies (CFS credit prices up to \$330 per tonne).
- The federal *Impact Assessment Act* requires most new and expanded oil sands facilities to undergo a federal assessment, including a Strategic Assessment on Climate Change.
- Uncertainty on pace of oil and gas demand and price recovery from COVID-19 economic downturn.
- US and global policy influence on supply/demand dynamics for oil, such as acceleration alternative energy used in the transportation sector. Increasing demand for disclosure of risk or financial impacts of existing or emerging climate policy.
- Major energy and infrastructure project withdrawals, challenges attracting investment and permit challenges demonstrate the need for

policy to consider a forward path that advances climate outcomes and energy development.

- Emphasis on reaching net zero by 2050 by energy companies and governments.

Drivers

- Alberta seeks to build on its track record of developing cost-effective policies that achieve environmental and economic objectives while meeting the needs of our key industries. Enhanced climate policies will be considered to achieve the following outcomes:
- Maximize investment attraction and job growth in Alberta.
- Reinforce Alberta's strong environmental, social and governance approach.
- Leverage public funding opportunities, ensuring a fair amount is allocated to support Alberta's objectives.
- Mitigate negative impacts of external climate policy on the oil and gas industry.
- Maintain control of climate policy.
- Mitigate risks and leverage the opportunities of American and other trading partners' climate policy.

Emissions/Policy Profile

- The oil sands sector is the largest source of provincial emissions.
- The *Oil Sands Emissions Limit Act* legislates an annual 100-megatonne limit on oil sands emissions. Alberta's oil sands emissions assumed to be counted under the limit were approximately 70 megatonnes in 2018.
- The Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) system regulates direct emissions, indirect emissions, industrial process emissions, fugitive emissions, and cogeneration emissions associated with oil sands facilities.
- Nearly 100 per cent of the oil sands sector's emissions are regulated under the TIER system as of 2020.

Challenges

Challenges to reducing emissions in the oil sands sector include:

- Existing facilities may have limited cost-effective options to achieve emissions reductions without impacting production.
- Regulatory uncertainty surrounding future emissions reduction requirements.
- Capital and borrowing constraints.
- Low commodity price environment, rendering some technology, conservation, and efficiency upgrades uneconomic.

Policy Solutions

To build on the strong environmental, social, and governance practices in place, the Government of Alberta is seeking opportunities to evaluate our current environmental performance and examine areas for further action.

The following are examples of past and existing policies and programs implemented in Alberta, or in other jurisdictions. Government is seeking your input on the implications and considerations of such approaches, as well as others not listed:

- Leverage the oil sands emission limit cap on oil sands emissions to support federal and corporate net zero by 2050 targets and improve alignment with investor interests.
- Incent the development and deployment of innovative technology applicable to the oil sands sector.
- Support for carbon capture, utilization and storage to reduce carbon emissions from oil and gas extraction and development
- Improving assessment and disclosure of climate risks to align with global best practices.

Questions



1. What policy solutions should government consider to further enable reductions in oil sands emissions? What are the challenges and barriers to these solutions?
2. What additional objectives should be considered in the review of the oil sands emission limit policy beyond building credibility to support investment attraction, project approval, and market access and support corporate climate related goals?
3. How could the oil sands emissions limit policy be revised to better reflect today's climate ambitions, public and investor concerns and economic challenges?
4. How could the oil sands emission limit be transitioned to align with net zero by 2050 federal and industrial company commitments, while allowing production to continue?
5. What are the boundaries for the oil sands sector and what exemptions, if any, should be considered as government reviews the oil sands emissions limit policy?

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COVID-19 Status

Cases in Alberta

Many COVID-19 numbers in Alberta continue to decrease, however we are now seeing the spread of more-infectious variants of concern. Alberta Health detected 68 variant of concern cases in the province 2 weeks ago; as of February 14 there were 171 variant of concern cases: 164 these are B.1.1.7 variant (U.K. variant) and seven are the B.1.351 variant (South African variant). As of Feb. 14, these variants have only been detected in the Calgary, Edmonton and Central zones.

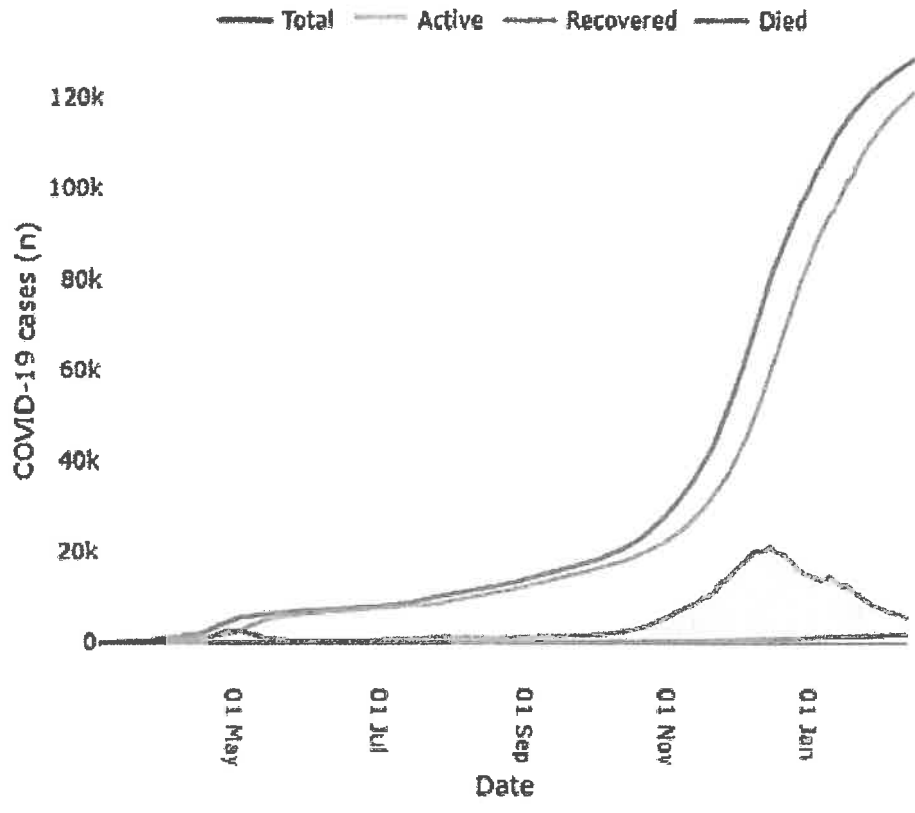
Otherwise, active cases, hospitalization numbers and ICU admissions are all down this week.

As of Feb. 14, there were 5,222 active cases in the province, down from 6,588 on Feb. 3, the lowest number since the end of October. However, after two consecutive weeks of decreasing case numbers in all five zones, this week the active case numbers went up in the Central and South zones.

The table below shows the number of active cases for each zone, comparing the week ending February 10, to the week ending February 3 (*please note that for comparison and reporting purposes, AHS looks at week over week data ending on Wednesdays*).

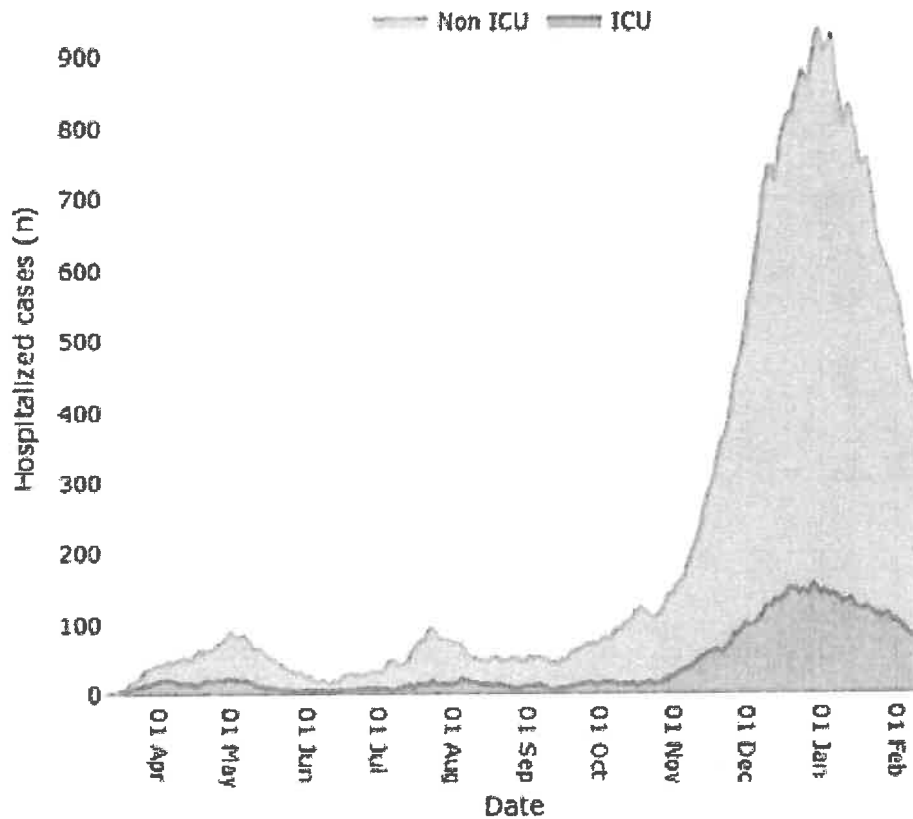
	Active Cases (as of Feb. 10)	Active Cases (as of Feb. 3)	Per cent Change
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North	703	811	-13.3%
Central	679	645	+5.3%
South	292	288	+1.4%
Unknown	9	17	-47.1%

There was an average of 331 daily new cases for the seven-day period ending Feb. 10, compared to 441 for the prior week, a 19.5 per cent decrease. Slightly more than half of all new cases were individuals between the ages of 20 and 49 years.



Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

For the sixth consecutive week, there has been a week-to-week decline in the total number of individuals being treated in hospital for COVID-19.



On Feb. 14, there were 356 individuals in hospitals across the province compared to 515 hospitalizations on Feb. 3. Of those individuals in hospital on Feb. 14, 58 individuals were in intensive care units (ICUs) compared to 94 on Feb. 3. For the first time in months, the Calgary Zone has the most current hospitalizations, with 128.

Other notable COVID-19 related information:

- As of Feb. 14, a total of 129,075 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta.
- As of Feb. 14, 1,782 individuals have passed away from COVID-19. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- From Feb. 4 to Feb. 10, 62,312 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 8,902 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 3.16 per cent to 4.38 per cent. As of Feb. 10, a total of 3,278,428 tests have been conducted and 1,782,832 individuals have been tested.
- For the winter school term, as of Feb. 10, AHS has confirmed 1,047 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 460 out of 2,415 schools (19 per cent) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The province wide R value from Feb. 1 to 7 was 0.87.

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health 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 Feb. 10:

- 76,663 employees (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,563 (or 5.9 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 1,540 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 465 (or 30.2 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 3,023 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 4,931 physicians (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 193 (or 3.9 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 60 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, eight (or 13.3 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 133 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

COVID-19 Immunization Update

By the Numbers

As of 3 p.m. on Feb. 12, more than 141,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta, including:

- 49,700+ healthcare workers
- 52,800+ long-term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) residents
- 36,900+ LTC/DSL staff

In total, 48,049 Albertans have received both Dose 1 & Dose 2, and 45,285 have had Dose 1 only.

Care After COVID-19 Immunization

Although it's rare to have a serious side effect after receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, AHS is carefully monitoring all responses to the vaccine. Those who have been vaccinated are asked to call Health Link at 811 to report any serious or unusual side effects.

- If you have side effects that are the same as COVID-19 symptoms, you must stay home and away from others (isolate), even if you think the side effects are from the vaccine.
- If the side effects go away within 48 hours, you don't have to keep isolating, and you can go back to your normal activities. If you've been told to isolate for other reasons, you must keep isolating.
- If the side effects last longer than 48 hours, stay home. Contact Health Link at 811 or do the COVID-19 Self-Assessment for Albertans to book an appointment for a COVID-19 test. If you don't get tested for COVID-19, you must stay home for 10 days from the start of your symptoms or until you no longer have symptoms, whichever is longer.
- If you only have redness, swelling or soreness where you had the needle, you don't need to stay home and away from others.

Additional care after immunization information can be found on [MyHealth.Alberta.ca](https://myhealth.alberta.ca).

I've Been Immunized Against COVID-19, Now What?

People who have received COVID-19 vaccine are still required to follow all measures put in place to prevent the spread of the virus. The vaccines being used in Alberta are good at protecting people from developing illness caused by COVID-19 but no vaccine is 100 per cent effective. Continuing to adhere to public health measures after being immunized helps protect the small percentage of people who are still susceptible after receiving their vaccine. Also, what we don't know yet is whether people who have been immunized can still become infected with the virus and spread it to someone else, even if they themselves don't have symptoms.

As we learn more about the vaccines and more people have been immunized, we'll be able to revisit the requirements for people who have been immunized. In the meantime, it's important people who have

been immunized continue to follow public health measures in order to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

Long-term Care and Designated Supportive Living Update

As of Feb. 12, more than 76 per cent of residents of long-term care and designated supportive living have received both doses of vaccine. The rest are slated to receive vaccine in the coming weeks.



Verna's Weekly Video Message - Vaccine Waste Mitigation Strategy

Even as we currently face a limited supply of vaccine, we continue to strive to immunize as many people as we can. With the vaccine shortage in mind, it is more important than ever that we avoid wasting any vaccine.

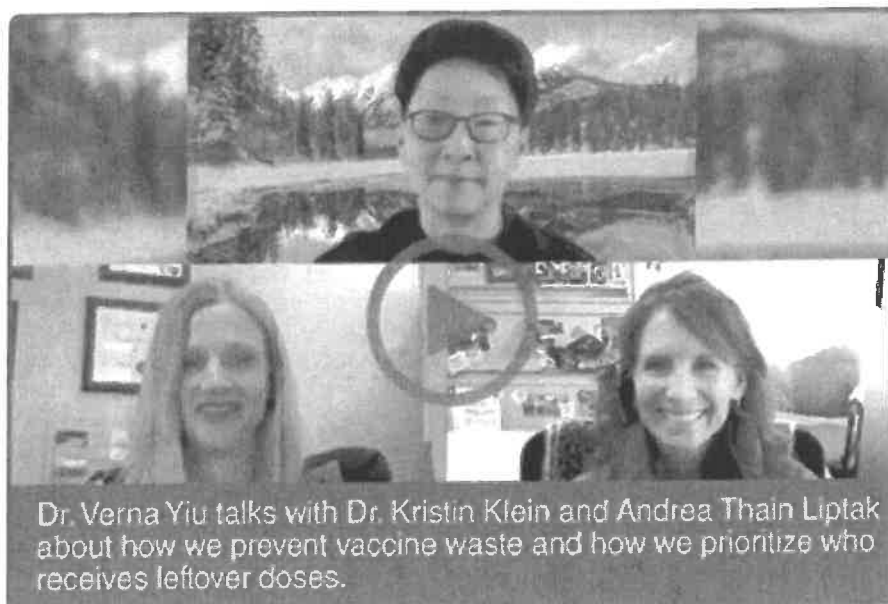
Our public health immunizers have been working to ensure there is minimal wastage by only preparing the amount of vaccine needed for appointments booked that day. On rare occasions, a small number of doses may remain at the end of the day that need to be used within a short time period.

That's why we have updated our COVID-19 vaccine waste mitigation strategy to ensure we continue to roll out the vaccine to Albertans as quickly and efficiently as possible and minimize the number of doses that are left unused.

Joining me (Verna) on the vlog to tell us more are:

- Dr. Kristin Klein, Medical Officer of Health for Provincial Population and Public Health, and Co-Lead, AHS COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force.
- Andrea Thain Liptak, Executive Director, Public Health, Primary Care, CDM, CRS, Allied Health and CAS, and Zone Operations Lead, AHS COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force.

Kristin and Andrea share how we can prevent vaccine waste and how we prioritize who receives any leftover doses at the end of the day.



Things You Need to Know

New Federal Requirements for Air, Land Travellers

Air travellers landing in Canada will have to quarantine in a hotel at their own expense, starting Feb. 22, the federal government announced on Feb. 12. The new requirement is intended to curb the spread of more infectious variants of concern.

The announcement comes two weeks after the federal government said air travellers returning from non-essential trips abroad will have to isolate in a federally mandated facility for up to 72 hours while they await results of their COVID-19 test.

Travellers will need to book a hotel stay of up to 72 hours in the city in which they first arrive in Canada: either Calgary, Vancouver, Montreal or Toronto. Travellers who test negative for COVID-19 on their arrival test will be able to take a connecting flight to their final destination. Travellers who test positive will be moved to a designated quarantine facility. Vaccinated Canadians will not be exempt from this new requirement. Travellers will still need to adhere to the mandatory 14-day quarantine period for returning non-essential travellers.

Also this week, the federal government announced that, as of Feb. 15, non-essential travellers entering Canada through a land border will need to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arrival. Starting Feb. 22, travellers entering Canada at the land border — including at Coutts, Alberta — will be required to take a COVID-19 test on arrival and toward the end of their 14-day quarantine.

Expansion of rapid testing

Alberta Health Services has completed more than 17,000 rapid tests, and have identified approximately 1,500 positive cases. We are currently in the process of expanding use of rapid point-of-care testing across the province, deploying it at additional assessment centres, hospital labs, and several homeless shelters in Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton. We have also developed mobile testing units that are visiting long-term care and designated supportive living facilities, an innovative approach Alberta is taking to protect populations that are most vulnerable to outbreaks.

As announced by the government, Alberta will be providing thousands of rapid tests to operators of all long term care and supportive living facilities, allowing them to routinely screen their asymptomatic staff. None of the tests provided to AHS have expired. We are using the ones that expire sooner (earliest in April) first, and we expect we will be able to use our supplies before any expire.

Influenza Immunization Update

As of Feb. 6, 1.53 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta. Immunizations

are up by more than 170,900 doses compared to the same time last year.

For the 14th week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in the province. Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) has tested 93,858 respiratory swabs for influenza from Aug. 23, 2020, to Feb. 9, 2021. [Click here](#) for more information on the influenza immunization clinics for the public.

Willow Square Continuing Care Centre project update

Alberta Health Services (AHS) was granted possession of Willow Square in January 2021 and immediately began work on the commissioning phase of the project. The commissioning phase is crucial to ensuring the building, medical systems, and healthcare teams are all fully prepared to provide safe and quality care to our patients prior to opening the facility. This includes final cleaning of the entire building, the installation of furniture and equipment, and training staff to use the new medical equipment and systems.

AHS expects to begin welcoming residents to Willow Square in mid-2021. There will be 108 spaces available on opening day, including 36 for long-term care and palliative care, and 72 for supportive living. The third floor contains an additional 36 spaces that will be shelled for future development in order to address future capacity. Natural light, pathways and gardens, will all help to make this new facility feel like home for residents also help in their healing process. All resident rooms are private, with accessible bathrooms including individual zero threshold showers. Once open, Willow Square is expected to have more than 150 staff working on site. Some of these staff will support the facility from the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre (NLRHC). The Northern Lights Regional Health Centre currently has 41 continuing care beds. After Willow Square opens, these spaces will be repurposed to meet identified health priorities.

The \$102-million state-of-the-art continuing care centre project was completed under budget, despite a global pandemic and flooding in downtown Fort McMurray last spring

Cervical and colorectal cancer screening project joins mobile mammography program in St. Paul

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at St. Paul Community Health Services on March 10-13 and March 15-20. AHS is pleased to offer additional cancer screening for cervical and colorectal cancer during this time. Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling [Screen Test](#) at 1-800-667-0604.

Beds added to residential addiction treatment program

There is now increased capacity at a 21-day residential treatment program in Grande Prairie, with the transition of eight beds from a former fee-for-service program, bringing the total number of publicly funded addiction treatment beds to 40.

The transition of the underutilized fee-for-service Business and Industry Clinic program improves access to the 21-day residential addiction treatment program at the Northern Addictions Centre.

The Northern Addictions Centre residential treatment program is a 21-day intensive treatment program for men and women to learn the tools necessary to live free from alcohol and other drugs. The full program can be accessed with residential support at the centre. There are also additional addiction and mental health services and supports offered at the Northern Addictions Centre on an outpatient basis.

Join the Conversation

Alberta Healthy Living Program offers free workshops to help manage chronic conditions

The Alberta Healthy Living Program offers a wide variety of free workshops to help adults better manage chronic conditions. These workshops provide information, education techniques and support to help improve clients' health and quality of life. Topics include heart and stroke education, managing stress, weight management, supervised exercise and the better choices better health program.

The Alberta Health Living Program workshops are currently being offered virtually to Albertans via Zoom. Please visit the [Alberta Health Living Program](#) online or call 1-877-349-5711 for more information; you do

not need a referral to register.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, you healthcare providers want to ensure you are taking care of your health. They want to see you, especially if you notice changes in your health or changes in your body. If you have any unexplained, new, worsening or persistent changes, seek care from your family doctor, or primary care provider.

The Resilience Advantage - Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times

Part 1: Led by AHS Certified professionals, this interactive workshop includes a basic discussion of stress plus looks at different ways to manage stress, including 2 HeartMath® breathing techniques. Participants will come away with an understanding of the impact of emotions on the body plus an action plan to address their own stress.

Part 2: Led by AHS Certified professionals, this interactive workshop will discuss perception, decision-making and communication using the HeartMath® tools taught in Part 1. *(Note that this is a continuation from concepts learned in Part 1, so completion of Part 1 is essential prior to taking Part 2.)*

For more information on dates and information on how to join, please click [here](#). For more information the upcoming courses, email ahs.heartmath@ahs.ca.

Join the Conversation about Virtual Care

Virtual care provides an opportunity for individuals who are in self-isolation, unable to attend an AHS clinic or facility or living in rural and remote areas to connect when the patient and provider cannot be in the same location. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, AHS has expanded access to healthcare services through the addition of virtual tools to better meet the care needs of patients, including:

- Implementing Zoom
- Assessing clinical priority for ambulatory care visits
- Developing self-help tools, guided webinars, and supported advice for some program areas to help integrate technology

We want to hear from Albertans, physicians, patients and families and healthcare providers to help inform our long term virtual care strategy to support the future of healthcare in Alberta. [Share your stories](#) about innovation in healthcare to inform and inspire others.

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How are you taking care of your health and wellness during COVID-19?

Albertans have been dealing with COVID-19 for nearly a year. It is important that we take time to take care of ourselves and check in on loved ones. We need to look at ways we can find joy, laughter and hope.

We want to hear from Albertans. How you are taking care of your physical and mental health? We hope that you will take the time to share [your ideas and resources with others](#). We are all in this together and we will get through this stronger than ever.

Straight Talk - 'You Have To Know That It's Real'

Straight Talk is a video series in which healthcare workers talk from the heart about what they're seeing and experiencing at work and in their communities as COVID-19 spreads across the province. AHS is posting a new Straight Talk video every day on YouTube and sharing it through our AHS accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please feel free to share these with your networks and on your social platforms as you see appropriate.

This week, we highlight a video featuring Mandy Carter, a nurse clinician on the COVID-19 unit at Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary.



"You don't have to be scared of COVID-19," she says. "It's not about fear. But you have to know that it's real."

You can see all of the [Straight Talk videos](#), and new ones daily, on the AHS website.

Be Well - Be Kind

Sharing the Love — Teamwork Gets Vaccines Where They Are Needed

Since COVID-19 vaccine supply issues came to light in January, our teams have been moving vaccine around the province to ensure we deliver second doses within the allowable time frames and get as many people immunized as we can.

Most recently, South Zone sent about 1,500 doses of the Moderna vaccine to Calgary Zone, and Calgary Zone was able to provide South Zone with about 1,900 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

This reciprocal collaboration has ensured both zones have enough vaccine to support second doses of eligible healthcare workers and residents of long-term care and designated supportive living, and to meet their commitments well into the next week.

This is a great example of ongoing successful collaboration within the province and between zones. A huge thanks to all the teams that have been involved in shifting vaccine supply to get it to where it is needed most. Keep up the great teamwork!

— Dr. Verna Yiu and Dr. Laura McDougall

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.](#)



Seniors get a lift in Cold Lake

Residents and staff in long-term care at Cold Lake Healthcare Centre are benefitting from the donation of two new mechanical lifts, made by the Grand Centre Lions Club and the Cold Lake Medical Development Fund Society.

Valued at more than \$10,000, the equipment enhances patient care and improves their overall care experience.

"We are so fortunate to have such amazing community groups that support us," says Taylor Hall, seniors health manager for Alberta Health Services in Cold Lake. "Everyone at the centre is thankful to have received these lifts. They offer many benefits to long term care staff and residents." Learn more [here](#).

Photo of the Week

We wish to highlight a photo every week that illustrates the efforts, compassion and achievements being realized as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.



Dorothy Boothman, 98, receives the COVID-19 vaccine from registered nurse Brenda Claudio in Calgary.

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

Sharing the Love - Gratitude from Albertans

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

I continue to think of you and all you are doing to keep people the healthiest they can be. I will never forget.

— Isabella Bishop

A shout-out to the awesome, caring people who are treating people with cancer right now. These people work like a well-oiled machine and made me feel like I was the most important patient in their care. Never making me feel rushed or like just a number. Kudos to all of you, especially the ones that touched my life.

— Barb

I want to sincerely thank AHS North Zone outbreak team for the guidance they've provided our organization during our outbreak. The mere thought of having a COVID-19 outbreak was daunting. But the wonderful North Zone team has helped us manage the situation with sound advice and consistent communication. Thank you for supporting us!

— Stephanie Hudson

Wrapping Up

As we come out of a weekend when we celebrated both Valentine's Day and Family Day, we reflect on the partnership between AHS and Albertans as we seek to bend the curve of COVID-19.

Love and care are shown every day when we offer words of kindness and comfort. When we spend an extra minute or two answering a question, or giving someone in need a bit of extra attention. Even when we choose to stay home when we are ill, deliver groceries or a care package to someone in quarantine, or take the time to call someone who may be lonely. Please keep demonstrating love through your every day actions — and we will get through this, *together*.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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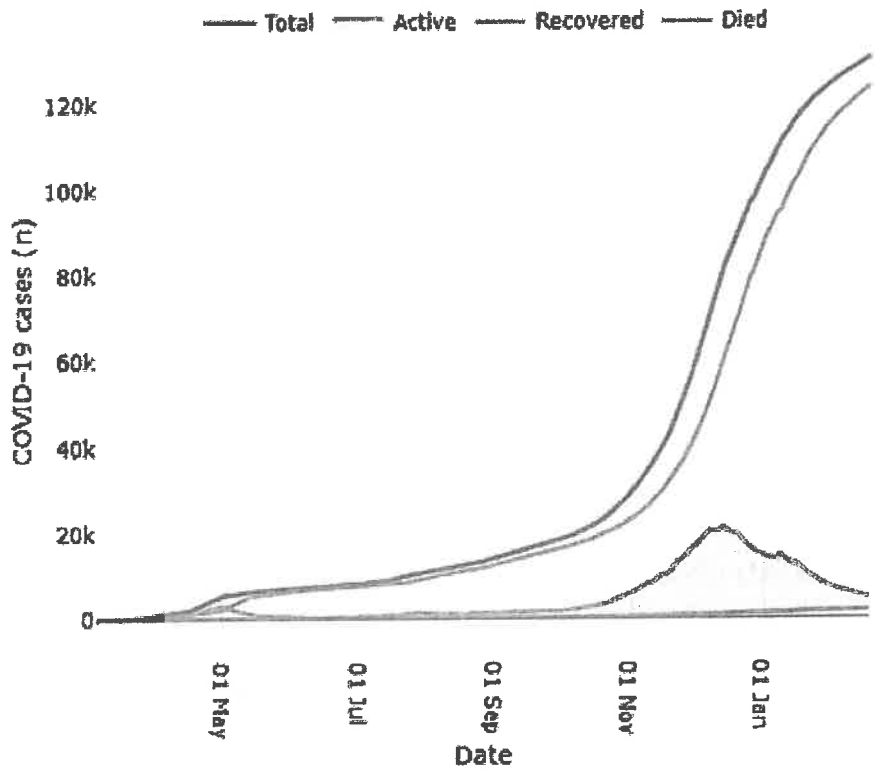
In positive news again this week, many of the COVID-19 case numbers have decreased. However, Alberta does continue to see spread of variants of concern. The average number of daily new cases for the past week is 305 cases (as of Feb. 17), compared to 329 cases the previous week (Feb. 4 to 10), a 7.3 per cent decrease.

This week, there are 4,887 active cases in the province, the lowest number since the end of October and a decrease of 614 active cases (-11.2 per cent) from last week, when Alberta Health reported 5,501 active cases. While the Calgary and Edmonton zones each experienced decreases in their number of active cases over the past week, cases in the North, Central and South zones increased.

The table below shows a comparison of the number of active cases for each zone over the last two weeks.

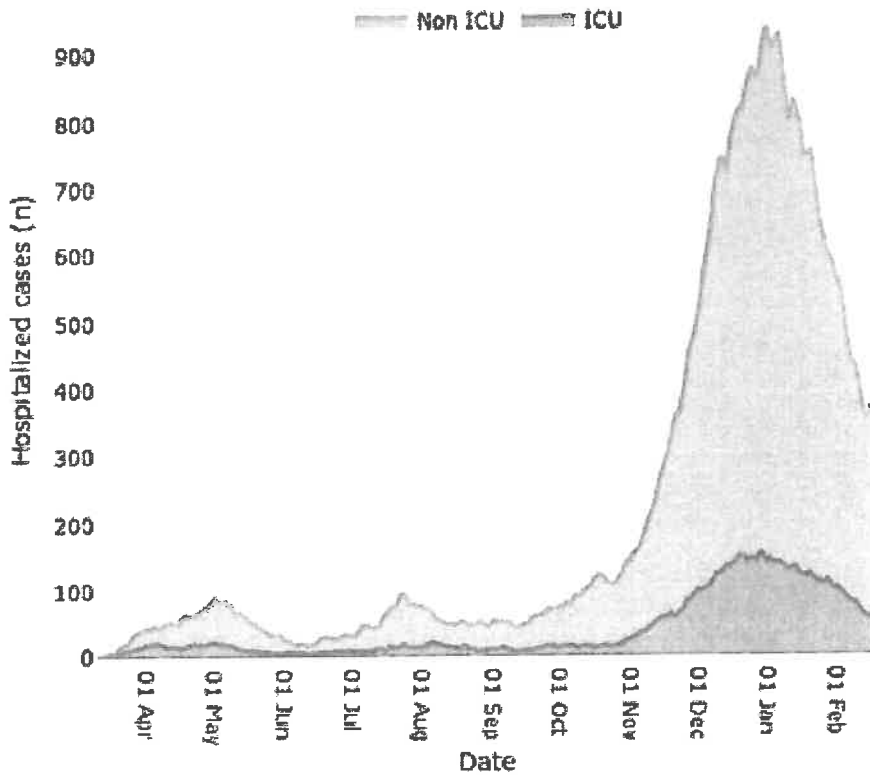
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Central	729	679	+7.4%
South	333	292	+14.0%
Unknown	5	9	-44.4%

For the week ending Feb. 17, there were 1,105 cases among individuals aged 20 to 49 years, which is about 52 per cent of new cases during that time period. However, cases continue to occur in every age group: this week, 383 new cases were reported among school-aged children (5 to 19 years) and 253 new cases were reported among older adults (aged 60 years and older).



Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

For the seventh week in a row, there has been a week-to-week decline in the total number of individuals being treated for COVID-19 in Alberta's hospitals.



On Feb. 17, there were 362 individuals in hospitals across the province compared to 400 hospitalizations on Feb. 10, a 9.5 per cent decrease. Of those individuals in hospital, 55 individuals were in intensive care units (ICUs) on Feb. 17 compared to 70 on Feb. 10, a 21.4 per cent decrease.

The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Feb. 17 is below:

- 130 hospitalizations with 25 of those in ICUs in the Calgary Zone,
- 116 hospitalizations with 16 of those in ICUs in the Edmonton Zone,
- 51 hospitalizations with 0 of those in ICUs in the North Zone,
- 35 hospitalizations with 8 of those in ICUs in the South Zone, and
- 30 hospitalizations with 6 of those in ICUs in the Central Zone.

Variants of Concern

We have now detected 239 variant cases of COVID-19 in the province. 232 of these are B.1.1.7 variant (UK variant) and seven are the B.1.351 variant (South African variant). One week earlier on Feb. 10, 156 variant cases had been detected. As of Feb. 17, variant cases have only been detected in the Calgary, Edmonton and Central zones.

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of Feb. 17, a total of 130,030 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 5,745 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 123,338 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of Feb. 17, 1,805 individuals have passed away from COVID-19 including 61 over the past seven days (Feb. 11 to Feb. 17). 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 Feb. 11 to Feb. 17, 52,837 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 7,548 tests per day. (Testing was lower over the Family Day long weekend than has been typical.) During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 3.67 per cent to 5.07 per cent. As of Feb. 17, a total of 3,331,372 tests have been conducted and 1,797,352 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 province wide R value from Feb. 8 to 14 was 0.85.
- So far in the winter school term, AHS has confirmed 1,228 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 489 out of 2,415 schools in the province have had an individual attend their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health 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 Feb. 17:

- 76,928 employees (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,610 (or 5.99 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 1,593 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 489 (or 30.7 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 3,017 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 4,951 physicians (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 193 (or 3.90 per cent) have tested positive.

- Of the 62 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, nine (or 14.5 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 131 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

Pandemic Response Unit Update

As part of AHS' overall contingency planning, AHS is working to set up Pandemic Response Units (PRU) in shelled spaces at the Kaye Edmonton Clinic (KEC) in Edmonton and at South Health Campus (SHC) in Calgary. These care spaces will be kept in reserve, for use if needed.

Unlike the PRU set up in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross at the Butterdome in Edmonton, these PRUs will be built within existing AHS facilities. Construction in both spaces will be completed with minimal disruption to operations within SHC and KEC; AHS anticipates that each site will be set up for functional readiness by May 30, 2021.

Each PRU could add up to an additional 200 inpatient beds respectively in the Edmonton and Calgary Zone. The beds, as needed, would be used for patients with less complex healthcare needs than those cared for in traditional inpatient spaces. The PRU (Sprung structure), currently in place at Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC) in Calgary, will remain a part of our pandemic response. It opened in August and is used as an extension of the PLC's emergency department.

Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Update

AHS teams have been working very hard to expand our contact tracing and case investigation capacity. Thanks to these efforts, we are now seeing tremendous improvements.

During the month of January, AHS case investigators and contact tracers closed more than 21,800 investigations - this is the highest number of investigations closed in one month. On Jan. 12, the team closed a record high of 1,003 cases in 24 hours. Since Jan. 9, we've been contacting and investigating all COVID-19 cases received each day and reaching out to cases within 24 hours of receiving confirmation of their positive test result.

Check out this [infographic](#) for a summary of our recent successes. AHS' contact tracing system is well-positioned to meet future demands for contact tracing in Alberta. This is for several reasons:

New COVID-19 Cases Trending Down

New cases have been trending down across the province for the last several weeks. Currently, cases have about five to six close contacts each, compared to November when the average case had about 15 close contacts. With fewer contacts, we are able to identify and break the chains of transmission quickly. Thank you for keeping your social bubbles small.

Aggressive Recruitment Efforts

Our current workforce is about 2,300 case investigators and contact tracers. This is 46 times higher than our original team of 50 contact tracers at the beginning of the pandemic. New hires include both regulated healthcare providers and non-regulated staff. Our team as a whole now has the capacity to investigate about 1,600 cases per day, not including COVID-19 variant cases, which require additional time, resources and expertise to investigate.

Innovative Approaches

AHS teams have developed and adapted several contact tracing tools since the beginning of the pandemic. These tools have drastically reduced turnaround times to notify Albertans of their test results and have freed staff from making notification calls.

Since the spring, negative COVID-19 test results have been available to Albertans over the phone using an autodialer option. Test results through text message were added to our systems in the fall.

Since mid-November, AHS has been using the [COVID-19 Close Contacts Tool](#) to identify and reach out to contacts by text or phone. Since then, the tool has received nearly 97,000 submissions - 18,000 from Albertans and the rest from case investigators and contact tracers using the tool.

The [AHS COVID-19 online assessment and booking tool](#) has been crucial in Alberta's response to COVID-19. Last week, an additional function was added to the tool to include a new field to indicate a

person's primary language spoken at home. This enables AHS to match an individual's preferred language with a case investigator who speaks that language. If that's not possible, we can make arrangements for an interpreter to be available. To date, the online assessment and booking tool has been accessed more than nine million times by Albertans.

Partnerships and Engaging Albertans

Another factor which has made it possible for us to keep up with case numbers is AHS' strong community partnerships. Since the first wave, we've been engaging businesses, operators, schools, sports and event organizers to collect and provide contact information for their staff, patrons and students, in the event we need that information for contact tracing purposes.

This has helped our teams a great deal and has sped up the process to identify and contact individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Thank you to our partners and all Albertans for working with us.

COVID-19 Immunizations

COVID-19 Immunization Update

By the Numbers

As of 11 a.m. on Feb. 19, more than 159,300 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta, including:

- 59,400+ doses to healthcare workers
- 54,500+ doses to long-term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) residents
- 43,400+ doses to LTC/DSL staff

In total, 61,784 Albertans have received both dose 1 and dose 2, and 35,828 have received dose 1 only.

Rebooked Appointments for Healthcare Workers

To align with an increase in vaccine supply in Alberta, healthcare workers in [phase 1](#) who had their first and second dose postponed due to the national vaccine shortage were contacted this week through an email invitation to re-book these appointments.

Long-Term Care and Designated Supportive Living Update

As we continue the fight against COVID-19, the vaccine has provided many Albertans with a [#ShutoffHope](#). As of Jan. 19, all eligible seniors in long-term care (LTC), and designated supportive living (DSL) facilities provincewide who consented to receive the COVID-19 vaccine have now been given their second doses, with co-mingled sites set to be complete in early March.

On Dec. 29, 2020, immunization began for eligible seniors - the first members of the public - with immunizations taking place across the zones since then. Many teams across AHS have made extraordinary efforts to provide vaccine to eligible seniors in LTC and DSL sites across the province, with over 29,000 residents being immunized.

We would like to congratulate all the LTC/DSL staff and our public health teams on this outstanding achievement and thank you for your dedication to protecting our residents in continuing care. The [#ShutoffHope](#) provides an added layer of protection to our most vulnerable population.

In the meantime, we are doing all we can to keep our residents safe at every continuing care site, and will continue to push hard to roll out vaccine as it is available.

Congregate Care

AHS, in conjunction with Alberta Health, is expanding to additional eligible groups as part of the phase 1B COVID-19 vaccine rollout, and will now include all residents in seniors' congregate living sites.

Starting Friday, February 19, AHS began rolling out approximately 22,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Albertans living in retirement centres, lodges, and other congregate living facilities, with residents 75 years of age and older. At these sites, where eligible seniors interact with residents younger than 75, all residents will be able to receive their immunization, regardless of age. The second dose of the vaccine will be provided in these facilities within the 38 to 42 day window.

Residents living in these facilities will be contacted directly through site leadership regarding when the

- vaccine will be provided onsite. Residents of these facilities do not need to book their own appointment, or call Health Link to make these arrangements. AHS public health teams will work directly with site leadership and the care teams at each facility to arrange vaccine rollout.

It is anticipated it will take two weeks to immunize all seniors at these facilities with their first dose of vaccine, provincewide.

All Albertans 75 and Over

As announced by Alberta Health, starting Feb. 24 any Albertan living in the community who was born in 1946 or earlier will be eligible to book an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of where they live. Appointment availability will be based on vaccine supply. Seniors will be able to book their immunization appointment through Alberta Health Services using an online and telephone booking system.

Details on how to book – by phone or online – will be released on Feb. 24 and links will be posted on the [COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#). Information about supports for isolated seniors and those with mobility challenges will be also be posted.

Phase 2 Vaccinations

In addition to the plans for Phase 1 of the vaccine rollout, the Government of Alberta announced today that Phase 2 vaccinations will be offered in a staged approach starting this spring. Once completed, Phase 2 will mean that anyone aged 50 to 74 years, anyone with high-risk underlying health conditions, First Nations and Métis people aged 35 and older, residents and staff in congregate living settings, healthcare workers providing direct and acute patient care who have high potential for spread to high-risk individuals and eligible caregivers will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated.

Detailed information on how eligible Albertans will receive the vaccine will be released prior to each step in Phase 2. The timeline for starting each phase is dependent on vaccine supply and availability. Alberta relies on the federal government to distribute vaccine to the province. More information is available from Alberta Health, [here](#).

Vaccine Rollout Planning

Alberta Health is responsible for COVID-19 vaccine policy, including allocation of vaccine. We look forward to working together as we roll out the vaccine to our most vulnerable populations across Alberta. We thank everyone involved in the vaccine rollout for your hard work, and ongoing commitment to Albertans.

Border Pilot

Due to the updated travel rules announced by the Government of Canada on January 29, and in an effort to mitigate any potential spread of the COVID-19 variants within Alberta, the Border Pilot Project between the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada has been suspended at the Calgary International Airport and at the Coutts border crossing as of Feb. 21, 2021.

All international travellers arriving at the Calgary International Airport and Coutts border crossing will be required to follow additional testing and more stringent quarantine requirements for travel to Canada. This includes the requirement that all arriving international travellers must quarantine for at least 14 days and must take a COVID-19 test upon arrival into Canada, as well as toward the end of their 14-day quarantine. Prior to departure to Canada, air travellers will also be required to reserve a three-night stay in a government-authorized hotel. These new measures are in addition to existing mandatory pre-boarding and health requirements for air travellers.

These changes will help ensure individuals potentially infected with the variants of COVID-19 do not spread the virus to others, and remain in quarantine until they receive a negative test result, or are no longer infectious.

For more information on this change, including important information on quarantine requirements that must be followed after international travel, please visit: [COVID-19: Travel, quarantine and borders - Travel.gc.ca](#).

Things You Need to Know

Influenza Immunization Update

As of Feb. 13, 2021, 1,554,581 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta.

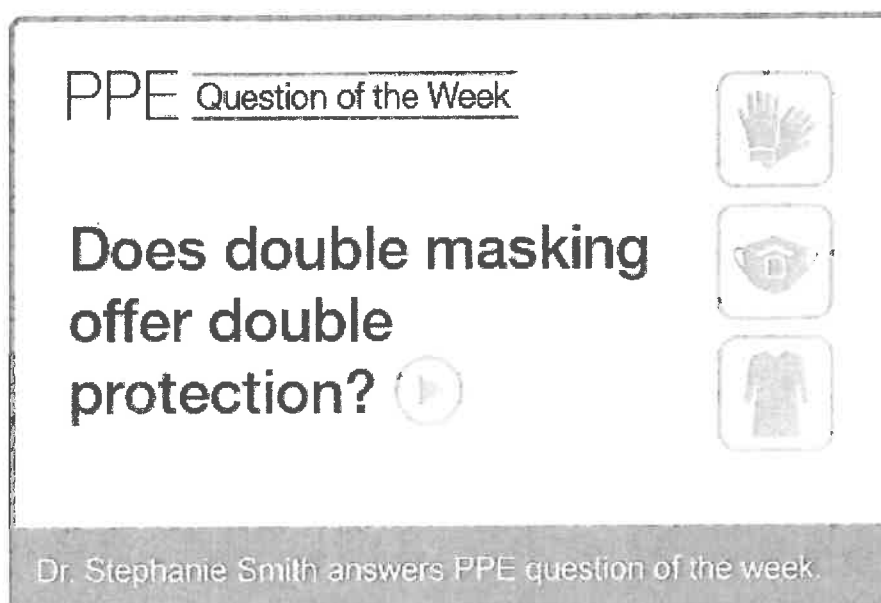
Immunizations are up by more than 173,000 compared to the same time last year.

For the 15th week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta. Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) have tested 95,327 respiratory swabs for influenza from Aug. 23, 2020 to Feb. 13, 2021.

We continue to make exceptional progress this season. Let's continue to protect each other from this vaccine-preventable illness and reduce the strain on our healthcare system. [Click here](#) for more information on the influenza immunization clinics.

PPE Question of the Week

Are two masks better than one? In this week's PPE Question of the Week video, Dr. Stephanie Smith, Director of Infection Prevention and Control at the University of Alberta Hospital discusses the use of medical grade masks, the protection these masks provide against the variant strains and how double-masking doesn't mean double the protection.



Changes to laboratory appointment booking in South Zone

On February 16, 2021 the Medicine Hat and Brooks Laboratories patient collection services updated the appointment system to a new phone number. The impacted locations are the Brooks Collection Lab, Carry Drive Collection Site and Medicine Regional Hat Hospital Outpatient Lab.

When booking appointments the new system allows patients to book online at www.APLappointments.ca or by calling 1-833-572-0577 (new number). The previous booking number is no longer in service and will direct you to call the new number. Individuals who utilize drop-in appointments will receive updated booking information while at the collection site or lab. The hours of operations remain unaffected at the Carry Drive, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital and Brooks Collection sites.

The change supports the provincial initiative to standardize processes and create efficiencies by reducing variance in the software programs and the IT resources required to support them while enhancing the patient experience.

AHS Psychoactive Substance Use policy updated

The AHS Psychoactive Substance Use policy was updated to better reflect that psychoactive substance use is complex and requires a broad, multi-pronged recovery-oriented approach to effectively work with patients and families. The policy was first implemented in 2013; revisions were completed in 2019, and a review was scheduled for 2020. The next review is scheduled for 2023 (AHS policies are generally reviewed every three years).

While services remain unchanged, the policy has been reworded to better reflect care, support, treatment and that recovery for individuals impacted by substance use is broad and multi-faceted. There is no one size fits all. The policy revisions bring all aspects of harm reduction, treatment and recovery together and gives healthcare providers the tools they need to support individuals and communities impacted by substance use. The intent of the policy is to support and build capacity for AHS staff – broaden their understanding of the continuum of care and how to care for people who use substances.

Implementation of the [Psychoactive Substance Use Policy](#) continues to emphasize the importance of healthcare providers proactively listening to, honouring, and respecting the patient's and family's values, preferences, and cultural practices. Revisions were made with a diverse working group including population & public health, emergency departments, Indigenous health, provincial addiction and mental health, addiction treatment providers, harm reduction service providers, people with lived experience, and a community service provider. Learn more about AHS' approach to [Harm Reduction](#).

Diabetes management classes offered online

Central Zone residents who are working to manage pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes are invited to attend free information sessions via Zoom at the beginning of March. Interested residents can register by calling the [Alberta Healthy Living Program](#) at 1-877-314-6997.

Managing Emotional Eating workshops available online

Residents of Central Zone are invited to join free Managing Emotional Eating workshops starting in March. Participants will learn how eating habits are formed, and how triggers such as emotions, situations and events can be managed to help develop better eating habits that will last a lifetime. Participants can call 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Healthy Communities by Design partners with Town of Coaldale

The Town of Coaldale is partnering with Alberta Health Services on a pilot program designed to improving the well-being of town residents. Healthy Communities by Design provides municipalities with public health information and guidance which may be used to design communities that better support healthy lifestyles. Health outcomes such as life expectancy, cancer rates and infant mortality rates often differ between geographies and also within communities.

Through the program, the town can harness the expertise of AHS health professionals — including dietitians, health promotion facilitators, public health inspectors and medical officers of health — to assist with drafting or improving existing policies related to tobacco/alcohol reduction, healthy eating, sun safety, walkability and physical activity. There is no cost to the Town of Coaldale for participating, and the town is under no obligation to implement any suggestions coming from the pilot program.

About 100 Alberta communities have participated in the initiative since it began in 2016. For instance, after participating in Healthy Communities by Design, the Pincher Creek Wellness Committee decided UV exposure posed a health hazard that could be mitigated. The committee developed a program that enabled community groups to rent shade tents for their events, and later added sunscreen dispensers at key community gathering places, such as the town's spray park and rodeo grounds.

AHS COVID-19 Website Update

We continue to see increased demand for accurate, easy-to-understand, credible information on COVID-19. Albertans want to be kept informed of the latest advancements, news, and information on the virus and look to the AHS website as a source of truth for pandemic information.

To provide Albertans with organized, easy-to-navigate information, several changes have been made to the AHS COVID-19 web pages:

- Content is now organized by topic so users can easily hone in on specific areas of interest. The webpage is easier to scan while scrolling making it quicker to find the information you are looking for on both mobile devices and desktop computers.
- Higher visibility has also been provided to the top four most-searched sections. These sections include Booking a Test, Understanding Your Results, Visitation and Information for Health Professionals. These sections will be reviewed and updated to reflect the most popular searches.

- A feedback mechanism has also been added to continue to inform future enhancements and additions.

Thank you to those who participated in a focus group to help refine this new web page. We welcome all Albertans to tour the site, and provide feedback using the online feedback option, to let us know what we can do to make the site even better. Log onto ahs.ca/covid and tell us what you think of the new design.

Join the Conversation

Add your voice: Join virtual focus group on AHS Advertising Standards

The [EY Review](#) identified several recommendations and opportunities for AHS to improve the quality and long-term sustainability of health services, including exploring ways to generate revenue that could be put back into patient care.

Across the province, AHS property – including our healthcare facilities, parking structures and digital platforms like our website – provide the organization with an opportunity to sell advertising space. As we approach this idea, we need to ensure that all ad content on AHS property aligns with our [vision and values](#), and reflects the diversity of the people we serve.

We will be hosting a virtual focus group to review our draft AHS Advertising Standards on **Thursday, March 4 from 12:00 (noon) to 1:30 p.m.** Space will be limited, so if you are interested please express interest [here](#) no later than February 25.

Please note that participants will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement. Only confirmed participants will be contacted and sent the Zoom meeting details.

Join a COVID-19 Community Conversation in your Zone

Albertans have been dealing with the impacts of COVID-19 for nearly a year. Together we have flattened the curve, but we must remain vigilant to protect one another and our healthcare system. And we can only work together successfully if we have accurate information. AHS is hosting a series of Community Conversations to develop a shared understanding of COVID-19, and Alberta Health Service's response. For more information about Community Conversations in your zone visit [Together4Health](#).



Edmonton Zone COVID-19 Community Conversation

Edmonton Zone residents are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Grazia Salvo. Learn about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the Edmonton region, and AHS' response - including vaccine safety – and ask questions directly of Dr. Salvo. For more information and to register visit [Together4Health](#).



Alberta's Chinese Community invited to COVID-19 Community Conversation

Members of Alberta's Chinese Community are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Michael Zakhary: March 1, from 7- 8:30pm. This event is being hosted in partnership with the Covid-19 Chinese Community Emergency Support Project. While the presentation will be made in English, translation services will be available. For more information and to register visit [Together4Health](https://www.together4health.ca).

Together Health

How are you taking care of your health and wellness during COVID-19?

Albertans have been dealing with COVID-19 for nearly a year. It is important that we take time to take care of ourselves and check in on loved ones. We need to look at ways we can find joy, laughter and hope.

We want to hear from Albertans: how you are taking care of your physical and mental health? We hope that you will take the time to share your ideas and resources with others. We are all in this together and we will get through this stronger than ever.

Join the Conversation about Virtual Care

Virtual care provides an opportunity for individuals who are in self-isolation, unable to attend an AHS clinic or facility, or living in rural and remote areas to connect, when the patient and provider cannot be in the same location. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, AHS has expanded access to healthcare services through the addition of virtual tools to better meet the care needs of patients, including:

- Implementing Zoom
- Assessing clinical priority for ambulatory care visits
- Developing self-help tools, guided webinars, and supported advice for some program areas to help integrate technology

We want to hear from Albertans, physicians, patients and families and healthcare providers to help inform our long-term virtual care strategy to support the future of healthcare in Alberta. Share your stories about innovation in healthcare to inform and inspire others.

Straight Talk

Straight Talk is a video series in which healthcare workers talk from the heart about what they're seeing and experiencing at work and in their communities as COVID-19 spreads across the province. AHS is posting a new Straight Talk video every day on YouTube and sharing it through our AHS accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please feel free to share these with your networks and on your social platforms as you see appropriate.

You can see all of the Straight Talk videos, and new ones daily, on the AHS website.

Be Well - Be Kind

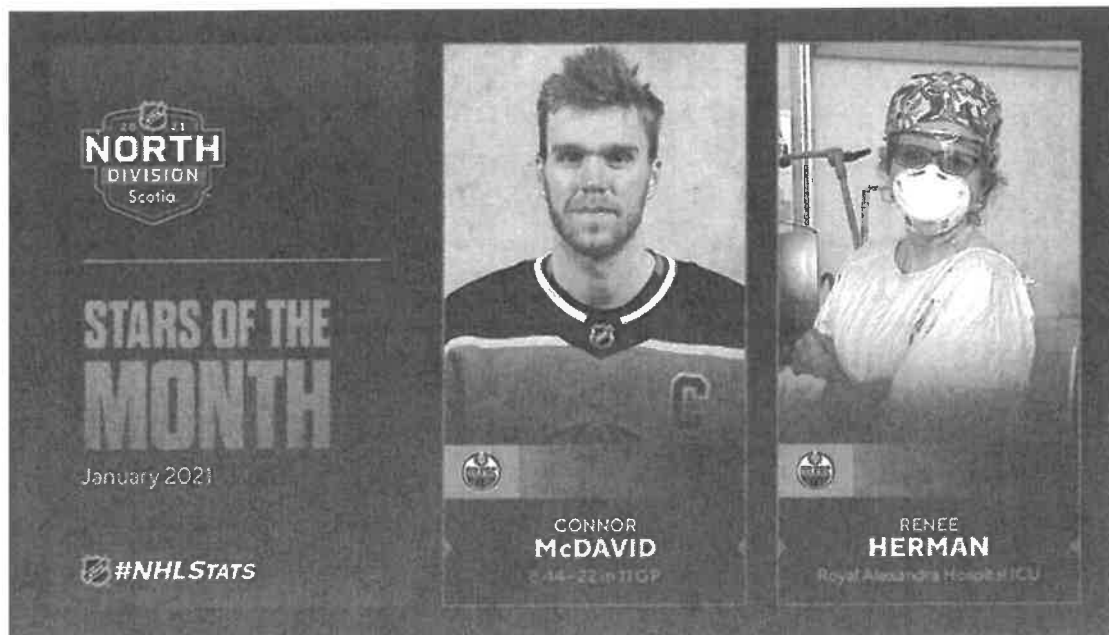
Royal Alex nurse joins Connor McDavid as NHL Star of the Month

Being named a National Hockey League (NHL) star of the month rarely, if ever, falls within the scope of practice for an intensive care nurse, but in these unparalleled times it's now a cool reality for Renee Herman of the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH).

When Connor McDavid was selected for the NHL's Scotia North Division Stars of the Month for January, the Edmonton Oilers captain shared the spotlight with Herman, a registered nurse in the ICU at the Alex.

This season, the NHL is also celebrating the remarkable efforts of off-ice stars, who make it possible for the league to play hockey, by honouring front-line healthcare heroes from the regions represented by the league's weekly and monthly stars.

In addition to being named in the NHL's news release announcing the January star selection, Herman received a personalized video message from McDavid himself. Read the full story [here](#).



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.](#)

• **Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation celebrates successful Care From the Heart Day**

The Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation is celebrating the success of their Care From the Heart Radio-A-Thon. With community support, this year's event raised over \$262,000 for local healthcare.

During the Radio-A-Thon, local radio stations B93.3 FM, 106.7 Rock, 94.1 CJOC, Country 95.5 FM, 98.1 2day FM and KISS 107.7 aired a number of interviews and stories that demonstrated the impact of donations to the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation. All of the funds raised this year will support the greatest needs of the Chinook Regional Hospital.

Learn more the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation [here](#).



Photo of the Week

We wish to highlight a photo every week that illustrates the efforts, compassion and achievements being realized as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.



Nadia Enjeneski, recovering from COVID-19 at the Rockyview General Hospital, goes for a walk with the assistance of physiotherapist Kevin Shin.

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

Verna's Weekly Video Message - Join AHS in recognizing Pink Shirt Day February 24

The past year has been challenging for all of us in different ways.

So more than ever, we need to be kind and show compassion, respect, and empathy towards one another — and Pink Shirt Day is a good reminder of how important it is to practice respectful behavior.

This international anti-bullying campaign was started by students in Nova Scotia and falls on Feb. 24 this year. So next Wednesday, we encourage everyone to wear pink to show your support of kindness and remind everyone that bullying will not be tolerated at AHS.

Joining me (Verna) to [talk about Pink Shirt Day](#) and the importance of kindness are:

- Veronica De Freitas, Program Manager, Respectful Workplaces
- Erin Feist, Senior Advisor, Employee Relations

Veronica and Erin share how Pink Shirt Day got started, what it means to be an ally, and what AHS is doing to prevent disrespectful behavior in the workplace.



Pink Shirt Day is an international anti-bullying campaign that was started by students in Nova Scotia. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand against bullying after a student experienced harassment and homophobia for wearing a pink shirt to school. The campaign supports people in taking respectful actions to stop bullying at school, at work and online.

AHS encourages everyone to be kind and choose respect by wearing pink on February 24, and to be an active ally and supportive bystander every day.

Learn more about how [Alberta Health Services](#) strives to build a workplace that's a reflection of the Albertans we serve. We are committed to developing a work environment that is physically and psychologically safe for staff and patients alike.

Sharing the Love - Gratitude from Albertans

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

I just wanted to send a huge thank you to all the staff at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. I started in the ER and was moved to the short stay unit after that. Every single member of the staff was unbelievably pleasant and kind toward me. They went above and beyond to make my stay as comfortable as possible. I was blown away at the care I received. Thank you.

- Lindsay Orrell

Thank you for doing the things other cannot. Without you we would not be able to make it through this crisis as smoothly. All of you share an integral role and are like spokes in a wheel; necessary and important. Keep up the good work and keep your heads held high. The world needs more of you. Love to you all and God bless.

- Aaron

Wrapping Up

Kindness and caring have been themes throughout today's update. These aren't new ideas, but they are in the forefront of our minds this week, on the heels of Valentine's Day and in advance of Pink Shirt Day. A quote often appears on social media, which says: In a world where you can be anything, be kind. It's a simple truth and echoes the sentiments which were instilled in our very earliest years by parents and teachers, to treat others as we would like to be treated. But sometimes, in the intensity that life brings, it's easy to take the most basic tenets for granted. It's good to be reminded that an act of kindness can change a moment, a day, or even a lifetime for someone. We know that kindness and caring are at the heart of healthcare. It's what you do every day for patients - whether on the frontline or behind the scenes, our goal is to serve Albertans.

As we focus on anti-bullying on Feb. 24, we challenge you to find a moment to be intentional about kindness. It can make all the difference for someone else and it's good for your soul, too. So, wear your pink shirt, take a stand against bullying and spread kindness like confetti!

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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

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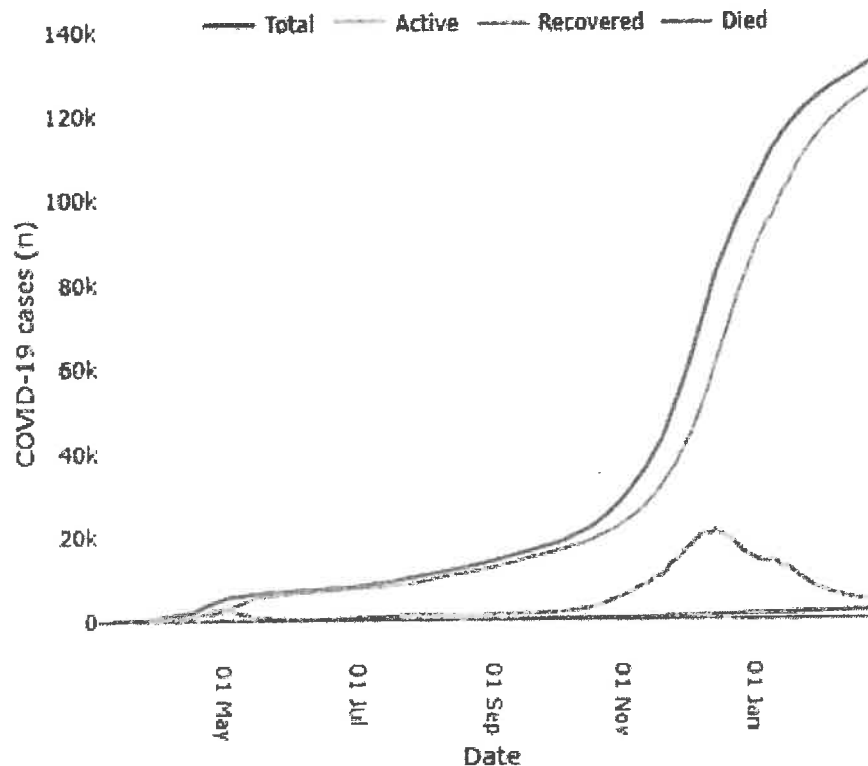
COVID-19 Status

Cases in Alberta

After 10 consecutive weeks of declines, the average number of daily new COVID-19 cases in Alberta climbed this past week — a week also marked with encouraging news: the start of large-group public COVID-19 immunizations (see COVID-19 Immunization Update item for details).

There was an average of 348 new cases per day for the week ending Feb. 24, compared to 303 the previous week, a 14.9 per cent increase. The Calgary Zone had the most new cases this week at 817 — a third of all new cases in the province. Of concern, the North Zone, with a much smaller population, had the second-highest number of new cases this week, with 607.

Overall, the number of active cases in the province continues to drop. As of Feb. 24, there were 4,484 active cases, a decrease of 403 (or 11.2 per cent) from the previous week.



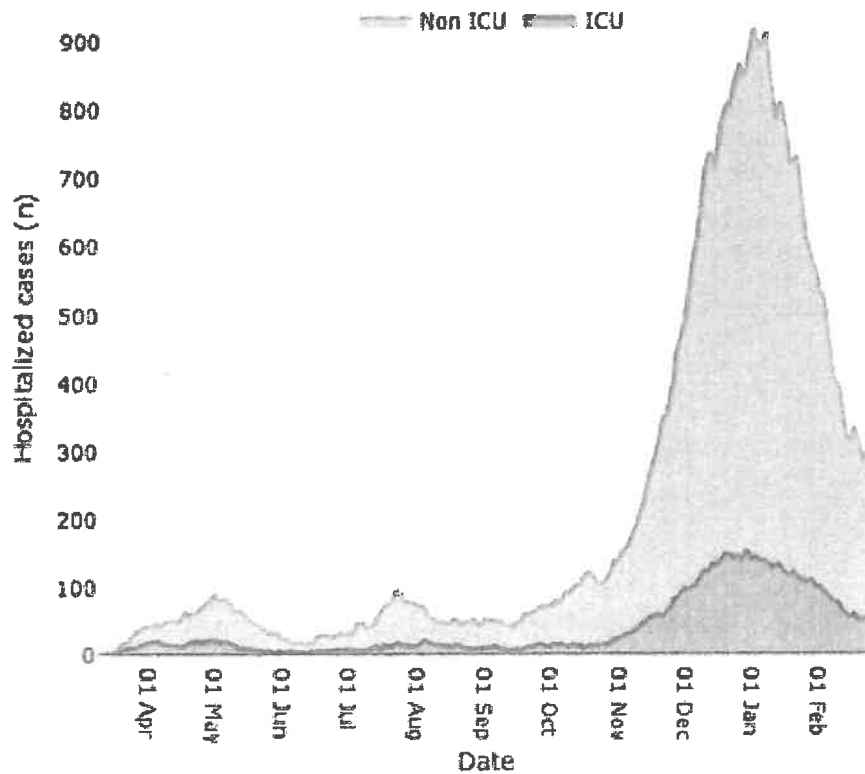
However, this decrease in active cases is not distributed equally between the AHS zones. The Edmonton Zone reported a 30 per cent reduction in its number of active cases, whereas the North Zone reported an increase of about 27 per cent. For the seventh consecutive week, the Calgary Zone has the most active cases at 1,510, though this a decrease of nearly 13 per cent from the previous week.

The table below shows the number of active cases for each zone for each of the last two weeks.

	Active Cases (as of Feb. 24)	Active Cases (as of Feb. 17)	Per cent Change
Calgary	1,510	1,734	-12.9%
North	1,016	799	+27.2%
Edmonton	897	1,287	-30.3%
Central	737	729	+1.1%
South	319	333	-4.2%
Unknown	5	5	0%

Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

For the eighth consecutive week, Alberta reports another a week-to-week decline in the total number of individuals being treated in hospital for COVID-19. On Feb. 24, there were 280 individuals in hospitals compared to 330 on Feb. 17, a 15.2 per cent decrease. However, the number of individuals in intensive care units (ICUs) has climbed slightly over the past week with 56 in ICUs on Feb. 24 compared to 54 on Feb. 17.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of Feb. 24 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
Calgary	100	15
Edmonton	82	18
North	40	3
Central	32	10
South	26	10

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of Feb. 24, a total of 132,432 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 5,844 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 126,074 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of Feb. 24, 1,874 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 69 deaths over the past seven days (Feb. 18 to Feb. 24). 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 Feb. 18 to Feb. 24, 56,390 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 8,056 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 3.66 per cent to 4.67 per cent. As of Feb. 24, about 3.4 million tests have been conducted and 1.8 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The provincewide R value from Feb. 15 to 21 was 1.03, compared to 0.85 for the week ending Feb. 14.
- For the winter school term, as of Feb. 24, AHS has confirmed 1,375 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 532 out of 2,415 schools (or 22 per cent) in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

Update on variants of concern

Alberta Health has now reported 323 cases of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC): 316 are B.1.1.7 variant (U.K. variant) and seven are the B.1.351 variant (South African variant). This represents a 35.1 per cent increase since Feb. 17, when 239 VOC cases had been detected. VOCs have been detected in the Calgary, Edmonton and Central zones and, this past week, the North Zone identified its first VOC case.

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers in the AHS Healthcare Worker COVID-19 Testing dashboard. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health 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. New this week, an additional dashboard page has been added that summarizes the sources of infections acquired through a workplace exposure.

As of Feb. 24:

- 77,256 employees (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,656 (or 6.0 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 1,718 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 428 (or 24.9 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,938 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 4,968 physicians (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 193 (or 3.9 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 64 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, nine (or 14.1 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 129 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

COVID-19 Immunization Update

By the Numbers

As of 11 a.m. on Feb. 26, more than 207,600 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta, including:

- 79,600+ doses to healthcare workers.
- 55,000+ doses to long-term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) residents.
- 51,500+ doses to LTC/DSL staff.

In total, 82,944 Albertans have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2, and 41,722 have received Dose 1 only.

Immunization for Albertans born in 1946 or earlier

On Feb. 24 at 8 a.m., AHS began large-group public COVID-19 immunizations with Albertans ages 75 years and older. Appointments continue to be available, as we work towards immunizing all seniors 75+ in the community by April, pending vaccine supply.

We know many Albertans were frustrated and worried in the initial days of the public COVID-19 immunization campaign, as they experienced delays in booking an appointment, or waited in a long line to get their vaccination. I (Verna) wish to make a personal apology to anyone who experienced frustration, anger, or worry over what should be a hopeful time in the pandemic response.

We think it's also extremely important to acknowledge that we are leading the country in terms of getting our seniors immunized. In just two days, more than 120,000 Albertans signed up to get the COVID-19 vaccine. That's more than half the population in this age group.

We have already immunized upwards of 12,000 of these seniors aged 75 and over in two days, bringing the total number of immunized Albertans ages 75 and over (including those in congregate living settings) to 45,927. These seniors are on their way to being protected against the virus. That's a massive achievement.

As a society, we are one step closer to getting back to some semblance of normal life. The more people immunized, the less community transmission we will see.

So yes, there have been problems and, as an organization, we really feel that deeply. But we mustn't lose sight of the fact that, overall, this has been a good, positive week in our battle against COVID-19.

We know we can be better. That's why, when we learned of the long lineups yesterday, our teams rolled into action. We have added additional staff and signage at sites to encourage people with appointments to wait in their vehicles until their appointment times – people shouldn't have to wait in long lines.

Each appointment is booked in 10-minute increments. This helps ensure we can maintain physical distancing at all immunization clinics.

Yesterday, we saw that some individuals are arriving at appointments 30 to 60 minutes in advance; as a result, wait lines are forming outside some of the facilities.

We understand their desire to be on-time – for many people, getting their first dose is an exciting day – but this is why we have an appointment system. We have added "greeters" at our busiest sites to explain the process when they pull into the parking lot, and to encourage them to stay in their cars until five minutes before their appointment.

We also ask that, for people who are comfortable going into the site alone, please don't bring a support person or family member with you. We have staff inside who can help and assist you.

We are looking at opening more sites, particularly in Edmonton. This will also help add physical distance between people.

More on the appointment booking tool

The site has stabilized significantly since Wednesday, and people are having a much easier and less frustrating experience.

The fact is, we had 150,000 people try to access that tool all at once, as soon as it went live. We had robustly tested the tool but we did not expect that many people to go to it right away.

We worked hard on Wednesday, and again yesterday, to fix the problems. We increased server capacity, we added Health Link phone lines and staff, we added a queuing tool to ease demand, and these things have helped significantly.

Being able to book appointments for more than 120,000 people since Wednesday is a significant achievement. Yes, it could have gone smoother, and yes there were challenges and frustrations.

But, people are getting their shots and are getting the protection they need against COVID-19. We can't forget that.

More on 811 routing for COVID-19 immunization appointments, other concerns

AHS has improved access to 811. Albertans calling 811 now have a choice to route their calls to book a COVID-19 immunization appointment or to reach a registered nurse for medical concerns. The two options will help refer callers more quickly to the resource they need. A holding queue for callers requesting the immunization appointment option has also been created. This holding queue allows 350 individuals to wait for a Health Link team member to book their vaccine appointment.

Albertans can book a COVID-19 immunization by booking online at ahs.ca/covidvaccine or calling 811. Combined, the system can take approximately 5,000 bookings an hour. Additional Health Link team members have been made available to answer both types of calls.

We continue to anticipate there will be a wait time to get on the online booking tool and through to Health Link in the coming days. We are asking Albertans to please be patient if they are waiting to book their vaccine appointment. The AHS online immunization booking tool and Health Link are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Albertans can also book a COVID-19 immunization through some local pharmacies. Alberta Blue Cross is hosting that information [here](#).

COVID-19 immunization milestone

On Feb. 25 and 26, more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered each day for the first time in AHS' COVID-19 immunization campaign. Thank you to all the teams that made this possible!

Resources

Some of our website links have changed:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ for staff and public](#)
- [Healthcare Worker Immunization Online Booking Tool FAQ](#)
- COVID-19 Immunization Booking Tool for Seniors 75+ can be accessed here: ahs.ca/covidvaccine
- [FAQ specific to immunization for seniors 75+](#)
- [Poster with current information for seniors on vaccine eligibility and how to book their appointments](#)

Things You Need to Know

Cervical and colorectal cancer screening project joins mobile mammography program in Elk Point

Residents in the Elk Point area are invited to schedule cancer screening appointments. A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Elk Point Healthcare Centre (5310 50 Avenue) March 22-29. Cervical and colorectal cancer screening will be available on March 22, 23 and 24. A female Nurse Practitioner will provide the screening. Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604.

Mobile mammography service to visit Olds

A public service announcement was issued to media in Olds advising residents that a mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at Olds Hospital and Care Centre, 3901 57 Ave. March 10-13, 23-27 and 29. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604. Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking precautions to ensure the safety of clients and staff. Details are shared when residents book appointments.

Program supports Albertans to live well with chronic pain and long-term health conditions

Albertans living with chronic disease(s) and chronic pain have an opportunity to join a free Alberta Health

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

A new six week series begins in Edmonton in March – [learn more](#) or [register here](#). These workshops are one of many services provided by the [Alberta Healthy Living Program](#), which supports chronic disease management programming throughout the province.

Heart health sessions offered online

Central Zone residents are invited to join Heart Wise sessions on March 9, 16, 24 and 31. Online sessions are open to residents interested in developing healthier lifestyles and those diagnosed with high blood pressure and high cholesterol, or people diagnosed with risk factors for heart disease such as diabetes. Interested residents can register by calling the [Alberta Healthy Living Program](#) at 1-877-314-6997, and they'll receive a Zoom link.

Verna's Weekly Video Message - Reducing Diagnostic Imaging Wait Times

Today, I (Verna) want to talk about the important role our diagnostic imaging team plays in the lives of all Albertans. They do fantastic work, performing more than 2.9 million exams every year at 130 facilities across Alberta.

They are also projected to complete nearly 486,000 CT scans this year – an increase of 58,000 from last year.

But one thing we've heard from Albertans is that wait times to access diagnostic services like MRIs and CT scans are too long. We know how important it is for patients to receive timely access to these services, and to get their test results as quickly as possible.

We are working to improve this important service through our new CT and MRI Plan, which will focus on reducing wait times, decreasing costs, and better managing the demand for these services.

Joining me to tell us more are:

- Dr. Mark Joffe, Vice President and Medical Director, Cancer Care Alberta and Clinical Support Services and Provincial Clinical Excellence.
- Mauro Chies, Vice President, Cancer Care Alberta & Clinical Support Services.

[Mark and Mauro share the work the diagnostic imaging team is doing, the challenges they face, and more details on the CT and MRI Plan.](#)



Join the Conversation

COVID-19 Community Conversations

The one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 case in Alberta is approaching.

We know that Albertans have felt the impact of COVID-19, and we want to thank you for doing your part in helping to protect frontline healthcare workers and the healthcare system as we continue the fight against COVID-19.

AHS is hosting a series of Community Conversations about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the AHS response. For more information or to register for a Community Conversations in your zone visit [Together4Health](https://www.alberta.ca/together4health).



Conversation for Chinese Albertans – March 1

Members of Alberta's Chinese Community are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Michael Zakhary: March 1, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This event is being hosted in partnership with the Covid-19 Chinese Community Emergency Support Project. While the presentation will be made in English, translation services will be available.

Edmonton Zone - March 3 & 4

Edmonton Zone residents are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Grazia Salvo March 3 and March 4. Learn about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the Edmonton region, and AHS' response - including vaccine safety – and ask questions directly of Dr. Salvo.

North Zone - March 9

North Zone residents are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health and Co-Chair of AHS' Vaccine Task Force, Dr. Kristen Klein, on March 9th from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Learn about the status of COVID-19 in the north region, and AHS' response - including vaccine safety – and ask questions directly of Dr. Klein.

Calgary Zone - March 9

Calgary Zone residents are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Jia Hu on March 9, 2021. Learn about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the Calgary region, and AHS' response - including vaccine safety – and ask questions directly of Dr. Hu.

Arabic speaking Albertans – March 10

Arabic speaking Albertans are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Michael Zakhary: Wednesday, March 10, 5:30- 6:30 pm. This event is being hosted in partnership with the REACH Edmonton. The presentation will be made in Arabic.

Straight Talk

Straight Talk is a video series in which healthcare workers talk from the heart about what they're seeing and experiencing at work and in their communities as COVID-19 spreads across the province. AHS is posting a new Straight Talk video every day on YouTube and sharing it through our AHS accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please feel free to share these with your networks and on your social platforms as you see appropriate.

This week, however, we share the thoughts of Greg Berube, whose 13-year-old daughter recently needed to spend time in hospital.



"Our village has become very small," Berube says. "The grandparents can't see their granddaughter. (My wife and I) are allowed to be with her during the day but we can't both be there overnight."

Berube says he understands the reason for visiting restrictions but adds he doesn't understand why some Albertans don't take COVID-19 seriously.

"Stay home. Wear a mask if you do go out. Follow the rules," he says.

You can see all of the [Straight Talk videos](#), and new ones daily, on the AHS website.

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.](#)

Second annual #CallForACause Radiothon raises funds for Red Deer ICU

The Red Deer Regional Health Foundation's second annual #CallForACause Radiothon has raised over \$5,700 and counting for healthcare needs in the Red Deer community.

Held Feb. 19, BIG 105 and 106.7 Rewind Radio aired stories of hope and inspiration throughout the day to raise funds for the foundation. The donations made as part of #CallForACause this year will support the purchase of cardiac monitors for the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre's ICU. Learn more the [Red Deer Regional Health Foundation](#).



Mental Health Foundation partners with ATB on new campaign

The Mental Health Foundation is partnering with ATB on a campaign for mental health in Alberta called

ATB Up!

ATB Up is a series of simple social challenges inspiring Albertans to get up to give back. Help us trigger up to \$50,000 in donations just by posting online! Here are the details:

Each weekday March 1-12, a new challenge will be shared.

- Visit Up.ATB.com to enter to win prizes, and get more info about the challenges
- Film yourself completing the daily challenge and share it online using the #ATBUp hashtag
- For each post or share by an Albertan with the hashtag #ATBUp, ATB will donate one dollar to the Mental Health Foundation

The more challenges you complete and share, the more you'll give back! We can't wait to get moving with you. All funds raised will help improve mental health supports in Alberta, at a time when we all need it most.

Photo of the Week

We wish to highlight a photo every week that illustrates the efforts, compassion and achievements being realized as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.



This past year has been tough for Mary House, 80. She has relied on her family for help getting groceries and running errands since the COVID-19 pandemic began in Alberta.

"I'm in the age bracket that you don't pull through this thing very easily," she says.

This week, she received the first of her COVID-19 vaccines in Calgary.

"I still understand that this COVID-19 is something entirely different from anything we've ever seen before," she says.

But the vaccine gives her hope, she says, that she will eventually spend quality time with her four new great-grandchildren, all born this past year.

"I've seen them once or twice, but I can't touch them and they can't touch me," she says. "I get really excited about getting to know them and for them to recognize me as great grandma."

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

Sharing the Love - Gratitude from Albertans

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

On behalf of our Khalsa School Calgary community, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the support and hard work of the contact tracing and case investigation staff at Alberta Health Services. Since our first confirmed cases back in October of 2020 until now with the current outbreak, everyone at AHS has been extremely responsive and supportive in helping to guide us through the challenges of COVID-19. With the continued guidance and support of AHS, I am confident that we will safely and successfully navigate through the school year.

— Tony McConney, Principal, Khalsa School Calgary

I am very thankful for all front-line heroes who are working during this time. We pray for them and (send them) lots and lots of love. Here is my daughter saying thank you.

— Saba



My two-year-old son Jack had a runny nose and cough, so we thought a COVID-19 test was a good and safe idea. AHS staff were efficient, competent and friendly. We had our results within 24 hours. We are so lucky to have such amazing front-line healthcare workers who put themselves at risk to help people like my son Jack. You are appreciated!

— Joanna

I thank you every day that you are there when I am sick, or my son has an asthma attack, or my sister has a baby, or my mom's blood sugar drops too low, or 1,000 other scenarios. We could not be where we are in this province without you. I will never take you for granted and know that so many of us wish we could help you the way you are so bravely helping all of us.

— Jody

So grateful! We can't imagine the stress you are under. Thanks so much for your amazing dedication. As a family, we are taking this situation very seriously and staying home.

— the McEwen family

Wrapping Up

Next Friday, Alberta will mark the one-year anniversary of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the province. And yet we can approach this date with something more than fatigue. We can approach it with hope. Genuine, spirit-lifting hope.

The reason? Because, as mentioned previously, AHS started large-group public COVID-19 vaccinations

last week with Albertans 75 years of age and older. There were problems, as we outlined above, but overall we should be proud of the fact we made huge strides over the past few days to protect the lives of Albertans.

So we'd like to wrap up this week's email with a message of gratitude:

- To our IT and Digital Solutions teams for their tireless behind-the-scenes work to launch and increase capacity for the booking tool, as well as for adding the queueing software and fixing other issues on the fly that improved user experience and helped Albertans book their appointments.
- To everyone at Health Link for bringing on extra staff that enabled us to increase our capacity to take calls and book appointments.
- To our immunizers who met with thousands of Albertans this week and provided them a vaccine that will hopefully keep them and their loved ones safe.
- And to everyone else who made all of this possible.

Yes, we had challenges last week. But as always, we learn and we move forward serving Albertans with respect and integrity.

As always, with enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
AHS President & CEO

Dr. Laura McDougall
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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

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COVID-19 Status

Cases in Alberta

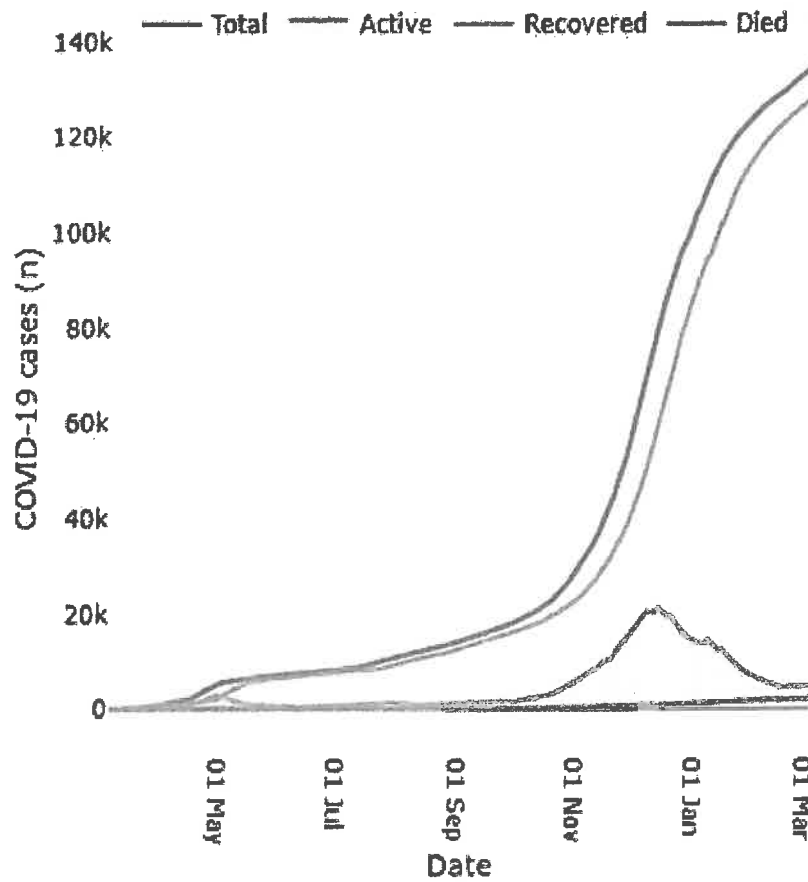
The number of active COVID-19 cases in Alberta rose over the past week, while hospitalization and ICU admission numbers both decreased, as the province today (March 5) marks the one-year anniversary of its first confirmed case of the virus (see item below).

Alberta reported 4,613 active cases of COVID-19 on March 3, an increase of 129 from the previous week. The Edmonton Zone reported a 20.6 per cent spike in the number of active cases over the past week; smaller increases were reported in the Calgary Zone (8.9 per cent) and South Zone (2.2 per cent).

The table below shows the number of active cases for each zone for each of the last two weeks.

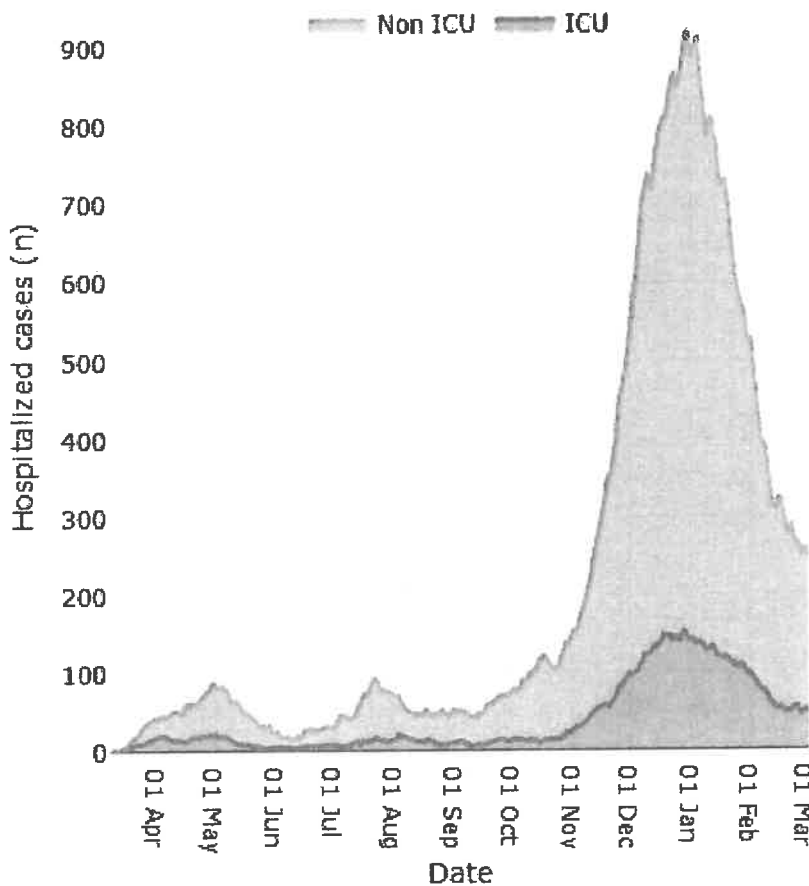
	Active Cases (as of March 3)	Active Cases (as of Feb. 24)	Per cent Change
Calgary	1,645	1,510	+8.9%
Edmonton	1,082	897	+20.6%
North	1,009	1,016	-0.7%
Central	545	737	-26.1%
South	326	319	+2.2%
Unknown	6	5	+20%

The average number of daily new cases remained relatively stable this past week, with 338 cases for the seven-day period ending March 3, compared to 347 the previous week, a 2.6 per cent decrease. Of the five AHS zones, Calgary had the most new cases this week with 862, representing slightly more than a third of all new cases in the province.



Hospitalizations and ICU admissions

For the ninth consecutive week, there has been a week-to-week decline in the total number of individuals being treated in hospital for COVID-19. On March 3, there were 245 individuals in hospital compared to 267 on Feb. 24, an 8.2 per cent decrease. The number of people in ICUs also dropped this past week, to 47 on March 3 compared to 56 on Feb. 24, a 16 per cent decrease.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of March 3 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
Calgary	82	14
Edmonton	76	16
Central	30	9
South	30	6
North	27	2

Other notable COVID-19-related information:

- As of March 3, a total of 134,785 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 5,987 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 128,261 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of March 3, 1,911 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 37 over a recent seven-day period (Feb. 25 to March 3). 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 Feb. 25 to March 3, 56,143 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 8,020 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 3.55 per cent to 5.35 per cent. As of March 3, a total of 3.44 million tests have been conducted and 1.83 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The provincewide R value from Feb. 22 to 28 was 1.01.

- For the winter school term, as of March 3, AHS has confirmed 1,629 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. Roughly one-quarter (589 of 2,415) of schools in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

Update on variants of concern

Alberta Health has now reported 541 cases of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC): 531 are B.1.1.7 variant (U.K. variant) and 10 are B.1.351 variant (South African variant). This represents a 67.5 per cent increase from one week earlier on Feb. 24, when 323 VOC cases had been detected. VOCs have been detected in all zones with the exception of the South Zone. This week, Alberta had its first COVID-19 variant outbreak at a long-term care facility, Churchill Manor in Edmonton.

COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health 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 March 3:

- 77,560 employees (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,703 (or 6.0 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 1,877 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 485 (or 25.8 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,826 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 4,984 physicians (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 197 (or 3.9 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 76 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 11 (or 14.5 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 121 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

COVID-19 Immunizations

COVID-19 Immunization Update

By the Numbers

As of 2:20 p.m. on March 5, more than 275,500 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta, including:

- 84,791 doses to healthcare workers.
- 65,949 doses to Albertans 75 years of age and older.
- 56,989 doses to long-term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) residents.
- 53,411 doses to LTC/DSL staff.
- 13,302 doses in other congregate living environments.
- 1,000+ doses for others (including non-healthcare essential service workers and spouses of Albertans 75+)

In total, about 89,000 Albertans have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2, and more than 96,300 have received Dose 1 only.

Rollout of Phase 2A

Alberta Health announced yesterday (March 4) that bookings for Phase 2A of the COVID-19 vaccine program will begin the week of March 15. More than 437,000 Albertans will be offered the vaccine in this upcoming phase.

To reduce wait times and vaccinate people as quickly as possible, appointment bookings will be offered by age group. For example, on Day 1, anyone born in 1947 will be eligible to book an appointment. On Day 2, anyone born in 1948 will be able to book an appointment. In subsequent days and according to vaccine supply, Albertans born in 1949 would have access, and so on.

Booking days will open up by year of birth as vaccine is available until all Albertans between the ages of 65 and 74 have had the opportunity to be immunized.

First Nations, Inuit and Métis people aged 50 and older will also receive the vaccine starting the week of March 15. Those living on reserve and on Métis settlements will have access to immunization within their communities, while those living off-reserve will be able to book online, through Health Link, or through a participating pharmacy.

We recommend all healthcare workers who become eligible in Phase 2A due to age or other eligibility criteria proceed with getting their vaccine as soon as possible.

Covishield/AstraZeneca Rollout

Beginning March 10, the Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccine will be available to Albertans aged 50-64, who are currently in Phase 2D.

Alberta will receive approximately 58,500 doses of Covishield and Alberta Health is recommending it for people who do not have severe chronic illness born in 1957-1971. Bookings for Covishield will start on March 10 with individuals born in 1957. Pending vaccine supply, Albertans born in 1958-1971 will be offered a chance to book in the following days, rolling one year at a time.

Eligible individuals who choose to not get the Covishield vaccine will have the option to wait to receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine when Phase 2D formally begins in early May. We anticipate further details on the immunization plan for those with chronic illness soon. We appreciate that 'severe chronic illness' is a broad term, and we are working to define that appropriately for clinicians to help Albertans make informed decisions.

More information on eligibility can be found on the [Alberta Health website](#).

The Covishield vaccine is widely used in the United Kingdom, France and other countries. Covishield has been shown to reduce infection by 60 to 70 per cent and severe outcomes like hospitalization by 80 per cent.

Receiving a vaccination, regardless of which option is chosen, will benefit our own health, as well as the health of our patients, families, communities and all Albertans. Widespread vaccination will help all Albertans return to a more normal way of life, sooner.

Expansion of Second Dose COVID-19 Immunization Window

As Alberta Health announced [March 3](#), the province will be extending the period between first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Emerging evidence shows first doses of the vaccine are at least 80 per cent effective at preventing severe illness. Second doses are necessary to ensure you're protected for as long as possible.

Starting **March 10**, all current [Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine products](#) will be provided to Albertans in a 16-week (four-month) timeframe between the first and second dose. This is in alignment with current [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\) recommendations](#).

Anyone who has booked their immunization before March 10 will be immunized within a 42-day window. All bookings made after March 10 will be on the 16-week protocol.

Starting March 10, all individuals who call Health Link or go online to the [AHS online COVID-19 immunization booking tool](#) will be able to book their first dose only. Individuals will receive a reminder from AHS at a later date, by text message, email or automated call, of when to book their second-dose appointment. [Participating pharmacies](#) will also send out second-dose appointment reminders.

All existing appointments for second doses will be honoured and will be provided within 42 days.

We understand there are many people anxiously waiting to receive the vaccine, and recognize many staff and healthcare partners work with higher-risk patients who are vulnerable to COVID-19, and with COVID-

19-positive cases. We greatly appreciate the vital work you do. We want to assure you that no one has been forgotten and we continue to work with Alberta Health on the details related to future sequencing and eligibility. We will share this information as soon as it is available.

We are working diligently to immunize as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, with available vaccine supply. We thank you for your patience as we move through the current phases of the COVID-19 immunization program.

Things You Need to Know

COVID-19 One-Year Anniversary - March 5

Friday marked the one-year anniversary of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Alberta.

At times, it feels remarkable how quickly this time has gone by. And at other times, we're reminded of the massive effort that was required to get to this point.

Staff and physicians have responded to this unparalleled challenge by continuing to do amazing things each and every day, with an inspirational level of teamwork.

We want to salute you, for providing and supporting care for Albertans. You continue to exceed very high standards.

Throughout the pandemic, AHS has brought additional equipment online, expanded testing capacity, created new supply chains and processes, trained more staff to bolster care capacity, and devised innovative solutions to meet the new demands on our healthcare system.

Visit ahs.covidoneyearlater to view some of the exceptional work that has been done in response to COVID-19.

What has been evident since the start of this pandemic is that staff and physicians have tirelessly provided or supported high-quality, compassionate care and preventative services. Your work makes a difference to Albertans, every single day.

While we reflect on this past year, it's important that we continue to look forward, with hope for a healthy and safe future. We also must continue to urge Albertans to follow all public health measures. We are all in this together.

Government Updates Public Health Measures

On March 1, the Government of Alberta [updated public health measures](#) for indoor fitness and libraries.

Libraries can now open but must limit capacity to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy, not including staff.

For indoor fitness, unsupervised low-intensity individual and group exercises are now allowed by appointment only. Low-intensity exercises include weightlifting, low-intensity dance classes, yoga, barre and indoor climbing, as well as the low-intensity use of treadmills, ellipticals and related equipment. High-intensity activities, including running, spin and high-intensity interval training, continue to be allowed only on a one-on-one with a trainer basis, or training with a household member and one trainer.

Mandatory physical distance of three metres is required between participants, including coaches and trainers, at all times, and masks must be worn at all times by trainers and those participating in low-intensity activities.

All indoor fitness must be pre-registered – no drop-ins allowed.

Verna's Weekly Video Message - Update on Contact Tracing

Case investigation and contact tracing is the process of figuring out the source of infection and all the people who've come in recent contact with an individual who has a communicable disease. This lets us understand the pattern of transmission in the community and helps ensure people who are infected can be isolated and reduce the risk of them passing the virus to others, making contact tracing one of our key tools in responding to the pandemic.

AHS teams have been working to expand our case investigation and contact tracing capacity and, thanks to these efforts, we are seeing tremendous improvements. For example, AHS case investigators and contact tracers closed more than 21,800 investigations in January, the most investigations we've ever closed in a single month.

Joining me (Verna) to tell us how this was accomplished are:

- Dr. David Strong, Lead Medical Officer of Health, Communicable Disease Control.
- Maureen Devolin, Executive Director, Healthy Living, Provincial Population and Public Health.

In my latest [vlog](#), David and Maureen discuss our contact tracer recruiting efforts, the innovative tools the contact tracing team uses, and how they are working to prevent the spread of variant strains of COVID-19.



Surgical Backlog Strategy Update

The Government of Alberta announced today (March 5) it will support Alberta's health system to provide more than 55,000 additional publicly funded surgeries (over the roughly 290,000 surgeries normally performed annually), to address the surgical backlog caused by the pandemic. This will provide Albertans even more surgeries that will improve their quality of life.

Throughout the 2020/21 fiscal year to date, AHS surgical teams have been able to support surgical activity at about 90 per cent of pre-COVID-19 levels. As of the end of last month, more than 220,000 surgeries have been completed this fiscal year. This is a tremendous accomplishment given the demands of responding to the pandemic.

As we now begin to come out of Wave 2 of COVID-19, AHS and Alberta Health are working on a Surgical Recovery Plan. The plan is designed to increase access to surgeries across the province for Albertans, while balancing the healthcare system COVID-19 pandemic response.

The following strategies are underway to support the Surgical Recovery Plan:

- Resume surgical services at AHS sites where activity needed to be slowed during Wave 2 (underway).
- Increase the volume of surgeries in chartered surgical facilities (CSF) already under contract with AHS (underway). CSFs will increase current volumes by 2023, completing about 90,000 surgeries per year, up from the approximately 40,000 surgeries they typically perform.
- Establish new publicly funded contracts with existing and new Alberta vendors to expand the scope of surgeries, including orthopedic day procedures, plastics and general surgery

(underway). These independent facilities provide safe, low-risk surgeries without cost to patients, allowing hospitals to focus on emergency and more complex surgeries.

- Create focused sites of surgical care to ensure we can maintain capacity at five AHS sites: Banff, Edson, Innisfail, Peace River and the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

While these sites will increase surgical activity, overall activity is also expected to increase across the province through 2021.

Capital and dedicated operational funding will see existing operating rooms in hospitals, including those outside Calgary and Edmonton, used more efficiently.

The entire surgical system will be strengthened – from the time patients seek advice from their family doctor, to when they are referred to a specialist, through their surgery and rehabilitation.

Working as a team, AHS, Covenant Health and CSFs will ensure every Albertan has the surgery they need when they need it. No Albertan will have to pay out of pocket for their scheduled surgeries, no matter if they have their surgery in a hospital or a chartered surgical facility in the community.

Alberta Hospitals Among Best in Canada: Newsweek

Six Alberta Health Services facilities appear in Newsweek's World's Best Hospitals 2021 feature, which was posted on March 2.

Three Calgary hospitals (Rockyview General Hospital, No. 7; Foothills Medical Centre, No. 12; and Peter Lougheed Centre, No. 18) and two Edmonton hospitals (University of Alberta Hospital, No. 24, and Royal Alexandra Hospital, No. 29) were included in Newsweek's list of the best 66 hospitals in Canada.

Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary was named among the world's 162 top specialized hospitals in an unranked list.

Two Covenant Health hospitals in Edmonton also made the list of the best hospitals in Canada: Grey Nuns Community Hospital (No. 27) and Misericordia Community Hospital (No. 40).

No Alberta hospitals made the Top 200 Global hospitals list, and only six in Canada were named: four in Toronto and one each in Montreal and Vancouver.

The World's Best Hospitals 2021 recognizes the best medical institutions across 25 countries. This award is presented by Newsweek and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider.

Data sources used by Newsweek and Statista for the evaluation included an international online survey of more than 74,000 healthcare professionals; a review of key performance indicators, such as patient safety and hygiene measures; and patient-experience surveys that measure patient satisfaction with hospitals.

New Major Capital Investments Announced

The Government of Alberta announced yesterday (March 4) a \$143-million investment in five capital construction healthcare projects for the province.

- Expansion of the neonatal intensive care unit at Foothills Medical Centre (FMC) in Calgary.
- A cyclotron and radiopharmaceutical manufacturing facility at FMC for increased capacity in the development of drugs for cancer patients and to help in diagnostic imaging for a range of medical conditions.
- An expanded ICU and cardiac critical care unit and new gastrointestinal/endoscopy suites at Rockyview General Hospital in Calgary.
- A new integrated health centre in La Crete.
- Demolition of a former hospital in High Prairie.

More details will be shared once plans are finalized.

Grande Prairie Physician to Become First Indigenous CMA President

Congratulations to Dr. Alika Lafontaine for successfully securing the nomination as the next president of the Canadian Medical Association. Dr. Lafontaine, an anesthesiologist at the QEII Hospital in Grande Prairie, is an Indigenous physician of Cree and Anishinaabe descent who has worked tirelessly to raise awareness and increase understanding about how addressing biases can improve the health of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

Dr. Lafontaine will be the first Indigenous CMA president as well as the first CMA president of Pacific Islander descent. Among his many recognitions, Dr. Lafontaine received the CMA Sir Charles Tupper Award for Political Action in 2019.

You can read the [CMA's announcement](#) about Dr. Lafontaine's nomination, more about his [Sir Charles Tupper Award](#) win.

AHS recognized as a 2021 Top Employer

Canada's Top Employers Awards recognize leading organizations who are offering exceptional workplaces for their employees. Thousands of companies are invited to submit applications for a place on each year's lists. Alberta Health Services (AHS) has once again been recognized as a top employer in multiple categories:

- [Canada's Best Diversity Employers](#)
- [Canada's Top 100 Employers](#)
- [Alberta's Top Employers](#)
- [Canada's Top Employers for Young People](#)

This is a strong endorsement of the care provided to Albertans.

"We've won this award because of our people and the amazing work they do every day," says Dr. Verna Yiu, AHS President and Chief Executive Officer, "This recognition has only been magnified by their hard work and tireless dedication responding to this pandemic. Thank you to everyone across the province for your unwavering commitment, excellent care and extreme compassion during this challenging year."

Through this award, AHS gains recognition not only as a preferred Canadian employer, but also as a leading employer in healthcare. This helps AHS recruit and retain exceptional people from within Alberta, across Canada and internationally to help provide the best care to Albertans.

For more information on what makes AHS one of the nation's best employers, visit our [Careers](#) page at www.ahs.ca/Careers.

Join the Conversation

COVID-19 Community Conversations

The one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 case in Alberta is approaching.

We know that Albertans have felt the impact of COVID-19, and we want to thank you for doing your part in helping to protect frontline healthcare workers and the healthcare system as we continue the fight against COVID-19.

AHS is hosting a series of Community Conversations about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the AHS response. For more information or to register for a Community Conversations in your zone visit [Together4Health](#).



North Zone - March 9

North Zone residents are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health and Co-Chair of AHS' Vaccine Task Force, Dr. Kristen Klein, on March 9th from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Learn about the status of COVID-19 in the north region, and AHS' response - including vaccine safety – and ask questions directly of Dr. Klein.

Calgary Zone - March 9

Calgary Zone residents are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Jia Hu on March 9, 2021. Learn about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the Calgary region, and AHS' response - including vaccine safety – and ask questions directly of Dr. Hu.

Arabic speaking Albertans – March 10

Arabic speaking Albertans are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Michael Zakhary: Wednesday, March 10, 5:30- 6:30 pm. This event is being hosted in partnership with the REACH Edmonton. The presentation will be made in Arabic.

Northern Lights Health Foundation announces Spring Fling 2021

On April 10, the Northern Lights Health Foundation is hosting its annual Spring Fling fundraiser. This year's event will be live and online. Using advanced virtual platform design and augmented reality, Spring Fling 2021 Fast Forward has been developed to offer attendees an entertaining and immersive experience.

Spring Fling 2021 presented by Syncrude will be live and interactive from 6:30 – 9 p.m. and activities will include looks at the past, present and future of healthcare in the Wood Buffalo region; a lively Team Pursuit with a mixture of challenges; instruction on how to make the Spring Fling 2021 Signature Cocktail, and much more.

Find out more [here](#).

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Partnership advances newborn care at Foothills Medical Centre

The Calgary Health Foundation, Alberta Health Services and the Government of Alberta are partnering together to make an \$82-million investment to ensure that newborns have the best possible outcomes by redeveloping and expanding the Foothills NICU, funding family-centered care initiatives, advancing women's health and investing in research to prevent preterm births. Read more [here](#).



Photo of the Week

We wish to highlight a photo every week that illustrates the efforts, compassion and achievements being realized as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.



"We miss being with people. We're grateful that the vaccine is available and hopefully it will bring an end to COVID-19," says Sister Margaret Nadeau, 85, who received her first COVID-19 vaccine in Calgary.

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

Sharing the Love

Gratitude from Albertans

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

There were a lot of complaints (last week) about the vaccine booking tools — both phone and online — but everyone is missing the point. They didn't fail. They booked over 120,000 people (in the first two days). That's not a failure! Thank you all, whomever you are, for all your hard work to make this happen.
— Lynne

I had my first (vaccination) on Feb. 26 in Camrose Community Health Centre. The staff were very organized, efficient, considerate and helpful. No waiting lists. My (vaccination) was two minutes after my scheduled time. My thanks to Camrose staff for their excellent service.

— Dorothy Ungstad

My son was involved in a horrible accident back in September 2020 and, as a result, was transported to the Foothills Medical Centre, where we stayed for a week. Once his transfer to Lethbridge was finalized, the paramedics showed up to transfer him to the hospital in Lethbridge. They could see how visibly upset and stressed he was over the whole situation and the possibility of being in a vehicle again, so they talked to him for a bit and asked him some questions. They told him that if he needed them to stop on the way back, because he was anxious, that they would. They told him that if he wanted to stop for something to eat or drink, they would. My son asked if they would stop and get him a Slurpee — and they did. They stopped and picked him up a root beer Slurpee (his favourite) and that made the ride more bearable for him. He was still anxious but now he had something else to focus on. I wish we could thank them in person but, unfortunately, I don't remember their names. So just a shout out to the paramedics. You have one of the hardest and most stressful jobs in healthcare. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for showing that compassion and empathy. You are appreciated.

— Nicole

Wrapping Up

Difficult times and the challenges they present often tell us a lot about people — and organizations, as well. Do they rise to challenges? Are they resilient? Are they adaptable and nimble? Do they continue to live the values they hold dear when under pressure? Do they seek to help others and, as important, do they reach out to others for help?

On this first anniversary of the first confirmed COVID-19 case in Alberta, Laura and I (Verna) would like to express how proud we are of each and every one of you. Before COVID-19, we knew we had a special group of people here at AHS because, together, we have accomplished so much. Our response to this ongoing pandemic has only underscored how truly special you all are, and how well we work together as a team.

Over the past 12 months, we've looked out for one another. We've followed evidence where it leads us, even when it required us to change course. We've been leaders in our communities. And we've moved forward with our humanity on display: mourning the people who have lost their lives to this virus; showing empathy to patients, families and colleagues who are grappling with loss, isolation and loneliness; celebrating milestones and the victories we've achieved with humility; and, yes, feeling the sting of disappointment when our efforts come up short. Yet, when that happens, we've always rebounded quickly and delivered what Albertans expect from us.

We suspect the past 365 days have been the most demanding we've faced in healthcare. But, if you can, try not to look ahead to Year 2 of the pandemic with trepidation. Look ahead knowing that the past 12 months tested our fortitude, our ingenuity and our humanity like nothing has before — and we've emerged a better and stronger team, and a closer AHS family. Always remember that, especially today.

As always, with enduring gratitude and appreciation,



Dr. Verna Yiu
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