

**ALBERTA BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BEING HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AND BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM  
AUGUST 18, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
3. AGENDA ADDITIONS
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - a. Regular Council Meeting of June 16, 2026
6. DELEGATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
  - a. Alberta Jobs, Economy, Trade & Immigration – Expanding Presumptive PTSD Coverage to Peace Officers
  - b. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Opportunity to Meet with Minister Williams at ABmunis Fall Convention
  - c. Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2026 Grant Allocation Letter
  - d. Alberta Municipalities – Briefing Note to Support Municipalities in Establishing a Level of Fire Service
  - e. Alberta Municipalities – Feedback on Councillor Accountability Framework
  - f. Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors – WILD Water Commission Water for Life Grant Approval
  - g. Communities Choose Well – A Pause in Programming Update
  - h. Fire Rescue International – EMS & FRI Medical Report for 2025
  - i. Fire Rescue International – 2025 Emergency Call Reports
  - j. Kristin Pichoskie – Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day Request
  - k. Lac Ste. Anne County – High-Acuity Highway Dispatch for Medical First Response
  - l. Lac Ste. Anne County – Recreation Facility Program Grant – Ball Diamond Maintenance
  - m. Lac Ste. Anne County – Recreation Facility Program Grant – Main Beach
  - n. Lac Ste. Anne County – Recreation Facility Program Grant – Boat Launch
  - o. Lac Ste. Anne County – Recreation Facility Program Grant – Beachwave Park
  - p. LILSA – LILSA WQ2 Project Presentation
  - q. National Police Federation – Call to Action - Strengthening Public Safety in Alberta
  - r. Police Review Commission – PRC Update June 2026
  - s. Police Review Commission – PRC Quarterly Data Report
  - t. TVRSSC – TVRSSC Member Bylaw Review and Sewer Inspection Program
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
  - a. ABADASA & Blakeman Drilling – 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament
  - b. Summer Village of Val Quentin – Rural Water Distribution Infrastructure Funding Resolution
15. NEW BUSINESS
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION
  - a. Land
18. ADJOURNMENT

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor.....Tara Elwood  
Deputy Mayor .....Debbie Durocher  
Councillor .....DecolynneJo Burns  
Councillor .....Kelly Muir  
Councillor .....Daryl Weber  
CAO .....Kathy Skwarchuk  
Asst. CAO .....Cathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Elwood called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Mayor Elwood read a Land Acknowledgement Statement as follows:

Alberta Beach respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the First People's traditional lands. We recognize this traditional Treaty Six Territory to show respect and understanding to the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who walked this land for centuries. We express gratitude and respect for the land we use and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY:**

Alberta Beach would like to recognize that June 21 marks National Indigenous Peoples Day, to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis People.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

- 13.o Community Futures Yellowhead East RIAMS – Community Property & Development Inventory Checklist
- 14.f MADD Canada – MADD Message Yearbook Advertising
- 14.g Town of Oneway – Discontinuation of Administration Services for Trivillage FCSS Program

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION #093-26**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 19, 2026:

**MOTION #094-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 19, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** None.

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

MAYOR ELWOOD APPROVAL TO ATTEND THE SUMMER VILLAGES OF LAC STE. ANNE EAST MEETING:

**MOTION #095-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Mayor Elwood be approved to attend the Summer Villages of Lac Ste. Anne East meeting on June 27 to present a Resolution for Alberta Municipalities to support regional water infrastructure funding & advocate for the establishment of enhanced and dedicated funding opportunities specifically targeted toward regional rural water infrastructure projects including distribution systems.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF 2026 ROADWORK & PAVING PROJECTS:

**MOTION #096-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the quote from Border Paving Ltd. for the 2026 Roadwork & Paving Projects to include paving of the following: 47 Street overlay, Museum Road, and pavement overlays on the Walking Trails along 47 Avenue, 46 Street and 46 Avenue low spot behind the Agliplex as recommended by the Public Works Advisory Committee and further the projects be funded by Deferred Revenue, CCBF and LGFF grant funds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

**MOTION #097-26**

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MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** None.

**BYLAWS & POLICIES:**

**BYLAW #304-26 ACCESS TO INFORMATION BYLAW:**

MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF BYLAW #304-26:

**MOTION #098-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Bylaw #304-26, being a bylaw for the purposes of the Access to Information Act and to set fees thereunder be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF BYLAW #304-26:

**MOTION #099-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Bylaw #304-26 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO PROCEED TO THIRD READING OF BYLAW #304-26:

**MOTION #100-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #304-26.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF BYLAW #304-26:

**MOTION #101-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #304-26 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAW #305-26 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY BYLAW:**

MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF BYLAW #305-26:

**MOTION #102-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Bylaw #305-26, being a bylaw for the purposes of the Protection of Privacy Act and to establish a directory of Personal Information Banks, and to establish a Privacy Management Program be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF BYLAW #305-26:

**MOTION #103-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Bylaw #305-26 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO PROCEED TO THIRD READING OF BYLAW #305-26:

**MOTION #104-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #305-26.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF BYLAW #305-26:

**MOTION #105-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #305-26 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM POLICY:**

MOTION TO APPROVE PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN:

**MOTION #106-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Burns that the Privacy Management Plan be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:**

**COUNCILLOR MUIR:**

Councillor Muir reported on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting held on May 20, 2026.

FCSS Trivillage Committee meeting held on June 2, 2026.

Joint Trivillage meeting held on June 4, 2026.

Community & Council Meet & Greet held on June 13, 2026.

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**COUNCILLOR BURNS:**

Councillor Burns reported on the following meetings:  
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting held on June 12, 2026.  
Community Futures Yellowhead East RIAMS Project updates.  
Joint Trivillage meeting held on June 4, 2026.  
Community & Council Meet & Greet held on June 13, 2026.  
Lemonade Day Contest Judging held on June 13, 2026.

**COUNCILLOR WEBER:**

No meetings to report.

**DEPUTY MAYOR DUROCHER:**

Deputy Mayor Durocher reported on the following meetings:  
Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on May 20, 2026.  
Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting held on June 8, 2026.  
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society meeting held on May 26, 2026.  
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society WQ meeting held on June 2, 2026.  
Joint Trivillage meeting held on June 4, 2026.

**MAYOR ELWOOD:**

Mayor Elwood reported on the following meetings:  
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on June 8, 2026.  
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting held on June 12, 2026.  
Joint Trivillage meeting held on June 4, 2026.  
Community & Council Meet & Greet held on June 13, 2026.

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

**MOTION #107-26**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**ALBERTA ARTS, CULTURE & STATUS OF WOMEN – PROVINCIAL FCSS TEAM UPDATE:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Arts, Culture and Status of Women to advise that as part of the Government of Alberta's reorganization of ministries, that they are now responsible for the Family and Community Support Services Program.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – EARLY ENGAGEMENT ON FEDERAL AGREEMENTS UNDER THE PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES ACT:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the process for approvals on all federal agreements under the Provincial Priorities Act.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – PROVINCIAL EDUCATION REQUISITION CREDIT (PERC) PROGRAM EXTENSION:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) and the Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC) programs are approved for a three-year extension through 2028 for municipalities for the unpaid oil and gas property taxes.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – SUMMER 2026 MUNICIPAL LEADERS' CAUCUS:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding the Summer 2026 Municipal Leaders' Caucus being held in various locations between June 10-24.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ABMUNIS PRIORITY ISSUES KEY MESSAGES:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding their priority issues and their key messages.

**COALITION OF ALBERTA PUBLIC LIBRARIES – BILL 28 AND ALBERTA'S LIBRARIES:**

Correspondence was received from the Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries regarding Bill 28 which amends Alberta's Libraries Act and creates new requirements for public library operations.

**COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST RIAMS – LOCAL INTEL AI MARKETING TOOL:**

Correspondence was received from Community Futures Yellowhead East RIAMS project regarding the Local Intel AI Marketing Tool demo.

**COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST RIAMS – ALBERTA SITE SELECTOR TOOL:**

Correspondence was received from Community Futures Yellowhead East RIAMS project regarding the Alberta Site Selector Tool & RIAMS guide to attract investments and increase property visibility.

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**FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY – 2026 NATIONAL FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR AWARDS:**  
Correspondence was received from the Fire Underwriters Survey regarding the call for nominations for the 2026 National Fire Chief of the Year Awards.

**NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – NSWA AGM PACKAGE:**  
Correspondence was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance regarding the NSWA Annual General Meeting being held on June 24, 2026.

**MOTION #108-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves Councillor Weber to attend the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance annual general meeting being held on June 24, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SV REMP – FRIAA GRANT FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS:**  
Correspondence was received from SV REMP regarding the FRIAA Grant Funding available for planning community events and initiatives related to FireSmart Awareness.

**WICKED AUTOMOTIVE – NOTICE OF VACATING COMMERCIAL PREMISES:**  
A letter was received from Wicked Automotive to give notice of vacating the commercial premises located at 4000-C and 4000-B Museum Road effective July 31, 2026.

**DAVID IVES, FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL – NEW DEVELOPMENTS – HIGH-ACUITY HIGHWAY DISPATCH DEVIATION:**

David Ives of Fire Rescue International forwarded a copy of a response letter he received from the Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services regarding high-acuity highway dispatch for Medical First Response (MFR) services, the letter confirmed that Lac Ste. Anne County is the only agency automatically requested to provide MFR assistance within its borders; and as the municipality of jurisdiction, Lac Ste. Anne County determines which other agencies are activated for MFR and fire/rescue events; and Parkland County Dispatch conducts those directions; further that Emergency Health Services Dispatch does not determine which fire or MFR agencies are activated. The letter acknowledged that since October 2023 Fire Rescue International is no longer automatically dispatched to the incidents; with respect to service levels, the letter confirmed that Fire Rescue International provides MFR at the Emergency Medical Responder level while Lac Ste. Anne County provides MFR at the Medical First Responder/Advanced First Aid level. A response letter from Mr. Ives to the Minister was also included in the correspondence to request the province commence a formal review of dispatch practices and to consider implementing standardized provincial criteria for fire based MFR co-response to high-acuity highway incidents.

**FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL – 2025 FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL STATS:**  
Fire Rescue International forwarded their 2025 Fire Rescue International Stats power point presentation report for information.

**COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST RIAMS – COMMUNITY PROPERTY & DEVELOPMENT INVENTORY CHECKLIST:**

Correspondence was received from Community Futures Yellowhead East RIAMS project regarding a community property & development inventory checklist and template to assist the communities to become investment ready and better positioned to respond to business & investment inquiries.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**MOTION #109-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:**

**ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY – 2026 POLYNESIAN DAYS SPONSORSHIP:**

**MOTION #110-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves a gold sponsorship in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the Alberta Beach Ag Society's 2026 Polynesian Days event, as well as a donation of promotional products.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY – 2026 POLYNESIAN DAYS PARADE:**

**MOTION #111-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approves to participate in the Alberta Beach Ag Society's Polydays Parade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ALBERTA BEACH SENIORS 50 PLUS CLUB – 2026 ANNUAL ALBERTA BEACH SHOW & SHINE:**

**MOTION #112-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Council approves to sponsor a plaque in the amount of \$40.00 as well as a donation of promotional products to the Alberta Beach Seniors 50 Plus Club for the 2026 Alberta Beach Show & Shine.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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KELLY KOVAC – REQUEST FOR SHANNON FAMILY PLAQUE:

**MOTION #113-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the public works department be requested to remove the plaque in the 46B Street Park and further Council approves the request from Kelly Kovac that the plaque in recognition of James Shannon be given to the Shannon family.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – RESOLUTION FOR WATER FEASIBILITY STUDY:

**MOTION #114-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the Council of Alberta Beach hereby approves the use of remaining funds available under ACP Grant Project No. 2223-IC-50 to complete additional technical work, including detailed modeling and reporting as presented by MPE Engineering Ltd. as this work is intended to improve project cost certainty, support future capital planning, and strengthen future grant funding applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MADD CANADA – MADD MESSAGE YEARBOOK ADVERTISING:

**MOTION #115-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council approves to support MADD Canada and purchase a business card advertisement in the amount of \$329.00 for their MADD message yearbook.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOWN OF ONOWAY – DISCONTINUATION OF ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR TRIVILLAGE FCSS PROGRAM:

**MOTION #116-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the Town of Onoway letter giving notice on the discontinuation of administration services for the Trivillage FCSS Program effective January 1, 2027 be accepted for information and further that administration request a quote for administration services for the FCSS program from Wild Willow Enterprises and Lac Ste. Anne County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – HOME SUPPORT AGREEMENT:

**MOTION #117-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Council approves the Lac Ste. Anne County Home Support Agreement as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NORTHERN GATEWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DRAFT JOINT USE AND PLANNING AGREEMENT:

**MOTION #118-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the draft Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA) from Northern Gateway Public Schools be accepted for further review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REQUEST FOR DECISION – JULY MEETING CANCELLATIONS:

**MOTION #119-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the Round Table Meeting scheduled for July 14, 2026 and the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for July 21, 2026 be cancelled due to vacation schedules.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: the 2026 paving projects, the boat launch and municipal address signs on residential properties.

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:**

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING:

**MOTION #120-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Burns that as per Section 197(2) of the MGA and Division 2, Section 26 and 32 of the Access to Information Act the meeting be closed to the public at 9:00 p.m. to discuss intergovernmental relations and legal matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present for the closed meeting session:

Mayor Tara Elwood, Deputy Mayor Debbie Durocher, Councillor Decolynne Jo Burns, Councillor Kelly Muir, Councillor Daryl Weber, C.A.O. Kathy Skwarchuk and Assistant CAO Cathy McCartney were in attendance for the closed meeting session.

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MOTION TO RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

**MOTION #121-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council move to come out of closed meeting at 9:36 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTER TO LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY REQUESTING UPDATE ON REQUEST TO RE-INSTATE  
AUTOMATIC DUAL DISPATCH CALLOUT FOR MEDICAL FIRST RESPONSE FOR HIGH-  
ACUITY HIGHWAY INCIDENTS:

**MOTION #122-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Mayor Elwood send a letter to Lac St. Anne County to request an update on Alberta Beach's request for re-instatement of the automatic dual dispatch callout for Medical First Response to high acuity highway incidents, further that the letters from Fire Chief David Ives as well as the response letter from Honourable Matt Jones, Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services be attached and that the correspondence be copied to the Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services, the Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Services, the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the MLA, the Premier, Parkland County Dispatch, Fire Rescue International and the Summer Villages of Castle Island, Nakamun Park, Silver Sands, South View, and Val Quentin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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Mayor – Tara Elwood

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk

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8.  
(attached  
separately)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
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4. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Decision Memo – Major Variance Request – Relaxation of Flanking Yard  
Development Permit Application #26DP12-01  
4708 – 44<sup>th</sup> Street (Lot 22, Block 3, Plan 6604AO)  
Major variance request for a reduction in the required eastern (flanking yard) setback of 5.4 metres (71.05%)  
from 7.6 metres to 2.2 metres.
5. ADJOURNMENT

## CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST

**MAY 2026**

### COUNCIL:

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

EDMONTON MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE – INVITATION TO DONOR APPRECIATION EVENT:

May19/26 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Council approves Mayor Elwood to attend the Edmonton Military Family Resource Centre Donor Appreciation Event being held on June 18, 2026 at the Military Family Resource Centre in Lancaster Park.

LAC STE. ANNE METIS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – INVITATION TO 2026 MAMAWIHWITOWIN SUMMER GATHERING:

May19/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves Mayor Elwood to attend the Lac Ste. Anne Metis Community Association 2026 Mamawihitowin Summer Gathering being held on July 25, 2026 at the Heritage Park in Stony Plain.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – INVITATION TO 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK:

May 19/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves Mayor Elwood, Deputy Mayor Durocher and Councillor Burns to attend the Summer Village of Val Quentin 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park being held on July 11, 2026.

MAYOR ELWOOD APPROVAL TO ATTEND THE SUMMER VILLAGES OF LAC STE. ANNE EAST MEETING:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Mayor Elwood be approved to attend the Summer Villages of Lac Ste. Anne East meeting on June 27 to present a Resolution for Alberta Municipalities to support regional water infrastructure funding & advocate for the establishment of enhanced and dedicated funding opportunities specifically targeted toward regional rural water infrastructure projects including distribution systems.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – NSWA AGM:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves Councillor Weber to attend the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance annual general meeting being held on June 24, 2026.

### ADMINISTRATION:

2025 TAX RECOVERY:

Jan.21/25 The following tax recovery properties will be offered for sale at public auction:

| Roll # | Lot | Block | Plan    | Municipal Address | C. of Title | 2024 Assessment |
|--------|-----|-------|---------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| #380   | 3A, | 11,   | 7720268 | 5012 – 56 Street  | 892237665   | \$159,670.00    |
| #617   | 3A, | 15,   | 6476MC  | 4828 – 53 Street  | 972134540   | \$61,390.00     |

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that Lot 3A, Block 11, Plan 7720268 and Lot 3A, Block 15, Plan 6476MC be offered for tax sale by public auction on March 28, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. in the Alberta Beach Municipal Office at 4935 – 50 Avenue (Ste. Anne Trail), Alberta Beach and further that the parcels be offered for sale subject to the following conditions;

The parcels will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid, and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title; The Lands are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and Alberta Beach makes no representation and gives no warranties whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the development ability of the subject land for any intended use by the purchaser; No bids will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of the parcels; No terms and conditions will be considered other than those specified by Alberta Beach; Alberta Beach may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction; Terms: Cash, Certified Cheque or Bank Draft. 10% non-refundable deposit on the day of the sale and balance due within 14 days of the Public Auction, GST will apply if applicable; and Reserve bids will be set at the 2024 assessed values.

Feb.18/25 Advertisements have been submitted to the Alberta Gazette, Community Voice & LSA Bulletin.

Apr.15/25 The CAO reported that the Tax Recovery Public Auction was held on March 28, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. and further reported that no bids were received on the parcels. The minutes of the tax recovery public auction as well as the municipal responsibilities following the auction was distributed to Council for information. The CAO advised that in discussions with the Lawyer it is recommended to hold off on a motion to register tax forfeiture titles until the next Council meeting.

Oct.21/25 CAO contacted Lawyer regarding proceeding with registration of tax forfeiture titles, Lawyer is reviewing file.

Nov.18/25 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Alberta Beach request the Registrar of Land Titles to cancel the existing certificate of title and issue a certificate of title in the name of Alberta Beach registered as a tax forfeiture title on Lot 3A, Block 11, Plan 7720268 and Lot3A, Block 15, Plan 6476MC.

Jan.20/26 Administration has completed & submitted the forms to Land Titles.

## CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST

**MAY 2026**

Apr.21/26 Tax Forfeiture Titles have been rec'd, Assessor will be re-assessing properties, CAO has contacted Lawyer to discuss next steps.

May 19/26 Lawyer prepared letter for tenant for Roll #380 and letter has been delivered.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approves that the CAO work with legal Counsel in proceeding forward with the tax forfeiture property described Lot 3A, Block 11, Plan 7720268.

### ADDITIONAL MUTUAL AID PARTNERS:

Dec.16/25 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves to forward a second request for fire mutual aid agreements to Parkland County; Sturgeon County; Barrhead County; Westlock County; Yellowhead County; and Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation and further that the letters be more specific in identifying the municipalities we are requesting are covered in each of the agreements.

Feb.17/26 Letters were sent to request mutual aid agreements. Response was rec'd from Parkland County to deny request. Westlock County approved a mutual aid agreement.

Mar.17/26 Westlock County Mutual Aid Agreement has been signed, returned & distributed to member municipalities and FRI. Response was rec'd from Sturgeon County to deny request.

Apr.21/26 Response was rec'd from Yellowhead County to deny request.

### 2026 TAX RECOVERY:

The following tax recovery properties will be offered for sale at public auction:

| Tax    |     |       |         | Municipal        | Certificate | 2025        |
|--------|-----|-------|---------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Roll # | Lot | Block | Plan    | Address          | of Title    | Assessment  |
| #127   | 6,  | 11,   | 3321BQ  | 4808 – 51 Street | 162242396   | \$81,050.00 |
| #829   | 2,  | 7,    | 7821242 | 4811 – 59 Street | 112316338   | \$70,000.00 |

Dec.16/25 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Lot 6, Block 11, Plan 3321BQ; and Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7821242 be offered for tax sale by public auction on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Alberta Beach Municipal Office at 4935 – 50 Avenue (Ste. Anne Trail), Alberta Beach and further that the parcels be offered for sale subject to the following conditions;

The parcels will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid, and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title;

The Lands are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and Alberta Beach makes no representation and gives no warranties whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the development ability of the subject land for any intended use by the purchaser;

No bids will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of the parcels;

No terms and conditions will be considered other than those specified by Alberta Beach;

Alberta Beach may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction;

Terms: Cash, Certified Cheque or Bank Draft. 10% non-refundable deposit on the day of the sale and balance due within 14 days of the Public Auction, GST will apply if applicable; and

Reserve bids will be set at the 2025 assessed values as presented.

Jan.20/26 Public Auction to be held on Feb.25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, advertising has been completed.

Mar.17/26 The CAO reported that the Tax Recovery Public Auction was held on February 25, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. and that no bids were received on the parcels. The minutes of the Public Auction was included in the agenda as well as the municipal responsibilities following the public auction.

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Alberta Beach request the Registrar of Land Titles to cancel the existing certificate of title and issue a certificate of title in the name of Alberta Beach registered as a tax forfeiture title on Tax Roll #127, Lot 6, Block 11, Plan 3321BQ and Tax Roll #829, Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7821242.

May 19, 2026 Administration has completed and submitted forms to Land Titles.

### LETTER TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING EMERGENCY DISPATCH PRACTICES ON A PROVINCIALLY SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR:

Jan.20/26 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approve Mayor Elwood's letter to Honourable Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors regarding emergency dispatch practices on a provincially significant transportation corridors.

Feb.17/26 Letter was sent to the Minister & copies were sent to MLA, LSAC & summer villages. MLA sent thank you for keeping him informed on letter to Minister.

### ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MEETING REQUEST WITH MINISTER:

Jan.20/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve to request a meeting with Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Williams at the ABmunis Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus and further the topics include emergency

response along provincial highways, provincial grants for municipal water distribution systems, and the Police Funding Model and further that the Minister of Transportation be invited to attend the meeting.

Feb.17/26 Request for meeting with the Minister was sent to Municipal Affairs.

Mar.17/26 Response was rec'd from Municipal Affairs advising that due to the large number of meeting requests, the Minister is unable to meet with Council during the Alberta Municipalities Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus and further if Council believes a meeting is still necessary to contact the Minister's office to request a meeting at a later date.

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approve to request a meeting with Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Williams and further the topics include emergency response along provincial highways and provincial grants for municipal water distribution systems and further that the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors as well as the Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Services be invited to the meeting.

Apr.21/26 Request for meeting was sent to the Minister's office.

#### ATCO GAS & PIPELINES LTD. – SURFACE LEASE – RENTAL REVIEW NOTICE:

Jan.20/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves to request a review of the rate of annual compensation payable under the ATCO Gas & Pipelines Ltd. Surface Leases at the October 19, 2026 anniversary date.

Feb.17/26 Notice was sent to Atco Gas to request a review of the rate of annual compensation.

#### RFD SUBMITTED BY MAYOR ELWOOD – LETTER TO MINISTER TO SUPPORT ONGOING ADVOCACY EFFORTS FOR PTSD COVERAGE FOR CPO'S:

May19/26 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Council approves the letter to Honourable Joseph Schow, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade regarding expanding presumptive PTSD coverage under the Workers Compensation Act to all Peace Officers appointed under the Peace Officer Act and further the letter be copied to the Premier of Alberta.

June 16/26 Letter was sent to the Minister and copied to the Premier.

#### BYLAW #304-26 ACCESS TO INFORMATION BYLAW:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Bylaw #304-26, being a bylaw for the purposes of the Access to Information Act and to set fees thereunder be read a first time.

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Bylaw #304-26 be read a second time.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #304-26.

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #304-26 be read a third & final time.

#### BYLAW #305-26 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY BYLAW:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Bylaw #305-26, being a bylaw for the purposes of the Protection of Privacy Act and to establish a directory of Personal Information Banks, and to establish a Privacy Management Program be read a first time.

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Bylaw #305-26 be read a second time.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #305-26.

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #305-26 be read a third & final time.

#### PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that the Privacy Management Plan be approved.

#### ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY – 2026 POLYNESIAN DAYS SPONSORSHIP:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves a gold sponsorship in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the Alberta Beach Ag Society's 2026 Polynesian Days event, as well as a donation of promotional products.

#### ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY – 2026 POLYNESIAN DAYS PARADE:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approves to participate in the Alberta Beach Ag Society's Polydays Parade.

#### ALBERTA BEACH SENIORS 50 PLUS CLUB – 2026 ANNUAL ALBERTA BEACH SHOW & SHINE:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Council approves to sponsor a plaque in the amount of \$40.00 as well as a donation of promotional products to the Alberta Beach Seniors 50 Plus Club for the 2026 Alberta Beach Show & Shine.

#### KELLY KOVAC – REQUEST FOR SHANNON FAMILY PLAQUE:

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the public works department be requested to remove the plaque in the 46B Street Park and further Council approves the request from Kelly Kovac that the plaque in recognition of James Shannon be given to the Shannon family.

## **CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST**

**MAY 2026**

### **SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – RESOLUTION FOR WATER FEASIBILITY STUDY:**

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the Council of Alberta Beach hereby approves the use of remaining funds available under ACP Grant Project No. 2223-IC-50 to complete additional technical work, including detailed modeling and reporting as presented by MPE Engineering Ltd. as this work is intended to improve project cost certainty, support future capital planning, and strengthen future grant funding applications.

### **MADD CANADA – MADD MESSAGE YEARBOOK ADVERTISING:**

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council approves to support MADD Canada and purchase a business card advertisement in the amount of \$329.00 for their MADD message yearbook.

### **TOWN OF ONOWAY – DISCONTINUATION OF ADMIN SERVICES FOR TRIVILLAGE FCSS PROGRAM:**

June 16/26 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the Town of Onoway letter giving notice on the discontinuation of administration services for the Trivillage FCSS Program effective January 1, 2027 be accepted for information and further that administration request a quote for administration services for the FCSS program from Wild Willow Enterprises and Lac Ste. Anne County.

### **LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – HOME SUPPORT AGREEMENT:**

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Burns that Council approves the Lac Ste. Anne County Home Support Agreement as presented.

### **NORTHERN GATEWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DRAFT JOINT USE AND PLANNING AGREEMENT:**

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the draft Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA) from Northern Gateway Public Schools be accepted for further review.

### **REQUEST FOR DECISION – JULY MEETING CANCELLATIONS:**

June 16/26 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the Round Table Meeting scheduled for July 14, 2026 and the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for July 21, 2026 be cancelled due to vacation schedules.

### **LETTER TO LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY REQUESTING UPDATE ON REQUEST TO RE-INSTATE AUTOMATIC DUAL DISPATCH CALLOUT FOR MEDICAL FIRST RESPONSE FOR HIGH-ACUITY HIGHWAY INCIDENTS:**

June 16/26 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Mayor Elwood send a letter to Lac St. Anne County to request an update on Alberta Beach's request for re-instatement of the automatic dual dispatch callout for Medical First Response to high acuity highway incidents, further that the letters from Fire Chief David Ives as well as the response letter from Honourable Matt Jones, Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services be attached and that the correspondence be copied to the Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services, the Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Services, the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the MLA, the Premier, Parkland County Dispatch, Fire Rescue International and the Summer Villages of Castle Island, Nakamun Park, Silver Sands, South View, and Val Quentin.

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

### **MICHAEL WELLER – 47A AVENUE DRAINAGE:**

Oct.15/24 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the correspondence from Michael Weller regarding the 47A Avenue drainage be accepted for information and further he be advised the matter will be referred to the engineer and our public works department to review and provide an update on the drainage project.

Nov.19/24 Public Works Manager has contacted the engineer, Bolson Eng will review the project with the contractor, they will be resurveying the culverts. Admin has updated Mr. Weller.

Aug.19/25 Public Works met with Mr. Weller, he is requesting that public works install a trench along the area of the alley behind the daycare where he said it was years ago. On Aug.18 after the rain, public works checked the ditch and found no standing water.

Dec.16/25 Public Works has advised the project will be completed in the spring.

### **ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM – SIGNAGE FOR ALBERTA BEACH HERITAGE VILLAGE & MUSEUM:**

May20/25 MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the Alberta Beach & District Museum be advised that Council does not object to the installation of signage for the Heritage Village & Museum subject to further clarification on the sign locations and referral to the Development Officer; as well Council approves that the public works department assist with the installation of the signs subject to any additional material costs be the expense of the Alberta Beach Museum.

## **CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST**

**MAY 2026**

June 17/25 The Museum members were advised on Council's motion and they are contacting the Development Officer. Councillor Durocher confirmed the sign locations: one sign is on the main beach and the other sign is located on the Beachwave Park fence behind the Lift Station.

Sept.16/25 Signs are not ready.

### **JOLENA HOVE, LAKESIDE CHILDCARE LTD. – SAFETY NEAR LAKESIDE CHILDCARE:**

Aug.19/25 MOVED BY Mayor Muir that the correspondence from Jolena Hove of Lakeside Childcare Ltd. be accepted for information and further she be advised that as requested a crosswalk was approved and was painted across 47A Avenue between the day care and the post office; that Council will request our public works department repair the crushed culvert; and that her request that 47A Avenue be changed to one way traffic with angled parking at the post office and daycare be denied.

Sept.16/25 Email was sent to Lakeside Childcare to confirm Council motion, and email sent to public works to request repair of crushed culvert.

Oct.21/25 First Call was submitted and work has been scheduled to replace culvert.

Dec.16/25 Public Works has advised the project will be completed in the spring.

### **APPROVAL OF 2026 ROADWORK & PAVING PROJECTS:**

June 16/26 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the quote from Border Paving Ltd. for the 2026 Roadwork & Paving Projects to include paving of the following: 47 Street overlay, Museum Road, and pavement overlays on the Walking Trails along 47 Avenue, 46 Street and 46 Avenue low spot behind the Agliplex as recommended by the Public Works Advisory Committee and further the projects be funded by Deferred Revenue, CCBF and LGFF grant funds.

### **DEVELOPMENT:**

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**From:** JETI Minister <JETI.Minister@gov.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** June 26, 2026 1:26 PM  
**To:** ! ABOffice  
**Subject:** Expanding Presumptive PTSD Coverage to all Peace Officers Appointed under the Peace Officer Act  
**Attachments:** 160409 Letter.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see attached letter from Minister Joseph Schow

Have a wonderful day!

Office of the Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration  
425 Legislature Building, 10080 97 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6



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Office of the Minister  
MLA, Cardston-Siksika

AR 160409

June 26, 2026

Her Worship Tara Elwood  
Mayor  
Village of Alberta Beach  
Box 278  
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Dear Mayor Elwood:

Thank you for your May 19, 2026, letter regarding workers' compensation presumptions for Community Peace Officers. As Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Alberta's government recognizes the vital role Community Peace Officers play in keeping our communities safe and secure. It is important to ensure all workers with work-related psychological injuries, including post-traumatic stress disorder, have reliable access to the help and medical treatments they need.

As you may know, some occupations in Alberta – such as nurses, municipal police officers and peace officers designated as sheriffs – are eligible for psychological injury presumptions. While Community Peace Officers who have not been designated as sheriffs are ineligible for presumptive coverage, they may still access workers' compensation through the standard claims process. Claims are assessed by the Workers' Compensation Board to determine if the psychological injury diagnosis is work related, and if so, benefits are provided to support recovery.

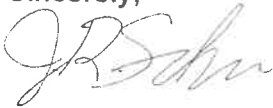
If Community Peace Officers encounter challenges navigating the workers' compensation system, they can receive free support from the Advisor Office for Alberta Workers' Compensation. For more information on the services the Advisor Office provides, please visit <https://advisoroffice.alberta.ca/>.

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As noted in your letter, Alberta's government does not intend to make changes to workers' compensation legislation to extend these presumptions to Community Peace Officers at this time. While we appreciate hearing from municipalities like yours on this issue, we must consider several factors when considering extending presumptions to new occupations, including the scientific evidence on workplace hazards, impacts to employers' premiums and the sustainability of the workers' compensation system. We will continue regularly monitoring scientific research and developments in other jurisdictions on this issue.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Schow', written in a cursive style.

Honourable Joseph Schow  
Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

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CC: Council

aboffice@albertabeach.com

**From:** MA Engagement Team <ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** June 18, 2026 9:57 AM  
**To:** MA Engagement Team  
**Subject:** Meeting request with Minister Williams – 2026 ABmunis Fall Convention  
**Attachments:** 2026 ABmunis Meeting Template.xlsx

Dear Chief Administrative Officer:

I am writing to inform you of a potential opportunity for municipal councils to meet with the Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the 2026 Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) Fall Convention, scheduled to take place at the Edmonton Convention Centre (ECC) from September 23 – 25, 2026. These meetings will be in person, as scheduling permits.

Should your council wish to meet with Minister Williams during the 2026 ABmunis Fall Convention, please submit a request by email with potential topics for discussion on the attached meeting request template to [ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca) no later than July 13, 2026.

We generally receive more requests than can be reasonably accommodated over the course of the convention. Requests which meet the following criteria will be given priority for meetings during the convention:

- Municipalities that identify discussion topics related to policies or issues directly relevant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the department.
  - It is highly recommended to provide details on the discussion topics, and provide no more than three topics.
- Meeting requests received after the deadline will not be considered for the convention.

Meeting times with the Minister are scheduled for approximately 15 minutes. This allows the Minister to engage with as many councils as possible. All municipalities that submit meeting requests will be notified at least two weeks prior to the convention as to the status of their request.

Municipal Affairs will make every effort to find alternative opportunities throughout the remainder of the year for municipalities the Minister is unable to accommodate during the convention.

If you encounter any issues with the meeting request template, please email the Engagement Team for assistance.

Engagement Team  
Municipal Services Division  
Municipal Affairs

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**From:** aboffice@albertabeach.com  
**Sent:** July 3, 2026 12:19 PM  
**To:** 'ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca'  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting request with Minister Williams – 2026 ABmunis Fall Convention  
**Attachments:** AB Munis Meeting with the Minister Request.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached our request to meet with Minister Dan Williams at the 2026 Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention, scheduled to take place from September 23-25, 2026. Additional details are attached.

Thank you,  
Kathy Skwarchuk,  
CAO

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## Meeting Request: Alberta Municipalities Fall 2026 Convention

If you have questions, require support and to submit form, please email: [ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca)

### Municipal Information

Municipality Name: Alberta Beach

### Meeting Topics

Please provide additional details about the topic for discussion

| Topic 1                                                                                    | Topic 2                                                     | Topic 3 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Emergency Response along Provincial Highways - Fire and EMS (additional details attached). | Provincial Grants for Municipal Water Distribution Systems. |         |

### Meeting Participants

- 1 Tara Elwood Mayor
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Administrator
- 3 Debbie Durocher Deputy Mayor
- 4 DecolynneJo Burns Councillor
- 5 Daryl Weber Councillor
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Councillor
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Councillor
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Councillor
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Councillor

## Emergency Response along Provincial Highways

1. Primary Responders:
  - Fire Services: The local jurisdiction's fire department (i.e., municipal, town, or county fire services) is the primary fire response agency along the section of the provincial highway that passes through their jurisdiction.
  - Ambulance Services: Alberta Health Services (AHS) provides ambulance and paramedic services province-wide.
2. Authority & Control:
  - The local fire department holds authority over whether another fire department or a private emergency service provider can assist or respond.
  - This is true even if the outside agency:
    - Has specialized training or equipment.
    - Is closer or able to respond faster.
    - Is a private sector provider or a neighboring municipality.
3. No Open Access:
  - There is no formal mechanism that allows for automatic mutual aid or third-party service participation without explicit consent from the local authority.

## Key Challenges

- Training & Capability Gaps:  
Some local departments may not have the training or equipment for complex highway rescues (e.g., hazmat incidents, extrication from high-speed collisions), yet retain full control over incident response.
- Response Delays:  
If more qualified or better-equipped units (from neighboring municipalities or private services) are not permitted to respond promptly, delays can endanger lives.
- No Competitive or Contingent Services:  
Private service providers (e.g., industrial fire services, specialty rescue teams) are locked out of participation, which could discourage innovation or investment in regional emergency response capacity.
- Lack of Standardization:  
The model can lead to uneven service levels across jurisdictions, depending on the funding, training, and capabilities of the local fire departments.

## Possible Alternatives or Improvements

1. Provincial-Level Response Standardization:
  - Introduce a provincial highway emergency response policy that sets minimum training standards and allows qualified agencies to respond regardless of jurisdiction, especially for specialized incidents.
2. Formal Mutual Aid Agreements:
  - Require or incentivize pre-established mutual aid agreements that:
    - Allow nearest qualified responders to act.
    - Define roles and responsibilities ahead of time.
    - Respect jurisdiction but prioritize public safety.
3. Tiered Response Model:
  - Allow tiered or parallel response where multiple agencies (e.g., local fire, AHS, and specialized mutual aid) can be dispatched concurrently, with incident command determined on arrival based on qualifications and capability.
4. Centralized Dispatch Oversight:
  - Consider centralizing certain aspects of dispatch or oversight for highway incidents to ensure the most capable and timely response is sent.
5. Pilot Projects with Private Services:
  - Test public-private partnerships (e.g., with industrial emergency response teams or EMS contractors) to cover gaps in remote or under-resourced areas.

## Summary

The current model in Alberta ensures local control but can lead to inconsistencies, delays, and sub-optimal outcomes, particularly when:

- Specialized response is needed.
- Local capacity is limited.
- Inter-agency cooperation is not proactive.

Creating a more collaborative, standards-based, and safety-first approach could improve outcomes for highway emergencies.

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**From:** MA LGFF Capital <MA.LGFFCapital@gov.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** June 18, 2026 10:24 AM  
**To:** Tara Elwood  
**Cc:** ! ABOffice  
**Subject:** 2026 Municipal Affairs Grant Allocation Letter  
**Attachments:** Alberta Beach.pdf

Greetings.

Municipal Affairs is pleased to provide you with the attached letter confirming 2026 Municipal Affairs grant allocations.

Regards,

Municipal Affairs



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*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Peace River*

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June 17, 2026

Her Worship Taralyn Elwood  
Mayor  
Alberta Beach  
PO Box 278  
Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0

Dear Mayor Elwood:

I am pleased to confirm the 2026 funding allocations for your community.

For Alberta Beach:

- The 2026 Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital allocation is \$267,727.
- The 2026 LGFF Operating allocation is \$42,420.
- The 2026 Build Communities Strong Fund-Community Stream (BCSF-CS) allocation is \$101,981.

LGFF Capital is a legislated program aimed at providing local governments with advanced notice of their future infrastructure funding. As indicated on the program website, in 2027, your community will be eligible for \$283,537. Information on 2028 LGFF Capital allocations will be shared with local governments this fall, after changes in provincial revenues between 2024/25 and 2025/26 have been confirmed. I would like to also inform you that work is underway to develop a new allocation formula for the LGFF Operating program, which will be announced later this year.

As you may be aware, in 2025, the Government of Canada launched the BCSF, which included a renaming of the Canada Community-Building Fund to the Community Stream under the BCSF. Please note that no program or funding changes are being made apart from the name change.

LGFF and BCSF-CS funding amounts for all municipalities and Metis Settlements are also posted on the Government of Alberta website at [www.alberta.ca/municipal-affairs-funding-programs](http://www.alberta.ca/municipal-affairs-funding-programs).

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I look forward to working together with you to support your local infrastructure and operating needs, and building strong, vibrant communities across Alberta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dan Williams', with a stylized, flowing script.

Dan Williams, ECA  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Kathy Skwarchuk, Chief Administrative Officer, Alberta Beach

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**From:** Kelly Santarossa (she/her) <kelly@abmunis.ca>  
**Sent:** July 6, 2026 8:48 AM  
**To:** dscrepnek@sprucegrove.org; June Boyda (Brian Waterhouse's EA); Kathy Skwarchuk; warren@boylealberta.com; kedney; eddie.robar@edmonton.ca; cao@coalthurst.ca; kristen@foxcreek.ca; stacy.fedechko@strathcona.ca; Dawn Phillips; sbourke@cityofgp.com; cao@milkriver.ca; Jennifer Flaman; Ron Lebsack  
**Subject:** Briefing Note for Thursday meeting with Assistant Fire Commissioner  
**Attachments:** BN - Tools and Resources to Support Municipalities in Establishing a Level of Fire Service - July 9, 2026.docx

Hi all,

Just wanted to share the briefing note prepared for ABmunis Policing, Justice, and Emergency Service Committee meeting with the Assistant Fire Commissioner. The purpose of this meeting is to talk about what kind of education, tools, and resources would help municipalities to establish a local level of fire service.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you virtually on Thursday!

Security Classification: Private

**Kelly Santarossa (she/her) | Senior Policy Analyst**

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*We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the traditional and ancestral territories of many Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that what we call Alberta is the traditional and ancestral territory of many peoples, presently subject to Treaties 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 and Six Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta.*

## BRIEFING NOTE

**DATE:**

July 9, 2026

**TOPIC:**

Tools and Resources to Support Municipalities in Establishing a Level of Fire Service

**BACKGROUND:**

Municipal Affairs completed a Fire Service Review in 2024; however, ABmunis and RMA did not participate in this engagement and were neither notified nor invited. While the results of the review have not been publicly released, Municipal Affairs stated that participants expressed a desire for more guidance for local fire services. The province defines a level of fire service as “a series of documents based on and including a community risk assessment of the community's response needs that clearly defines the minimum response level.”

As a follow-up to the Fire Service Review, Municipal Affairs held engagements in June 2025 seeking input from municipalities and other stakeholders on:

- Whether requiring municipalities to establish a level of service is a viable outcome to support fire services and communities across Alberta.
- Potential supports or guidance that Municipal Affairs could provide to support municipalities and Metis Settlement in developing a level of service for their communities.

ABmunis has opposed mandating municipalities to establish a level of service for fire. Instead, ABmunis has encouraged Municipal Affairs and the Office of the Fire Commissioner to focus on building municipal capacity by developing and sharing best practices, guides, resources, and tools. ABmunis has also encouraged Municipal Affairs to address broader challenges affecting municipal fire service delivery, including the cost of fire equipment, recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters, and the increasing volume of medical calls.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs has since clarified that the province is not seeking to establish a minimum province-wide standard of service. Rather, the province is asking municipalities to establish a level of service based on local needs, risks, and capacity. ABmunis is currently working with the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Provincial Fire Liaison Committee to promote resources and learning opportunities that help municipalities establish a level of fire service.

**DISCUSSION:**

The July 9 meeting provides an opportunity for committee members to learn what supports are currently available and advise the Assistant Fire Commissioner on what supports would be most useful to municipalities as they consider how to establish a local level of fire service. Attachment 1 includes a list of questions for committee members to contemplate in advance of this discussion. A key consideration is that elected officials and senior municipal administrators have different roles in this process and may require different types of education and support.

Elected officials are responsible for making policy and budget decisions, understanding community risk, setting service expectations, and communicating with residents about what level of service the municipality can reasonably provide. Educational materials for elected officials should therefore focus on governance, decision-making, risk tolerance, fiscal implications, and public communication.

Senior municipal administrators are generally responsible for supporting council decision-making, coordinating the technical work needed to assess risk and capacity, preparing recommendations, and helping implement council direction. Resources for administrators should therefore be more operational and process-oriented, including templates, sample policies, risk assessment tools, implementation guides, and examples from other municipalities.

The discussion should also consider that municipalities vary significantly in size, staffing, geography, financial capacity, volunteer firefighter availability, mutual aid arrangements, and exposure to different types of fire and emergency risks. Tools and resources should be scalable and flexible, rather than designed around a one-size-fits-all model.

Potential tools that would support municipal capacity building in this area include:

- A plain-language guide explaining what a local level of fire service is and why it matters.
- A council orientation module focused on governance, risk, budgeting, and public expectations.
- A separate administrative implementation guide outlining suggested steps, roles, and documentation.
- A community risk assessment template written for municipal administrators that can be scaled for municipalities of different sizes.
- Sample council reports, bylaws, policies, and motions.
- Decision-making checklists for councils and CAOs.
- Case studies showing how different types of municipalities have approached fire service levels.
- Guidance on how to align level-of-service decisions with mutual aid agreements, regional service delivery, and intermunicipal collaboration.
- Communication materials to help municipalities explain service levels to residents.
- Training webinars or workshops tailored separately to elected officials and administrators.
- A frequently asked questions document that addresses common municipal concerns, including liability, cost, implementation timelines, and local flexibility.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

ABmunis administration will use Committee feedback to inform ongoing discussions with the Office of the Fire Commissioner on resources and learning opportunities to support municipalities in establishing a level of fire service. Tools, resources, and educational opportunities will be promoted to members through ABmunis communications channels, including the Weekly.

### **ENCLOSURES:**

Questions for Committee Discussion

### **Questions for Committee Discussion on Tools and Resources to Support Municipalities in Establishing a Level of Fire Service**

1. What information do elected officials need to make informed decisions about local fire service levels?
2. What tools would help senior administrators prepare recommendations and implement council direction?
3. What is the right balance between provincial guidance and local flexibility?
4. What kinds of templates or examples would be most useful for municipalities with limited staff capacity?
5. How should educational materials address financial implications and public expectations?
6. What should be covered in education for elected officials versus education for senior administrators?
7. Are there existing municipal examples, policies, or practices that could be shared as models?
8. What concerns should ABmunis raise with the Office of the Fire Commissioner as resources are developed?

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**Attachments:** ABmunis Councillor Accountability Framework Written Submission (DRAFT).pdf

Good morning, Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs,

I hope this email finds you enjoying the Alberta summer and that you and your staff have found some time to relax with family and friends.

As you know, Bill 28: *Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act* was introduced on April 2, 2026. It included provisions establishing the new Councillor Accountability Framework, reflecting the Government of Alberta's expectation that elected officials act professionally, make decisions in the public interest, and are accountable for their conduct.

ABmunis welcomed the inclusion of the Councillor Accountability Framework, which reflects ongoing advocacy efforts highlighting the importance of replacing previously repealed codes of conduct and supporting the use of independent third-party investigators to handle complaints.

Municipal Affairs hosted limited engagement sessions with administrators on July 13 and 16, 2026, and with elected officials on July 14 and 17, 2026. Participants included representatives from Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis), the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), the Local Government Administration Association of Alberta (LGAA), the Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators' Association (ARMAA), the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA), the Alberta Mid-size Cities Mayors' Caucus (MCMC), and the cities of Edmonton and Calgary.

Municipal Affairs has indicated that feedback from these sessions, together with written submissions due by August 7, will inform the development of the regulations required to implement the framework. ABmunis has prepared the attached submission and invites members to review it and provide feedback by **end of day August 6, 2026**.

Questions, comments, and feedback can be sent to LaRae Petrowsky ([larae@abmunis.ca](mailto:larae@abmunis.ca)), Director of Policy and Advocacy. While the timeline is short, we greatly appreciate any input you can provide.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to connecting with you soon.

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## Councillor Accountability Framework: ABmunis Discussion Guide Feedback

*Bill 28: Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act* was introduced on April 2, 2026, and received Royal Assent on May 14, 2026. The amendments include provisions establishing the new Councillor Accountability Framework, reflecting the Government of Alberta’s expectation that elected officials act professionally, make decisions in the public interest, and are accountable for their conduct.

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Municipal Affairs has indicated that feedback from these sessions, together with written submissions received by August 7, 2026, will inform the development of the regulations required to implement the framework. Implementation timelines have not yet been announced.

### DRAFT: NOT APPROVED BY THE ABMUNIS BOARD

| Discussion Guide Questions                                                                                   | ABmunis Position/Recommendation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Briefly, from your perspective, what is the most important outcome of a councillor accountability framework? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle of independent investigators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is critical that the selected investigators included on the Minister-approved roster are truly independent. There must be no interference from the municipality or province when investigating and making recommendations and they must be non-partisan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Municipal autonomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipalities know their communities and corporate structures best; the framework should recognize this.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Accountability</li> </ul> |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The framework should include strong accountability mechanisms for municipalities, councils, sanctioned individuals, and investigators.</li> <li>• Transparency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The framework and its processes should be easy to understand and not require legal interpretation. Given the public interest in framework violations, investigation findings should be publicly shared.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Stage 1: Complaint Process</b></p> <p>The following categories are in scope for a councillor accountability complaint (in addition to egregious and threatening behaviour, and pecuniary interest which will be discussed separately):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misuse of municipal assets</li> <li>• Misuse of confidential information</li> <li>• Improper use of influence</li> </ul> <p>What details or definitions should be considered for these categories in the regulation?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misuse of Municipal Assets – The framework should clearly prohibit elected officials and committee members from using municipal assets or services for personal gain, including to political parties, and during election campaigns, to promote ethical standards, stewardship, and public trust. This provision ensures fairness and provides a mechanism for enforcement should such misuse occur.</li> <li>• Misuse of Confidential Information - The current privacy legislation primarily holds municipalities accountable for breaches of confidential information, rather than individual elected officials, creating a gap in personal accountability. A framework should establish clear principles and mechanisms for holding individuals responsible for maintaining confidentiality.</li> <li>• Improper use of influence – The framework should prohibit elected officials from exploiting their position for personal gain. Any definition should include principles of following the established governance structure and avoiding situations where direction has been provided to staff through meetings other than council meetings, during events, and so on. These actions could be seen as circumventing the regulatory process. Rules around improper influence reinforce accountability and integrity in municipal decision-making by aligning with existing conflict of interest laws for provincial elected officials.</li> </ul> |

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| <p>How should egregious or threatening behaviour be defined for the regulation? For reference, please consider the table below.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing definitions in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislation is sufficient to establish parameters.</li> <li>Egregious and threatening behaviour should include instances of violence or harassment as defined in OHS legislation. The definitions and examples below are robust and there is no reason to reinvent definitions between how we expect workers in all industries across Alberta to be treated versus how we expect elected officials to behave while fulfilling their duties.</li> <li>OHS defines "Violence" as the threatened, attempted, or actual conduct of a person that causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological injury or harm, and includes domestic or sexual violence:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>physical attacks or aggression (hitting, shoving, pushing, or kicking, throwing an object, kicking and object someone is standing on).</li> <li>Threatening behaviour (shaking a fist in someone's face, wielding a weapon, trying to hit someone, trying to run down someone using a vehicle or equipment, destroying property, or throwing objects).</li> <li>Verbal or written threats (verbally threatening to attack, leaving threatening notes or sending threatening emails to express an intent to inflict harm).</li> <li>Domestic violence.</li> <li>Sexual violence.</li> </ul> </li> <li>"Harassment" is any single incident or repeated incidents of objectionable or unwelcome conduct, comment, bullying, or action by a person that the person knows or ought reasonably to know will or would cause offence or humiliation to a worker, or adversely affects the worker's health and safety, and includes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conduct, comment, bullying or action because of race, religious beliefs, colour, physical disability, mental disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o a sexual solicitation or advance but excludes any reasonable conduct of an employer or supervisor in respect of management of workers or a work site.</li> <li>• In addition to the above, ABmunis recommends the following also be considered as a part of "egregious behaviour":             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Respecting the decision-making process – The framework should address instances where a councillor actively releases information contrary to or against the decision of council.</li> <li>o Misinformation/disinformation – The framework should address the deliberate spread of misinformation and disinformation by elected officials. Similar to respecting the decision-making process, attempts to spread misinformation and disinformation regarding the municipality, decisions made by council, or related process can lead to serious governance issues, conflict between the municipality and the public, and an erosion of trust between administration and council, and council and the public.</li> <li>o Use of technology in closed sessions – elected officials should respect the process for closed sessions. They must not use recording devices and must ensure it can be verified there are no other individuals present when a councillor is attending remotely (this can be done by requiring cameras be turned on unless otherwise permitted by the rest of council).</li> <li>• There is also a gap related to the acceptance and disclosure of gifts.. While municipalities can establish policies on gifts and benefits, these lack effective enforcement mechanisms for holding elected officials accountable. In contrast to the provincial level, where the <i>Conflict of Interest Act</i> provides clear guidance and oversight, a similar accountability structure does not exist municipally, risking transparency and public trust.</li> <li>• ABmunis continues to be concerned about the cumulative impact of costs on municipalities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                                                                               |
| <p>Should there be a fee for submitting councillor accountability complaints during the preliminary review process?</p> <p>a) If 'yes,' what should the fee be?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Recommendations on the Councillor Accountability Framework (July 2026)</p> |

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| <p>b) If 'no', why not?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulations related to costs, including establishing fees for complaints, and standard fee structures for preliminary reviews and investigations, will be critical to ensure that the framework is not only accessible to municipalities, but also reducing unintended financial strain.</li> <li>• Consideration should be given to establishing fees to file a complaint.</li> <li>• ABmunis recommends that a municipality would hold the fee until the preliminary review has concluded. If the review finds that the complaint was frivolous or vexatious or falls outside of the scope of the accountability framework, the municipality would retain the fee.</li> <li>• If the review determines the complaint falls within the framework, the fee is refunded to the complainant.</li> <li>• The intention is not to deter complaints but rather to recognize the costs that municipalities will be responsible for when a complaint is received and ensuring there is accountability for the person filing the complaint.</li> <li>• To reflect differences among municipalities in Alberta, the following may be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The framework could set a minimum and maximum fee, while allowing each municipality to choose a fee by bylaw or resolution that fits its needs, as long as the fee does not exceed the maximum.</li> <li>○ Alternatively, the framework could set out that each municipality is responsible for establishing a fee or fee structure by bylaw, with the decision of what is appropriate being left to each municipality, further respecting municipal autonomy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Some members have raised that there should be no requirement for a fee to file a complaint. However, depending on the results of the preliminary review, specifically if the investigator has determined the complaint to be frivolous or vexatious, the complainant would be responsible for the full costs of the preliminary review.</li> </ul> |
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|                                                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This approach could deter complaints as the costs of preliminary reviews are likely to far outweigh any established fee for filing.</li> <li>• The framework should clearly restrict that any fee must be paid personally by an elected official, while explicitly prohibiting the ability to use municipal assets, including their elected official budget, crowd-sourcing, or campaign contributions.</li> <li>• Additional considerations need to be made for situations where a councillor hires a lawyer to help submit a complaint or defend themselves during the preliminary review or investigation process. The framework should consider whether the municipality can cover those costs or if they are incurred as personal expenses by the elected official.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>During the preliminary review process, should there be timelines for:</p> <p>a) Selecting an investigator?</p> <p>b) Submitting the preliminary review report?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timelines should be established for selecting an investigator and submitting the preliminary review to prevent inaction</li> <li>• Timelines to select an investigator could be as simple as “at the next council meeting or within 30 days of receiving the complaint, whichever is later.”</li> <li>• Relating to the preliminary review, it is difficult to determine what is reasonable as different types of complaints may require different timelines.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Option 1: Require the completion of the preliminary review no later than 45 days after council has passed a resolution appointing an investigator. If additional time is required, the investigator may request additional time from council.</li> <li>○ Option 2: Allow the municipality to set the timeline for reporting by the investigator. This recognizes the needs of each municipality, as well as potential complexity of a complaint.</li> <li>○ Option 3: Establish a timeline as described in Option 1 but extensions may only be granted by the Minister.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Outstanding Question to Municipal Affairs:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is the intention for the Minister to abide by the same timelines as established for council if the Minister exercises their authority under s. 146.03 (2) to initiate an investigation?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| <p>Should there be publication requirements for a preliminary report?</p> <p>a) If 'yes,' what should the requirements be?</p> <p>b) If 'no,' why not?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation requires the preliminary report to be filed with Council and the Minister, and to advise if the investigation has concluded.</li> <li>• There is no legislative requirement to make the preliminary report public. In comparison, the Investigation Report is required to be filed in a closed session of council and made public as outlined by the framework (s. 146.07).</li> <li>• Given the resolution to appoint an investigator must be made in public, some version of the preliminary report should be published. Appropriate restrictions could be considered in the framework to protect identifiable information and the identities of the elected officials involved, reducing the potential for the complaints and reviews to be politicized or weaponized.</li> <li>• Potential options for a publicly available report could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Requiring the municipality to redact the report in alignment with requirements under the <i>Access to Information Act</i>.</li> <li>◦ Require the investigator to draft a version of the report that is appropriate for public consumption, aligning with requirements of the <i>Access to Information Act</i>, for example a high level executive summary. The full preliminary review would remain protected with only the executive summary being released.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p>Who should be responsible for the custody and retention of records related to preliminary reviews?</p>                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Given the records relate to the municipality, it is practical for the municipality to be responsible for the custody and retention of the records.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>How long should preliminary review records be retained?</p>                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Ability for municipalities to set the retention in accordance with their records retention policies.</li> <li>◦ The duration of the council term.</li> <li>◦ A length of time (i.e.: 30, 60, 90, 120 days) following the conclusion of the investigation or the filing of the preliminary review, if the investigator has determined a full investigation is not proceeding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <p>Is there anything else you would like to add about the preliminary review process?</p>                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A gap exists in the legislation where administration cannot personally bring complaints against an elected official and must rely on another elected official doing so on their behalf. Consideration must be taken to create a path to allow for administration complaints.</li> <li>• Consideration needs to be afforded to political staffers who are not administration but may have complaints that align with the framework, this is especially true in large municipalities where elected official staff are not considered under the typical employee/employer structure of the municipality.</li> <li>• Municipal Affairs should consider guidance documents related to how municipalities may draft policies pertaining to public complaints as well as the messaging that will be available to ensure transparency to the public.</li> <li>• Consideration must be made for anonymous complaints and maintaining confidentiality, particularly through a trauma-informed lens. It is not necessary for council to know the details of the complaint before appointing an investigator for confidentiality of the councillors and complainants.</li> <li>• The framework should consider a process to manage or address "serial filers". This could potentially be addressed through municipalities being afforded the opportunity to set a filing fee that increases if complaints from a single elected official continue to be frivolous or vexatious.</li> <li>• Bill 28 analysis included several outstanding questions related to complaints and investigations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are municipalities required to establish a policy for the purposes of outlining the form in which a complaint is considered "acceptable by council"? If so, what is the timeline for councils to establish their policies after the implementation of any regulation?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Stage 1: Complaint Process - Pecuniary Interest</b><br/>Do you have any operational concerns about the process described in the map?<br/>a) If 'yes,' what concerns do you have?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As it relates to complaints of pecuniary interest, requiring complaints to be filed within one year is too long due to its seriousness.</li> <li>• Complaints should be filed within a finite amount of time to mitigate potential delays (ie: 30 - 90 days from the date that the council or councillor</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <p>b) If 'yes,' do you have any suggestions for how to solve or mitigate these concerns?</p> <p>Should there be a timeline for a councillor who is subject to a councillor accountability complaint, investigation, or finding to resign voluntarily?</p> | <p>becomes aware of the potential contravention). This recognizes the impact that a complaint, depending on the severity, can have on council, potentially affecting the governance of the municipality, as well as impacting public confidence in council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This question is unclear if it is referring to before, during or after a complaint has been filed, and specific to only complaints related to pecuniary interest.</li> <li>• The legislation is clear that an investigation stops if the person subject to a complaint resigns. This section of the Act is problematic and could be used by elected officials to purposefully stop an investigation only to run again in the by-election (s. 146.03).</li> <li>• The legislation is also clear that if an investigator finds reasonable grounds to believe an elected official may have violated pecuniary interest rules, and be subject to disqualification, the investigator must immediately stop their investigation (s. 146.06).</li> <li>• There is a practical benefit to provide a timeline for an individual subject to of a complaint related to pecuniary interest to resign voluntarily prior to council filing an application for disqualification to the court.</li> <li>• ABmunis recommends that caution be taken when creating a timeline that could be seen as council delaying or failing to act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 30 days provides sufficient time for the subject of the complaint to act and for council to prepare for the court filing, if necessary.</li> <li>○ ABmunis continues to raise serious concerns if a person resigns to stop an investigation but then runs in the by-election. There is no accountability or transparency regarding the complaint given this won't mean the complaint or potential contravention has been dealt with or won't be an issue into the future.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Amendments to the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> and the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i> should be considered to prevent an individual who has resigned during an investigation from running in the election held immediately after the investigation concluded.</li> </ul> |
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|                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative amendments should also be considered to require an investigation to continue despite a resignation, with the resulting investigation report continuing to be submitted to council. This prevents weaponization of the framework and further promotes the principles of accountability and transparency.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Is there anything else you would like to add about the pecuniary interest complaint process?                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABmunis continues to question why only pecuniary interest was included in the framework when there are several other grounds for disqualification (ie, ceasing to be eligible for nomination under the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i>).</li> <li>There were several outstanding questions raised in the Bill 28 Analysis:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are municipalities permitted to establish a process for receiving complaints from the public that could then inform whether a councillor may wish to proceed with a complaint under the framework?</li> <li>Will the regulations include a mechanism to manage multiple complaints on the same issue or allow for multiple councillors to be named as complainants on the complaint?</li> <li>Does council formally accept a complaint, if in the acceptable format, by resolution or is it submitted in closed session? Investigator reports are first submitted in closed session, but similar processes are unclear related to complaints.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Stage 2: Investigation and Sanctions</b><br>What are appropriate sanctions for violating the councillor accountability framework? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible sanctions include written reprimands, required apologies, publication of reprimands or apologies, mandatory training, suspension or removal from leadership roles or committees, and reducing or suspending remuneration related to duties – these align with previous Code of Conduct Regulations.</li> <li>Sanctions should be accompanied by a timeframe to complete, otherwise it is reasonable to expect that some sanctions will never be acted on rendering the entirety of the framework ineffective.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanctions related to mandatory training should be accompanied by clear expectations of who is responsible for the cost of the training (ie: the municipality or the elected officials personally).</li> <li>• To ensure accountability, consideration should be given to an escalation process. For example, council has passed a resolution requiring a person subject to a complaint to issue a letter of apology. The councillor does not do so. Council should have the ability to then pass an escalating sanction. Further, if a person subject to the complaint continues to refuse a council sanction, there should be a mechanism to allow for Minister intervention to impose an escalation sanction.</li> <li>• Other Canadian jurisdictions impose additional sanctions, such as fines or, in cases of non-compliance, suspension of a person's authority to exercise any power, duty, or responsibility until they comply.</li> <li>• As it relates to fines, this could be seen as a serious escalation as municipalities could consider any unpaid fines as being indebted to the municipality. If these types of fines can be considered there are implications for an individual to be eligible to run for election under the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i>.</li> <li>• The framework should set a list of sanctions that municipalities could choose from to set options through policy or bylaw that are applicable to the municipality. We recommend that it be up to the investigator to apply sanctions to specific circumstances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Municipalities could not select sanctions that are not provided for in the framework.</li> <li>○ This approach reflects that sanctions that may be applicable to larger municipalities do not carry the same weight in smaller municipalities (ie: suspension of pay) and vice versa.</li> <li>○ This approach depoliticizes the sanction process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Similar to fees, the regulation could establish a maximum timeline but municipalities could set a faster standard by bylaw – supports principle of municipal autonomy.</li> </ul> |
| <p>What should the timeline be for:</p> <p>a) Initiating full investigation?</p> <p>b) Submitting investigation report?</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

Recommendations on the Councillor  
Accountability Framework (July 2026)

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| <p>c) Passing resolution to accept the investigator's report?</p> <p>d) Making a decision to apply/not apply sanctions?</p>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the spirit of accountability, the following could be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initiating a full investigation - After receiving the preliminary review, council must consider the matter at the next council meeting or within 30 days, whichever is later. There may be instances that council may have to hold a special meeting as they do not meet every two weeks or monthly. However, this timeline promotes the complaints and investigations being addressed in a timely manner to prevent further governance issues and erosion of public trust.</li> <li>○ Resolution to accept the investigators report - After receiving the investigation report, council must consider the recommendations and determine to apply or not to apply at the next council meeting or within 30 days, whichever is later. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This recognizes that the report is provided in a closed meeting of council and provides members of council the opportunity to review prior to accepting the report or the recommended sanction(s).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• As mentioned above, is this question also contemplating a timeline for investigations that are initiated by the Minister? If so, the regulation should be specific between investigations initiated by complaint to council versus investigations initiated by the Minister.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Are the powers of the investigator in the Act sufficient? Why or why not?</p> <p>a) If 'insufficient,' what do you feel is missing?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall powers outlined in section 146.03(3) are clear and concise.</li> <li>• There may be opportunity within the framework to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clarify a timeline to respond to an inquiry made either (a) orally or in writing of any person, or by (b) demanding the production for examination of records or documents. This may be important if establishing a timeline for an investigator to submit an investigation. Without the investigator having the authority to establish a timeline to respond, a person could delay to the point of the investigator having insufficient information for the report but having no choice but to proceed with submitting the report to council.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clarifying who is responsible for copies made under subsection (c). For example, is it the municipalities responsibility to assist the investigator if copies are requested and by extension, the costs of the copies?</li> <li>○ Clarification if the investigator must first provide notice when accessing municipal land and facilities. This could be especially helpful to ensure that appropriate resources are available to the investigator.</li> <li>• The above clarity may help to determine what constitutes a failure to comply under section 146.04 related to obstructing an investigation. This clarity may support identifying if an offence has occurred and need to be referred to the appropriate police service under the <i>Provincial Offences Procedures Act</i>.</li> <li>• Consideration should be made for protections and powers of investigators to align with those granted under the <i>Public Inquiries Act</i>.</li> </ul> |
| What qualification should investigators/appeal commissioners have?<br>a) Is there a specific occupation or profession that should be eligible to be a commissioner based on education, role requirements, or professional experience? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal experience is crucial – recognizes the complexities of municipal governments and the roles and responsibilities of administration and council.</li> <li>• Consideration of those with legal backgrounds, previous investigative experience, previous experience in independent offices of the legislation (i.e.: office of the ethics commissioner, ombudsman, or public interest commissioner).</li> <li>• Same as above – experience in municipal government, legal, investigation, or other non-partisan experience.</li> <li>• It is critical that investigators are truly impartial and non-partisan. This could extend to having no provincial or municipal political party affiliation and to have not ran for any provincial or municipal political party in the previous 10 years.</li> <li>• No position at this time.</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |
| What criteria should be considered when reviewing applications for these roles?                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Should there be a term limit for these roles?<br>a) If 'yes,' how long should the term be?                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Should there be publication requirements for an investigation report?<br>a) If 'yes,' what should the requirements be?<br>b) If 'no,' why not? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 146.07 (3) requires a report to be submitted to council in a meeting closed to the public but subsection (4) requires council to make the report publicly available in accordance with the framework. The wording of subsection (4) implies that there would be a publication at some point.</li> <li>• If council has accepted the investigation report it should be made public in the spirit of accountability and transparency.</li> <li>• It would be reasonable to require the publication within a time limit (for example, 7 days from council receiving the report).</li> <li>• Consideration should be taken to redact personal information in accordance with the Access to Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act.</li> </ul> |
| Who should be responsible for the custody and retention of records related to investigation reports?                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same comment as preliminary review reports.</li> <li>• Given the records relate to the municipality, it is practical for the municipality to be responsible for the custody and retention of the records.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| How long should investigation report records be retained?                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same comment as preliminary review reports.</li> <li>• Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Ability for municipalities to set the retention in accordance with their records retention policies.</li> <li>◦ The duration of the council term.</li> <li>◦ A length of time (i.e.: 30, 60, 90, 120 days) following the conclusion of the appeal period or after a report related to an appeal has been delivered.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Is there anything else you would like to add about the investigation and sanction process?                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 146.03 requires council to appoint an investigator and pay the costs of the investigation. Will the framework establish a rate for investigators? If not, investigators could charge any rate they choose, leading to municipalities selecting an investigator with the lowest rate, further leading to a small number of investigators being inundated with complaints.</li> <li>• It has also been recommended that the legislation be amended to require council to accept and impose the sanction(s) as recommended by the investigator, rather than have the ability to alter the sanction or impose no sanction at all.</li> </ul>                                                                                                         |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The framework should consider creating a standard for reports to ensure consistency from investigators, this applies to both preliminary and investigation reports.</li> <li>• The framework must specifically address repeated investigations related to the same topic/event and specifically prohibit a secondary investigation outside of the appeal process.</li> <li>• An evaluation process for investigators should be established.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Stage 3: Appeal Process</b></p> <p>Should there be a fee for a councillor to file an appeal?</p> <p>a) If 'yes,' what should the fee be?</p> <p>What should the timeline be for:</p> <p>a) Submitting a complaint regarding the outcome of the investigation and sanctioning process?</p> <p>b) Filing an appeal?</p> <p>c) Appointing an appeal commissioner?</p> <p>d) Conducting appeal hearing?</p> <p>e) Submitting recommendations to the Minister on appeal?</p> <p>f) Minister decisions/order on recommendations?</p> <p>g) Publishing required documents?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, however, the fee should not be prohibitive for councillors in accessing an appeal and should not exceed a filing fee with the Court of Kings Bench. The principle of a filing fee aligns with ABmunis position with a fee to accompany the filing of complaints.</li> <li>• Timelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Submitting a complaint to the municipality – within 30 – 90 days of the alleged contravention or the date that that it becomes known that an alleged contravention occurred.</li> <li>○ Investigation and sanction process – unclear if this is related to the investigation and sanctions for the appeal or during the initial investigation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The investigation process will depend on the severity and complexity of the investigation. Perhaps establishing a maximum (i.e.: 60 days) with a requirement for a council resolution to extend, up to an additional 60 days?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Filing an appeal - within 30 days of council accepting the investigators report.</li> <li>○ Appointing an Appeal Commissioner – Minister required to appoint – uncertain of what is realistic, 30 or 60 days.</li> <li>○ Conducting an Appeal Hearing – 30 days</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Submitting Recommendations to the Minister – should align with any timeline established for the investigation with the option for Ministerial extension.</li> <li>○ Minister decision/order on recommendations - uncertain of what is realistic for ministerial approvals.</li> <li>○ Publishing required documents – should avoid delays – within 14 days of Minister's decision.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Who should be responsible for the custody and retention of records related to appeals? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same comment as preliminary review reports and investigations.</li> <li>• Given the records relate to the municipality, it is practical for the municipality to be responsible for the custody and retention of the records.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| How long should records related to appeals be retained?                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decisions under the framework are still subject to judicial appeals. The retention of records, at a minimum, should be kept until the timeline to file an appeal through the Court of Kings Bench has expired.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Is there anything else you would like to add about appeals process?                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Final Thoughts                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Is there anything else you would like to add about appeals process?                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The framework does not currently address complaints or investigations during the election cycle. Given the nomination period begins January 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year, it is reasonable to consider a black-out period of the publishing of investigative reports beginning in August of the election year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This would mean that complaints could still be accepted but preliminary reviews and investigation reports could not be made publicly available until after the election has concluded and results are official.</li> <li>○ Consideration could also be made to increase the fee to file a complaint during an election period given the risk that complaints could be weaponized for the purposes of creating a negative narrative during the election campaign.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political parties and their involvement in the process are not currently contemplated and special consideration should be made for how political parties could weaponize the framework. Including to file complaints and create a narrative during election campaigns.</li> <li>• As mentioned above, legislative changes should be considered to require council to impose a sanction as recommended by the investigator rather than leaving the decision to council.</li> <li>• The legislation does not include an informal process to resolve an alleged contravention prior to or after a complaint as been filed. Although this will not always be the case, there are instances where a contravention has occurred and the elected official is unaware. Consideration could be made to allow for the elected official to take steps to resolve the alleged contravention prior to council appointing a investigator and proceeding to the preliminary review, ultimately reducing the financial strain on municipalities.</li> <li>• A gap that continues to exist relates to the inability to extend the framework to council created committees. There are documented instances of council committees having issues that would fit with the councillor accountability framework but having no tools to address the concerns given restrictions of section 145(9) of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>. We recommend legislative change to expand the framework to include council created committees or legislative changes that allow council to create policies or bylaws for council created committees that address similar contraventions as those outlined in the framework.</li> </ul> |
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**From:** Tara Elwood <taraelwood@albertabeach.com>  
**Sent:** June 22, 2026 1:25 PM  
**To:** Alberta Beach  
**Subject:** Fwd: Water for Life (AR108756)  
**Attachments:** 108756 West Inter Lake District Regional Water Services Commission.pdf; Untitled attachment 00309.htm

Tara Elwood  
Mayor  
Village of Alberta Beach  
Director Villages West  
Alberta Municipalities

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** TEC Minister <Transportation.Minister@gov.ab.ca>  
**Date:** June 22, 2026 at 13:22:44 MDT  
**To:** Tara Elwood <taraelwood@albertabeach.com>  
**Cc:** DraytonValley.Devon@assembly.ab.ca, Michael Botros <Michael.Botros@gov.ab.ca>  
**Subject:** Water for Life (AR108756)

Please see letter attached from Honourable Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors. No hard copy will be sent. Thank you,

**Office of the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors**  
127 Legislature Building, 10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6  
Tel: 780-427-2080

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TRANSPORTATION and ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake*

June 22, 2026

AR 108756

Taralyn Elwood  
Chairperson  
West Inter Lake District Regional Water Services Commission  
PO Box 8  
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0  
[taraelwood@albertabeach.com](mailto:taraelwood@albertabeach.com)

Dear Taralyn Elwood:

I am pleased to advise you and your council the following project will be funded under the Transportation and Economic Corridors' Water for Life under Budget 2026.

**Water for Life**

Phase 5B, System Upgrades, maximum grant of \$5,072,767.83

The final grant amount will be based on the actual eligible costs at the time of project completion, up to the approved maximum grant amount. Please note, as a condition of this grant, no cost increases will be considered.

Although I know you are looking forward to sharing this important announcement, I request that you contact your local MLA to schedule an announcement. In the meantime, I ask that you do not publicly communicate these project approvals until this local announcement has been finalized.

Our government continues to make investments in developing and maintaining transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure to support municipalities in improving critical local transportation infrastructure, creating jobs and stimulating the economy.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreeshen, ECA  
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

cc: Honourable Andrew Boitchenko, ECA, MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon  
Michael Botros, Regional Director, Transportation and Economic Corridor

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**From:** Communities ChooseWell <choosewell@arpaonline.ca>  
**Sent:** June 24, 2026 11:01 AM  
**To:** aboffice@albertabeach.com  
**Subject:** A Pause in Programming: Communities ChooseWell Update

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To our valued Community ChooseWell Champions and Partners

Today, we are sharing an update that comes with mixed emotions.

As many of you know, the Communities ChooseWell program is funded in whole through a grant from Alberta Primary and Preventive Health Services. As we have yet to receive confirmation of future funding, we have had to make the difficult decision to pause operations and, regrettably, let go of staff members who have played an important role in delivering and growing the program.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Emilia Grindlay and Maddison Drader for their exceptional contributions to Communities ChooseWell. Their passion, creativity, dedication, and unwavering commitment to supporting healthier communities have left a lasting impact on our partners, Champions, and communities across Alberta. We are thankful for the energy, expertise, and heart they have brought to this work, and we wish them every success.

While this pause creates uncertainty, it does not diminish the importance of the work we have accomplished together or the strength of the community that has formed around healthy eating and active living. We remain proud of the positive impact Communities ChooseWell has had across the province and grateful to everyone who has been part of this journey.

Although program operations will be paused starting July 1, our website will continue to provide free resources, tools, and information to support you and your community. We encourage you to continue exploring and sharing these resources with others who may benefit.

To everyone who has participated in, partnered with, supported, and championed Communities ChooseWell—THANK YOU. Your commitment to creating healthier communities has inspired us every day, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support and understanding.

We remain hopeful for the future and will share updates as more information becomes available. Should you have any questions, please feel free to connect via [arpa@arpaonline.ca](mailto:arpa@arpaonline.ca).

With gratitude,

**Julie Venner**  
**Program Manager**



Communities ChooseWell is a partnership between the Alberta Recreation & Parks Association and the Government of Alberta Primary and Preventive Health Services.



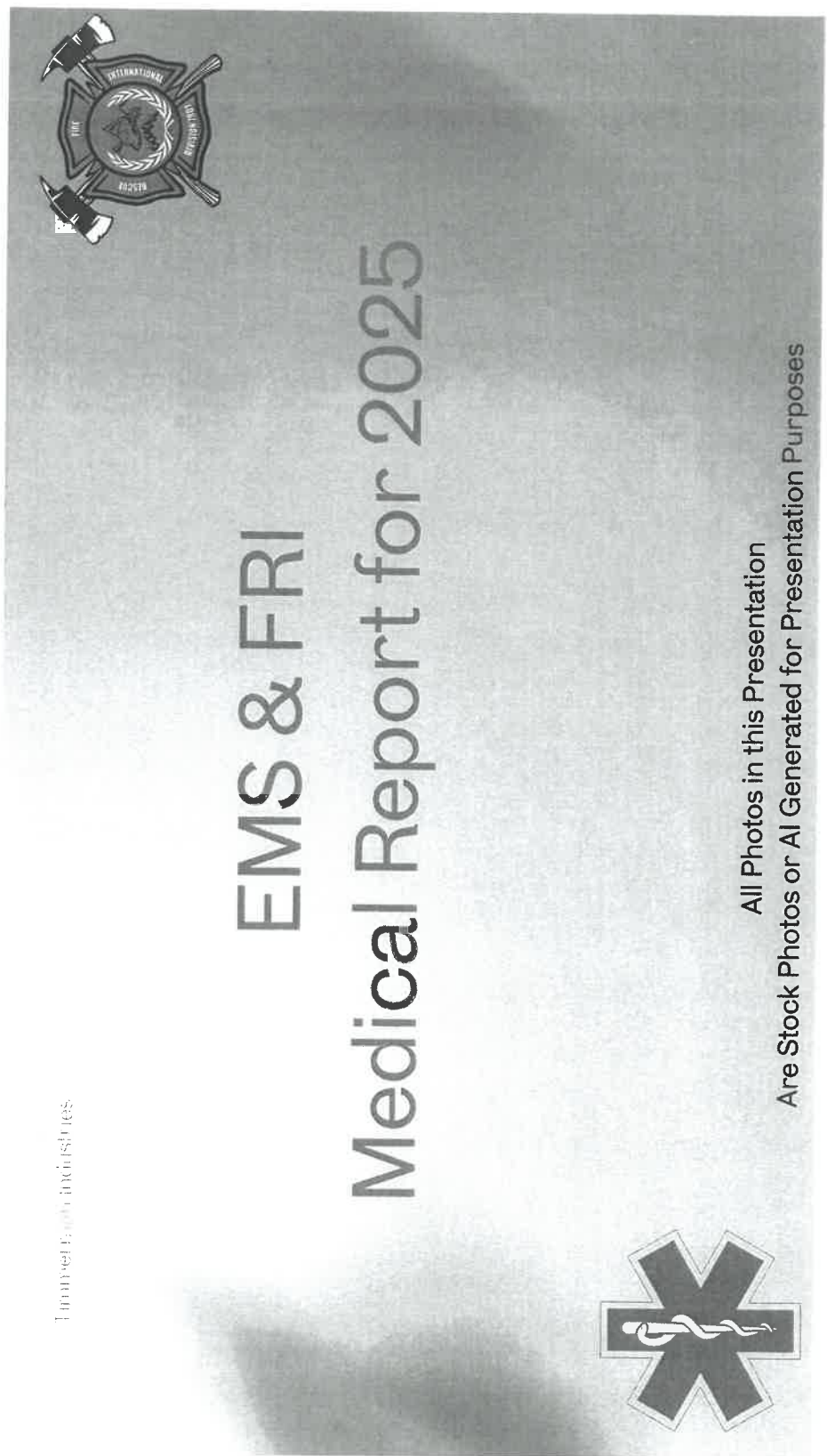
The Alberta Recreation & Parks Association would like to acknowledge the First Nations, the Métis, the Inuit and all of the people across Alberta who share a history and a deep connection with this land. We dedicate ourselves to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. To begin or expand your Reconciliation Journey, visit [Walking With Indigenous Communities](#).



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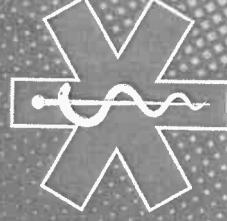




## WHAT DO WE DO?

### FRI's Role in Pre-Hospital Emergency Care

- Fire Rescue International (FRI) provides basic life support before EMS arrives.
- Most FRI firefighters are licensed Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) or higher.
- FRI has participated in the AHS Medical First Response (MFR) Program since 2016.
- This partnership enhances training, resources, and patient outcomes across Alberta.





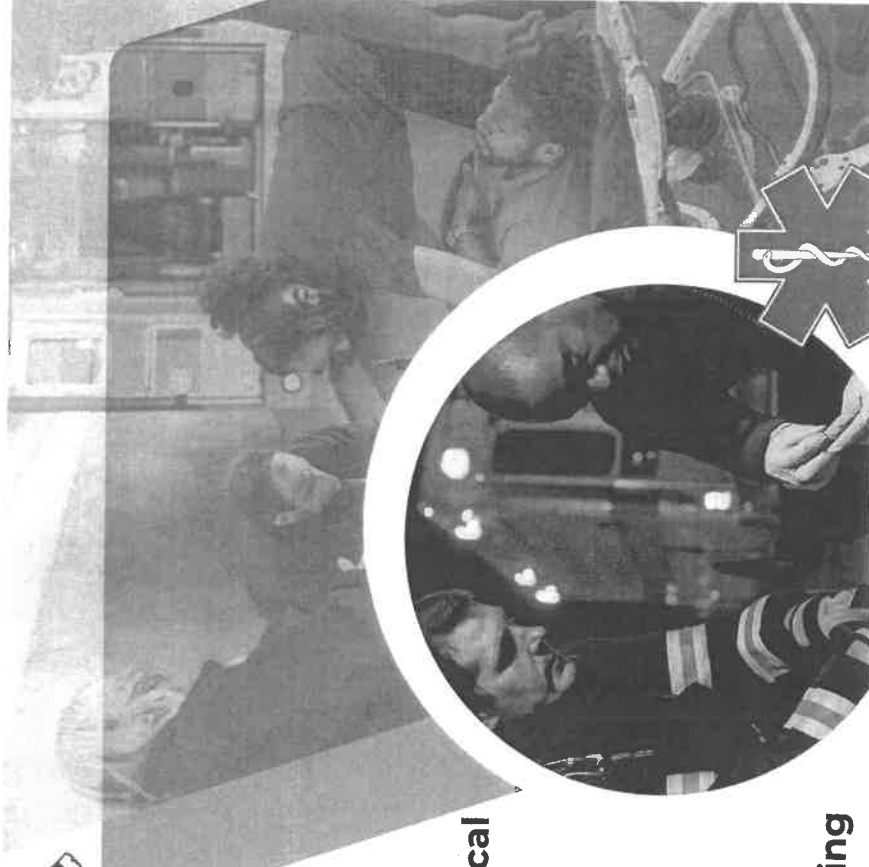
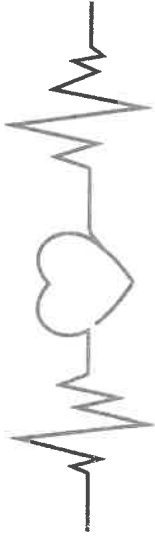
# SEAMLESS EMS HANDOFF

## Upon Arrival, FRI:

- Updates EMS on Patient's vitals and interventions made and Transfers patient care to advanced personnel
- Continues to support and assist as needed
- FRI ensures a coordinated, efficient handoff,



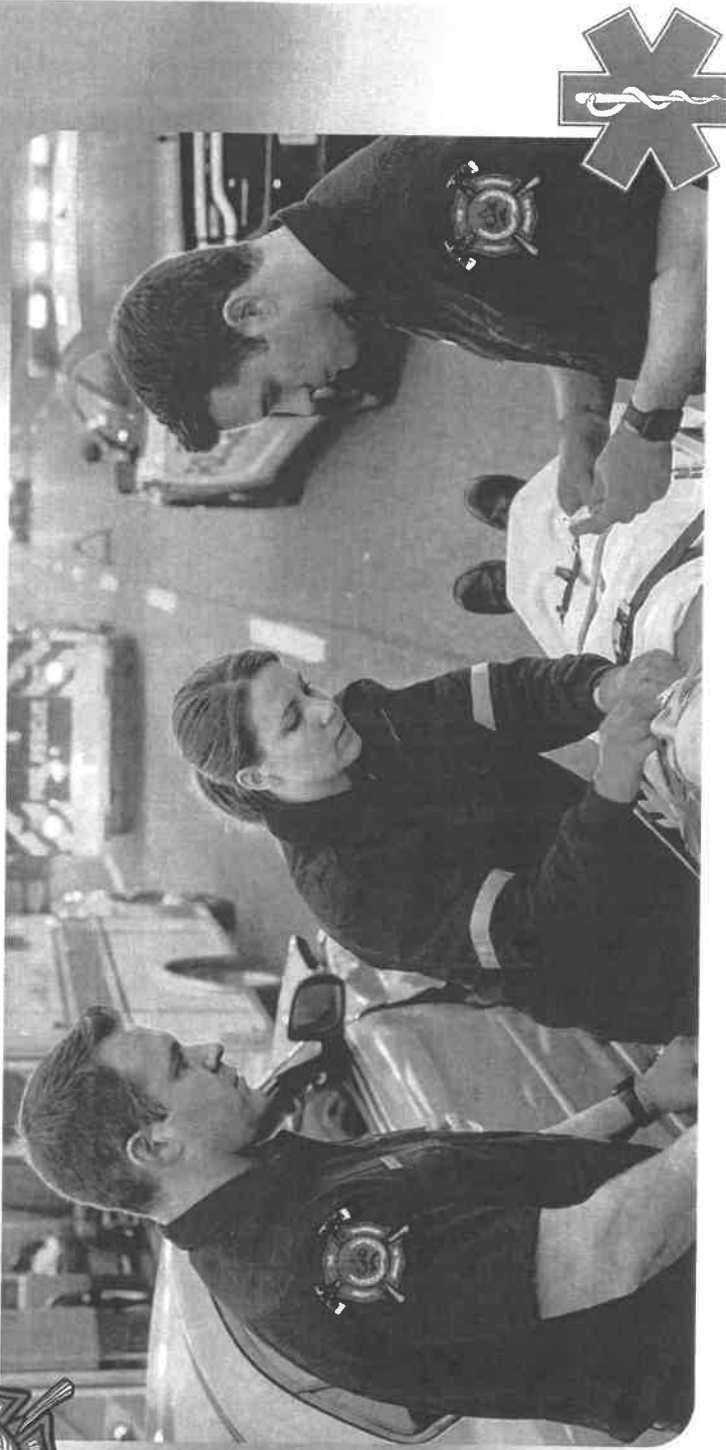
# STRONG PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN FRI & EMS



- Fire Rescue International (FRI) and local EMS crews work closely together.
- FRI regularly trains through the MFR program to be in sync with EMS. This helps them to be familiar with EMS equipment and procedures.
- This teamwork ensures better coordination and faster response during

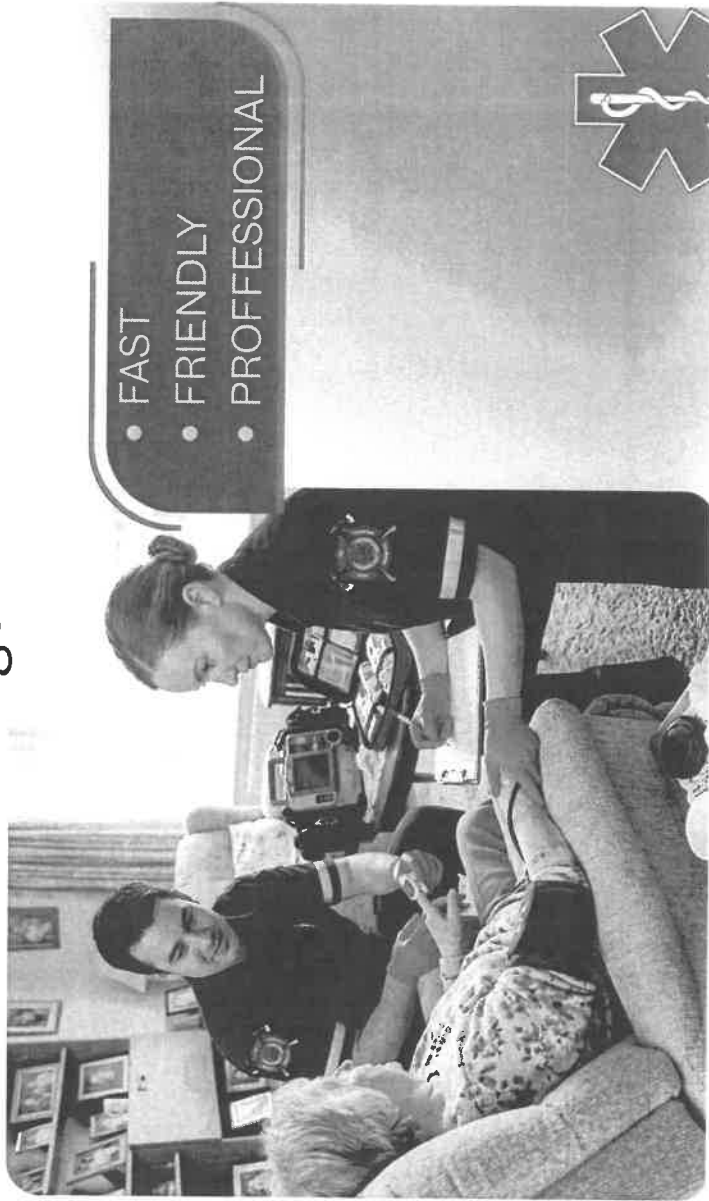


# Total Medical Calls in 2025 142



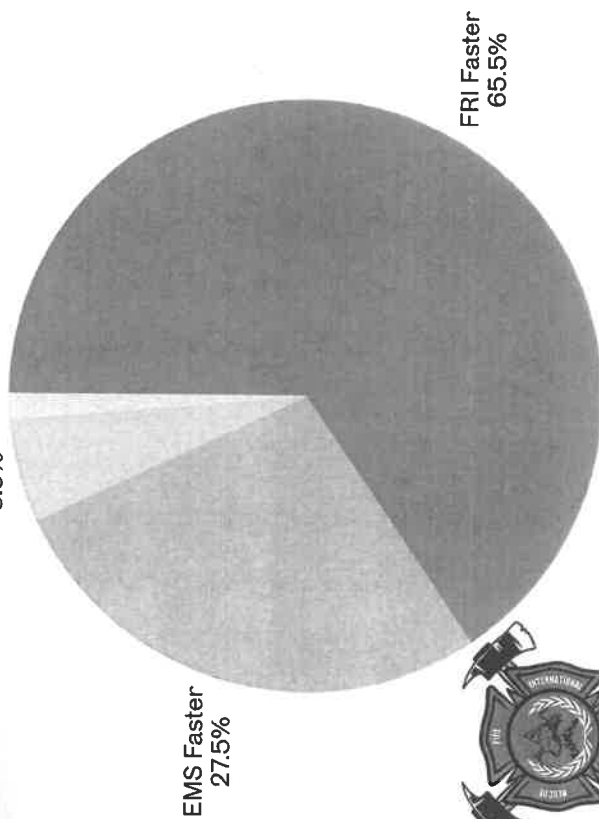


# All Medical Calls FRI Attends Are Free of Charge



# Who's on Scene First?

- FRI Faster
- EMS Faster
- Stood Down
- Same Arrival



EMS Faster  
27.5%



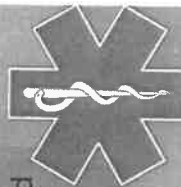
FRI Faster  
65.5%

Stood Down  
5.6%



## 142 Medical Calls

This is Not a Race Between  
EMS and FRI-It's a Race  
Against Time. Patient's need  
Care Fast During an  
Emergency





# FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL

(Highlighted In Green)

**MEDICAL CALL TYPES ATTENDED**  
**1,433**



**ADDITIONAL CALLS WITH 40+ MINUTE EMS DELAY**  
**357**



**CLOSEST COMPARISON DEPARTMENT**  
**550**



**ADDITIONAL CALLS WITH 15+ MINUTE EMS DELAY**  
**83**

## EMS MEDICAL CALL RESPONSE COVERAGE

### 2025 RESPONSE CATEGORIES

Supporting EMS on high-priority medical emergencies throughout our service area.

#### FRI RESPONDS TO

- ✓ Abdominal Pain / Problems
- ✓ Allergies / Envenomations
- ✓ Assault / Sexual Assault
- ✓ Back Pain
- ✓ Breathing Problems
- ✓ Burns / Explosion
- ✓ Carbon Monoxide / HazMat
- ✓ Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest
- ✓ Chest Pain
- ✓ Choking
- ✓ Convulsions / Seizures
- ✓ Diabetic Problems
- ✓ Drowning / Diving Accidents
- ✓ Electrocution / Lightning
- ✓ Eye Problems / Injuries

- ✓ Falls
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Heart Problems / AICD
- ✓ Heat / Cold Exposure
- ✓ Hemorrhage / Lacerations
- ✓ Inaccessible / Trapped
- ✓ Inardose / Poisoning
- ✓ Ingestion
- ✓ Pregnancy / Birth / Miscarriage
- ✓ Psychiatric / Suicide Attempt
- ✓ Sick Person
- ✓ Stab / Gunshot Trauma

- ✓ Stroke (CVA)
- ✓ Traffic Accidents
- ✓ Traumatic Injuries (Specific)
- ✓ Unconscious / Fainting (Near)
- ✓ Unknown Problem (Man Down)

#### MANY DEPARTMENTS DO NOT RESPOND TO

- ✗ Abdominal Pain / Problems
- ✗ Back Pain
- ✗ Chest Pain
- ✗ Diabetic Problems
- ✗ Eye Problems / Injuries
- ✗ Headache
- ✗ Heart Problems / AICD
- ✗ Sick Person
- ✗ Stroke (CVA)
- ✗ Unconscious / Fainting (Near)
- ✗ Unknown Problem (Man Down)
- ✗ Falls



Fire Rescue International provides one of the most comprehensive Medical First Response programs in Alberta.



## Case Study

Call Type: Hemorrhage

Date December 01, 2025

Dispatch Time: 12:00:51

FRI On Scene: 12:06:30

Assessment & Vitals Taken-Keep Patient

Comfortable and Calm

Icy Roads Delayed EMS

EMS on Scene: 12:46:45

Time Difference: 35 Minutes



FRI had EMR's on this call  
Positive Outcomes for the Patient!



\*EMS Arrived Safely\*

## Case Study

Call Type: Falls

July 22, 2025

Dispatched: 23:15:43

FRI On Scene: 23:18:45

Patient is Confused, Verbally

Combative-has a Head Injury-

Pool of Blood on the Ground

FRI Checks Head Wound-Applies

Dressing-Attempts to Take Vitals-

Asks for RCMP to Attend

EMS On Scene: 23:47:49

RCMP Enroute

29 Minute Wait

For EMS

FRI Bridged the Time Gap  
With a 3 Minute Arrival

FRI was there to assist until

EMS & RCMP Arrived

FRI Helped Patient to Get into a  
Calmer State While Waiting for

EMS & RCMP



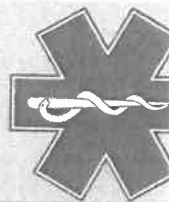
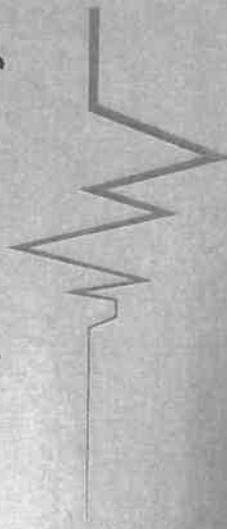
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Thank you for Your Support

Together FRI & EMS Help  
Community Members Receive  
Fast & Effective Help When they Need it Most





Fire Rescue  
International

Alberta Beach  
Val Quentin  
Castle Island

2025 Emergency Calls Report



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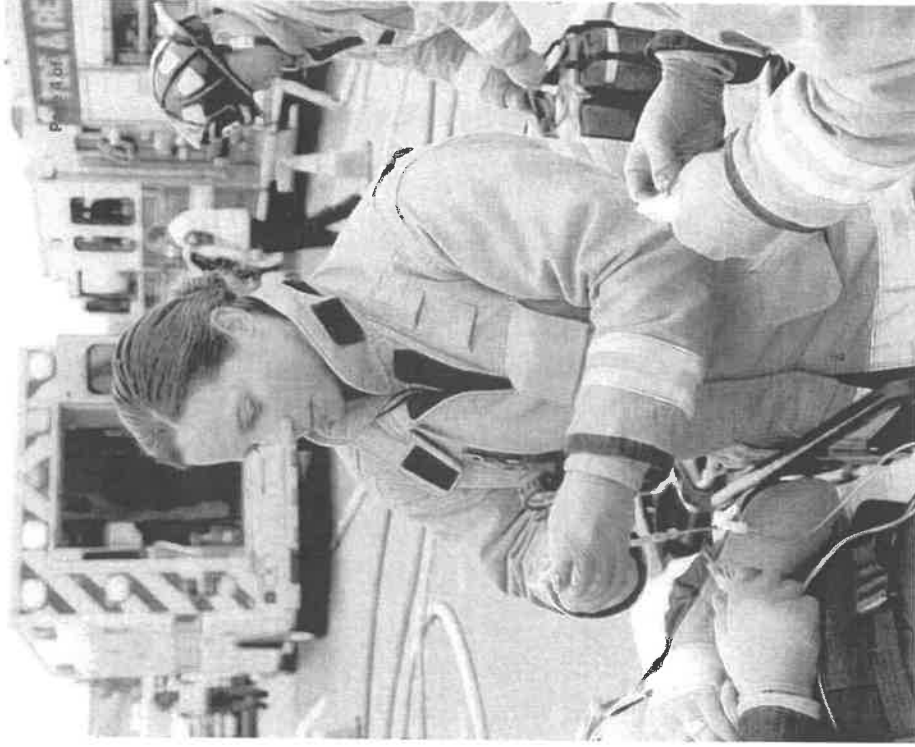
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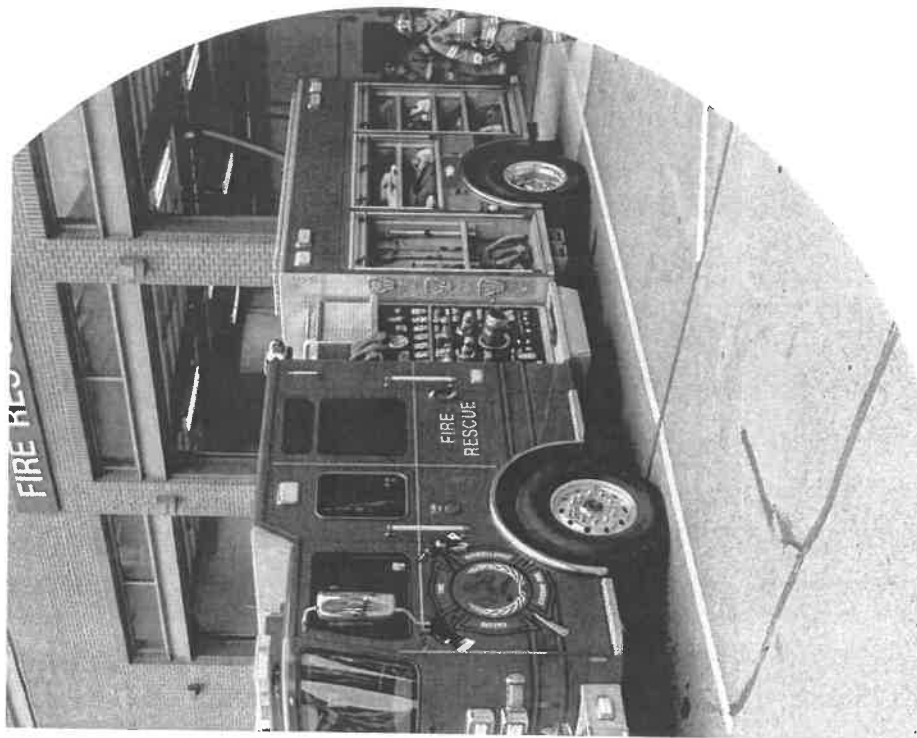
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- Alarms 21
- Fires 5
- MVC 1



Average Chute Time:  
Time it Takes from Time of Page to Leave the Station

2 Minutes 2 Seconds





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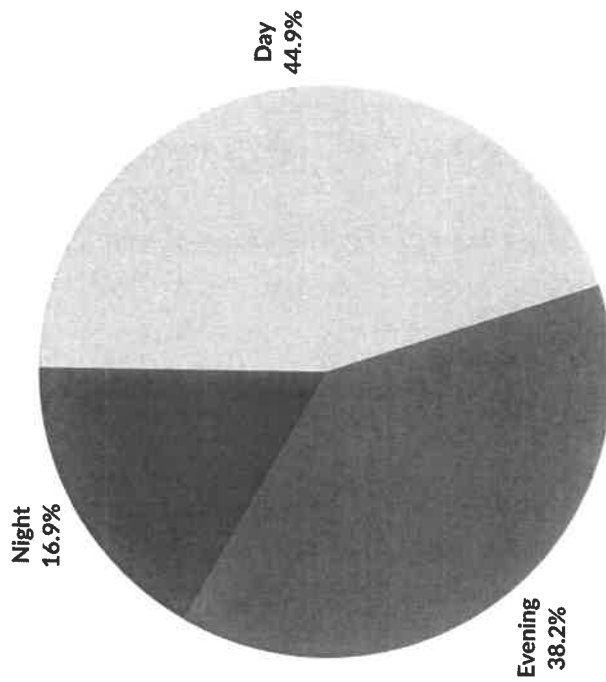
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5 Minutes 18 seconds



## Time of Day Calls Occur





## Average Members on Scene

5

## Average Members on Call

7

We have a couple of members standing by on station



Thank You for Your Support



[www.firerescueinternational.net](http://www.firerescueinternational.net)  
1-855-710-3473

**From:** Kristin Pichoskie  
**Sent:** June 18, 2026 5:33 PM  
**To:** Kristin Pichoskie  
**Subject:** Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day Request  
**Attachments:** Oaks proclamation draft.pdf; OAKS PROCLAMATION LETTER.pdf

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Kristin Pichoskie, and I am the founder of Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative created in memory of my son, Oak Beaudyn Noel.

Oak's Tree of Love respectfully requests that your Municipality proclaim October 15, 2026, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

We would also be grateful if the Municipality would consider a flag raising and/or the illumination of a municipal building, bridge, landmark, sign, or other public feature in pink, blue, and white in recognition of this important awareness initiative.

Pregnancy, infant, and child loss affect thousands of Canadian families each year. Recognition of this day and month helps raise awareness, honour babies and children gone too soon, support bereaved families, reduce the stigma surrounding grief and loss, and encourage compassionate conversations about pregnancy loss, infant loss, stillbirth, and child loss within our communities.

Oak's Tree of Love provides memory boxes, remembrance projects, awareness initiatives, hospital partnerships, and support resources for families affected by the loss of a baby or child.

Attached for your consideration are a formal request letter and draft proclamation wording.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and support of bereaved families. We would be grateful to learn whether the Municipality plans to participate through a proclamation, flag raising, illumination, social media recognition, or another form of recognition for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month in 2026.

This request forms part of a Canada-wide awareness initiative seeking municipal, provincial, and territorial recognition of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month, and support for bereaved families.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pichoskie  
Founder, Oak's Tree of Love

In loving memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel ❤️ ❤️

PROCLAMATION – PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS  
DAY

WHEREAS pregnancy loss, infant loss, and child loss affect thousands of families each year, leaving lasting impacts on parents, siblings, grandparents, and communities; and

WHEREAS many families experience grief in silence and may face their loss without adequate awareness, understanding, or support from those around them; and

WHEREAS Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative founded in memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel, supports families who have experienced pregnancy loss, infant loss, and child loss through memory boxes, remembrance projects, advocacy, awareness, and community support; and

WHEREAS this proclamation honours the memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel and all babies and children gone too soon while recognizing the importance of supporting bereaved families in our communities; and

WHEREAS Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the lives of babies and children gone too soon, honour their memories, and recognize the strength and resilience of grieving families; and

WHEREAS increasing awareness helps reduce stigma, encourages compassionate support, and reminds bereaved families that they are not alone in their grief journey, while communities across Canada and around the world observe October 15 in remembrance of babies and children who are deeply loved and forever remembered;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby proclaim October 15, 2026, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in \_\_\_\_\_ and encourage all residents to recognize, remember, and support families who have experienced the loss of a baby or child.

# OAK'S TREE OF LOVE



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Members of Council,**

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Oak's Tree of Love supports bereaved families through memory boxes, remembrance projects, advocacy, and awareness initiatives across Canada.

Participating municipalities will be recognized as part of a Canada-wide awareness initiative highlighting communities that support Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

I respectfully ask Council to consider supporting this request and helping honour babies and children gone too soon while recognizing the strength and resilience of grieving families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,  
Kristin Pichoskie  
Founder, Oak's Tree of Love

aboffice@albertabeach.com

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**From:** Cindy Suter <csuter@lsac.ca>  
**Sent:** August 6, 2026 10:14 AM  
**To:** Kathy Skwarchuk  
**Cc:** premier@gov.ab.ca; MA Minister; PSES Minister; TEC Minister; Lac Ste.Anne-Parkland; 1LSA-COUNCIL2025; Randy Schroeder; Wendy Wildman Summer Village of Castle Island; cao@nakamun.com; Wendy Wildman Silver Sands, Castle Island, South View; Angela Duncan; Marlene Walsh; david.ives@firerescueinternational.net; karen.clark@parklandcounty.com  
**Subject:** High Acuity Highway Dispatch for Medical First Response (MFR)  
**Attachments:** Alberta Beach - High Acuity Highway Dispatch (MFR) 07242026.pdf

Good day please see the attached response to the correspondence form Alberta Beach dated June 24, 2026.

Thank you.

### Cindy Suter

Executive Assistant, CAO & Council

56521 RGE RD 65 | BOX 219 | SANGUDO, ALBERTA T0E 2A0

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July 24, 2026

Alberta Beach  
Box 278  
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

Attn: Mayor and Council

Re: High-Acuity Highway Dispatch for Medical First Response (MFR)

In response to discussions held at the January 2026 Regional Municipalities Meeting, as well as your correspondence dated June 24, 2026, regarding the above noted matter, Lac Ste. Anne County Council has considered the proposed dual dispatch approach.

Lac Ste. Anne County remains committed to supporting efficient and effective emergency services for residents and travelers within our region.

The current dispatch system and response protocols exercised by Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services have proven effective, and Council is confident in the established mutual aid framework. This framework is utilized with several neighbouring municipal fire services and reflects a model that is widely used and proven effective across Alberta.

This approach provides a reliable framework for emergency response while maintaining local operational oversight and fostering interagency cooperation. Based on this experience, Council is confident that the current mutual aid model continues to meet the needs of our communities and supports the timely delivery of emergency services throughout the region.

Accordingly, Council wishes to maintain its existing mutual aid agreement with Alberta Beach, and additional municipalities, and does not support the implementation of dual dispatch or automatic aid.

Jurgen Preugschas  
Reeve

JP:tc

c.c. Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier  
Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Hospital and Surgical Health Services  
Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Services  
Honourable Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors  
Shane Getson, MLA, Lac Ste. Anne Parkland  
Lac Ste. Anne County Council  
Summer Village of Castle Island Council  
Summer Village of Nakamun Park Council  
Summer Village of Silver Sands Council  
Summer Village of South View Council  
Summer Village of Val Quentin Council  
Chief David Ives, Fire Rescue International  
Chief Randy Schroeder, Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services  
Karen Clark, Manager Parkland County Emergency Communications Centre

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY



July 29, 2026

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

Dear CAO Skwarchuk,

Re: 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant–Ball Diamond Maintenance \$1,000.00

I am pleased to advise you that your organization will receive \$1,000.00 through the 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant. This fund was established to assist with the continued provision for recreational facilities and recreational program opportunities in our communities. Eligible expenses must have been incurred directly by your organization between **January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026**. As you have a Direct Deposit Enrollment Form on file, funds will be released through direct deposit (EFT) within three weeks. It is imperative to note that these **allocations are reviewed annually**, and there is no guarantee that future funding levels will remain the same as this current allocation.

It is noted within your file that the 2025 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant allocation you have already received, of \$1,000.00, for 2025 ball diamond maintenance was requested, by yourself, to be carried forward to 2026, to be combined with this new 2026 allocation and utilized to purchase shale for the diamonds.

#### **Evaluation Required**

Attached, you will also find a brief final evaluation form to complete once you have expended the grant funding in full. As per policy, because the two allocations exceed \$1,001.00, please include copies of all supporting documentation (invoices/receipts) pertaining to those expenses covered through this grant. Although the deadline for submitting this document is no later than January 15, 2027, earlier submissions are appreciated. Please note that failure to complete and submit final accounting documentation may affect future grant funding.

#### **Recognition Required**

All external agencies receiving County grant funding are required to publicly recognize this funding. A quick post to your organization's Facebook page, if you have one, stating something like "This program is partially funded by Lac Ste. Anne County's Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant" would be greatly appreciated (and is free)! Please provide a copy of that recognition along with your completed final evaluation documentation.

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

Sincerely,

Donna Kerr  
Community Services Manager

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July 29, 2026

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

Dear CAO Skwarchuk,

Re: 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant – \$10,000.00 Available (Main Beach)

Lac Ste. Anne County Council has finalized the 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant allocations. I am pleased to advise you that your organization is eligible to receive an allocation of \$10,000.00 through this grant program.

This fund was established to assist with the continued provision for recreational facilities and recreational program opportunities in our communities. Eligible expenses must have been incurred directly by your organization between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026, and pertain specifically to the facility mentioned above. It is imperative to note that these **allocations are reviewed annually**, and there is no guarantee that future funding levels will remain the same as this current allocation.

As per Lac Ste. Anne County Policy #02-020-004, Recreational Facility & Program Assistance Grant recipients, where Direct Grant Allocation funding level exceeds \$5,000.00, must submit a three (3) year budget prior to funding release. **Please submit your updated three (3) year budget (for 2026, 2027 & 2028) at your earliest convenience.** Upon receipt and a satisfactory review of that documentation, payment will be released by direct deposit (EFT) within two weeks.

As a reminder, please note that we will also require the submission of year-end financial statements, to December 31, 2026, once available. I've set a tentative deadline for that of March 1, 2027, but I can extend that if needed.

All major facilities are required to display signage (supplied by Lac Ste. Anne County) recognizing support for that facility. Our records indicate that signage for your facility mentioned above is already in place – thank you!

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

Sincerely,

Donna Kerr  
Community Services Manager

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY



July 29, 2026

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

Dear CAO Skwarchuk,

Re: 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant – \$10,000.00 Available (Boat Launch)

Lac Ste. Anne County Council has finalized the 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant allocations. I am pleased to advise you that your organization is eligible to receive an allocation of \$10,000.00 through this grant program.

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Sincerely,

Donna Kerr  
Community Services Manager

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LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY



July 29, 2026

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

Dear CAO Skwarchuk,

Re: 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant—\$8,000.00 Available (Beachwave Park)

Lac Ste. Anne County Council has finalized the 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant allocations. I am pleased to advise you that your organization is eligible to receive an allocation of \$8,000.00 through this grant program.

This fund was established to assist with the continued provision for recreational facilities and recreational program opportunities in our communities. Eligible expenses must have been incurred directly by your organization between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026, and pertain specifically to the facility mentioned above. It is imperative to note that these allocations are reviewed annually, and there is no guarantee that future funding levels will remain the same as this current allocation.

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As a reminder, please note that we will also require the submission of year-end financial statements, to December 31, 2026, once available. I've set a tentative deadline for that of March 1, 2027, but I can extend that if needed.

As I know you are already aware, Alberta Beach is also required to publicly acknowledge the County's contribution to Beachwave Park operations.

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

Sincerely,

Donna Kerr  
Community Services Manager

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**aboffice@albertabeach.com**

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**From:** Debbie <debbiedurocher@albertabeach.com>  
**Sent:** June 17, 2026 10:22 AM  
**To:** Kathy Skwarchuk; Tara Elwood; Kelly Muir; Daryl Weber;  
 decolynnejoburns@albertabeach.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: LILSA WQ2 Project - Presentation to your Municipality or Group  
**Attachments:** Presentation to Municipalities 20260616.pdf; Untitled attachment 00059.htm

Here is the final copy, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, thanks

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ray Hutscal (Ross Haven)" <ray.hutscal@rosshaven.ca>  
**Date:** June 16, 2026 at 7:05:19 PM MDT  
**To:** berniepoulin <berniepoulin@icloud.com>, Bo Knysh <bknysh@lsac.ca>, councillor <councillor@svyellowstone.ca>, debbiedurocher <debbiedurocher@albertabeach.com>, Hughie Jones <hughiejones@drwhitefeather.com>, Krista Quesnel <krista.quesnel@parklandcounty.com>, mfilipowich <mfilipowich@outlook.com>, Pat Garvin <patgarvin50@gmail.com>, Rodney Janz <rodney.janz@sunsetpoint.ca>, tracy <tracy@lsametis.com>, tracyheronbeck <tracyheronbeck@icloud.com>, woronukg706 <woronukg706@gmail.com>, colleen@summervillageofsouthview.com, Barrie Ronaldson <barrie.ronaldson@valquentin.ca>, carolynjensen123 <carolynjensen123@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Ann Mitchell <amitchell@lsac.ca>  
**Subject:** LILSA WQ2 Project - Presentation to your Municipality or Group

Attached is the final version of the presentation. Please present this to your respective council in your upcoming council or association meeting.

We will also post this on our WQ2 website, as well as provide this to our MLA and MP's.

Looking forward to hearing how this was received. 🤔

**Ray Hutscal**  
 Mayor, Summer Village of Ross Haven  
 E [ray.hutscal@rosshaven.ca](mailto:ray.hutscal@rosshaven.ca)  
 C 403.850.1873



# Municipalities and Stakeholder Advisory Groups Project Update: WQ<sup>2</sup> June 16, 2026

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## About LILSA

### Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne Stewardship Society

- ✓ There was a lake management society that was formed by a group of concerned residents. It was disbanded in the 1990's. After complaints to Lac Ste Anne County ("LSAC"), this society (now LILSA) was reinstated at the request of the Association of the Summer Villages of Lac Ste Anne East.
- ✓ Non-profit society
- ✓ Volunteer Organization
- ✓ Objectives:
  - Undertake the collection of data and information to increase knowledge
  - Educate and increase the public's understanding
  - Participate in programs to promote and protect the lake and watershed
  - Collaborate with other organizations with similar objectives
- ✓ Successes:
  - Worked in collaboration with Alberta Environment to engage Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation to get a chemical application to flowering rush. This multi-year project reduced the quantity and spread of flowering rush.
- ✓ Membership:
  - 2025 - 20
  - 2026 - 49

## How did WQ<sup>2</sup> start?

- ✓ April to June 2025
  - Numerous complaints by residents to LSAC, our MLA and the Alberta Environment & Protected Areas (“EPA”) regarding water quality and water quantity
- ✓ June to July 2025
  - Initial meetings between Mayors of Municipalities of those respondents, EPA, and LSAC.
- ✓ August 2025
  - LILSA agreed to lead the effort of a Lake Mgmt Plan, which will include watershed, weir, and fish migration.
  - Letter to all Municipalities around Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne suggesting LILSA lead the approach
- ✓ September to November 2025
  - LILSA requested each Council to Endorsing the August Letter and to appoint a Steering Committee Members
- ✓ December 2025
  - First WQ<sup>2</sup> Meeting
  - Name: WQ<sup>2</sup> -Water Quality and Water Quantity

## WQ<sup>2</sup> Endorsements

- ✓ Alberta Beach
- ✓ Lac Ste Anne County
- ✓ Lac Ste Anne Metis Community Association
- ✓ Parkland County
- ✓ SV of Castle Island
- ✓ SV of Ross Haven
- ✓ SV of Silver Sands
- ✓ SV of South View
- ✓ SV of Sunset Point
- ✓ SV of Val Quentin
- ✓ SV of Yellowstone
- ✓ SV of West Cove

## Not Officially Endorsed

- Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

## WQ<sup>2</sup> Steering Committee Members

Co Chairs: Bernie Poulin, Ray Hutscal

Alberta Beach: Debbie Durocher (elected official)

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation: Dr. Hughie Jones (volunteer)

Lac Ste. Anne County: Bo Knysh (elected official)

Lac Ste. Anne Metis Community Assoc: Tracy L. Friedel (volunteer)

SV of Castle Island: Pat Garvin (volunteer)

SV of Ross Haven: Michael Filipowich (volunteer)

SV of Silver Sands: Bernie Poulin (elected official)

SV of South View: Colleen Richardson (elected official)

SV of Sunset Point: Rodney Janz (volunteer)

SV of Val Quentin: Carolyn Jensen (volunteer)

SV of Yellowstone: Michael Clark (elected official)

SV of West Cove: Greg Woronuk (volunteer)

No Appointed Committee Member

- Parkland County

## WQ<sup>2</sup> Progress

- ✓ Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members
- ✓ Goal Agreement
  - Ensure a shared vision and values, followed by the development of a comprehensive Lake Mgmt Plan for Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne, that will complement other watershed plans
- ✓ Steering Committee Survey and Collaboration
  - Get to know each other, understand personal objectives and views
- ✓ Engagement of Whitestone Industry Services Ltd. to find and apply for potential funding
- ✓ Agreement to use the “Workbook for Developing Lake Watershed Management Plans in Alberta” as the guideline to develop the Lake Mgmt Plan
- ✓ Schedule developed for progression to a Lake Mgmt Plan. **Target Date: Q1 2027**
- ✓ Alignment agreement with NSWA / SRWA / LILSA WQ<sup>2</sup>

# Alignment with NSWA / SRWA / WQ<sup>2</sup>

| Aspect of the WQ <sup>2</sup> Project      | NSWA<br>(Watershed-Scale)                                                      | SRWA<br>(Sub-watershed)                                                                                                    | LILSA<br>(Project Lead)                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Role in this Project</b>                | Provides watershed-scale context and alignment (if needed)                     | Supports coordination and integration within the Sturgeon watershed                                                        | Leads and delivers the WQ <sup>2</sup> project                                                 |
| <b>Project Ownership</b>                   | No ownership                                                                   | No ownership                                                                                                               | Full ownership                                                                                 |
| <b>Decision-Making</b>                     | No direct role in project decisions                                            | Provides input where helpful; no decision authority                                                                        | Responsible for all project decisions                                                          |
| <b>Implementation</b>                      | Not implementing this project                                                  | Not implementing this project (may support coordination)                                                                   | Leads implementation and delivery                                                              |
| <b>Municipal and Stakeholder Interface</b> | Shares information at the NSR watershed scale (if required)                    | Shares information and coordinates engagement at the Sturgeon River Watershed scale for municipalities not on project team | Direct engagement on project-specific needs within the project area                            |
| <b>Data &amp; Outputs</b>                  | Not directly involved                                                          | Helps connect outputs to sub-watershed context                                                                             | Produces all project data and findings                                                         |
| <b>Communication</b>                       | May reference outcomes in watershed reporting                                  | May help share and contextualize results                                                                                   | Leads communication of project results                                                         |
| <b>Funding Role</b>                        | Not directly involved                                                          | May help identify opportunities (if appropriate)                                                                           | Leads funding and applications                                                                 |
| <b>Technical Advice / Direction</b>        | May provide NSR watershed-scale science, context, and technical insight        | Provides a forum for technical input, review and interdisciplinary discussion                                              | Leads technical analysis; considers external input as appropriate                              |
| <b>Accountability</b>                      | Not accountable for project outcomes                                           | Not accountable for project outcomes                                                                                       | Fully accountable for outcomes and deliverables                                                |
| <b>Credibility Role</b>                    | Provides broader scientific and planning context                               | Provides neutral forum and coordination credibility                                                                        | Responsible for technical credibility of the project and regulatory processes                  |
| <b>Relationship to Work</b>                | Context provider (e.g., how it fits basin-wide)                                | Connector (e.g., how it fits locally)                                                                                      | Doer (e.g., what is done)                                                                      |
| <b>Approach is perspectives differ</b>     | Engages where aligned with its watershed role; may step back where not aligned | Engages as a neutral coordinating forum; may step back to maintain neutrality and role clarity                             | Engages partners for input but retains decision-making authority and may proceed independently |
| <b>Key Boundary</b>                        | Does not influence project outcomes                                            | Does not take ownership or appear to endorse                                                                               | Maintains independence while engaging partners                                                 |

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Vision:

Lac Ste. Anne and Lake Isle are healthy, resilient lake ecosystems where natural watershed processes function sustainably, nutrient loading is minimized, and water quality supports abundant fish and wildlife, safe recreation, and vibrant community life. The lakes and their shorelands are stewarded collaboratively by residents, Indigenous communities, municipalities, and watershed partners, ensuring that environmental, cultural, social, and economic values are protected for future generations

## Values:

We value Lac Ste. Anne and Lake Isle as places of deep cultural, spiritual, and ecological significance. We honour Indigenous knowledge and stewardship traditions, and we commit to collaborative, respectful management that protects water, wildlife, and community well-being now and into the future.

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Guiding Principles:

The Committee will operate according to the following principles:

- A. Collaboration: Shared stewardship among municipalities, Indigenous communities, residents, and stakeholders
- B. Transparency: Open communication, accessible information, and documented decisions
- C. Evidence-based decision-making: Use of best available science and local knowledge
- D. Respect: Recognition of cultural, ecological, and community values
- E. Inclusivity: Engagement of all affected and interested parties
- F. Sustainability: Long-term protection of lake and watershed health

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 1: State of the Watershed Reporting

- Currently using “2017 State of the Watershed Report”.
- Inquiring with NSWA and SRWA regarding information to update this report.

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 2: Identifying Who Should be Involved

| Group                                 | Role                                                               | Members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Steering Committee (WQ <sup>2</sup> ) | Leads planning, writes plan, coordinates                           | LILSA WQ <sup>2</sup> Committee - Includes representation from each Municipality, Counties, and groups around the two lakes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Stakeholder Advisory Group            | Provides input, reviews draft, supports implementation as required | Alberta Environment & Protected Areas, Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation, Alberta Health Services, Alberta Forestry and Parks, Alberta Lake Management Society, Ducks Unlimited, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage and others that are identified or express interest. |
| Technical Committee                   | Provides scientific and technical expertise                        | SRWA Technical Advisory Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Watershed Community                   | Provides local knowledge, values, and support                      | Residents, seasonal cabin owners, recreational users, local businesses, church organizations, and others that are identified or express interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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## Step 3: Determine How Participants will Work Together

### 1. Collaboration Approach

The planning process will follow a collaborative, consensus-based, watershed-wide approach, consistent with:

- A. All affected jurisdictions and communities participate meaningfully
- B. Indigenous governments are engaged as full partners
- C. Technical experts inform decisions
- D. Stakeholders and the public contribute throughout the process
- E. Transparency and trust guide all interactions

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 3: Determine How Participants will Work Together

2. Expectations for Participation: All participants agree to:
  - A. Actively Engage
    - i. Attend meetings regularly
    - ii. Review materials in advance
    - iii. Participate constructively in discussions
    - iv. Bring forward the perspectives of their organization or community
  - B. Share Knowledge
    - i. Provide local knowledge, technical expertise, and relevant data
    - ii. Identify issues, opportunities, and constraints
    - iii. Support evidence-based decision-making
  - C. Respect Diverse Perspectives
    - i. Recognize the cultural significance of Lac Ste. Anne and Lake Isle
    - ii. Respect the needs of residents, recreation users, agriculture, and industry
    - iii. Value both scientific and traditional knowledge
  - D. Support Implementation
    - i. Commit to actions within their jurisdiction or capacity
    - ii. Help communicate the plan to their communities
    - iii. Participate in monitoring and adaptive management

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 3: Determine How Participants will Work Together

3. Decision Making Process. For this plan:
  - A. Primary Method: Consensus. Consensus means:
    - i. All participants can “live with” the decision
    - ii. Concerns are addressed through discussion
    - iii. Decisions reflect shared responsibility
  - B. Fallback Method: Supermajority. If consensus cannot be reached:
    - i. A 75% supermajority of Steering Committee members may approve a decision
    - ii. Dissenting views will be documented
  - C. Technical Decisions.
    - i. Technical Committee recommendations will be based on best available science
    - ii. Steering Committee will consider technical advice when making final decisions
  - D. Advisory Input.
    - i. Stakeholder Advisory Group provides non-binding input
    - ii. All feedback is documented and considered

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4. Communication and Information Sharing.  
Effective communication is essential for trust and transparency.
  - A. Internal Communication
    - i. Meeting agendas and materials distributed at least one week in advance
    - ii. Minutes circulated within two weeks after meetings
    - iii. Shared document repository for all committees
  - B. Between Committees
    - i. Technical Committee provides written recommendations to Steering Committee
    - ii. Stakeholder Advisory Group provides feedback summaries
    - iii. Steering Committee communicates decisions and next steps to all groups via Meeting Minutes that are published on the website
  - C. Public Communication
    - i. Project webpage with updates, documents, and meeting summaries
    - ii. Public open houses and workshops at key milestones
    - iii. Clear, accessible language for public materials

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### 5. Conflict Resolution

Conflict is normal and must be managed constructively. The process to manage conflict:

- A. Identify the issue and perspectives involved
- B. Facilitate discussion to clarify interests
- C. Seek solutions that meet shared objectives
- D. Use consensus or supermajority decision-making
- E. Document unresolved concerns
- F. If needed, a neutral facilitator may be engaged.

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## Step 3: Determine How Participants will Work Together

6. Commitment to Transparency  
All participants agree to:
  - A. Share information openly
  - B. Document decisions and rationales
  - C. Make non-confidential materials publicly available
  - D. Ensure the planning process is understandable and accessible

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 4: Establish the Structure under Which Participants will Contribute

### 1. Governance Structure

#### A. Steering Committee

##### i. Role

- Provides overall leadership and direction
- Approves major milestones, timelines, and deliverables
- Ensures alignment with municipal, provincial, and Indigenous priorities
- Oversees engagement, communications, and plan development
- Take information back to each of Steering Committees respective council
- Ensure Stakeholder Advisory Group and Watershed Community are informed

##### ii. Chairing

- Bernie Poulin and Ray Hutschal Co-Chairs

##### iii. Decision Making

- Consensus-based, with fallback to supermajority (75%) if needed
- Decisions documented in meeting minutes

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 4: Establish the Structure under Which Participants will Contribute

### Governance Structure (continued)

#### B. SRWA Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC")

- i. Role
  - Reviews data, modelling, and monitoring results
  - Reviews and provides feedback on management actions based on evidence
  - Advises if the plan is technically defensible
- ii. Decision Making
  - Consensus on technical recommendations with fallback to supermajority (75%) if needed
  - Provides written summaries to Steering Committee

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## Step 4: Establish the Structure under Which Participants will Contribute

### Governance Structure (continued)

#### C. Stakeholder Advisory Group - includes Government Agencies

- i. Role
  - Represents the full range of lake users and interests
  - Reviews draft materials and provides feedback
  - Helps identify issues, opportunities, and acceptable trade offs
  - Supports community buy in and implementation
  - Ensure legislation is adhered to
- ii. Decision Making
  - Advisory only. Provides input to Steering Committee
  - Feedback documented and publicly summarized.

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 4: Establish the Structure under Which Participants will Contribute

### 2. Roles and Responsibilities

- A. Steering Committee
  - i. Approves Terms of Reference (Steps 3 and 4)
  - ii. Sets vision, values, outcomes, and priorities
  - iii. Approves the final plan
  - iv. Oversees the implementation and monitoring
  - v. Ensures transparency and communication with the public
- B. Technical Committee
  - i. Reviews watershed assessments
  - ii. Identifies indicators, targets, and thresholds
  - iii. Evaluates management options
  - iv. Advises on feasibility and cost-effectiveness
- C. Stakeholder Advisory Group
  - i. Identifies community concerns and opportunities
  - ii. Provides local knowledge and lived experience
  - iii. Helps shape acceptable and realistic actions
  - iv. Supports outreach and education

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 4: Establish the Structure under Which Participants will Contribute

### 3. Communication Pathways

- A. Technical Committee → Steering Committee
  - i. Written technical memos, presentations, and recommendations.
- B. Stakeholder Advisory Group → Steering Committee
  - i. Summaries of feedback, concerns, and community perspectives.
- C. Steering Committee → Public (includes Technical Committee, Stakeholder Advisory Group, and Watershed Community)
  - i. Website updates
  - ii. Open houses
  - iii. Social media

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Step 4: Establish the Structure under Which Participants will Contribute

### 4. Meeting Frequency

- A. Steering Committee
  - i. Two Times Monthly during plan development; quarterly afterward
- B. Technical Committee
  - i. Quarterly
- C. Stakeholder Advisory Group
  - A. At key milestones (2-3 times per year)

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## Step 4: Establish the Structure under Which Participants will Contribute

### 5. Administrative Support

- A. Lac Ste. Anne County
- B. LILSA
- C. NSWA and SRWA
- D. ALMS

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Planned Activities

- Schedule for Steps 5 to 16 will be finalized once we have funding.

| ID | Task Mode | Task Name                                                                               | Duration | % Complete | Start      | Finish     |
|----|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1  |           | <b>LILSA WQ2 Lake Mgmt Plan + Water Control Structure / Fish Passage Construction</b>   |          | 0%         |            |            |
| 2  |           | Revised: June 2, 2026                                                                   |          | 0%         |            |            |
| 3  |           | Committee Formation                                                                     | 38 days  | 100%       | 2025-08-06 | 2025-09-26 |
| 10 |           | Stakeholder Register                                                                    | 53 days  | 40%        | 2026-04-06 | 2026-06-17 |
| 22 |           | Information Collection and Sharing                                                      | 220 days | 50%        | 2025-09-29 | 2026-07-31 |
| 28 |           | Lake Management Plan - Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne                                       |          | 4%         | 2025-07-29 | 2029-07-04 |
| 29 |           | Develop Initial Vision                                                                  | 23 days  | 100%       | 2026-04-06 | 2026-05-06 |
| 30 |           | Step 1: State of the Watershed Reporting                                                | 23 days  | 100%       | 2026-04-06 | 2026-05-06 |
| 31 |           | Step 2: Identify who should be involved                                                 | 23 days  | 100%       | 2026-05-06 | 2026-06-05 |
| 32 |           | Step 3: Determine who Participants will Work Together                                   | 23 days  | 100%       | 2026-05-06 | 2026-06-05 |
| 33 |           | Step 4: Establish the Structure under which Participants will Contribute                | 27 days  | 25%        | 2026-06-08 | 2026-07-14 |
| 34 |           | Presentations to Stakeholder Advisory Groups 1                                          | 27 days  | 25%        | 2026-06-08 | 2026-07-14 |
| 35 |           | Prepare Presentations                                                                   | 7 days   | 100%       | 2026-06-08 | 2026-06-16 |
| 36 |           | Presentations to Councils and Stakeholder Advisory Groups                               | 20 days  | 0%         | 2026-06-17 | 2026-07-14 |
| 37 |           | Info back to WQ2                                                                        | 1 day    | 0%         | 2026-07-07 | 2026-07-07 |
| 38 |           | Step 5: Identify and Prioritize Issues and Opportunities through Stakeholder Engagement |          |            |            |            |
| 39 |           | Step 6: Preparing and Confirming Support for the Terms of Reference                     |          |            |            |            |
| 40 |           | Step 7: Develop an Engagement Strategy                                                  |          |            |            |            |
| 41 |           | Step 8: Identifying Outcomes, Objectives, and Indicators                                |          |            |            |            |
| 42 |           | Step 9: Developing, evaluating, and Selecting Mgmt Actions                              |          |            |            |            |
| 43 |           | Address Water Control Structure, Fish Passage Structure, Beaver Dams                    |          |            |            |            |
| 44 |           | Presentations to Stakeholder Advisory Groups 2                                          |          |            |            |            |
| 48 |           | Step 10: Drafting and Confirming Support for the Plan                                   |          |            |            |            |
| 56 |           | Step 11: Implement the Plan                                                             |          |            |            |            |
| 57 |           | Step 12: Establish the Implementation Committee                                         |          |            |            |            |
| 58 |           | Step 13: Implementing the Plan                                                          |          |            |            |            |
| 77 |           | Step 14: Monitoring the Plan                                                            |          |            |            |            |
| 78 |           | Step 15: Reporting on Implementation and Outcomes                                       |          |            |            |            |
| 79 |           | Step 16: Adapting the plan to new info                                                  |          |            |            |            |

# Lake Mgmt Plan

## Municipalities - What do we need from you?

1. Communication to your residents; feedback from your council
  - a) Posting this presentation on your website / social media
  - b) Stay tuned for future updates
2. Letters of support for Grant Applications
3. Matching financial or in-kind grant potential
4. Administrative Support

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**Attachments:** Call to Action to the Government of Alberta\_2026.pdf; NPF Alberta W9 .pdf

Dear Mayor Taralyn Elwood and Alberta Beach Council,

On behalf of the National Police Federation,

As the Government of Alberta continues to consider changes to policing and public safety across the province, municipalities have an important opportunity to speak with a unified voice on issues that directly affect their communities.

The National Police Federation (NPF) proudly represents nearly 20,000 RCMP Members serving across Canada and internationally, including over 3,100 who serve in Alberta. We are inviting municipalities and stakeholder groups to support the attached Call to Action. It urges the Government of Alberta to pause further investment in an Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) until a comprehensive, independent, and publicly available feasibility study is completed. It also calls for evidence-based investments in policing, the justice system, mental health and addiction support, and community-based crime prevention.

Also attached is our latest public opinion polling, which confirmed once again that 76% of Albertans are satisfied with the RCMP and 67% feel they have not been adequately consulted by creating an Alberta Sheriffs Police Service. The polling also indicates that most Albertans do not support replacing the RCMP and believe the province should prioritize other public safety needs.

If your municipality or stakeholder group is interested in signing onto the Call to Action, please reply to this email and include your municipality's logo no later than **September 30th, 2026**. Your logo will be included alongside the other participating organizations in the final public release.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the initiative further, we would be pleased to set up a presentation or meeting time with you or members of your Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope the Alberta Beach will join us in advocating for transparent decision-making and practical investments that strengthen public safety for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

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## CALL TO ACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

Dear Premier,

Albertans deserve safe and healthy communities where residents can rely on essential public safety, health, social, and justice systems. Provincial and municipal governments share responsibility for achieving these outcomes, and municipalities expect the Government of Alberta to be a transparent, accountable, and reliable partner in delivering them.

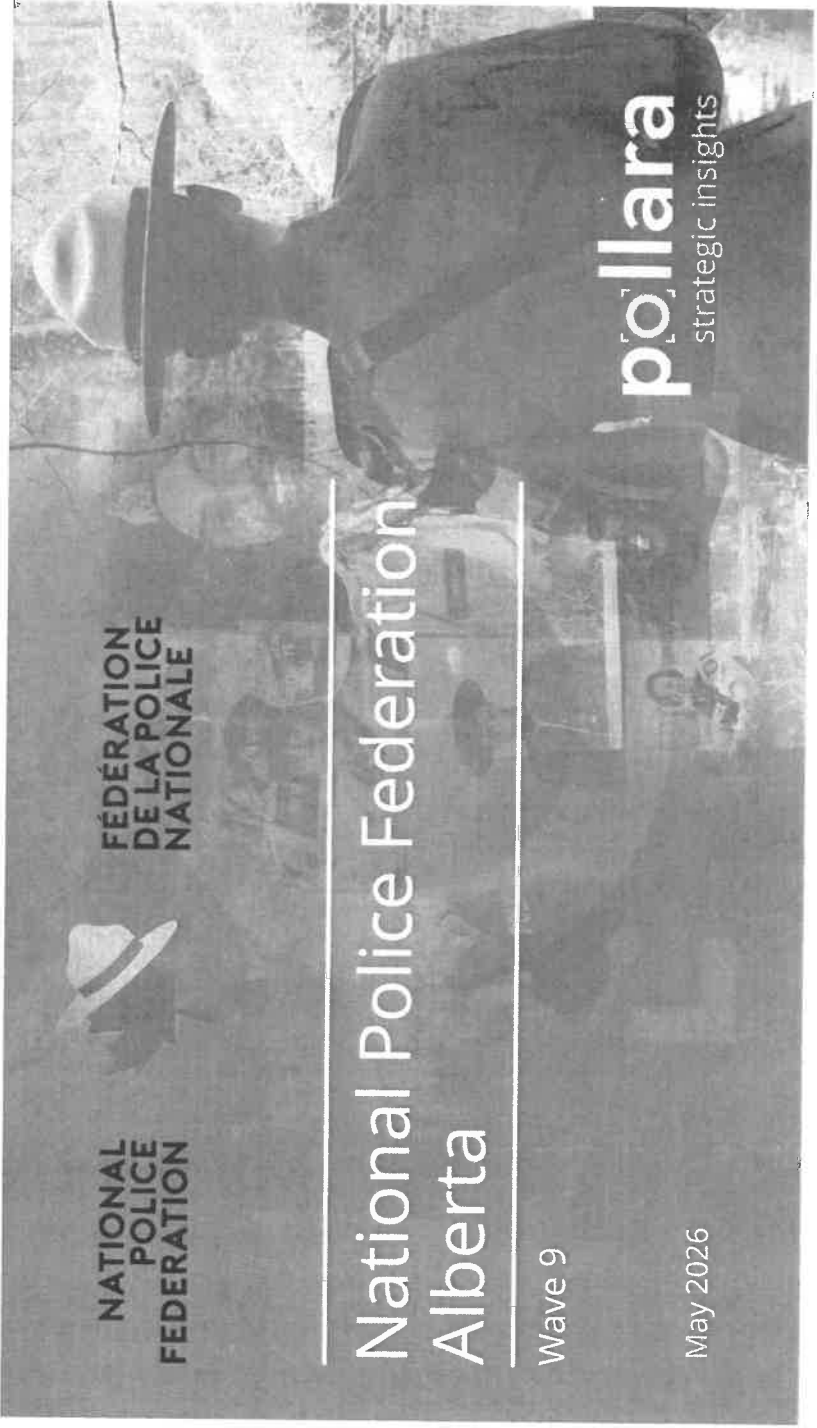
Municipalities are on the front lines of community safety, working closely with residents, businesses, and law enforcement partners every day. Despite this, municipalities have not been provided with a clear, transparent, and evidence-based plan outlining the full financial, operational, and public safety implications of establishing an Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) or transitioning policing responsibilities away from the RCMP. No comprehensive feasibility study, detailed costing model, or long-term funding framework has been made available to inform municipal decision-making or public understanding.

At the same time, Alberta's existing policing and public safety systems are under increasing pressure. Challenges related to rural crime, mental health and addictions, and violent repeat offenders require immediate and sustained investment. Rather than diverting significant public funds towards the creation of a new police service, the Government of Alberta should prioritize strengthening and properly resourcing the systems already in place.

Policing reform must be guided by evidence, transparency, and public confidence. Decisions of this magnitude, affecting community safety, municipal budgets, and taxpayer dollars, must be made in partnership with municipalities and with the clear support of Albertans.

### **We, the undersigned, call on the Government of Alberta to:**

- Cease further investment in and advancement of the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service as a replacement for RCMP municipal policing.
- Release a comprehensive, independent, and publicly available feasibility study, including full lifecycle costing, governance structures, and operational impacts of any proposed policing model changes.
- Seek explicit public support before proceeding with any plan to replace or significantly restructure policing in Alberta.
- Strengthen Alberta's existing policing model by:
  - Increasing RCMP officer levels and resources in communities, while ensuring sustainable and predictable funding; and
  - Invest in the Alberta Sheriffs' existing mandate as a complementary public safety service, including targeted enforcement, rural crime initiatives, and court security.
- Strengthen the justice system by addressing bail reform challenges and repeat violent offending; increasing the number of Crown prosecutors and Provincial Court judges; and ensuring timely access to justice.
- Expand integrated public safety approaches, including police and mental health crisis teams, addiction supports, and community-based crime prevention initiatives that address root causes of crime.



# Methodology

|              |                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Field Window | Wave 9 – April 24 to May 11, 2026                                                                                                                                     |
| Sampling     | Online survey of randomly-selected sample of <b>1,210 Adult (18+) Alberta Residents</b>                                                                               |
| Reliability  | As a guideline, a probability sample of this size carries a margin of error of <b>± 2.8%</b> , 19 times out of 20.<br>The margin of error is larger for sub-segments. |
| Weighting    | Data has been weighted using the most current age, gender, region, and education Census data, to ensure the sample reflects the actual population of adult Albertans. |

| REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION |                   |                 | DATES IN FIELD |                         | TOTAL RESPONDENTS |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| REGION                | UNWEIGHTED Counts | Margin of Error | WAVE           |                         |                   |
| Calgary               | 215               | ±6.7%           | W1             | Oct 21 – 28, 2020       | 1,300             |
| Edmonton              | 214               | ±6.7%           | W2             | Apr 30 – May 7, 2021    | 1,228             |
| Calgary Suburbs       | 100               | ±9.8%           | W3             | Oct 21 – Nov 4, 2021    | 1,221             |
| Edmonton Suburbs      | 105               | ±9.6%           | W4             | Jul 6 – 19, 2022        | 1,206             |
| Rural North           | 176               | ±7.4%           | W5             | Sept 15 – Oct 4, 2023   | 1,202             |
| Rural Central         | 200               | ±6.9%           | W6             | Jun 14 – 24, 2024       | 1,200             |
| Rural South           | 200               | ±6.9%           | W7             | April 17 – 28, 2025     | 1,201             |
|                       |                   |                 | W8             | Aug 8 – 20, 2025        | 1,200             |
| <b>TOTAL ALBERTA</b>  | <b>1,210</b>      | <b>± 2.8%</b>   | W9             | April 24 – May 11, 2026 | <b>1,210</b>      |

# Priorities & Impressions

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## Affordability & Cost-of-Living tops list of priority issues for Albertans

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- Affordability & cost-of-living (46%) remains top priority that respondents would like Premier Danielle Smith and the Alberta government to address, far ahead of health care (22%) and Alberta's economy (16%).
- Affordability & cost-of-living is top priority of majority of 18-34s (50%) and 35-54s (51%).
- Policing and public safety is the top priority of only 2% of Albertans.

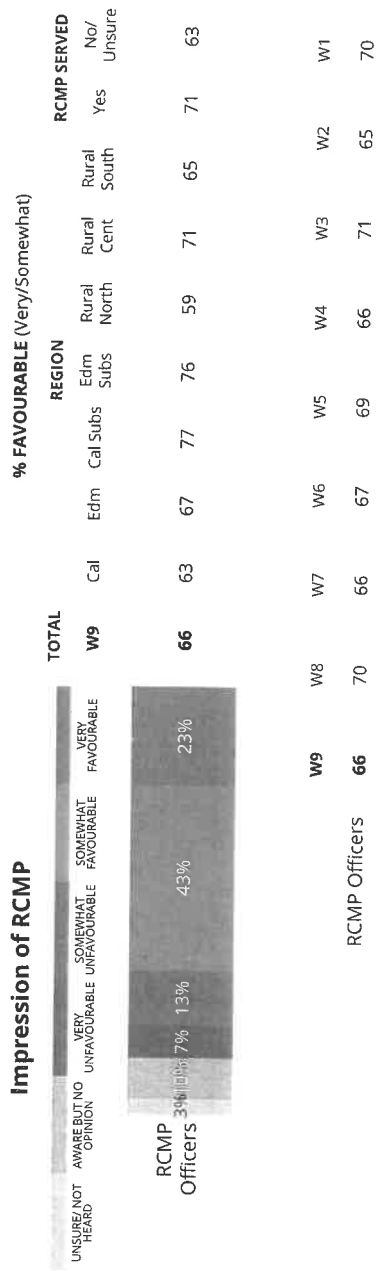
| Priority Issues                  | TOTAL |    |    |    | REGION |     |     |     | GENDER |       | AGE   |       |     |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|----|----|----|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
|                                  | W9    | W8 | W7 | W6 | Cal    | Edm | Cal | Edm | Subs   | Rural | Rural | South | All | Rural |
|                                  |       |    |    |    |        |     |     |     |        |       |       |       |     |       |
| Affordability and Cost-of-Living | 46    | 43 | 41 | 48 | 48     | 41  | 46  | 41  | 46     | 41    | 50    | 49    | 49  | 49    |
| Health Care                      | 22    | 20 | 27 | 24 | 13     | 27  | 22  | 36  | 20     | 25    | 24    | 24    | 23  | 19    |
| Alberta's Economy                | 16    | 19 | 16 | 14 | 19     | 18  | 19  | 8   | 14     | 15    | 10    | 10    | 13  | 20    |
| Climate Change & Environment     | 3     | 3  | 4  | 4  | 5      | 4   | 2   | 1   | 1      | -     | 3     | 1     | 3   | 3     |
| Education                        | 3     | 4  | 3  | 3  | 4      | 3   | 0   | 2   | 3      | 2     | 2     | 2     | 3   | 3     |
| Policing and Public Safety       | 2     | 1  | 2  | 1  | 2      | 3   | 4   | -   | 1      | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1   | 2     |
| Indigenous Reconciliation        | 1     | 2  | 1  | 0  | -      | 1   | 1   | -   | 2      | 3     | -     | 1     | 1   | 1     |
|                                  |       |    |    |    |        |     |     |     |        |       |       |       |     |       |

2. When it comes to the following issues facing Alberta today, which is your top priority that you would like the Premier Danielle Smith and the Alberta government address? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); W7 (N=1,201); W6 (N=1,200).

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## Two-thirds of Albertans have favourable impression of RCMP Officers

- Favourable impressions of RCMP Officers (66%) within range of results over past eight waves (65% to 71%).
- Favourable impressions of RCMP Officers are highest in Calgary suburbs (77%) and Edmonton suburbs (76%).



3. Do you have a favourable or unfavourable impression of the following people or organizations? If you are unaware of any, please click that response option.  
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); W7 (N=1,201); W6 (N=1,200); W5 (N=1,202); W4 (N=1,206); W3 (N=1,221); W2 (N=1,228); W1 (N=1,300).

## Police and Sheriff services in Alberta have net-favourable impressions

- Awareness of Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) (61%) is lower relative to "Alberta Sheriffs" in wave 8 (74%).
- ASPS has net-favourable impressions with 37% favourable and 24% unfavourable.
- Police services tested are net-favourable. Edmonton Police Service (66%) is within range of wave 1-8 results, while Calgary Police Service (63%) is at a lower level relative to previous waves.

| Impression of Police Services                    |                     |                         |                      |                          |                        |                    | % FAVOURABLE (Very/Somewhat) |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
|                                                  | UNSURE/NOT<br>HEARD | AWARE BUT<br>NO OPINION | VERY<br>UNFAVOURABLE | SOMEWHAT<br>UNFAVOURABLE | SOMEWHAT<br>FAVOURABLE | VERY<br>FAVOURABLE | W9                           | W8 | W7 | W6 | W5 | W4 | W3 | W2 | W1 |  |
| Medicine Hat Police Service (n=46)               | 10%                 | 11%                     | 6%                   | 14%                      | 41%                    | 30%                | 71                           | 75 | 75 | 78 | 79 | 79 | 80 | 88 | 85 |  |
| Edmonton Police Service (n=319)                  | 9%                  | 11%                     | 13%                  | 47%                      | 19%                    | 19%                | 66                           | 65 | 61 | 66 | 69 | 70 | 63 | 66 | 72 |  |
| Calgary Police Service (n=315)                   | 11%                 | 12%                     | 6%                   | 14%                      | 44%                    | 19%                | 63                           | 68 | 67 | 66 | 73 | 65 | 71 | 70 | 68 |  |
| Lethbridge Police Service (n=98)                 | 11%                 | 12%                     | 9%                   | 16%                      | 37%                    | 15%                | 53                           | 54 | 67 | 53 | 63 | 60 | 50 | 45 | 57 |  |
| Grande Prairie Police Service (n=95)             | 11%                 | 12%                     | 11%                  | 16%                      | 24%                    | 14%                | 38                           | 40 | 31 | 34 | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |  |
| Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)* (n=1210) | 11%                 | 12%                     | 10%                  | 14%                      | 27%                    | 10%                | 37                           | 52 | 49 | 46 | 49 | -  | -  | -  | -  |  |

3. Do you have a favourable or unfavourable impression of the following people or organizations? If you are unaware of any, please click that response option.  
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=Varies). Note: Data <2% not labeled. \*Previous versions listed "Alberta Sheriffs"

# National Unity

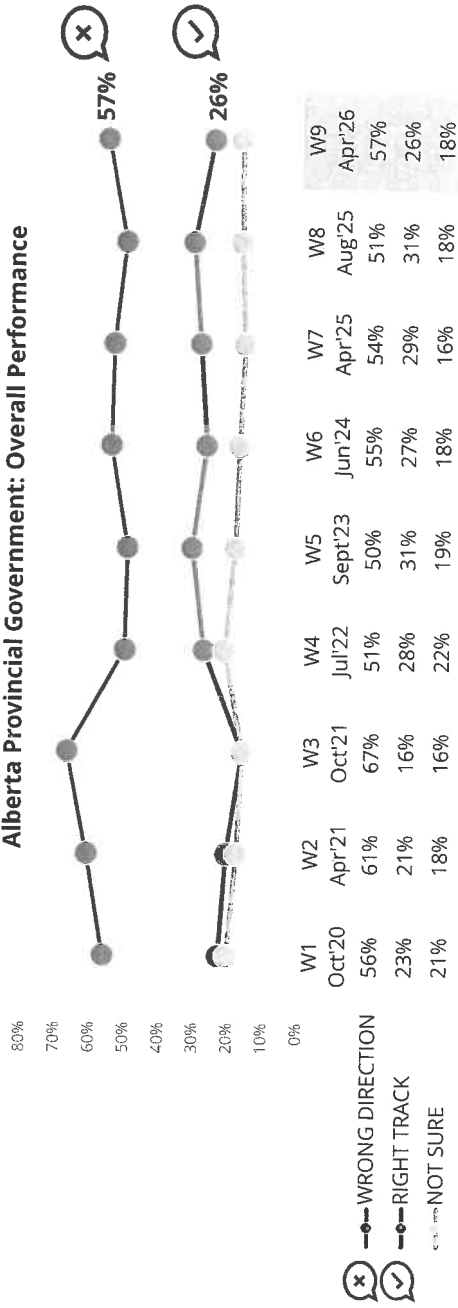
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## Majority of Albertans say provincial government heading off in wrong direction

- Those saying provincial government is on "right track" declines 5% since wave 8.

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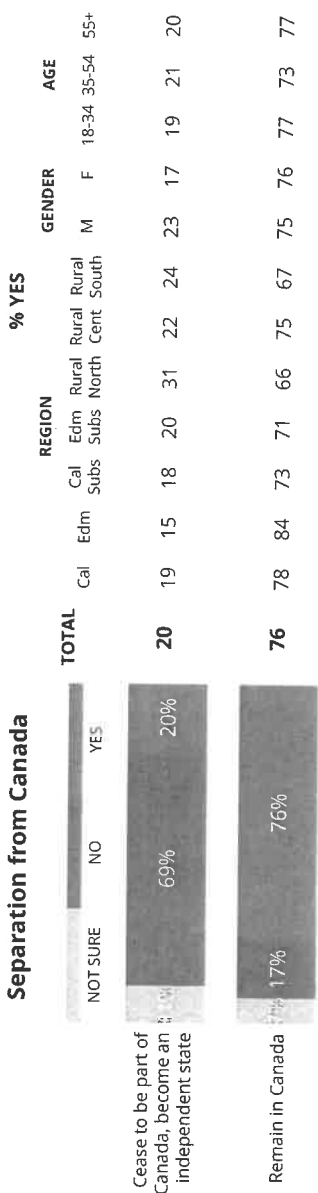
### Alberta Provincial Government: Overall Performance



1. In Alberta today, do you think the provincial government is on the right track, or do you think it is heading off in the wrong direction?  
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,201); W6 (N=1,200); W5 (N=1,202); W4 (N=1,206); W3 (N=1,221); W2 (N=1,228); W1 (N=1,300).

Three-quarters choose remaining in Canada

- 76% agree Alberta should remain in Canada while 17% disagree. In an alternate question, 20% agree Alberta should cease to be a part of Canada to become an independent state, while 69% disagree.
- Results are consistent by age, but marginally different by gender (23% men, 17% women) with women more likely to be undecided (15%) vs. men (7%).



Q 4A. Do you agree that the Province of Alberta should cease to be a part of Canada to become an independent state?  
4B. Do you agree that Alberta should remain in Canada?  
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

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- With support from separation ranging from 17% to 20%, those saying separation will have a positive impact on Canada in key areas is at a higher level (28% to 32%) suggesting that there is room to grow for separatist sentiment.
- On policing and public safety in Alberta communities, 28% say separation would have a positive impact.

**% POSITIVE IMPACT**

|                                                                                     | NO IMPACT   |  | VERY NEGATIVE |  | SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE |  | SOMEWHAT POSITIVE |  | VERY POSITIVE |     | TOTAL | REGION |     |     |          |          | GENDER      |            | AGE |             |    |    |       |       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--|---------------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|---------------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-----|----------|----------|-------------|------------|-----|-------------|----|----|-------|-------|-----|
|                                                                                     | DO NOT KNOW |  |               |  |                   |  |                   |  |               | Pos |       | Neg    | Cal | Edm | Cal Subs | Edm Subs | Rural North | Rural Cent |     | Rural South | M  | F  | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Job creation and economic development in Alberta                                    |             |  |               |  |                   |  |                   |  |               |     |       | 32     | 49  | 30  | 24       | 41       | 37          | 42         | 30  | 40          | 34 | 30 | 32    | 33    | 31  |
| The ability to ship Alberta oil to international markets by ocean                   |             |  |               |  |                   |  |                   |  |               |     |       | 31     | 49  | 30  | 26       | 33       | 31          | 38         | 34  | 33          | 36 | 26 | 36    | 30    | 28  |
| The ability of employers to attract skilled workers to Alberta for vacant positions |             |  |               |  |                   |  |                   |  |               |     |       | 29     | 48  | 27  | 23       | 38       | 35          | 35         | 30  | 35          | 33 | 25 | 33    | 30    | 26  |
| Policing and public safety in Alberta communities                                   |             |  |               |  |                   |  |                   |  |               |     |       | 28     | 46  | 29  | 24       | 31       | 31          | 32         | 29  | 29          | 33 | 24 | 27    | 31    | 26  |
| Accessibility of publicly-funded health care in Alberta                             |             |  |               |  |                   |  |                   |  |               |     |       | 28     | 53  | 28  | 21       | 27       | 29          | 35         | 31  | 29          | 32 | 23 | 30    | 31    | 23  |

5. If Alberta were to separate from Canada and become an independent country, what impact do you think this would have on each of the following?  
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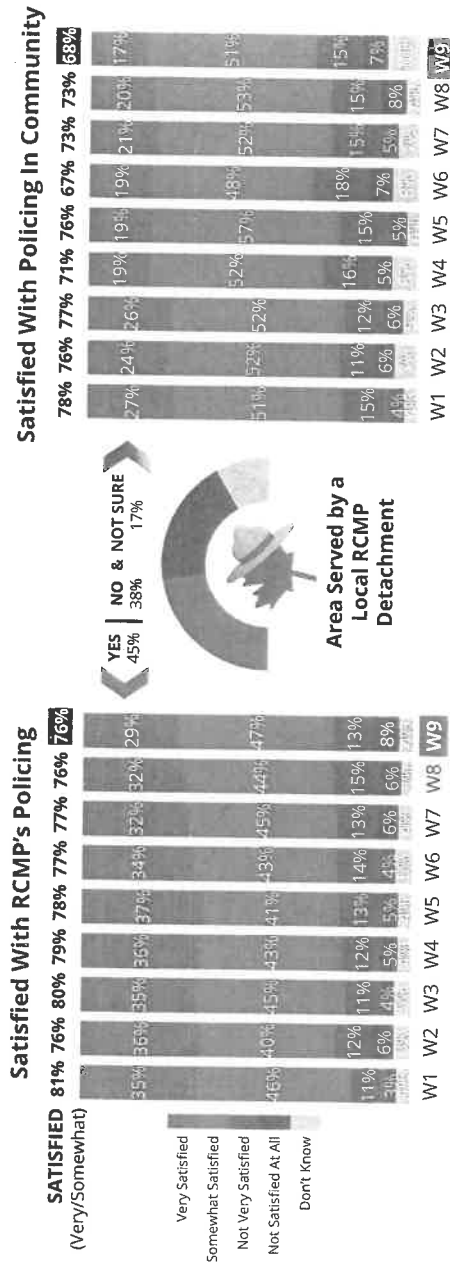
# RCMP Satisfaction, Confidence, and Believability

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## Over three-quarters satisfied with RCMP's policing

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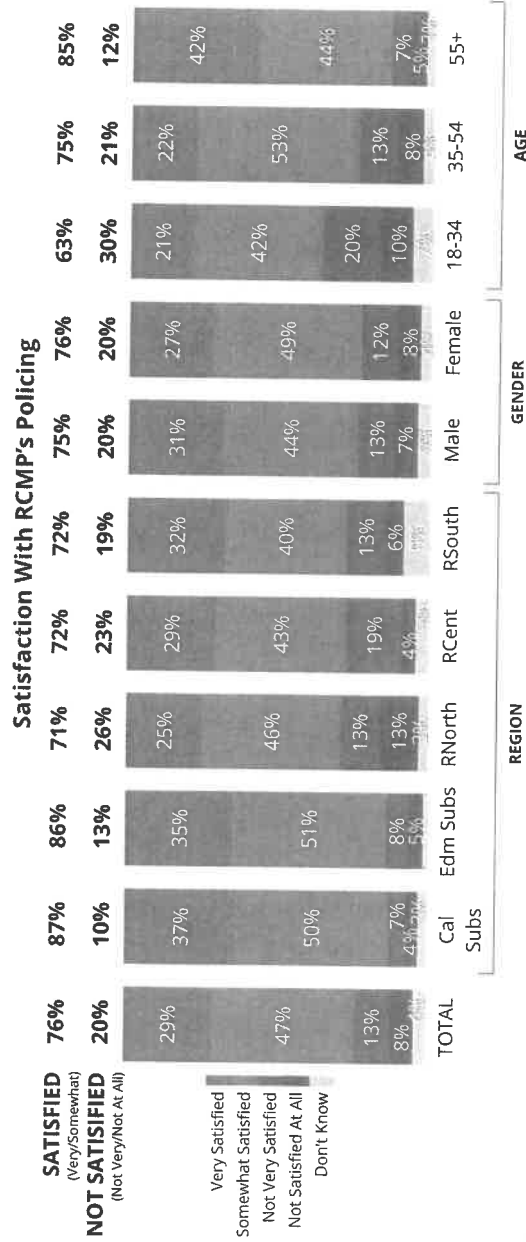
- Satisfaction with RCMP's policing of their community (76%) consistent with wave 8; those very satisfied (29%) marginally declined.
- Satisfaction with policing in non-RCMP communities (68%) declines 5% compared to wave 8, and level of those very satisfied (17%) lower than RCMP-served communities.



Now, here are some questions about policing in Alberta. | 12. Is your municipality or local area served by a local RCMP detachment? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1210); W8 (N=1200); W7 (N=1201) | 13. How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing of your community? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=687); W8 (N=729); W7 (N=718); W6 (N=678); W5 (N=699); W4 (N=696); W3 (N=727); W2 (N=733); W1 (N=809) | 14. How satisfied are you with the policing in your community? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=523); W8 (N=471); W7 (N=483); W6 (N=522); W5 (N=503); W4 (N=510); W3 (N=494); W2 (N=495); W1 (N=491).

## Satisfaction with RCMP's policing 71% or above across RCMP-served regions

- Regionally, satisfaction ranges from 71% in Rural North to 87% in Calgary suburbs.
- 55+ age group most satisfied with RCMP's policing (85%); men (75%) and women (76%) at about same level of satisfaction.



13. How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing of your community?  
Base: Local Area Served by RCMP W9 (N=687). Note: Data <2% not labeled.

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# RCMP Contract Renewal and Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)

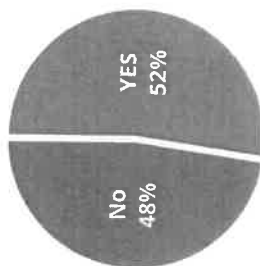
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## Slim majority aware of Alberta government's plan to create the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)

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- 52% awareness of Alberta government's plan to create the ASPS, with higher level of awareness among 55+ age group (69%), men (59%), and rural Alberta residents (56%).

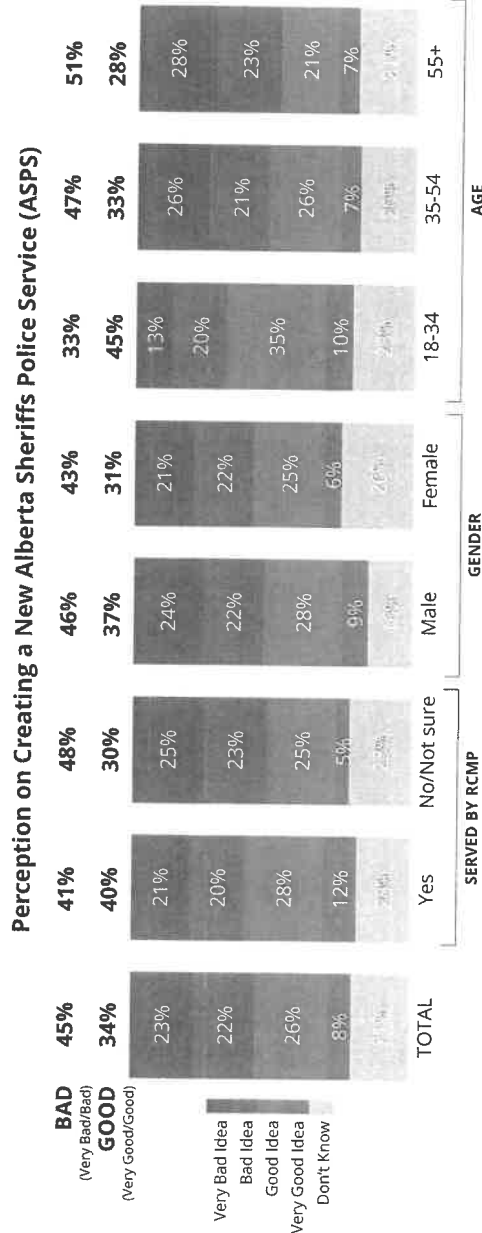
### Awareness of Alberta's Plan to Replace RCMP with Alberta Sheriffs Police Service



Q 22. Before responding to this survey, had you read, seen or heard anything about the Alberta government's plan to create a new provincial police service called the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)?  
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

## Plurality says creating a new ASPS at this time is a "bad idea"

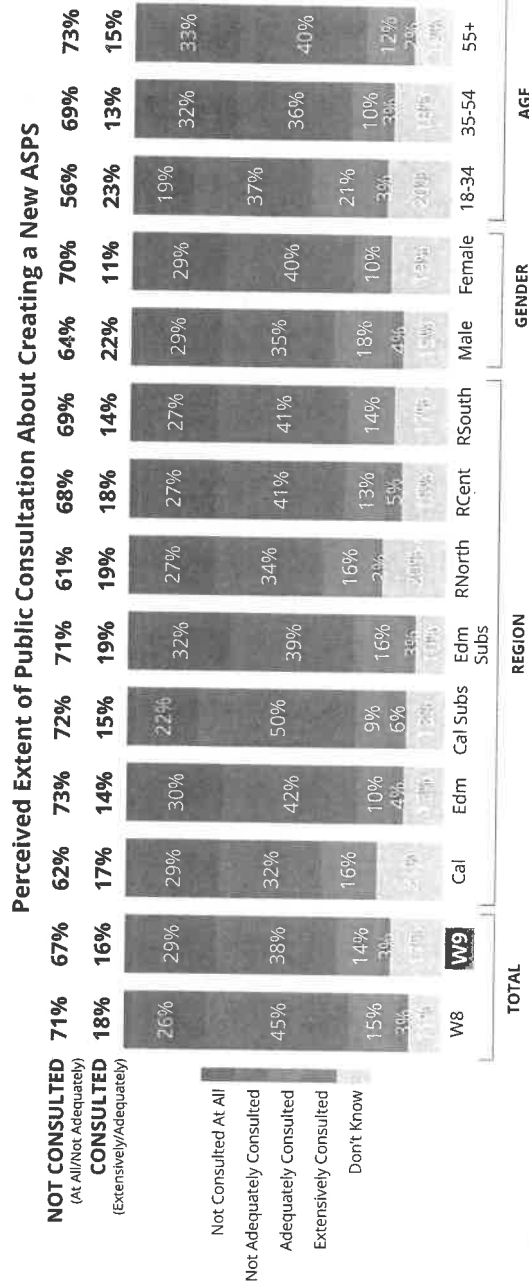
- 45% say creating the ASPS at this time is a bad idea, including 23% who say it's a "very bad idea". Young people – 18-34 age group – are more likely to say it's a good idea (+12% good vs. bad) compared to 35-54 (-14%) and 55+ (-23%).



23. In February 2026, the Alberta government announced its plan to create a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS). Thinking about this, do you feel the Alberta government creating an additional provincial police service – the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) – at this time is a good idea or a bad idea?  
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

Two-thirds say that the public has not been adequately consulted about creating a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service

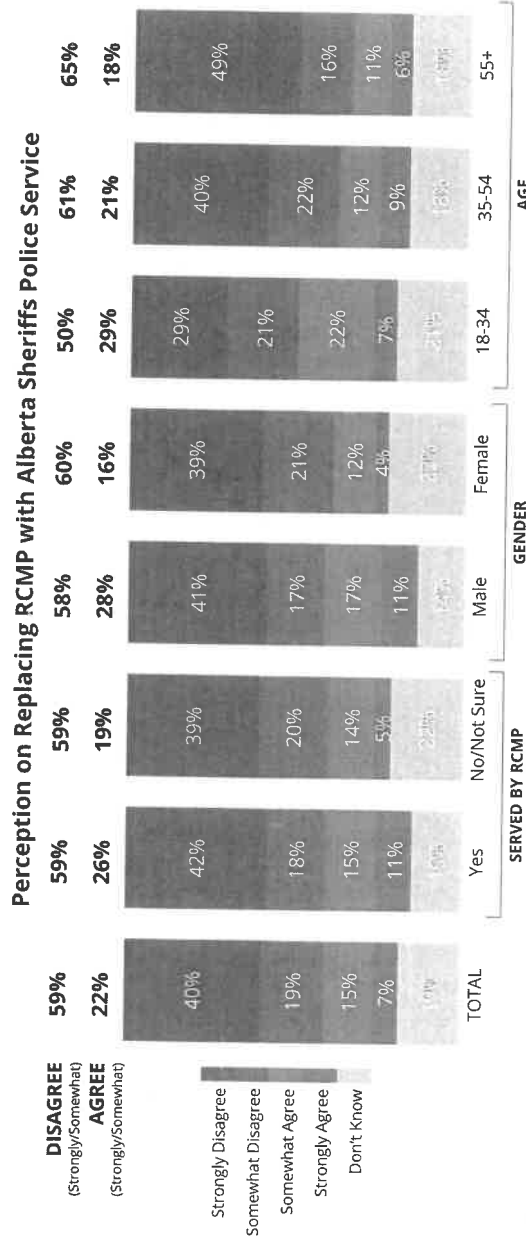
- Broad consensus across gender, age, and region groups that consultation has not been adequate.



24. To what extent do you think the public has been consulted about creating a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service?  
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200). Note: Data <2% not labeled.

Majority disagree that ASPS should replace the RCMP in all RCMP-served communities in Alberta when RCMP contract expires in 2032

- Majority disagree across age, gender, and region groups that ASPS should replace RCMP in 2032.

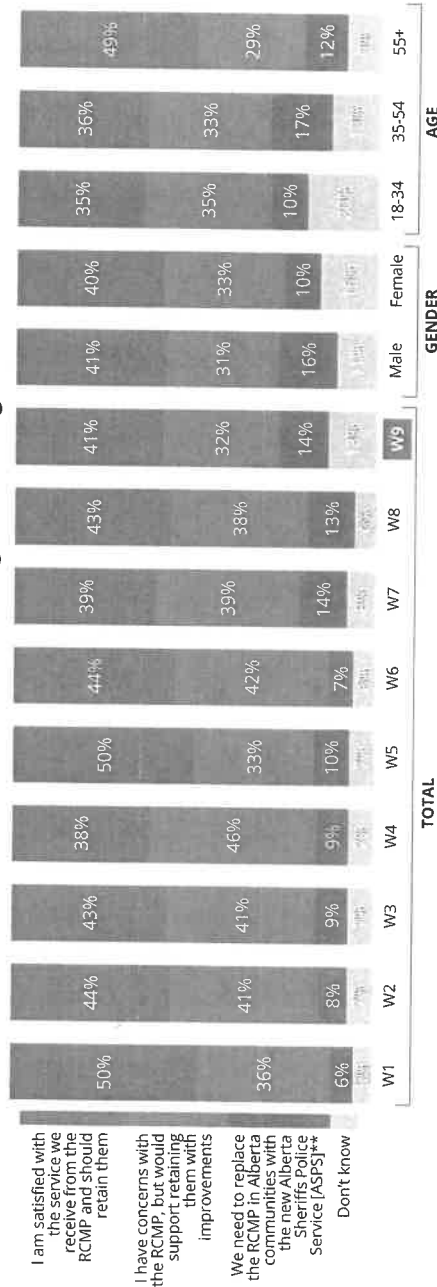


25. Do you think the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service should replace the RCMP in all RCMP-served communities in Alberta when the RCMPs contract expires in 2032?  
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210).

## In RCMP-served areas, over 7-in-10 satisfied or prefer retaining them with improvements, while 1-in-7 choose replacing the RCMP with ASPs

- Separatist voters are split with 18% satisfied with RCMP, 26% choosing to retain with improvements, and 42% choosing to replace RCMP with ASPs.
- Level of satisfied/retain with improvement has declined from 86% in wave 1 to 73% in wave 9; the replace RCMP option has moved from 6% to 14% across wave 1 to 9, while undecided has risen to 13%. Undecided is higher among 18-34s (20%) and women (16%).

### Viewpoint on Replacing or Retaining the RCMP

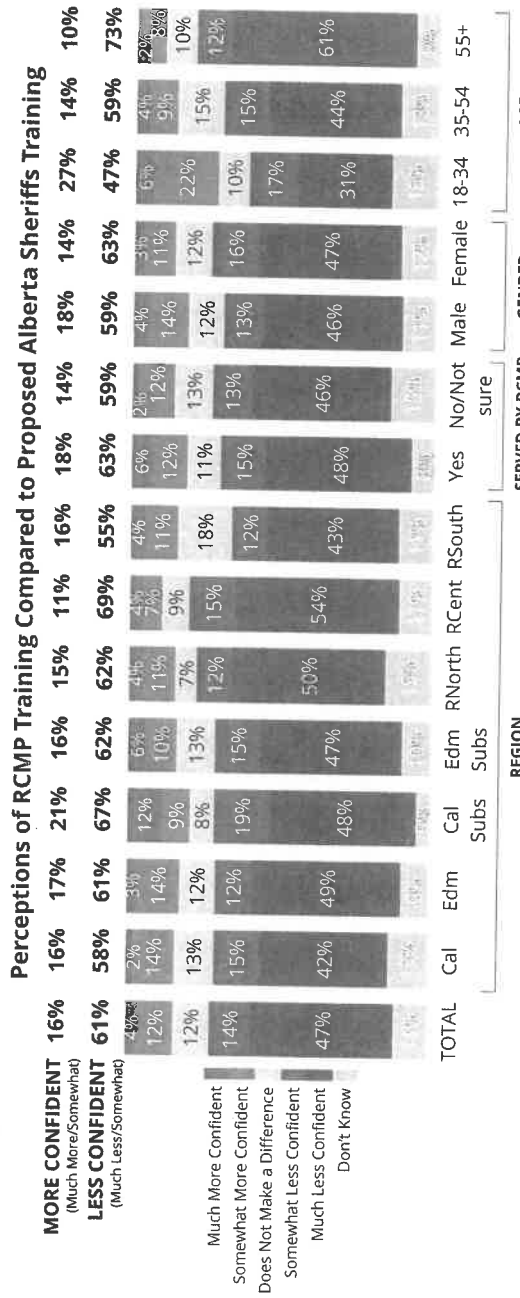


26. Which of the following statements best reflects your point of view?

Base: Local Area Served by RCMP W9 (N=687); W8 (N=729); W7 (N=718); W6 (N=678); W5 (N=699); W4 (N=695); W3 (N=727); W2 (N=733); W1 (N=809). \*W1 Read: "...if there were significant improvements". \*\*Note: The name of the agency has changed from APPS to ASPs.

## Training comparison between RCMP and ASPs makes majority feel less confident about Alberta government's policing plan

- Plurality much less confident based on comparison of training for RCMP officers (26 weeks) and ASPs (6 weeks). Overall, 47% are much less confident (61% overall less confident). Almost half (48%) of those in RCMP-served areas are much less confident.



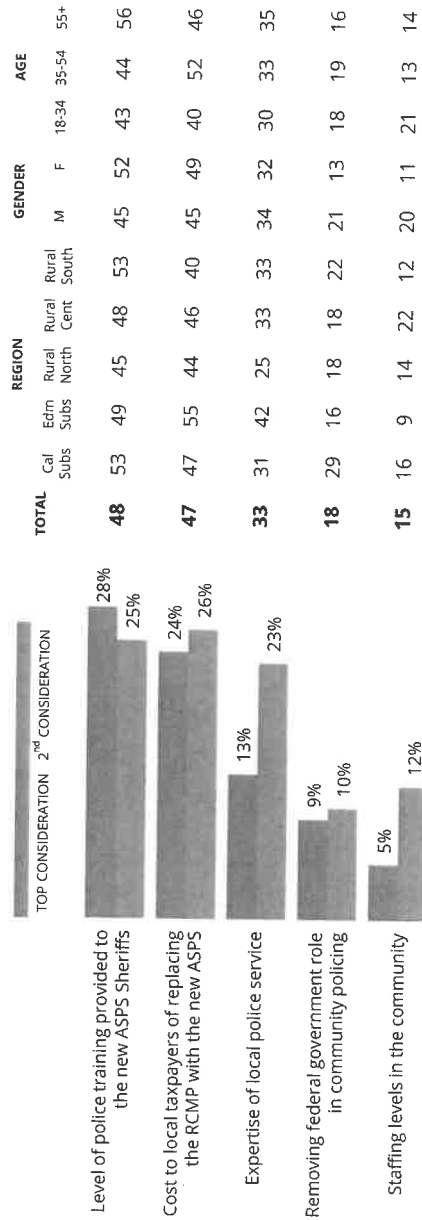
**Q** 27. RCMP officers undergo 26 weeks of training at the RCMP Training Depot in Regina. The Alberta government is proposing that Alberta Sheriffs receive 6 weeks of training to become police officers. Thinking about this, does it make you feel more confident or less confident about the Alberta government's policing plan for communities in Alberta, or does it make no difference? Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210).

## Level of police training and taxpayer cost are leading considerations for those in RCMP-served areas

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- 18-34 place equal importance on level of training and cost to taxpayers, while 35-54 place higher importance on cost to taxpayer, and 55+ place higher importance on level of training.

### Most Important Considerations if Replacing RCMP with ASPS



28/29. The Alberta government has stated that its intention is to offer the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) as an option to communities for their local policing, to replace the RCMP. What do you think should be the most important consideration for communities in considering whether to replace the RCMP with the newly-created Alberta Sheriffs Police Service? Base: Local Area Served by RCMP W9 (N=687)

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## Using lesser trained officers/sheriffs makes half much more opposed to creation of new ASPs

- 7-in-10 (70%) more opposed to ASPs based on Alberta government proposing to use lesser trained Sheriffs to replace fully trained RCMP officers. Messaging outlining federal government 30% contribution and local governments voicing concerns make over 6-in-10 (65%) more opposed, and consistent with previous waves.

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### Support/Opposition For ASPs\*

|  |  | TOTAL |   | AGE |       | GENDER |     | % OPPOSED (Much More/Somewhat More) |     | REGION |     | TOTAL |            |
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|  |  | W9    | M | F   | 18-34 | 35-54  | 55+ | Cal                                 | Edm | Cal    | Edm | Rural | W8 W7* W6* |

The Alberta government is proposing using lesser trained Sheriffs to replace the fully-trained RCMP officers



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The federal government pays 30% of the cost of RCMP service in Alberta, which amounts to about \$188 million each year. If Alberta replaces the RCMP with a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service, the current federal contribution will no longer apply and will need to be absorbed by provincial and municipal taxpayers



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Local governments across Alberta have voiced concerns regarding increased costs and other impacts of transitioning away from RCMP local policing



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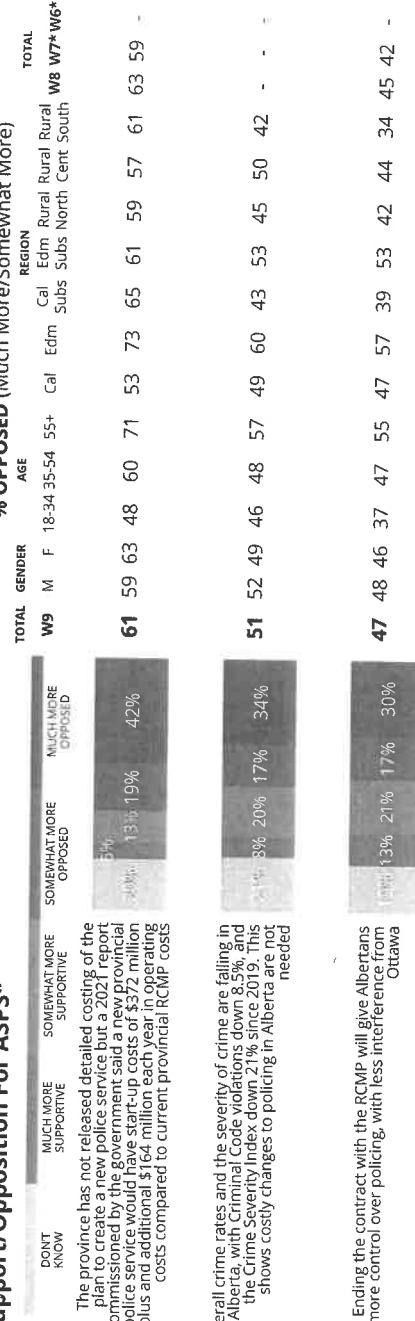
30. Here are some general statements about policing in Alberta. Please indicate whether they make you more supportive or more opposed to the creation of a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)?  
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); TOTAL Sample Split W7 (600-601). \*Note: The name of the agency has changed from APPS to ASPs.

## Non-disclosure of detailed costing makes majority more opposed to ASPS plan

- Of those who say replacing the RCMP with the ASPS is a good idea, 33% become more opposed to the plan based on non-disclosure of detailed costing. 55+ age group more likely to be more opposed (71%).

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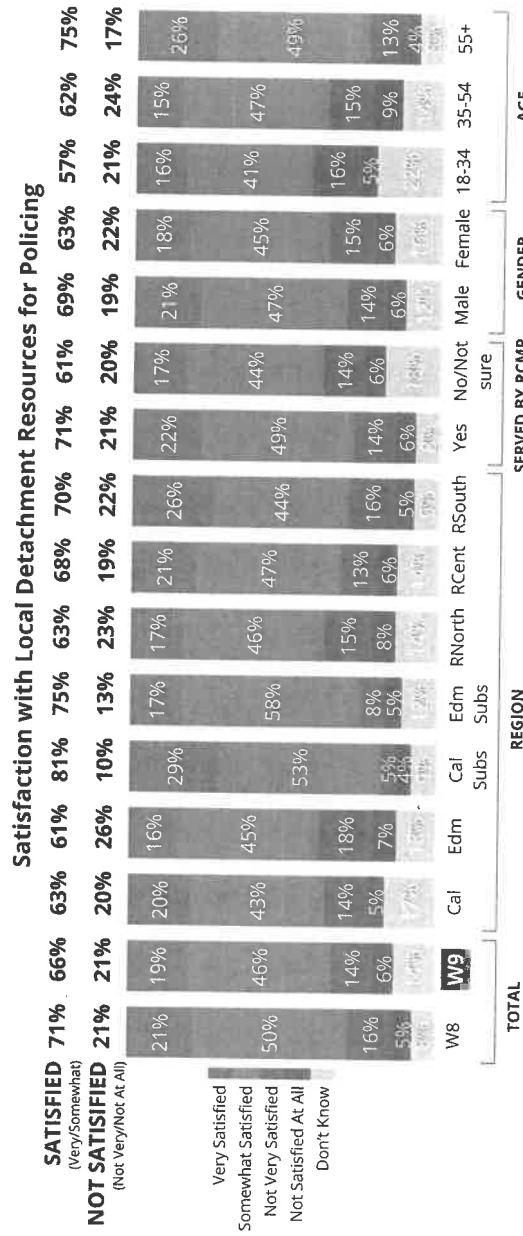
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Two-thirds satisfied that their local detachment has adequate resources to police their community

- 66% say they are satisfied with resources for local detachment, with higher level in RCMP-served areas (71%).

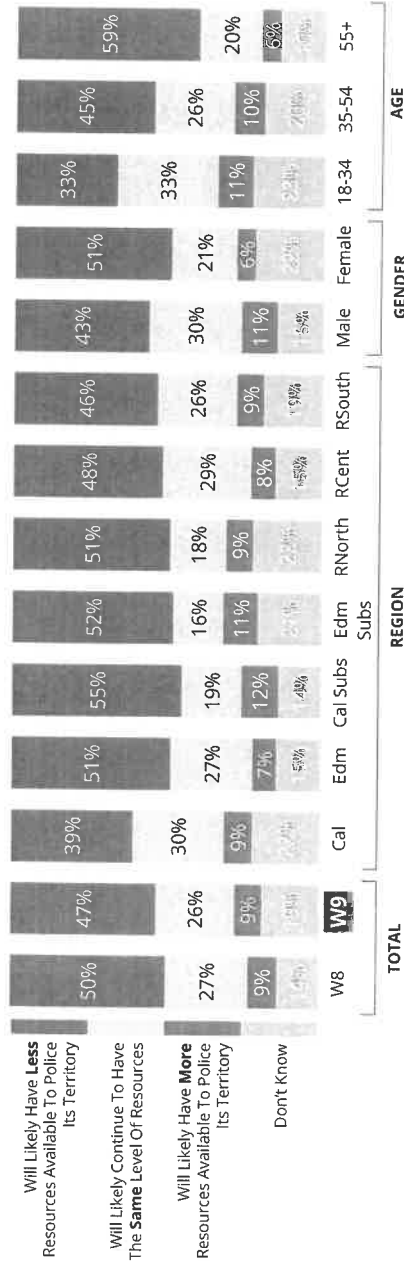


31. Thinking about policing in your community, how satisfied are you with your local detachment having adequate resources to police your community?  
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200).

About half say there will likely be less resources available to police its territory if RCMP is replaced with ASPs

- 47% say there will likely be less resources available to police its territory if RCMP is replaced with ASPs, including half of those in RCMP-served areas (50%), women (51%) and 55+ age group (59%).

### Expected Resource Levels if RCMP is Replaced with Alberta Sheriffs Police Service



32. Do you feel that your community's police service will have more, less, or the same level of resources available to police its territory?  
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200).

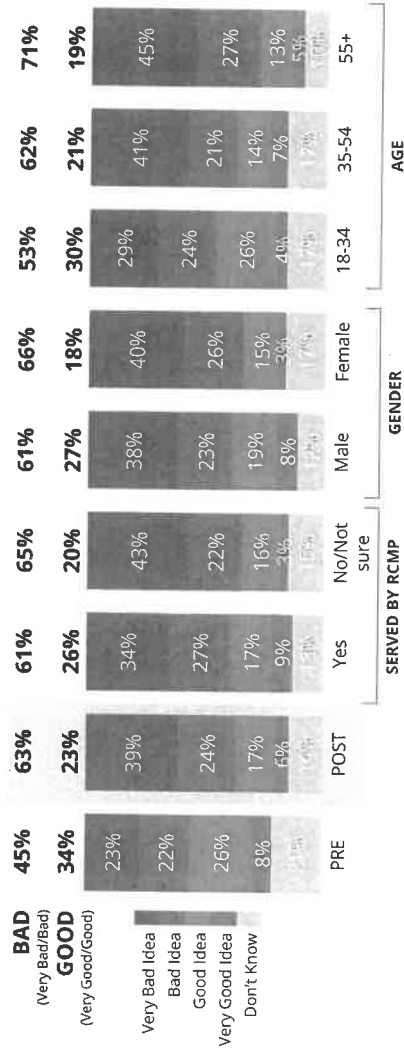
Post-Tests:  
RCMP Contract Renewal and  
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## Post-test: Majority now say creating a new ASPS at this time is a "bad idea" after more information is provided

- Proportions feeling it's a bad idea increases 19pts from 45% to 63% with 16pt increase in those who say it's a "very bad idea".
- Majority of those in RCMP-served areas feel it's a bad idea (61%); increase of 21pts compared to pre-test.
- Increase of +21pts among 18-34-year olds and +20pts among 55+ year olds who feel it is a "bad idea".

### Post Test: Perception of Creating a New Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)

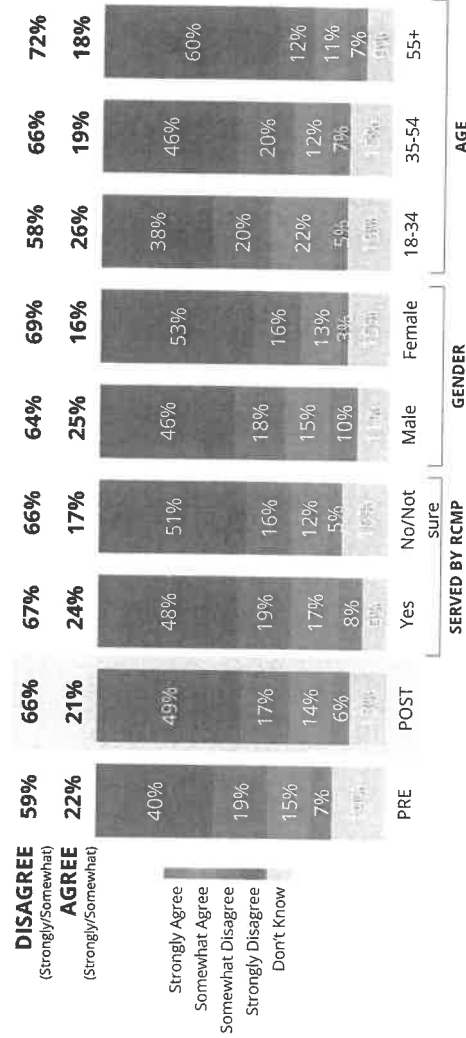


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 34. Based on the additional information you've reviewed, do you feel the Alberta government creating an additional provincial police service – the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) – at this time is a good idea or a bad idea?  
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210)

Post-Test: Majority continue to disagree that ASPs should replace the RCMP; 7pt increase in disagreement, while proportions who agree remain steady

- 7pt increase in disagreement among RCMP-served region, and 9pt increase among 18-34 year olds after receiving more information.

### Post Test: Perception on Replacing the RCMP with the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service



25. Do you think the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service should replace the RCMP in all RCMP-served communities in Alberta when the RCMP's contract expires in 2032?  
 35. And, do you think the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service should replace the RCMP in all RCMP-served communities in Alberta when the RCMP's contract expires in 2032?  
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# Public Safety & Politics

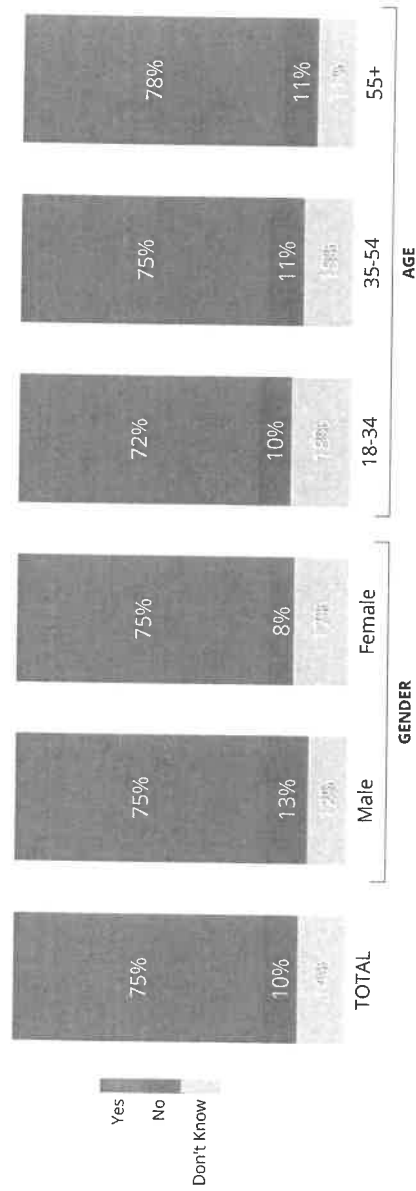
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### 3-in-4 Albertans say the government should ask voters for approval in a province-wide referendum before proceeding with plan to replace the RCMP

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- Broad consensus (75%) among Albertans to have province-wide referendum before proceeding with any plan to replace the RCMP with a provincially run Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS). Consistent support among age and gender groups.
- Remain voters (78%) more likely to support province-wide referendum compared to Separatist voters (68%).

**Public Views on Whether Alberta Should Replace the RCMP with a Provincially Run Police Service**



36. The Alberta government is putting forward nine referendum questions to voters this fall, none of which relate to policing. Before proceeding with any plan to replace the RCMP with a provincially run Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS), should the government ask Alberta voters for their approval in a referendum?  
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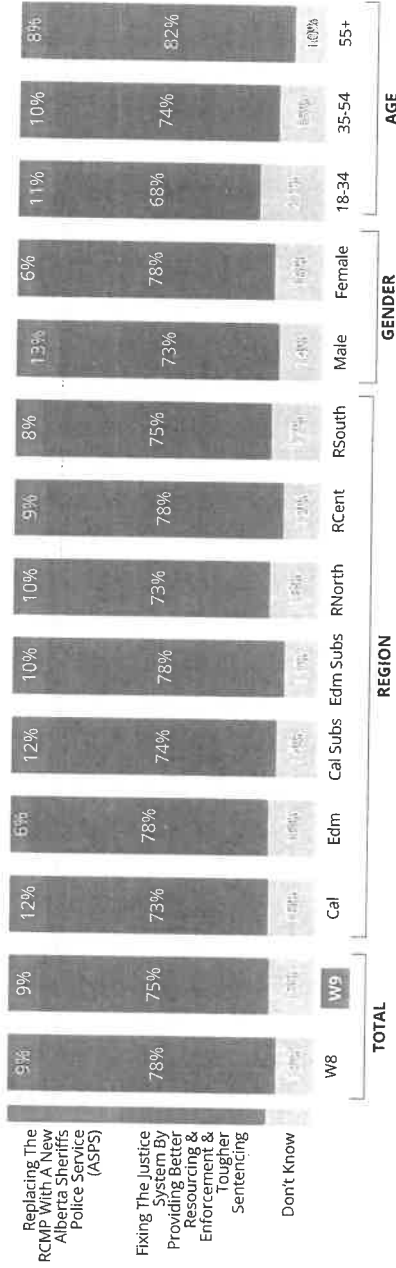
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## Almost 3-in-4 Albertans prefer focus on fixing the justice system instead of replacing the RCMP with a new Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS)

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- Most Albertans prefer Premier to focus on fixing the justice system by providing better resourcing and enforcement and tougher sentencing (75%) compared to replacing the RCMP with a new ASPS (9%).

### Premier Danielle Smith and UCP Government's Focus on Public Safety in Alberta



37. When it comes to public safety in Alberta, do you think the Premier and the United Conservative Party (UCP) governments focus should be on...  
Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200).

## 3-in-4 agree that we need to strengthen national institutions, not weaken them

- Over 8-in-10 (83%) Albertans agree that there needs to be a detailed accounting of costs/impacts to service levels.
- Over 3-in-4 (76%) agree that there are "more important priorities to deal with in Alberta right now than changing who policies local communities", including 83% of 55+ voters.

### Agreement with Policing Statements

|                                                                                                                                             | % AGREE (Strongly/Somewhat) |                   |                   |                |                |    | TOTAL | GENDER | AGE | REGION |    |       |       |     |     | TOTAL |      |       |            |    |    |    |
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|                                                                                                                                             | DON'T KNOW                  | STRONGLY DISAGREE | SOMEWHAT DISAGREE | SOMEWHAT AGREE | STRONGLY AGREE | W9 |       |        |     | M      | F  | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Cal | Edm   | Subs | Rural | Rural Cent | W8 | W7 | W6 |
|                                                                                                                                             |                             |                   |                   |                |                |    |       |        |     |        |    |       |       |     |     |       |      |       |            |    |    |    |
| Before any changes to policing in Alberta are agreed to, there needs to be a detailed accounting of the costs and impacts to service levels |                             |                   |                   |                |                | 83 | 82    | 85     | 73  | 84     | 91 | 80    | 87    | 89  | 84  | 80    | 84   | 84    | 87         | 89 | 87 |    |
| There are other more important priorities to deal with in Alberta right now than changing who polices local communities                     |                             |                   |                   |                |                | 76 | 72    | 80     | 69  | 75     | 83 | 77    | 81    | 77  | 72  | 69    | 77   | 75    | 81         | 81 | 84 |    |
| Given the threat from Donald Trump and the United States, we need to strengthen our national institutions, not weaken them                  |                             |                   |                   |                |                | 75 | 75    | 76     | 73  | 71     | 81 | 77    | 81    | 70  | 74  | 67    | 73   | 70    | 81         | 80 | -  |    |
| This is not the time to explore expensive new police services in Alberta                                                                    |                             |                   |                   |                |                | 73 | 69    | 76     | 68  | 70     | 79 | 74    | 76    | 75  | 78  | 67    | 71   | 62    | 75         | 75 | -  |    |

39. Please indicate to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:  
 Base: TOTAL W9 (N=1,210); W8 (N=1,200); W7 (N=1,201); W6 (N=1,200). \*W6 Scale Read: SUPPORT (Much More/Somewhat).

## Over 7-in-10 agree government should be boosting funding for existing local police services instead of spending millions of dollars on setting up ASPs

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- Majority (72%) agree that Alberta government should be boosting funding for local police services than spending dollars setting up the ASPs and majority (61%) agree that not putting policing on referendum ballot suggests government does not believe its plan has strong support.

### Agreement with Policing Statements

|                                                                                                                                                                                         | % AGREE (Strongly/Somewhat) |    |        |       |       | % AGREE (Strongly/Somewhat) |        |     |     |     |      |             |            |             |    |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                         | W9                          | M  | F      | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+                         | Cal    | Edm | Cal | Edm | Subs | Rural North | Rural Cent | Rural South |    |
| Instead of spending millions of dollars setting up the ASPs, the government should be boosting funding for existing local police services throughout Alberta                            | 72                          | 70 | 74     | 71    | 66    | 78                          | 70     | 80  | 69  | 73  | 66   | 70          | 66         |             |    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         |                             |    |        |       |       |                             |        |     |     |     |      |             |            |             |    |
| The Alberta governments decision not to include replacing the RCMP as a referendum question this fall suggests it does not believe there is strong public support for its policing plan | 61                          | 63 | 59     | 61    | 59    | 64                          | 61     | 71  | 60  | 57  | 53   | 58          | 54         |             |    |

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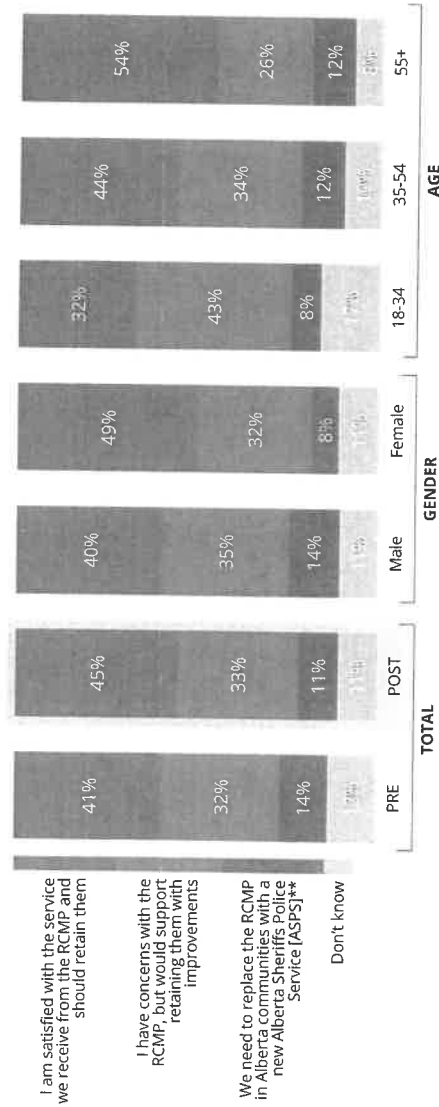
# Post-Test: Retaining RCMP

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Post-test: Almost 4-in-5 in RCMP-served communities say they are satisfied with the service from RCMP and should retain them / with improvements

- In the post-test, those saying that the RCMP needs to be replaced in Alberta communities with a new ASPS drops from 14% to 11%, while retain / retain with improvements rises from a combined 73% to 78%.

#### Post Test: Viewpoint on Replacing or Retaining the RCMP



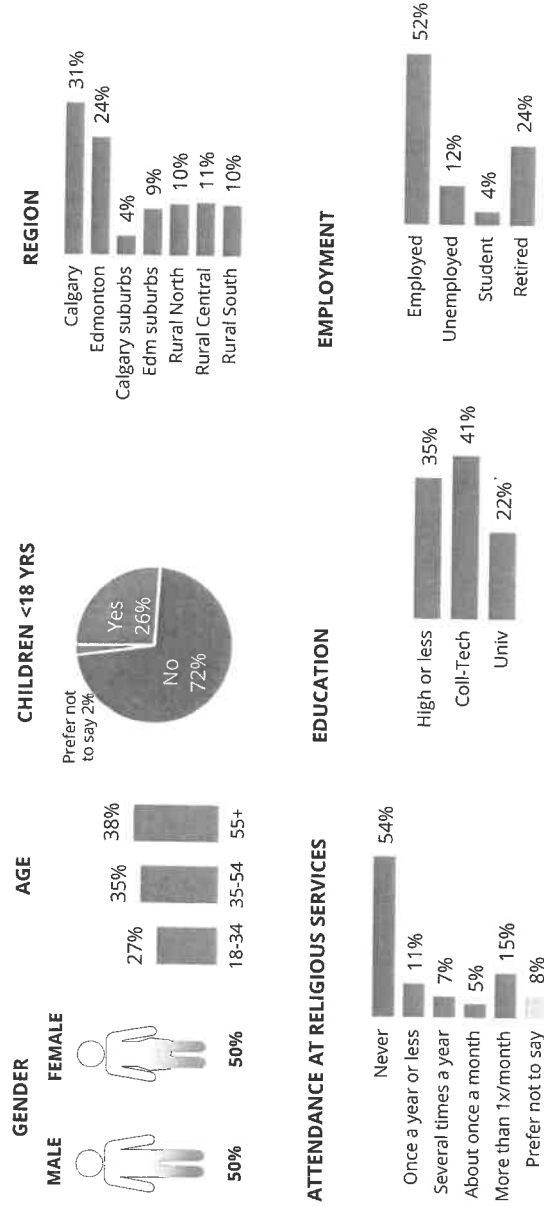
26. Which of the following statements best reflects your viewpoint?

40. Now that you reviewed additional information, which of the following statements best reflects your point of view?  
Base: Local Area Served by RCMP (N=687) \*\*Note: The name of the agency has changed from APPS to ASPS.

# APPENDIX

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# Demographics

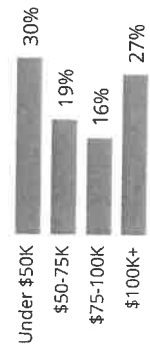


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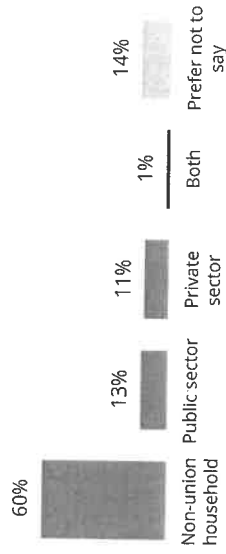
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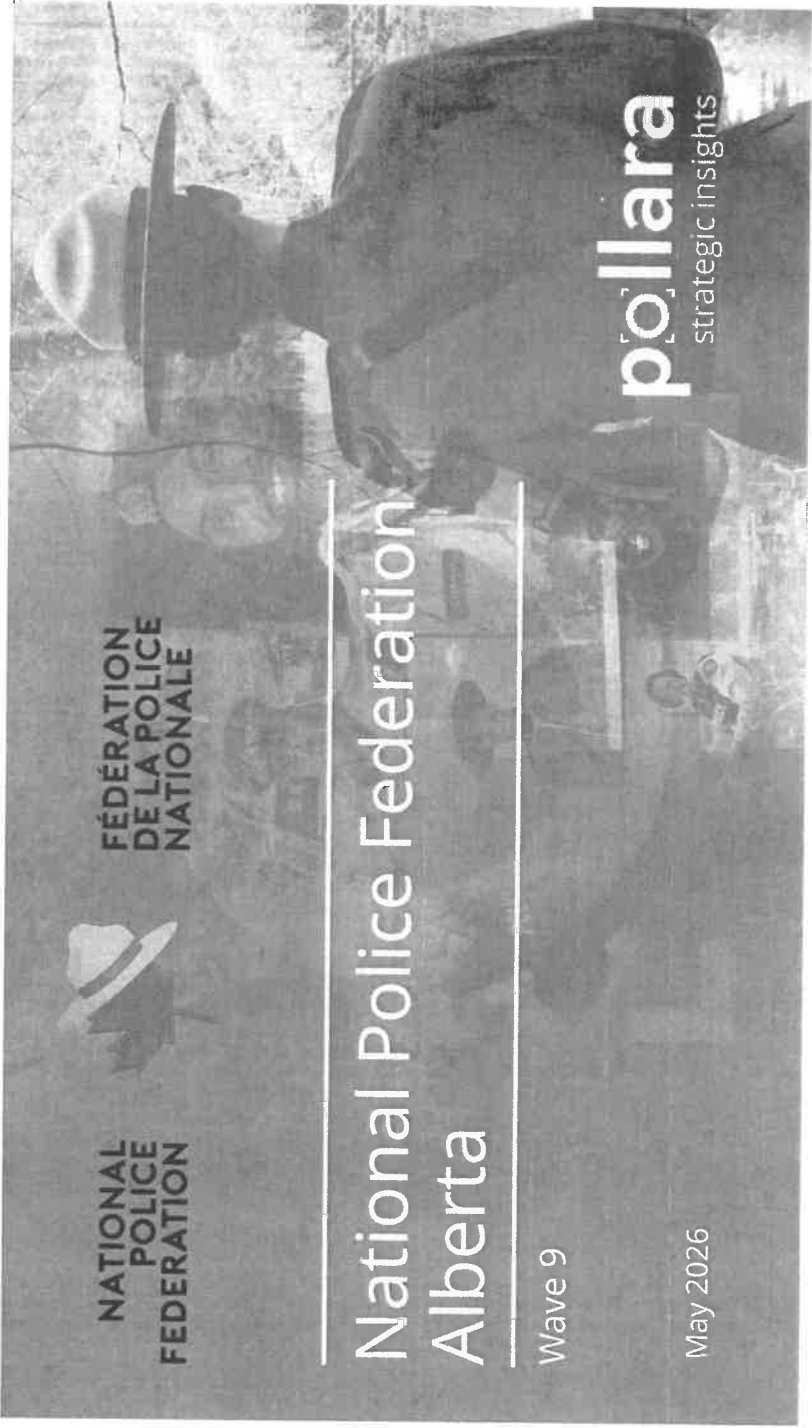


## UNION MEMBERSHIP



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Hello,

Please find the June 2026 edition of the *PRC Update* below.

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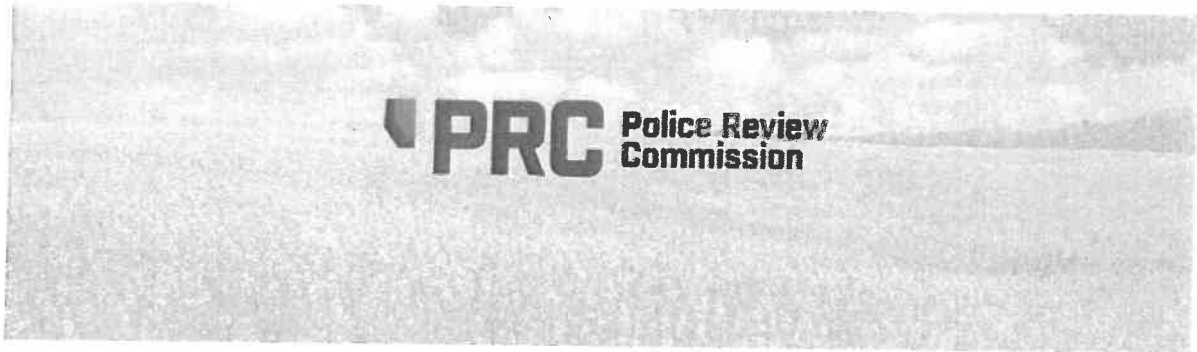
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Sincerely,



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### **A warm welcome from our new CEO**

It is an honour and a privilege to lead the PRC, an organization with such a meaningful public service mandate. Establishing a new agency is not a simple feat, particularly while managing incoming work, building teams, and developing new processes. Since joining the PRC on June 8th, I have seen an organization that is working hard to get it right. There has already been meaningful progress in setting a strong foundation for the PRC's work, and that is due to the dedication of the people involved.

At the same time, we know this is very much a work in progress. As with any new organization, some processes are still evolving, and we are continuing to refine how we do our work. That is both expected and necessary. We are listening carefully to what we hear from our partners and the broader community, and we are committed to responsiveness and continuous improvement. Your perspectives are important in helping us strengthen our approach and ensure we are meeting our mandate in a way that is transparent, consistent, fair, and effective.

Since joining the PRC, my immediate focus has been on learning. I'm taking time to understand our processes and meet with staff across the organization to hear directly about their work, what is going well, and where there are opportunities to improve. I am also looking ahead to

connecting more directly with services, commissioners, associations, organizations, and communities across the province. Building those relationships is a priority for me, and I look forward to those conversations in the months ahead.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the PRC's work. We will continue to share updates as we build on the progress made to date.

Katherine Murphy  
Chief Executive Officer

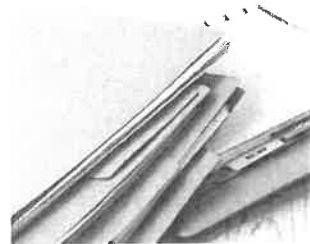
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#### **PRC sets clearer rules for date of birth information**

We have released a new CEO Rule: *Access to Date of Birth Information*. This rule establishes clear direction on how date of birth information may be accessed, used, and protected across the organization.

Date of birth is considered sensitive personal information. This rule reinforces our commitment to privacy, ensuring that access is limited to authorized purposes only and handled securely and responsibly. It outlines when access is appropriate, who may access the information, and the safeguards required to protect it from unauthorized use or disclosure.

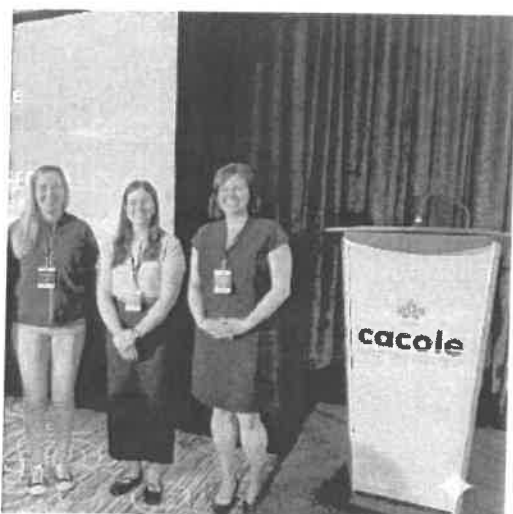
For more details, please review the full [CEO Rules on our website](#).





### **PRC Explores Tsuut'ina Peacemaking Program to Inform Resolution Approach**

On June 16<sup>th</sup> Loni Heavenfire, Peacemaker Coordinator with the Tsuut'ina Peacemaking Program, provided the south resolution team a tour of Tsuut'ina's Peacemaker Courthouse, and a presentation of their Peacemaking program. Their restorative approach is inspiring in repairing relationships, ensuring accountability, and addressing root causes bringing people into the justice system. The visit provided valuable insights that will help inform the continued development of PRC's resolution approach and incorporating more culturally diverse resolution practices.



### **PRC joins national conversations on police oversight**

PRC staff were pleased to contribute to this year's Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) Conference in Saskatoon, joining oversight professionals from across the country to share knowledge and strengthen practice.

PRC Executive Director of Corporate Services Jessica Thomson and Director of Resolution Deanna Frey participated in a panel alongside legal counsel with the Calgary Police Association and Brenna Barrett, Executive Director of the Edmonton Police Association. Together, they explored trauma-informed investigations, and the value of this approach

for the public, individuals involved, and subject officers alike.

PRC staff also contributed to key discussions shaping the future of police oversight. ASIRT Acting Executive Director, Matthew Block presented on recent legal updates, and ASIRT Investigator Tom Hewitt shared insights on bridging trust and accountability, including the important role of Indigenous community liaisons in strengthening police oversight across Canada.



### **Elders advise PRC on culture, history and community**

In early June, Elders and PRC staff came together in Red Deer to learn, connect, and collaborate.

Six months into our work as an agency, the guidance of Elders remains essential to our foundation. They bring knowledge grounded in culture, history and lived experience. Their teachings help us respect the people and communities we serve when taking on our day-to-day work, while linking policy, practice and community insight.

As we celebrate National Indigenous History Month in June, this gathering is a reminder of the importance of listening, learning, and working in a good way.

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### **Alberta Ombudsman meeting clarifies oversight roles**

Our team recently presented an overview of the Police Review Commission (PRC) to Kevin Brezinski, the Alberta Ombudsman, and staff at the Alberta Ombudsman's office.

The Alberta Ombudsman is an independent, impartial officer of the Legislative Assembly who investigates complaints of unfair treatment by provincial authorities, municipalities, and provincial organizations.

The Alberta Ombudsman can review concerns about administrative fairness in how the PRC handled a complaint, such as delays, communication, or whether proper procedures were followed. However, the Ombudsman does not re-investigate complaints, overturn findings, or substitute its decisions for those of the PRC. Formal appeals of certain PRC decisions are handled through the Law Enforcement Review Board.

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## **Taber conference brings PRC together with police associations**

PRC staff presented at the Alberta Federation of Police Associations Annual Conference and AGM in Taber at the end of May. Our team spent time with Alberta's municipal and First Nations police associations, shared a few updates and heard directly from association representatives.



## **Local police commissions discuss important issues with PRC**

We recently met (separately) with both the Camrose Police Commission and the Lakeshore Regional Police Commission to discuss the complaint and information-sharing processes, as well as the importance of improving communication, education, and in-person engagement across communities. Conversations around cultural context and reporting practices are critical as we continue to build and strengthen Alberta's police oversight model in a way that reflects and serves the communities we support.

Thank you to both commissions for your collaboration, insight and continued support — we look forward to building on this work together.

(Congratulations to Camrose Police Service Chief Dean LaGrange on his upcoming retirement after a long career in policing and public service!)



### **PRC recognizes Moose Hide Pin Day and Red Dress Day**

On May 5, PRC employees wore red to mark the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit+ People (Red Dress Day). This day recognizes the ongoing, disproportionate violence faced by Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit+ people, and the lasting effects this history has on trust in public institutions.

On May 14, PRC employees participated in Moose Hide pin day. This campaign reminds us that gender-based violence remains widespread but preventable, and that Indigenous women are disproportionately impacted.

In our work, this means applying a trauma-informed and culturally aware approach, and ensuring concerns are received and assessed in ways that are respectful, fair, and safe. Acknowledging days of significance like Red Dress Day and Moose Hide Pin Day reinforces our commitment to accountability, community trust, and Indigenous perspectives within the public service.

## **Hong Kong Journey of Time festival connects PRC with Calgary residents**

The PRC team was at the Hong Kong Journey of Time festival in downtown Calgary meeting members of the public and answering their questions about our agency. The event was inspired by the vibrant culture of Hong Kong, with live music, traditional lion dances and street food. Thank you to the Hongkongers Association of Calgary for inviting us to this event and giving us an opportunity to connect with the community in such a fun and approachable way.



We also happily answered many questions about working for the PRC — a reminder that you can view open positions at the PRC by visiting the Careers page at [albertaprc.ca](http://albertaprc.ca).

## **Police services workshop sparks practical conversations**

The PRC hosted leaders from police services across Alberta for a workshop focused on operational policies, shared processes and priorities.

One of the advantages of building something new is the opportunity to listen, learn and improve in real time.

The conversations were practical, candid and constructive — exactly the kind of



collaboration needed to support clear, fair and effective oversight across Alberta.



### **PRC shares knowledge at the Slave Lake MMIP Symposium**

PRC Indigenous Liaison Dana Middleton and ASIRT Indigenous Liaison Officer Tom Hewitt attended the MMIP Symposium at the Slave Lake Friendship Centre where they presented on the police complaint process.

This symposium brought together advocates, presenters, and organizations to share knowledge on safety, investigations, and available supports relating to personal safety, missing persons process, homicide investigations, police complaint process, and community resources and supports.



### **PRC Shares Early Insights at Alberta Police Governance Conference**

The PRC's Senior Manager of Community Connections, Jason van Rassel, and our Community and Commission Liaison, Ojemire (Benjamin) Daniel, attended the Alberta Association of Police Governance conference in Taber from May 28-30 to share an update on our first few months of operation.

We covered how the PRC operates and what governance bodies need to know, the role of public reporting and systemic reviews, and how we can build stronger connections between oversight bodies and communities.

Police commissions are an important link between police and their communities. We appreciated our dialogue with the AAPG prior to our launch, and the conference was an opportunity to continue that conversation, while also engaging face-to-face.



**Staff come together to learn, connect and look ahead**

PRC's all-staff event in early June offered a chance to connect as a team and centre our shared role in supporting public trust, fairness and accountability in police oversight. It was a meaningful start to the next chapter for Katherine and everyone at the PRC.

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Hello:

We're pleased to share the Police Review Commission's Q1 data report, providing an updated overview of police oversight activities and key performance metrics across jurisdictions for the first quarter of 2026-27.

Please find the report attached to this email.

As part of our commitment to transparency and engagement, we will continue to share data reports every quarter, with key updates provided through the monthly PRC Update newsletter, where appropriate.

Service-specific data will be provided separately to commissions, PRC liaisons, and associations at a later date.

We encourage you to share the report with colleagues and interested parties. It will also be available on our website.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

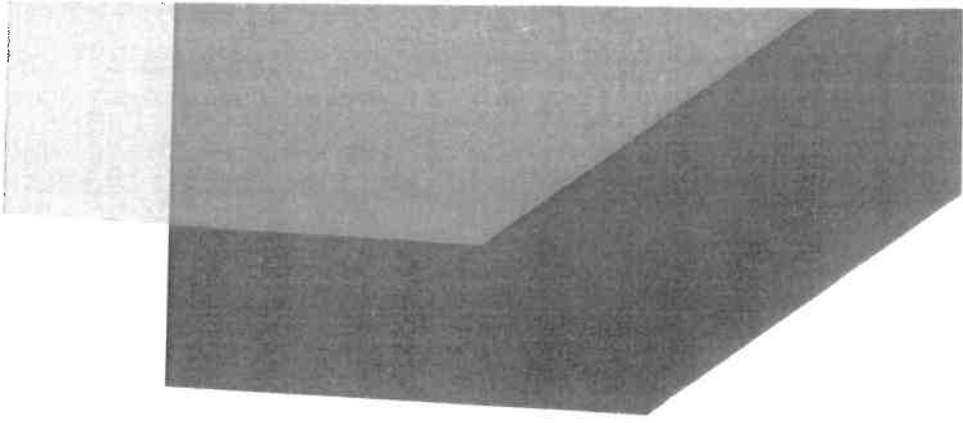
Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Kind Regards,



The Police Review Commission respectfully acknowledges the traditional territories of Treaty 4, Treaty 6, Treaty 7, Treaty 8, and Treaty 10; the eight Metis Settlements and the Otipemisiwak Métis Government. We honour the Indigenous Peoples who live in urban centres and on these lands, including the Blackfoot, Cree, Dene, Anishnaabe, Inuit, Métis, Nakoda Sioux and other First Nations. We honour the Elders, Knowledge Keepers and traditionalists who have gone before us and dedicate ourselves to moving forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

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# QUARTERLY DATA REPORT

**APRIL 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2026**

Police Review Commission

**Date of Release:** July 30, 2026



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# PUBLIC REPORTING NOTES

**This report covers April to June of 2026**

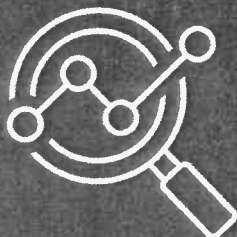
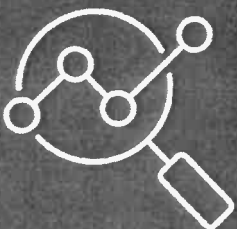
This report provides a province wide view of police oversight activity across Alberta, and reflects activity from April 1 to June 30, 2026. Current file counts, including active investigation and resolution counts, and 180-day reporting, are based on the system status when the data was pulled on July 2, 2026. These numbers are intended to approximate the June 30 quarter-end snapshot. File statuses change daily, so reporting point-in-time data at the end of each quarter allows for consistent comparison across reports.

This report also provides information about submissions, complaints and file closures during the same three-month time frame. (Note that our previous quarterly report included an extra month (December 2025) of data so please keep that in mind if you compare the two reports).

Building on the foundation established in the first quarter, this report provides a view of activity across jurisdictions, contributing to a clearer understanding of how the system is operating in practice.

Quarterly reports are the primary way we share local police oversight data with police services and commissions. By combining local and province-wide information, these reports help organizations identify emerging trends and understand how their service compares with others across Alberta.

While this and the previous quarterly report provide a strong foundation, future reports will expand in scope to include deeper analysis and trends where appropriate, as the system matures and more data becomes available.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

**This quarterly update offers a clear look at police oversight in action across Alberta**

**T**his report reflects the experiences of people who come to the Police Review Commission looking for resolution, and the work of staff responsible for addressing those concerns carefully, fairly and efficiently.

One of the clearest signs that a new oversight system is taking shape is that complaints are beginning to move through the process and reach meaningful outcomes. Over the last three months, the PRC has seen files advance through investigation, decision-making and resolution stages, providing valuable insight into how the new framework is working in practice.

Timeliness is an important part of that picture. The Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation requires the PRC to make reasonable efforts to complete investigations within 180 days of a complaint being categorized, and to explain any delays beyond that point.

We are encouraged that very few cases have exceeded that timeline so far, while still receiving the attention and thorough review they require.



These early results suggest that the processes established during the PRC's first months of operation are helping complaints move forward effectively. As the organization matures and caseloads grow, we will continue to monitor outcomes and the time it takes to achieve them.

**Katherine Murphy**  
CEO

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# KEY INSIGHTS

## An executive summary

This quarter's results provide encouraging signs of progress as the PRC continues to implement and refine its operating model. While submission volumes continued to rise, closure activity increased significantly, indicating greater movement of files through the system. At the same time, ASIRT activity remained relatively stable overall. Together, these trends offer valuable insight into workload pressures, operational performance, and the evolving demand for oversight services.



### Submission volume

Average monthly submissions increased by approximately 9%, from 257.5 per month in the previous reporting period to 280.7 this quarter. Prior to launch, we hypothesized we might see an initial bump in submissions that would flatten out. However, the data to date indicates that submission volumes have continued to rise.



### File closures

The PRC closed 525 files this quarter, compared with 260 previously, more than

twice as many files, or a 102% increase, despite this quarter being one month shorter.

Average monthly closures increased from 65 to 175, or approximately 169%. During the quarter, the PRC received 842 submissions and closed 525 files. Although incoming submissions continued to exceed closures, the increase in closures indicates that PRC efficiency is rapidly improving as experience is gained, and more files are moving through the new system.



### ASIRT activity

ASIRT opened 28 files this quarter compared with 36 previously. However, after adjusting for the different reporting periods, the monthly opening rate remained relatively stable at 9.3 files per month compared with 9.0 previously. The mix shifted slightly toward Level 1 matters: Level 1 openings increased from five to six per month, while Level 2 openings decreased from four to 3.3 per month.

# POLICE OVERSIGHT IN ALBERTA

## An overview of the province's independent, civilian-led police oversight agency

The Police Review Commission was established in December 2025 as an independent, civilian-led agency to address complaints about police conduct in Alberta and to support transparency and accountability.

The PRC handles serious and sensitive incidents, statutory offences and non-criminal code of conduct matters. It includes the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT), which conducts independent investigations into potential criminal wrongdoing involving all police (including the RCMP), peace officers and the Legislative Assembly Security Service, and the new Case Management, Resolution, and Investigations Branch, which addresses code of conduct complaints regarding police.

The PRC assesses complaints, considers opportunities for alternative dispute resolution<sup>1</sup> and restorative approaches, conducts investigations as required, and determines outcomes, including disciplinary action. The PRC also investigates and may lay criminal charges against officers, in consultation with the Crown.

The PRC's mandate is to strengthen public trust in law enforcement through clear, fair and objective oversight.



We provide oversight of law enforcement in Alberta\*: ([learn more: albertaprc.ca](https://albertaprc.ca))

- Blood Tribe Police Service
- Calgary Police Service
- Camrose Police Service
- Edmonton Police Service
- Grande Prairie Police Service
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- Lethbridge Police Service
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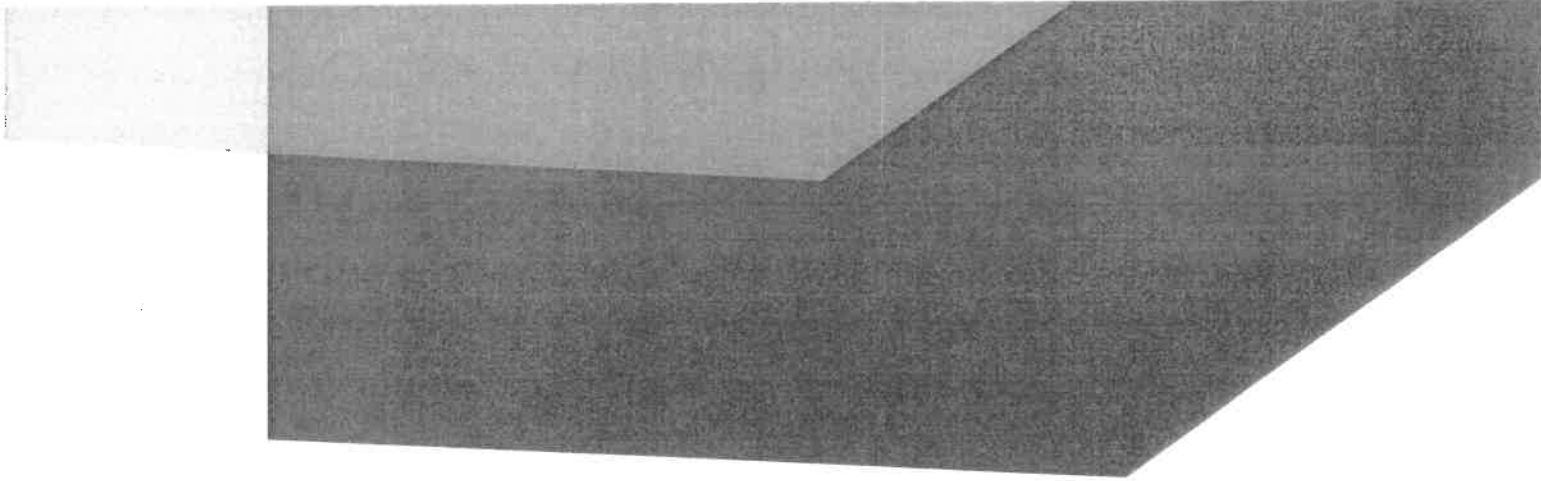
\*ASIRT holds jurisdiction for Level 1 and Level 2 criminal allegations involving all police in Alberta, including the RCMP.

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## Submission categories

The PRC categorizes submissions into five levels to make sure each is addressed appropriately. Here's how complaints are sorted:

| Level | Type                                                                                                                                                    | Authority                                                   |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Death, serious injury and serious / sensitive cases for all Alberta police services (incl. RCMP), peace officers, Legislative Assembly Security Service | PRC (ASIRT)                                                 |
| 2     | Allegations of criminal / statutory offences that don't meet the criteria for Level 1, involving all police services in Alberta (incl. RCMP)            | PRC (ASIRT)                                                 |
| 3     | Breaches of the Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation — applicable to First Nation and municipal police services                                      | PRC (Case Management, Resolution, and Investigation (CMRI)) |
| 4     | Unsatisfactory employee performance. Complaints are referred to an officer's employer for resolution through internal processes                         | Originating police service                                  |
| 5     | Policy or services of a police service. Complaints are referred to police services for resolution through internal processes                            | Originating police service                                  |



# **ALBERTA AT A GLANCE**

**APRIL 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2026**

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# OVERVIEW: SUBMISSIONS

**How many did we receive, who submitted them, and how were they received?**

Overall, the data shows a system that is accessible and actively used by the public.

Total submissions were down from 1030 in the previous reporting period to 842 in this reporting period, however; the last reporting period included 4 months, and this reporting period includes 3 months. There was an average of 257.5 submissions/month last quarter, and 281.7 submissions/month this quarter. This is an average increase of 23.2 submissions/month this quarter, or approximately 9.4%.

The point of entry and initiation data remains substantially the same as last quarter. These results are consistent with pre-launch expectations and provide a foundation as the system continues to mature.

The submission process captures both concerns and positive feedback.

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## Compliments

A small number of compliments (10) were received and are included within service-specific data. While limited at this stage, they reflect that the submission process captures both concerns and positive feedback.

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*Find definitions for some of the terms above on Page 23*

# 842

## Total number of submissions

A submission is an initial contact from a member of the public. Once reviewed by a PRC committee, it is considered a complaint if it meets the requirements set out in the *Police Act*.

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## Initiation method

In this reporting period, almost all submissions were initiated by members of the public (831 of 842, or 98.6%). Chief-initiated complaints represented 1.2% of submissions, and PRC CEO-initiated complaints represented 0.2%.

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Public (831)</b> | <b>98.6%</b> |
|---------------------|--------------|

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Chief-Initiated (10)</b> | <b>1.2%</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|

|                              |             |
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| <b>PRC CEO-Initiated (2)</b> | <b>0.2%</b> |
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## Submissions cont'd.

### Point of entry

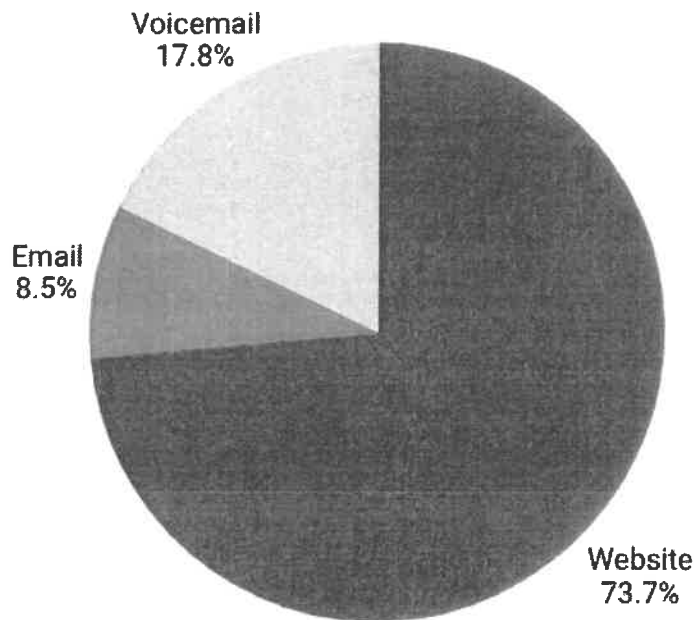
The PRC currently receives complaints via the online portal, which is linked on the PRC website, over the phone through voicemail messages, and by email.

In this reporting period, the online portal was used most often, with 621 submissions received through the website (73.7%). Phone/voicemail accounted for 150 submissions (17.8%), while email accounted for 72 submissions (8.5%).

 **Website: 621**  
Submitted through the PRC portal

 **Email: 72**  
Sent to [prccomplaints@gov.ab.ca](mailto:prccomplaints@gov.ab.ca)

 **Voicemail: 150**  
Called 780-644-0306 or toll-free 1-866-644-0306



# FILE CLOSURES

## A province-wide overview of closures by category

The PRC recorded 525 closures during this reporting period. Out of Scope closures represented the largest closure category (331, or 63%), followed by Other (82, or 15.6%), Dismissed (71, or 13.5%), Withdrawn (32, or 6.1%) and Resolved (9, or 1.7%).

Closure counts reflect files closed during the reporting period. They should not be read as a subset of submissions received during the same period, as some closures may relate to files opened in an earlier reporting period.

# 525

Total closures

During this reporting period.

### Closures by reason

| Closure reason | Count      | Share of closures |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|
| Dismissed      | 71         | 13.5%             |
| Other          | 82         | 15.6 %            |
| Out of scope   | 331        | 63.0%             |
| Resolved       | 9          | 1.7%              |
| Withdrawn      | 32         | 6.1%              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>525</b> |                   |

## File closures cont'd.

**Dismissed:** The complaint was concluded without a determination on the merits of the allegation because:

- the CEO determined it was frivolous, vexatious, or made in bad faith
- it was submitted more than one year after the alleged conduct occurred
- the PRC was unable to proceed due to insufficient participation from the complainant
- the complaint did not meet the requirements to continue through the investigative process

**Other:** The submission was a compliment or inquiry rather than a complaint, or involved a Level 3 matter where the subject officer retired or resigned.

**Out of Scope:** The complaint fell outside the PRC's jurisdiction, was a duplicate

submission, related to a peace officer matter not meeting Level 1 criteria, or was transferred to the appropriate police service or oversight body, including the CRCC/RCMP.

**Resolved:** The complaint was concluded for the following reasons:

- the allegation was not supported by the evidence
- the allegation was supported in part by the evidence
- the allegation was fully supported by the evidence
- the matter was resolved through Alternative Dispute Resolution

**Withdrawn:** The complaint was discontinued for a complainant-driven reason, including where the complainant chose not to respond.

### Closures through Alternative Dispute Resolution

During this reporting period, nine files were successfully completed through resolution. The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods used were Restorative Dialogue and Other.

| Resolution activity                       | Count/method               |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Successfully completed through resolution | 9                          |
| ADR methods used                          | Restorative dialogue/other |

Restorative Dialogue is a facilitated dialogue for parties who want a deeper understanding of what happened and what root causes may have contributed to the harm that was caused. This process aims to address needs, impacts, and results in a meaningful outcome for both parties. Other types of ADR may include a combination of methods, or methods not covered in our pre-defined categories.

# SUBMISSION COUNTS

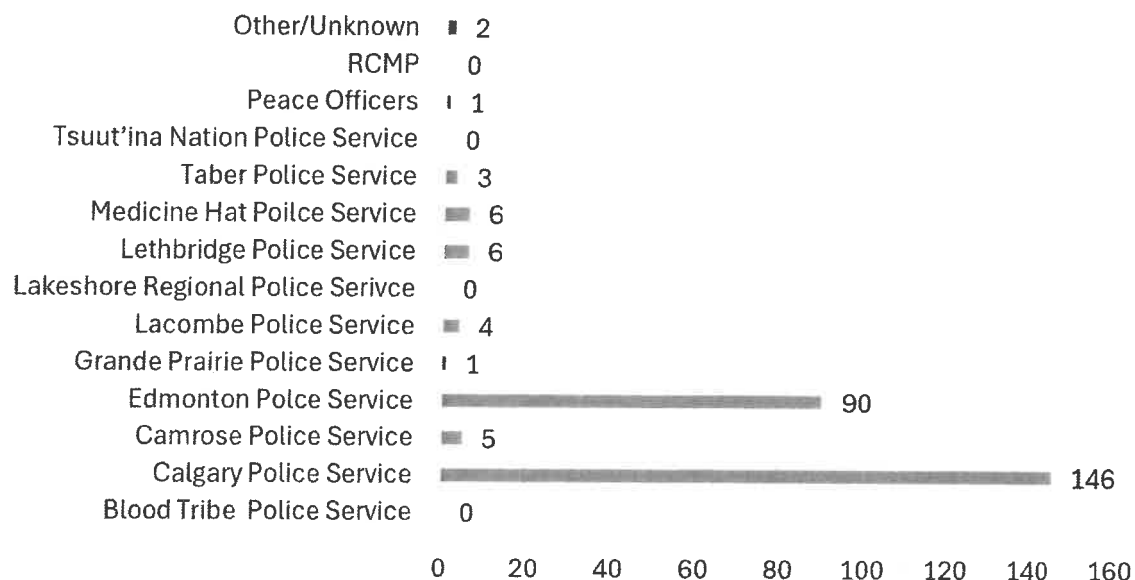
## A province-wide overview of submissions by service

April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Submission and complaint volumes remained concentrated in Calgary and Edmonton. Together, Calgary Police Service and Edmonton Police Service accounted for 714 of 843 submissions (84.7%) and 236 of 264 complaints (89.4%). They also accounted for 417 of 525 closures (79.4%).

Calgary Police Service accounted for 404 submissions (47.9%), 146 complaints (55.3%) and 219 closures (41.7%). Edmonton Police Service accounted for 310 submissions (36.8%), 90 complaints (34.1%) and 198 closures (37.7%).

### Complaints by service



## A service-by-service snapshot of PRC submissions

The following table represents submissions, complaints, and compliments received, and files closed during the reporting quarter of April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

| Agency                            | Submissions | Complaints | Compliments | Closed     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Blood Tribe Police Service        | 1           | -          |             | 1          |
| Calgary Police Service            | 404         | 146        | 5           | 219        |
| Camrose Police Service            | 12          | 5          |             | 4          |
| Edmonton Police Service           | 310         | 90         | 3           | 198        |
| Grande Prairie Police Service     | 3           | 1          | 1           | 3          |
| Lacombe Police Service            | 9           | 4          |             | 6          |
| Lakeshore Regional Police Service | 3           | -          |             | 3          |
| Lethbridge Police Service         | 17          | 6          |             | 14         |
| Medicine Hat Police Service       | 17          | 6          | 1           | 3          |
| Taber Police Service              | 6           | 3          |             | 1          |
| Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service   | 5           | -          |             | 2          |
| Peace Officers                    | 20          | 1          |             | 24         |
| RCMP                              | 25          | -          |             | 32         |
| Other/Unknown                     | 11          | 2          |             | 15         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>842</b>  | <b>264</b> | <b>10</b>   | <b>525</b> |

### Reporting note - service-level interpretation

Service-level counts are a snapshot of activity associated with each agency during the reporting period. Complaint and closure data may change over time as files develop or move through the PRC process.

# ASIRT INVESTIGATIONS

## A province-wide overview

During this reporting period, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team opened 28 new files.

This includes 18 Level 1 investigations involving incidents where there has been death, serious injury, or serious and sensitive allegations.

ASIRT has also opened 10 Level 2 investigations. These are allegations of criminal offences under federal statutes that don't meet the criteria for Level 1. ASIRT is responsible for investigating these types of allegations involving all police services (including RCMP) in Alberta

During the same period, ASIRT closed 19 Level 1 files. Most Level 1 files closed during the quarter were opened before the PRC launched on December 1, 2025.

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### New files

ASIRT has opened 18 Level 1 and 10 Level 2 investigations during this reporting period.

## ASIRT Key Elements

### Criminal investigations

ASIRT is authorized to investigate cases involving Alberta police officers and peace officers whose conduct may have resulted in death, serious injury or serious and sensitive allegations. Under the PRC, ASIRT's mandate has been expanded to include investigations of all other potential criminal conduct by police

### Province-wide

ASIRT is authorized to investigate criminal and statutory allegations involving all police services in Alberta (municipal police, First Nation police and the RCMP). ASIRT's Level 1 mandate also applies to peace officers working for the provincial government, municipalities, Indigenous communities and other authorized employers

### Authority

ASIRT has the authority to lay criminal charges — if, after an investigation, the executive director has reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offence has been committed

# ASIRT INVESTIGATIONS

A province-wide overview of investigative activity

| ASIRT Activity           | Count | Reporting note                          |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|
| New Level 1 files opened | 18    | April 1- June 30, 2026 activity         |
| New Level 2 files opened | 10    | April 1- June 30, 2026 activity         |
| Level 1 files closed     | 19    | Most were opened before<br>Dec. 1, 2025 |
| Level 2 files closed     | 6     | April 1- June 30, 2026 activity         |

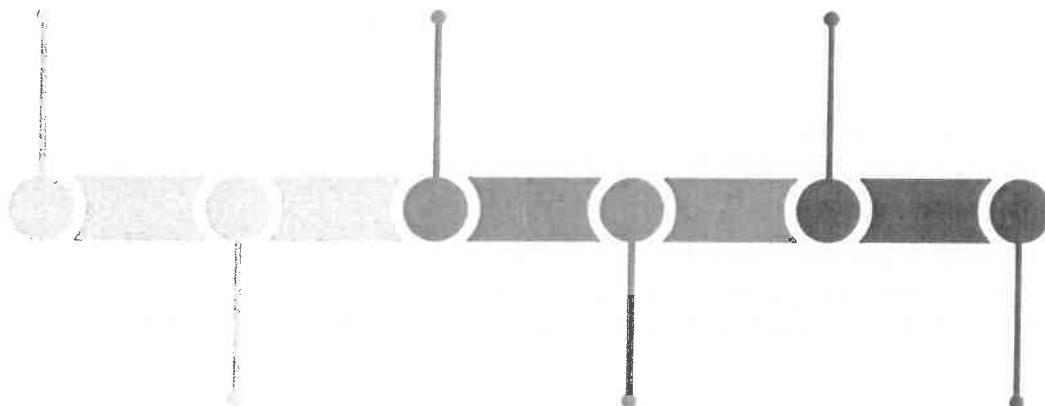
# 180-DAY REPORTING

The Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation requires the PRC to make reasonable efforts to complete investigations of Level 1, 2, and 3 complaints within 180 days of the complaint being categorized. The CEO must also publicly report on this timeline, at least annually, specifying the number of investigations that exceeded the 180-day timeline and providing a general explanation for these delays.

During intake, submissions are reviewed to confirm completeness, jurisdiction (whether the matter falls within the commission's authority to review), and whether they meet the legislative requirements to be deemed a complaint. Once submissions are categorized, the 180-day timeline begins.

From that point, a file may move through several pathways before reaching a final disposition. These pathways can include investigation or alternative dispute resolution, depending on the nature and complexity of the issues involved.

Reviewing and resolving a complaint requires information from multiple sources, including police services, complainants, subject officers and, in some cases, external agencies. Requests for records, interviews, legal considerations and coordination across organizations can take time. As a result, not all files will progress at the same pace within the reporting period. The time needed to obtain information and make informed decisions means many files remain active as they move toward resolution.



# 180-DAY REPORTING SNAPSHOT

**The 180-day timeline starts once a submission is categorized as a complaint**

As of June 30, 2026, four Level 1-3 complaints had exceeded the 180-day reporting threshold. Two were Level 1 complaints, one was a Level 2 complaint, and one was a Level 3 complaint

## Files exceeding the 180-day threshold by level

| Complaint Category | Count |
|--------------------|-------|
| Level 1            | 2     |
| Level 2            | 1     |
| Level 3            | 1     |
| Total              | 4     |

## Reasons for delay

### Capacity/resource constraints (2 files)

Capacity and resource constraints relate to delays caused by internal capacity limitations, including staffing shortages, workload pressures, competing priorities, and administrative or review steps required to progress files.

### Evidence-related factors internal to the PRC (1 file)

Internal evidence-related delays are caused by internal evidence workload, including high volume of records requiring processing or redaction, or expanded investigative scope due to additional allegations.

### Evidence related factors external to the PRC (1 file).

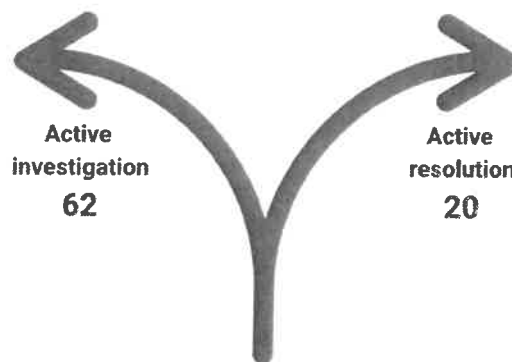
External evidence-related factors include delays caused by factors outside the PRC's control regarding evidence, including waiting for evidence from police services or complainants, waiting for forensic analysis or expert opinions, and waiting for subject officer statements.

# ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND RESOLUTION FILES

## Two pathways for Level 3 complaints

Investigation and resolution represent two distinct pathways through which Level 3 complaints are addressed by the PRC. Investigation involves a formal process of gathering and evaluating evidence, collecting statements, and conducting interviews to establish facts that will inform a determination. Resolution provides an alternative pathway that focuses on addressing concerns through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes, including restorative approaches that encourage dialogue, accountability, and agreed-upon outcomes where appropriate. Together, these measures provide insight into both the volume of matters requiring formal investigation and the use of resolution processes to address complaints in a timely and constructive manner.

Active investigation and active resolution counts are status-based measures and are presented as a point-in-time snapshot as of June 30, 2026. This is important because files may move between stages or close after quarter-end.



| Status as of June 30, 2026 | Count |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Active investigation       | 62    |
| Active resolution          | 20    |

# LEVEL 4/5 FILES

## Level 4 and 5 files are sent to the originating police service

The PRC receives some L4/L5 submissions. These are sent back to the police service to manage internally. In this reporting period, the PRC received 103 files that were sent to police services as L4/L5.

- A L4 complaint alleges unsatisfactory performance by a police officer, but the complaint does not meet the threshold of a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 complaint.
- A L5 complaint focuses on the policies of, or services provided by, a police service

The number of Level 4/5 files reported reflects only complaints submitted through the PRC portal and sent back to a police service. It does not represent a full provincial snapshot, as police services may also receive Level 4/5 complaints directly.

If a complaint is submitted to the PRC that contains a conduct-related allegation and a performance or policy/service matter, the PRC will manage the conduct-related allegation and send the performance or policy/service matter to the police service of jurisdiction.

In these cases, the police service of jurisdiction informs the PRC when the performance matter or policy/service matter has been addressed.

Police services provide the PRC with information regarding the numbers of L4 and L5 complaints they have on a quarterly basis for coordinated reporting to the director of law enforcement in the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services.

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## Level 4/5 files

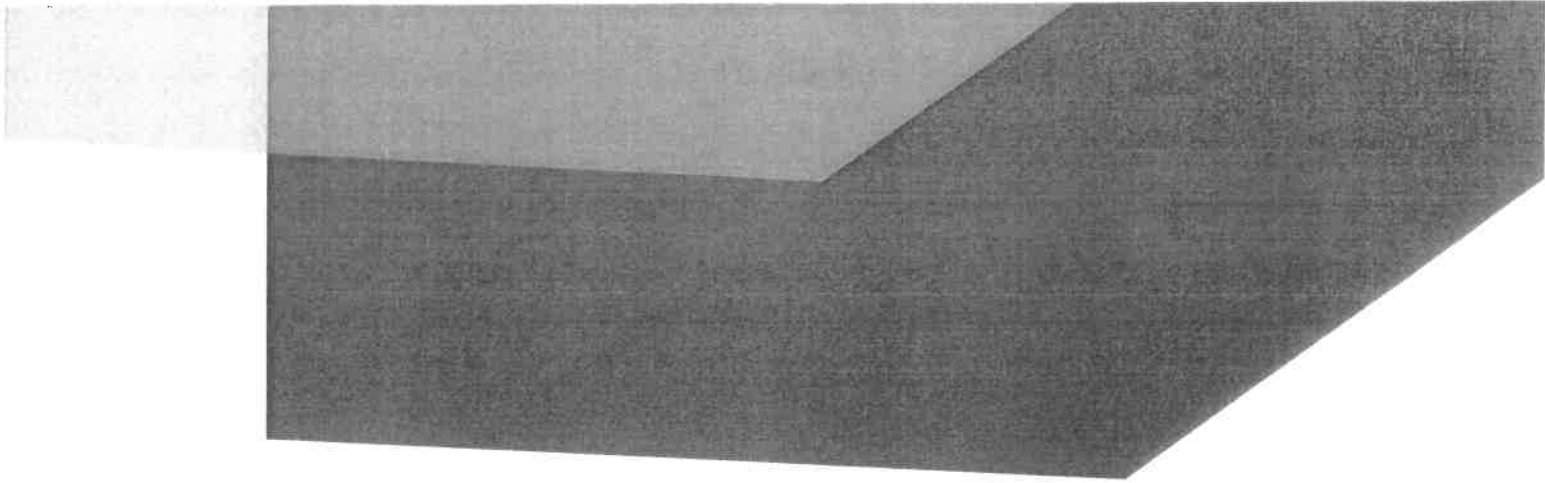
Were returned to the police services to manage internally

# FUTURE REPORTING

As reporting practices mature and more data becomes available, future reports will provide deeper analysis and greater operational insight.

Planned improvements include more detailed reporting on Level 4 and Level 5 complaints, refined allegation and disposition categories (types of complaints and investigative outcomes), and increased visibility into file progression across the PRC, ASIRT, and police services. Additional metrics will support analysis of processing timelines, dispositions, outcomes, and resolution pathways, while expanded reporting on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) activity will provide greater insight into the PRC's restorative, resolution-focused approach to complaint handling.

Together, these enhancements will strengthen trend analysis across jurisdictions and over time, helping to build a more complete understanding of both the complaints received and how they are addressed. Reporting will continue to evolve, supporting a sustainable, transparent, and accountable model that promotes public confidence.



# **DATA NOTES**

# DEFINITIONS

## Understanding the terms used in this report

**Compliments:** A compliment is positive feedback provided by a member of the public recognizing the professionalism, courtesy, or quality of service demonstrated by a police officer.

### Complaint Initiation

**Public Submission:** A public submission is any information provided to the Police Review Commission by a member of the public. This may include a complaint, concern, compliment, or a general inquiry about a police officer, police service, or the complaint process.

**Chief-initiated complaint:** A complaint started by any chief of police in Alberta when they become aware of a potential issue involving a criminal matter, an incident of serious or sensitive nature, or misconduct by a police officer within their service. This may occur even if no public submission has been made.

**Chief Executive Officer-initiated complaint:** A complaint started by the CEO of the Police Review Commission when they identify a matter that is in the public interest to review and may contain criminality, seriousness or sensitivity, or misconduct. This allows the PRC to initiate an investigation even if no complaint or submission has been made by a member of the public.

### Complaint Breakdown

**Complaint:** A submission is deemed a com-

plaint if it meets the requirements set out in section 42.1 of the *Police Act*.

### Complaint Levels

**L1:** An incident involving serious injury to, or the death of, any person that may have resulted from the actions of a police officer; or a complaint alleging serious injury to, or the death of, any person or a matter of serious or sensitive nature related to the action of a police officer.

**L2:** A complaint alleging that a police officer has committed a statutory offence which does not relate to an incident or complaint meeting the criteria of an L1 complaint.

- For L1 and L2 complaints, the PRC focuses on alleged criminal offences under federal statutes.

- L1 and L2 complaints are handled by ASIRT.

**L3:** A complaint alleging that a police officer has engaged in misconduct by committing a contravention of the regulation governing police officer conduct (Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation).

**L4:** A complaint alleges unsatisfactory performance by a police officer, but the complaint does not meet the threshold of a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 complaint.

**L5:** A complaint focuses on the policies of, or services provided by, a police service.

# DEFINITIONS

## Understanding the terms used in this report (continued)

### Complaint stages

**Resolution:** A complaint is in the resolution stage if it has been assigned to the resolution team to pursue a non-investigative resolution process (Alternative Dispute Resolution).

Resolution outcomes are:

- **Successful resolution:** The complaint proceeds through ADR and is fully resolved.
- **Partial resolution:** The complaint proceeds through ADR and some, but not all, matters within the complaint are resolved.
- **Unsuccessful resolution:** The ADR process is initiated but the one or more participants revoke consent part-way through the process or the participants do not reach an agreed-upon resolution.

### Alternative Dispute Resolution

A voluntary and collaborative process of addressing a complaint outside of an investigative or disciplinary process.

The PRC offers different types of ADR. The resolution team works with the complainant and subject officer to determine the most appropriate method of ADR for that complaint.

**Acknowledgment of Incident:** The subject officer acknowledges the incident, and this is sufficient for the complainant. This process may involve the subject officer's supervisor. Back and forth dialogue between

the parties is not required. Typically used for less serious matters.

**Mediation:** Mediation involves a qualified or chartered mediator, who acts as neutral third party, to assist the complainant and the police officer in discussing the incident, sharing perspectives, and working toward a mutually acceptable resolution. The mediator does not impose a decision but helps guide the conversation to foster understanding and agreement.

**Peacemaking Circle:** Rooted in Indigenous traditions, peacemaking circles bring parties together for a respectful, inclusive, and structured dialogue. Peacemaking circles are a form of restorative justice that emphasize healing, accountability, and relationship-building rather than punishment.

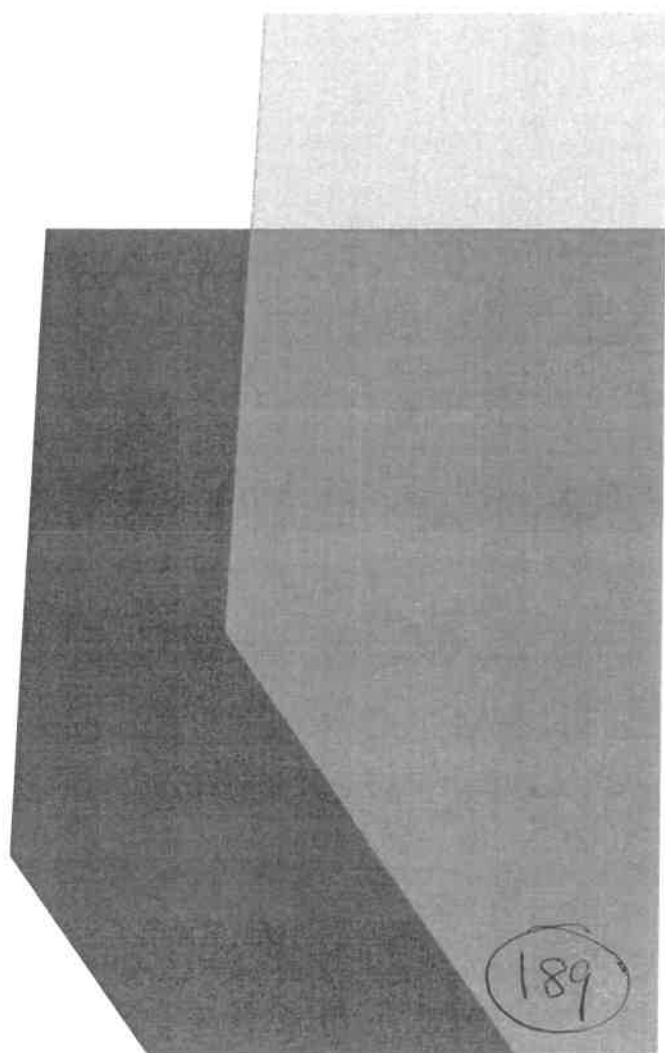
Participants sit in a circle and use a talking piece to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to speak and be heard. The process is guided by a trained facilitator or circle keeper, and decisions are made by consensus, focusing on mutual understanding, emotional expression, and repairing the relationship.

# DEFINITIONS

## Understanding the terms used in this report (continued)

**Restorative Dialogue:** A facilitated dialogue that aims to create a safe and respectful space where everyone involved can share perspectives, understand concerns, and reach a shared understanding.

**Third-Party Discussion:** An independent facilitator works with the complainant and subject officer separately, then shares concerns between the parties to help build understanding. Communication may take place through meetings, phone calls, email or other methods, depending on the needs of the participants.



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Hello Kathy, Marlene, and Jennifer,

The TVRSSC is undertaking a review of the sewer bylaws used by its member municipalities and is preparing for a property inspection program in 2027.

Attached for your / Council review are:

- A cover letter explaining the project and requested review;
- A summary comparing the substantive and administrative changes;
- The current Alberta Beach Sewer Bylaw
- The proposed Member Sewer Bylaw; and
- The Board approved Bylaw Review and 2027 Inspection Program Timeline and Communication Plan.

Your feedback is appreciated. Please provide any Council or administrative feedback no later than October 5, 2026.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Have a great day,

*Angela Duncan*

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## Tri Village Regional Sewage Services Commission (TVRSSC)

August 13, 2026

**Attention:** Councils and Chief Administrative Officers of the Village of Alberta Beach, Summer Village of Sunset Point and Summer Village of Val Quentin

**Re: Proposed Member Sewer Bylaw and 2027 Inspection Program**

Dear Mayors, Councillors and Chief Administrative Officers:

The Tri Village Regional Sewage Services Commission (TVRSSC) is undertaking a coordinated review of the sewer bylaws used by its three member municipalities to strengthen protection of the regional sanitary sewer system and prepare for a property inspection program in 2027. The current bylaws were adopted in the 2010s. Legal counsel has prepared a proposed Member Sewer Bylaw to modernize the provisions, clarify authority and responsibilities, update offense and penalties, and establish a consistent framework across Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin.

As the next step, each member municipality is being asked to review the proposed bylaw and provide Council and administrative feedback. The attached summary identifies the substantive and administrative changes from the current member bylaws. **The proposed bylaw is being circulated for review and comment and is not yet being presented for adoption.**

Please provide feedback no later than October 5, 2026, in whatever manner your municipality considers appropriate. Where possible, please indicate whether comments reflect a formal Council position or administrative observations.

This work responds to serious operational and financial impacts caused by stormwater and other unauthorized flows entering the sanitary sewer system. Improper connections may include sump pumps, weeping tile systems, storm drains, eavestroughs and yard drains. Excess water increases costs, uses system capacity, accelerates infrastructure wear, and increases the risk of system failure or sewage releases. As an example, the heavy rainfall event from June 19 to 22, 2026 cost the Commission \$76,512.64, which is ultimately borne by the member municipalities, and placed the system under significant operational pressure.

The Commission intends to undertake property inspections during June, July and August 2027 to identify unauthorized or improper connections and reduce unnecessary flows. Details about notice, scheduling, inspection procedures and property-owner expectations are still being developed and will be communicated well before inspections begin. Passing this bylaw will ensure that we have the correct legal groundwork to undertake the inspection program.

Feedback will be presented to the TVRSSC Board on November 11, 2026. Following the Board's consideration and any further legal review, municipality-specific versions will be provided to each member Council. The Commission continues to target adoption by December 31, 2026.

Sincerely,

**Angela Duncan**

Chief Administrative Officer, TVRSSC

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This summary compares the proposed model Member Sewer Bylaw with the Village of Alberta Beach Sewer Bylaw No. 231-10. The member municipalities currently have substantially similar sewer bylaws. Municipality-specific titles, bylaw numbers, signing provisions and related references will be required when final bylaws are prepared.

Note: This summary is provided to assist municipal review. The proposed bylaw itself governs and should be reviewed in full.

### SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

The following table compares the current bylaw with the proposed bylaw and explains the practical effect of each substantive change.

| Current bylaw                                                                                                                                                                  | Proposed bylaw                                                                                                                                                                                            | What this changes                                                                                                                                            |
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| There is no Change Form requirement for altering an existing sewer connection.                                                                                                 | Before upgrading, resizing, relocating or otherwise changing a connection, the owner or the owner's representative must submit a Commission Change Form and pay any resulting change fee.                 | Creates a new approval and fee requirement before an existing connection is changed.                                                                         |
| There is no separate application requirement for property expansions that may increase sewer discharge.                                                                        | A Change Form and any resulting change fee are required before a significant expansion that may notably increase discharge, such as a secondary suite, guest house or two or more additional bathrooms.   | Requires Commission review before certain property expansions that may increase use of the sewer system.                                                     |
| The current bylaw does not authorize the municipality to construct a service connection from the Commission's main line to the street line and charge the benefiting property. | The municipality may, but is not required to, construct the service connection. The cost may be imposed against the benefiting property, and the owner has no right to petition against the construction. | Creates a new mechanism for the municipality to undertake necessary service-connection work and recover the cost from the benefiting property.               |
| The current bylaw generally prohibits chemicals, toxic or dangerous substances and other pollutants.                                                                           | The prohibition is expanded to specifically identify wipes, including those labelled flushable, grease and other foreign objects.                                                                         | Makes these commonly problematic materials expressly prohibited.                                                                                             |
| There is no separate provision addressing the amount, concentration, level or rate of a discharge.                                                                             | A person may not discharge a substance in an amount, concentration, level or at a rate that may impair the integrity or operation of the sanitary sewer system.                                           | Creates a broader prohibition against discharges that could damage or interfere with the system, even if the substance is not otherwise specifically listed. |

| Current bylaw                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Proposed bylaw                                                                                                                                                                                                       | What this changes                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| The current bylaw specifically prohibits connecting a weeping tile system to the sanitary sewer unless approved in writing by the Commission.                                                                 | The prohibition is expanded to any stormwater system, including weeping tile systems, storm drains, sump pumps, eavestroughs and yard drains, unless prior written authorization is provided by the Commission.      | Broadens the prohibition to address multiple sources of stormwater and unauthorized inflow.                                                                                                                       |
| A person may not lift, remove, raise or tamper with a manhole cover or other system appurtenance unless authorized by the Commission. The current provision does not expressly require written authorization. | Any Commission authorization must be provided in writing.                                                                                                                                                            | Creates a clear written-authorization requirement.                                                                                                                                                                |
| An Authorized Person may enter premises to conduct an inspection after providing reasonable notice.                                                                                                           | Reasonable notice remains the general requirement, but an Authorized Person may enter without notice in an emergency or extraordinary circumstances, in accordance with section 542 of the Municipal Government Act. | Adds authority to inspect without notice in limited circumstances.                                                                                                                                                |
| The current bylaw does not expressly prohibit obstructing or hindering someone exercising authority under the bylaw.                                                                                          | Obstructing or hindering a person exercising or performing powers under the bylaw becomes an offence.                                                                                                                | Creates a new offence intended to prevent interference with inspections and enforcement.                                                                                                                          |
| Schedule B identifies the Maintenance Manager and Maintenance Operator as Authorized Persons.                                                                                                                 | The Commission's Operations Manager is added as an Authorized Person.                                                                                                                                                | Makes the Operations Manager a designated officer for the purposes of the bylaw and provides the position with the inspection, administration and enforcement authority assigned to an Authorized Person.         |
| The current bylaw generally establishes a \$500 penalty for each listed offence.                                                                                                                              | The proposed bylaw establishes a \$10,000 fine upon conviction. It also establishes municipal-tag amounts of \$1,000 for the first tag, \$1,500 for the second, \$2,500 for the third and \$5,000 for the fourth.    | The proposed bylaw establishes a \$10,000 fine upon conviction. It also establishes municipal-tag amounts of \$1,000 for the first tag, \$1,500 for the second, \$2,500 for the third and \$5,000 for the fourth. |

| Current bylaw                                                                                                                                                                  | Proposed bylaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | What this changes                                                                                                                                                         |
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| The current bylaw does not establish an escalating multi-tag process. If a municipal tag is not paid within the required period, a Peace Officer may issue a violation ticket. | Up to four municipal tags may be issued for the same offence. A person must be given at least 90 days after service of one tag to pay the stated amount before another tag for the same offence may be served. A violation ticket may be issued if the fourth tag is not paid within the required period. | Creates an escalating municipal-tag process before prosecution. The proposed wording describes the 90-day period as time to pay the tag before another tag may be issued. |
| A Peace Officer may proceed directly to a violation ticket without first issuing a municipal tag.                                                                              | This authority is retained. A Peace Officer may issue a violation ticket immediately, even if no municipal tags or fewer than four municipal tags have been issued.                                                                                                                                       | Preserves the ability to proceed directly to prosecution when appropriate.                                                                                                |

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND MODERNIZATION CHANGES

The following changes update legislation, terminology and administrative procedures or clarify existing provisions.

### 1. Preamble and legislative references

- The preamble is reorganized and simplified.
- References to the historic Commission regulations and Part 15.1 of the Municipal Government Act are removed.
- The term "Commission" is established in the preamble rather than in the definitions section.
- The separate definition of Municipal Government Act is replaced by the defined term "Act" in the preamble.
- The Alberta Plumbing Code reference is updated from the 1995 edition adopted under Alberta Regulation 219/97 to the 2015 National Plumbing Code adopted under Alberta Regulation 119/2007. The definition continues to apply if the legislation is amended or replaced.

### 2. Definitions

- A definition of Council is added.
- The definition of Registered Owner is retained with minor wording changes.
- The definition of Owner is updated to refer to the defined term Registered Owner.
- The unused definition of Development Authority is removed.
- The definition of Occupant is simplified by removing the unused reference to a dwelling unit.
- The definition of Municipal Tag is updated to cite the specific Municipal Government Act authority.
- The existing option to pay a municipal-tag amount instead of being prosecuted is retained, while the reference to acknowledging the contravention is removed.

### **3. Applications, connections and ownership wording**

- References to the “sewer system” are standardized to “Sanitary Sewer System.”
- The existing requirement for written Commission authorization before connecting a pipe, device or service connection is clarified to require authorization before the connection is made.
- In the subdivision and development provisions, “developer” is replaced by the broader term “applicant.”

### **4. Administration and enforcement procedures**

- The wording for remedial orders under sections 545 and 546 of the Municipal Government Act is simplified while retaining the authority to require that a contravention be corrected within a specified time.
- The bylaw no longer states that Schedule A penalties may be amended by Council resolution. Penalty amounts are established directly in the bylaw.
- Municipal-tag service provisions are reorganized and expanded. An individual may be served personally, by registered mail or by leaving the tag with a person at the premises who appears to be at least 18 years of age.
- The current requirement that personal service first be unsuccessful before a tag may be left with an apparently adult person at the premises is removed.
- A municipal tag must identify whether it is the first, second, third or fourth tag for the offence.
- A municipal tag must identify the amount of the new tag and the total outstanding amount from any previous tags issued for the same offence.
- The court name is updated from Provincial Court to the Alberta Court of Justice.
- References to Part II of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act are modernized to Part 2.
- The existing general notice methods of registered mail, personal service and posting at the premises are retained. Wording is added to recognize that the bylaw or other applicable law may require a different method.

### **5. General wording**

- Liability wording is adjusted for consistency.
- Minor grammar, capitalization, punctuation and formatting changes are made throughout the bylaw.

### **REVIEW REQUESTED**

Member municipalities are invited to comment on any aspect of the proposed bylaw. Feedback may address legal or administrative wording, property-owner impacts, inspection authority, enforcement, penalties, implementation concerns or any other matter the municipality considers relevant.

Please provide feedback no later than October 5, 2026, for consideration by the TVRSSC Board on November 11, 2026.

**BYLAW NO. 231-10  
VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH**

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH, IN THE PROVINCE OF  
ALBERTA, RESPECTING THE SUPPLY OF SEWER SERVICES**

WHEREAS the Municipal Councils of the Village of Alberta Beach, the Summer Village of Sunset Point, and the Summer Village of Val Quentin (collectively, the "Municipalities") have determined it to be expedient to establish a Bylaw to regulate the provision of Sewer Services in the Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities are all served by the TriVillage Regional Sewage Services Commission, established and operated in accordance with the *TriVillage Regional Sewage Services Commission Regulation*, Alta. Reg. 70/1990, *TriVillage Regional Sewage Services Commission Municipal Utilities Acquisition Regulation*, Alta. Reg. 368/1992, and Part 15.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Section 7(g) of the *Municipal Government Act* provides the Municipalities with the authority to enact bylaws regarding public utilities;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26, as amended, Municipal Council for the Village of Alberta Beach, duly assembled enacts as follows:

**PART I – INTERPRETATION**

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Sewer Bylaw".
2. Definitions
  - (a) "Address of Permanent Residence" means the address constituting the Consumer's primary dwelling place, which may or may not be the Premises receiving Sanitary Sewer Services.
  - (b) "Alberta Plumbing Code" means the National Plumbing Code of Canada 1995, adopted and in force in the Province of Alberta pursuant to Alberta Regulation 219/97, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
  - (c) "Appurtenance" means any fixture, receptacle, apparatus or other device which is attached to and forms a part of a Service Connection.
  - (d) "Authorized Person" means a Person employed or under contract to the Commission or the Municipalities and occupying a position listed at Schedule "B" to this Bylaw.
  - (e) "Black Water" means domestic wastewater containing human excrement or matter contaminated with human excrement, discharged from a toilet.
  - (f) "Commission" means the TriVillage Regional Sewage Services Commission.
  - (g) "Consumer" means any Person whose Premises is connected to the Sanitary Sewer System, or any lessee or Occupant of such a Premises for the purpose of providing Sanitary Sewer Service under this Bylaw.
  - (h) "Designated Officer" means a Person appointed pursuant to s. 210(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, and includes for the purpose of this Bylaw, an Authorized Person.
  - (i) "Development Authority" shall have the meaning set out at s. 616(c) of the *Municipal Government Act*.
  - (j) "Emergency" shall be as defined in s. 541(a) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

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- (k) "Grey Water" means domestic wastewater from a hand basin, bath, shower, kitchen or laundry, excluding Blackwater.
- (l) "*Municipal Government Act*" means R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- (m) "Municipal Tag" means a notice issued by the Municipality pursuant to s. 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, for the purpose of providing a Person with an opportunity to acknowledge a contravention of this Bylaw, and to pay a penalty directly to the Municipality, in order to avoid prosecution for the contravention.
- (n) "Municipality", in the singular, means the Village of Alberta Beach.
- (o) "Municipalities", in the plural, means the Village of Alberta Beach, the Summer Village of Sunset Point, and the Summer Village of Val Quentin, collectively.
- (p) "Occupant" means a Person occupying a Premises or Dwelling Unit, including a lessee or licensee, who has actual use, possession or control of the Premises or Dwelling Unit.
- (q) "Owner" means the registered owner of real property to which a Utility Service is provided pursuant to this Bylaw, and includes a purchaser under an agreement for sale of real property.
- (r) "Peace Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Community Peace Officer appointed by any of the Municipalities, or a Peace Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed to enforce the Municipalities' Bylaws.
- (s) "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership or body corporate.
- (t) "Premises" means real property and all buildings, structures and improvements thereon.
- (u) "*Provincial Offences Procedure Act*" means R.S.A. 2000 c.P-34, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- (v) "Registered Owner" means the Registered Owner of a Premises, as evidenced on a Certificate of Title for that Premises.
- (w) "*Safety Codes Act*" means R.S.A. 2000, c. S-1, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- (x) "Sanitary Sewer Service(s)" means the supply of sewage disposal services to a Premises by the Commission pursuant to this Bylaw.
- (y) "Sanitary Sewer System" means that system of pipes, fittings, fixtures, Appurtenances, treatment plants, pumping stations, feeder mains, portions of Service Connections, and all other equipment and machinery of whatever kind owned by the Commission which is required for the collection and disposal of sewage, and which is deemed to be a Public Utility within the meaning of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- (z) "Service Connection" means that pipe which connects a Consumer's Premises to the Commission's main line of the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (aa) "Violation Ticket" means a ticket issued pursuant to Part II of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

**PART II – SANITARY SEWER SERVICES**

3. Services Provided by Commission

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- (a) The provision of Sanitary Sewer Services in the Municipalities shall be the responsibility of the Commission.
- (b) The Commission may establish standards, guidelines, and specifications for the design, construction and maintenance of the Sanitary Sewer System.

4. Terms of Service

- (a) The provisions of this Bylaw shall constitute terms of service for the provision of Sanitary Sewer Services, and all Persons shall comply with the provisions herein.
- (b) All work performed on any portion of the Sanitary Sewer System, pursuant to the terms of this Bylaw by a Consumer shall be performed in accordance with the required standards set out in the Alberta Plumbing Code, and any other applicable Code under the *Safety Codes Act*.
- (c) Prior to commencing work to access the sewer system, the Owner or representative shall fill out a Commission "Application for Connection and Service" and pay the required connection fee. All provisions of the Application must be adhered to.
- (d) As a condition of a subdivision or development approval issued pursuant to the Municipality's Land Use Bylaw, the applicant for subdivision or development approval will be made responsible for the construction of the sewer Service Connection located on Municipal or Commission property. The Developer shall ensure such construction is to Commission standards, is subject to Commission inspection and may be required to enter into a Development Agreement with the Commission. A clean-out will be required at the property line of each new installation.
- (e) Those portions of the Service Connection located within the boundaries of the Premises shall be constructed by the Owner at his or her sole expense, pursuant to the terms of this Bylaw and any specifications provided by the Commission, and the Owner shall be responsible for the continued maintenance and repair of the sewer Service Connection thereafter. Such construction will be subject to Commission inspection and any requirements of the Commission such as engineering studies at the Owners expense.
- (f) The Commission shall, at all times, remain the Owner of that portion of the Service Connection between the Commission's main line and the property line of the road or boundary of an easement granted to the Commission or Municipality for its Sewer System notwithstanding that the Commission's portion of the Service Connection may have been constructed by, or its construction funded by, an applicant for a subdivision or development approval.

**Use and Protection of Sewer System**

5. Prohibitions

- (a) No Person shall connect, or permit the connection of, any pipe, device or Service Connection to the Sanitary Sewer System without the written authorization of the Commission.
- (b) No Person shall connect, or permit the connection of, any pipe, device or Service Connection to the Sanitary Sewer System that is not installed in accordance with:
  - i. the *Alberta Plumbing Code*;
  - ii. the *Safety Codes Act*, or any Code thereunder;
  - iii. any other applicable regulation or legislation;

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- iv. any other conditions or requirements imposed by the Commission with respect to the standards or requirements for a Service Connection.
- (c) No Person shall dispose of, or permit the disposal of, any chemical, toxic or dangerous substance, or other form of pollutant into the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (d) No Person shall connect, or permit the connection of, a weeping tile system to the sanitary sewer, unless approved in writing by the Commission.
- (e) No Person shall dispose of any substance other than Black Water or Grey Water into any sewage Service Connection connected to the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (f) Except as authorized by the Commission, no Person shall turn, lift, remove, raise or tamper with the cover of any manhole or other Appurtenance of the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (g) No Person shall cut, break, connect to or otherwise interfere with any part of the Sanitary Sewer System, except as authorized in writing by the Commission.
- (h) No Person shall interfere with the free discharge of the Sanitary Sewer System, or any part thereof, or do any act or thing which may impede or obstruct the flow of substances within the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (i) For the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw, an Authorized Person may, upon providing reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant, enter into any Premises for the purpose of conducting an inspection under s. 542 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**PART III – ADMINISTRATION**

**Authority of Authorized Persons**

6. The Commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw, and may further delegate this authority as it deems appropriate.
7. A Person occupying a position identified as an Authorized Person under this Bylaw is a Designated Officer of the Municipalities pursuant to Section 210(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, and shall have the authority to exercise any powers, duties or functions identified in this Bylaw.
8. In the event of an Emergency, a Commission member or designee or any Authorized Person or Peace Officer, may enter onto any Premises, without prior notice to any Person, for the purpose of disconnecting the supply of a utility, the prevention of flooding, or to prevent the release of sewage from the Sanitary Sewer System.
9. Where an Authorized Person or Peace Officer finds that a Person is contravening any provision of this Bylaw, in addition to any other remedy provided, the Authorized Person may issue an Order to the Owner, Occupant or Person responsible for the contravention pursuant to ss. 545 or 546 of the *Municipal Government Act*, as applicable, directing that the Owner, Occupant, Person responsible for the contravention or any or all of them take the steps necessary to remedy the contravention in a time period set by the Authorized Person.

**PART IV – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

**Offences**

10. Upon Summary Conviction, any Person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable to the applicable penalties set out in Schedule "A" herein, as amended by Resolution of Council from time to time.

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11. Any Person who provides false information to the Commission, the Municipalities, an Authorized Person or to any other Person empowered to enforce the terms of this Bylaw, is, upon summary conviction, liable to the applicable penalties set out at Schedule "A" herein.

**Enforcement**

12. Municipal Tags

- (a) A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Municipal Tag to any Person whom the Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.
- i. A Municipal Tag shall be served upon such a Person personally, or in the case of a corporation, by serving the Municipal Tag personally upon the Manager, Secretary or other Officer of the corporation, or a Person apparently in charge of a branch office, or by mailing a copy to such Person by registered mail.
- ii. Where personal service cannot be effected upon a Person, the Peace Officer may serve the Municipal Tag by leaving the Tag with a Person on the Premises who has the appearance of being at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (b) A Municipal Tag shall be in a form approved by Council, and shall contain the following information:
- i. The name of the Person to whom the Municipal Tag is issued;
- ii. The date of issuance;
- iii. A description of the offence, the section number of the Bylaw, and the date on which the offence occurred;
- iv. The appropriate penalty for the offence as specified at Schedule "A" of the Bylaw;
- v. That the penalty shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Municipal Tag, in order to avoid prosecution; and
- vi. Any other information as may be required by the Chief Administrative Officer from time to time.
- (c) Where a Municipal Tag has been issued pursuant to Section 12(a), the Person to whom the Municipal Tag has been issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay to the Municipality, the penalty specified on the Municipal Tag, within the time period provided.
- (d) Nothing in this Section shall:
- i. prevent any person from exercising his right to defend any charge of committing a breach of any Section of the Bylaw or
- ii. prevent any Peace Officer, in lieu of serving a tag, from issuing a Violation Ticket to a person or registered owner pursuant to the Provincial Offences procedures Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. S-1.

13. Violation Tickets

- (a) In those cases where a Municipal Tag has been issued and the penalty specified on the Municipal Tag has not been paid within the prescribed time, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to Part II of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 13(a) above, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a Violation Ticket to any Person to whom the Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened

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any provision of this Bylaw, notwithstanding that a Municipal Tag has not first been issued.

- (c) Where a Violation Ticket has been issued to a Person pursuant to this Bylaw, that Person may plead guilty to the offence by submitting to a Clerk of the Provincial Court, the specified penalty set out on the Violation Ticket at any time prior to the appearance date indicated on the Violation Ticket.

**NOTICES**

14. Unless a provision of this Bylaw dictates otherwise, any notice required to be given pursuant to this Bylaw may be given by registered mail, personal service, or by posting the notice at a location on the Premises where the notice is likely to come to the attention of the person to whom it has been issued.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

15. The Municipalities shall not be liable for any damages caused by the break, disruption, stoppage, maintenance or disrepair of the Sanitary Sewer System, unless such damages are due directly to the negligence of the Municipalities or its employees.
16. This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the date that third and final reading is completed.

READ a first time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2010.

READ a second time this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

READ a third and finally passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

SIGNED by the Mayor and C.A.O. this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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PER: 

LOU HUDON, MAYOR

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PER: 

KATHY SKWARCHUK, C.A.O.

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SCHEDULE "A"

PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES

- 5(a) Connecting, or permitting the connection of, any pipe, device or Service Connection to the Sanitary Sewer System without the written authorization of the Commission.  
PENALTY: \$500.00
- 5(b) Connecting or permitting connection of, any pipe, device or Service Connection to the Sanitary Sewer System that is not installed in accordance with:
- i. the *Alberta Plumbing Code*;
  - ii. the *Safety Codes Act*, or any Code thereunder;
  - iii. any other applicable regulation or legislation;
  - iv. any other conditions or requirements imposed by the Commission with respect to the standards or requirements for a Service Connection.
- PENALTY: \$500.00
- 5(c) Disposing or permitting the disposal of, any chemical, toxic or dangerous substance, or other form of pollutant into the Sanitary Sewer System.  
PENALTY: \$500.00
- 5(d) Connecting or permitting the connection of, a weeping tile system to the sanitary sewer, unless approved in writing by the Commission.  
PENALTY: \$500.00
- 5(e) Disposing of any substance other than Black Water or Grey Water into any sewage Service Connection connected to the Sanitary Sewer System.  
PENALTY: \$500.00
- 5(f) Turning, lifting, removing, raising or tampering with the cover of any manhole or other Appurtenance of the Sanitary Sewer System.  
PENALTY: \$500.00
- 5(g) Cutting, breaking, connecting to or otherwise interfering with any part of the Sanitary Sewer System, except as authorized in writing by the Commission.  
PENALTY: \$500.00
- 5(h) Interfering with the free discharge of the Sanitary Sewer System, or any part thereof, or doing any act or thing which may impede or obstruct the flow of substances within the Sanitary Sewer System.  
PENALTY: \$500.00
11. Providing false information to the Commission, the Municipalities, an Authorized Person or to any other Person empowered to enforce the terms of this Bylaw.  
PENALTY: \$500.00

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**SCHEDULE "B"**

**AUTHORIZED PERSONS**

1. For the purposes of this Bylaw, Authorized Persons shall include the positions of:
  - a. Maintenance Manager
  - b. Maintenance Operator

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**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH, IN THE PROVINCE OF  
ALBERTA, RESPECTING THE SUPPLY OF SEWER SERVICES**

WHEREAS the Municipal Councils of the Village of Alberta Beach, the Summer Village of Sunset Point, and the Summer Village of Vai Quentin (collectively, the "Municipalities") have determined it to be expedient to establish a Bylaw to regulate the provision of Sewer Services in the Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities are all served by the TriVillage Regional Sewage Services Commission (the "Commission");

AND WHEREAS Section 7(g) of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A 2000, c. M-26, as amended or replaced from time to time (the "Act") provides the Municipalities with the authority to enact bylaws regarding public utilities;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Act, the Municipal Council for the Village of Alberta Beach, duly assembled enacts as follows:

**PART I- INTERPRETATION**

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Sewer Bylaw".
2. Definitions
  - (a) "Address of Permanent Residence" means the address constituting the Consumer's primary dwelling place, which may or may not be the Premises receiving Sanitary Sewer Services.
  - (b) "Alberta Plumbing Code" means the National Plumbing Code of Canada 2015, adopted and in force in the Province of Alberta pursuant to Alberta Regulation 119/2007, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
  - (c) "Appurtenance" means any fixture, receptacle, apparatus or other device which is attached to and forms a part of a Service Connection.
  - (d) "Authorized Person" means a Person employed or under contract to the Commission or the Municipalities and occupying a position listed at Schedule "B" to this Bylaw.
  - (e) "Black Water" means domestic wastewater containing human excrement or matter contaminated with human excrement, discharged from a toilet.
  - (f) "Consumer" means any Person whose Premises is connected to the Sanitary Sewer System, or any lessee or Occupant of such a Premises for the purpose of providing Sanitary Sewer Service under this Bylaw.
  - (g) "Council" means the council of the Municipality.
  - (h) "Designated Officer" means a Person appointed pursuant to s. 210(1) of the Act, and includes for the purpose of this Bylaw, an Authorized Person.
  - (i) "Emergency" shall be as defined in s. 541(a) of the Act.
  - (j) "Grey Water" means domestic wastewater from a hand basin, bath, shower, kitchen or laundry, excluding Blackwater.
  - (k) "Municipal Tag" means a notice issued by the Municipality pursuant to s. 7(i)(vi) of the Act, for the purpose of providing a Person who contravenes this Bylaw with an opportunity to pay a penalty directly to the Municipality, in order to avoid prosecution for the contravention.
  - (l) "Municipality", in the singular, means the Village of Alberta Beach.
  - (m) "Municipalities", in the plural, means the Village of Alberta Beach, the Summer Village of Sunset Point, and the Summer Village of Vai Quentin, collectively.
  - (n) "Occupant" means a Person occupying a Premises, including a lessee or licensee, who has actual use, possession or control of the Premises.

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- (o) "Owner" means the Registered Owner of real property to which a Utility Service is provided pursuant to this Bylaw, and includes a purchaser under an agreement for sale of real property.
- (p) "Peace Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Community Peace Officer appointed by any of the Municipalities, or a Peace Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed to enforce the Municipalities' Bylaws.
- (q) "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership or body corporate.
- (r) "Premises" means real property and all buildings, structures and improvements thereon.
- (s) "*Provincial Offences Procedure Act*" means R.S.A. 2000 c. P-34, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- (t) "Registered Owner" means the registered owner of a Premises, as evidenced on a Certificate of Title for that Premises.
- (u) "*Safety Codes Act*" means R.S.A. 2000, c. S-1, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- (v) "Sanitary Sewer Service(s)" means the supply of sewage disposal services to a Premises by the Commission pursuant to this Bylaw.
- (w) "Sanitary Sewer System" means that system of pipes, fittings, fixtures, Appurtenances, treatment plants, pumping stations, feeder mains, portions of Service Connections, and all other equipment and machinery of whatever kind owned by the Commission which is required for the collection and disposal of sewage, and which is deemed to be a "public utility" within the meaning of the Act.
- (x) "Service Connection" means that pipe which connects a Consumer's Premises to the Commission's main line of the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (y) "Violation Ticket" means a ticket issued pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

**PART II - SANITARY SEWER SERVICES**

**3. Services Provided by Commission**

- (a) The provision of Sanitary Sewer Services in the Municipalities shall be the responsibility of the Commission.
- (b) The Commission may establish standards, guidelines, and specifications for the design, construction and maintenance of the Sanitary Sewer System.

**4 Terms of Service**

- (a) The provisions of this Bylaw shall constitute terms of service for the provision of Sanitary Sewer Services, and all Persons shall comply with the provisions herein.
- (b) All work performed on any portion of the Sanitary Sewer System, pursuant to the terms of this Bylaw by a Consumer shall be performed in accordance with the required standards set out in the Alberta Plumbing Code, and any other applicable Code under the *Safety Codes Act*.
- (c) Prior to commencing work to access the Sanitary Sewer System, the Owner or their representative shall fill out a Commission "Application for Connection and Service" and pay the required connection fee. All provisions of the Application must be adhered to.
- (d) Prior to:
  - i. upgrading, re-sizing, relocating or otherwise changing a connection to the Sanitary Sewer System; or
  - ii. commencing a significant expansion to the Premises which may notably increase discharge into the Sanitary Sewer System, such as addition of a secondary suite, guest house, or two or more new bathrooms,

the Owner or their representative shall fill out a Commission "Change Form" and pay the resulting change fee, if any. All provisions of the Change Form must be adhered to.

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- (e) As a condition of a subdivision or development approval issued pursuant to the Municipality's Land Use Bylaw, the applicant for subdivision or development approval will be made responsible for the construction of the sewer Service Connection located on Municipal or Commission property. The applicant shall ensure such construction is to Commission standards, is subject to Commission inspection and may be required to enter into a Development Agreement with the Commission. A clean-out will be required at the property line of each new installation.
- (f) Those portions of the Service Connection located within the boundaries of the Premises shall be constructed by the Owner at his or her sole expense, pursuant to the terms of this Bylaw and any specifications provided by the Commission, and the Owner shall be responsible for the continued maintenance and repair of the sewer Service Connection thereafter. Such construction will be subject to Commission inspection and any requirements of the Commission such as engineering studies at the Owner's expense.
- (g) The Commission shall, at all times, remain the Owner of that portion of the Service Connection between the Commission's main line and the property line of the road or boundary of an easement granted to the Commission or Municipality for its Sewer System notwithstanding that the Commission's portion of the Service Connection may have been constructed by, or its construction funded by, an applicant for a subdivision or development approval.
- (h) The Municipality may, but is not required to, construct a Service Connection from the Commission's main line to the street line. The cost of such Service Connection shall be imposed against the Premises that benefits from it and the Owner of the parcel has no right to petition against its construction.

**Use and Protection of Sewer System**

**5 Prohibitions**

- (a) No Person shall connect, or permit the connection of, any pipe, device or Service Connection to the Sanitary Sewer System without the prior written authorization of the Commission.
- (b) No Person shall connect, or permit the connection of, any pipe, device or Service Connection to the Sanitary Sewer System that is not installed in accordance with:
  - iii. the Alberta Plumbing Code;
  - iv. the *Safety Codes Act*, or any code thereunder;
  - v. any other applicable regulation or legislation;
  - vi. any other conditions or requirements imposed by the Commission with respect to the standards or requirements for a Service Connection.
- (c) No Person shall dispose of, or permit the disposal of, any chemical, toxic or dangerous substance, or other form of pollutant into the Sanitary Sewer System. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no Person shall dispose of wipes (whether or not labeled as flushable), grease or other foreign objects.
- (d) No Person shall dispose of, or permit the disposal of, a substance into the Sanitary Sewer System in an amount, concentration or level or at a rate of release that may impair the integrity or operation of the Sanitary Sewer System or any part thereof.
- (e) No Person shall connect, or permit the connection of, a stormwater system to the Sanitary Sewer System, without the prior written authorization of the Commission, including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) a weeping tile system, storm drain, sump pump, eaves trough or yard drain.
- (f) No Person shall dispose of any substance other than Black Water or Grey Water into any sewage Service Connection connected to the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (g) Except as authorized in writing by the Commission, no Person shall turn, lift, remove, raise or tamper with the cover of any manhole or other Appurtenance of the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (h) No Person shall cut, break, connect to or otherwise interfere with any part of the Sanitary Sewer System, except as authorized in writing by the Commission.
- (i) No Person shall interfere with the free discharge of the Sanitary Sewer System, or any part thereof, or do any act or thing which may impede or obstruct the flow of substances within the Sanitary Sewer System.
- (j) No Person shall obstruct or hinder any person in the exercise of performance of their powers pursuant to this Bylaw.

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- (k) For the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw, an Authorized Person may, upon providing reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant, or without notice in an Emergency or extraordinary circumstances, enter into any Premises for the purpose of conducting an inspection under s. 542 of the Act.

**PART III - ADMINISTRATION**

**Authority of Authorized Persons**

6. The Commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw, and may further delegate this authority as it deems appropriate.
7. A Person occupying a position identified as an Authorized Person under this Bylaw is a Designated Officer of the Municipalities pursuant to Section 210(1) of the Act, and shall have the authority to exercise any powers, duties or functions identified in this Bylaw.
8. In the event of an Emergency, a Commission member or designee, any Authorized Person or a Peace Officer, may enter onto any Premises, without prior notice to any Person and at any hour, for the purpose of disconnecting the supply of a utility, the prevention of flooding or to prevent the release of sewage from the Sanitary Sewer System.
9. Where an Authorized Person or Peace Officer finds that a Person is contravening any provision of this Bylaw, in addition to any other remedy provided, the Authorized Person may issue an Order to the Owner, Occupant or Person responsible for the contravention pursuant to ss. 545 or 546 of the Act, as applicable, directing that the Owner, Occupant and/or Person responsible for the contravention take the steps necessary to remedy the contravention in a time period set by the Authorized Person.

**PART IV - OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

**Offences**

10. Upon summary conviction, any Person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable to the applicable fine set out in Schedule "A" herein.
11. Any Person who provides false information to the Commission, the Municipalities, an Authorized Person or to any other Person empowered to enforce the terms of this Bylaw, is, upon summary conviction, liable to the applicable fine set out at Schedule "A" herein.

**Enforcement**

12. Municipal Tags
  - (a) A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Municipal Tag to any Person whom the Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw. A Municipal Tag shall be served upon:
    - i. an individual personally, by registered mail or by leaving the Tag with a Person on the Premises who has the appearance of being at least eighteen (18) years of age.
    - ii. a corporation or other entity, by serving the Municipal Tag personally upon an officer of the corporation, or a Person apparently in charge of a branch office, or by mailing a copy to such Person by registered mail to their registered office, address for service for mail or their agent for service's address as shown in public records.
  - (b) A Peace Officer is authorized to issue up to four (4) Municipal Tags per offence, provided that the Person whom allegedly contravened these Bylaws shall be given at least ninety (90) days after the service of a Municipal Tag to pay the stated amount before a subsequent Municipal Tag for the same offence may be served.
  - (c) A Municipal Tag shall be in a form approved by Council, and shall contain the following information:
    - i. The name of the Person to whom the Municipal Tag is issued;
    - ii. The date of issuance;
    - iii. A description of the offence, the number of the applicable section of this Bylaw that was contravened and the date on which the offence occurred;
    - iv. Whether this is the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Municipal Tag for the described offence;

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- v. The amount imposed by the new Municipal Tag, determined in accordance with Schedule "A", along with the total outstanding amount to be paid including the prior Municipal Tag(s) issued for the same offence, if any;
  - vi. That the total outstanding amount shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Municipal Tag, in order to avoid prosecution; and
  - vii. Any other information as may be required by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality from time to time.
- (a) Where a Municipal Tag has been issued pursuant to Section 12(a), the Person to whom the Municipal Tag has been issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay to the Municipality, the amount specified on the Municipal Tag, within the time period provided.
- (b) Nothing in this Section shall:
- i. prevent any person from exercising his right to defend any charge of committing a breach of any section of this Bylaw; or
  - ii. prevent any Peace Officer, in lieu of serving a Municipal Tag, from issuing a Violation Ticket to a person or Registered Owner pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act*.
13. Violation Tickets
- (a) In those cases where four Municipal Tags have been issued and the amount specified on the 4<sup>th</sup> Municipal Tag has not been paid within the prescribed time, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 13(a) above, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a Violation Ticket to any Person to whom the Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, notwithstanding that a Municipal Tag has not first been issued, or that less than four Municipal Tags have been issued.
- (c) Where a Violation Ticket has been issued to a Person pursuant to this Bylaw, that Person may plead guilty to the offence by submitting to a Clerk of the Alberta Court of Justice, the specified penalty set out on the Violation Ticket at any time prior to the appearance date indicated on the Violation Ticket.

**NOTICES**

14. Unless a provision of this Bylaw or applicable law dictates otherwise, any notice required to be given pursuant to this Bylaw may be given by registered mail, personal service, or by posting the notice at a location on the Premises where the notice is likely to come to the attention of the person to whom it has been issued.

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READ a third and finally passed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

SIGNED by the Mayor and C.A.O. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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PER: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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PER: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, C.A.O.

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**SCHEDULE "A"**

**FINES & PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES**

**FINE AND MUNICIPAL TAG PENALTY AMOUNT**

The following amounts shall apply to fines or Municipal Tags (as applicable) issued under this Bylaw.

FINE (if convicted of an offence): \$10,000.00

1<sup>ST</sup> MUNICIPAL TAG: \$1,000.00

2<sup>ND</sup> MUNICIPAL TAG: \$1,500.00

3<sup>RD</sup> MUNICIPAL TAG: \$2,500.00

4<sup>TH</sup> MUNICIPAL TAG: \$5,000.00

**OFFENCES**

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- 5(b) Connecting or permitting connection of, any pipe, device or Service Connection to the Sanitary Sewer System that is not installed in accordance with:
- i. the Alberta Plumbing Code;
  - ii. the *Safety Codes Act*, or any code thereunder;
  - iii. any other applicable regulation or legislation;
  - iv. any other conditions or requirements imposed by the Commission with respect to the standards or requirements for a Service Connection.
- 5(c) Disposing or permitting the disposal of, any chemical, toxic or dangerous substance, or other form of pollutant into the Sanitary Sewer System including wipes (whether or not labeled as flushable), grease or other foreign objects.
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- 5(e) Connecting or permitting the connection of, a stormwater system to the sanitary sewer, unless approved in writing by the Commission, including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) a weeping tile system, storm drain, sump pump, eaves trough or yard drain..
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- 5(g) Turning, lifting, removing, raising or tampering with the cover of any manhole or other Appurtenance of the Sanitary Sewer System.
- 5(h) Cutting, breaking, connecting to or otherwise interfering with any part of the Sanitary Sewer System, except as authorized in writing by the Commission.
- 5(i) Interfering with the free discharge of the Sanitary Sewer System, or any part thereof, or doing any act or thing which may impede or obstruct the flow of substances within the Sanitary Sewer System.
- 5(j) Obstructing or hindering any person in the exercise of performance of their powers pursuant to this Bylaw.
11. Providing false information to the Commission, the Municipalities, an Authorized Person or to any other Person empowered to enforce the terms of this Bylaw.

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**SCHEDULE "B"  
AUTHORIZED PERSONS**

1. For the purposes of this Bylaw, Authorized Persons shall include the positions of:
  - a. Maintenance Manager
  - b. Maintenance Operator
  - c. Operations Manager of the Commission



# Tri Village Regional Sewage Services Commission (TVRSSC)

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## Bylaw Review and 2027 Inspection Program

### Timeline and Communication Plan

Approved on MAY 13, 2026

#### 1. Project Preamble

The Tri Village Regional Sewage Services Commission (TVRSSC) Board initially contemplated a combined sewer fogging and bylaw review initiative. Following further consideration, including significant cost escalation and operational concerns associated with fogging, the Board has directed that the fogging component not proceed. Instead, the Board will undertake a comprehensive bylaw review in 2026 and implement a structured inspection program in 2027.

This revised approach reflects the Board's commitment to ensuring that the regional sewage system is managed in a proactive, cost-effective, and legally sound manner. The bylaw review will focus on clearly establishing the authority required for inspections and ensuring that the Operations Manager is able to lawfully and effectively carry out inspections on all properties connected to the system.

Successful implementation of the 2027 inspection program is dependent on the adoption of updated bylaws by all member municipalities. As such, this plan emphasizes early engagement, clear communication, and collaboration with member municipalities to secure alignment and approval. It also provides a structured approach to informing residents, minimizing disruption, and supporting compliance.

This document outlines the timeline, communication strategy, and key milestones required to achieve full bylaw adoption by the end of 2026 and to successfully implement inspections during June, July, and August of 2027.

#### 2. Purpose and Scope

This plan establishes the timeline, communication process, and implementation framework for the TVRSSC bylaw review and 2027 inspection program. It is intended to guide Administration, the Board, and member municipalities through a coordinated process that ensures legal readiness, stakeholder alignment, and effective program delivery.

### **3. Timeline and Key Activities**

The project will proceed through a series of coordinated phases to ensure that bylaws are properly developed, reviewed, and adopted prior to the implementation of inspections in 2027.

#### **March – June 2026: Legal Drafting and Preparation**

During this phase, Administration will work with legal counsel to develop a comprehensive bylaw that clearly establishes inspection authority, outlines processes and notice requirements, and ensures compliance with all applicable legislation.

#### **July 2026: Board Review**

A first draft of the bylaw will be presented to the Board for review and direction at the July Board meeting. The bylaw will be updated based on feedback at the meeting and then circulated to member municipalities for their review and feedback.

#### **August – September 2026: Member Engagement**

The draft bylaw will be distributed to member municipalities along with supporting materials, including a plain-language summary and explanatory cover letter. Member municipalities will be invited to review and provide feedback. The Board will consider any feedback and finalize the bylaw for adoption at their September Meeting.

#### **October – December 2026: Municipal Adoption**

Member municipalities will bring the bylaw forward for Council consideration and adoption. Administration will provide support as needed. The goal is for all member municipalities to adopt the bylaw by December 31, 2026.

#### **January – May 2027: Resident Communication and Preparation**

Following bylaw adoption, communication materials will be finalized and distributed. Administration recommends an independent mailout in spring 2027 to provide residents with detailed information about the inspection program, including its purpose, timing, and what to expect.

#### **May 2027: Tax Notice Communication**

Municipalities will be provided with a brief notice within their annual tax mailouts to reinforce awareness of the upcoming inspection program and direct residents to additional resources.

#### **June – August 2027: Inspection Program Implementation**

Inspections will be carried out across all member municipalities. Ongoing communication will be maintained to address resident questions and ensure a smooth implementation process.

### **4. Communication Strategy**

A coordinated communication approach is critical to the success of this initiative. Member municipalities will receive formal correspondence, draft bylaws, and supporting materials to facilitate review and adoption.

Residents will be informed through multiple channels (in conjunction with member municipalities), including direct mailouts, tax notice inserts, and municipal websites. Messaging will focus on the purpose of inspections, system protection, and what residents can expect.

## **5. Roles and Responsibilities**

The TVRSSC Board will provide overall project oversight and direction. Administration will coordinate the bylaw review, legal consultation, communication efforts, and project implementation. Member municipalities are responsible for bylaw adoption and enforcement within their jurisdictions. The Operations Manager and any contracted services will be responsible for carrying out inspections.

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**Subject:** Rural Water Distribution Infrastructure Funding Reform for the advocacy through the (ASVA).  
**Attachments:** REGIONAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING SUPPORT.docx (2).pdf

Good Morning

Just reviewing the above referenced resolution, (attached) and given that it did not go forward through Ab Munis, we now have approval to take it forward through ASVA.

In order to proceed, we will require a revised resolution that indicates that the Summer Village of Sunset Point supports the Summer Village of Val Quentin to proceed with submission of a resolution titled Rural Water Distribution Infrastructure Funding Reform for the advocacy through the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA).

We would also invite a letter of support from the Village of Alberta Beach.  
Thank you

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On Fri, Jun 5, 2026 at 3:49 PM Office Sunset Point <[office@sunsetpoint.ca](mailto:office@sunsetpoint.ca)> wrote:

Hi Tara,

Please see the below motion that was at our regular council meeting on June 3, 2026:

## 7.2 – Regional Water Infrastructure Funding Support

**Res. #2026-112** MOVED by Councillor Jones that Council approves the Summer Village of Sunset Point to support the Village of Alberta Beach to proceed with submission of a resolution titled “Rural Water Distribution Infrastructure Funding Reform” for the advocacy through ABMunis.

Carried

Thanks,

Jennifer Sunderman

Chief Administrative Officer



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**Subject:** RE: Resolution submission

Hi Tara,

Below is the motion from our meeting minutes of May 19, 2026.

REQUEST FOR DECISION SUBMITTED BY MAYOR LI WOOD - ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES  
RESOLUTION FOR REGIONAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING SUPPORT  
MOTION #089-26

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approves to submit a Resolution to Alberta Municipalities to request that Alberta Municipalities support regional water infrastructure funding and further advocate to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada for the establishment of enhanced and dedicated funding opportunities specifically targeted toward regional rural water infrastructure projects including distribution systems

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## Resolution: Rural Water Distribution Infrastructure Funding Reform

**Sponsored by: Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA)  
Summer Villages of Sunset Point & Val Quentin**

### **Resolution Category:**

Infrastructure / Environment / Rural Sustainability

### **WHEREAS**

the Government of Alberta's Water for Life Strategy identifies reliable and sustainable water supplies as essential to supporting Alberta's communities, economy, and long-term growth; and

### **WHEREAS**

many rural municipalities and regional partnerships can access provincial support for water treatment facilities and regional transmission systems through existing programs, but face limited or insufficient funding support for local and regional distribution infrastructure required to deliver potable water to new residential, commercial, and industrial development areas; and

### **WHEREAS**

small and rural municipalities often lack the assessment base and financial capacity to meet current municipal cost-sharing requirements for large-scale regional water infrastructure projects, even where regional collaboration exists;

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta advocate to the Government of Alberta to expand eligibility under the Water for Life program and related provincial infrastructure funding programs to include water distribution infrastructure necessary to support municipal growth, regional development, and long-term water resiliency in rural Alberta; and

### **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**

that the Government of Alberta review existing municipal cost-sharing formulas for regional water infrastructure projects to better reflect the financial realities of small and rural municipalities, including consideration of:

- reduced local contribution requirements for small municipalities;
- regional and collaborative applications;
- seasonal and tourism-based population impacts; and
- long-term economic development and drought resiliency objectives.

## Background

The Government of Alberta's Water for Life Strategy, first introduced in 2003 and renewed in 2008, identifies "reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy" as one of its core provincial objectives.

Through the Water for Life program, Alberta provides cost-shared funding for regional water supply and treatment facilities, wastewater systems, and certain regional pipeline projects involving two or more municipalities.

While the program has successfully supported regional collaboration and treatment capacity development, many rural municipalities continue to face challenges accessing funding for downstream distribution infrastructure required to actually deliver potable water into developing residential, commercial, and industrial areas. Without these local distribution systems, municipalities may possess sufficient regional water supply but remain unable to support growth and development.

This issue is particularly acute in rural and seasonal communities with limited tax bases, aging infrastructure, and fluctuating seasonal populations. Even where municipalities pursue joint or regional applications, many cannot reasonably meet required municipal cost-sharing thresholds for major infrastructure expansion projects.

Current funding structures may unintentionally disadvantage smaller municipalities attempting to support regional economic growth, housing development, tourism expansion, and drought resiliency initiatives. In many rural communities, water infrastructure limitations are becoming a direct constraint on future growth opportunities and investment attraction.

Expanding eligibility criteria to include growth-related distribution infrastructure, alongside reviewing municipal contribution formulas for smaller communities, would better align provincial infrastructure programming with Alberta's stated commitment to rural economic development, regional collaboration, and long-term water sustainability.

Relevant provincial program information:

- [Government of Alberta – Water for Life Program](#)
- [Government of Alberta – New Regional Water Systems Funding](#)
- [Government of Alberta – Water for Life Strategy](#)