



VILLAGE OF WARNER

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AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR AND CLOSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE WARNER MUNICIPAL OFFICE, WEDNESDAY – MARCH 15, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DELEGATIONS

- A) Ross Bond, Sergeant, Peace Officer, RRPSS
- B) Revitalization Committee

3. AGENDA

- A) Items added or deleted
- B) Adoption of the Agenda

4. REPORTS/FINANCIALS

- A) Approval of the February 15, 2023, Regular Council meeting minutes
- B) Municipal Enforcement Report
- C) Chief Administrative Officer Report
 - C.1) Water Reports
- D) Financial Report
- E) Committee Reports

5. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Correspondence

6. BYLAW/AGREEMENTS / POLICY REVIEW

- A) Bylaw Inventory
- B) Municipal Utility Rate Comparison

7. ACTION ITEMS/COUNCIL DECISION

- A) Public Engagement
- B) Miniature Horse Permit

8. CLOSED MEETING

- A) Section 17: Disclosure harmful to personal privacy – CAO Evaluation

9. NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday – April 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT



Request for Decision Delegation: Ridge Regional Public Safety Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the discussion on municipal enforcement processes with Ridge Regional Public Safety Services, as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act
Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Agreement

BACKGROUND

In an effort to clarify council questions, Ridge Regional Public Safety Services will be in attendance to answer questions regarding municipal enforcement processes.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the recommendation. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

None



Request for Decision Delegation: Revitalization Committee

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Revitalization Committee report as information and support the following requests:

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LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

Members of the Revitalization Committee will be in attendance to provide Council with updates of committee activities, along with a few requests.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the recommendation. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Information Letter
2. Warner Days
3. Photos

WARNER REVITALIZATION SOCIETY

This year the Warner Revitalization Society has decided to try something different on main street. Over the past two years we have had flowers, but due to the weather, we find it is not feasible for this endeavor.

- 1) Our plan is to build picket fences and attach several the wooden décor to them. We have permission from Fortis to hang items from the power poles. From these hangers will be some of the barn quilts and suncatchers. We may require help from the Village foreman for this project.

We are requesting to have five of the half whiskey barrels that are by the Village shed to use in our display.

- 2) The board members of Devil's Coulee Dinosaur Museum have decided that they are going to do all natural landscaping within their park and do not require our items or garden any longer. We will be removing all our items from this area by the end of April.

The garden shed that is on their property belongs to Warner Revitalization Society and we are requesting permission to have it placed in front of the Village shed so we may still be able to store our items in it.

- 3) This year we will continue to work on the entrance sign and will be adding more plants, trees, etc. It should be completed this year.
- 4) The Warner Lions Club donated \$500 to purchase trees for the park. We have ordered the trees, but they will not be placed in the park as they do not fit into their natural landscaping vision. Therefore, we would like the approval of the Village to have them planted in the Lions Park. We have fruit trees, willows, sunflowers, etc.

We will continue to work by beautifying the Village to the best of our ability with your assistance.

Thank you.

WARNER DAYS COMMITTEE

Warner Days will be held on June 3, 2023 this year.

We have held two meetings so far and have a number of ideas that we would like to happen on this day.

Events to date:

- Breakfast (Warner Lions Club)
- Pet Show (Mary Koehn)
- Kids and Adult Games: (Amy Omelusik)
- Dog Obstacle Course (Devil's Coulee)
- Cornhole Tournament (Kyle and Sandy Mesic)
- Chili Cook-off (Barbara Clemence)
- Car Show (John Preston)
- Beer garden, live band (Warner Hotel)
- "3 on 3" Basketball Tournament (Austin Preston)
- Pour Painting activities (Eileen Wosnack)
- Market on Main Street (Sharla Nelson)
- Street Party (John Preston + Warner Hotel)

We would like the permission of the Village to block off Main Street from the Hotel down to the Elks Hall in order to hold these events. We have several car show enthusiasts coming and would like to block off the street from the fire hall to the Village Office for the Car Show. We will be talking to the residents on this street to obtain their approval as well.

We have someone to set up a concession stand for the day and would like permission for them to set up on the corner lot to the east of Warner Foods.

As a backup plan, if weather not cooperating, we would like to have permission to move events to the Civic Centre where it is inside.

We will be building several dog obstacle course items and it will be placed in the dog run area of the Village. We would like approval to have these items left up from May 1st to Aug 31st for anyone to use.

We will be reserving porta potty's as well for the day.

We will be advertising by way of posters, radio, television, mailouts, etc.

We are open to ideas from the council for this day and any volunteer work they can provide.

Thank you.







Request for Decision Adoption of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes for the February 15, 2023 regular council meeting be accepted as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act, Section 208(1)(a)
Bylaw 561-18 Procedural Bylaw

BACKGROUND

As per the MGA and the Village's Procedural Bylaw, minutes are to be recorded and given to council for adoption at a subsequent council meeting.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. By not approving the previous meetings minutes, Council would then not approve the decisions they made, as recorded and no motion would be actioned by administration.
2. The minutes of the Council meetings can be adopted as amended; Council would need to be specific in an amendment to the recording of the previous meetings minutes.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Prior to Adoption: February 15, 2023, regular council meeting minutes

Prior to Adoption

Minutes of the Village of Warner Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, in the Warner Municipal Office, at 210-3rd Avenue, Warner, Alberta.

Present – Elected Officials

Councillor Don Toovey, Deputy Mayor Marty Kirby, Councillor Derek Baron, and Councillor Chris Koehn

Absent – Elected Officials

Mayor Tyler Lindsay

Present – Administration

Kim Owen, Director of Corporate Services
Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Kirby called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Kirby swore in new Councillor Chris Koehn.

2. DELEGATIONS

Mr. Bob Wills, representing a group of interested parents, spoke to the high number of participants in the Learn to Skate program. The expectation was 12 participants, and the program has 75 participants.

There is interest in starting up a Minor Hockey program in Warner in the fall of 2023. The majority age of players (age 7 and under) would be in the novice age group, who under Hockey Alberta could be a recreation team for the first couple of years.

Council expressed their support to a Minor Hockey program in Warner.

Deputy Mayor Kirby thanked the delegation for attending.

3. AGENDA

A) Items added or deleted

- 6A) Strike Bylaw Inventory
- 7E) County of Warner Donation Request
- 7F) Miniature Horse Permit Request

B) Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Baron, "that the February 15, 2023, regular council meeting agenda be accepted as amended."

Motion Carried 2023-20

4. REPORTS/FINANCIALS

A) Approval of January 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that the minutes for the January 18, 2023, regular council meeting be accepted as presented."

Motion Carried 2023-21

B) Municipal Enforcement Report

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Baron, "that the Municipal Enforcement report for the period ending January 31, 2022, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-22

C) Milk River RCMP Detachment Report

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the Milk River RCMP Detachment report for the period ending January 31, 2022, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-23

D) Chief Administrative Officer Report

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the Chief Administrative Officer report for the period ending January 31, 2023, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-24

E) Financial Report

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that administration present a quarterly financial report, instead of monthly."

Motion Carried 2023-25

E) Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Kirby attended FCSS, Mayors and Reeves, and ORRSC meetings.

Councillor Toovey attended the Ridge Country Housing meeting, as well as the Heritage Handibus meeting.

Councillor Baron reported on the Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Koehn, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that the committee reports for the period ending February 15, 2023, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-26

5. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE

A) Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the correspondence for the period ending February 15, 2023, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-27

6. BYLAW/AGREEMENTS / POLICY REVIEW

A) Bylaw Inventory

This item was removed from the agenda.

B) Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw 611-23

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby, "that Council amend the Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw 611-23 to include the repeal of Bylaw 1034."

Motion Carried 2023-28

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Baron, "that Council give first reading to the Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw 611-23."

Motion Carried 2023-29

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby, "that Council give second reading to the Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw 611-23."

Motion Carried 2023-30

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Baron, "that unanimous consent be given to Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw 611-23, for consideration of third reading."

Motion Carried 2023-31

Moved by Councillor Koehn, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council give third and final reading to the Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw 611-23."

Motion Carried 2023-32

7. ACTION ITEMS/COUNCIL DECISION

A) Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Councillor Toovey be appointed to the Regional Assessment Review Board."

Motion Carried 2023-33

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kirby, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Councillor Koehn be appointed to the Veterans Memorial Highway Association."

Motion Carried 2023-34

Moved by Councillor Koehn, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council does not appoint to the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision Appeal Board."

Motion Carried 2023-35

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Baron, "that Councillor Baron and Deputy Mayor Kirby be appointed to the Intermunicipal Collaboration framework Committee, and that Councillor Koehn be appointed as the alternate."

Motion Carried 2023-36

B) Property Tax Penalty Waiver Request

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council approve the property tax waiver request for roll number 3900 for the 2022 year."

Motion Carried 2023-37

C) Pink Shirt Day Proclamation

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council proclaim February 22, 2023, as Pink Shirt Day in the Village of Warner."

Motion Carried 2023-38

D) Veterans News Sponsorship Request

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kirby, seconded by Councillor Baron, "that Council deny the sponsorship request for a Bronze Sponsorship in the Veterans News in the amount of \$350.00."

Motion Carried 2023-39

E) County Donation Request

Moved by Councillor Koehn, seconded by Councillor Baron, "that Council donate \$400.00 towards the County donation request for the emergency responder's appreciation evening."

Motion Carried 2023-40

F) Miniature Horse Permit Request

Moved by Councillor Koehn, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council table the miniature horse permit request item to a future council meeting."

Motion Carried 2023-41

8. CLOSED MEETING

9. NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday – March 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the regular council meeting for February 15, 2023, adjourn at 7:26 p.m."

Motion Carried 2023-42

Marty Kirby
Deputy Mayor

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the XXX day of XXXX 2023.



Request for Decision Municipal Enforcement Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Municipal Enforcement report for the period ending February 28, 2023, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Peace Officer Act

Various municipal bylaws

BACKGROUND

The Village of Warner joined the Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission in 2019. The Commission serves the municipalities of Coutts, Magrath, Milk River, Raymond, Stirling, Warner and County of Warner.

The Village Council receives a monthly report, to provide information on the number and types of incidents that violate municipal bylaws.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

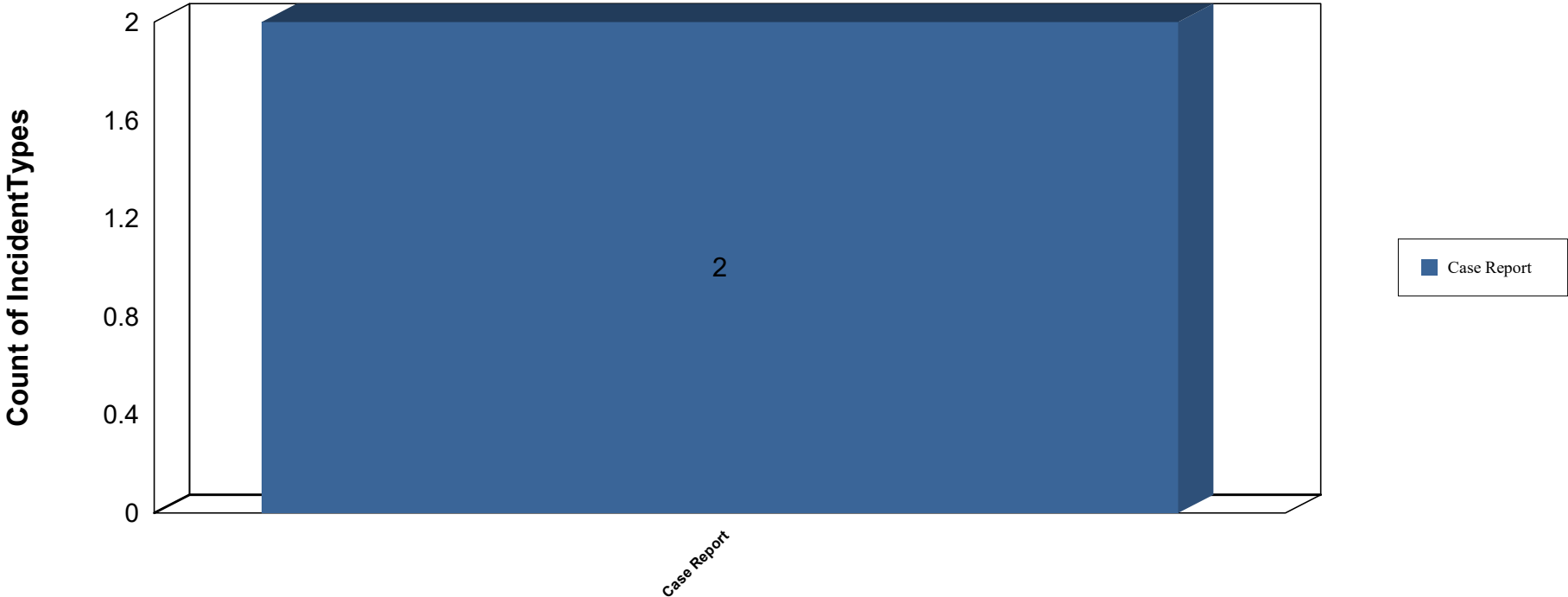
ATTACHMENTS

1. Municipal Enforcement Report

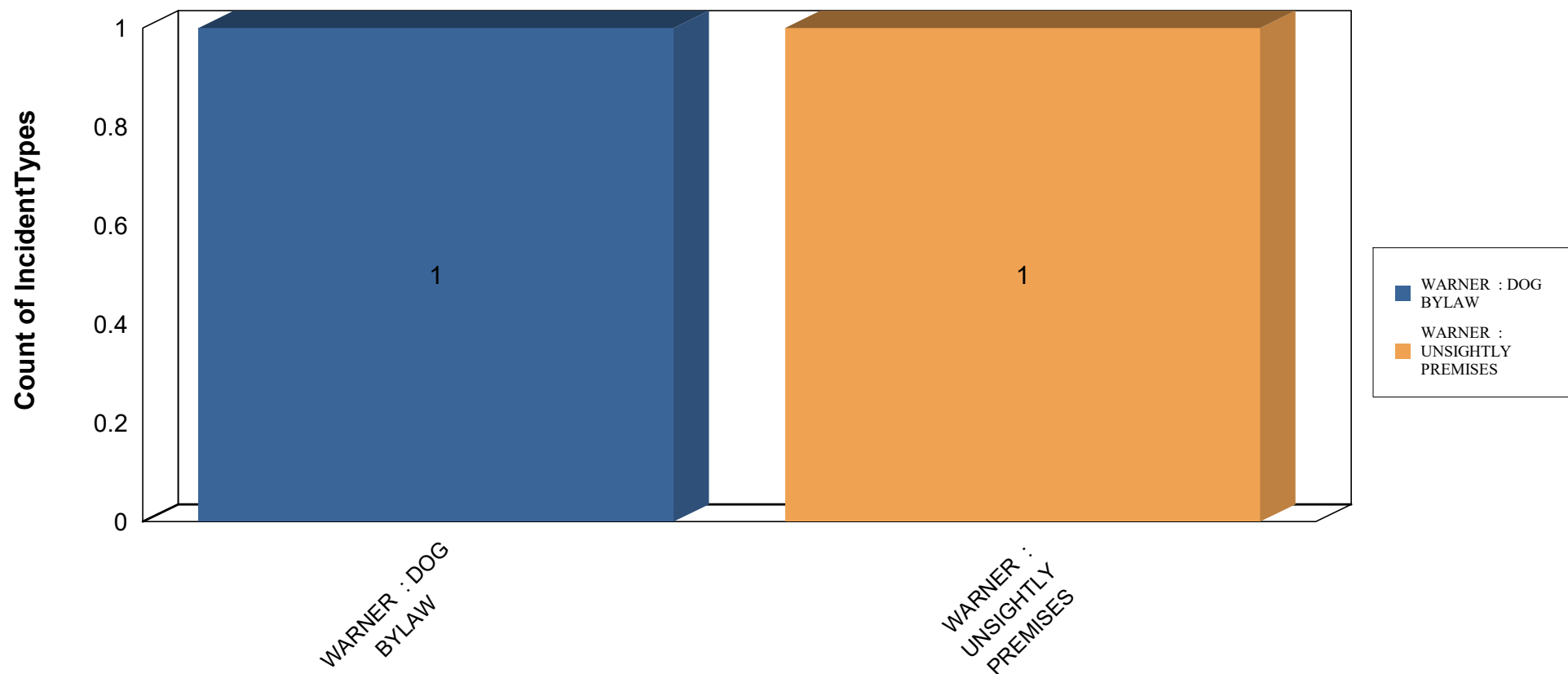
Municipal Enforcement

Statistics from: 2/1/2023 12:00:00AM to 2/28/2023 11:59:00PM

Count of Reports Completed



Count of Incident Types



50.00% # of Reports: 1 Case Report WARNER : DOG BYLAW

50.00% # of Reports: 1 Case Report WARNER : UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 2 Total # of Reports: 2

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Request for Decision Chief Administrative Officer Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Administrative Officer report for the period ending February 28, 2023, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

On a monthly basis, the Chief Administrative Officer provides Council with an update on administrative items.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. CAO Report



Chief Administrative Officer Report February 2023

Administration

- Council meeting preparation
- Council meeting attendance
- Council minutes and highlights for newsletter. Copies of newsletter at grocery store
- Meetings/communication (walk in, email and phone)
- Council email research and communications
- Bylaw inventory - complete
- Policy inventory
- Development Permits issued
- Attend Subdivision Appeal Board Hearing
- Working on Unsightly Premises Bylaw revision
- Finalize plan for orientation and strategic planning
- Complete strategic planning session
- Complete final Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Appointment List
- Complete Council Refresher and Orientation
- Transpose strategic planning notes to develop public document
- Begun the development of the 2023 Operating Budget
- Begun the development of the 2023 Capital Budget
- Real Estate inquiries
- Solar return on investment analysis
- Research and finalize utility rates through comparable municipal population size
- Attend Alberta Health Services Town Hall



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Environmental Public Health,Raymond -ER4

c/o Lethbridge Environmental Public Health
801 - 1st Avenue South (403)388-6689
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4L5

Accession #: WC-23-0001529
AESRD Approval #: 0323162
EI #:
Provlab Study #:

Environmental Microbiology

Collected Date	2023-01-09	
Collected Time	11:00:00	
Procedure		Units
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E coli by Enzyme Substrate	ABSENT	per 100mL
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Drinking Water Sample Category	Treated Public	
Received Date and Time	2023-01-10 0836	
Analyzed Date	10-JAN-2023	
ID Number	2208500	
Sample Collected By	Derek Hacke	
Collected By Phone Number	403-421-0030	
Sample Collection Site.	Shop	

Interpretive Data

In1: Total Coliforms by Enzyme Substrate
Total Coliforms and E coli testing performed by Enzyme Substrate Method -
Presence/Absence.

LEGEND: @=Faxed #=Corrected H=High T=Textual Result
 R=Result Comment O=Order Comment In=Interpretive Data

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Information on this report related only to this sample
For further information contact the Environmental Public Health Agency

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Environmental Public Health, Raymond -ER4

c/o Lethbridge Environmental Public Health
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Lethbridge, AB T1J 4L5

Accession #: WC-23-0001539
AESRD Approval #: 0323162
EI #:
Provlab Study #:

Environmental Microbiology

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	E coli by Enzyme Substrate	ABSENT	per 100mL
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	Analyzed Date	10-JAN-2023	
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	Collected By Phone Number	403-421-0030	
	Sample Collection Site.	Arena	

Interpretive Data

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Presence/Absence.

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For further information contact the Environmental Public Health Agency

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Request for Decision Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee reports for the period ending March 15, 2023, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act
Bylaw 561-18 Procedural Bylaw

BACKGROUND

Elected Officials, appointed at the annual organizational meeting, attend regular meetings of various boards, commissions and committees. Each elected official is required to keep Council informed by providing regular activity of the board, commission or committee they are appointed to.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

Should committee reports not be relayed, members of Council will not be informed on the various boards, commissions and committees.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Oldman River Regional Services Commission Board Committee Minutes
2. Family and Community Support Services Minutes
3. SouthGrow Monthly Report
4. Hon. Grant Hunter Report
5. Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Appointment List



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, December 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

ORRSC Conference Room (3105 - 16 Avenue North, Lethbridge) or ZOOM Virtual Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Colin Bexte (Absent) Village of Arrowwood
Kent Bullock (Absent) Village of Barnwell
Dan Doell (In Person) Village of Barons
Mike Wetzstein (Absent) Town of Bassano
Ray Juska (Absent) City of Brooks
Roger Houghton (In Person) Cardston County
Allan Burton (In Person) Town of Cardston
Sue Dahl (Virtual) Village of Carmangay
James F. Smith (Absent) Village of Champion
Brad Schlossberger (In Person) Town of Claresholm
Jesse Potrie (Absent) Town of Coalhurst
Tanya Smith (In Person) Village of Coutts
Barbara Burnett (In Person) Village of Cowley
Dave Filipuzzi (Virtual) Mun. Crowsnest Pass
Dean Ward (Virtual) Mun. Crowsnest Pass
Stephen Dortch (In Person) Village of Duchess
Gordon Wolstenholme (In Person) Town of Fort Macleod
Mark Peterson (In Person) Village of Glenwood
Suzanne French (Virtual) Village of Hill Spring
Morris Zeinstra (Absent) Lethbridge County

Brad Koch (Absent) Village of Lomond
Gerry Baril (In Person) Town of Magrath
Peggy Losey (In Person) Town of Milk River
Dean Melnyk (Absent) Village of Milo
Victor Czop (Virtual) Town of Nanton
Marinus de Leeuw (Absent) Town of Nobleford
Teresa Feist (Absent) Town of Picture Butte
Tony Bruder (Absent) M.D. of Pincher Creek
Don Anderberg (Virtual) Town Pincher Creek
Ronald Davis (Absent) M.D. of Ranchland
Neil Sieben (In Person) Town of Raymond
Don Norby (In Person) Town of Stavely
Matthew Foss (In Person) Village of Stirling
John DeGroot (Absent) MD of Taber
Raymond Coad (Absent) Town of Vauxhall
Christopher Northcott (In Person) Vulcan County
Richard DeBolt (In Person) Town of Vulcan
David Cody (In Person) County of Warner
Marty Kirby (In Person) Village of Warner
Evan Berger (In Person) M.D. Willow Creek

STAFF:

Bonnie Brunner Senior Planner
Mike Burla Senior Planner
Ryan Dyck Planner
Steve Harty Senior Planner
Raeanne Keer Executive Assistant

Lenze Kuiper Chief Administrative Officer
Kattie Schlamp Assistant Planner
Gavin Scott Senior Planner
Jaime Thomas GIS Analyst
Hailey Winder Planner

Chair Gordon Wolstenholme called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Christopher Northcott

THAT the Board adopts the Agenda for December 1, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

2. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS FOR 2023

a. Members and Alternates 2023
- 2023 Meeting Calendar

The Board reviewed the list of Member and Alternate Members for 2023 and the 2023 meeting calendar.

3. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2023

a. Nomination Information

M. Burla, Senior Planner, presented the Executive Committee Election process to the Board.

L. Kuiper stated that 1 nomination was received for the position of Chair, Mr. Gordon Wolstenholme of the Town of Fort Macleod.

L. Kuiper inquired if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Chair.

There were none.

L. Kuiper inquired a second and third time to if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Chair, and there were none.

Mr. Gordon Wolstenholme was proclaimed Chair of the Executive Committee of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission Board of Directors.

L. Kuiper stated that 1 nomination was received for the position of Vice Chair, Mr. Don Anderberg of the Town of Pincher Creek.

L. Kuiper inquired if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair.

There were none.

L. Kuiper inquired a second and third time to if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair, and there were none.

Mr. Don Anderberg was proclaimed Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission Board of Directors.

L. Kuiper, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Administration had received 5 nomination forms during the nomination period for the Executive Committee Members, 1 rural member and 4 urban members. L. Kuiper reviewed the list of candidates, Victor Czap of the Town of Nanton, Christopher Northcott of Vulcan County, Jesse Potrie of the Town of Coalhurst, Brad Schlossberger of the Town of Claresholm, and Neil Sieben of the Town of Raymond.

L. Kuiper stated that in accordance with Board of Directors and Executive Committee Bylaw 2021-01, Section 15.2 the Executive Committee is to be comprised of a minimum of 2 urban members and 2 rural members and noted that at this time only 1 nomination from a rural member had been received.

L. Kuiper stated that the Board could continue though acclamation to accept the nominations that were received notwithstanding Section 15.2 of Bylaw 2021-01, or nominations could be received from the floor.

The Board discussed Bylaw 2021-01 and the rural members present at the Organizational Meeting.

Allan Burton, Town of Cardston, nominated David Cody of the County of Warner as a member of the Executive Committee.

Roger Houghton, Cardston County, seconded the nomination of David Cody, County of Warner to the Executive Committee.

D. Cody accepted the nomination.

David Cody and Christopher Northcott were acclaimed to the Executive Committee to fulfill the rural membership requirements in accordance with Bylaw 2021-01, therefore they were not included on the election ballots.

ORRSC staff handed out ballots to eligible voting members of the Board, and completed ballots were collected.

The Board continued with the meeting as ORRSC Staff tallied the ballots.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Brad Schlossberger

THAT the Board approves the meeting minutes of September 1, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee Report**
 - **September 2022 – November 2022**

Chair Wolstenholme presented the Executive Committee Report to the Board

7. BUSINESS

a. Proposed 2023 Budget
- Proposed Budget for Consideration

L. Kuiper presented the proposed 2023 Budget, highlighting an increase to membership fees, subdivision fees, and a cost-of-living increase for staff salaries and wages.

L. Kuiper stated that the budget was reviewed by the Executive Committee at their October and November 2022 Meetings, and in November a resolution was passed to present the 2023 Budget to the Board of Directors and recommended that the Board approves the Budget as presented.

b. Proposed 5 Year Capital Plan
- 2023-2027

L. Kuiper presented the proposed 5 Year Capital Plan to the Board, highlighting that a third vehicle will be purchased in 2023, from funds that were budgeted in 2020 but not spent as a third vehicle was not needed during the pandemic.

Moved by: Richard DeBolt

THAT the Board approves the 2023 Budget and 5 Year Capital Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

4. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2023 - continued

a. Nomination Information – continued

M. Burla announced that the votes for the Executive Committee Members had been tallied.

M. Burla stated that the following candidates, in no specific order, were elected to the Executive Committee:

- Jesse Potrie
- Brad Schlossberger
- Neil Sieben.

The Board congratulated the 2023 Executive Committee Members.

Moved by: Christopher Northcott

THAT the Board approves the destruction of the 2023 Executive Committee ballots.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS - continued

c. Subdivision Activity
- As of October 2022

L. Kuiper presented the subdivision statistics as of October 31, 2022, noting that they do vary from year to year depending on several economic factors.

d. Assessment Appeal Activity
- 2022 Assessment Appeal Board Statistics

L. Kuiper presented the 2022 Assessment Appeal Board statistics to the Board.

e. Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Statistics
- As of November 2022

L. Kuiper presented the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board statistics, as of November 2022 to the Board.

f. ORRSC Periodical & GIS Update

R. Dyck, Planner, presented the Winter 2022 edition of the ORRSC Periodical.

J. Thomas, GIS Analyst, presented an update on current and future GIS projects.

8. ACCOUNTS

a. Balance Sheet and Comparative Income Statement
- As of October 31, 2022

L. Kuiper presented the Balance Sheet and Comparative Income Statements as of October 31, 2022.

Moved by: Gerry Baril

THAT the Board approves Balance Sheet and Comparative Income State, as of October 31, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

L. Kuiper presented 15 Year Service Awards to Bonnie Brunner and Gavin Scott.

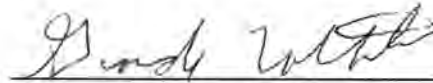
9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

10. NEXT MEETING – March 2, 2023; 7:00 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further questions and nothing further to discuss, Chair Gordon Wolstenholme adjourned the meeting, the time being 8:20 pm.



Gordon Wolstenholme, Chair



Lenze Kuiper, Chief Administrative Officer

Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)
Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Coaldale Hub (2107-13th Street)
In-person and Online via Teams

Attendance (in-person)

Board Members:

Bekkering, Garth – Town of Taber
Chapman, Bill - Town of Coaldale
Degenstein, Dave – Town of Milk River
Feist, Teresa - Town of Picture Butte
Harris, Merrill – M.D. of Taber, Board Chair
Heggie, Jack – County of Warner
Jensen, Kelly – Town of Raymond
Kirby, Martin – Village of Warner
Nilsson, Larry – Village of Stirling
Plumtree, Margaret - Town of Vauxhall
Weistra, Ed – Village of Barons

Attendance (online) – Board Members

Montina, Lyndsay – Town of Coalhurst
Payne, Megan – Village of Coutts

Absent – Board Members

Foster, Missy – Village of Barnwell
Hickey, Lorne – Lethbridge County
Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford

Staff (in-person):

Morrison, Zakk - Executive Director
Florence-Greene, Evelyn – Accounting Assistant
Hashizume, Linda – Executive Assistant

Call to Order

M. Harris called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Carried Unanimously:

Approval of Agenda

E. Weistra moved the Board approve the agenda as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Minutes

J. Heggie moved the minutes of the December 7, 2022, FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

M.H.
JM

Delegation

Petra DeBow, Manager, presented information on the Report to Municipalities – Family Services 2022.

The Board discussed the information provided in the Report to Municipalities – Family Services 2022.

M. Harris thanked P. DeBow for her presentation and service to our communities and residents.

P. DeBow left the meeting at 4:33 pm.

M. Payne moved the Board approve the Report to Municipalities – Family Services 2022 as presented and requested Administration distribute the report to our Municipalities and Alberta Government funders.

Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) News December 2022
- Food Security & Donation Matching Grant

The Board discussed the Food Security and Donation Matching grant.

T. Feist moved the Board receive the correspondence as presented for information.

Carried Unanimously

Reports

Executive Director

Z. Morrison reviewed the Executive Director's report.

The following was highlighted:

- The month of February includes two nationally recognized days that aim to celebrate and promote kindness: February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day and February 22 is Pink Shirt Day.
- The 'Little Free Pantries' initiative was featured in the Globe and Mail.
- Applications for the Food Security and Donation Matching grant will be accepted until January 31, 2023 <https://www.alberta.ca/affordability-action-plan.aspx>

Bill Chapman asks that information regarding FCSSAA grants be shared with appropriate organizations within all our Municipalities.

E. Weistra moved the Board approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.

M.H.
J.M.

Carried Unanimously

Financial Report

Z. Morrison reviewed the Financial Report.

B. Chapman moved the Board approve the December 31, 2022 Financial Report including:

- Financial statement for December 31, 2022;
- Monthly accounts for November 1 -30, 2022;
- Monthly accounts for December 1 -31, 2022;
- Mastercard statement for November 11, 2022 to December 13, 2022.
- Mastercard statement for December 14, 2022 to January 12, 2023.

Carried

Professional Development Report 2022

Z. Morrison presented FCSS Employee Professional Development Report for 2022.

M. Plumtree moved the Board receive the FCSS Employee Professional Development Report for 2022 for information as presented.

Carried

New Business

All-Councils Meeting 2023

The Board discussed the date and location for the All-Councils meeting.

D. Degenstein moved the Board approve the All Council's meeting be set for April 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Town of Coaldale's Civic Square with the Board meeting at 4:00 pm at the Coaldale Hub.

Carried

Strategic Planning

The Board discussed the date and location for the Strategic Planning.

The Board directed Administration to arrange the date(s) and location and report back at the March 2023 Board meeting.

Round Table

B. Chapman report the Town of Coaldale Council met with Taber Town Council to discuss mutual ideas. Coaldale is trying to be more collaborative with adjoining communities.

B. Chapman is now on the Southern Alberta Kanadier Association Board.

L. Montana gave a shout out to B. Chapman for running a great meeting. She also thanked Administration for the setting up the technology for the online meetings.

M.H.
Jm

M. Harris read aloud a letter received from Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) regarding congratulations to E. Florence-Greene for being the 2nd employer in Alberta to close their LAPP year end.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be March 1, 2023, at the Coaldale Hub (2107-13th Street) in-person and online (via Teams).

Adjournment

E. Weistra moved the meeting adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Carried Unanimously


Chairperson
Executive Director

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Alberta.

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[GET YOUR TICKETS: Community Energy Forum February 23](#)

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Leveraging your REDA

Monthly Report

For Mayors and Reeves

SouthGrow Regional Initiative

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March 2023

Dear Mayors and Reeves,

You will be aware that SouthGrow and our partners across Southern Alberta have worked hard since 2007 to champion new energy developments like solar, wind, biogas, and battery storage in southern Alberta. Our efforts have been heavily rewarded and billions of dollars of investments are flowing into the region.

But the rapid growth of the industry has revealed some areas of serious concern. Regulations and legislation governing the industry are out of date, and what's worse, energy projects approved by the regulator are allowed to circumvent the authority of local municipalities. On more than one occasion, the legitimate interests of our municipal governments have been ignored by private companies as soon as regulator approval has been achieved.

This needs to change, and SouthGrow is uniquely positioned to take action on these issues.

In the coming year we hope to contribute importantly to a coalition of municipalities in order to address some of the following issues.

1. **Municipal Input into decisions:** Municipalities are impacted by large scale energy projects. Solar fields or wind farms that take up many acres of land have impacts beyond their boundaries. Incorporating municipal input into development decisions need not impact private property rights, but needs to be meaningful. There are ways of doing this without unduly impacting private property rights.
2. **Protecting our Farmland:** The lack of regulation in this space is a problem. Solar fields can still be built without companies scraping topsoil, putting down gravel or crush, and companies can engage in responsible weed control behind their fences, ensuring that projects don't negatively impact either the land around or the future productivity of the land on which it sits. There's a lot of different measures here that are both reasonable and which could work for everyone.
3. **Reclamation is a must:** It's impossible that we haven't learned our lesson by now with respect to reclamation, but here we are. Legislation needs to be updated to put in place an iron-clad reclamation process and guarantee for all energy projects. If we don't learn the lessons from the oil industry and apply those lessons, we have failed.

There are even more issues here that need to be unpacked, but look for SouthGrow to be active in this space. Energy development means big money for us, but we need to do it right, and right now there's a lot of things being done wrong.

Sincerely,

Peter Casurella
Executive Director
SouthGrow Regional Initiative
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Headlines for February 2023

Please find below a summary of our operational plan. As the year progresses you will see a rolling report here that tracks our progress on each of the deliverables in real-time.

Pillar I: Strategic Collaboration

I. Member Engagement

A. Annual Council Presentations

- Presentations are done.

B. Councillor Training

- Training event on Truth and Reconciliation call to action #57 (public sector education) was held. 70 attendees. Event sold out.

C. Government Relations Committee

- Success on all fronts here. REDAs given \$125,000 for next year with commitments to negotiate multi-year ongoing funding.

D. Annual Economic Development Summit

- Event to be held in Lethbridge on March 30th. Economist Jack Mintz will be the keynote. Todd Hirsch also offering presentation on future economic disruptions.

II. Build and Sustain Collaborations

A. Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – ARRCUS Mapping Project

- Project complete. Visit www.saaep.ca/industry to check it out. Shows real-time production data for the SouthGrow region. We are almost 100% powered by renewable energy here. This is our oil and gas. Tools are being improved.

B. Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – Community Energy Forum

- Event was unfortunately cancelled due to low registrations despite aggressive marketing. We have incorporated parts into the Economic Summit and are looking to host webinars to cover over topics of interest.

C. Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – Government Education

- SAAEP and EFL presented to both the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship and the UCP Energy Caucus. We had a lukewarm reception. Follow up meeting with Deputy Premier Neudorf produced promises to advance the conversation on a unified energy vision for the province at the highest levels. One week later Premier Smith announced her Energy Panel to draft a unified vision for Alberta's Energy and Electricity sectors.

D. Southern Alberta Investment and Trade Initiative

- Global marketing year 1 has been completed. Excellent metrics. 8 high quality leads received from CIDEP. Initiative has been refunded for 2023. Excellent inroads with Invest Alberta have been made and relationships established. Good leads established through CIDEP.

E. Canada's Premier Food Corridor and Canada's Western Gateway

- Prairies Canada grant application from EDL is presumed successful and will 'start' on April 1st. Will include support for both initiatives. As a reminder, these are sub-brands and are not controlled by SouthGrow, but we support them.

F. **Southern Alberta Tourism Collaboration**

- Grant funding has been secured by Tourism Lethbridge. We paid our share. New rural tour routes in development. SouthGrow Board has committed to another year of partnership and will provide \$10,000 next year to market the rural tour routes being developed by Tourism Lethbridge.

G. **Highway 3 Twinning Development Association**

- PricewaterhouseCooper study is done and has been press released. Excellent metrics. \$1.5 billion to be added to the provincial GDP from twinning of the highway.
- Premier announced 10-year commitment to twin Highway 3. Our job now is to keep that commitment in the face of political winds.

III. **Sustain or Expand Membership**

A. **Sustain Membership**

- Barnwell has re-joined SouthGrow. The City of Lethbridge voted to not be a member. We remain within our 10% margin that was our goal. 30 rate paying members right now. Working to build a case for the City of Lethbridge to return.

B. **Expand Associate Memberships to Industry**

- Terralta has joined SouthGrow as an Associate Member
- EDL has joined
- Nikka Yuko has joined
- Community Futures Lethbridge Region has joined
- Ridge Utilities considering membership
- Tourism Lethbridge has requested membership.
- **We are well ahead of our targets here.**

Pillar II: Marketing & Communications

I. **Regional Promotion**

A. **Website Improvements**

- Website has been refreshed. Local Intel tools for SouthGrow/Alberta SouthWest regions has been acquired and will soon be available on all our websites.
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B. **Market the Region Globally**

- Marketing project is underway as part of SAITI. See above.

C. **FDI Test Drive Year 2**

- We have caught up on this project. 8 high quality leads have been provided and project is wrapping up. Opportunities here across the spectrum and the SAITI region.

II. **Internal Communications**

A. **Newsletters**

- I encourage you to sign up. We have hired one of our scholarship winners this year to take over the newsletters from Jessie as she works on more and more SouthGrow projects as our Communications Officer.

Pillar III: Economic Development & Innovation

I. **Ag-Tech Market Development**

A. Agri-food Scholarship Program

- Three scholarships of \$2500 have been distributed. Had cheque hand-over ceremonies with photos. Press releases going out soon to profile the project. Thank you to Bruce Warkentin of MNP, Ridge Utilities from Stirling, and Community Futures Lethbridge Region for sponsoring this year! This was good.

B. Agri-food Conference Representation

- Held a January 26th workshop in Calgary with Invest Alberta. Invited Ec Dev leads from all our members to go. Was booked solid and we had a valuable time. The next week Invest Alberta leadership came to the region and we took them on a tour. Excellent use of our money on this file.

II. Broadband Deployment

A. Support Completion of Vulcan County, Highway 4, and Cardston Broadband Upgrades

- All money paid to Wi-fibre / Axia for POP upgrades that are complete.
- Wi-fibre and MRCC are both working on incremental build outs of terragraph networks in their respective areas. We will watch for grants with hope.
- Cardston secured a deal for local broadband upgrades.
- Options were presented to the Blood Tribe that included deployments with 51% ownership. Blood Tribe rep interested in pursuing this project again.
- Claresholm and MD of Willow Creek received support from SouthGrow staff as they grapple with their own internet deployment projects.
- MD of Taber and partners in discussions about highway 3 conduit project with SouthGrow.

III. Labour Market Solutions

A. Rural Immigration Pathways

- October 5th event happened. 50+ people registered, 25 showed up. We learned a lesson about offering free registration. BUT Coaldale decided to pursue the designation. Bow Island and County of 40 Mile have received designation. Vulcan also exploring designation with potential partners.
- The **Grad Retention Project** that SouthGrow got funded has been very intriguing. This was a project of opportunity that popped up and they have unearthed very good data. High level of inclusion by students on this. Looking forward to final reports.

IV. Community Supports

A. Community Ec Dev Resource Promotion

- Project complete. Resource toolkit is available on the website. Planning to refresh it each year as an operational necessity.

V. Special Projects

A. Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Project (2-year)

- Over 50% of the project is allocated. More applications in-bound. Hoping for full subscription by end of March, extension of project possible if we can do that. The value here is quite frankly that SouthGrow gets paid and we can afford to have multiple staff people.

B. EV Bus Project

- Secured free power from Peaks to Prairies value added budget. FCM budget increase has been approved. MCCAC grant for remaining 20% has been approved. We are negotiating with Crestline to officially order the vehicle. Success!

C. Supply Chain Opportunity Identification Project

- Project initiation work is underway. Vendor is preparing the first stages of the project. Surveys and interviews to start in April.

VI. **Targets of Opportunity**

A. SouthGrow Power Project

- Terralta is leading submission of applications to Fortis and AESO. Grants are being written by SouthGrow staff along with support from Lethbridge County. We received Section 95 approval from the GOA. This means we can in fact build the project and are not excluded because of our municipal ownership.

VII. **Shelved Projects on the Wish List**

A. Local Waste Solutions Feasibility Study

- Looking to include this in next year's operational plan.

B. Blackfoot Language Signage

- Partnership is forming around this project for next year. Partnership so far includes CF Lethbridge and Region, SouthGrow, Tourism Lethbridge, and we are trying to recruit Alberta SouthWest and CF ABSW. Blood Tribe Council has officially sanctioned the project. Waiting on grant funding decisions.

Don't forget to email info@southgrow.com if you would like to get signed up for our economic development newsletter. This newsletter has been called 'The Best Economic Development Newsletter in the West' (mostly by us, but that doesn't make it less true.) It comes packed with great resources for you and your people.



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[About SouthGrow Regional Initiative](#)

SouthGrow is an economic development alliance of twenty-nine south central Alberta communities committed to working together to achieve prosperity for the region. Representing over 180,000 people, SouthGrow is committed to assisting communities, organizations, businesses, and people in the region to further their economic development goals and to maintain the high quality of life.

Investing in new schools, modernized spaces

Key messages:

- We are committed to securing Alberta's future by investing in modernized spaces that will provide our young learners with an optimal learning experience.
- In Budget 2023, we will allocate funding for 58 priority school projects throughout the province.
- These school projects will provide new and upgraded student spaces, create jobs, and revitalize Alberta communities.

Budget 2023 highlights Alberta's tax advantage

Key messages:

- At 8 per cent, Alberta's general corporate tax rate is 30 per cent lower than the next lowest provinces, Ontario and Quebec, and Alberta's combined federal-provincial corporate tax rate is lower than 44 U.S. jurisdictions.
- The result is investment in diverse sectors of Alberta's economy – aviation, technology and financial services, to name a few. And, with it, expanded fiscal capacity resulting in higher corporate income tax revenue.
- In Budget 2023, Alberta is experiencing record-high corporate income tax revenue of \$6.4 billion.
 - This is why fiscal responsibility matters. Why investment attraction matters. Why diversification matters. This is how the province funds programs and services that support Albertans.
- Just over four years ago, Alberta's corporate income tax rate sat at 12 per cent

Budget 2023

Key messages:

- Budget 2023 secures Alberta's future by growing the economy, creating good paying jobs, strengthening health care and education, and keeping Alberta communities safe.
- With a forecast surplus of \$2.4 billion in 2023-24, Budget 2023 provides the opportunity for Alberta's government to invest in Alberta's future, providing security for Alberta families and communities.

Growing jobs and the economy

- Building on Alberta's strong foundations, including low taxes, a skilled and educated workforce, and an efficient regulatory environment, Budget 2023 enhances Alberta's business climate even further by making strategic investments that support key and emerging sectors.
- Budget 2023 advances the province's already successful Alberta at Work initiative, investing a further \$176 million in 2025-26 to help Albertans build their skills and find jobs, and assisting employers in their search for workers in existing and emerging sectors.
- A \$111-million increase over three years will add seats to expand enrolment in areas with the highest student demand, including non-trade construction, energy, technology, and business. Alberta's government is committed to removing barriers in order to attract highly skilled professionals and job-creating entrepreneurs to Alberta.
- Investments in aviation and aerospace, agri-food manufacturing, and \$24.5 million this fiscal year to the Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy will enhance emerging and innovative technologies, drive economic diversification and attract even more venture capital investments to build on successive record-breaking years.
- A \$54-million per year increase in funding for the Alberta Petrochemicals Incentive Program starting in 2025-26 will support Air Products' clean hydrogen facility – and continue to make Alberta a global leader in petrochemical production, bring long-term investments and create thousands of construction jobs.

Healthcare

- Alberta has the best front-line healthcare workers in the world and Budget 2023 provides the right supports to ensure Albertans get the care they need when and where they need it.
- Alberta's government is setting a new record for spending in health care this year by committing an additional \$965 million to health in order to continue to build a stronger health-care system for Albertans.
 - This funding will ensure the government can take the urgent action needed to improve ambulance response times, decrease emergency room wait times, reduce wait times for surgeries, and attract more front-line health workers to deliver the care patients expect and deserve.
- Budget 2023 includes \$158 million this year to attract, recruit, and train more doctors and nurses to work across the province, with a focus on family physicians for rural areas.
- Alberta's primary health-care system is being strengthened and modernized with a record \$2 billion over three years.
 - Another \$336 million over three years will strengthen emergency medical services and \$3.1 billion over three years will modernize and expand health facilities across Alberta,

including the Red Deer Regional Hospital and expanding capacity for operating rooms in 15 communities to complete more of the surgeries Albertans are waiting for.

- An additional \$529 million in capital maintenance and renewal funding will be used to keep facilities operational and a further \$732 million in self-financed investment will add to health infrastructure.

Education

- Budget 2023 is securing Alberta's future by making historic investments in education.
- An increase of \$1.8 billion for education will help Alberta's young people succeed and thrive in smaller classes.
 - This increase will support the hiring of up to 3,000 education staff, including teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers and school support staff to give students the focused time and attention they need to succeed in their studies.
- Our unprecedented investment in education addresses rising enrolment growth in schools, meets students' increasingly diverse needs, and combats the affordability and inflation crises facing parents and school authorities.
- The Department of Education's operating expense is increasing by nearly \$2 billion over three years, including an increase of more than five per cent in 2023-24. This will support hiring up to 3,000 education staff, including teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers, and school support staff.
- Over the next three years, we are providing more than \$820 million to address enrolment growth.
 - This funding may be used to hire additional teachers and classroom support staff so school authorities can manage class sizes and the growing number of students.
- In addition to the \$820 million over three years, we are providing a further \$126 million in new funding so school authorities can add supports to complex classrooms and give students the focused time and attention they need.
- Budget 2023 will increase staffing supports in complex classrooms by up to 10 per cent, which will enhance experiences and have positive effects on students' personal and social development.

Keeping communities safe

- All Albertans, families, and children have the right to safety and security in their homes, at school, at work, and in their communities, no matter where they live.
- Budget 2023 keeps communities safe by increasing collaboration between first responders and community partners, and increasing access for vulnerable populations to recovery-oriented mental health and addiction supports and services.
- \$12.5 million in 2023-24 will support the expansion of therapeutic living units within provincial correctional facilities to help inmates access recovery-oriented treatment and recovery programs.

- This is a joint investment between Mental Health and Addiction and Public Safety and Emergency Services.
- \$65 million over the next three years will strengthen First Nations policing to address the unique needs of their communities and members.
 - This will secure new policing positions and the creation of another First Nations police service in addition to the Lakeshore Regional Police Service, the Blood Tribe Police Service, and Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service.
- \$20 million over three years is committed to combat human trafficking and ensure necessary resources are provided to survivors and victims.
- The province will review options for delivering policing services with the objective of improving the safety and security of Albertans and their property.

Supporting Albertans

- Alberta's economy has recovered strongly but many Albertans are still struggling to heat their homes and feed their families.
- Budget 2023 continues to provide relief through our Affordability Action Plan. Albertans continue to benefit from ongoing programs such as the fuel tax relief program, electricity rebates, natural gas rebates and monthly \$100 affordability payments for seniors, families and Albertans on certain benefit programs.
- With \$2.3 billion in affordability measures in 2023-24, \$1.5 billion in 2024-25 and another \$1.8 billion in 2025-26, Alberta's government is keeping more money in the pockets of Albertans and continues to provide a helping hand to those in need.
- New relief measures will save post-secondary students about \$18 million each year with lower interest rates for student loans.
- Adoptive families will have access to more subsidies and tax breaks to make adoption more feasible.
- Workers in the social services sector will see their wages increased by 10 per cent, so they can continue to provide compassionate services to people with complex needs, as well as those experiencing homelessness or family violence.
- Albertans will also receive a larger tax credit when they donate to their favourite charities to lend a helping hand.
- The government is also investing \$59.3 million in 2023-24 to create thousands more licensed child-care spaces as part of opening a total of 68,700 new spaces by the end of March 2023, increasing access and choice so parents can go to school, work and participate in the economy.

- Affordability grants to child-care operators and subsidies for parents will further lower the cost of child care, with the Alberta federal-provincial child-care agreement already reducing fees by an average of 50 per cent in 2022 for young children.

Responsible fiscal management

- Budget 2023 secures Alberta's future by staying true to responsible fiscal management and spending hard-earned tax dollars wisely to support Albertans today and tomorrow.
- A new fiscal framework would require all future Alberta governments to balance their annual budgets, with certain exceptions, and use any surpluses to first pay down debt and save for the future before investing in one-time initiatives.
- Taxpayer-supported debt is being reduced by \$14.8 billion between 2021-22 and 2023-24, and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund is growing by \$5.7 billion between 2021-22 and 2025-26. This will bring taxpayer-supported debt to \$78.3 billion at the end of 2023-24, and saves Albertans estimated \$260 million in this fiscal year and \$551 million in 2023-24.
- Mandating balanced budgets and tying operating expense increases to population growth and inflation will help control spending to prevent what could be temporarily high resource revenue being used to increase spending in an unsustainable way.
 - Spending decisions instead would be focused on not only meeting the needs and priorities of Albertans but also on continuing to drive change, innovation and improvement of vital services and programs.

Key facts:

Revenue

- In 2023-24, total revenue is estimated to be \$70.7 billion, which is \$5.4 billion lower than the forecast for 2022-23. Commodity prices are expected to soften due to fears of a looming global recession, while investment income is expected to recover well after dropping in 2022-23.
 - Revenue is expected to remain above \$70 billion in following years. The revenue forecast for 2024-25 is \$71.7 billion and for 2025-26 is \$72.6 billion.
 - In 2023-24, corporate income tax revenue is estimated at \$5.9 billion, down 7.8 per cent from 2022-23, largely due to declining commodity prices.
 - Non-renewable resource revenue is estimated to be \$18.4 billion in 2023-24, down from the highest-ever resource revenue of \$27.5 billion forecast in 2022-23.

Expense

- Total expense in 2023-24 is \$68.3 billion, which is \$2.6 billion more than the forecast for 2022-23.
 - Total expense is expected to be \$69.7 billion in 2024-25 and \$71.2 billion in 2025-26.

Surplus

- A surplus of \$2.4 billion is forecast for 2023-24 compared with \$10.4 billion in 2022-23.
 - Surpluses of \$2 billion and \$1.4 billion are forecast for 2024-25 and 2025-26, respectively.

Economic outlook

- In 2022, real gross domestic product (GDP) rose by an estimated 4.8 per cent, which is lower than the budget forecast of 5.4 per cent. The softer growth reflects the impact of higher interest rates and prices on consumer spending and residential investment. Even so, real GDP fully recovered from the COVID-19 downturn and surpassed the 2014 peak in 2022.
- In 2023, real GDP is expected to grow by 2.8 per cent, up slightly from the 2.7 per cent growth forecast at mid-year.

90-day Health Care Action Plan progress update

Key messages:

- On Nov. 17, we announced our Health Care Action Plan and promised Albertans that help is on the way.
- Wait times are now trending in the right direction as we are seeing a decrease in provincial averages for ambulances, surgeries, and emergency room waits over the last 90 days.
- If passed, Budget 2023 would provide more support for our health care system, focused on areas that will let us achieve even more success moving forward.
- We will continue to put in place the structure for both immediate and long-term reforms and changes.
- We are on the right path to fix the health care system and improve patient care now and into the future.

Urging the reversal of federal pesticide restrictions

Key messages:

- The PMRA's decision leaves farmers with fewer tools to fight pests amid concerning levels of grasshoppers in southern Alberta.
- Alberta and Saskatchewan are calling on Ottawa to listen to producers and reverse a PMRA decision that could threaten their businesses and reduce yields.
- Alberta's agriculture sector requires tools like pesticide to produce high-quality food for a hungry world.

Expanding support for Ukrainian evacuees

Key messages:

- As the war in Ukraine enters its second year, Alberta's government continues to support Ukrainian newcomers leaving their country to avoid violence by helping them resettle in Alberta.
- As more Ukrainian people come to Alberta, the need for settlement and language services will only increase and Alberta's government is committed to supporting the programs that will make it easier to adjust to life in our province.
- If passed, Budget 2023 would provide a total of \$7 million over three years for continuous language and settlement programming to help immigrant-serving agencies and would provide up to \$9.9 million to expand the Rental Assistance Benefit to eligible Ukrainian evacuees. In addition, Budget 2023 would enable Alberta's government to continue the Ukrainian Evacuee Emergency Financial Support and Benefits program (UEEFSB) with \$3.6 million more. Alberta's government ensured that \$6.8 million was made available immediately. Because of this, individuals and families from the Ukrainian community are eligible to apply for the same social housing and rent supplement programs as other Albertans, beginning Feb. 24, 2023.
- These supports are essential for helping Ukrainian evacuee families adjust to life in a new community and better support their families with the housing they need.

Investing in modern health care solutions

Key messages:

- Alberta's government remains committed to having the right supports in place to ensure Albertans get the care they need, when and where they need it.
- Modernizing health care has the potential to identify issues early thereby keeping Albertans healthier, reducing the risk of more serious complications, and minimizing hospital visits.
- Alberta's government is investing \$9.6 million towards eight projects at the Universities of Alberta and Calgary to fund research in health technologies to address priority health challenges.
- The Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Health System (PRIHS) program is a collaborative effort between Alberta Innovates and Alberta Health Services to look at modernizing our health care system.

- By investing in this research, Alberta's government is supporting the work of researchers to support the delivery of innovative care models that empower patients, families, and health care teams to improve quality of care in various clinical areas.
- Alberta innovators are creating new solutions all the time and the funded projects are clear examples of their ingenuity. With their resourcefulness, we can develop a more progressive health system that offers improved care to Albertans.

Supporting displaced Ukrainian students

Key messages:

- Alberta has welcomed thousands of Ukrainian newcomers since the Russian invasion of Ukraine; language education will help them better integrate into their new communities.
- Alberta's government is providing additional funding for adult language education for Ukrainian temporary residents to help them find stability and opportunity, whether they are in our province temporarily or intend to settle permanently.
- Language education will benefit all displaced Ukrainians, including those who are highly skilled and educated professionals and can help meet Alberta's labour needs.

Smashing investment records

Key messages:

- Alberta's economy has momentum, and Alberta's government is focused on creating even more jobs and diversification. Alberta has been, and will continue to be, the economic engine of Canada.
- Alberta's tech sector is on fire! Our province continues to shatter records for venture capital investment, helping to solidify our province as a hub for technology and innovation.
 - The release of this report shows that Alberta is a prime location for businesses and investors to collaborate, innovate, diversify, and grow.
- While Alberta continues to see sustained growth in venture capital investment, both Canada and the U.S. national averages are seeing declines.
- The Alberta Enterprise Corporation (AEC) plays a valuable role in accelerating growth in the technology and innovation sector.
 - Our government knows the importance of the technology and innovation sector to create jobs and diversify the economy. That is why, if passed, Budget 2023 would increase AEC's operating spending target by \$687,000 to expand its internal operations to support the growing number of new fund investments.
- The Alberta Advantage is not only attracting more businesses – it's also enticing record numbers of Canadians to move here and bring their diverse set of talents with them, further broadening our talent pool.

- Alberta is the place to be to start a career, bring your ideas to life, grow your business, find talent, and invest in tech.

Increasing immigration a win for the economy

Key messages:

- Alberta's economy has momentum and we are focused on even more job creation and diversification as we continue to be the economic engine of Canada.
- To help continue the momentum, the Alberta government asked for an increase in nomination certificates from the federal government and has recently received an increase in certificates.
- The AAIP will be able to issue 9,750 nominations in 2023, and expects to receive 10,140 nominations in 2024 and 10,849 nominations in 2025. These are substantial increases from the 6,500 allowed in 2022.
- Newcomers bring new skills and talents that will help continue Alberta's economic success and address labour shortages in key sectors.

ACWS Workforce Survey Report

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is deeply committed to supporting women and children fleeing violence. It is important for Albertans to know that if you need help, it will be there. Albertans fleeing violence can get 24/7 help by calling the Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818.
- Our government values the important work done by those in women's shelters. That is why Alberta's government has outlined a staffing model for women's shelters to pay frontline staff a minimum of \$26 per hour.
- We are always open to discussion on how we can be better partners with shelter providers in providing support to the women and children fleeing domestic violence.
- To ensure the voices of women are heard in Alberta, Premier Danielle Smith has assigned Tanya Fir as the Parliamentary Secretary for the Status of Women. Her advocacy and work on behalf of women is helping Alberta's government create a safer province and end domestic violence.
- In 2022/2023, Seniors, Community and Social Services overall budgeted funding for domestic violence prevention at \$70.4 million.

International experts focus on recovery in Alberta

Key messages:

- The Alberta Model for recovery-oriented care is anchored in evidence-based research and best practices from around the world.
- We have brought together a group of world-class experts to serve as a Recovery Expert Advisory Panel to the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction.
- These 16 experts will provide ongoing advice on research and innovation, policy and standards development, as well as evaluation and outcomes reporting.
- This group of accomplished and well-respected leaders will help shape our model as we continue to build out recovery-oriented systems that change people's lives in the long-term.

Record investment in Alberta's primary health care

Key messages:

Budget

- Alberta's government is committed to ensuring everyone has access to a primary care provider where and when they need it.
- We know that providing Albertans better access to primary care reduces the strain on our hospital system and results in better overall health outcomes for everyone.
- Alberta has the best frontline health care workers in the world and we will work to have the right supports in place to ensure Albertans get the care they need regardless of where they live.
- By investing in Modernizing Alberta's Primary Care System (MAPS), we are providing Albertans with primary care and easing the pressures on our hospitals.
- If passed, we will spend over \$2 billion as part of Budget 2023 to support primary health care – the highest level ever. This includes:
 - \$125 million over three years to improve primary health care through MAPS initiatives;
 - \$27 million to Primary Care Networks to provide for an expected increase of patients;
 - \$40 million over two years to provide more support for Primary Care Networks as a result of the new agreement with the Alberta Medical Association; and,
 - There will be other initiatives announced after Budget 2023 is released.

- In addition, there will be \$12 million through the AMA agreement to support enrolment and continued participation of about 6,700 community-based physicians in information technology systems that are designed to improve continuity of care for patients across Alberta.
- Health Minister Jason Copping has accepted all the panels' recommendations for early investment opportunities in principle and am now tasking Alberta Health to turn the recommendations into action as soon as possible.
- We look forward to the final report and recommendations from the MAPS initiative to help shape the funding roadmap ahead to truly modernize and transform primary health care.

Strengthening Alberta's rural communities

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is taking action to build business development capacity and inspire innovation in rural communities.
- We are providing \$ 2.1 million in capacity building grants through Budget 2022 to advance regional and targeted initiatives that will lead to sustainable, rural economic development and diversification.
- Grant recipients will turn this plan into action by supporting businesses and municipalities to build capacity and enhance economic development opportunities in rural Alberta.

Alberta has the lowest fuel prices in Canada

Key messages:

- By cutting the full provincial fuel tax on gas, diesel, and farm fuel – we've helped make life more affordable for Albertans.
- These lower prices show our plan is working. Albertans are paying less for fuel than anyone else in the country, and it isn't close.
- Our government is committed to making life more affordable for all Albertans. Find out more about our Affordability Action Plan at www.Alberta.ca/Affordability.

Supporting safe, accessible trails across Alberta

Key messages:

- Outdoor activities and opportunities are something Albertans look forward to at all times of the year, which is why our government is investing \$6 million in trails through Budget 2023.
- To help keep trails safe and accessible for all Albertans, we are officially appointing the Alberta Off-Highway Vehicle Association and the Alberta Snowmobile Association as Trail Managers.
- Both associations have done important work across the province for years and their continuing work will ensure the sustainability of some of the province's most popular trails while conserving the landscape and protecting the environment so Albertans can remain proud of our lands and trails for years to come.
- Maintaining Alberta's trails will help to encourage more outdoor activity throughout the trail system, providing economic benefits through travel and tourism.
- With all of the opportunity for outdoor recreation, Albertans can be sure that our government is committed to providing world class hiking, snowmobiling, and off-highway vehicle experiences.

Creating more affordable licensed day home spaces

Key messages:

- Alberta parents should have as much choice as possible when it comes to choosing affordable, high-quality child care options that meet their families' needs, which is why we're creating thousands more flexible licensed child care spaces.
- Family day homes play a critical role in providing child care options to parents across the province, particularly in rural and remote communities where facility-based programs may not be as available.
- For the first time thousands of licensed family day homes will be eligible for funding through our made-in-Alberta child care plan.
- Up to 5,500 additional new licensed child care spaces will be created in high-need and high-demand areas.
- Applications are open immediately for licensed family day home agencies to access up to \$1,350 per space.
- These new spaces will bring Alberta closer to creating 68,700 new child-care spaces and \$10/day child care by 2026.

New strategy to grow health workforce

Key messages:

- Alberta's Health Care Action Plan is working towards creating a system that attracts more health care professionals to Alberta and provides a healthy work environment.

- The aim of the strategy is to build a sustainable health care system that delivers the health services Albertans need, today and in the future.
- The Health Workforce Strategy works at identifying health care needs in advance.
- The strategy is a foundation for longer-term action plans to be developed with workers, employers, educators, and others.
- Alberta's Health Workforce Strategy is built around five pillars:
 - Retain and support – Provide a safe, engaging, and meaningful work environment to retain our health care workers.
 - Attract – Recruit new workers from across Canada and the globe to build a sustainable workforce with the right skills.
 - Grow – Create capacity to educate and train the workforce of the future.
 - Strengthen – Implement collaborative, proactive, and evidence-informed approaches to long-term workforce planning.
 - Evolve – Design and implement new models of care and enabling tools to deliver more efficient, high-quality care.

Making post-secondary more affordable

Key messages:

- Alberta's economy has recovered strongly but Alberta's students are struggling to keep up with the increased cost of living.
- Alberta's government is committed to ensuring post-secondary education is accessible and affordable.
- As part of Budget 2023, we plan to cap tuition increases at two per cent from the 2024-25 year onwards, reduce the interest rate on student loans to the prime rate, extend the student loan grace period from six months to 12 months, and increase eligibility for the Repayment Assistance Plan.
- These measures will ease the impact of inflation so post-secondary students can focus on their education and worry less about paying the bills.

Streamlining nursing assessment

Key messages:

- Alberta has the best frontline health care workers in the world, and Alberta's government will work to have the right supports in place to ensure Albertans get the care they need when and where they need it.
- IENs want to come live and work in Alberta, but they face significant barriers to do so, despite having the education and experience needed to join our workforce.

- We are launching a new pilot project to make it easier for IENs to get the credentials they need to work in Alberta by assessing their skills and abilities and matching them to a recognized role in our health care system.
- The Ministers of Skilled Trades and Professions, Advanced Education, and Health are reducing barriers to bring IENs to Alberta and this new pilot project will help them get on the right credential path quickly and efficiently once they arrive.
- This program is one of the many ways that Alberta's government is working to improve our healthcare system to fit the needs of Albertans.

Liability Management Incentive Program

Key messages:

- In his mandate letter, Energy Minister Pete Guthrie was instructed to develop a targeted program to address reclamation of old sites in Alberta. The LMIP is the program that is being developed to address this.
- Minister Guthrie and department officials are in the process of engaging with affected groups (Indigenous groups, municipalities, industry associations, oil and gas companies, financial actors, and others) to provide feedback on proposed criteria for the LMIP program.
- After the feedback is complete, we will finish developing the pilot program. It will then go through the cabinet and treasury board process.
- The goal of this pilot program is to shrink the inventory of inactive and orphan well sites to decrease environmental challenges while creating jobs across Alberta.
- We will keep Albertans updated as this unfolds.

More funding for schools to close learning gaps

Key messages:

- The early years of education are critical to ensuring long-term learning success, and Alberta's government is taking action to provide early interventions and prevent future learning challenges.
- We are committed to continuing to ensure all Grade 1 students in Alberta develop the foundational skills they need to succeed in later grades.
- Last year, government's targeted funding helped 70,000 students regain an average of almost of seven months of literacy and numeracy development.
- Alberta Education has seen tremendous results in learning improvements in students who are now in Grades 2-4, which is why it is providing an additional \$10 million this school year.
 - This funding will benefit students across the province by helping schools hire more staff and purchase the learning resources they need to support their learners. School authorities will have the flexibility to use this funding to design targeted programming interventions that best meet the needs of their students.

Supporting internationally educated nurses

Key messages:

- There is a countrywide shortage of nurses; internationally educated nurses want to come live and work in Alberta, but they face significant financial and administrative barriers to do so.
- Alberta's government is reducing barriers for internationally educated nurses to come to Alberta to ensure our health care system remains strong, now and in the future.
- We are investing over \$15 million to create over 600 new seats for nurse bridging programs and fund a new bursary for internationally educated nurses to access up to \$30,000.
- This is just another piece in our government's larger strategy to improve our healthcare system which includes historic investments in health care and expanding health care programs in our post-secondary system.

Federal healthcare funding proposal

Key messages:

- The federal government announced \$198 billion in funding, but 75 per cent of these funds were previously announced and allocated.
- The federal government is offering about \$49 billion over 10 years, or nearly \$5 billion a year, in new funding. Of this amount, \$46 billion over 10 years will be transferred directly to provinces and territories after accounting for new funding for Indigenous health and federal data and digital investments.
 - This is well below the request of the premiers for \$28 billion in the first year alone.
- Alberta's share is about \$5.3 billion in new funding over 10 years through an increase to the Canada Health Transfer (\$2.4 billion over 10 years) and targeted bilateral agreements (\$2.9 billion over 10 years).
 - In 2023-24, the new funding to Alberta is \$518 million.
- Alberta's preference, supported by the Council of Federation, was that all new funding be delivered through the Canada Health Transfer. However, Alberta plans to use the targeted funding to support our health system reforms, outlined in Alberta's Healthcare Action Plan, that are already well underway.
 - Alberta's Healthcare Action Plan will ensure Albertans can access world-class care, when and where they need it most, and identifies four goals:
 - Decrease emergency room wait times;
 - Improve emergency medical services response times;
 - Reduce wait times for surgeries; and,
 - Empower frontline workers to deliver healthcare.
- Alberta's concern with the targeted funding is potentially onerous and duplicative reporting requirements. Once bilateral negotiations begin and to the greatest extent possible, Alberta will ensure that reporting requirements are kept to a minimum and no outcomes are prescribed.
- Alberta will work to ensure its jurisdiction over health care delivery is protected and that we maintain flexibility to implement our health reforms.
- Premier Danielle Smith will be meeting with her premier colleagues on Monday, Feb. 13 to discuss the Council of Federation's response to the federal offer.

Alberta job numbers show continued growth in January

Key messages:

- Alberta's economy has momentum and we are focused on even more job creation and diversification as we continue to be the economic engine of Canada.
- January's job numbers show us that Alberta is raising the bar for job creation, and that our economy is continuing to grow and diversify.
 - Alberta got off to a strong start in January, with our province gaining 20,600 new jobs.
 - Since 2021, Alberta has created 129,900 jobs.
- Our plan is working, and we are putting the right policies in place to grow and diversify the economy.
- Under the previous government 180,000 Albertans lost their jobs and businesses fled our province.
- United Conservatives will remain laser-focused on attracting investment and creating high-paying jobs for Alberta families.

Business tax rates

Key messages:

- The previous government raised taxes on business once, and they would do it again, if given the chance.
 - When the previous government raised taxes on business, they brought in less and less business tax revenue, as entrepreneurs and job-creators left our province for other jurisdictions with more competitive tax regimes.
 - We cannot let them destroy our economy again with their disastrous economic policies.
- The Calgary Chamber of Commerce understands what we do: low taxes incent investment, economic growth, and job creation.
 - A strong economy means strong programs and services for Albertans.
 - United Conservatives are committed to keeping taxes low, attracting investment, and growing and diversifying the economy for all Albertans.

Supporting low-income nursing students

Key messages:

- Cost should not be a barrier to higher education, so Alberta's government is providing supports for low-income Albertans so they can attend post-secondary programs that lead to good-paying jobs.

- Alberta needs more nurses and to train more nurses. And we need to ensure our post-secondary system remains accessible and affordable for all Albertans.
- Expanding this bursary to include 1,700 nursing students helps make post-secondary education more affordable for these students, while meeting the need for additional nurses in Alberta.
- Alberta has the best frontline healthcare workers in the world and Advanced Education will continue taking steps to ensure Albertans can get the care they need, when and where they need it.

Capitalizing on value-added agriculture

Key messages:

- Creating the right conditions for the agri-food sector to do business in Alberta promotes investment and increases our competitiveness globally.
- The new incentive program will build on our current advantages, and maximizes opportunities that help create more jobs for Albertans.
- Our goal is to ensure we have the most effective tool kit to land large-scale investments that will help grow our agri-food industry and diversify our economy.

Fixing the "catch and release" bail system

Key messages:

- It's encouraging to hear the federal Liberals are open to amending the Criminal Code and fixing Canada's broken "catch and release" bail system.
- It's disappointing, however, to hear them also try and sluff off some of the responsibility on the provinces, when the provinces are the ones leading the charge on reform.
- The ball is very much in the Liberals' court, as only the federal government has the right to amend criminal law.
- Alberta is open to working constructively with the federal government, where needed, to ensure the bail system is keeping anyone who poses a threat to public safety in custody.
- The current "catch and release" system isn't working to keep families and communities safe.



Village of Warner Appointments to Authorities,
Boards, Commissions and Committees
2022-2023

The following are appointments of Council Members to various Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees for the period of November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023

Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission • Village Bylaw 593-16 / Agreement (2000)	1 Councillor	Mayor Lindsay
Chinook Arch Regional Library System • Village Agreement (2021)	1 Councillor	Councillor Baron
Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision Appeal Board • Bylaw 594-19	1 Councillor 2 Public at Large	No appointment
Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) • Bylaw 356 • FCSS Governance Policies	1 Councillor	Deputy Mayor Kirby
Heritage Handi-Bus Society • Handi- Bus Bylaws	1 Councillor	Councillor Toovey
Highway 4 Gateway Corridor	1 Councillor	Deputy Mayor Kirby
Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee • Agreement 2020	2 Councillors 1 Alternate	Councillor Baron Deputy Mayor Kirby Councillor Koehn (alternate)
Mayors and Reeves	Mayor or Deputy Mayor	Deputy Mayor Kirby
Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee • Committee Bylaws	1 Councillor	Councillor Baron
Municipal Planning Commission • Bylaw 569-16	2 Councillors	Mayor Lindsay and Councillor Baron
Oldman River Regional Services Commission • Bylaws 454-95 & 474-00 • ORRSC Bylaw 2013-2	1 Councillor	Deputy Mayor Kirby
Quad Council	All of Council	All of Council
Regional Assessment Review Board • Bylaw 611-23 – 3 year term	1 Councillor 1 Public at Large	Councillor Toovey
Regional Emergency Advisory Committee • Bylaw 586-20 • Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	1 Councillor	Mayor Lindsay
Ridge Country Housing • Housing Business Plan (2023-2025)	1 Councillor 1 Public at Large	Councillor Toovey
Ridge Regional Public Safety Services (RRPSS) • RRPSS Bylaw 001-16	1 Councillor	Councillor Toovey
Ridge Water Services Commission • Bylaw 531-11	1 Councillor	Mayor Lindsay
SouthGrow Regional Initiative • Article of Association (2021)	1 Councillor	Deputy Mayor Kirby
Warner Memorial Library • Bylaw 348 • Library Act	1 Councillor	Deputy Mayor Kirby
Veterans Memorial Highway Association	1 Councillor	Councillor Koehn



Request for Decision Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence for the period ending March 15, 2023 be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

Correspondence is a collection of general information received at the Village Office and is provided to Council as information.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in correspondence. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.
2. Council may direct Administration on any item contained in correspondence.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Alberta Precision Laboratories
2. Alberta Health Services: Auditor General COVID Recommendations
3. Alberta Health Services Administrator's 90 Day Report
4. Town of Tofield Casino Support Letter
5. On Farm Climate Action Fund
6. Alberta Southwest Bulletin
7. Municipal Affairs: Budget 2023
8. Highway 36 Construction
9. MSI Allocations
10. Alberta Health Services What We Heard Report
11. Alberta Health Services Resources and Links
12. Municipal Affairs: ACP Grant Refund
13. Stirling Wind Project
14. SAITI Analysis
15. Ridge Utilities: Information for Referral Program Members

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	February 27, 2023
TO:	Lethbridge Municipal Partners
FROM:	Tammy Hofer, Chief Operating Officer, Alberta Precision Laboratories Dr. Carolyn O'Hara, Interim Chief Medical Laboratory Officer, Alberta Precision Laboratories
RE:	Upcoming changes to South Zone lab services

Today, community lab services in Brooks, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat have transitioned from Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) to DynaLIFE Medical Labs.

This change, aimed at improving lab services for Albertans and generating savings, is the second phase of the provincial transition of lab services, following North, Edmonton, Central and Calgary Zones' transition to DynaLIFE in December 2022.

This is one step towards the larger transition of community lab services from APL to DynaLIFE Medical Laboratories. By transitioning community lab services to DynaLIFE, APL will be better able to maintain lab quality and provide a more efficient, effective and sustainable laboratory system that supports Alberta's ever-growing demand for lab testing.

DynaLIFE has opened two new community labs in Lethbridge, located at 1240 2A Ave. N and 405 Highlands Blvd. W. These new labs will introduce patient tools and technologies, add patient capacity, and improve access to lab services. Additional capacity built in Calgary and Edmonton will enable an increased volume of tests to be processed every day.

In Brooks, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, APL in-hospital laboratories will continue to serve patients who have a requisition generated at a hospital or urgent care site, either through inpatient, emergency or ambulatory clinics. Hospital labs in rural areas of the South Zone, that do not have additional community labs, will continue to serve rural community clients.

Clients can continue to access community lab services by booking appointments online at qme.dynalife.ca, by calling 1-877-702-4486, or by walking-in to a community lab location.

Be assured that all patients seeking laboratory services in communities across Alberta will continue to have access to community-based lab facilities and services in their areas and rural communities will continue to access community lab collections from their local healthcare centres.

We appreciate your partnership and understanding through the lab transition process. If you are hearing anything in your community, or have any questions now or in the future, please feel free to reach out to us any time.

From: [Community Engagement](#)
To: [Community Engagement](#)
Subject: Office of the Auditor General report – COVID-19 in Continuing Care
Date: February 23, 2023 12:22:15 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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To all Alberta Municipal Elected Officials:

Today, Alberta's Office of Auditor General (OAG) [released a report](#) on Alberta Health Services' and Alberta Health's response to COVID-19 in Continuing Care facilities, examining the period of time from March 2020 to December 2020.

We grieve the loss of every resident who died during this unprecedented time, and our thoughts are with anyone who lost a family member or loved one.

The COVID-19 pandemic challenged our system, and older adults - including residents of continuing care facilities - were disproportionately impacted by the virus. This is true in North America, and globally.

Health jurisdictions across the world adapted quickly as the pandemic spread during the first wave, and in Alberta, the situation was no different. AHS consulted and collaborated with our counterparts regularly to learn more about the virus and adapted our response based on real-time impacts being felt across the country. We also worked collaboratively with operators.

Resident safety and quality of care remained at the core of every decision and action. Significant work went into protecting continuing care residents immediately during the first wave, and lessons were learned and applied in subsequent waves. These same learnings have also allowed us to better prepare for future events of this type and identify ongoing improvements to our system.

As best practices developed, AHS implemented them quickly across both continuing care and acute care, working to reduce spread of the virus, and to improve care for all.

For example:

- Site Preparedness Assessments were completed across the province, which helped sites prepare to avoid or deal more effectively with an outbreak. Comprehensive site inspections were conducted in April 2020, and by July 2020, all sites had been assessed, which saved lives.
- AHS implemented quality monitoring and inspection processes at the start of the pandemic response to ensure that sites were appropriately implementing staff and infection prevention and control practices to support care during outbreaks.
- On March 30, 2020, AHS began conducting Quality Monitoring Visits at sites with new COVID-19 outbreaks or where concerns were raised and focused on staffing levels, quality of care, IPC practices, and public health best practices.

The OAG report highlights that AHS did respond quickly to many of the challenges facing the continuing care sector during wave 1, and also identifies areas where that response could have been

better.

We are grateful to the OAG for their report, and we accept all recommendations directed to AHS (please see attached) or where we have a supporting role to Alberta Health. AHS has already implemented responses to the recommendations and will work with operators moving forward in support of the overall pandemic plan from Alberta Health.

Our work will further strengthen processes and policies designed to protect residents and loved ones, and build a sustainable and innovative continuing care system for all Albertans.

We are invested in making improvements, in increasing continuing care capacity, enhancing home care, and innovating and diversifying care options. We are invested in care for all Albertans.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in our work. For more information continuing care in Alberta, please visit <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/cc/page15328.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please email us at continuingcare@ahs.ca.

Many thanks,

Janine Sakatch

(Pronouns: she/her)

Community Engagement & External Relations
Alberta Health Services



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COVID-19 in Continuing Care Facilities – Recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General

Recommendation 1: Update and expand a pandemic plan common to the entire continuing care sector.

Responsibility: Alberta Health

- Alberta Health has been asked to develop an up-to-date, comprehensive, continuing care-focused pandemic plan relevant to all key stakeholders – Alberta Health, AHS, and facility operators. The plan will use pre-existing continuing care pandemic plans maintained by AHS and plans from operators for their sites as a starting point, and reflect learnings from the COVID-19 response.
- In March 2020, AHS updated its existing Pandemic Operational Guide and has continued updating it with lessons learned throughout the course of the pandemic.
- In June 2020, using learnings from wave 1, AHS also updated the *Guide to Assessment Treatment and Stabilization in Place Continuing Care* for COVID.
- AHS will work closely with Alberta Health to further update the pandemic plan, including relevant AHS plans. This includes working with operators to ensure their pandemic plans align with the provincial response.

Recommendation 2: Exercise and simulate updated plan regularly, with all parties.

Responsibility: Alberta Health.

- Alberta Health has been asked to lead periodic pandemic response exercises for Alberta's facility-based continuing care sector, based upon a continuing care specific plan, across all levels of the system, and involving operational and front-line staff.
- Simulations would be based on realistic disease examples, including respiratory diseases such as COVID-19.
- AHS will work with Alberta Health on this recommendation, both participating in simulations and reporting our lessons learned, while also providing recommendations and supports as needed.

Recommendation 3: Develop a continuing care staffing strategy to increase staffing system resilience.

Responsibility: Alberta Health.

- Alberta Health has been asked to develop and implement a staffing strategy for facility-based continuing care. This strategy would build on efforts already underway focused on staffing hours and staff mix from the response to the *Facility-Based Continuing Care review* recommendations and consider other factors that contributed to staff vulnerability during COVID-19.
- AHS will share with Alberta Health our operational knowledge, experience and expertise to support and inform the development of this strategy.

Recommendation 4: Formalize centre of expertise capacity for outbreak management.

Responsibility: Alberta Health Services.

- AHS has been asked to formalize multi-disciplinary outbreak response and support systems that would provide centre of expertise services, monitor and track, debrief and report on, communicable disease outbreaks at continuing care facilities, as well as other residential care and treatment facilities funded by AHS.
- AHS has existing provincial and zone-based expertise to support communicable disease outbreaks at continuing care facilities, including IPC specialists, CDC and public health experts.
- As the pandemic progressed, processes were adapted based on learnings to better support sites experiencing an outbreak. AHS took steps to protect residents of long-term care and designated supportive living from COVID-19 by implementing strict measures to prevent or limit the spread of the virus. Starting in wave 1, these measures included visitation restrictions, limiting staff to working at single sites, hiring temporary contracted staff, and isolation protocols for residents or staff who fell ill. Where possible, these measures also took into account the balance between protection and the mental health effects of isolation.
- Beginning in December 2020, AHS has also enhanced outbreak management support to outbreak zones and sites including infection prevention and control, public health and quality resources to support outbreak responses in continuing care facilities.
- Working with operators, system partners and stakeholders, AHS will continue to develop and formalize outbreak response systems specific to continuing care facilities.

Recommendation 5: Formalize operational improvements in outbreak testing.

Responsibility: Alberta Health Services.

- APL accepts the recommendations made by the OAG. During the COVID-19 pandemic, APL implemented many ongoing changes to expedite and improve the timeliness of the delivery of lab results during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- During the pandemic, APL took immediate steps to correct issues with the way that COVID-19 samples were being collected, including working with AHS and continuing care facilities to develop manual workarounds to get results to facilities as quickly as possible. As well, APL staff provided significant education to facilities on proper labelling and documentation for swabs. APL continues to collaborate and communicate with sites to educate and identify missing information on requisitions that direct the testing performed.
- In the summer of 2020, at a time where significant numbers of public swabs were being completed, APL began prioritizing testing of swabs from some high-priority areas, such as those under COVID-19 outbreak investigation, including continuing care and healthcare workers.

- In early fall, 2020, AHS worked with APL and continuing care facilities, equipping them with a significant number of testing supplies, reducing the need for sites to order supplies when needed, thereby reducing testing times.
- Processes that have been developed as the pandemic evolved have been or are being incorporated into routine practices and shared with operators to ensure alignment and adoption province wide.

Recommendation 6: Evaluate all existing infrastructure and set a strategy for improving facility infrastructure.

Responsibility: Alberta Health.

- Alberta Health has been asked to develop a priority list and strategy for upgrading or eliminating existing continuing care buildings based on a comprehensive assessment of all continuing care facilities to be completed by AHS.
- AHS has made good progress through holding preliminary conversations with operators of aging infrastructure to review modernization needs, and creating a priority list of needs.
- AHS will complete the assessments required by AH, to support their development of a priority infrastructure list.
- AHS has also already worked with Alberta Health and Alberta Infrastructure to update Continuing Care Design Standards and Best Practices in Alberta. These design standards will ensure new and modernized facilities incorporate the latest features for resident and staff safety.
- Changes include completing the move to private rooms in Continuing Care, ensuring more separation, and improved health and safety for continuing care staff during an outbreak.
- All ward accommodations were eliminated early in the pandemic, and selectively shared two-bed rooms were converted to private rooms based on zone assessments of risk.
- Working closely with operators, AHS will also continue to eliminate all two-bed resident accommodations.

Recommendation 7: Track resident illness and staff absences during communicable disease outbreaks in facilities.

Responsibility: Alberta Health Services.

- AHS has been asked to develop or adapt a surveillance system to track all resident cases and deaths, as well as information on staff absences, during any communicable disease or outbreak in facilities. This data would be used to inform risk and quality management at zone and provincial levels.
- AHS already tracks resident cases for communicable disease outbreaks in continuing care.
- The safety of our staff and our residents is a priority for AHS and we take every measure possible to ensure cases are tracked, and steps are taken to protect those in our care.

- Reviewing our current practice, AHS will develop additional process improvements, where possible, as well as new practices for tracking staff absences during communicable disease outbreaks.

Recommendation 8: Implement recommendations from Alberta Health Services internal reports.

Responsibility: Alberta Health Services.

- AHS has been asked to accumulate, evaluate and implement all recommendations, lessons learned, and other required actions identified in its own internal summary reports on continuing care outbreaks.
- AHS has consolidated the recommendations from internal reports and has completed a number of actions as the pandemic progressed. Some examples include:
 - AHS worked with the CMOH around the need to understand and recognize the health impacts on families and loved ones which contributed to Order changes.
 - The dedicated operator liaison remained in place throughout the pandemic and the email line remains open today.
 - As per initial CMOH orders, high-touch cleaning requirements were in place and persisted in IPC documents after orders were rescinded.
 - Recognizing the impact of suspended programs, AHS reviewed these programs and where there were alternatives, they were implemented. Programs were reinstated as soon as feasible.
 - AHS reviewed the approach to limiting Home Care and that strategy was removed as the impact of COVID-19 was better understood.
- AHS will report on actions taken as part of the COVID-19 response, and how the effective actions and lessons learned were incorporated into care. The work has been ongoing since the pandemic began and will continue indefinitely as AHS continues to improve on processes.
- We will continue to review recommendations to ensure we have considered all of them for both ongoing processes and future pandemic planning.

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Dr. John Cowell
AHS Official Administrator

Official Administrator's 90-Day Report

Dear Community Leaders,

After 90 days as AHS' Official Administrator, I'm pleased to share my [report](#) on our ongoing progress and actions to date.

We are already seeing progress in these strategic areas:

- improving EMS response times
- decreasing emergency department wait times
- improving patient flow throughout the healthcare continuum
- reducing wait times for surgeries

These areas align with the *Government of Alberta Healthcare Action Plan* to enable rapid reforms and improve outcomes in healthcare delivery.

The [90-day report](#) outlines the ongoing significant work and lays the foundation for long-term transformation to improve patient experience and health outcomes.

Here are a few highlights:

Between September 2022 and January 2023

- Opened an average of 255 net-new, non-ICU acute care beds across the province.

Between November 2022 and January 2023

- Reduced emergency department wait time to see a doctor by 10 per cent.
- Reduced total time spent in the emergency department for admitted patients by five per cent.
- Added 39 front-line staff, including paramedics, emergency communications officers and front-line supervisors.
- Opened 292 net-new designated supportive living beds.
- Opened 26 net new mental health beds and 26 net new addiction beds (for a total of 52 beds).
- Lowered the number of patients waiting for a continuing care space

from 253 to 179.

Between November 2022 and February 2023

- Lowered the number of patients waiting outside the clinically recommended wait time for surgery from 39,246 to 35,595, a 9.3 per cent reduction.

Currently

- Posting 114 full-time equivalent nursing staff positions to support emergency department teams in our 16 largest hospitals.
- Recruiting 127 full-time allied health staff, such as social workers, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists, to support patient flow.

We will be reporting regularly with complete transparency and accountability. To learn more, please see our [backgrounder](#) and [government news release](#) on the [AHS webpage](#). I also encourage you to read the full report.

We recognize that you may have questions, and so I invite you to respond to this email.

I'm proud of what we've been able to accomplish so far and I remain confident that we'll continue to make progress towards our goals.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Cowell

AHS Official Administrator



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February 14, 2023

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Re: Letter of Support – Relocation of Camrose Casino

Dear Nadja:

Rural Alberta, and their communities are comprised of community groups, clubs, charitable organizations and societies. The culmination of these organizations leads to the betterment of communities on a whole. These organizations work tirelessly on behalf of the community to provide enhancements through projects that would not be possible without their hard work and dedication. However, the key factor to success is funding. These groups are often accessing funding through casinos. As many other communities have stated, accessing funding through casinos is often multiple months away, which could leave these important projects, or enhancements without the ability to move forward.

Having an ability for Tofield to access a larger pool of casino opportunities would provide a higher element of success. Our proximity to a larger urban location, such as Edmonton, or even Saint Albert, is no further than the distance to Camrose. Although we have been thankful when our service groups have been successful in accessing Camrose Casino, it is an exceptionally long wait, and the return is minimal, at best.

Upon review, this appears to be another slight to Rural Alberta, which as of recent seems to be continually accumulating, and enhancing barriers to provide success for the communities each of us represent. We believe there should be an allowance for relocation for the Camrose Casino. The relocation would allow for the betterment of our entire region, as well as Rural Alberta.

Nadja Lacroix
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Further, the pooling of accessible casinos in larger urban settings would provide an enhanced level of success for Rural Alberta. The major urbans have additional resources and accessing abilities, as opposed to those of us in outlying areas. Collectively, the barriers need to be reduced to allow us all to flourish and provide betterment to our communities.

Respectfully,

Debora L Dueck

Debora Dueck
Mayor
Town of Tofield

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Hello,

The On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) is an initiative to help producers improve soil health, protect soil from erosion, and tackle climate change by adopting beneficial management practices that store carbon and reduce greenhouse gases. The program offers funding, up to \$75,000 to help farmers and ranchers implement nitrogen management, cover cropping, and rotational grazing practices. Learn more about the program and how to apply [here](#). Applications for OFCAF open on February 13, 2023.

RDAR is a program delivery partner that will administer OFCAF in Alberta, we've developed a Tool Kit to ensure Alberta farmers and ranchers have access to clear pre-application instructions and resources to apply to OFCAF when applications open on February 13th, 2023. The OFCAF Tool Kit resources are designed to support OFCAF knowledge sharing at your next town hall, meeting, conference, or huddle. Use the OFCAF Tool Kit to educate your clients, farmers, and ranchers in your community about this cost share program. Access the [OFCAF Tool Kit](#).

Questions?

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Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

❖ Conversation with the MLA

Always a pleasure when Livingstone-Macleod MLA Roger Reid can join us. We appreciate his advocacy for the region, supporting initiatives in housing, education, and workforce development, representing Alberta interests as part of the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER).



❖ Education Innovation

Lori Hodges, Livingstone Range School Division trustee, reported on forward-thinking initiatives. Did you know?

➤ There are 64 students from Austria, Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, and Turkey attending high school in Nanton, Claresholm, Fort Macleod, Pincher Creek, and Crowsnest Pass. The goal is to have up to 15 international students in each school, and there is opportunity to be a host family for a student. This is an enriching experience, building international relationships and friendships.

➤ Students can earn high school AND post-secondary credit! Collaboration and partnership with southern Alberta post-secondary institutions provides students opportunities and choice to begin career pathways. At a limited charge to students, courses may be offered at a high school, at the University or College, online or a combination of both. High school students gain a deeper understanding of the college or university experience! <https://www.lrsd.ca/services/lrsd-pursuit/dual-credit>

❖ Connect4Commerce is underway

AlbertaSW, in partnership with Community Futures, is implementing a business-to-business platform to list and promote investment opportunities in all our communities. Each community has identified a municipal contact person to collaboratively learn how the system will work, and to create a system and process that will be an effective way to promote investment opportunities. More details to come!

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Monday, March 27, 2023

10:30am-3:00pm, lunch included - REO Hall, 470-17 St Fort Macleod.

Rural Development Network Pilot Project to add talent to our workforce!

Newcomer Workshop for Employers

➤ Contact bev@albertasouthwest.com for details and link to register.

This “speed learning” format is an opportunity to network with other local businesses and share key concepts such as:

- The needs of newcomers in the workplace
- Settlement, integration, and inclusion
- Best practices for employers from all industries

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Dear Chief Elected Officials:

My colleague, the Honourable Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, has tabled *Budget 2023* in the Alberta Legislature. I am writing to share information with you about how *Budget 2023* impacts municipalities.

Alberta's government is helping to secure Alberta's future by investing almost \$1 billion to build stronger communities across our province. The Municipal Affairs budget reflects an overall increase of \$45.2 million from the previous budget. These investments will continue to support municipalities in providing well-managed, collaborative, and accountable local government to Albertans.

We have heard frequently how important it is for Alberta municipalities to secure reliable, long-term funding for infrastructure and services in your communities. Through *Budget 2023*, capital support for municipalities is being maintained with \$485 million provided through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI). In addition, we are doubling MSI operating funding to \$60 million. The estimated 2023 MSI allocations are available on the program website at www.alberta.ca/municipal-sustainability-initiative.aspx.

Next year, we will be introducing the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF), an updated framework that ties funding to provincial revenue changes, which will ensure sustainable funding levels for the province and allow municipalities to plan more effectively for the future. The baseline funding amount for the LGFF will be \$722 million in 2024/25. Furthermore, we heard your feedback and, subject to approval by the Legislature, are updating the legislation so that this amount will increase or decrease at 100 per cent of the percentage change in provincial revenues from three years prior, rather than 50 per cent as legislated. Based on the most current financial data and subject to approval of the legislation, we anticipate funding for municipalities will increase by 12.6 per cent to approximately \$813 million for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

The federal Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which provides infrastructure funding to municipalities throughout the province, will see an increase of \$11.1 million to Alberta. The estimated 2023 CCBF allocations are available on the program website at www.alberta.ca/canada-community-building-fund.aspx.

MSI and CCBF program funding is subject to the Legislative Assembly's approval of *Budget 2023*. Individual allocations and 2023 funding are subject to ministerial authorization under the respective program guidelines. Federal CCBF funding is also subject to confirmation by the Government of Canada. Municipalities can anticipate receiving letters confirming MSI and CCBF funding commitments in April.

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I am pleased to inform you that an additional \$3 million in grant funding is being committed in support of local public library boards, which means an increase of at least five per cent for all library boards. This funding increase will help maintain the delivery of critical literacy and skill-building resources to Albertans. There will also be an increase of \$800,000 in funding to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal to expand capacity for timely surface rights decisions.

Additionally, *Budget 2023* will provide an increase of \$500,000 to provide fire services training grants. Public safety is always a priority, and while we respect that fire services is a municipal responsibility, our government recognizes that a strong provincial-municipal partnership remains key to keeping Albertans safe.

As we all look forward to the year ahead, I want to re-iterate that Alberta municipalities remain our partners in economic prosperity and in delivering the critical public services and infrastructure that Albertans need and deserve. Municipal Affairs remains committed to providing sustainable levels of capital funding, promoting economic development, and supporting local governments in the provision of programs and services.

Alberta's economy has momentum, and we are focused on even more job creation and diversification as we continue to be the economic engine of Canada. At the same time, we recognize Albertans are dealing with the financial pressures of high inflation.

Budget 2023 will help grow our economy while also strengthening health care, improving public safety, and providing relief to Albertans through the inflation crisis. Alberta's government will do its part by remaining steadfastly committed to responsible management, paying down the debt, and saving for tomorrow.

With these priorities in mind, we will move forward together in fulfilling Alberta's promise and securing a bright and prosperous future for Alberta families.

Sincerely,

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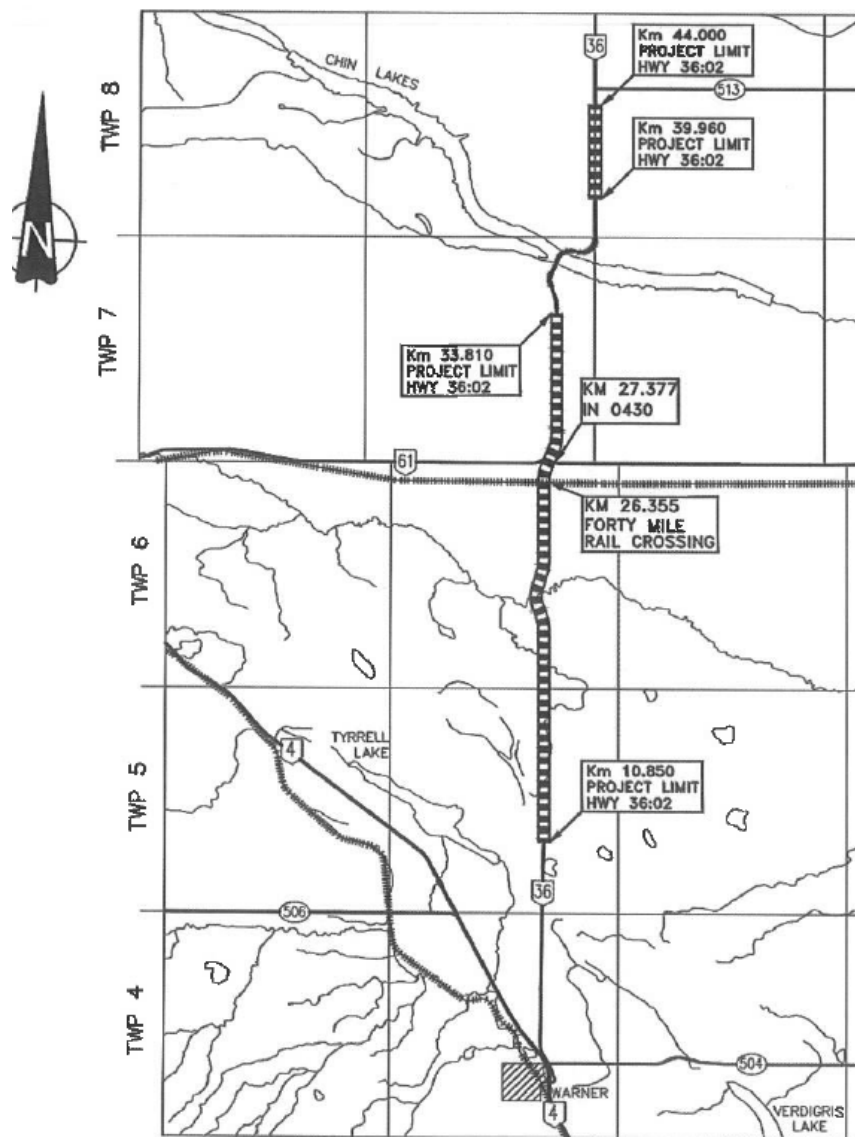
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Wanted to make you aware that this pavement rehabilitation project was awarded to AECON in December. The tentative start date is sometime in June, following the Hwy 3:10 paving between Coaldale and Taber.

- **Hwy 36:02, 9 Km N of Hwy 504 to 13 km S of the Town of Taber**



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Milk River Community Conversation

March 6, 2023

What We Heard Summary

On Wednesday, February 22, Alberta Health Services (AHS) hosted a public engagement session to discuss the recent temporary closures of the Milk River Health Centre emergency department (ED) due to lack of physician availability. Over 200 community members from Milk River and the surrounding area gathered to express their concerns and provide input to AHS representatives.

Current Situation

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has no plans to permanently reduce services at the Milk River Health Centre, including the ED. We are committed to maintaining ongoing access to healthcare in Milk River and are doing all we can to ensure patients receive the care they need when they need it.

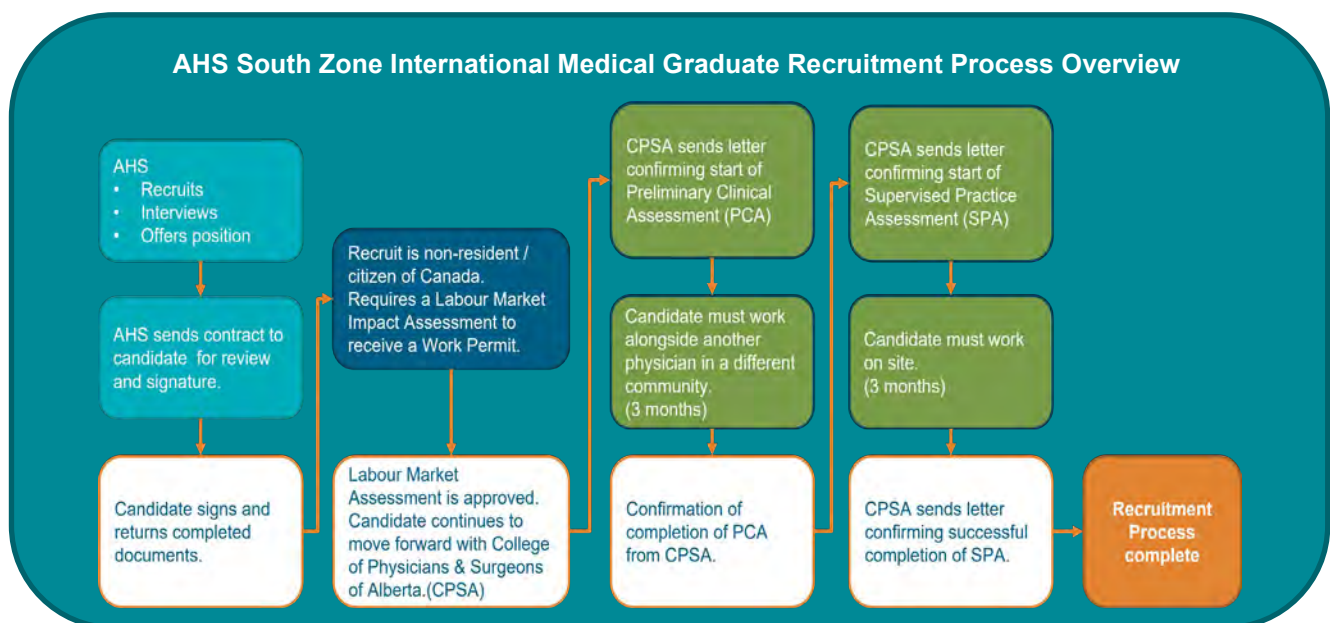
Recently, the Milk River Health Centre has been experiencing a number of short-term temporary closures of its ED as a result of reduced physician availability.

EMS services continue to be maintained in Milk River. This includes two units which are available 24/7 and prepared to respond to emergency events and support inter-facility transfers.

Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) continues to redeploy staff from other rural locations to provide Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging services in Milk River. APL is also recruiting to fill the current vacancies and working with AHS to provide additional point of care services to support clinical hours.

Physician Recruitment

The primary care physician advised of their upcoming departure in April. At the engagement session, we were pleased to share that an offer has been extended and accepted by an International Medical Graduate (IMG). The next step for this individual will be to complete their assessments (see illustration below). It is anticipated that this physician could begin at the Milk River Health Centre in late spring 2023.



What We Heard – Milk River Health Centre Community Conversation

Recruitment and planning for the future

AHS recognizes the current ED coverage model in Milk River has been under strain for some time. The current model relies on a primary care physician, a physician's assistant (PA) and locums. Moving forward, we're looking to add a second physician for the area and are also [recruiting for a Nurse Practitioner \(NP\) to further support the healthcare team](#).

Care models that integrate Alternative Care Providers contribute to the recruitment and retention of physicians because of a more manageable patient load and improved work/life balance.

At the request of the incoming physician, AHS is working closely with Alberta Health to develop an [Alternative Relationship Plan](#) (ARP) for Milk River that would allow physicians to be compensated for providing defined program services rather than a fee for service.

Lab and Diagnostic Imaging (DI) have also been experiencing high vacancy rates across the South Zone. At this time, they are continuing to redeploy staff from other rural locations to provide service to Milk River. Current Lab and DI postings for Milk River can be found [here](#).

Temporary Service Disruptions

Temporary ED closures are necessary when physician coverage is not available. These closures happen only after exhausting all other options. At this time, the month of March has full coverage between locums and the PA.

While the new physician is onboarding, we anticipate that there will continue to be disruptions. Please be assured that AHS is actively seeking locum coverage to minimize these situations.

Nursing staff remain on-site to provide care for long-term care residents when the ED is closed.

EMS will continue to maintain two units in the community to respond to emergency events and support interfacility transfers.

Concerns we heard

Recruitment and retention

Q: Is there anything we can do as a community to help keep doctors here?

Q: Where are the nursing graduates going? Do we have incentives to bring graduates to rural sites?

A: Recruitment for rural and remote communities has always been a challenge, even before the pandemic. We rely on our community partners to help show what the area has to offer in terms of recreational opportunities, things to do, other services available, and the friendly and welcoming environment we know rural Alberta is. Once exposed to the variety of work, and the positives of living in a smaller community, some people really flourish. Partnering with educational institutions to offer grow-your-own type training programs and educational opportunities can also be helpful to encourage area residents to pursue careers in healthcare, close to home.

Accessing care during a service disruption

AHS is committed to providing care to residents during the temporary service disruptions at the Milk River Health Centre.

For medical emergencies:

- Patients are asked to call 911 if they have a medical emergency. EMS calls will be re-routed to another ED to ensure residents have access to the emergency services they need.
- Patients seeking care during the closure in Milk River can access emergency services anytime at:
 - Raymond Health Centre
 - Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge.

These facilities are aware of the situation in Milk River, and are prepared to accept patients from the area.

For non-emergency medical care:

- Residents can call Health Link at 811, which is available 24/7 for non-emergency, health-related questions
- You can access the Health Education and Learning (HEAL) program by visiting ahs.ca/heal. This site provides general information about the causes, symptoms and home management options for common minor illnesses and injuries, and when to seek medical care.

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What We Heard – Milk River Health Centre Community Conversation

Q: Can the Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Physician's Assistant (PA) also do emergency department work?

A: Milk River currently has a PA working regularly. PAs report to a primary supervisory physician and:

- Conduct comprehensive assessment,
- Make differential diagnoses,
- Order appropriate testing,
- Plan the clinical management of patients.

AHS is exploring options to provide additional supports to the community, such as the recruitment of an NP who could take on some of the responsibility of a physician. NPs are the most responsible care provider and:

- Conduct comprehensive health assessments,
- Make diagnoses and manage acute and chronic conditions,
- Order and interpret tests,
- Prescribe medications, performs procedures,
- Initiate referrals,
- Provide health education to patients and families.

Q: Why can't we hire people who are trying to practice medicine in Canada before they receive CPSA licensing? The process seems to take too long.

A: The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) is Alberta's physician regulator and responsible for overseeing the practice of medicine in Alberta. Alberta's Health Professions Act (HPA) grants the privilege of profession-led regulation, which is carried out by CPSA.

The role of the CPSA is to provide Practice Readiness Assessments (PRA) for those who don't have complete Canadian credentials. Once candidates have submitted the appropriate documentation and secured sponsorships through AHS, CPSA can begin the process of finding an assessor. Generally, there are two parts to the PRA process, the first being a three-month Preliminary Clinical Assessment (PCA) where the candidate works under direct observation in the medical practice of a CPSA-approved assessor. The second part is a three-month Supervised Practice Assessment (SPA) that allows physicians to independently work in their sponsored community, while being reviewed by a CPSA-approved supervisor. If a physician passes their assessments, they can continue practising in the community-based setting.

Q: Would a doctor in Milk River make as much as a doctor in Raymond?

Q: Can we have assurances that we will be able to use the ARP model?

A: AHS is working closely with Alberta Health to develop an Alternative Relationship Plan (ARP) for Milk River that would allow physicians to be compensated for providing defined program services rather than a fee for service. We are confident that we will be able to implement this compensation model in Milk River. A fee for service model is where physicians and clinicians are paid based on the number of services, treatments, and procedures that they provide to patients.

EMS

Q: Can we make a smoother process for when nurses call for EMS dispatch as dispatch doesn't seem to understand there is no doctor in our emergency department?

A: When a healthcare facility calls 911 to request EMS, they have to follow the scripted questioning to deem the needs of the patient and meet the needs of the Emergency Communications Officers.

Health Care Assist is a separate process for healthcare facilities to call and request EMS assistance for when patients come in and are in need of assistance. The EMS crew can arrive at the site, help stabilize the patient and prepare the patient for transport if needed. AHS EMS will follow up with the Milk River facility to ensure that they are aware of these protocols and processes.

Q: Why is EMS restricted when it comes to making a judgement call and bringing a patient to the ED to be assessed by a nurse?

A: EMS is required to adhere to their medical control protocols (MCPs). These protocols outline treatment and destination criteria, and these are provincial protocols.

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What We Heard – Milk River Health Centre Community Conversation

Q: Why does EMS have to be held to such a stringent model that puts more onus on EMS to work in the back of a truck? Can we use the ED as a place to stop if EMS needs to do immediate care/stabilize? (e.g. – airway)

A: EMS bypass protocols exist to ensure that the patient is transported to the appropriate facility. These protocols outline treatment and destination criteria, and these are provincial protocols.

Temporary measures

Q: Is there an opportunity to use physicians in Raymond for urgent care needs of residents of Milk River and the surrounding area?

Q: What about virtual options? Why can't we get doctor coverage on Zoom?

A: Patients seeking care can access emergency services at the Raymond Health Centre. Physicians from Raymond often support the Milk River Health Centre's PA and RNs via phone. When there is only a nurse on site, the ED must temporarily close.

Q: Can we receive communication about closures sooner?

A: AHS works until the last minute to find coverage for unfilled shifts, resulting in many shifts being filled. To avoid confusion, stakeholder and public materials may be held until 24-hours of the disruption or until site management advises that further changes to the disruption are unlikely. It is for this reason, that public communications are held until the last possible moment.

Q: In the absence of the new doctor, is there opportunity to have an experienced or already working NP fill in temporarily?

Q: Have you explored using community paramedics to fill gaps?

Q: We have a nurse practitioner who may like this role. Would there be an option for that nurse practitioner to have temporary privileges until a new NP is hired?

A: AHS is willing to look at all available staffing options to cover gaps in service. There is currently a job posting for an NP to work in Milk River.

Q: What is the contingency plan so we don't have this same situation happen again?

A: We strongly believe that building a more sustainable healthcare team, which includes two physicians, an NP and a PA, in Milk River will support the health centre in maintaining its ED services.

Staffing and service model

Q: How many doctors are appropriate for this area?

A: We do not believe that the fee for service model could support more than one physician in the region of Milk River which is why we are supporting the ARP model for the area. If approved, the ARP model would support the recruitment of two physicians.

Q: Can we go back to full-time nurses in one location?

A: Staffing complements vary from site to site. We recommend staff having a discussion with their leader to discuss changes to their Full Time Equivalent (FTE).

Q: Could we look at our facility being used more efficiently for things like day surgeries?

A: Optimizing surgical activity at rural sites is part of the work of the Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI), a plan developed by AHS and Alberta Health (AH) that strives to ensure that all Albertans receive their scheduled surgeries within clinically appropriate targets.

Other

Q: When will AHS drop the mask mandate?

A: At this time, everyone entering an AHS site will continue to be asked to use hand sanitizer or wash your hands (referred to as hand hygiene), will be provided with a mask, and informed of the requirement for continuous masking.

Thank you

On behalf of Linda Iwasiw, Chief Zone Officer and Dr. Aaron Low, Zone Medical Director, we want to thank the residents of Milk River and surrounding area for your continued commitment to healthcare.

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Milk River Community Conversation

Links and resources

Links and resources that were highlighted at the Milk River Community Conversation on February 22, 2023.

Careers and job postings

Alberta Health Services (AHS)

AHS Careers: <https://careers.albertahealthservices.ca/>

Current Job Postings for Milk River:

<https://careers.albertahealthservices.ca/jobs/search/84617397>

- Rural Family Physician: (Posted February 14)
<https://doctorjobsalberta.albertahealthservices.ca/jobs/milk-river-rural-general-family-practitioner-1756>
- Nurse Practitioner: (posted February 22)
<https://careers.albertahealthservices.ca/jobs/nurse-practitioner-358864>

Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)

APL Careers: <https://careers.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/>

Current Lab and Diagnostic Imaging (DI) job postings for Milk River:

<https://careers.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/jobs/search/84424486>

- Combined Laboratory/X-Ray Technologist I
<https://careers.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/jobs/combined-laboratory-x-ray-technologist-i-351536>
- Combined Laboratory/X-Ray Technologist I
<https://careers.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/jobs/combined-laboratory-x-ray-technologist-i-351535>
- Combined Laboratory/X-Ray Technologist I
<https://careers.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/jobs/combined-laboratory-x-ray-technologist-i-355250>
- Combined Laboratory/X-Ray Technologist II
<https://careers.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/jobs/combined-laboratory-x-ray-technologist-ii-338892>

Rural Healthcare Worker Recruitment

Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP): <https://rhpap.ca/>

Established in 1991 by the Government of Alberta the Rural Health Professions Action Plan, or RhPAP, is a trusted resource and collaborative partner for rural Alberta communities trying to achieve greater access to health care.

Quad Municipality Healthcare Support Committee

Physician and Healthcare Careers in Milk River: <https://physiciancareersmilkriver.com>

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Temporary Service Disruption Information

AHS Facilities: Temporary Service Disruptions:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/br/Page17594.aspx>

(This page is updated on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 p.m.)

This page provides information on AHS sites across the province that have, for a limited time, temporarily disrupted services, including bed and care space reductions.

Health Information and Resources

811 Health Link: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page12630.aspx#contact>

MyHealth Alberta: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/>

Health Education and Learning (HEAL): <https://ahs.ca/heal>

This site provides general information about the causes, symptoms and home management options for common minor illnesses and injuries, and when to seek medical care.

Dear Chief Administrative Officer:

This message includes an important update regarding Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) Red Tape Reduction reporting.

Your 2021 Red Tape Reduction report has been accepted. An overview of municipal and Metis Settlement red tape reduction activities undertaken by local governments that submitted reporting in 2021, and illustrating how they fulfilled red tape reduction objectives, is available in the 2021 Municipal Red Tape Reduction Report, found at: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/municipal-red-tape-reduction-report>.

The report provides examples and ideas you may consider as you continue to reduce red tape in your community. Reducing red tape will help position you to support local jobs and participate in future economic growth.

If you have any questions about the MSP, you can email questions to ma.municipalstimulus@gov.ab.ca or call toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-422-7125, and ask for an MSP grant advisor.

Sincerely,

Janice Romanyshyn
Executive Director, Grants and Education Property Tax Branch
Municipal Affairs



February 28, 2023

Hello Neighbours,

We hope you have been well since our last communication about the Stirling Wind Project, and your year so far has been great. As the weather begins to warm up, the Stirling Wind Project team would like to provide you with some quick updates on Project construction.

As mentioned in our last letter, in 2022, we completed constructing all the turbine access roads, poured 13 turbine foundations, and began building the Project substation. Construction activities will resume in March 2023 and be in full swing until the end of the year.

The Stirling Wind Project team is preparing for a busy and exciting year ahead at the Project site. Our Prime Contractor, Skyflo Consulting Ltd., will mobilize to the Project site in early March and recommence construction activities. The following is a high-level schedule of key activities in 2023. The Schedule may change due to weather or other unforeseen events. We will notify you again if the schedule changes significantly in the future.

- Completion of the Red Coat Substation: Summer/Fall 2023
- Turbine Foundation Installation – Spring to Fall 2023
- Turbine Deliveries and Erection – Summer to Fall 2023
- Collector Line Installation – Spring to Fall 2023
- Project Commissioning and Start of Operations – Winter 2023

Stirling Renewable Energy Limited Partnership (SRELP) would also like to inform you that Phase 2 of the Stirling Wind Project (SWP II) has been put on indefinite hold. SRELP will continue to evaluate viability and options to advance SWP II. Prior to SWP II advancing, SRELP will provide adequate notification and/or consultation aligned with the Alberta Utilities Commission's Rule 007 Appendix A1. If you have any questions or concerns related to SWP II, please contact Keaton Lever at klever@potentiarenewables.com

As always, we thank you for your ongoing cooperation, accommodation, and support for the Stirling Wind Project. If you have questions or concerns regarding the Project site during construction, please reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

Silvio Martinez

Construction Project Manager

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Year 1 Analysis

February 2023

The SAITI Global marketing campaign is an effort to broadcast the advantages of Southern Alberta on a global scale, specifically targeting the United States and western Europe. We have used a combination of awareness and traffic campaigns on Twitter and LinkedIn to drive potential investors to the SAITI website, where they can reach out to region representatives.

Overall, the campaign is performing well. Our clicks-based campaign on LinkedIn has resulted in 395,130 impressions and at least 2,471 clicks. Our impressions-based campaign on Twitter has resulted in 4,112,226 impressions and 8,903 clicks. The SAITI website has tracked at least 1,636 unique site visitors over the last year, most of the traffic coming from our ad campaigns. Most of the traffic is from our target regions: The United States at number one, followed by Canada, then several countries in Western Europe.

After running the campaign for 6 months, we realized we could make several improvements to the strategy. First, we can include more information on the website that potential investors would be looking for. We are not tracking any clicks or any contact form submissions, which means the traffic we are bringing to the website is not taking the step to call our representatives. This could indicate that our landing page does not communicate enough information and the “call now” call to action (CTA) is too much of an ask. To address this, we are going to try and make the CTA easier, by offering information in exchange for an email address. This page was launched at the end of January and we are beginning to track behavioural data on this page.

Additionally, as the campaign had a slow start, we are behind on budget. The budget for the digital ad campaigns is \$2,000 per month. We started late, and attempted to ‘catch up’ on the budget by spending over \$2,000 per month, however, ads can only go so far. In this case, increasing the budget for our ads did not result in increased spend or reach. Therefore, we proposed another way to use up the leftover budget before Jan 31st, 2023. To use this money, we launched a video ad campaign on YouTube. \$2,000 would go towards advertising dollars, and the leftover \$8,000 would go towards high quality video production, which would be outsourced to a professional studio.

As far as the content of the ads go, after split-testing them head-to-head over the last several months, we have found that some content is more effective than others. In particular, ads in the categories: High-Functioning Value Chain, Top-Notch Infrastructure, and Emerging Technologies on average significantly out performed ads in the other categories: Healthy food, Safely Prepared, Sustainably Produced (see chart on next page). This suggests that messaging to do with the business environment is more effective than the food outcomes messaging with our target audience and should inform our content strategy moving forward.

Other general recommendations based on marketing best-practices include employing better copywriting, continuing to use video, and providing more up-front value. Better copywriting practices could mean writing the ad copy with the buyer’s needs and perspectives in mind. For example, instead of saying “Southern Alberta is x,” copy with the buyer in mind would be something like, “What your business needs is in Southern Alberta.” Making small copy adjustments to the ads could have a potentially large impact on our outcomes. Secondly, video continues to be the most engaging type of content online, therefore continuing to use it in our ads is essential. Lastly, providing up-front value means giving your potential customers something of value before asking them for a purchase. This is a sales rule that ‘warms up’ your cold traffic to you and your value proposition, making them much more willing to commit to a purchase (or in our case, a phone call) than if we didn’t offer them anything first. This strategy was just employed on our website, but keeping this in mind could inspire adjustments for our ad content as well.

Average Cost Per Result

Ad	Average Cost Per Result (lower is better)
D1	\$1.96
E5	\$2.60
E4	\$2.61
F5	\$2.91
D2	\$3.00
F4	\$3.12
F3	\$3.12
E3	\$3.17
D4	\$3.19
A1	\$3.39
A5	\$3.42
C5	\$3.50
C4	\$3.54
F1	\$3.60
E2	\$3.61
D3	\$3.66
A4	\$3.73
B5	\$3.73
D5	\$3.82
B1	\$4.03
C3	\$4.11
B4	\$4.14
C1	\$4.15
A3	\$4.20
E1	\$4.49
B3	\$4.60
F2	\$4.60
B2	\$4.77
A2	\$5.73
C2	\$7.17

From: [Ridge Utilities](#)
To: cao@warner.ca
Subject: Important Information for Referral Program Members
Date: March 1, 2023 2:30:54 PM





New Enrollment Restrictions



Over the last 6 months, our sales have been running at approximately 75% over our forecasted and historical usage. This is driven by continually adding new customers and consumers switching from variable to fixed rates. In addition, the existing customer usage also increased during December (driven by the arctic cold snap) by 41% over normal. This is good news for our overall profitability, but it has also eaten into the surplus inventory of hedges we have purchased to support our business.

UTILITYnet has developed a strategy that requires a careful balance of new enrollments, load management, weather forecasting, rate switches and market analysis. In order to maintain that balance, and to ensure that we are properly aligned for the upcoming summer, we need to implement some restrictions on new enrollments.

The following restrictions will remain in effect until further notice:

- New sites on fixed electricity rates must be below 25,000 kWh/year (a reduction from the current limit at 30,000 kWh/year).
- We are implementing an enrollment cap of 50 new electricity customers (this applies to customers on the Fixed Rate only) per month overall across our business.

When the cap has been reached, the website will show [new messaging](#), informing potential customers that rates are currently unavailable. The "Sign-up" button will be greyed out and cannot be clicked. Make sure you start frequently checking the website ASAP to see if the enrollment cap has been reached.

- New Solar Club enrollments will NOT count as part of the 50 new enrollments. You can enroll as many Solar Club sites as you want, as long as the customers' usage remains less than 50,000 kWh/year.

Forward-Looking Perspective: We recommend that you pivot your strategy and focus on selling natural gas. Natural gas has been steadily decreasing and is now in the \$3.25/GJ range. This puts natural gas prices below all available fixed gas rates currently being offered by competitors, as well as the natural gas RRO. Focus on customers who only have electricity services, and encourage them to sign up on your floating natural gas rate.

Bonus Program for Solar Club Members



The generation supply side of the market in Alberta has been volatile with Power Pool often spiking above \$300/MWh and as high as \$999/MWh. Regulated Rate Option (RRO) prices this winter have reached an all-time high, increasing to 44 cents/kWh which is being charged by one of the Rural Electric Association (REAs). Furthermore, ENMAX, EPCOR, and Direct Energy all posted RRO prices above 30 cents per kWh in February.

Winter Savings:

As a Solar Club Member, being on our lower winter rate you saved money on the electricity imported from the grid, especially when compared to consumers in Alberta who are on the Regulated Rate Option (RRO). Over the last three months alone, our Members saved over \$1/2 million by being on the Solar Club's seasonal lower rate.

2023 RRO Premium

In the coming spring and summer, once you move onto the High Solar Club rate of 28.50 cents/kWh: If the highest of the RRO retail prices posted by Direct Energy, Enmax, Epcor or Fortis spikes above 28.50 cents/kWh, the Solar Club will automatically switch your account to this higher price for that month. This will ensure you are getting the best deal in the province.

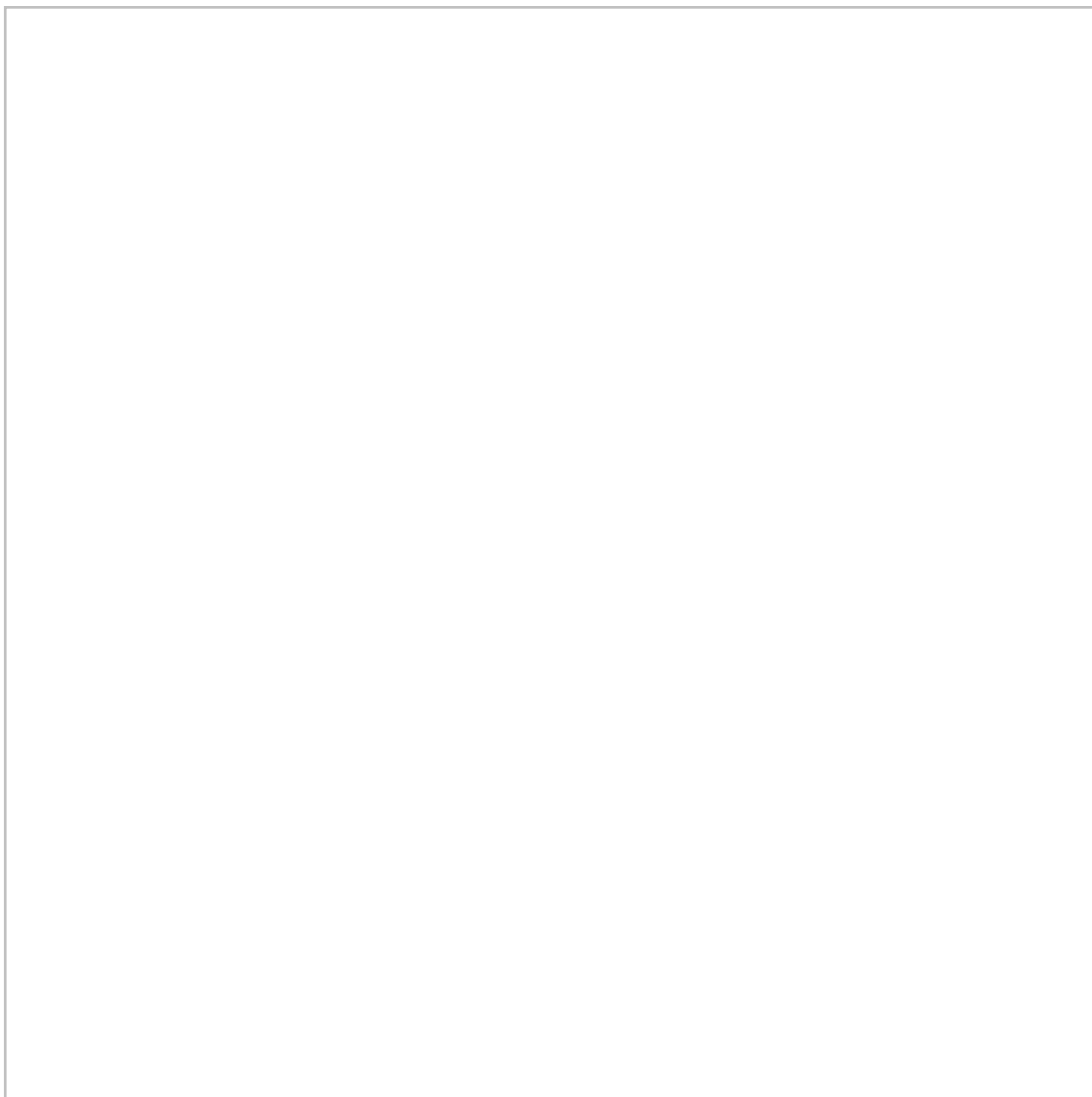
Carbon Offset Program

Want to sell your carbon credits? The Solar Club has expanded our platform to include three options. For more information, [click here](#).

Greening the Grid

Microgeneration has a relatively small footprint in the overall market, but it is an integral part of the wave sweeping across North America.

Many people feel overwhelmed by this new world, but just for your general interest, we thought we would try to put what is happening into context for you. Here is a window into the current supply of electricity across North America.



Over the next few years, the map will see some interesting changes as investors put billions of dollars into Wind, Solar, and Storage solutions. During 2023, within the United States, the amount of solar generation will increase by 54% over the current installed market generation, and wind farms will increase by 11%.

The percentage growth in Alberta is even more impressive. Based on what is currently under construction and approved by AUC, solar farms will increase by 270% over what is in operation today. Wind generation will increase by 70% by the end of 2024. This is good news, especially given that over 6,000 MW of new storage capacity has been planned and announced. Installing sufficient storage, however, will take time.

Capital Power will retire/derate Genesee 1 & 2 coal plants later this year, and the electricity supply to the grid will increasingly rely on wind and solar production. We know the new generation facilities will be subject to intermittency in supply when the sun goes down, and the wind drops. The result of this will periodically drive up the cost of electricity.

As this happens, consumers in the province with a solar PV system are wisely protected by the investment in adding solar panels on their rooftops. Moreover, if RRO rates spike again above the 28.50 cent/kWh rate, Solar Club Members will automatically benefit from the new RRO Premium program introduced this summer.

Spread the Word

Encourage others who have installed a solar PV system to consider signing up for the Solar Club. Remember, there is only one club, even though other retailers have tried to copy our program. [Click here](#) for more information.

Win \$1,000

\$1,000 will be awarded to one of our Solar Club members on March 31st. This is one of four draws that will take place this year. [Click here](#) for more information.



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Statement Number: TOWN-230101

Date: January 30, 2023

From: UTILITY NETWORK & PARTNERS INC.
#200, 1316 – 9th Avenue, S.E.
Calgary, AB T2G 0T3

To: Village of Warner
210 3 Ave
Box 88
Warner, AB T0K2L0

Tyler Lee Lindsay (cao@warner.ca)

Energy Marketer	Assoc Id	From	To	Total
Ridge Utilities	Assc138	Oct 2022	Dec 2022	\$ 154.29
Sub-Total				\$ 154.29
GST @ 5%				\$ 7.71
Payment to Village of Warner				\$ 162.00

UTILITY NETWORK & PARTNERS INC.
GST NUMBER: 896454626RT001

UTILITY NETWORK & PARTNERS INC.
#200, 1316 – 9th Avenue, S.E.
Calgary Alberta T2G 0T3



Request for Decision Bylaw Inventory

RECOMMENDATION

That the bylaw inventory report be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

Administration has completed an inventory audit on the village's bylaws. There are a total of 559 bylaws in inventory. Of that, 119 are considered Active, and of those, 99 have been identified to be reviewed.

Administration will be creating the review schedule in the near future, that will coincide with like subject policies.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

Should a review of the current active bylaws not occur, many will remain outdated and would leave the municipality at risk with conflicting statutes.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw Inventory Active List
2. Bylaw Review List

Bylaw #	Bylaw
1	Enforcement of Bylaws
3	Licensing Pool Halls and Bowling Alleys
4	Clearing Snow and Ice from Sidewalks
5	Licensing Dogs
6	Licensing Automobiles
8	Running at Large of Milk Cows
11	Regulate Storage of Gasoline, etc
31	Obstructing Streets, Lanes, etc.
37	Addition to Pump House
99	Minimum Tax for Municipal Purposes
122	Repeal Taxing Personal Property
134	Road Closure
140	Minimum Tax for Hospital
141	Prohibit the Discharge of Guns
144	Road Closure
153	Allowances for Mayor and Councillors
158	Licensing of Mobile Homes
159	Acquiring Nuisance or Dump Ground
160	Homes for the Aged at Raymond
178	Rescinding Bylaw
181	Purchase and Erection of Storage Warehouse
182	Appropriation of Land and Lease of Skating Rink
188	Hiring of Secretary-Treasurer
193	Establishment of Civil Defence Unit
202	Numbering Houses in Village
205	Construction of Buildings and Fire Prevention
207	Regulating Street Traffic and Parking
211	Highway 4 Speed Limit
222	Authorizing Council to use Surplus Funds
223	Acquiring Land for Reservoir Site
231	Control of Firecrackers
232	Traffic Signs
244	Authorizing Hours for Billiard Room
251	Elimination of Voters List
262	Development Control
274	Triple W Natural Gas Coop
289	Closing of Lanes and Portion of Park Avenue
298	Frontage Assessment for Local Improvement
314	Increasing Council Members from Three to Five
318	Establish a Recreation Board
319	Construction and Operation of Municipal Airport
327	Change Secretary-Treasurer to Municipal Administrator
337	Closure of North Entrance of Railway Street
342	Establish a Regional Recreation Board
343	Repealing Bylaw
345	Establish the Municipal Planning Commission
346	Establish the Development Appeal Board
348	Establishment of a Municipal Library
355	To Enter into an Agreement with Alberta Transportation for Leasing the Airport

356	To Enter into an Agreement with the Barons Eureka Health Unit and Preventative Social Services
358	Rescinding Bylaw Authorize the Assessor
378	Appoint a new Municipal Administrator
379	Closing a Portion of Street
380	Establish a Disaster Services Agency
389-84	Fire Bylaw
390-84	Adoption of Crest
403-86	Pasteurization of Milk
408-86	Restriction of Control of Livestock and Poultry
416-88	Imposing Yard Watering Restrictions
417-7	Define Duties of Council and Officers in Council
437-93	Enter Agreement with Waste Management Authority
443-93	Licensing, Regulating Control of Dogs
448-95	Establish a Municipal Disaster Services Agency
452-95	Establish an Municipal Subdivision and Development Authority
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454-95	Establish an Intermunicipal Service Agency
455-95	Delegate Authority to grant time extensions
465-98	Authorize Provision of Provincial 911 Services
467-98	Agreement with Warner County for District Ambulance Services
473-00	Establish an Assesment Review Board
474-00	Authorize Power of Attorney
480-01	Imposing Yard and Garden Watering Restrictions
487-03	IMDP
493-04	Boulevard Trees and Shrubs Care
496-05	Property Tax Penalties
498-06	Road Closure
516-10	Rescinding Old Bylaws
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523-19	Utility Rates
529-11	Truck -revised 2020
530-11	Unightly Property - Revised 2021
531-11	Ridge Water Services Commission Membership
532-11	Municipal Emergency Management Agency
533-12	Road Closure: All Of Lane Adjacent To Lots 1-12 Inclusive, Block 31, Plan 6442Y, & All Of Lane Adjacent To and Lying North Of Lots 13-20 Inclusive, Block 31, Plan 6442y Within SE1/4, Sec 10, Twp 17, Rge 17, W4m
537-12	Water Conservation Bylaw
538-12	Land Use Bylaw
542-13	Noise - Revised 2020
543-13	Animal Control - all Animals
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598-18	Road Closure
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601-20	Municipal Development Plan
602-20	Revise IMDP 589-19
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Request for Decision Municipal Utility Rate Comparison

RECOMMENDATION

To direct administration to bring back the Utility Rate Bylaw, including amendments as discussed.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

At the December 21, 2022, meeting, minutes reflect that administration will conduct research of comparable communities regarding water, sewer, sanitation and miscellaneous fees and bring the research back to a future council meeting.

As of December 31, 2022 (and prior to audit) the net difference for each utility is shown below.

	Revenue	Expense
225 properties		
Water @ \$45 residential/\$65 non-residential	\$(137,762)	\$175,481
Wastewater @ \$10	\$(27,385)	\$0
Solid Waste @ \$15	\$(47,409)	\$47,677
Total	\$(213,006)	\$223,158
Difference	\$10,152	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water revenue includes municipal water sales only• Totals do not include the County cost share		

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Municipal Utility Rate Comparison

Rate Comparison Amongst Municipal Comparables

	Andrew	Bawlf	Big Valley	Clyde	Edgerton	Hines Creek	Holden	Nampa	Rosemary**	Warner
Water										
Residential	\$ 16.41	\$ 51.30	\$ 25.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 44.00	-	\$ 68.96	\$ 38.00	\$ 45.00
Commercial	\$ 16.41	\$ 51.30	-	-	\$ 34.00	-	-	\$ 68.96	\$ 43.00	\$ 65.00
Institutional	-	\$ 448.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 68.96	-	
Above Consumption	\$ 4.00	-	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.75	\$ 1.50	-	-	\$ 5.30	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.00
	monthly	monthly	-	monthly	monthly	monthly	-	monthly	monthly	monthly
Sewer										
Residential	\$15.00 - \$21.66	\$ 32.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 9.50	\$ 28.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.14	\$ 17.24	\$ 14.75	\$ 10.00
Commercial	\$ -	\$ 32.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 9.50	\$ 56.00	-	\$ 24.20	\$ 17.24	\$ 18.25	\$ 10.00
Institutional	\$ 333.34	\$ 256.00	\$ 80.00	-	\$ 56.00	-	\$30.64 - \$142.78	\$ 17.24	-	-
	monthly	monthly	-	monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
Solid Waste										
Residential	\$ 19.69	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 17.58	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 9.75	\$ 21.00	\$ 13.25	\$ 15.00
Commercial	\$ 45.79	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 17.58	\$ 26.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 13.25	\$ 15.00
Institutional	\$24.19 - \$97.96	-	\$ 8.50	\$ -	\$ 26.00	-	\$ 18.40	\$ 21.00	-	\$ 15.00
Recycling Fee	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.50	-	\$ 4.50	monthly	-	-	-	\$ 3.00	-
	weekly	monthly	monthly	monthly	-	monthly	-	monthly	monthly	monthly
Administration Fee	-	-	-	\$ 3.00	-	-	-	-	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.50

variances in consumption limit

Active and inactive water fees

** \$20 admin fee for commercial water

BYLAW 523-19

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO
REGULATE AND CONTROL THE VILLAGE'S WATER, SEWER, SANITATION AND
MISCELLANEOUS FEE STRUCTURE**

WHEREAS:

The Village of Warner, being a Municipal Corporation in the Province of Alberta, owns and operates Water, Sewer and Sanitation systems as public utilities, and

WHEREAS:

The Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, provides that a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting Public Utilities within the Village of Warner

NOW THEREFORE: Council of the Village of Warner, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Property Owners Responsibility Section 42 - Municipal Government Act

1.1 Utility accounts will not be established by the Village for a person(s) who has an overdue or outstanding utility account with the Village.

1.2 Failure to receive a utility invoice is not considered sufficient reason for non-payment of the account.

2. New Owners

2.1 The property owner is responsible to advise the Village of any sale of property and to provide the contact information of the person or company to whom the property has been sold.

Utility Bylaw 523-19

2.2 An Administration Fee as per Schedule A will be levied to both the seller and the new owner of the property for costs associated with finalizing one account and creating a new account.

3. New Water Meters

3.1 The property owner of a new building must acquire a water meter from the Village. The Village covers the cost of the meter. It is the owner's responsibility to hire and pay a qualified plumber for installation of the meter.

3.2 A Utility Account will be set up immediately, in the owner's name, following the installation of a meter in a new building.

3.3 If the meter needs to be replaced (if not deemed faulty), the property owner is responsible for the cost of a new meter.

4. Water Disconnect and Reconnect

4.1 The owner of a new property may request water shut-off at a fee as per Schedule A to avoid receiving a monthly invoice for an unoccupied building. A fee as per Schedule A will be levied to turn the water back on.

4.2 If an owner of an existing property requests Public Works to physically shut-off the water at the Curb Stop valve, the owner will be levied fees as per Schedule A for both the disconnect and the re-connect.

4.3 Notwithstanding 4.1 and 4.2, if water is disconnected at a vacant dwelling the property owner will continue to be invoiced for garbage, sewer, admin and waterline loan fees.

5. Replacement Water Meters and Meter Readings

5.1 If an existing building requires a replacement water meter for any other reason than a faulty meter, the property owner will be responsible for the cost of the meter.

Utility Bylaw 523-19

5.2 If Public Works is requested to read a water meter for any reason other than change in the utility account, an Administration Fee as per Schedule A will be levied.

5.3 If Public Works is asked to remove and inspect a water meter which is found not faulty, an Administration Fee as per Schedule A will be levied.

6. Overdue Utility Accounts, Outstanding Utility Accounts and Collection

6.1 An interest charge of two percent (2%) per month will be imposed on outstanding accounts payable to the Village of Warner which remain unpaid after thirty (30) days from the date of the billing of the account.

6.2 Pursuant to Section 553(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, Overdue Utility Accounts, including those of tenants, which remain unpaid after ninety (90) days may be added to the property owner's taxes (of the same municipal address).

6.3 If a house is being sold, any outstanding utility account balance may be added to the property owner's taxes.

6.4 Pursuant to Section 553(2) of the Municipal Government Act, upon being added to the property owner's tax levy, the outstanding amount is subject to the requirements of the tax bylaw.

7. Sewer Blockages/Issues

Repairs - Water & Sewer:

(a) Frozen water lines - the Village shall assume the full responsibility and costs for any water service line which may be hereinafter frozen between the property line and the street main. Any water line frozen between the property line and the meter shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Any costs incurred by the Village, in thawing frozen lines on behalf of a person, shall be recoverable, subject to penalties, and taxes.

(b) Sewer Blockages

Utility Bylaw 523-19

(i) The owner shall at his or her own cost be responsible for the unplugging or repair of wastewater lines from the sewer main to the building. All work is to be completed to Village specifications, in instances when the Village has installed new wastewater lines from the sewer main to the building, and said installation is found to be faulty or during construction the Village damages the wastewater line to a building, the Village shall incur the costs to repair them.

(ii) Any blockages of the service piping to the sewer main due to foreign material introduced to the service, by the owner/occupant, is the responsibility of the property owner.

(iii) No person other than those authorized by the Village shall make any connection to or shall cut or otherwise tamper in any way with the Village wastewater system

(iv) If the repair of a blockage, which is determined to be the responsibility of the owner, causes any portion of sidewalks, boulevards, curbs, gutters, streets or other Village property to be dug up, disturbed or otherwise changed, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner for the cost of repairing damages.

(v) Costs incurred in determining where and what caused any blockage on the service line, including but not limited to such costs as camera scoping, flushing or de-rooting shall, in the event the owner is found to be responsible, be recoverable from the owner as costs in the same manner as other costs.

(vi) Grease traps of sufficient size and approved design shall be placed on the Waste pipes from hotels, restaurants, laundries and such other places as the Village may direct. Such traps shall be installed prior to any connection to the Village wastewater system.

8. Utility Fees, Payment, Collection

8.1 That monthly rates for Water be adopted as per Schedule A.

8.2 That monthly rates for Sewer, garbage pick-up, administration fee (street lighting) and waterline loan repayment be adopted as per Schedule B.

Utility Bylaw 523-19

- 8.4 Payments of Utility Accounts may be made at the Village Office, Local Banks, online banking or through the pre-authorized payment plan.
- 8.5 If payment is not received within 90 days after the date of mailing, the water service will be turned off and will not be turned on until the account, including arrears, a reconnection fee as specified in Schedule "A" are paid in full. Payment must be in cash or by certified cheque only.

9. Rescind Earlier Utility Bylaws

All previous Bylaws relating to utilities are hereby rescinded.

10. Effective Date

This bylaw shall come into effect on the date of its final passing.

BYLAW 523-19

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
TO ESTABLISH UTILITY FEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WARNER**

SCHEDULE A

WATER RATES

Residential: \$ 45.00 minimum for 22.73 cubic meters
 \$ 1.00 per cubic meter overage will apply

Commercial: \$ 65.00 minimum for 34 cubic meters
 \$ 1.00 per cubic meter overage will apply

The following fees may be charged at the Villages discretion

Utility Hook-up Administration Fee:	\$ 25.00
Account Finalization Administration Fee	\$ 25.00
New Building Temporary Disconnect of Water	\$ 50.00
New Building Reconnect	\$ 50.00
Water Shut-off at Curb Stop	\$ 50.00
Turn-on at Curb Stop (Reconnection Fee)	\$ 50.00
Water Meter Inspection When Meter Not Faulty	\$ 50.00
Meter Readings (see Item 5.2)	\$ 30.00

BYLAW 523-19

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
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SCHEDULE B

SEWER RATES

Residential & Commercial: \$ 10.00

GARBAGE RATES

Garbage: \$ 17.00


UTILITY ADMIN FEE

Utility Admin Fee: \$ 7.50


WATERLINE LOAN REPAYMENT FEE

Waterline Loan Repayment Fee: \$ 13.00

Third & final Reading by Village Council - This day of June 19th, 2019



Mayor, Tyler Lindsay



Jon Hood, CAO



Request for Decision Strategic Plan Public Engagement

RECOMMENDATION

That Council ...

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

On February 23, Village Council held a strategic planning session. The draft strategic plan is under development.

As per the attached email, Councillor Koehn is asking for Council's consideration to host a public engagement surrounding strategic planning for the village.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

As part of the Viability Review and directives from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Council is to create a strategic plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Councillor Koehn's Email

From: [Chris Koehn](#)
To: cao@warner.ca
Cc: [Tyler Lindsay](#); [martin kirby](#); [Don Toovey](#); [Derek Baron](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Join me at ABmunis President's Summit and Municipal Leaders Caucus
Date: February 28, 2023 3:07:30 PM

Hello all,

While we're still thinking about the vision and mission statements, I was thinking it might be worth it to speak with some of the local societies and committees, such as the Warner Revitalization Committee among others, to get some of their input on what they have been working on and what they want the Village of Warner to look like in the future.

Can we have a meeting or delegations to council or both? It would just be an information gathering stage at first so discussion would be minimized but afterwards we might come away with some important ideas and info, from which we could hammer out the vision and mission statements for the Village and also foster some good will with residents. If there were any compelling ideas we could bring people back to the table for further discussion and maybe see how we can pool resources.

Thanks!

-Chris Koehn



Request for Decision Miniature Horse Permit

RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant/not grant the request for a special permit to house a miniature horse at the property of 509 - 4th Avenue, Warner.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act
Bylaw 543-13 Regulation and Control of Animals
Land Use Bylaw Map

BACKGROUND

At the February 15, 2023 Council meeting, a submission from a resident requested that Council grant a permit for a miniature horse to be located at a property not designated to host animals as per the Land Use Bylaw districts, and as per Bylaw 543-13.

Due to the late submission, administration required time to research information related to the request in order to provide Council with enough information to make an informed decision. As such, it is on the agenda today for Council's consideration.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

Should Council allow for this request, Bylaw 543-13 could be amended to reflect this decision.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Request Letter
2. Bylaw 543-13 Regulation and Control of Animals
3. Land Use Bylaw Map

Feb. 9 2023

Dear members of the Council of Warner,

We are writing you to ask for your consideration on the approval of a permit to own a miniature horse as a domestic pet in the town of Warner on the property of 509 4th Ave. Warner. The horse is going to be a pet , the same as a cat or dog. The horse will be harnessed any time he will be outside his fenced area. The horse for its size will only require a small section of land approximatly 20' x 24' fenced to live on and the size of the property we have is large enough.

The fence will be constructed appropriately with consultation with the seller on fence and the horse will have a shelter inside the fenced area.

The area where the horse is living will be kept clean and maintained as per council and Bylaw requirements.

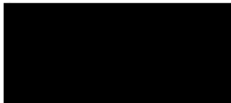
We have attached photos of the horse and example of the type and approximate size of fenced area to keep him.

We have researched some other information on miniature horses as pets and for its size a piece of property between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre is recomended.

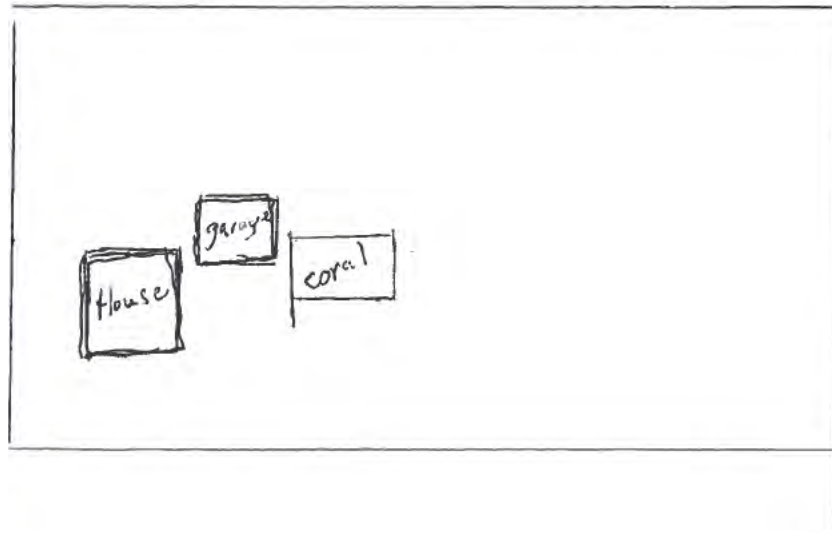
We have read the towns By-law information and in the documents it says dogs , cats and domestic pets could be approved for permits by council. The horse is being sold to us as a pet only horse from the seller as the horse it too small to be anything other than a pet.

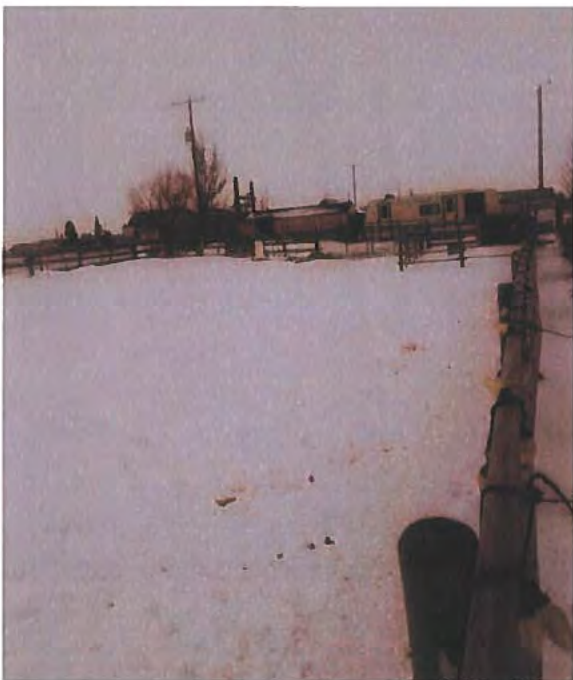
Please consider the approval of a permit to for us / anyone under certain conditions to own a miniature horse in the Town of Warner.

Thank you



509 - 4th Ave





VILLAGE OF WARNER

ANIMAL BYLAW 543-13

BEING A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WARNER.

WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 RSA 2000, and any amendments thereto, the Council may pass a bylaw to regulate and control animals within the Village of Warner.

WHEREAS Council deems it advisable to regulate and control the animals within the Village of Warner in the Province of Alberta to provide for the safety, cleanliness and environmental protection of the Village and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Warner duly assembled, enacts as follows:

Definitions: "Animal" shall mean horses, cattle, donkeys, mules, oxen, sheep, goats, fur bearing animals raised for pelts and any other animals that are deemed to be inappropriate by the Village of Warner.

"Fowl" shall mean geese, turkeys, ducks and any other fowl as deemed to be inappropriate by the Village of Warner.

"Village" shall mean The Village of Warner.

General:

- 1) No person shall keep or maintain any animal or fowl in the Village, without first obtaining an Animal Control Permit issued by the Office, within the areas as described below:
 - a. In the Village of Warner South of First (1st) Avenue and only on properties that are at the least 2.4711 acres
 - b. Chickens (see General, 6d)
- 2) Animals and fowl will be allowed within the Village, without a permit, only on days when a parade or a celebration is being held
- 3) No permits will be issued prior to an inspection of the location noted on the application to ensure adequacy of fence/corral, security and space for forage.
- 4) Application for a permit will be obtained from the Village office in the form provided. Applications will be completed in detail. Any other information the Village may require, or consider appropriate, shall be supplied to ensure all information is considered in each application.

- 5) The Village may revoke any permit or vary the terms and conditions of such at any time. In particular, any permit shall be revoked, but not limited to, if the premises where the animal is being kept is not kept clean and sanitary, so as to control the nuisance of manure, flies, odour or filth. Upon receipt of a written complaint with justifiable concerns, each permit location is subject to an unscheduled inspection by the Village and/or its agent.
- 6) Permits will be issued in accordance to the following guidelines which shall become part of this bylaw and enforcement of this bylaw will commence on January 1st, 2014 until such time as there is an amendment to this bylaw
 - a. One (1) large animal per acre, no matter the age (for example, 2 horses and 1 cow with calf would be 4 permits; or 1 mare with foal would be 2 permits)
 - b. Two (2) small animals per acre (goat, sheep, etc.)
 - c. All permit requests for animals and fowl (excluding dogs and cats) will be reviewed and approved according to the regulations and guidelines provided by the appropriate Provincial and Federal government departments.
 - d. Upon a written request and an inspection of premises, a permit may be granted for fowl, on less than one acre. No more than 6 "backyard" chickens will be allowed in the Village, with absolutely no allowance for roosters
 - e. Permits shall not be issued for pigs. Pigs shall not be allowed in the Village.
 - f. Stallions (possibly short term, with special security requirements and upon individual request to council)
 - g. Bulls (possibly short term, with special security requirements and upon individual request to council)
- 7) The Village and/or its agents shall take into consideration all factors which may be to the best interest of the Village as a whole and, in particular, the surrounding neighborhood and may:
 - a. Grant permit or,
 - b. Grant a permit subject to conditions or
 - c. Refuse any application as they may deem advisable
- 8) Following an issuance of a permit, the Village and/or its agents, shall inspect each permit location to determine its validity
- 9) Within seven (7) days of the expiration of a permit or as otherwise required by the Village, each property owners is responsible for a general cleanup of the animal area, complete to the abatement of all nuisances and to the satisfaction of the Village. Failure to do so will be justification for the Village to have the cleanup undertaken and to assess any incurred costs against the property.
- 10) There will be an administration fee assessed for each permit, in accordance with the fee policy, attached as Schedule "A"

- 11) All animal permits will be issued for a twelve (12) month period from the date of issuance unless otherwise stated on the application.
- 12) Any person keeping or maintaining any animal in the Village without a permit, or any person failing to remove any animal from the Village after a permit to keep such animal has been revoked and/or expired, is guilty of an offense and may be issued a violation ticket as indicated in Schedule "B".
- 13) Where a contravention of this Bylaw is of a continuing nature, further violation tickets may be issued by the Village and/or its agent, provided that no more than one violation ticket shall be issued for each day that the contravention continues.
- 14) Nothing in this Bylaw shall prevent the Village from immediately issuing a violation ticket for the mandatory Court appearance of any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw.
- 15) All charges and costs that are left unpaid shall be added to the landowner's property tax account and collected in that manner.

Read a 1st time this 18th day of September 2013

Read a 2nd time this 15th day of January 2014

Read a 3rd time and finally passed this 15th day of January 2014

SCHEDULE "A"

PERMIT FEE	\$20/head, large animals
	\$15/head, small animals
	\$3/head, chickens – 1st Avenue and North

SCHEDULE "B"

ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW PENALTY SCHEDULE

- 1. KEEPING OR HARBOURING ANY ANIMAL WHERE PROHIBITED IN THE BYLAW
PENALTY OF \$250**
 - 2. KEEPING OR HARBOURING ANY ANIMAL IN NUMBERS IN EXCESS OF THOSE DESCRIBED
IN THE BYLAW
PENALTY OF \$250**
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VILLAGE OF WARNER
ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW # 543-13
PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: _____

APPLICANT NAME: _____

LOCATION: _____

SIZE OF PASTURE OR LOT (IN FEET OR BY ACRE):

YEAR OF PERMIT: _____

KIND OF ANIMALS:

SPECIES: _____ NUMBER: _____

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DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING SAID ANIMALS (describe penning or fencing type and construction for containment):

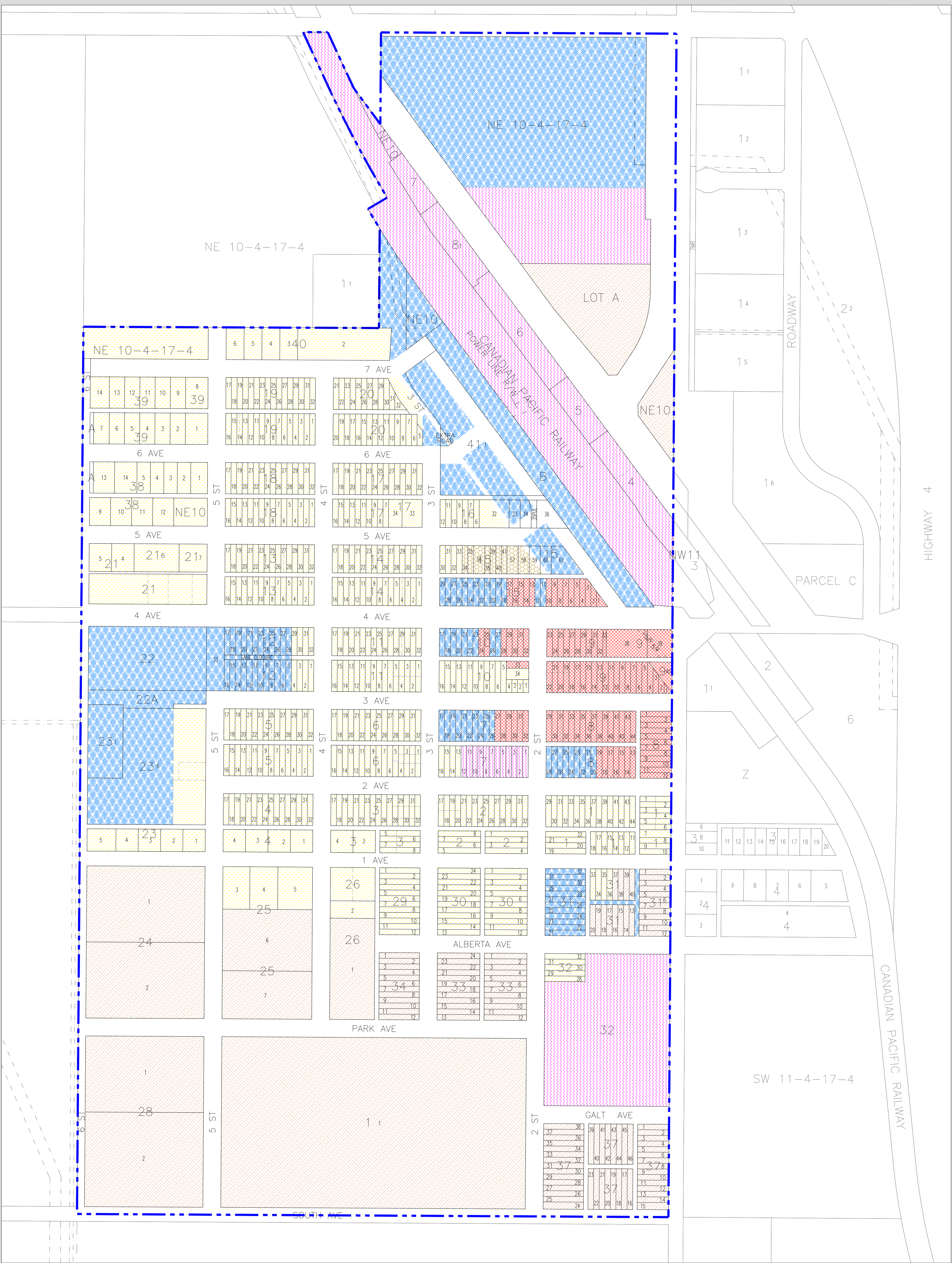
DESCRIPTION OF WATERING FACILITIES:

PLANS & LOCATION FOR DISPOSAL OF MANURE AND WASTES:


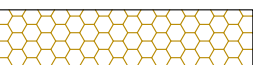





I SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE IN ALL IT'S DETAIL, AND FURTHER, AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL THE REGULATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

APPROVAL BY VILLAGE OF WARNER



LAND USE DISTRICTS
Bylaw No. 538-12; September 18, 2013
(With Amendments To And Including Bylaw 606-21)

-  Residential - R
-  Residential Manufactured Home - RMH
-  Commercial - C
-  Industrial - I
-  Public and Institutional - PI
-  Transitional Agricultural - TA
-  300m Sewage Lagoon Buffer

VILLAGE OF WARNER
IN SE 1/4 SEC 10, AND PORTION OF NE 1/4 SEC 10,
TWP 4, RGE 17, W 4 M



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