

Regular and Closed Meeting Agenda for Monday, December 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers, in the Town Hall Complex, at 240 Main Street, Milk River, Alberta



1. Call to Order
2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
3. Delegations 5:40 pm
 - A) Food Cycle Science Corporation
 - B) RCMP
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A) Minutes of November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. Financial Report
7. Administration Reports
 - A) Public Works
 - B) Community Peace Officer
 - C) Chief Administrative Officer
8. Break (10-15 minutes)
9. Old Business
10. Bylaws and Policies
 - A) L6 Remuneration Policy
 - B) RC1 Care of Trees in Boulevard and Alleys Policy
 - C) R4.0 Construction Clean Up and Restoration Policy
 - D) 1045 Nuisance Bylaw
11. New Business
 - A) Correspondence
 - B) SouthGrow Support Letter
 - C) RRPS Priorities 2025
 - D) Heartland Training & Support Hub (formerly known as the Farm Safety Centre) Donation Request
 - E) 2025 Interim Operating Budget
 - F) 2025 Capital Budget
 - G) Environment and Protected Areas Water Engagement Survey
 - H) Returning Officer and Substitute Appointment
 - I) Staff Bonus
 - J) Warner and District Minor Hockey Donation Request
12. Councillor Reports
 - A) Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commission Minutes

13. Mayor's Report

A) Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commission Minutes

14. Closed Session

15. Adjournment

Request for Decision

Delegation: Food Cycle Science Corporation

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council thank Ms. From for the Food Cycle Science Corporation presentation, and to accept the presentation as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

Maddy From, a Municipal Partnerships Representative with Food Cycle Science will be in attendance virtually to present on a pilot project partnership surrounding food waste diversion solutions to reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfills.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Communication

From: Maddy From <maddyf@foodcyclers.com>
Sent: September 19, 2024 12:04 PM
To: cao@milkriver.ca
Subject: Delegation Request | Food Cycle Science

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Maddy From, I am the Municipal Partnerships Representative with Food Cycle Science. We are an Ottawa based company that provides municipalities with residential food waste diversion solutions to reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfills.

I am reaching out to request a delegation at a council meeting on December 9th, 2024. If that date is not available, I would request November 12, 2024, or January 13, 2025. This would be a virtual delegation as I am unfortunately not able to attend in person.

With this presentation, I hope to determine whether the Town of Milk River is interested in partnering with Food Cycle Science to implement a pilot project in your community.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Best,
Maddy

Maddy From
Municipal Partnerships Representative

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The Future of Food Waste.



ABOUT US

Food Cycle Science

- **Canadian company** based out of Ottawa, ON
- Founded in Cornwall in 2011 – Company is 100% focused on **Food Waste Diversion Solutions**
- Products available in North America through **FoodCycler Municipal / Vitamix** and internationally through network of distributors & OEM partners
- **Finalists** in Impact Canada/AAFC's **Food Waste Reduction Challenge**
- **Globe & Mail** Canada's **Top Growing Companies** ('21, '22, and '23)
- **Deloitte Fast 50 CleanTech** award winners ('21, '22, and '23)
- **Approved supplier** with Canoe Procurement Group of Canada



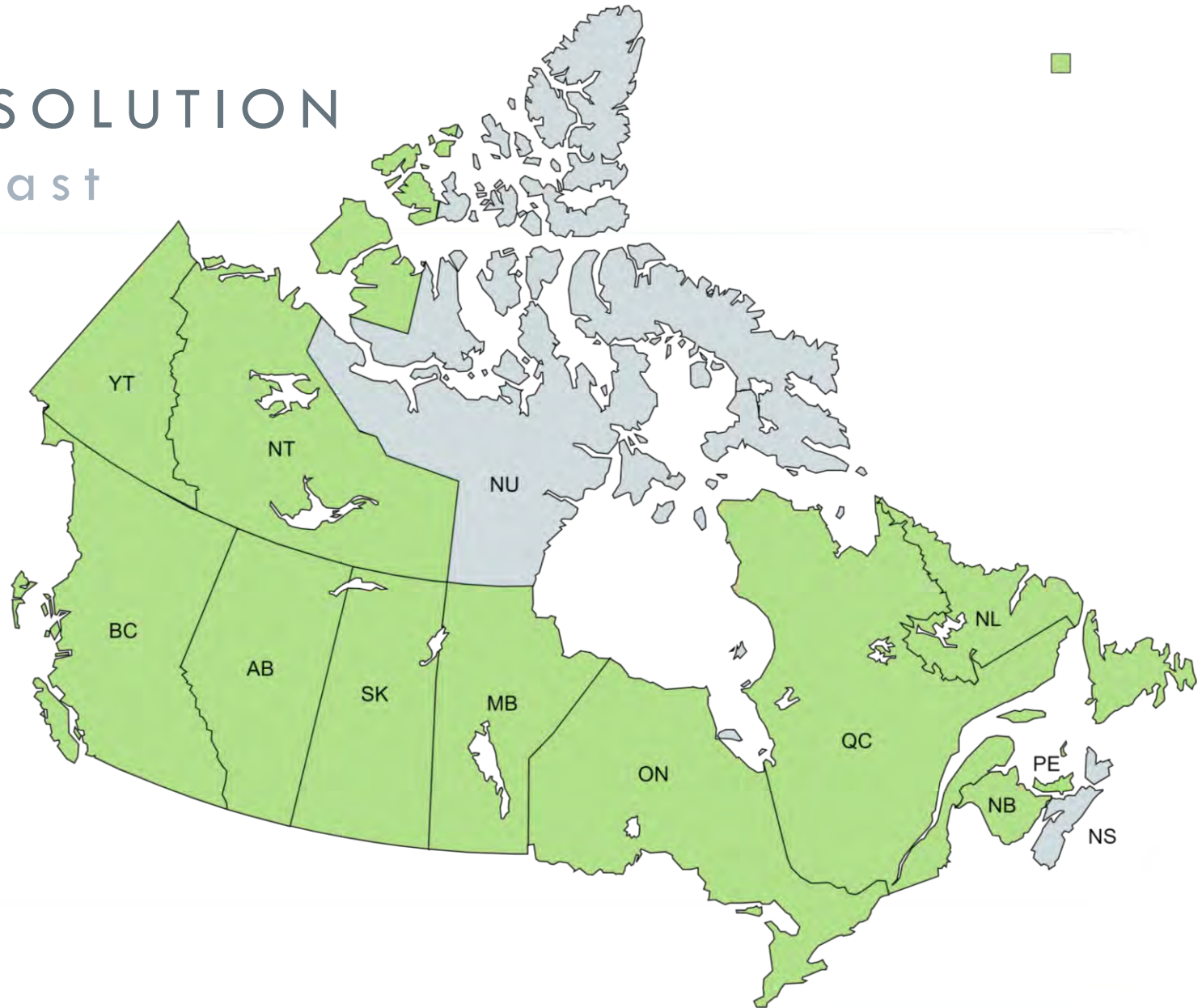
TRUSTED CANADIAN SOLUTION

Coast to Coast to Coast

150
Canadian
Municipal
Partnerships

○ **9 Provinces**

○ **2 Territories**



THE PROBLEM – FOOD WASTE

- **63%** of food waste is avoidable
- Household waste is composed of **25-50%** organic waste
- Food waste weight is up to **90%** liquid mass (which is heavy)
- The average Canadian household spends **\$1,766** on food that is wasted each year
- Each year food waste in Canada is responsible for **56.6 Million tonnes of CO2** equivalent of GHG



MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Waste is a municipal responsibility

LANDFILL + WASTE COSTS

- ~**25-50%** of household waste is organic waste
- Landfills are filling up fast, creating cost and environmental issues
- Hauling, transfer, and disposal services are a major cost factor and environmental contributor

ENVIRONMENT

- Landfilled organic waste produces methane, which is **25 times** more harmful than CO₂
- 1 tonne of food waste is equivalent to 1 car on the road for one year



COMMUNITY

Food in the garbage:

- More frequent collection or trips to the disposal site
- Unpleasant odours
- Animals, pests & other visitors



Removing food waste from garbage:

- Volume is reduced by up to 50%
- Less frequent collection, fewer trips to disposal site, save on bag tags
- Keeps odours out, makes garbage much less “interesting” for animals

HAVEN'T WE SOLVED THIS ALREADY?



GREEN BINS

- Major **capital expenditure** to invest in **processing & collection infrastructure**
- **Contamination** is an ongoing challenge
- **GHG emissions** and **safety concerns** from collection vehicles
- **Participation rates** are often lower than desired, particularly in **multi-residential dwellings**
- **Service disruptions** due to labour strikes, vehicle breakdowns, or inclement weather

BACKYARD COMPOST

- **Space, ability, and know-how** are limiting factors
- Most users **do not compost in winter** or inclement weather
- May **attract pests/animals** or create unpleasant **odours**
- **Participation rates** are relatively low and stagnant
- Can produce **methane** if done incorrectly

LANDFILL

- **Easiest solution** and often perceived as the most cost-effective in the short term
- Waste is typically **out of sight and out of mind** for consumers
- High levels of GHG emissions, particularly **methane**
- Long-term **environmental hazard** requires monitoring / maintenance
- **Landfill capacity** is quickly running out

THE SOLUTION? THE FOODCYCLER



THE FOODCYCLER PRODUCT FAMILY

FoodCycler™ Eco 3



FoodCycler™ Eco 5



3.5 L	VOLUME CAPACITY	5.0 L
19.5 L	UNIT VOLUME	28.9 L
4-8 HOURS	PROCESSING TIME	6-8 HOURS
0.9 kWh	POWER CONSUMPTION PER CYCLE	1.3 kWh
1 REFILLABLE FILTER	ODOUR CONTROL	1 REFILLABLE FILTER
1-3	HOUSEHOLD SIZE	3+

90% FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

Full bucket of wet,
smelly food waste

3.5L / 5L



Handful of dry, sterile, odourless
& nutrient-rich by-product

100 g / 200 g



4-8 HOURS
(Overnight)

0.8-1.5 kWh
(Equivalent to a laptop)

\$0.10-\$0.15 per cycle
(\$2-4 per month)

FOODILIZER™ : BENEFICIAL USES

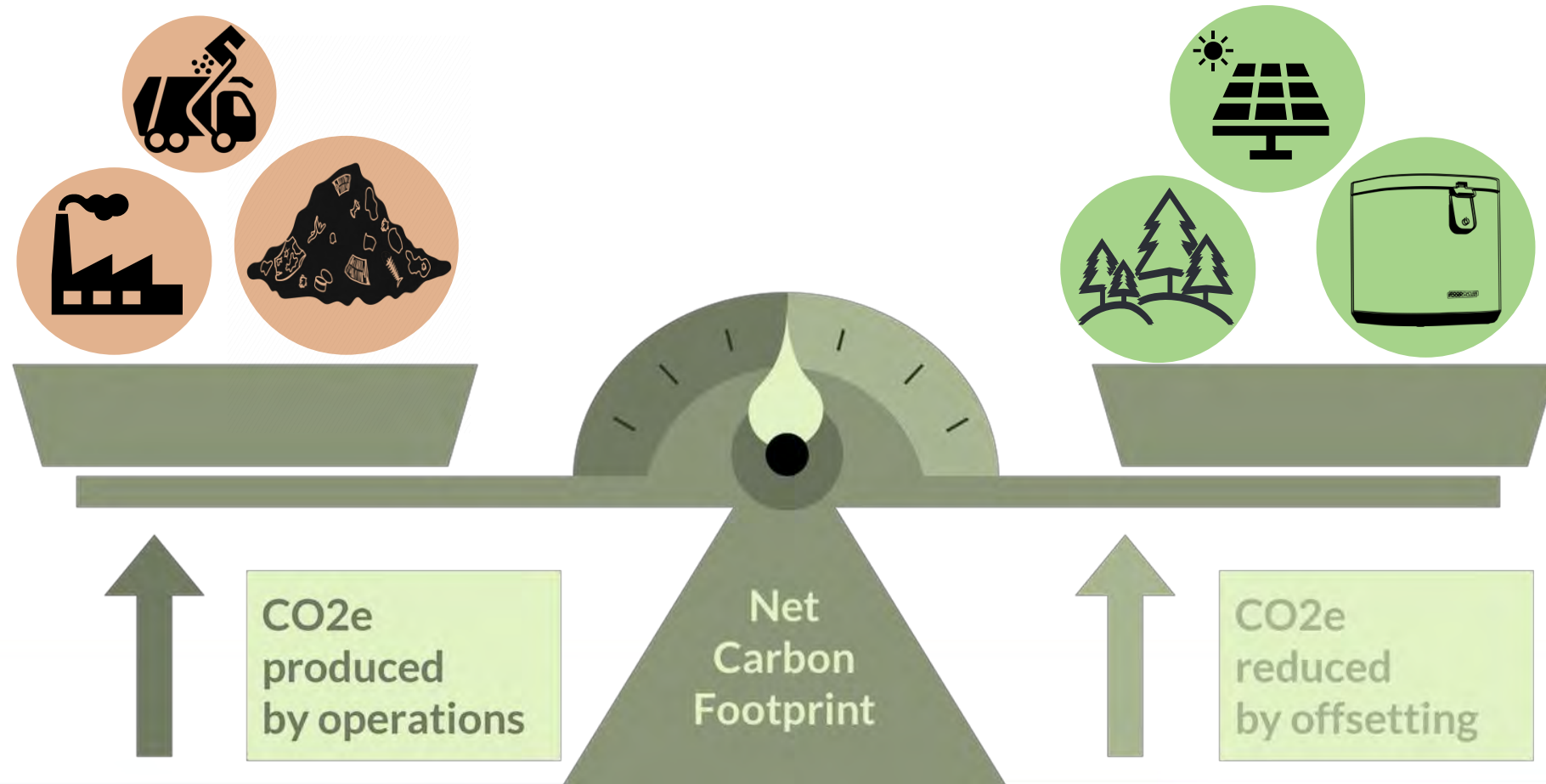
The FoodCycler by-product is a dry, sterile, odourless and nutrient-rich biomass with many beneficial uses and practical applications:

- Add to garden soil
- Add to backyard composter/tumbler/green cone
- Integrate to existing Leaf & Yard waste systems
- Pelletize/briquette as home heating alternative
- Drop off at compost site
- Drop off to a local farm
- Drop off to a community garden
- Add to Green Bin (where available)

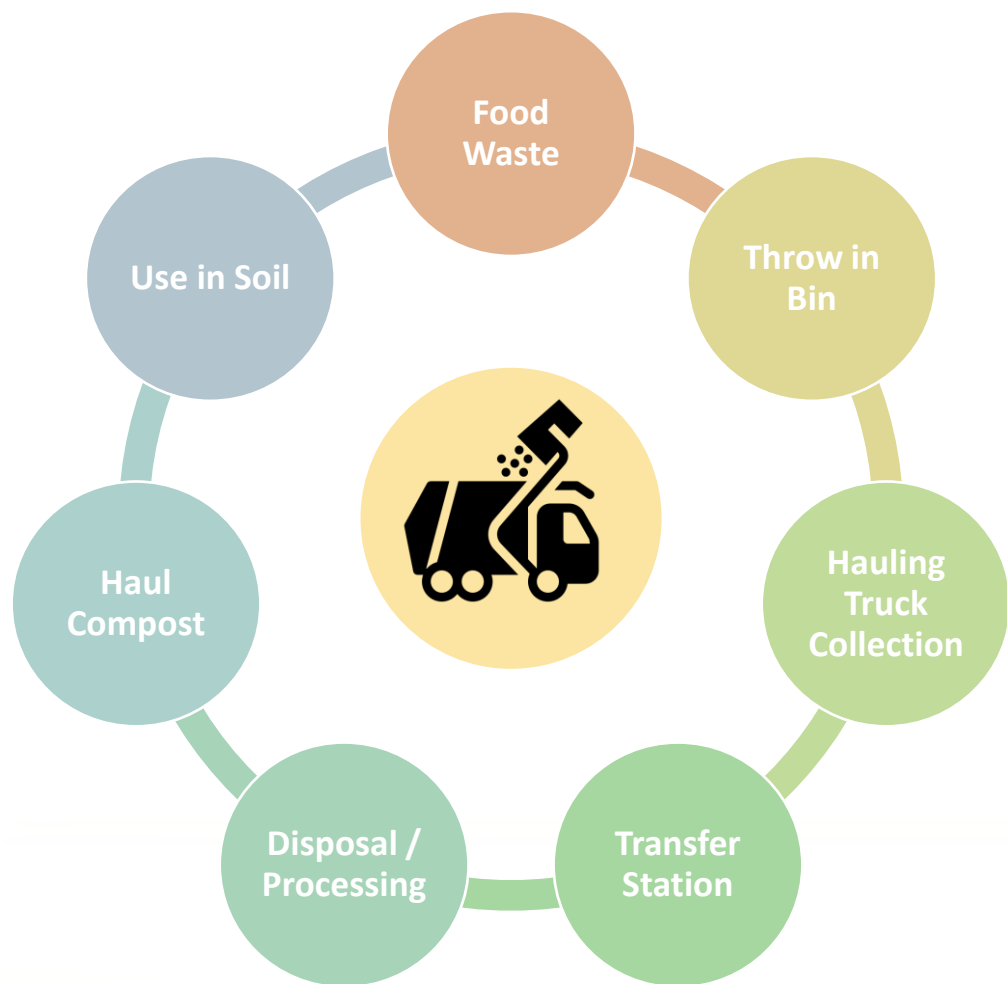


IMPACT: ENVIRONMENT

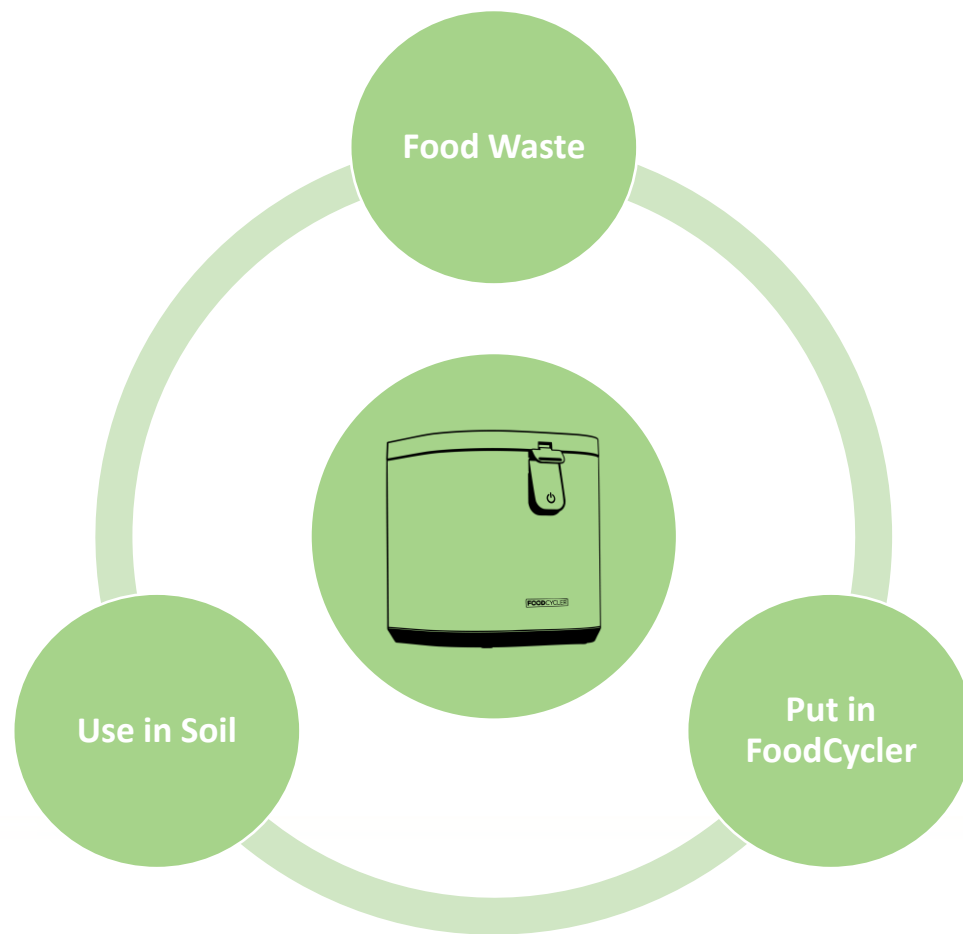
The Path to Net Zero



IMPACT: ECONOMIC



Traditional Waste Management



FoodCycler

IMPACT: PRESSURE

Regulatory + Social

THE TIME IS NOW

- Constituents want **solutions** to reduce their environmental impact
- Waste is perceived as a government problem and **regulations** are coming
- Food waste is “low-hanging fruit” to achieving higher **diversion** and addressing the environmental impact of waste



"I've received a number of positive messages from residents saying, "sign me up, where can I get mine." I'm 100 per cent in favor of it."

Deputy Mayor Lyle Warden, (South Glengarry ON)

"We were extremely happy with this program and loved that it made us aware of our daily waste."

Pilot participant in South Glengarry

"It's a great tool to reduce household waste. Appreciate that the municipality is being innovative and piloting different solutions."

Pilot participant in Hornepayne

"It alleviates a lot of the concerns that people might have with backyard composting. The time commitment, the location, pests and animals..."

**Kylie Hissa, Strategic Initiatives Officer
(Kenora, ON)**

THE FOODCYCLER PILOTS

The results are in.

We've heard from:

10,000+
Households

80+
Municipalities



Participation Rate **98%**

- 98% of pilot participants will continue using the FoodCycler after the pilot period

Recommendation Rate **96%**

- 96% of users would recommend the FoodCycler to friends/family/neighbours

User Experience Rating **4.6/5**

- 4.6 out of 5 star rating for the overall user experience of the FoodCycler

Net New Diversion **300 kg**

- Each participating household is estimated to divert approximately 300 kg of food waste per year

Awareness + Prevention **77%**

- 77% of pilot participants resolved to waste less food as a result of increased awareness

PILOT PROGRAM

12 Weeks from Start to Finish

PILOT TIMELINE

START

Residents purchase FoodCycler at a subsidized rate from Municipal Office (or other designated location)

12 WEEKS

Participants use the unit for a period of 12 weeks.

Number of cycles per week are tracked to estimate total diversion achieved.

END

Participants fill out an exit survey, providing their review of the program and any other feedback.

Survey results used to evaluate program success.

NEXT STEPS

Tailored program design and implementation.

Grants may be available, with support from Food Cycle Science.

PILOT PROGRAM PRICING

Municipal Subsidy Model



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Eco 3

\$ 600	RETAIL PRICE	\$ 800
-\$ 300	MUNICIPAL DISCOUNT	-\$ 400
\$ 100	MUNICIPAL SUBSIDY	\$ 100
\$ 200	RESIDENT COST	\$ 300



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Eco 5

FUNDED PILOT PROGRAM OPTIONS

Pilot Scope Recommendations

Municipality Population	Pilot Scope	Municipal Investment
> 10,000 Residents	100 Households	\$10,000
10,000 – 20,000 Residents	200 Households	\$20,000
> 20,000 Residents	250+ Households	\$25,000+

- **Plus shipping costs and applicable taxes**



PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

Why pilot with us?

- 🍃 Opportunity to trial a food waste diversion solution at a **cost well below market prices**
- 🍃 Immediate impact of reduced residential waste volumes thus **increasing diversion rates**
- 🍃 **Reduced costs** associated with waste management (collection, transfer, disposal, and landfill operations)
- 🍃 The **reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG)** emissions from transportation and decomposition of food waste in landfills
- 🍃 Extend the **life of your landfill(s)**
- 🍃 Opportunity to support **Canadian innovation** and clean tech
- 🍃 Opportunity to provide **residents** with an innovative solution that reduces waste and fights climate change, at an affordable price
- 🍃 Obtaining **data** that could be used to develop a **future organic waste diversion program**

Next Steps:

- 🌱 Receive presentation as information.
- 🌱 If interested in partnering, refer to Staff for a recommendation to Council.





THANK YOU!
ANY QUESTIONS?

Maddy From

Municipal Partnerships Representative

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The Municipal Solutions Team

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December 2nd, 2024

Kelly Lloyd
CAO
Milk River, AB

Dear Ms. Lloyd,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report attached that covers the July 1st to September 30th, 2024 reporting period. The attached report serves to provide a quarterly snapshot of human resources, financial data, and crime statistics for the Milk River.

This quarter I want to update you on the status of the Body Worn Camera (BWC) rollout, which will be starting this month. We will be conducting Province-wide media releases in mid-November that will include a demonstration of the new BWC along with an update on the Alberta RCMP deployment plan. As the deployment of BWCs to each detachment will take approximately 12-18 months, I will reach out to inform you of when you are expected to receive it. Shortly before the deployment of BWCs in our communities, I will also ensure there is communication locally so that residents are aware of this new piece of equipment being used by our officers.

I also want to let you know about the RCMP Public Consultation Tool that is anticipated to be launched in early 2025. This initiative is being launched in order to solicit feedback from RCMP stakeholders with the goal of increasing transparency in policing and contribute to our vision of becoming an inherently open RCMP. This public consultation tool will be secure and confidential for all participants who will remain anonymous. I encourage your engagement in this process and if you would like more information, you can contact the Open Government Office at EnterpriseTransparency-Transparenceauseindelorganisation@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

I always remain available to discuss your community-identified policing priorities and/or any ideas you may have that will enhance our service delivery to address the priorities that are important to you. As the Chief of Police for your community, I invite you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sgt. Liam Shiels
Chief of Police
Milk River RCMP Detachment





Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Milk River

Detachment Commander

Sgt. Liam Shiels

Report Date

December 2, 2024

Fiscal Year

2024-25

Quarter

Q2 (July - September)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Traffic - Safety (motor vehicles, roads)**Updates and Comments:**

This quarter has been busy with personnel changes as the former Detachment Commander left and I arrived in August. One member finished her RFT in September and is now working by herself and able to begin to help with APP objectives. She needs trained on the ASD which is scheduled in October. Another member has been transferred and will depart in October with his replacement arriving in early November. Response service delivery has not been affected and files are investigated in a timely manner.

Priority #2: Police / Community Relations - Crime prevention**Updates and Comments:**

Members are patrolling regularly along the border and checking in with CBSA, USBP, and IBET. There has been good communication between departments and there have been no incidents of concern this quarter. Campgrounds are also regularly checked. There have been a handful of calls for service, mostly noise complaints, that are resolved before members arrive.





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
Topics Discussed	
Notes/Comments:	
No community consultations identified.	





Crime Statistics

The following table provides policing statistics on actual offences within the periods listed. Please see the Appendix for additional information and a five-year comparison.

Category	July - September			January - December		
	2023	2024	% Change YoY	2022	2023	% Change YoY
Total Criminal Code	28	24	- 14%	117	95	- 19%
Persons Crime	4	10	+ 150%	40	30	- 25%
Property Crime	16	11	- 31%	41	41	0%
Other Criminal Code	8	3	- 63%	36	24	- 33%
Drugs Offences	0	0	N/A	1	5	+ 400%
Total Federal Acts	5	2	- 60%	31	28	- 10%
Total Provincial Acts ⁴	7	15	+ 114%	50	36	- 28%
Municipal By-Laws	2	1	- 50%	4	5	+ 25%
Motor Vehicle Collisions	15	14	- 7%	54	50	- 7%
Total Traffic Offences	228	36	- 84%	912	976	+ 7%
Provincial Code Traffic	228	36	- 84%	906	970	+ 7%
Criminal Code Traffic	0	0	N/A	5	3	- 40%
Other Traffic	0	0	N/A	1	3	+ 200%

Notes:

1. Data is extracted from a live database (PROS) and is subject to change over time.
2. Statistics for the July - September period reflect RCMP records as of October 8, 2024.
3. Full-year statistics reflect RCMP records as of January 5, 2024.
4. "Total Provincial Acts" include records of non-offence activities that are undertaken by Detachment members, in addition to actual offences under various provincial acts. Non-offence activities may include activities under the *Mental Health Act*, *Coroners Act*, and other provincial legislation in Alberta.

Trends / Points of Interest

Persons crime charges are up this quarter from the same time last year, charges laid, though, are mostly family violence related. Traffic offences are way down due to a lack of training with detachment members, along with having one member on Field Training until September. Training requests have gone in to hopefully begin to address this.



Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	4	4	0	0
Detachment Support	2	2	0	0

Notes:

1. Data extracted on September 27, 2024 and is subject to change.
2. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments:

Police Officers: Of the four established positions, four officers are currently working with none on special leave. There is no hard vacancy at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the two established positions, two resources are currently working with none on special leave. There is no hard vacancy at this time.





Milk River Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) July to September: 2020 - 2024

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

October 8, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		0	1	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		0	1	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		6	2	7	5	2	-67%	-60%	-0.5
TOTAL FEDERAL		6	3	8	5	2	-67%	-60%	-0.6
Liquor Act		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Cannabis Act		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mental Health Act		1	4	3	3	7	600%	133%	1.1
Other Provincial Stats		17	9	2	4	8	-53%	100%	-2.3
Total Provincial Stats		18	13	5	7	15	-17%	114%	-1.2
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	1	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Municipal By-laws		1	2	3	2	1	0%	-50%	0.0
Total Municipal		1	3	4	2	1	0%	-50%	-0.1
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		1	0	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		11	14	14	14	10	-9%	-29%	-0.2
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		4	2	1	1	3	-25%	200%	-0.3
TOTAL MVC		16	16	15	15	14	-13%	-7%	-0.5
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	0	1	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		17	115	278	228	36	112%	-84%	15.1
Other Traffic		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Criminal Code Traffic		2	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		3	2	0	0	3	0%	N/A	-0.2
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		7	7	12	1	3	-57%	200%	-1.4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		9	13	4	6	11	22%	83%	-0.3
Persons Reported Missing		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Search Warrants		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		12	5	3	2	6	-50%	200%	-1.5
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2



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CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		0	0	2	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.4
Other Sexual Offences		0	0	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Assault		3	2	3	3	2	-33%	-33%	-0.1
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Harassment		1	3	3	0	2	100%	N/A	-0.1
Uttering Threats		2	2	3	1	4	100%	300%	0.3
TOTAL PERSONS		6	7	14	4	10	67%	150%	0.5
Break & Enter		1	3	1	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		1	1	1	0	2	100%	N/A	0.1
Theft Over \$5,000		0	1	1	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Theft Under \$5,000		3	2	1	6	2	-33%	-67%	0.2
Possn Stn Goods		1	2	1	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.3
Fraud		5	3	1	4	4	-20%	0%	-0.1
Arson		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mischief - Damage To Property		2	5	0	2	3	50%	50%	-0.1
Mischief - Other		2	1	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
TOTAL PROPERTY		15	18	7	16	11	-27%	-31%	-1.0
Offensive Weapons		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Disturbing the peace		4	0	1	1	1	-75%	0%	-0.5
Fail to Comply & Breaches		2	1	6	6	1	-50%	-83%	0.3
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		1	1	3	0	1	0%	N/A	-0.1
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		7	2	10	8	3	-57%	-63%	-0.2
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		28	27	31	28	24	-14%	-14%	-0.7

Request for Decision

Approval of Minutes

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes for the November 12, 2024, regular council meeting be accepted as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act, Section 208(1)(a)
Procedure Bylaw 1060

BACKGROUND

As per the MGA and the Town'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: November 12, 2024, regular council meeting minutes

Prior to Adoption

Minutes of the Town of Milk River Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, in the Town Hall Complex, at 240 Main Street, Milk River, Alberta.

Present - Elected Officials

Mayor Larry Liebelt, Councillor Peggy Losey, Deputy Mayor Anne Michaelis, Councillor Shayne Johnson and Councillor Dave Degenstein (via telephone)

Absent - Elected Officials

Present - Administration

Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

A) Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

Addition: 11K) Water Restrictions

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council approve the agenda for November 12, 2024, regular council meeting as amended."

Motion Carried 2024-277

3. Delegation: 5:40 p.m.

A) SouthGrow

Mr. Peter Casurella, Executive Director for SouthGrow was in attendance to provide an update to Council on SouthGrow initiatives as included in the agenda package.

Councillor Losey joined the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that Council thank Mr. Casurella for the presentation from SouthGrow, and to accept the presentation as information."

Motion Carried 2024-278

4. Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes of the September 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve the September 9, 2024, regular council meeting minutes as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-279

B) Minutes of the October 15, 2024, Organizational Meeting

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that the minutes for the October 15, 2024, organizational meeting be accepted as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-280

C) Minutes of the October 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the minutes for the October 15, 2024, regular council meeting be accepted as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-281

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. Financial Report

Council reviewed the 2024 year to date operating budget, the cash report and cheque listing.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that the Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-282

7. Administration Reports

A) Public Works

The report was contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that Council accept the Public Works report for the period ending October 31, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-283

B) Community Peace Officer

The report was contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council accept the Community Peace Officer report for the period ending October 31, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-284

C) Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Lloyd provided a verbal report in addition to the report contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Mayor Liebelt, "that administration research pros and cons of the golf course irrigation license to be turned over to the town to municipal license."

Motion Carried 2024-285

Moved by Councillor Losey, **“that the Chief Administrative Officer Report for the period ending October 31, 2024, be accepted as information.”**

Motion Carried 2024-286

8. Break

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

9. Old Business

10. Bylaws and Policies

A) RC1 Care of Trees in Boulevards and Alleys Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, **“that administration make the recommended changes to the Care of Trees and Alleys policy RC1 and the Nuisance Bylaw 1045.”**

Motion Carried 2024-287

B) L6.0 Remuneration Policy

Moved by Councillor Losey, **“that Council stay with province mileage allowance rates and increase the meal allowance to \$15.00 for breakfast, \$25.00 for lunch and \$35.00 for dinner and to have the remuneration policy brought back to the December meeting.”**

Motion Carried 2024-288

11. New Business

A) Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **“that correspondence for the period ending November 12, 2024, be accepted as information.”**

Motion Carried 2024-289

B) Milk River Community Business Association Christmas Movie

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, **“that Council accept the report on the Milk River Community Business Association Christmas Movie as information.”**

Motion Carried 2024-290

C) Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, **“that Council accept the Technical Memorandum No. 2 for the supply of raw water from MPE Engineering.”**

Motion Carried 2024-291

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **“that an application for funding be made through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership program for the Regional Water Supply Project.”**

Motion Carried 2024-292

D) Inter-basin Transfer

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that an inter basin transfer request be made to Environment and Protected Areas for a permanent supplementary water solution."

Motion Carried 2024-293

E) Municipal Planning Commission Appointments

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that John McCanna and Richard Wright be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025."

Motion Carried 2024-294

F) Short-Term Water Shortage Response Plan

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that Council accept the Short-Term Water Shortage Response Plan for supplemental raw water from MPE Engineering."

Motion Carried 2024-295

G) Garbage Pickup Agreements

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council direct administration to first meet with the Villages of Coutts and Warner to explore the cost of a reduced service for a reduced price for garbage pick up."

Motion Carried 2024-296

H) Grants in Place of Property Taxes Roll 36000 Write Off

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council direct administration to write off the remaining balance of taxes for Roll Number 36000 in the amount of \$3,263.69."

Motion Carried 2024-297

I) Grants in Place of Property Taxes Letter

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council direct administration to write a letter to the Premier requesting full reinstatement of the Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) Funding and further to include the Visitor Information Centre, schools and the hospital."

Motion Carried 2024-298

J) Local Authorities Election Act Data Sharing Agreement

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council accept the Data Sharing Agreement as information."

Motion Carried 2024-299

Request for Decision

Financial Report

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That the Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2024, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

On a quarterly basis, a high-level financial report is provided to council for review and information.

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. 2024 Year to Date Operating Budget
2. Cash Report
3. Cheque Listing

Revenue and Expenses - by Funtion
for the 11 Months Ended November 30, 2024

	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD Actual	Remaining Dollars	% Collected/ Used
Operating Revenues					
Taxation	-1,051,542.40	-1,207,616.00	-1,174,373.86	-33,242.14	97.25
Sale of Goods and Services	-719,610.81	-675,790.00	-597,476.37	-78,313.63	88.41
Other Revenue/Franchise Fees	-307,141.47	-298,216.00	-285,460.54	-12,755.46	95.72
Conditional Grants	-292,858.82	-213,600.00	-138,938.95	-74,661.05	65.05
Transfer from other Functions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Reserves	0.00	-276,889.00	0.00	-276,889.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	-2,371,153.50	-2,672,111.00	-2,196,249.72	-475,861.28	82.19
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	613,892.69	745,156.00	744,011.18	1,144.82	99.85
Contracted & General Services	616,576.88	967,080.00	546,849.28	420,230.72	56.55
Materials, Goods & Utilities	462,662.18	514,175.00	407,638.67	106,536.33	79.28
Government Requisitions	246,548.76	258,828.00	219,195.74	39,632.26	84.69
Transfers to Local Boards	46,208.03	47,701.00	48,535.82	-834.82	101.75
Transfers to Ind/Organizations	30,612.07	36,640.00	20,911.72	15,728.28	57.07
Bank Charges	7,443.84	7,700.00	9,169.74	-1,469.74	119.09
Interest on Capital Long Term	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Transactions	28,052.19	28,440.00	26,523.89	1,916.11	93.26
Transfer from Capital	0.00	66,391.00	0.00	66,391.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,051,996.64	2,672,111.00	2,022,836.04	582,883.96	75.70

Operating Revenue/Expenditures by Department for the 11 Months Ended November 30, 2024

Department	REVENUES				EXPENDITURES				Actual Contribution to Surplus
	Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Dollars	% Collected	Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Dollars	% Used	
0 General Government	-1,478,166	-1,428,204	-49,962	96.6	230,795	190,462	40,333	82.5	-1,237,742
11 Council	0	-19	19	0.0	97,800	56,375	41,425	57.6	56,356
12 Administration	-443,694	-169,853	-273,841	38.3	426,372	348,999	77,373	81.9	179,146
23/24 Fire/Disaster Services	-24,184	-24,843	659	102.7	106,517	46,419	60,098	43.6	21,576
26 Bylaw Enforcement	-2,400	-3,937	1,537	164.0	76,733	77,555	-822	101.1	73,618
31 Common Services	-62	-407	345	0.0	165,832	157,466	8,366	95.0	157,059
32 Roads	-24,450	-25,264	814	103.3	417,823	176,756	241,067	42.3	151,492
33 Airport	-465	-465	0	100.0	8,701	4,713	3,988	54.2	4,248
4101 Water Supply/Distribution	-307,800	-228,298	-79,502	74.2	348,643	320,814	27,829	92.0	92,516
42 Wastewater	-106,000	-82,671	-23,329	78.0	72,902	62,063	10,839	85.1	-20,608
43 Solid Waste	-117,700	-100,740	-16,960	85.6	113,205	118,108	-4,903	104.3	17,368
43 Transfer Station	-12,385	-12,390	5	100.0	24,624	21,821	2,803	88.6	9,431
56 Cemetery	-2,500	-3,574	1,074	143.0	5,000	5,000	0	100.0	1,426
61 Planning & Development	-7,850	-7,428	-422	94.6	15,000	17,010	-2,010	113.4	9,582
62 Economic Development	-50,000	-73,518	23,518	147.0	164,290	32,150	132,140	19.6	-41,368
72 General Recreation	-6,055	-400	-5,655	6.6	178,515	129,447	49,068	72.5	129,047
7201 Campground	-13,000	-18,806	5,806	144.7	57,141	33,694	23,447	59.0	14,888
7202 Pool	-75,400	-15,432	-59,968	20.5	134,917	199,394	-64,477	147.8	183,962
7203 Golf Course	0	0	0	0.0	7,000	4,274	2,726	61.1	4,274
74 Culture & Library	0	0	0	0.0	20,301	20,317	-16	100.1	20,317
									0
TOTAL OPERATING	-2,672,111	-2,196,249	-475,862	82.2	2,672,111	2,022,837	649,274	75.7	-173,412



TOWN OF MILK RIVER
For the Period Ending November 30, 2024

General Ledger	Description	2024 Opening Balance	2024 YTD Balance
CHEQUING ACCOUNTS			
3-12-00-120-00	General Bank Chequing Account (ATB)	173,506.13	6,897.22
3-12-00-130-00	General Savings Account (ATB)	662,883.91	467,698.01
* TOTAL CHEQUING ACCOUNTS		836,390.04	474,595.23
TOWN TERM DEPOSITS			
3-41-00-310-00	Water Capital GIC	3,842.16	4,029.54
3-43-00-310-00	Equipment Replacement Capital GIC	367,829.06	385,767.01
3-97-00-315-00	General Capital GIC	537,785.59	564,011.83
* TOTAL TOWN TERM DEPOSITS		909,456.81	953,808.38
ARMS LENGTH TERM DEPOSITS			
3-43-00-315-00	Transfer Station Operating GIC	5,359.29	5,620.63
* TOTAL ARMS LENGTH TERM DEPOSIT		5,359.29	5,620.63
**P TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		1,751,206.14	1,434,024.24

*** End of Report ***



TOWN OF MILK RIVER

Cheque Listing For Council

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20240845	2024-11-13	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	202411	PAYMENT NOV BENEFITS	5,565.94	5,565.94
20240846	2024-11-13	BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT CONSULT.	3292	PAYMENT NOV ASSESSMENT FEE	1,423.54	1,423.54
20240847	2024-11-13	CATALIS TECHNOLOGIES CANADA LTD.	INV308318697	PAYMENT ALL-NET WEBSITE MAY 2024-APR 20	4,851.00	4,851.00
20240848	2024-11-13	CUMMINS CANADA ULC	BQ 241042004	PAYMENT ANNUAL MAINT-GEN SET-SEWAGE I	2,382.71	2,382.71
20240849	2024-11-13	DBS ENVIRONMENTAL	2024553	PAYMENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	82.20	82.20
20240850	2024-11-13	FLAMAN RENTALS	129725B	PAYMENT POST POUNDER RENTAL-SNOW FEI	136.50	136.50
20240851	2024-11-13	FORTIS ALBERTA INC.	90257592	PAYMENT CABLE CLUB TERAGRAPH PROJECT	120.21	120.21
20240852	2024-11-13	LETHBRIDGE HERALD	883314	PAYMENT AD ATCO NOTICE OF APPLICATION	281.98	281.98
20240853	2024-11-13	MICROAGE COMPUTER CENTRE	25989	PAYMENT NOV MANAGED IT	609.00	609.00
20240854	2024-11-13	MILK RIVER CABLE CLUB	86139	PAYMENT NOV INTERNET	330.27	330.27
20240855	2024-11-13	MILK RIVER HOME HARDWARE	2507580 2507688 2507777 2507782 2507838 2507850 2507913 2508126	PAYMENT BATTERIES HYDRANT, YARD LEVER-CAMPGRD BATTERIES HYDRANT, YARD LEVER DE ICER, STOCK TANK FLOATING HOE, GARDEN-GARB TRUCK ICE MELT, BLEACH, LATEX GLOVES- ROPE LIGHTS-CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	8.39 131.24 8.39 131.24 73.49 20.99 97.59 117.97	589.30
20240856	2024 11 13	MPE ENGINEERING LTD	1440-059-00-15	PAYMENT WASTEWATER LAGOON UPGRADE	20,731.54	20,731.54
20240857	2024 11 13	PASSEY ELECTRIC	240459	PAYMENT TROUBLESHOOT GATE PLUG-WTP	395.02	395.02
20240858	2024 11 13	RECORDXPRESS/BEST	1190356	PAYMENT SHREDDING SERVICE	56.81	56.81
20240859	2024 11 13	RIDGE WATER SERVICES COMMISSION	921 930	PAYMENT AUG 25 -SEP 21 CONTRACT OPERA1 SEP 22-NOV 2-CONTRACT OPERATC	1,071.00 1,499.40	2,570.40
20240860	2024-11-13	RMA	67960100 68006222 68085918 68102335 68102336 68109744 68173276 P95307	PAYMENT STAPLES-CLEANING SUPPLIES-TOM STAPLES-BROOM, CLEANING SUPPI STAPLES-K CUPS, BINDER CLIPS, PI STAPLES-TOILET BOWL CLEANER STAPLES KCUP STAPLES-PLANNERS STAPLES-EASEL PAD, CLOROX WIPI RME-FITTINGS, HOSE CRIMP	52.46 75.69 112.58 27.81 18.99 89.42 47.23 217.13	641.31
20240861	2024 11 13	SOUTH COUNTRY TIRE	10770 10846	PAYMENT TIRES (2) - GARBAGE TRUCK TIRES (2) GARBAGE TRUCK	1,289.40 1,289.40	2,578.80
20240862	2024-11-13	TRUCK/RV/CAR/WASH	8729	PAYMENT VEHICLE WASHES	81.50	81.50
20240863	2024-11-13	UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA	115760970	PAYMENT FUEL	890.14	4,197.20



TOWN OF MILK RIVER

Cheque Listing For Council

2024-Dec-2

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Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20240863	2024-11-13	UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA	115760971 115761330 SOINV6721559	FUEL-FIRE FUEL DEF	40.48 3,035.68 230.90	4,197.20
20240864	2024-11-13	WASTE CONNECTIONS OF CANADA INC.	7410-0000545825	PAYMENT RECYCLE BIN, 2 DUMP AND RETURN	1,078.51	1,078.51
20240865	2024-11-13	XEROX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CANADA	IN1213918	PAYMENT OCTOBER COPIES	215.13	215.13
20240886	2024-11-27	██████████	REPL-20240412 REPL-20240412	Replacement Cheque Replacement Cheque	20.00	20.00
20240887	2024-11-27	ATB FINANCIAL MASTER CARD	2024088 2024089 2024090 2024091 2024092 2024093 2024094 2024095 2024096 2024097 C177536867	PAYMENT WALMART-HALLOWEEN CANDY CPC-PARCEL-DED DESK N FILE-OFFICE CHAIR COSTCO-COFFEE PODS-PW CDN TIRE-DYNA GLO 4800W-WTP CDN TIRE-LIGHTS-CHRISTMAS DECI CDN TIRE-LED ROPE LIGHTS-CHRIS W\$WW OP CERT SUBWAY-COUNCIL DINNER YUMMY INN-COUNCIL DINNER CPC-NEWSLETTER	14.14 25.47 418.95 43.99 121.79 839.79 62.98 130.00 58.50 75.94 121.73	1,913.28
20240888	2024-11-27	BOUNDARY EQUIPMENT CO. LTD. CALGARY	C07903-IN	PAYMENT BLADE TRUCK PLOW, CURB RUNNE	1,600.00	1,600.00
20240889	2024-11-27	██████████	202412	PAYMENT ██████████	830.77	830.77
20240890	2024-11-27	██████████	202412	PAYMENT ██████████	738.91	738.91
20240891	2024-11-27	HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	STR629906	PAYMENT FREIGHT-BOUNDARY EQUIP	235.69	235.69
20240892	2024-11-27	██████████	202414	PAYMENT ██████████	638.22	638.22
20240893	2024-11-27	██████████	202413	PAYMENT ██████████	1,326.90	1,326.90
20240894	2024-11-27	MILK RIVER FIREFIGHTERS SOCIETY	202401	PAYMENT NOV 2023-OCT 2024 MAN HOURS, HI	12,307.50	12,307.50
20240895	2024-11-27	MPE ENGINEERING LTD.	1440-058-00-18 1440-062-00-04	PAYMENT REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY STUDY RAW WATER SUPPLY CONTINGENC'	162.75 24,373.13	24,535.88
20240896	2024-11-27	PASSEY ELECTRIC	240501	PAYMENT REPAIR LIGHTS-WTP	376.23	376.23
20240897	2024-11-27	RIDGE AUTO PARTS LTD.	734635 734773 735069 735123 735143	PAYMENT RAINX, TRICO SILICONE CERAMIC-F CABLE TIES CABLE TIES CABLE TIES RAIN XTREME	92.15 11.72 7.37 32.49 8.49	152.22
20240898	2024-11-27	SAAL PAVING LTD.	3874	PAYMENT PATCHING PAVEMENT	2,652.30	2,652.30
20240899	2024-11-27	██████████	202411	PAYMENT ██████████	985.89	985.89
20240900	2024-11-27	SANATEC ENVIRONMENTAL	381931	PAYMENT CAMERA SEWER	4,293.38	4,293.38
20240901	2024-11-27	STRAIT WAY	18438	PAYMENT AIR COMPRESSOR RENTAL-BLOW C	688.80	688.80
20240902	2024-11-27	██████████		PAYMENT		1,114.89



TOWN OF MILK RIVER

Cheque Listing For Council

Cheque			Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date	Vendor Name				
20240902	2024-11-27	[REDACTED]	202413 202414	NOVEMBER JANITORIAL [REDACTED]	660.00 454.89	1,114.89
20240903	2024-11-27	[REDACTED]	202412	PAYMENT [REDACTED]	417.40	417.40
20240904	2024-11-27	TNS BUSINESS CENTRE LTD.	73521	PAYMENT WORK ALONE MONITORING	300.72	300.72
20240905	2024-11-27	[REDACTED]	202425	PAYMENT JANITORIAL SERVICE	90.00	90.00

Total 104,137.85

*** End of Report ***

Request for Decision

Administration Reports

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That the Administration Reports for the period ending November 30, 2024, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

On a monthly basis, administration provides Council with reports on the following: Public Works, Municipal Enforcement (Community Peace Officer), and the Chief Administrative Officer.

RISK/CONSEQUENCES

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Public Works Report
2. Community Peace Officer Report
3. Chief Administrative Officer Report

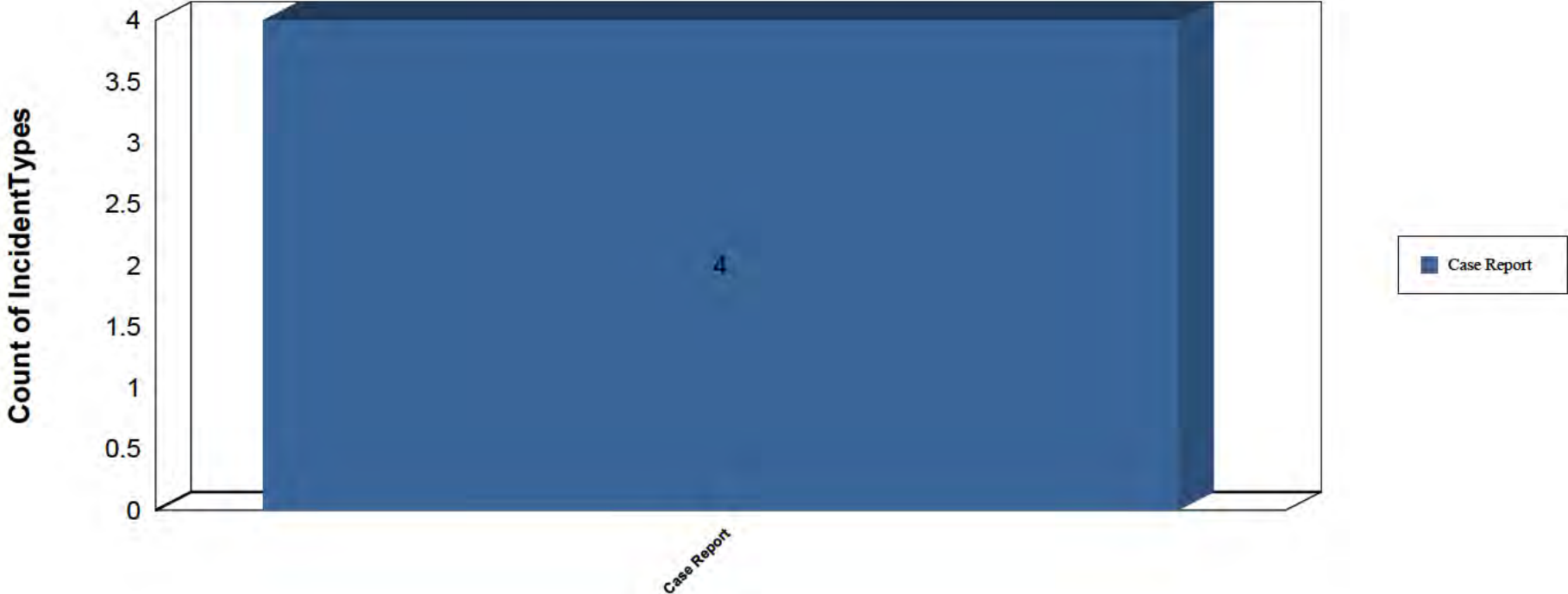
Public Works November 2024

- Replace lights on Christmas decorations
- Hung Christmas lights
- Fix stop sign 8th and Railway
- Remove broken delineators at 8th and Railway
- Install 2 benches
- Replace cutting edge on back hoe
- Snow Plow and Sand Streets
- Pick up wind rows
- Dig grave
- Sewer back up at campground
- Set up snow fence

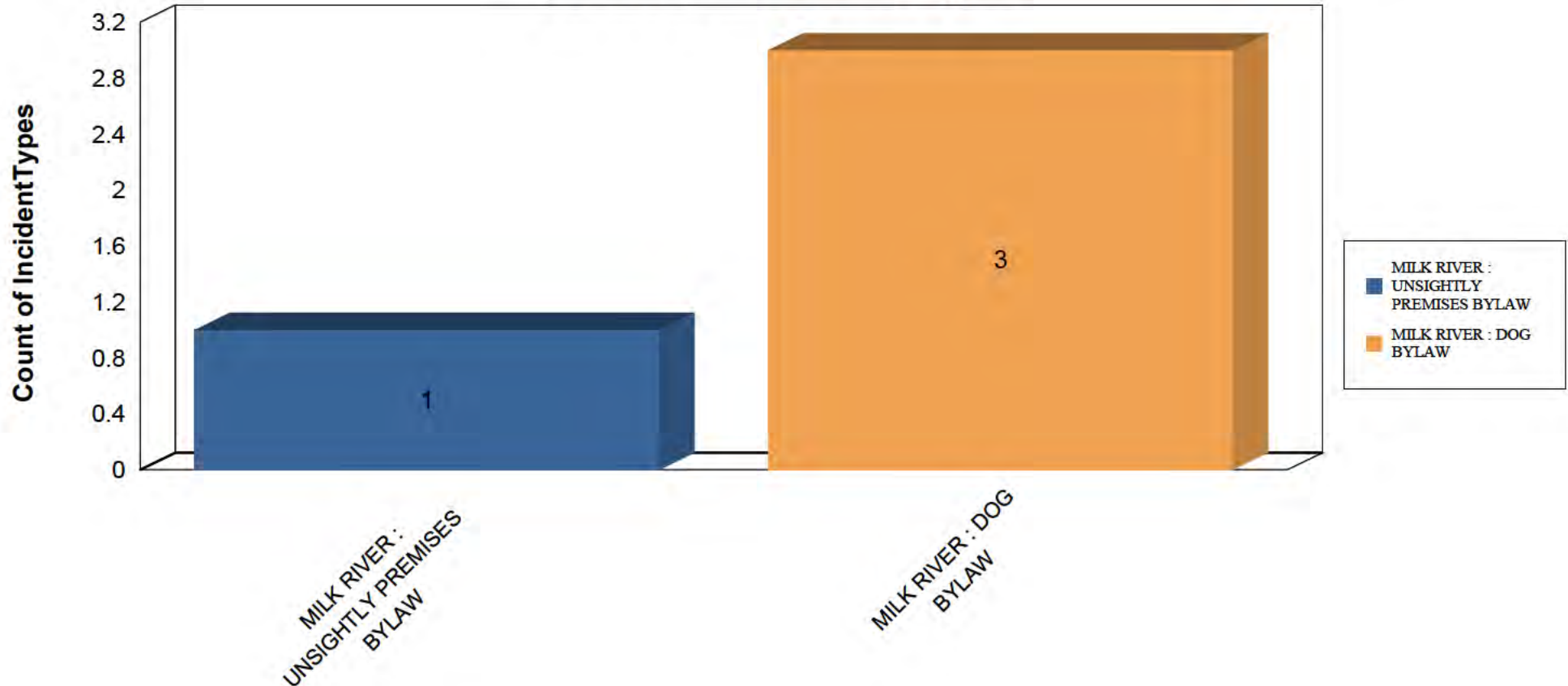
Municipal Enforcement

Statistics from: 11/1/2024 12:00:00AM to 11/30/2024 11:59:00PM

Count of Reports Completed



Count of Incident Types



MILK RIVER :
UNSIGHTLY PREMISES
BYLAW

MILK RIVER : DOG
BYLAW

MILK RIVER : UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW

<u>Location</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
Case Report RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	RRPSS2024-0529	MILK RIVER : UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW	BRANDON BERG	2024/11/25 1519

Specific Location

[REDACTED]

Report Synopsis : debris and brush piled on alleyway

25.00% # of Reports: 1 Case Report MILK RIVER : UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW

MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW

<u>Location</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
Case Report RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	RRPSS2024-0537	MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW	BRANDON BERG	2024/11/08 1025

Specific Location

[REDACTED]

Report Synopsis : vicious dog at large

Case Report RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	RRPSS2024-0562	MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW	BRAYDEN FENZ	2024/11/27 1702
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Specific Location

[REDACTED]

Report Synopsis : online complaint of dogs barking, over limit dogs

Case Report RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	RRPSS2024-0563	MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW	BRAYDEN FENZ	2024/11/30 1354
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Specific Location

[REDACTED]

Report Synopsis : call relating to a dog that appeared to be stuck on fence.

75.00% # of Reports: 3 Case Report MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 4 Total # of Reports: 4

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 4



Administration

- Council meeting agenda preparation
- Council meeting attendance
- Council meeting minutes
- Council meeting highlights for newsletter
- Staff meetings
- Weekly meetings with Mayor
- Walk in visitors, phone calls, and emails
- **Updates from CPO's (when applicable)**
- Development inquiries/meetings
- Research and answer council questions
- Biweekly meetings with Provincial Drought Team
- Meetings with Environment regarding the Inter-Basin Transfer
- Meeting with SouthGrow and Environment regarding the Inter-Basin Transfer
- Communication with MPE on Lagoon project
- Garbage Pickup Agreements with Villages of Coutts and Warner
- Communication with Community Futures regarding Beautification Loan application
- Care of Trees in Boulevards and Alleys Policy Revision
- Creation of new Construction Clean Up and Restoration Policy
- Revise Nuisance Bylaw
- Creation and revision to new Remuneration Policy
- Letters to Premier
- Letter to Curling Club regarding water usage
- 2025 Interim Operating Budget
- 2025 Capital Plan
- Attend Elections Alberta Webinar
- Attend EPR Webinar
- Attend Environment's water engagement
- Meeting with Environment and SMRID regarding the inter-basin transfer
- Renewed Electric Vehicle agreement for charging stations at the pool
- Three-year agreement with Alberta Municipalities for natural gas rates
- Work with MPE on regional water supply grant application - submitted
- Discussions with MPE regarding 2025 capital budget items
- Finalize and submit the Healthy Communities Initiative funding report with the Milk River Cable Club for the Terragraph project
- Receipt of risk control recommendations and working on an action plan to remedy on buildings
- Work with SouthGrow on the inter-basin transfer consultation plan - submitted to the Minister

<u>2022-04-03</u>	Moved by Councillor Losey, "that administration look into the affordability of raising our grants to the small committees."	WIP
2023		
<u>Motion Carried 2023-206</u>	Moved by Deputy Mayor Degenstein, "that Bylaw 1024 and Policy R1.0 be revised reflecting the following changes and bring back to a future Council meeting:	Bylaw - Complete Policy - December agenda
<u>Motion Carried 2023-255</u>	Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council directs administration to work with the Milk River and District Ag Society to mitigate water drainage."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2024-79</u>	Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council direct administration to prepare and propose a policy regarding construction clean up."	Draft - December meeting
<u>Motion Carried 2024-164</u>	Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council direct administration to explore the use of a speed reader board to place on Centre Avenue, with recommendations."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2024-196</u>	Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council direct administration to look into water conservation projects."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2024-211</u>	Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council pay \$104,000 to replace the condenser at the curling rink with the understanding that half of that is a loan to the curling club, terms to be worked out at a later date. Also included will be work done in the last year crediting them half of the repairs from last year against the loan."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2024-215</u>	Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council direct administration to pursue as a top priority contingency plan alternative 2A."	Ongoing
<u>Motion Carried 2024-232</u>	Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that administration provide a weekly report, on Fridays, for reservoir levels and any other pertinent information."	Ongoing
<u>Motion Carried 2024-233</u>	Moved by Councillor Losey, "that administration post the reservoir levels on the website too."	Ongoing
<u>Motion Carried 2024-237</u>	Moved by Mayor Liebelt, "that Council direct administration provide a capital equipment plan as well as a surplus plan prior to budget discussion."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2024-241</u>	Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council continues to support the Middle Coulee overland piping scenario for a short-term water supply solution."	Ongoing
<u>Motion Carried 2024-242</u>	Moved by Mayor Liebelt, "that Council direct administration to prepare a golf cart bylaw to review at the January 2025 Council meeting."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2024-274</u>	Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the Town pay for new eavestroughs for the club house at the golf course."	One quote received. Need three
<u>Motion Carried 2024-285</u>	Moved by Mayor Liebelt, "that administration research pros and cons of the golf course irrigation license to be turned over to the town to municipal license."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2024-287</u>	Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that administration make the recommended changes to the Care of Trees and Alleys policy RC1 and the Nuisance Bylaw 1045."	Complete

<u>Motion Carried 2024-288</u>	Moved by Councillor Losey, “that Council stay with province mileage allowance rates and increase the meal allowance to \$15.00 for breakfast, \$25.00 for lunch and \$35.00 for dinner and to have the remuneration policy brought back to the December meeting.”	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2024-292</u>	Moved by Councillor Johnson, “that an application for funding be made through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership program for the Regional Water Supply Project.”	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2024-293</u>	Moved by Councillor Losey, “that an inter basin transfer request be made to Environment and Protected Areas for a permanent supplementary water solution.”	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2024-294</u>	Moved by Councillor Degenstein, “that John McCanna and Richard Wright be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025.”	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2024-296</u>	Moved by Councillor Degenstein, “that Council direct administration to first meet with the Villages of Coutts and Warner to explore the cost of a reduced service for a reduced price for garbage pick up.”	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2024-297</u>	Moved by Councillor Losey, “that Council direct administration to write off the remaining balance of taxes for Roll Number 36000 in the amount of \$3,263.69.”	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2024-298</u>	Moved by Councillor Degenstein, “that Council direct administration to write a letter to the Premier requesting full reinstatement of the Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) Funding and further to include the Visitor Information Centre, schools and the hospital.”	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2024-300</u>	Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, “that the level 2 water restriction be lifted.”	Complete

December 9 meeting

2024 Operational Projects	
Council	
CWG Membership	Complete
Mayors and Reeves Membership	Complete
Training (Brownlee/MLC/SouthGrow)	Complete
Council Nutrition Breaks (\$10/per person)	Continuous
Gingerbread House Contest - Nov 2024	Museum hosting
FCM (June 6-9) x 3	Complete
Community Garden insurance/property tax	Complete
Administration	
Council Chambers	Phase 2 WIP
HVAC	Complete
Work Alone Check In	Complete
RCMP	Complete
Common Services	
Fall Arrest Equipment	Complete
Computer	Complete
Roads	
Sign Modernization Project	WIP
Solid Waste	
added recycling fee to utilities?	Complete
Economic Development	
Theatre & Rolfe Building Demolition	Deferred to 2025
Housing Needs Assessment	WIP
CF Beautification Program x 5	WIP - 2
AAIP Program under Taber	Complete
Pool	
Assessment	Budget 2025

2024 Capital Projects	
Administration	
Server	Complete
Emergency Management	
Generator	Ordered
Roads	
Street light at 3rd Avenue and 1st Street	Complete
line painter	Complete
8th avenue power - Phase 8A	WIP
8th avenue power - Phase 8B	WIP
8th and main curb and gutter	WIP
curb and gutter	Complete
Waste Water	
CCTV	Complete
Storm Water	
Drainage Improvement Project	Deferred to 2025
Civic Centre Drainage	October
Economic Development	
GLAC land purchase	Complete
Recreation	
Block 39 Detailed Design - Phase 1	Not started
Campground	
electrical upgrade	Complete
Irrigation	Deferred
Pool	
concrete ramp	Not started
resurface pool - epoxy	Not started
Liner	Not started
Splashpark	Not started

Request for Decision

L6 Council Remuneration Policy

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Council Remuneration Policy L6 as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

At the November 12th Council meeting, the new Remuneration Policy draft was presented. Revisions were made and is now back on the agenda for council approval.

RISK/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on this policy. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Operating Budget

ATTACHMENTS

1. L6 Council Remuneration Policy

Council Policy L6 Council Remuneration



Responsibility:

Effective Date _____

References

Council Resolution _____

POLICY STATEMENT

The Municipal Government Act allows for compensation to be made to Elected Officials for duties performed. The Town of Milk River will provide Remuneration to the Mayor and Councillors that reflects the demands of Council and Council's value to the community.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the type and frequency of Remuneration for the Town of Milk River elected officials.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of Town of Milk River Council.

DEFINITIONS

"Council" means elected officials of the Town of Milk River, including Mayor and Councillors.

"Expenses" means reimbursement made to elected officials for approved Expenses paid out-of-pocket, based on actual submitted receipts, not subject to applicable source deductions.

"Honorarium/Honoraria" means a flat monthly amount paid to elected officials as Remuneration for Council Meetings as outlined in Section 1, subject to applicable source deductions.

"Official Function" means an event, such as a convention, that has an official purpose for one's employment, vocation, or profession, whether run by a person, institution or governmental agency or an official duty.

"Remuneration" includes Expenses and Honoraria.

"Special Event" means a planned public or social occasion to which the Mayor and/or Council have been invited to attend.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All members of Council are responsible for tracking, recording, and submitting their expenses. Administration is responsible for ensuring proper approvals have been granted, and the processing of remuneration.

1. STANDARDS

1.1. Honoraria

1.1.1. Council shall be compensated with an annual Honorarium. As of January 1, 2025, the annual Honorarium for members of Council is:

Mayor \$4,500.00
Councillor \$4,000.00

1.2. The following constitutes an Honorarium:

- Organizational Meeting
- Regular Council Meetings
- Preparation time for meetings
- Meetings with residents
- Correspondence related to Council business
- Public and/or Special Events

1.3. The Mayor and Council Honoraria is tied to increases in the Alberta Consumer Price Index, shall be reviewed on a yearly basis, and shall not be greater than the Cost-of-Living Allowance awarded to staff.

1.4. Additional Honorarium or fees may be accepted from other organizations by a member of Council where they are received due to the member of Council:

- serving on a regional body, such as a regional Commission, where all members receive an Honorarium or fee, or
- if the number of meetings changes significantly (e.g., 3 meetings per month), the Honorarium will be reviewed at the time of the increase in meetings.

1.5 For each committee meeting attended, including travel time for out-of-town meetings, the sum paid is as follows:

1.5.1 Sixty dollars (\$60) for meeting that is two (2) hours or less in duration,

1.5.2 Eighty-five dollars (\$85) for a meeting that is between two and four hours in duration (2-4), and

1.5.3 One hundred sixty dollars (\$160) for a meeting that is longer than four hours (4).

1.5.4 When two or more meetings which are held consecutively during the same calendar day will be considered as one meeting and shall be paid the sum of sixty dollars (\$60.00).

1.6 For Special Council meetings, the sum paid is \$110.00 per meeting.

2. EXPENSES

Expenses paid by an elected official out of pocket may be submitted to Finance for reimbursement. Receipts must accompany the claim.

2.1. Meals

2.1.1. While traveling on Town business, meals may be claimed at the amount shown on receipts submitted. Where no receipt is submitted, a maximum amount for meals may be claimed at the rate approved by the Provincial Government. Gratuities on meals may be claimed to a maximum of fifteen (15) percent of the bill.

2.1.1.1. The allowable rate for meal expenses is as follows:

Breakfast	\$15.00
Lunch	\$25.00
Dinner	\$35.00

2.1.2. Meals that are previously paid for by the Town in the registration fees for meetings and conferences or included as part of the venue, are not an allowable expense that can be claimed except in special circumstances such as the mealtime conflicting with travel schedules, dietary considerations or the attendee has another meeting at the same time as the conference meal.

2.2. Travel

2.2.1. Travel is authorized for members of Council for a meeting or Official Function related to the appointment of that member of Council to a committee or regional body.

2.2.2. Travel is authorized for members of Council approved by policy or by resolution to attend a course, conference, or seminar on behalf of the Town of Milk River.

2.2.3. Other travel for members of Council shall be approved by resolution of Council.

2.2.4. Travel may be expensed for meetings of Authorities, Boards, Commissions, Committees in which the member, or alternate has been appointed to that do not Remunerate.

2.2.5. Council members will strive for fiscal responsibility when booking accommodations and travelling. This means standard accommodations and carpool whenever possible. Elected Officials shall not claim personal vehicle mileage inside the community. Travel by commercial carrier such as airlines, rail, taxi or bus may be claimed at the most economical costs of travel where possible. Most economical does not always mean lowest base fare as luggage fees, seat selection fees and air and airport time are also factors.

2.2.6. Travel by personal vehicle may be claimed at the current rate per kilometre as approved by the Provincial Government from time to time while travelling on Town business.

2.2.7. Councillors who attend an event or meeting of an Authority, Board, Commission or Committee to which they are not the designated Council representative, or the alternate, will not receive a travel reimbursement.

3.1 Miscellaneous

3.1.1 Miscellaneous charges such as parking, secretarial services, photocopying, internet, etc., may be claimed.

- 3.1.2 Lodging may be claimed.
- 3.1.3 Registration fees may be claimed.
- 3.1.4 Liquor is not an allowable expense that can be claimed, except where protocol dictates.
- 3.1.5 Conference partner programs and accommodation are the only allowable spousal expenses.
- 3.1.6 Costs will not be reimbursed when attending a political party function of any type.

4. EXPENSE SUBMISSION AND REIMBURSEMENT

- 4.1. Council members will be responsible for reimbursing the Town the registration fee(s) for non-attendance unless due to extenuating circumstances as approved by the Mayor.
- 4.2. Procedures and forms for the submission and processing of claims shall be provided by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 4.3. All expenses are required to be submitted to Finance before December 15th, annually.
- 4.4. Reimbursement will be paid by cheque.
- 4.5. Claims submitted by Councillors shall be approved by the Mayor.
- 4.6. Claims submitted by the Mayor shall be approved by the Deputy Mayor or an alternate member of Council in the absence of an assigned Deputy Mayor.

Request for Decision

RC1 Care of Trees in Boulevard and Alleys Policy

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Care of Trees in Boulevards and Alley's policy RC1 as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

Nuisance Bylaw 1045

RC1 Care of Trees in Boulevards and Alleys Policy

BACKGROUND

At the November 12th Council meeting, Council reviewed policy RC1 and the Nuisance Bylaw where suggested revisions were made.

The policy has been revised to reflect those changes and is now back in front of Council for approval.

RISK/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on this policy. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. RC1 Care of Trees in Boulevards and Alleys Policy

Council Policy RC1 Care and Maintenance of Trees in Boulevards and Alleys



Responsibility: Public Works

Effective Date _____

References
Nuisance Bylaw 1045

Council Resolution _____

POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Milk River will provide for the standards to which Trees in Boulevards and alleys will be maintained.

PURPOSE

To establish a policy defining the care and maintenance of trees in Boulevards and alleys to maintain the urban forest, protect municipal infrastructure, persons, and private property.

SCOPE

Recognizing the need to maintain the urban forest, protect infrastructure such as sidewalks, curb, gutter, pavement, and municipal utilities and prevent liability in cases where trees become a hazard to persons and private property.

DEFINITIONS

Boulevard means that part of a highway or road that is not a roadway but is that portion of the right-of-way of a public highway or road lying between the curb line of the roadway and the adjacent property line, or where there is no curb, that portion of the right-of-way lying between the edge of the roadway ordinarily used by vehicles and the adjacent property line.

Land in this policy means the ground (including dirt, weeds, gravel, rocks, etc.) from the property line to the gutter of the street. This does not include Boulevard trees.

Tree(s) shall mean a long-lived perennial plant(s) and have a self-supporting trunk with a root system. May be deciduous or coniferous and includes all living parts, but for the purpose of this policy does not include a bush or shrub.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and/or designate, shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.

STANDARDS

1. All Trees and shrubs planted in Boulevards including the alleys are the property of the Town of Milk River.
2. The Town will care for and maintain the Trees and shrubs already existing in Boulevards and alleys within the corporate limits of the Town of Milk River. Care and maintenance do not include watering.
3. Property owners are responsible for the Land at the front of the property to the gutter of the Street/Avenue and to where the lane for driving begins in the alley.
4. The Public Works Supervisor will cause to be removed any stump or to kill any stump or Tree base left after removal of a Boulevard and alley Tree or shrub and will cause the Boulevard to be repaired. The Public Works Supervisor will cause any Tree or shrub which should be removed due to spacing to protect the other Trees and shrubs.
5. The Town will arrange for annual pruning of Boulevard Trees to keep the Trees healthy. Any abutting or adjoining property owner or renter who wishes to prune more than what the Town conducts may do so without permission and at their cost.
6. Any abutting or adjoining property owner or renter may remove any Boulevard or alley Tree at their own expense without permission from the Town.
7. No Tree may be planted within ten (10) feet (3.048 meters) of a property line where there is a public sidewalk or Boulevard.
8. The Town of Milk River shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed after five (5) days notice by registered mail to all abutting property owners any Boulevard Tree which in the opinion of the Public Works Supervisor warrants such removal and in particular where the Tree in any way interferes with or endangers the municipal utility works, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and pavement or other works of a municipal nature. This section will not apply in cases where a Tree or shrub has been broken or uprooted during a storm. Such Trees or shrubs will be removed as soon as possible to protect persons and property from harm. Should a safety concern exist, complaints shall be responded to within 24 hours.
9. Any signs erected on private property and over public sidewalks or highways shall be located so that they will in no way interfere with a Boulevard Tree and will not necessitate pruning or thinning in addition to normal practices. Posters, signs, or other devices will not be allowed to be attached or mounted to Trees or bushes in Boulevards and the Public Works Supervisor will cause such to be removed upon finding them.

Request for Decision

R4.0 Construction Clean up and Restoration Policy

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Construction Clean up and Restoration Policy R4.0 as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

At the March 11, 2024, Council meeting, Council directed administration to prepare and propose a policy regarding construction clean up.

This new policy is on Council's agenda for approval.

RISK/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on this policy. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Operating Budget

ATTACHMENTS

1. R4.0 Construction Clean up and Restoration Policy

Council Policy R4.0 Construction Site Clean-Up and Restoration



Responsibility: Public Works

Effective Date _____

References
Occupational Health and Safety

Council Resolution _____

POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Milk River endeavours to ensure that construction sites are left in a safe, environmentally friendly, and aesthetically acceptable condition.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the clean-up and restoration of construction sites managed by municipal employees or contractors.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all construction projects conducted by municipal employees or contractors, including but not limited to roadworks, building construction, and other infrastructure projects.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and/or designate, shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.

STANDARDS

1. Public Impact and Mitigation

- Implement measures to control noise and dust during and after construction to minimize disruption to the public.
- Ensure that traffic disruptions are managed effectively and that any temporary changes to traffic patterns are communicated to the public.

2. Communication

- Clearly communicate the policy to all stakeholders, including municipal employees, contractors, and the public.

3. Safety and Security Measures

- Ensure that the site is secured to prevent unauthorized access and protect public safety.
- Use fencing, barriers, and signage as needed to maintain site security during and after construction.
- Conduct safety inspections to identify and mitigate any remaining hazards before site handover.

4. Site Surface and Debris Removal

- All construction debris, including materials, packaging, and waste, must be removed from the site.
- The site must be cleared of hazardous materials, such as nails, glass, and sharp objects.
- The surface should be smoothed and free from dangerous depressions or uneven areas.
- Debris must be disposed of in accordance with local waste management regulations.
 - Recyclable materials should be sent to designated recycling facilities.
 - Hazardous materials must be handled and disposed of according to regulations.
 - Non-recyclable waste should be disposed of at approved waste management sites.
- All construction equipment and temporary structures (e.g., scaffolding, barriers) must be dismantled and removed from the site.
- Any damage to public property or adjacent areas must be repaired.

5. Site Restoration

- Sites must be restored to their original condition or to a condition specified in the project contract.
- Restoration includes regrading, repairing any damage, and ensuring that the site is safe and visually acceptable.
- Any required landscaping must be completed as per the project specifications. This may include planting vegetation and maintaining newly planted areas until they are established (for contractors).

6. Compliance and Inspection

- A final inspection must be conducted by the Town of Milk River Public Works personnel.
- The inspection will verify that all clean-up and restoration requirements have been met.

Request for Decision

Nuisance Bylaw 1045 REVISED

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That the Nuisance Bylaw 1045 REVISED be given first reading.

That the Nuisance Bylaw 1045 REVISED be given second reading.

That the Nuisance Bylaw 1045 REVISED receive unanimous consent for consideration of third reading.

That the Nuisance Bylaw 1045 REVISED be given third and final reading.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

At the November Council meeting, Council reviewed Policy RC1 Care of Trees in Boulevards and Alleys in tandem with the Nuisance Bylaw 1045.

Through discussion, changes were recommended that have been completed and in front of Council for review and approval.

RISK/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. Nuisance Bylaw 1045 REVISED

**TOWN OF MILK RIVER
BYLAW NO. 1045 REVISED**

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF MILK RIVER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING AND CONTROLLING UNSIGHTLY AND UNTIDY PREMISES, FOR THE CONTROLLING OF NOXIOUS / RESTRICTED AND OTHER WEEDS, THE TRIMMING OF TREES, AND THE ABATEMENT OF NOISE AND OTHER NUISANCES.

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Milk River, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled may pass a Bylaw and/or regulation pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Milk River, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled may pass a bylaw and/or regulation pursuant to the Provincial Weed Act, being Statutes of Alberta, 2008 Chapter W-5.1, and amendments thereto;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Milk River, in the Province of Alberta, deems it proper and expedient to pass a Bylaw for the purposes of controlling nuisances within the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Milk River duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

This Bylaw shall be cited as "THE NUISANCE BYLAW"

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) means the person designated by the Town Council to carry out the administrative duties of the Town of Milk River.

COUNCIL means the duly elected Council of the Town of Milk River.

DESIGNATED OFFICER means the Chief Administrative Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, RCMP Officer, Peace Officer, and/or Fire Chief of the Town of Milk River or their duly authorized assistants.

LAND means the ground (including dirt, weeds, gravel, rocks, etc.) from the property line to the gutter of the street. This does not include Boulevard trees.

OCCUPANT is the person or persons who reside at or on a property whether they are the owners or lessees.

OWNER means the registered owner of the land or premises for which an order or direction has been issued and served pursuant to this Bylaw.

PROPERTY means real property and includes land, together with all improvements which have been so affixed to the land as to make them in fact and in law a part thereof.

TOWN means the corporate limits of the Town of Milk River, in the Province of Alberta.

WEEKDAY means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday.

3. NUISANCES

3.1 “Nuisance” for the purpose of this Bylaw means any use of or activity upon any property which is offensive to any person, or has or may have a detrimental impact upon any person or other property in the neighbourhood, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes the following:

- 3.1.1 the failure to cut grass or weeds, including responsibility for the Land at the front of the property to the gutter of the Street/Avenue and to where the lane for driving begins in the alley;
- 3.1.2 the failure to destroy restricted weeds, control noxious weeds, or prevent the spread or scattering of nuisance weeds, as per the Provincial Weed Act.
- 3.1.3 the owner of properties in the Town of Milk River, shall trim all trees, shrubs, bushes or hedges on private property so that:
 - 3.1.3.1 they are clear of all sidewalks and alleyway lanes, and do not overhang from such property to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic lawfully using such street, sidewalk or walkway;
 - 3.1.3.2 they do not interfere with or endanger visibility to street signage or sidewalks, roadway clearance beneath them of a distance of three (3) meters from the top of the sidewalks, roadway or alleyway to the lowest most branch;
 - 3.1.3.3 along the frontage of properties and on corner lots with intersections, the bushes, shrubs, or hedges must be trimmed to a maximum height of one (1) metre.
- 3.1.4 the generation of excessive dust and permitting such dust to escape from the property;
- 3.1.5 the use of any pesticide or herbicide which has significant detrimental or environmental effects on surrounding areas;
- 3.1.6 the failure to control or eliminate insect pests harmful to the growth and development of trees and shrubs or any vegetable or plant life;
- 3.1.7 the owners of properties in the Town of Milk River, shall ensure that:
 - 3.1.7.1 the neat and orderly storage of unregistered and un-operational vehicles be limited to no more than two (2) vehicles on any one property;
 - 3.1.7.2 the neat and orderly storage or accumulation of, or failure to dispose of, discarded or dilapidated furniture or household appliances, scrap metals, scrap lumber, tires, and motor vehicle parts;
- 3.1.8 the posting or exhibiting of posters, signs, billboards, placards, writings or pictures upon any fence or wall on any property, where the same are accumulated and become in a dilapidated and unsightly condition.

Commented [C1]: Does any property includes commercial? That includes the ditches along 8th avenue?
Administration suggests to add: do not put clippings, etc., into the streets

3.1.9 building structures as described in Section IV of this Bylaw;

3.1.10 Litter as described in Section V of this Bylaw;

3.1.11 noise as described in Section VII of this Bylaw;

3.2 No person being the owner, agent of the owner, lessee or occupier of any property within the Town shall permit such property, or the activities upon such property, to be or to remain a nuisance.

4. WRITTEN ORDER

4.1 An Order to remedy dangerous or unsightly property,

4.1.1 Shall be in writing, shall be served on the person which has allowed a dangerous or unsightly condition, to the registered owner of the property.

4.1.2 An Order given by the Community Peace Officer pursuant to any of the provisions of the Bylaw shall be deemed to have been duly given and served on the person to whom it is addressed:

4.1.2.1 On the Order being personally delivered to the person or whom it is addressed;

4.1.2.2 On leaving the Order with a person apparently over the age of eighteen 18 years at the place of abode of the person to whom the notice is addressed;

4.1.2.3 On sending the Order by mail, addressed to the last known postal address, or address shown on the assessment roll, as the case may be;

4.1.2.4 On the Order being sent by any electronic means so long as it is possible to make a copy of the document from the electronic signals used by the electronic means;

4.1.2.5 In the case where the property is a rental:

4.1.2.5.1 On the tenant or any adult person, (18 years or older) who apparently resides with the tenant, or

4.1.2.5.2 If the tenant or adult residing at the property or property owner cannot be served by posting the notice, order or document in a conspicuous place on some part of the premises

4.1.3 Upon completion of the inspection, the Community Peace Officer or a designated person may direct the owner or occupant of the property to:

4.1.3.1 cease the activity which causes the nuisance;

4.1.3.2 change the way in which such person is carrying out the activity;

4.1.3.3 direct any person to take any action or measure necessary to compel the elimination or abatement of the nuisance, including the removal of any thing or matter from the property, which constitutes the nuisance;

4.1.3.4 specify the time within which such person must comply with the directions

- contained in the notice; and
- 4.1.3.5 notify the owner or occupant that if compliance with the notice is not affected within a specified time, the Town of Milk River will take the actions or measures specified in the notice to abate the nuisance, at the expense of the owner or occupier.
- 4.1.4 If a Notice / Order of Compliance of the Community Peace Officer or a designated person is not complied with within fourteen (14) calendar days, after the date upon the notice, the Community Peace Officer may enter upon the said premises and carry out an inspection. As per Section 3, the Town of Milk River may remedy any situation and charge any costs incurred back to the owner or occupant, pursuant to the Provincial Weed Act, Section 27 and the Municipal Government Act, Section 553.
- 4.1.5 The owner or person who receives a written order pursuant to this bylaw may request Council to review the order by written notice to the CAO within fourteen (14) days of the date the order is received.
- 4.1.5.1 Where an appeal is lodged, the order is stayed pending a final decision of Council.
- 4.1.5.2 Upon reviewing the order, Council may confirm, vary, substitute, or cancel the order.
- 4.1.5.3 The owner or person who receives the written order may appear before Council in person or through a representative.
- 4.1.5.4 Notice of decision of Council will be served to the person who requested the Council review.
- 4.1.5.5 Any owner or person affected by the decision of a Council review of an order pursuant to this bylaw may appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench. This appeal must be made within 30 days of the Council's date of decision.
- 4.1.6 In the case of a repeat non-compliance, the owner or person who receives the written Order shall have seven (7) days to submit a written request for a review of said Order.
- 4.1.7 A repeat offence occurs when the owner contravenes an Order for the same property more than once in a lifetime.
- 4.1.8 In the case where the Owner is in repeated non-compliance of an Order, it may be stated a date within which the person must remedy the dangerous or unsightly property. This date shall not be less than 7 days from the date the Notice of Decision of Council Review is received by the owner.
- 4.1.9 DANGEROUS / EMERGENCY SITUATIONS - means in such case that a dangerous situation has not been remedied by the date required in the notice, the Town may take whatever actions or measures deemed necessary to eliminate the danger to public safety caused by a structure, excavation, or hole or to deal with the unsightly condition of property. The Town may take whatever actions necessary to eliminate an emergency.

5. BUILDINGS / STRUCTURES

- 5.1 The owner(s) of properties in the Town of Milk River, shall ensure that old unoccupied residences, no longer in use or in a safe condition for occupancy and old sheds and garages and other buildings in run down/poor condition and unsafe be demolished and removed from the property, or restored to a useable and safe condition in accordance with Building Standards and Codes and with the required demolition or building permits.
- 5.2 If an Order / Compliance Notice under this Section of the bylaw is not complied with within ninety (90) days of the date of the notice, the Community Peace Officer shall have the right to direct any person to do the work required by the order. *The cost of doing the work required, plus a fifty dollar (\$50.00) administration fee, may be recovered from the Owner of the property as a debt due to the Town of Milk River, or such costs may be charged against the property taxes due and owing, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Section 553.*

6. LITTER

- 6.1 No person shall place, deposit or throw or cause to be placed, deposited or thrown upon any Town property, including any street, lane, sidewalk, parking lot, park, or other public place or water source:
 - 6.1.1 a cardboard or wooden box, carton, container, or receptacle of any kind;
 - 6.1.2 a paper, wrapper, envelope, or covering of any kind, whether paper or not, from food or confectionery;
 - 6.1.3 paper of any kind, whether or not containing written or printed matter thereon;
 - 6.1.4 any glass, crockery, nails, tacks, barbed-wire or other breakable or sharp objects;
 - 6.1.5 scrap metal, scrap lumber, tire, dismantled wrecked or dilapidated motor vehicle or parts there from;
 - 6.1.6 any motor vehicle or any part of any motor vehicle which may, in whole or in part, obstruct any highway, street, lane, alley, or other public place;
 - 6.1.7 dirt, filth or rubbish of any kind whether similar or dissimilar to the foregoing.
- 6.2 A person who has placed, deposited or thrown or caused to be placed or thrown anything or any matter mentioned in subsection (1) upon any street, lane, sidewalk, parking place, park, or other public place or water course shall forthwith remove it.
- 6.3 No person shall place, deposit or throw or cause to be placed, deposited or thrown upon or into any motor vehicle, which is parked on any street, lane, parking lot or other public place, any leaflet, pamphlet, poster, handbill, flyer or any paper containing printed or written matter, whether advertising or not, with the exception of any violation ticket or summons issued pursuant to lawful authority.
- 6.4 The Community Peace Officer, by authorization of the CAO, may direct a Town employee, or other person, to remove and put in storage or destroy anything placed upon Town property in contravention of Section III, V and VI of this Bylaw.

7. TOWN PROPERTY

- 7.1 No person shall cause or permit or undertake any activity that is a nuisance upon any Town property.

8. NOISE

- 8.1 No persons shall, within the Town of Milk River, during any period of the day allow, suffer or permit any electronic equipment, musical instruments, vehicles or any other devices to be sounded or used in any area of the Town of Milk River, that may or is likely to disturb others.
- 8.2 No person shall allow, suffer or permit loud noises to be emitted from within a premise occupied or under the control of that person that may or is likely to disturb other persons in the area.
- 8.3 No person shall allow, suffer or permit loud noises to be emitted from a vehicle, in itself, or from equipment in the interior of the vehicle that may or is likely to disturb others.
- 8.4 No person shall own, keep or harbour any animal or bird which makes, or causes to be made, any noise which disturbs or tends to disturb others.
- 8.5 Domestic Noises
- 8.5.1 No person shall operate;
- 8.5.1.1 A motorized or electric construction/lawn/garden tool;
- 8.5.1.2 A snow clearing device powered by a engine of any type;
- In a residential zone between the hours of
- 8.5.1.3 ten o'clock (10:00PM) in the evening and seven o'clock (7:00AM) in the morning of the next day which is a weekday; or
- 8.5.1.4 Ten o'clock (10:00PM) in the evening and eight o'clock (8:00AM) in the morning of the next day, which is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.
- 8.6 Construction Noises
- 8.6.1 No person shall carry on construction of any kind that can be heard beyond the boundary of the construction site between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00PM) in the evening and seven o'clock (7:00AM) in the morning of the next day which is a weekday; or
- 8.6.2 Ten o'clock (10:00PM) in the evening and eight o'clock (8:00AM) in the morning of the next day, which is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.
- 8.7 SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS of this Bylaw may be granted by the Council of the Town of Milk River or by the CAO of the Town of Milk River for:
- 8.7.1 special events as designated by Council; and
- 8.7.2 the operation of equipment, within reason, within Commercial or Industrial areas / lands of the Town of Milk River, as designed in the Land Use Bylaw; and
- 8.7.3 work of an exigent nature being carried on by a town department, utility company, or outside contractor acting on the town's behalf.
- 8.7.4 NOTHING HEREIN shall render any person liable to a fine, penalty or punishment for performing work of an emergency nature for the preservation or protection of life, health, or property.

9. ALL PENALTIES

- 9.1 ANY PERSONS who are found to be in contravention of this Bylaw are liable to pay a voluntary penalty, that may be issued and served on a Provincial Part 3 Violation Ticket as per the Town of Milk Rivers' Rates Bylaw.
- 9.2 ANY PERSON who contravenes any provisions of the bylaw, is guilty of an offense and may

be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or not more than three (3) months imprisonment or to a fine and imprisonment. Any costs incurred by the Town, including, but not limited to costs of prosecution, shall be borne by the owner / occupant in addition to any other penalties or fines.

10. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 10.1 Should any provision of this Bylaw be determined invalid, then the invalid provision shall be severed and the remaining Bylaw shall be maintained.
- 10.2 Bylaw 1024 is repealed as of January 1, 2024.
- 10.3 This Bylaw shall take force and effect January 1, 2024.

READ a First time this day of 2024.

READ a Second time this day of 2024.

Unanimous consent given for consideration for third reading this day of 2024.

READ a Third and Final time this day of 2024.

Larry Liebelt
Mayor

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED by the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Officer this day of
2024.

Request for Decision

Correspondence

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That correspondence for the period ending December 9, 2024, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

Correspondence is a collection of general information received at the Town 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. Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
2. Alberta Technology and Innovation
3. Scholarship Thank You
4. Milk River and District Ag Society Thank You
5. Seniors, Community and Social Services – Affordable Housing
6. Policing Legislation Engagement

Memorandum

From: Honourable Dale Nally
Minister of Service Alberta and Red
Tape Reduction
103 Legislature Building

Our File Reference: 50402

Your File Reference:

Date: November 5, 2024

To: Public Bodies

Telephone: 780-422-6880

Subject: Bill 34 - Access to Information Act

Bill 34, Access to Information Act, was tabled in the Alberta Legislative Assembly on November 6, 2024. This bill is part of the Government of Alberta's ongoing efforts to modernize access to information legislation in the province. This proposed bill will largely replace Part 1: Freedom of Information of the existing *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP Act) and other provisions related to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. The new bill incorporates both existing provisions in the FOIP Act, as well as new or revised provisions that focus on increased clarity, regulatory accountability, and administrative updates.

Specifically, Bill 34 includes amendments to existing FOIP Act provisions such as updated reasons and processes for extensions for responding to requests; clarifying terminology and exceptions related to documents prepared for decision-makers; and empowering public bodies to proactively disclose information outside formal requests. It also clarifies and enhances regulatory functions for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, including setting out clear timelines for the completion of inquiries.

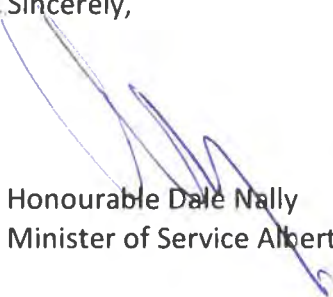
The Act will not come into force until late Spring 2025 when the supporting Regulation is approved. In the interim, the FOIP Act will continue to apply to all public bodies' daily access to information operations. Further information about the bill is available at [insert web link].

Prior to the bill coming into force, the Government of Alberta will provide further information to public bodies, including new and updated reference guides, resources, and interpretive materials to support the implementation of the new Act and Regulation.

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The bill is the result of several years of engagement with Albertans, public bodies, and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. The input provided by Albertans and stakeholders was integral to helping government modernize this legislation and improve clarity for public bodies.

Sincerely,



Honourable Dale Nally
Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Memorandum

From: Honourable Nate Glubish
Minister of Technology and Innovation
419 Legislature Building

Our File Reference: AR12115

Your File Reference:

To: All Public Bodies

Date: November 7, 2024

Telephone: 780-644-8830

Subject: Bill 33 - Protection of Privacy Act

The protection of privacy is of the utmost importance. Albertans expect public bodies to protect their personal information. Bill 33 - Protection of Privacy Act was tabled in the Alberta Legislative Assembly on November 6, 2024. This bill is part of the Government of Alberta's ongoing efforts to modernize the protection of privacy in the province. This proposed bill will replace Part 2 Protection of Privacy of the existing *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP Act). The new bill incorporates existing provisions from the FOIP Act as well as new or revised provisions that are aimed at strengthening protection of personal information and data in an increasingly digital world.

Bill 33 will require public bodies to create new programs and services with a privacy by design approach, requiring the use of tools such as privacy management programs, privacy impact assessments, and privacy breach reporting to aid in increasing Albertans' confidence on how public bodies are protecting their personal information. The Bill will facilitate data-driven innovation by enabling the use of non-personal data to support research and analysis. It also will clarify the ability for public bodies to work together to ensure the right information is in the right hands at the right time to ensure Albertans receive the best possible services and programs. The Bill also introduces the strictest penalties in Canada for the misuse of personal information.

The Act will not come into force until late Spring 2025 when the supporting Regulation is approved. In the interim, the FOIP Act will continue to apply to public bodies' daily operation of privacy protection in Alberta. There will also be a transition period for public bodies to adjust to and comply with the new legislation and regulations. Further information about the Bill is available <https://www.alberta.ca/strengthening-the-protection-of-personal-information>.

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The Bill is the culmination of several years of engagement with Albertans, public bodies, and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. The input and feedback was integral to helping government modernize this legislation and provide better privacy protections for Albertans.

Prior to the bill coming into force in the spring, the Government of Alberta will provide further information to public bodies, including new and updated reference guides, resources, and interpretative materials, to support the implementation of the new Act and Regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Glubish". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Honourable Nate Glubish
Minister of Technology and Innovation

Town of Milk River,

Thank you so much for sponsoring my
'Highest English 30-1' award! I greatly
appreciate the support!

-Malia Potzi

With Sincere Thanks

From

*The Milk River & District
Agricultural Society*

OKTOBERFEST 


Dear Town of Milk River staff

*On behalf of the organizing committee,
for the Milk River & District Agricultural
Society Oktoberfest, we would like to extend
a sincere thank you for your support of our
annual fundraiser. Your generosity helped
to create a very successful event.*

From: Sonya Burak-Bernard <sonya.burak-bernard@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: November 22, 2024 2:17 PM
To: ! CAO
Subject: Designation of affordable housing accommodations?

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Town of Milk River Kelly Lloyd? cao@milkriver.ca?

Dear Kelly Lloyd?:

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On October 3, 2024, you received correspondence from David Williams, the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Housing Division, informing you that recent amendments to the Municipal Government Act will make affordable housing accommodations exempt from municipal and education property tax, effective January 1, 2025. Affordable housing accommodations are designated by the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services per Ministerial Order No. 2024-011 under the Alberta Housing Act.???

In October, we informed you that there were no properties eligible for designation in your municipality. No agreements between affordable housing providers and an order of government (federal, provincial or municipal) have been identified in your community at this time. This email confirms that there are no designated affordable housing accommodations in your community. Please note that the Alberta Social Housing Corporation may own assets in your community; if so, these are already exempt through other provisions.??

The list will be publicly available on Alberta.ca in January 2025 and will be updated at least annually to reflect any changes. If there are changes to the list throughout the year (agreements expire, or new projects become eligible), the Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services will inform your municipality.??

If you wish to provide any updates to the list throughout the year, please contact the Housing Division at SCSS.MunicipalEngagement@gov.ab.ca. You will be contacted in summer 2025 to review your community listing for the following year.?

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Thank you for your support and cooperation.??

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Housing Division?

Seniors, Community and Social Services?

Classification: Protected A

From: PSES Engagement <pses.engagement@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: December 6, 2024 3:47 PM
To: PSES Engagement
Subject: Invitation to information sessions on changes to policing legislation

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Sent of behalf of Curtis Zablocki, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Law Enforcement, Public Safety and Emergency Services

The Government of Alberta would like to provide information for community representatives and stakeholders in connection with changes to policing legislation. The Police Amendment Act, 2022 (PAA), which passed in December 2022, is an important milestone in Alberta's efforts to modernize policing in the province.

The PAA was designed to improve police accountability and enhance public confidence by reforming policing practices and strengthening ties to the community. It also responds to a long-standing desire in communities policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to have a more formal role in setting local policing priorities and performance goals through the creation of civilian advisory bodies.

The government has now also finalized the Police Governance Regulation and Police Governance (Ministerial) Regulation, which will both come into force on March 1, 2025. Both regulations provide further information in connection with these civilian bodies. The Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, recently sent a letter and a question-and-answer document to your organization about this matter.

- * Communities with a population over 15,000 that are policed by the RCMP with a Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA) will be required to establish municipal policing committees.
- * Communities with a population of under 15,000 policed by the RCMP with an MPSA will be represented by regional policing committees but will have the option to form their own municipal policing committee.
- * Communities policed by the RCMP under the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA) will be represented by the Provincial Police Advisory Board.

The government will hold virtual information sessions with department representatives where there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

MPSA communities with a population over 15K:
To register, please click on the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nWenLVoeRQ2ycJytoy-VUA

MPSA communities with a population under 15K:
To register, please click on the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tv5bUnKaTOu-m_L8x-Rr3A

PPSA communities:
To register, please click on the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YkiSCNxUQF2a9R8HLN3dbA

Upon registration, you will receive a link to access the online session.

If you have questions, please contact the department at AlbertaPoliceGovernance@gov.ab.ca.

We look forward to your participation in these sessions.

The PSES Engagement Team

Request for Decision

SouthGrow Support Letter

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve sending a letter in support of SouthGrow Regional Economic Development’s application for funding to the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program and Prairies Canada.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

SouthGrow Regional Economic Development is proposing a three-year project to build and implement community level economic development plans for their 30 member municipalities. They are submitting grant applications and have approached the Town to provide a letter of support.

RISK/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. Request Letter
- 2. Program Project
- 3. Sample Letter

From: Peter Casurella <peter.casurella@southgrow.com>
Sent: November 13, 2024 5:00 PM
To: Peter Casurella
Cc: Kim Welby
Subject: ACTION: Request for Letters of Support for SouthGrow NRED Grant - Community Economic Development Program
Attachments: Community Economic Development Program 2025-2027 .pdf; DRAFT Letter of Support for Com Ec Dev Plan.docx

Importance: High

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear SouthGrow Communities,

Please see attached a request for a letter of support from your administration in support of our grant applications to fund a three-year Community Economic Development program to provide each of our members with a custom economic development strategy, training in community economic development, and follow up support and coaching for the implementation of community economic development plans.

Please note: If successful, we will provide a substitute appropriate support to those communities who may have a recent strategy in place. We are committed to ensuring that every community gets support if we are successful.

There is no financial ask attached to this request and I'm hopeful that your CAO will be willing to turn around the letter relatively quickly so that we can be well placed to submit our application for the early December timeline.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please call if you have any questions :)

Sincerely,

Peter Casurella
Executive Director

P: 403-394-0615

E: peter.casurella@southgrow.com

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Project Title: Community Economic Development Supports for the SouthGrowth Region.

The Problem: In 2020, there were 6 full-time Economic Development Officers employed by communities in the SouthGrowth Region of Southern Alberta. However, the economic impacts of the pandemic, changing government policies, and decreasing funding for municipal operations the provincial government took a heavy toll on this capacity. Today, there is **one** full-time Economic Development Officer in the same region. (This does not include the team (12) at Economic Development Lethbridge or the SouthGrowth employees (4). The impact has been a significant decrease in regional capacity to deliver community level economic development. SouthGrowth has traditionally been focused on purely regional economic development, lacking the mandate or capacity to directly focus on community work, yet we have always attempted to help our communities at this level where and when we can. In 2023, we did a matchmaking project with our communities and an investment attraction profile project. Through both projects we heard loud and clear that most of our communities are not able to meaningfully advance community level economic development. SouthGrowth has the experience to do something about this IF we can find the financial and human capacity to do so, and if our work proves meaningful and valuable, we may be able to sustain it going forward.

The Proposal: SouthGrowth is applying to the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program and Prairies Canada to support a three-year project to build and implement community level economic development plans for our 30 member municipalities. For our larger communities that do have economic development plans, we would work to support them in their implementation so that every member gets help at the community level to advance their own plans.

The project structure would look something like this:

2025 - 2026: Community Economic Development Plans

- SouthGrowth retains subcontractor supports and opens investigations into each of its 30 municipal members to develop data-informed, realistic, and achievable multi-year economic development plans for each of its member communities.
- Working with our staff who has extensive knowledge of the region and our communities, the subcontractor will conduct literature reviews, stakeholder consultations, and workshops in each community.
- Subcontractors will be hired on a term basis for the heavy front-end of the project estimated to take less than 2 years.
- Community staff will be strongly included in the plan development.
- Subsequently, the subcontractor and staff will build out custom economic development plans for each community and present them to their staff and councils.

2026: Training Supports

- Subsequent to the rollout of the plans, SouthGrowth will provide a program of regional training for staff and councils on community economic development. We will leverage existing training programs available through the Economic Developers Alberta Training program and provide preferential rate training to staff and councillors.

2026-2027: Follow up and Coaching

- The Subcontractor will remain engaged in the project for a full three years with a mandate to provide routine follow ups and support to our municipalities on these plans. This will involve strategizing with the CAOs about how to implement various projects, find matching grant funding, helping to setup Economic Development Committees, providing those committees with tools and resources to help inform their work, problem solving specific issues, and tracking the advancement of outcomes.

The Cost: The cost of this program can be adjusted somewhat based on later deliberations. A high-level overview pegs the price at \$300,000.

2025	
Subcontractors	115,000
Travel	\$5,000
Contingency	\$2,500
	122,500
2026	
Subcontractors	115,000
Travel	\$5,000
Contingency	\$2,500
	\$122,500
2027	
Subcontractors	50,000
Travel	\$2,500
Contingency	\$2,500
	55,000
Total	300,000

How do we Pay for it?:

1. \$135,000 NRED 2025.
2. \$30,000 from SouthGrow Member Funds
3. \$135,000 from Prairies Canada CEDD funding stream.

Advantages

1. All communities will get direct economic development support.
2. Communities paying much more for similar services may be able to economize their spend.

3. Officers can build collaborations between communities as needed to pull off impactful community level projects.
4. Partnership forming will have a natural expression.
5. Communities will have the capacity to chase opportunities and someone knowledgeable to coordinate them.

How can you help?

Please sign and send a letter of support for our grant applications! (See attached)

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Casurella
1-403-394-0615

NAME OF COMMUNITY

DATE

RE: SouthGrow Community Economic Development Planning and Implementation Project

Dear Jobs, Economy and Trade,

Please consider this letter as an indication of our support for the proposed Community Economic Development Planning and Implementation project being advanced by the SouthGrow Regional Initiative.

With constrained budgets and many pressures on our staff time, it is hard to find either the capacity or expertise to develop and implement economic development strategies that are data driven and achievable at our community scale. We have come to rely on SouthGrow as a resource in this critical space, and although we value the regional work being done by them we are eager to engage their expertise at the community level so that we can advance opportunities unique to our community.

We also want to emphasize the efficiencies that this proposed project presents. Communities seldom need a full-time economic development officer, but they do need a well-informed plan and experts on call to coach staff and council members on the implementation of that plan. SouthGrow has the potential to provide such plans and coaching to all of its member communities with this program and we hope you will seriously consider its merits.

Thank you for consider our support of this project. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about our support.

Sincerely,

NAME OF CAO

Request for Decision

Ridge Regional Public Safety Services

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council set the 2025 priorities to be provided to Ridge Regional Public Safety Services as follows:

- 1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

Ridge Regional Public Safety Services has requested that their member municipalities provide three priorities for community peace officer enforcement for 2025.

The CPO’s will proactively monitor and/or enforce the 3 priorities listed by council while they are in our community. Any other infractions will be responded to on a complaint basis only or if the violation is witnessed by the CPO while patrolling our community.

RISK/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. Priority Document



Peace Officer Priorities

Peace Officer priorities for the RRPSSC are established by the member municipalities twice a year. The CPO's will **PROACTIVELY** monitor and/or enforce the 3 priorities listed by your council while they are in your community. **Any other infractions** will be responded to on a **complaint basis only** or if the violation is witnessed by the CPO while patrolling your community.

The CPO Manager and Sergeant will attend your member council meetings once per year to discuss your priorities and answer questions from your council.

RRPSSC will use this document to ensure responsiveness and accountability to its municipal members.

Priorities for _____

Priority Established by Council	RRPSSC Comments/Follow-up
1.	
2.	
3.	

Date Priority List Approved by Council _____

Motion # _____

Request for Decision

Heartland Training & Support Hub

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the donation of \$_____ towards the Heartland Training & Support Hub.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

Heartland Training & Support Hub, formerly known as the Farm Safety Centre is requesting donations to match an approved grant to assist in the provision of continued essential programming of Safety Smarts and for their additional initiatives that directly impact rural Alberta, such as the Rural Health Initiative and the New Roots Program for newcomers. The request is \$500.00.

RISK/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. Request Letter

From: Jordan Jensen <j.jensen@heartlandsupport.ca>
Sent: November 14, 2024 9:29 AM
To: cao@milkriver.ca
Subject: Farm Safety Centre - Annual Community Update

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ATTENTION:
Mario Berthiaume - Chief Administrative Officer
Community of Milk River

Hello Mario, I hope you are doing well. My name is Jordan Jensen, and I am reaching out on behalf of Heartland Training & Support Hub, formerly known as the Farm Safety Centre. We are excited to share some updates and to seek your continued support as we embark on a new chapter for our organization.

Strategic Rebranding

This year, we made the strategic decision to rebrand to Heartland Training & Support Hub. This change better reflects our expanded mission and aligns us with a broader range of grant funding opportunities, such as the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) grant we recently secured for our Safety Smarts program. This rebranding also helps clarify our role as an independent non-profit organization focused on supporting rural health, well-being, and safety, as opposed to the common misconception that we are a government regulatory body.

Safety Smarts Program: Building a Safer Rural Alberta

Since 1998, our Safety Smarts program has provided essential farm safety education to over 890,000 rural elementary students across Alberta. We have even hired and trained additional Safety Smarts Instructors who are actively reaching out to schools to schedule presentations, ensuring that more rural children gain life-saving safety skills in their own classrooms. We have expanded our reach this year, but it remains vital to secure matching funds to fulfill our conditional grant requirements and sustain this impactful program.

Conditional Grant and Matching Funds

Thanks to the SCAP grant, we now have three years of funding support specifically for Safety Smarts. However, this grant is conditional upon us meeting specific matching fund requirements. So far, only a portion of the funds has been released, and the remaining funds will be provided in stages, contingent upon our ability to raise the necessary matching amounts.

Request for Support

To continue providing this essential programming, we are respectfully requesting a donation of \$500 from each rural community we serve in Alberta. Your support is crucial not only for the continuation of Safety Smarts but also for our additional initiatives that directly impact rural Alberta, such as the Rural Health Initiative and the New Roots Program for newcomers.

How You Can Help

Contributions can be made by cheque to Heartland Training & Support Hub, or via E-Transfer to donations@heartlandsupport.ca, and as a registered charity, we will issue a tax receipt for all donations. All donations will be recognized on our website and in our social media accounts.

Thank You for Your Ongoing Support

Together, we can continue to make a profound impact on the health, safety, and well-being of rural communities across Alberta. Your support plays an essential role in helping us reach our funding goals and fulfill our mission. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like more details on our programs. We would be delighted to discuss how Heartland Training & Support Hub can continue to support the needs of your community.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your continued partnership in building a safer and healthier rural Alberta.

Warm regards,

Jordan Jensen | Executive Director
Heartland Training & Support Hub (Formerly: Farm Safety Centre)
Office: 403.752.4585
Email: j.jensen@heartlandsupport.ca
Website: <https://www.heartlandsupport.ca/>

Please make cheques payable to: Heartland Training & Support Hub
P.O. Box 291, Raymond, AB, T0K2S0

Request for Decision

2025 Interim Operating Budget

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the 2025 Interim Operating Budget.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

Section 242 Adoption of operating budget

(1) Each council must adopt an operating budget for each calendar year.

(2) A council may adopt an interim operating budget for part of a calendar year.

Section 243 Contents of operating budget

BACKGROUND

Municipal governments must pass an operating budget prior to December 31st of each year. The proposed interim operating budget for 2025 is based on the 2024 approved operating budget.

RISK/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

Operating dollars budgeted until the formal 2025 operating budget is approved.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Interim Operating Budget

Town of Milk River Interim Operating Budget 2025 Draft

		2022	2023	2024		2025	
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	Budget vs.
							Budget
Tax Requirement Summary							
0	General Government Services	(995,448)	(1,093,273)	(1,247,371)	(1,237,742)	(1,247,371)	154,098
11	Council - Legislative	77,027	74,230	97,789	56,356	97,789	(23,559)
12	Administration	227,230	194,699	(17,322)	179,146	(17,322)	212,021
23	Fire Services	43,309	28,873	82,333	21,576	82,333	(53,460)
26	Municipal Enforcement	59,129	68,020	74,333	73,618	74,333	(6,313)
31	Common Services	140,630	159,736	165,771	157,058	165,771	(6,035)
32	Roads	172,172	198,458	393,373	151,492	393,373	(194,915)
33	Airport	7,030	4,409	8,236	4,713	8,236	(3,827)
41	Water	(39,641)	30,553	39,459	92,517	39,459	(8,906)
42	Wastewater	(43,318)	(39,463)	(33,098)	(20,608)	(33,098)	(6,365)
43	Solid Waste	(10,013)	(17,483)	7,744	26,798	7,744	(25,227)
56	Cemetery	1,400	1,600	2,500	1,426	2,500	(900)
61	Planning & Development	36,779	(37,493)	121,440	(31,787)	121,440	(158,933)
72	Recreation Administration	134,281	136,649	172,460	129,047	172,460	(35,811)
7201	Campground	13,037	25,405	44,141	14,888	44,141	(18,736)
7202	Pool	42,625	122,397	59,517	184,289	59,517	62,880
7203	Golf Course	7,837	6,717	7,000	4,274	7,000	(283)
74	Culture & Library	20,782	20,301	20,301	20,317	20,301	0
	Operating (Surplus) Deficit	(105,152)	(115,664)	(1,394)	(172,622)	(1,394)	(114,270)

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	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	YTD	2025 BUDGET	
General Government Services	(1,237,474.08)	(1,325,967)	(1,478,166)	(1,428,204)	(1,478,166)	152,199
Council	-	(267)	(11)	(19)	(11)	(256)
Finance	(113,766.66)	(168,698)	(443,694)	(169,853)	(443,694)	274,996
Fire Services	(19,042.74)	(20,865)	(24,184)	(24,843)	(24,184)	3,319
Municipal Enforcement	(2,972.00)	(2,475)	(2,400)	(3,937)	(2,400)	(75)
Common Services	(272.10)	(424)	(62)	(407)	(62)	(362)
Roads	(24,450.00)	(28,550)	(24,450)	(25,264)	(24,450)	(4,100)
Airport	(465.00)	-	(465)	-	(465)	465
Water	(310,061.90)	(307,249)	(307,800)	(228,298)	(307,800)	551
Wastewater	(103,651.89)	(105,588)	(106,000)	(82,671)	(106,000)	412
Solid Waste	(129,600.96)	(131,420)	(130,085)	(113,130)	(130,085)	(1,335)
Cemetery	(3,600.00)	(3,400)	(2,500)	(3,574)	(2,500)	(900)
Planning & Development	(9,915.97)	(79,845)	(57,850)	(80,947)	(57,850)	(21,995)
Recreation Administration	-	(268)	(6,055)	(400)	(6,055)	5,787
Campground	(21,623.14)	(12,957)	(13,000)	(18,806)	(13,000)	43
Pool	(29,727.98)	(15,723)	(75,400)	(15,105)	(75,400)	59,677
Library	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	(2,006,624.42)	(2,203,697)	(2,672,122)	(2,195,458)	(2,672,122)	468,425
General Government Services	242,026.39	232,695	230,795	190,462	230,795	1,900
Council	77,027.02	74,497	97,800	56,375	97,800	(23,303)
Finance	340,997.05	363,398	426,372	348,999	426,372	(62,974)
Fire Services	62,351.33	49,738	106,517	46,419	106,517	(56,779)
Municipal Enforcement	62,100.97	70,495	76,733	77,555	76,733	(6,238)
Common Services	140,901.71	160,160	165,833	157,466	165,833	(5,673)
Roads	196,621.55	227,008	417,823	176,756	417,823	(190,815)
Airport	7,494.60	4,409	8,701	4,713	8,701	(4,292)
Water	270,421.10	337,802	347,259	320,814	347,259	(9,457)
Wastewater	60,334.25	66,125	72,902	62,063	72,902	(6,777)
Solid Waste	119,587.47	113,938	137,829	139,929	137,829	(23,891)
Cemetery	5,000.00	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Planning & Development	46,695.30	42,351	179,290	49,160	179,290	(136,939)
Recreation Administration	134,280.52	136,917	178,515	129,447	178,515	(41,598)
Campground	34,660.48	38,363	57,141	33,694	57,141	(18,778)
Pool	72,352.97	138,120	134,917	199,394	134,917	3,203
Golf Course	7,837.01	6,717	7,000	4,274	7,000	(283)
Library	20,782.24	20,301	20,301	20,317	20,301	0
Total Expenditures	1,901,471.96	2,088,033	2,670,728	2,022,836	2,670,728	(582,695)

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	YTD	2025 BUDGET		October CPI 2.1%	July CPI 2.9%	2023 Average CPI 3.55%
Honoraria, Salaries & Part Time Wages									
Council	33,075.12	30,575.12	33,000.00	27,175.11	33,000.00	2,425	33,693.00	33,957.00	34,171.50
Finance	143,299.67	148,309.51	152,907.00	139,945.69	152,907.00	4,597	156,118.05	157,341.30	158,335.20
Fire Services	11,307.50	-	15,000.00	12,307.50	15,000.00	15,000	15,315.00	15,435.00	15,532.50
Common Services	30,046.76	37,475.91	38,638.00	49,334.24	38,638.00	1,162	39,449.40	39,758.50	40,009.65
Roads	24,312.77	27,432.22	128,283.00	38,567.44	128,283.00	100,851	130,976.94	132,003.21	132,837.05
Water	47,729.00	44,733.26	45,767.00	80,972.27	45,767.00	1,034	46,728.11	47,094.24	47,391.73
Wastewater	10,753.30	10,067.95	10,380.00	18,705.18	10,380.00	312	10,597.98	10,681.02	10,748.49
Solid Waste	54,015.75	57,348.55	59,126.00	53,670.50	59,126.00	1,777	60,367.65	60,840.65	61,224.97
Recreation	73,411.64	71,249.29	73,458.00	78,703.59	73,458.00	2,209	75,000.62	75,588.28	76,065.76
Pool	33,595.49	76,636.12	79,012.00	133,271.98	79,012.00	2,376	80,671.25	81,303.35	81,816.93
Total Honoraria, Salaries & Part Time Wages	461,547.00	503,828	635,571	632,654	635,571	131,743	\$ 648,917.99	654,002.56	658,133.77
Employer Share of Benefits									
Council	809.42	2,451.21	700.00	-	700.00	(1,751)	\$ 714.70	\$ 720.30	\$ 724.85
Finance	39,939.22	37,143.04	34,835.00	34,117.77	34,835.00	(2,308)	\$ 35,566.54	\$ 35,845.22	\$ 36,071.64
Common Services	15,224.23	26,842.28	19,647.00	23,097.65	19,647.00	(7,195)	\$ 20,059.59	\$ 20,216.76	\$ 20,344.47
Roads	5,247.79	3,324.33	24,285.00	6,869.01	24,285.00	20,961	\$ 24,794.99	\$ 24,989.27	\$ 25,147.12
Water	11,255.72	8,135.45	8,979.00	15,449.68	8,979.00	844	\$ 9,167.56	\$ 9,239.39	\$ 9,297.75
Wastewater	2,510.87	1,690.36	2,122.00	3,413.93	2,122.00	432	\$ 2,166.56	\$ 2,183.54	\$ 2,197.33
Solid Waste	7,964.01	6,924.51	8,309.00	7,108.06	8,309.00	1,384	\$ 8,483.49	\$ 8,549.96	\$ 8,603.97
Recreation	15,541.46	10,725.32	13,647.00	13,428.13	13,647.00	2,922	\$ 13,933.59	\$ 14,042.76	\$ 14,131.47
Pool	1,613.59	3,387.22	3,492.00	7,873.45	3,492.00	105	\$ 3,565.33	\$ 3,593.27	\$ 3,615.97
Total Employer Share of Benefits	100,106.31	100,624	116,016	111,358	116,016	15,392	\$ 118,452.34	\$ 119,380.46	\$ 120,134.57
Total Salaries, Wages and Employer Share of Benefits	561,653.31	604,452	751,587	744,011	751,587	147,135	\$ 767,370.33	\$ 773,383.02	\$ 778,268.34

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		2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD ACTUAL	2025 Budget	Explanation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE							
1-00-00-111-00	Property Taxes Levied	(775,947.88)	(811,356.00)	(936,947)	(924,253.46)	(936,947)	
1-00-00-112-00	ASFP Residential Tax	(156,301.93)	(160,778.71)	(176,608)	(165,957.71)	(176,608)	
1-00-00-113-00	ASFP Non Residential Tax	(34,526.93)	(32,987.13)	(48,816)	(38,923.94)	(48,816)	
1-00-00-115-00	Homes For The Aged Tax Rate	(20,953.58)	(21,920.56)	(20,795)	(20,788.75)	(20,795)	
1-00-00-510-00	Penalties and Costs Levied on Taxes	(11,524.00)	(12,423.82)	(10,000)	(15,559.10)	(10,000)	
1-00-00-540-00	Revenues From Franchises	(190,825.55)	(195,259.89)	(190,000)	(180,971.05)	(190,000)	
1-00-00-550-00	Returns On Investments	(47,394.21)	(91,241.17)	(95,000)	(81,749.68)	(95,000)	
1-00-00-741-00	Fines And Costs ACP	-	-	-	-	-	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(1,237,474.08)	(1,325,967.28)	(1,478,166)	(1,428,203.69)	(1,478,166)	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES							
2-00-00-741-00	School Found. Program	194,562.39	194,463.06	194,000	154,367.58	194,000	
2-00-00-752-00	Ridge Country Housing	21,201.44	21,904.67	20,795	20,795.16	20,795	
2-00-00-990-00	Discount on Taxes	26,262.56	16,326.86	16,000	15,298.95	16,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	242,026.39	232,694.59	230,795	190,461.69	230,795	-
	NET	(995,447.69)	(1,093,272.69)	(1,247,371)	(1,237,742)	(1,247,371)	-

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LEGISLATIVE REV						
1-11-00-590-00	-	(266.68)	(11)	(19)	(11)	
1-11-00-840-00	-		-		-	
1-11-00-850-00	-		-		-	
TOTAL REVENUE	-	(266.68)	(11)	(19.05)	(11)	-
LEGISLATIVE EXP						
2-11-00-110-00	33,075.12	30,575.12	33,000	27,175.11	33,000	
2-11-00-120-00	809.42		700		700	
2-11-00-210-00	22,188.13	2,451.21	2,700	100.00	2,700	
2-11-00-213-00	397.00	397.00	400	507.00	400	
2-11-00-215-00	10,742.40	725.00	1,500	860.00	1,500	
2-11-00-216-00	-	11,596.14	13,500	11,060.19	13,500	
2-11-00-217-00	-	3,100.00	15,000	7,085.00	15,000	
2-11-00-224-00	-	2,242.85	4,000	2,629.63	4,000	
2-11-00-510-00	2,434.72	3,870.02	5,000	1,178.53	5,000	
2-11-00-520-00	-		2,000	1,350.00	2,000	
2-11-00-770-00	2,570.45	19,539.80	20,000	4,429.72	20,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	77,027.02	74,497.14	97,800	56,375.18	97,800	-
NET	77,027.02	74,230.46	97,789	56,356.13	97,789	74,230

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ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE						
1-00-00-755-00 Grants - MSI Operating	(58,715.00)	(117,620.00)	(117,430)	(117,430.00)	(117,430)	
1-12-00-410-00 Sales of Goods	-	(75.00)				
1-12-00-420-00 Sale of Services	(754.06)	(709.74)	(100)	(600.75)	(100)	
1-12-00-421-00 Tax Certificates	(1,980.00)	(1,410.00)	(1,200)	(1,410.00)	(1,200)	
1-12-00-510-00 Tax Sale Costs Recovered	(225.00)		(75)		(75)	
1-12-00-560-00 Rental Revenues	(49,850.08)	(48,883.38)	(48,000)	(50,142.39)	(48,000)	
1-12-00-590-00 Other Revenue From Own Sources	(2,242.52)			(270.00)		
Transfer from Reserves	-		(276,889)		(276,889)	276,889
TOTAL REVENUE	(113,766.66)	(168,698.12)	(443,694)	(169,853.14)	(443,694)	276,889
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE						
2-12-00-110-00 Salaries & Wages - Admin	143,299.67	148,309.51	152,907	139,945.69	152,907	
2-12-00-120-00 Benefits	39,939.22	37,143.04	34,835	34,117.77	34,835	
2-12-00-210-00 Contracted Services	88,199.91	12,328.58	15,000	11,381.67	15,000	
2-12-00-211-00 Postage and Freight	6,801.91	7,108.17	7,500	6,519.06	7,500	
2-12-00-212-00 Advertising	478.19		500	268.55	500	
2-12-00-213-00 Insurance	20,193.00	23,514.88	24,588	24,588.00	24,588	
2-12-00-214-00 Repairs & Maintenance - Building	-	19,147.77	33,000	20,200.21	33,000	
2-12-00-214-01 Repairs & Maintenance - Equipment	-					
2-12-00-215-00 Training	4,141.54	176.19	300	110.00	300	
2-12-00-216-00 Travel and Subsistence	-	6,119.07	6,500	1,333.17	6,500	
2-12-00-217-00 Conference and Convention Fees	-	2,257.43	3,000	952.50	3,000	
2-12-00-224-00 Memberships	-	445.38	300	562.50	300	
2-12-00-231-00 Auditor	-		11,600	12,000.00	11,600	
2-12-00-232-00 Solicitor	-		5,000	119.05	5,000	
2-12-00-233-00 Assessor	-	14,050.02	16,270	13,791.25	16,270	
2-12-00-234-00 Safety Officer	-		3,600		3,600	
2-12-00-239-00 IT Network Systems/Website	-	20,195.32	35,000	20,864.14	35,000	
2-12-00-240-00 Janitorial Services/Supplies	-	8,713.73	8,800	8,005.71	8,800	
2-12-00-263-00 Rentals and Leases - Equipment	-	5,520.00	5,520	5,060.00	5,520	
2-12-00-510-00 Materials, Goods and Supplies	4,948.57	11,715.47	10,000	5,651.16	10,000	
2-12-00-511-00 Utilities	20,766.36					
2-12-00-515-00 Natural Gas	-	5,603.05	6,000	5,779.99	6,000	
2-12-00-516-00 Electricity	-	12,843.70	13,000	10,809.28	13,000	
2-12-00-513-00 Telephone	-	5,293.32	5,500	4,843.69	5,500	
2-12-00-514-00 Internet	-	1,544.00	1,625	1,452.00	1,625	
2-12-00-810-00 Bank Charges/Short Term Interest	736.82	1,128.49	1,200	1,003.34	1,200	
2-12-00-814-00 POS (Visa/MC) Fees	-	6,315.35	6,500	8,166.40	6,500	
2-12-00-890-00 Bad Debt	-	7,220.14				
2-12-00-990-00 Other Trans. Discounts & Adjustments	5,008.18	6,705.00	7,300	4,881.53	7,300	
2-51-00-770-00 FCSS	6,483.68		6,750	6,592.00	6,750	
Transfer to Capital			4,277		4,277	
TOTAL EXPENSE	340,997.05	363,397.61	426,372	348,998.66	426,372	-
NET	227,230.39	194,699.49	(17,322)	179,145.52	(17,322)	

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FIRE SERVICES REVENUE						
1-23-01-420-00	Sale of Services	(3,200.00)	(20,865.00)	(5,000)	(15,463.00)	(5,000)
1-23-01-590-00	Other Revenue From Own Sources	(145.98)		(1,184)		(1,184)
1-23-01-850-00	County of Warner	(15,696.76)		(18,000)	(9,379.95)	(18,000)
TOTAL FIRE SERVICES		(19,042.74)	(20,865.00)	(24,184)	(24,843)	(24,184)
FIRE SERVICES EXPENSES						
2-23-01-110-00	Honourarium	11,307.50		15,000	12,307.50	15,000
2-23-01-210-00	Contracted Services	5,292.78	1,730.74	2,000	1,513.54	2,000
2-23-01-211-00	Dispatch Services	-	3,675.98	3,700	2,660.71	3,700
2-23-01-213-00	Insurance	6,748.32	6,716.61	7,497	6,988.50	7,497
2-23-01-214-00	Repairs & Maintenance	8,226.78				
2-23-01-214-00	Repairs & Maintenance - Building	-		5,000		5,000
2-23-01-214-01	Repairs & Maintenance - Equipment	-	5,214.58	6,500	1,620.18	6,500
2-23-01-214-02	Repairs & Maintenance - Vehicles	-	8,532.31	8,600	1,376.95	8,600
2-23-01-215-00	Fire Training	-		1,000		1,000
2-23-01-510-00	Materials, Goods & Supplies	16,410.11	7,891.31	40,000	5,634.54	40,000
2-23-01-511-00	Utilities	11,973.09				
2-23-01-513-00	Fuel - Town	918.40	809.75	1,000	698.11	1,000
2-23-01-515-00	Natural Gas	-	4,246.18	4,500	3,848.01	4,500
2-23-01-516-00	Electricity	-	6,856.75	6,900	5,909.67	6,900
2-23-01-517-00	Telephone	-	1,915.01	2,000	1,773.89	2,000
2-23-01-518-00	Internet	-	920.00	1,000	880.00	1,000
2-23-01-990-00	Other					
	Transactions/Discounts/Adjustments	15.90	19.08	20	17.49	20
2-23-03-513-00	Fuel - County	958.45	1,209.41	1,300	690.20	1,300
2-24-00-210-00	Emergency Management	500.00		500	500.00	500
TOTAL EXPENSES		62,351.33	49,737.71	106,517	46,419.29	106,517
NET		43,308.59	28,872.71	82,333	21,576.34	82,333

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MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT REVENUES							
1-26-00-520-00	Animal Licenses	(1,870.00)	(2,082.00)	(2,000)	(2,322.00)	(2,000)	
1-26-00-530-00	Fines	(1,102.00)	(393.00)	(400)	(1,615.00)	(400)	
TOTAL REVENUES		(2,972.00)	(2,475.00)	(2,400)	(3,937)	(2,400)	-
MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES							
2-26-00-210-00	Ridge Regional Public Safety	32,906.25	30,117.78	32,500	33,522.00	32,500	
2-26-00-215-00	Provincial Policing	28,822.75	40,377.25	44,033	44,033.00	44,033	
2-26-00-510-00	Materials, Goods & Supplies	371.97		200		200	
TOTAL EXPENSES		62,100.97	70,495.03	76,733	77,555.00	76,733	-
NET		59,128.97	68,020.03	74,333	73,618.00	74,333	(6,313)

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	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD ACTUAL	2025 Budget	Explanation
COMMON SERVICES REVENUE						
1-31-00-590-00 Other Rev from Own Sources	(272.10)	(424.15)	(62)	(407.45)	(62)	-
TOTAL REVENUES	(272.10)	(424.15)	(62)	(407.45)	(62)	-
COMMON SERVICES EXPENSES						
2-31-00-110-00 Salaries and Wages	30,046.76	37,475.91	38,638	49,334.24	38,638	
2-31-00-120-00 Benefits	15,224.23	26,842.28	19,647	23,097.65	19,647	
2-31-00-210-00 Contracted Services	3,456.08	2,969.15	3,200	2,976.22	3,200	
2-31-00-212-00 Freight	-	-	500	285.32	500	
2-31-00-213-00 Insurance	5,953.95	7,399.29	7,428	7,721.00	7,428	
2-31-00-214-00 Repairs & Maintenance	14,653.94	-	-	-	-	
2-31-00-214-00 Repairs & Maintenance - Building	-	1,777.52	3,000	7,377.17	3,000	
2-31-00-214-01 Repairs & Maintenance - Equipment	-	17,730.37	13,000	2,957.88	13,000	
2-31-00-214-02 Repairs & Maintenance - Vehicles	-	13,615.41	11,000	10,062.38	11,000	
2-31-00-215-00 Training	2,023.89	1,197.77	4,000	1,710.86	4,000	
2-31-00-216-00 Travel and Subsistance	-	585.52	2,000	2,244.63	2,000	
2-31-00-224-00 Memberships	-	-	-	114.28	-	
2-31-00-263-00 Rentals and Leases - Equipment	-	-	3,300	656.00	3,300	
2-31-00-510-00 Materials, Goods, Supplies	17,299.88	9,723.66	15,000	8,067.45	15,000	
2-31-00-511-00 Utilities	14,059.38	-	-	-	-	
2-31-00-513-00 Fuel	38,164.52	28,239.93	30,000	28,541.37	30,000	
2-31-00-515-00 Natural Gas	-	4,765.36	4,800	4,522.63	4,800	
2-31-00-516-00 Electricity	-	4,102.45	4,500	3,815.63	4,500	
2-31-00-517-00 Telephone	-	2,796.12	2,800	3,057.73	2,800	
2-31-00-518-00 Internet	-	920.00	1,000	880.00	1,000	
2-31-00-762-00 transfer to capital	-	-	-	-	-	
2-31-00-990-00 Discounts & Adjustments	19.08	19.08	20	43.41	20	
IT	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	140,901.71	160,159.82	165,833	157,465.85	165,833	160,160
NET	140,629.61	159,735.67	165,771	157,058.40	165,771	

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ROADS, STREETS, WALKS, LIGHTS						
1-32-00-100-00 Road Operating Special Levy	(24,450.00)	(24,500.00)	(24,450)	(24,450.00)	(24,450)	
1-32-00-560-00 Rental Revenue	-				-	
1-32-00-580-00 EV Charger Revenue				(798.69)		
1-32-00-590-00 Other Revenue From Own Sources	-	(4,050.00)		(15.23)	-	
TOTAL REVENUE	(24,450.00)	(28,550.00)	(24,450)	(25,263.92)	(24,450)	-
ROADS EXPENSE						
2-32-00-110-00 Salaries and Wages	24,312.77	27,432.22	128,283	38,567.44	128,283	
2-32-00-120-00 Benefits	5,247.79	3,324.33	24,285	6,869.01	24,285	
2-32-00-210-00 Contracted Services	48,483.19	15,530.18	40,000	11,300.00	40,000	
2-32-00-213-00 Insurance	660.27	744.83	755	755.00	755	
2-32-00-214-00 Repairs and Maintenance	105,936.97	93,120.31	106,500	25,966.22	106,500	
2-32-00-214-02 R&m equipment	-	1,236.00	5,000	3,706.85	5,000	
2-32-00-263-00 equipment lease/rental	-		1,000	130.00	1,000	
2-32-00-510-00 Materials, Goods and Supplies	11,980.56	12,741.62	20,000	15,970.84	20,000	
2-32-00-511-00 EV Charging Station Internet/Power	-	587.89	1,500	1,504.00	1,500	
2-32-00-762-00 Transfer to Capital	29,025.13		10,500		10,500	
2-32-02-511-00 Street Lights freight	68,295.61	72,290.72	80,000	71,986.95	80,000	
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TOTAL EXPENSE	196,621.55	227,008.10	417,823	176,756.31	417,823	
NET	172,171.55	198,458.10	393,373	151,492.39	393,373	

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AIRPORT REVENUE							
1-33-00-560-00	Rental Revenue - Airport	(465.00)	-	(465)	(465.00)	(465)	
TOTAL AIRPORT REVENUE		(465.00)	-	(465)		(465)	-
AIRPORT EXPENSES							
2-33-00-210-00	Contracted Services	144.10	97.09	150	319.17	150	
2-33-00-213-00	Insurance	3,051.84	2,933.92	2,901	2,901.00	2,901	
2-33-00-214-00	Repairs and Maintenance	-		2,000		2,000	
2-33-00-513-00	Fuel	-		250		250	
2-33-00-510-00	Materials, Goods and Supplies	3,062.27		2,000		2,000	
2-33-00-511-00	Airport Utilities	1,236.39	1,377.71	1,400	1,493.31	1,400	
TOTAL AIRPORT EXPENSES		7,494.60	4,408.72	8,701	4,713.48	8,701	-
NET		7,029.60	4,408.72	8,236	4,713.48	8,236	

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WATER REVENUE							
1-41-00-420-00	Sales of Water	(295,875.06)	(293,008.33)	(295,000)	(216,126.39)	(295,000)	
1-41-00-510-00	Penalties	(1,818.32)	(1,904.43)	(1,800)	(1,897.13)	(1,800)	
1-41-00-590-00	Resident Services	(902.00)	(1,180.00)	(1,000)	(761.20)	(1,000)	
1-41-00-940-00	Sales of Farm Water	(11,466.52)	(11,156.08)	(10,000)	(9,512.81)	(10,000)	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(310,061.90)	(307,248.84)	(307,800)	(228,297.53)	(307,800)	-
WATER EXPENSES							
2-41-00-990-00	Other Trans., Dis. & Adjustments	3,251.00	2,365.78	2,500	2,276.63	2,500	
2-41-01-110-00	Water Treatment Salaries	45,983.50	42,876.27	39,681	63,287.10	39,681	
2-41-01-120-00	Water Treatment Benefits	10,963.91	7,727.32	7,993	12,591.91	7,993	
2-41-01-210-00	W.T. Contracted Services	28,449.26	123,986.91	18,500	13,939.94	18,500	
2-41-01-212-00	Shipping/Freight	-	5,751.73	6,000	6,731.41	6,000	
2-41-01-213-00	Water Treatment Insurance	16,270.67	17,364.77	18,234	18,234.00	18,234	
2-41-01-214-00	W.T. Repairs & Maintenance	26,313.95					
2-41-01-214-00	W.T. R&M - Building	-		500	358.31	500	
2-41-01-214-01	W.T. R&M - Equipment	-	16,722.90	30,000	12,728.15	30,000	
2-41-01-217-00	Water Testing	-	9,568.50	11,000	11,820.50	11,000	
2-41-01-510-00	W.T. Materials, Goods & Supplies	(1,935.47)	221.93	2,000	2,608.60	2,000	
2-41-01-511-00	Water Treatment Utilities	47,879.79					
2-41-01-515-00	Natural Gas	-	6,776.86	6,800	6,654.06	6,800	
2-41-01-516-00	Electricity	-	40,426.57	42,000	33,956.20	42,000	
2-41-01-517-00	Telephone	-	937.36	1,000	871.23	1,000	
2-41-01-518-00	Internet	-	920.00	1,000	880.00	1,000	
2-41-01-519-00	Chemicals	-	10,254.49	12,000	7,663.58	12,000	
2-41-02-110-00	P&P Salaries	390.00			8,482.59		
2-41-02-120-00	P&P Benefits	73.65			1,362.65		
2-41-02-210-00	P&P Contracted Services	-			331.21		
2-41-02-213-00	P&P Insurance	2,710.36	2,892.61	3,037	3,037.00	3,037	
2-41-02-214-00	P&P Repairs & Maintenance	43,980.48			1,926.69		
2-41-02-214-00	P&P R&M - Building	-		2,000	99.77	2,000	
2-41-02-214-01	P&P R&M - Equipment	-	1,612.72	25,500	3,587.48	25,500	
2-41-02-510-00	P&P Materials, Goods & Supplies	188.32		1,000	1,827.89	1,000	
2-41-02-511-00	P&P Utilities	11,366.71					
2-41-02-515-00	Natural Gas	-	915.11	1,000	874.88	1,000	
2-41-02-516-00	Electricity	-	11,431.29	11,000	9,627.58	11,000	
2-41-03-110-00	Trans. Lines Salaries	1,355.50	1,856.99	6,086	9,202.58	6,086	
2-41-03-120-00	Trans. Lines Benefits	218.16	408.13	986	1,495.12	986	
2-41-03-210-00	Trans. Lines Contracted Services	17,481.67	3,356.79	5,000	3,773.11	5,000	
2-41-03-213-00	Trans. Lines - Insurance	421.43	421.36	442	442.00	442	
2-41-03-214-00	Trans. Lines R&M	4,424.57	24,750.35	84,000	48,001.88	84,000	
2-41-03-510-00	Trans. Lines Materials, Goods & Supplies	10,633.64	4,255.07	8,000	32,140.22	8,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	270,421.10	337,801.81	347,259	320,814.27	347,259	
	NET	(39,640.80)	30,552.97	39,459	92,516.74	39,459	

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WASTE WATER REVENUE						
1-42-00-410-00 Sales of Goods	(20.00)		(1,000)	(10.00)	(1,000)	
1-42-00-420-00 Sales of Sewage Services	(102,451.61)	(104,037.36)	(104,000)	(80,508.81)	(104,000)	
1-42-00-421-00 Sales of Services - Other	(1,180.28)	(1,550.58)	(1,000)	(2,082.40)	(1,000)	
1-42-00-590-00 Other Revenue-Own Sources				(70.00)		
TOTAL REVENUE	(103,651.89)	(105,587.94)	(106,000)	(82,671.21)	(106,000)	-
WASTE WATER EXPENSES						
2-42-00-110-00 Salaries and Wages	10,753.30	10,067.95	10,380	18,705.18	10,380	
2-42-00-120-00 Benefits	2,510.87	1,690.36	2,122	3,413.93	2,122	
2-42-00-210-00 Contracted Services	7,820.74	3,309.14	5,000	273.00	5,000	
2-42-00-213-00 Insurance	1,609.76	1,713.99	1,800	1,800.00	1,800	
2-42-00-214-00 Repairs and Maintenance	20,215.70	32,036.91	33,000	18,346.22	33,000	
2-42-00-510-00 Materials, Goods and Supplies	7,298.57	7,265.51	10,000	11,186.49	10,000	
2-42-00-511-00 Utilities	8,846.56					
2-42-00-515-00 Natural Gas	-	1,356.46	1,400	1,178.99	1,400	
2-42-00-516-00 Electricity	-	7,674.62	7,700	6,193.66	7,700	
2-42-00-990-00 Other Trans., Discounts & Adjustments	1,278.75	1,010.12	1,500	965.71	1,500	
TOTAL EXPENSES	60,334.25	66,125.06	72,902	62,063.18	72,902	-
NET	(43,317.64)	(39,462.88)	(33,098)	(20,608.03)	(33,098)	-

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SOLID WASTE REVENUE							
1-43-00-420-00	Sales of Garbage Service	(115,876.39)	(116,156.21)	(117,000)	(96,912.19)	(117,000)	
1-43-00-590-00	Other Revenue from Own Sources	(190.00)	(2,103.50)		(2,198.50)	-	
1-43-01-590-00	Recycling - Other	(1,294.04)	(769.29)	(700)	(1,629.25)	(700)	
	TOTAL SOLID WASTE REVENUE	(117,360.43)	(119,029.00)	(117,700)	(100,739.94)	(117,700)	-
TRANSFER STATION REVENUE							
1-43-00-550-00	Return on Investments	(124.73)	(275.65)	(270)	(261.34)	(270)	
1-43-00-850-00	County of Warner and Coutts	(12,115.80)	(12,115.80)	(12,115)	(12,129.00)	(12,115)	
	TOTAL TRANSFER STATION REVENUE	(12,240.53)	(12,391.45)	(12,385)	(12,390.34)	(12,385)	
SOLID WASTE EXPENSE							
2-43-00-110-00	Salaries and Wages	33,146.51	36,368.76	37,496	34,389.44	37,496	
2-43-00-120-00	Benefits	7,468.38	6,445.74	7,815	6,663.47	7,815	
2-43-00-213-00	Insurance	641.44	727.00	735	735.00	735	
2-43-00-214-00	Garbage Repairs and Maintenance	9,644.25	3,317.94	14,000	22,561.70	14,000	
2-43-00-510-00	Garbage Materials, Goods, Supplies	34.80		1,000	1,090.80	1,000	
2-43-00-513-00	Fuel	12,126.16	10,283.86	12,000	8,979.37	12,000	
2-43-00-765-00	Chief Mountain Commission	25,991.53	25,082.91	26,500	27,395.18	26,500	
2-43-00-990-00	Other Trans., Disc. & Adjustments	1,124.00	1,091.13	1,100	3,040.17	1,100	
2-43-01-210-00	Recycling Contracted Services	6,253.30	7,173.11	12,000	13,193.68	12,000	
2-43-01-213-00	Recycling Insurance	55.85	55.84	59	59.00	59	
2-43-01-510-00	Materials, Goods and Supplies	-		500		500	
	TOTAL SOLID WASTE EXPENSES	96,486.22	90,546.29	113,205	118,107.81	113,205	
TRANSFER STATION EXPENSES							
2-43-00-111-00	Wages - Transfer Station	20,869.24	20,979.79	21,630	19,281.06	21,630	
2-43-00-121-00	Transfer Station Benefits & W.C.B.	495.63	478.77	494	444.59	494	
2-43-00-211-00	Transfer Stn. Supply / Service / Repair	-		500	212.86	500	
2-43-00-511-00	Transfer Station Cell Phone/Utilities	1,736.38	1,932.88	2,000	1,882.23	2,000	
	TOTAL TRANSFER STATION EXPENSES	23,101.25	23,391.44	24,624	21,820.74	24,624	
	NET: SOLID WASTE	(20,874.21)	(28,482.71)	(4,495)	17,367.87	(4,495)	
	NET: TRANSFER STATION	10,860.72	10,999.99	12,239	9,430.40	12,239	
	NET: OVERALL	(10,013.49)	(17,482.72)	7,744	26,798.27	7,744	

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CEMETERY REVENUES						
1-56-00-420-00 Cemetary Sale of Service	(3,600.00)	(3,400.00)	(2,500)	(3,573.81)	(2,500)	
TOTAL REVENUE	(3,600.00)	(3,400.00)	(2,500)	(3,573.81)	(2,500)	-
CEMETERY EXPENSES						
2-56-00-770-00 Grants To Individuals & Organizations	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	-
NET	1,400.00	1,600.00	2,500	1,426.19	2,500	-

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REVENUES						
1-61-00-420-00	Planning / Development Services	-	(300.00)	(200)	(180.00)	(200)
1-61-00-520-00	Development Permit Revenue	(630.00)	(750.00)	(750)	(475.00)	(750)
1-61-00-521-00	Permit Revenue from Agencies	(9,285.97)	(1,794.50)	(1,500)	(518.49)	(1,500)
1-62-00-420-00	Business Licenses	-	(5,419.00)	(5,400)	(6,105.00)	(5,400)
1-62-00-590-00	Other Revenue				(150.00)	
	TOTAL REVENUES	(9,915.97)	(8,263.50)	(7,850)	(7,428.49)	(7,850)
SUBDIV, LAND & DEV REV						
1-66-00-410-00	Sale of Land	-	(71,581.23)	(50,000)	(73,518.35)	(50,000)
	TOTAL SUBDIVISION REVENUES	-	(71,581.23)	(50,000)	(73,518.35)	(50,000)
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES						
2-61-00-210-00	Contracted Services	13,185.20	13,111.27	15,000	17,009.92	15,000
	TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING EXPENSE	13,185.20	13,111.27	15,000	17,009.92	15,000
ECON. DEV./COMM SERV EXP						
2-62-00-210-00	EDT - Contracted Services	-		26,500	17,250.00	26,500
2-62-00-510-00	EDT Materials, Goods and Supplies	2,365.70	1,836.20	2,000	130.17	2,000
2-62-00-765-00	EDT Con't To Own Mun. Agencies	824.00	824.00	900	824.00	900
2-62-00-770-00	Heritage Handi Bus	4,890.00	4,890.00	4,890	4,890.00	4,890
	TOTAL EC D. EXPENSES	8,079.70	7,550.20	34,290	23,094.17	34,290
SUBDIV, LAND & DEV EXP						
2-66-00-210-00	Contracted Services	25,430.40	21,690.00	100,000	9,055.45	100,000
	Transfer to capital			30,000		30,000
	TOTAL SUBDIVISION EXPENSES	25,430.40	21,690.00	130,000	9,055.45	130,000
	NET: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	3,269.23	4,847.77	7,150	9,581.43	7,150
	NET: SUBDIVISION	25,430.40	(49,891.23)	80,000	(64,462.90)	80,000
	NET: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	8,079.70	7,550.20	34,290	23,094.17	34,290
	NET: OVERALL	36,779.33	(37,493.26)	121,440	(31,787.30)	121,440

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RECREATION GENERAL REVENUE						
1-72-00-840-00 Summer Jobs Grant	-		(6,055)		(6,055)	
1-72-00-590-00 other revenue from own sources	-	(268.10)		(400.00)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	-	(268.10)	(6,055)	(400.00)	(6,055)	-
RECREATION GENERAL EXPENSES						
2-72-00-110-00 Salaries and Wages	73,411.64	71,249.29	73,458	78,703.59	73,458	
2-72-00-120-00 Benefits	15,541.46	10,725.32	13,647	13,428.13	13,647	
2-72-00-210-00 Contracted Services	11,155.00	7,733.34	25,000	10,204.72	25,000	
2-72-00-213-00 Insurance	5,135.90	5,485.10	5,760	5,760.00	5,760	
2-72-00-214-01 Repairs & Maintenance - Building	3,027.66	3,835.53	150	668.54	10,000	
2-72-00-214-02 Repairs & Maintenance - Equipment		129.68	10,000	3,969.89	150	
2-72-00-215-00 Training	-		1,500		1,500	
2-72-00-510-00 Materials, Goods & Supplies	2,828.61	354.13	10,000	1,435.15	10,000	
2-72-00-511-00 Utilities	23,180.25					
2-72-00-515-00 Natural Gas	-	7,016.99	7,000	4,661.35	7,000	
2-72-00-515-00 Electricity	-	30,387.49	32,000	10,615.66	32,000	
2-72-00-762-00 transfer to capital	-					
TOTAL EXPENSES	134,280.52	136,916.87	178,515	129,447.03	178,515	-
NET	134,280.52	136,648.77	172,460	129,047.03	172,460	-

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REC - CAMPGROUND REV							
1-72-01-420-00	Sale of Services	(21,623.14)	(12,957.49)	(13,000)	(18,805.73)	(13,000)	
TOTAL CAMPGROUND REV		(21,623.14)	(12,957.49)	(13,000)	(18,805.73)	(13,000)	-
RECREATION - CAMPGROUND							
2-72-01-210-00	Contracted Services	588.75		500		500	
2-72-01-213-00	Insurance	330.35	318.90	336	336.00	336	
2-72-01-214-00	Repairs & Maintenance	7,388.28	3,945.83	4,000	2,978.47	4,000	
2-72-01-214-01	R&M Building	1.00	204.41	205	1,331.72	205	
2-72-01-510-00	Mat., Goods & Supplies	3,171.85	3,468.22	4,500	2,806.06	4,500	
2-72-01-511-00	Utilities	23,180.25					
2-72-01-515-00	Natural Gas	-	1,722.80	1,800	1,637.52	1,800	
2-72-01-516-00	Electricity	-	28,702.38	30,000	24,604.31	30,000	
TOTAL CAMPGROUND EXP		34,660	38,362.54	57,141	33,694	57,141	-
NET		13,037.34	25,405.05	44,141	14,888.35	44,141	-

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RECREATION - POOL REV							
1-72-02-410-00	Sale of Goods - Pool	(8.55)	(204.26)	(200)	(93.20)	(200)	
1-72-02-420-00	Sales of Services - Pool	(5,671.43)	(14,994.65)	(15,000)	(14,669.06)	(15,000)	
1-72-02-560-00	Pool Rentals	-	(428.57)	(200)	(142.86)	(200)	
1-72-02-590-00	Other Revenue from Own Sources	-	(95.75)		(200.00)	-	
1-72-02-850-00	Local Gov't Conditional Grants	(24,048.00)		(24,500)		(24,500)	
	Summer Jobs Grant			(35,500)		(35,500)	
	TOTAL POOL REVENUE	(29,727.98)	(15,723.23)	(75,400)	(15,105.12)	(75,400)	
RECREATION - POOL							
2-72-02-110-00	Salaries and Wages	33,595.49	76,636.12	79,012	133,271.98	79,012	
2-72-02-120-00	Benefits	1,613.59	3,387.22	3,492	7,873.45	3,492	
2-72-02-210-00	Contracted Services	3,805.80	6,238.82	10,000	7,801.18	10,000	
2-72-02-212-00	Advertising	-					
2-72-02-212-00	Shipping/Freight	-			1,532.00		
2-72-02-213-00	Insurance	1,974.84	2,107.64	2,213	2,213.00	2,213	
2-72-02-214-00	Repairs & Maintenance	1,104.37		1,000	6,266.99	1,000	
	Repairs & Maintenance - Building	-		1,000		1,000	
2-72-02-214-00	Repairs & Maintenance - Pool	-	7,028.40	2,000		2,000	
2-72-02-215-00	Training	3,743.74	1,896.67	3,000	915.00	3,000	
2-72-02-510-00	Materials, Goods & Supplies	12,936.43	3,298.64		2,267.84		
2-72-02-511-00	Utilities	13,578.71					
2-72-02-515-00	Natural Gas	-	13,396.00	13,500	13,153.46	13,500	
2-72-02-516-00	Electricity	-	12,801.35	13,000	18,397.89	13,000	
2-72-02-517-00	Telephone	-	596.16	600	546.81	600	
2-72-02-518-00	Internet	-	100.00	100	160.00	100	
2-72-02-519-00	Chemicals	-	10,633.29	6,000	4,994.14	6,000	
2-72-00-762-00	transfer to capital	-					
	TOTAL POOL EXPENSE	72,352.97	138,120.31	134,917	199,393.74	134,917	
	NET	42,624.99	122,397.08	59,517	184,288.62	59,517	

Town of Milk River Interim Operating Budget 2025 Draft

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD ACTUAL	2025 Budget	Explanation
Golf Course Revenue						
TOTAL REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golf Course Expenses						
2-72-03-516-00 Golf Course Electricity	7,837.01	6,717.13	7,000	4,273.55	7,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,837.01	6,717.13	7,000	4,273.55	7,000	-
NET	7,837.01	6,717.13	7,000	4,273.55	7,000	-

Town of Milk River Interim Operating Budget 2025 Draft

		2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD Actual	2025 Budget	Explanation
CULTURE AND LIBRARY REVENUE		-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUE		-	-	-	-	-	
CULTURE AND LIBRARY EXPENSES							
2-74-00-765-00	Municipal and Regional	20,782.24	20,301.12	20,301	20,316.64	20,301	
TOTAL EXPENSES		20,782.24	20,301.12	20,301	20,316.64	20,301	-
NET		20,782.24	20,301.12	20,301	20,316.64	20,301	-

Request for Decision

2025 Capital Budget

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the 2025 capital budget as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

Section 245 each council must adopt a capital budget for each calendar year.

BACKGROUND

The 2025 capital budget is reflective of carry forward projects approved in 2024 that were not completed.

RISK/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

Capital dollars budgeted.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Capital Budget

Request for Decision

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Water Engagement Survey

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the water availability survey for submission to Environment and Protected Areas.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas is currently hosting public engagement sessions surrounding water availability as it pertains to the Water Act.

At the November Council meeting, Council requested to place this item on the agenda to complete the survey as a whole.

RISK/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. Water Act Engagement Survey

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Enhancing Water Availability - Detailed

The Government of Alberta wants to understand your views on the water management system in Alberta.

The Government of Alberta wants to hear from Albertans on opportunities or barriers that can be addressed to enhance the water management system in Alberta and increase water availability for sustainable growth for all water using sectors. We want to hear from Albertans on how Alberta can best:

- increase water conservation, efficiency, and productivity;
- free up and optimize use of available water;
- better capture and improve access to existing water sources; and
- improve water management and make faster approval decisions.

This survey is intended for those who have more detailed knowledge of the water management system in Alberta, however all Albertans and Alberta organizations and communities are welcome to participate. Another more concise survey is available for those less familiar with the system. Both surveys are available through alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement.

Your input may help inform government programs, policy or tools to increase water availability and improve the water management system in Alberta.

The survey is separated into nine sections: one introductory section, seven topic-based sections, and one conclusion. Each section is expected to take 5-10 minutes.

Topics include:

- water measurement and reporting
- water conservation, efficiency and productivity
- water allocation and transfers
- use of rainwater
- alternative water sources and wastewater reuse
- inter-basin water transfers
- exemptions from water authorizations

A copy of the [survey questions can be downloaded here](#). We recommend you read through all of the questions before completing the survey.

The survey will take 45-90 minutes to complete and closes January 10, 2025.

FOIP Collection Notice

The views or opinions you provide, as well as the personal information about you, are protected by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*. We are collecting this information to help inform decisions about water availability, as authorized by Section 33(c) of the *FOIP Act*. We will not use or disclose your personal information for any other purpose without your written consent or unless required to do so by law.

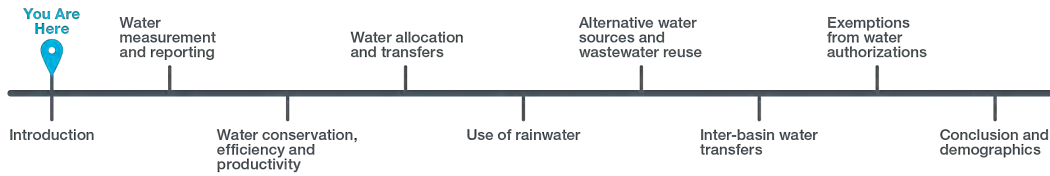
If you have questions about how we collect or use your information, contact Executive Director of Water Availability and Partnerships at 9820 106 St, Edmonton, by calling 780-903-3705 or emailing epa.water@gov.ab.ca.

Please do not submit responses that include personal information about other people.

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Introduction



Please specify your representation. Select all that apply.

(Choose all that apply) (Required)

- Municipality
- Non-governmental organization
- Tourism/recreation
- Irrigated agriculture
- Dryland agriculture
- Agri-processing
- Forestry
- Power generation
- Upstream oil and gas
- Downstream petroleum products
- Commercial
- Academic
- Technology
- Industry (other)
- First Nations community or organization
- I am answering as an individual
- Other (please specify)

If you are participating in this survey on behalf of an organization, please share the name of the organization:

What do you think should be the top priorities for the province when considering long term effectiveness of the water management system in increasing water availability? Select up to three.

(Choose any 3 options)

- Environmental protection: Prioritize the conservation of natural water bodies, ecosystems, and biodiversity.
- Conservation, efficiency, and productivity: Promote water-saving technologies, practices, and infrastructure to encourage reduced water use and increased water efficiency.
- Climate-related adaptation: Incorporate strategies for managing the impacts of water variability, such as droughts, floods, and changing precipitation patterns.

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- Water related data collection: Prioritize the collection of data and information to better understand how much and how water is being used by different licences in the province.
- Green infrastructure investment: Use natural processes to enhance water availability, such as conservation and restoration of wetlands, soil moisture retention and groundwater recharge.
- Grey infrastructure investment: Prioritize investments in resilient water infrastructure, such as treatment plants, distribution networks, and stormwater management systems.
- Water storage: Increase the capacity of existing storage or build new reservoirs.
- Water reuse: Enhance water and wastewater reuse, set standards and promote water cleaning technologies to allow for water to be re-used, and/or clarify use of rainwater and stormwater.
- Water licensing: Improve water transfers to accommodate need and demand. Update water allocation to accommodate need and demand.
- Other (please specify)

What do you think are the opportunities to manage water more effectively in Alberta? If possible, provide specific example(s).

What do you think is the biggest challenge or barrier?

What do you think is the biggest opportunity for improvement?

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Please expand on your answers and note any others you feel are missing from the list above. If possible, please provide specific example(s).

Which water management legislation, policies, programs, or approaches are working effectively? Which need to be strengthened?

Questions	1: Not effective	2: Neutral	3: Effective	I don't know
Water for Life				
Alberta Land Stewardship Act				
Water (Ministerial) Regulation				
Approved Water Management Plans				
Land-use plans				
Surface Water Allocation Directive				
Water Allocation Policy for Closed River Basins in the South Saskatchewan River Basin Directive				
Water Conservation Policy for Upstream Oil and Gas Operations				
Domestic Wastewater Guidelines for Industrial Operations				
Public Health Guidelines for Water Reuse and Stormwater Use				
Interim Guidance to Authorize Reuse of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater				
Alberta's Wetland Policy				
Potable Water Regulation				
Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order				
Administrative guideline for transfer of water allocations				
Guide to compelling reasons to not take the 10% holdback for water transfers within the South Saskatchewan River Basin				
Guideline for preparing agricultural feasibility reports for private irrigation projects				
Guidelines for licensing water diversion projects: pursuant to the Water Act				

Please share any other comments on what you think should be the top priorities for the province when considering review of water management legislation, policies, programs, or approaches.

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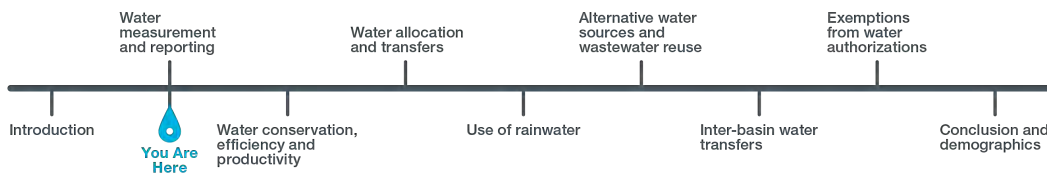
What challenges or barriers do you face within the current water management system in Alberta? If possible, please provide specific example(s).

The following sections of the survey explore specific challenges and opportunities that we have heard from stakeholders, as outlined in the infographic at the top of the page. You can answer questions in each of these sections or jump to the end of the survey to answer a few questions about demographics and add any other comments you have.

(Choose any one option) (Required)

- Proceed to topic-specific sections of the survey
- Jump to demographics and final comments

Water measurement and reporting



Alberta takes a practical approach to water use reporting requirements. To minimize financial and time burden on Albertans, most licences (tens of thousands) are considered relatively small and therefore generally have not been required to report any information. The department has placed basic mandatory reporting conditions on most medium to large licences (several thousand licensees, which account for most of the water allocated in Alberta) – though some old licences have no requirements.

Water use reporting by licensees is varied and inconsistent.

Changes to the *Water Act* could help improve the consistency and timeliness of reporting, validation of data that is submitted, reporting compliance, transparency and access to reported water use data in a centralized platform that accommodates regular reporting.

Learn more from the [Water Measurement and Reporting issue sheet](#).

Do you want to answer questions regarding water measurement and reporting?

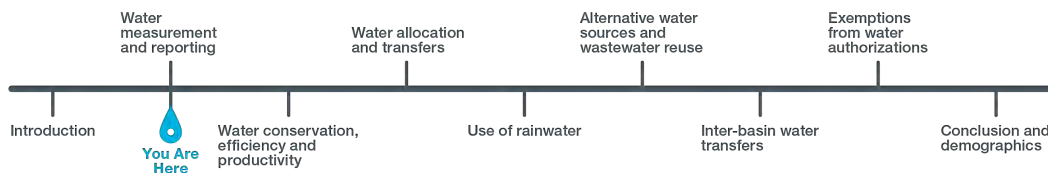
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- Yes
- No

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What publicly available data do you use to support your water management needs?

(Choose all that apply)

- Alberta Rivers Database (rivers.alberta.ca)
- Alberta Water Wells Database and Web Application (groundwater.alberta.ca)
- Groundwater Observation Well Network (GOWN - groundwatermonitoring.alberta.ca)
- Surface Water Quality Data Portal (environment.extranet.gov.ab.ca/apps/WaterQuality/dataportal/)
- Alberta Water Licence Viewer (avw.alberta.ca)
- Alberta Flow Estimation Tool for Ungauged Watersheds (AFETUW: afetuw.alberta.ca)
- Alberta Flood Awareness Map Application (floods.alberta.ca)
- Alberta Weather Station Data Viewer (acis.alberta.ca/weather-data-viewer.jsp)
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

What technology or innovation is available or emergent for more effective water use and management? This could be related to efficiency and productivity, infrastructure maintenance and longevity, measurement, forecasting, etc.

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Is the right information currently available to support your water management needs?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- No opinion

Answer this question only if you have chosen measurement and reporting requirements?

What other information could support your water management needs? If possible, provide specific example(s).

Are there any other benefits to consider regarding additional mandatory water use measurement and reporting requirements?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- No opinion

Please explain. If possible, provide specific examples.

How would you rate the following benefits to introducing mandatory requirements for water use measurement and reporting?

Questions	1: Not beneficial	2: Moderately beneficial	3: Very beneficial	I don't know
Promoting efficient water use by increasing awareness of consumption.				
Improving water management and planning (e.g., resource allocation, leak detection in water networks, slowing the need for expansion of infrastructure).				
Increased transparency in water use among water users and accountable governance				
Effective monitoring and evaluation of water conservation goals for various sectors/users.				
Promoting advancement of clean technology to enhance water use efficiency.				

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Are there incentives, supports, or regulatory requirements that would be needed to encourage water use measurement and reporting?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there incentives, supports, or regulatory requirements that would be needed to encourage water use measurement and reporting?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific examples.

Do you think the government should take steps to address the challenges of data collection, availability and usability?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- No opinion

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Do you think the government should take steps to address the challenges of data collection, availability and usability?

Please share any ideas you have for how the government could best address the challenges. If possible, provide specific example(s).

Are there other impacts or challenges to consider?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes

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- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there other impacts or challenges to consider?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific examples.

Water measurement and reporting continued

How would you rate the following challenges to introducing mandatory requirements for water use measurement and reporting?

Questions	1: Not challenging	2: Moderately challenging	3: Very challenging	I don't know
Lack of sufficient infrastructure to support water use measurement and reporting				
Lack of experience in data management, measurements, and reporting				
Cost of equipment implementation and maintenance				
Data transparency with public, and other regulators				
Concerns that reporting may lead to changes to historical water rights				

Do you think government should consider introducing standardized water use measurement and reporting requirements to additional water licences?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- No opinion

Are there any other priorities or phasing approaches to consider?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there any other priorities or phasing approaches to consider?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

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If government were to introduce new measurement and reporting requirements, what criteria should be prioritized when phasing in potential changes? (1 being the highest priority).

(Rank each option)

- Volume of water use
- Type or purpose of water use
- Sector
- Frequency of use (i.e., permanent or temporary)
- Age of water licence
- Location (basin)

Please provide any conditional comments you have about water measurement and reporting.

Are there other ways that the government could address the challenges of data collection, availability, and usability outside of mandatory requirements?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

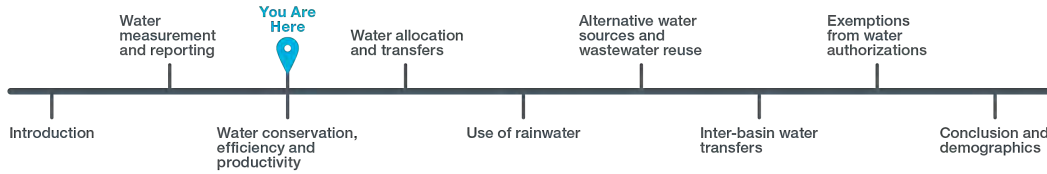
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Water conservation, efficiency and productivity



Demand management through water conservation, water use efficiency, and productivity is one strategy that could be used to address water variability. Efficient water use can ensure users get the most out of every drop of water. Reducing demand can also delay or offset the need to build expensive water shortage infrastructure.

- Water conservation is any beneficial reduction in water use, loss, or waste
- Water efficiency is the accomplishment of a function, task, process, or result with the minimal amount of water feasible.
- Water productivity is the amount of water required to produce a unit of any good, service, or societal value.

There may be opportunities to further progress water conservation, efficiency and productivity improvements by considering ideas such as water measurement and reporting, volumetric water use pricing, and incentives to adopt water efficient technologies and behaviours and simplifying the allocation transfer system.

Learn more in the [Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity issue sheet](#).

Do you want to answer questions regarding water conservation, efficiency and productivity?

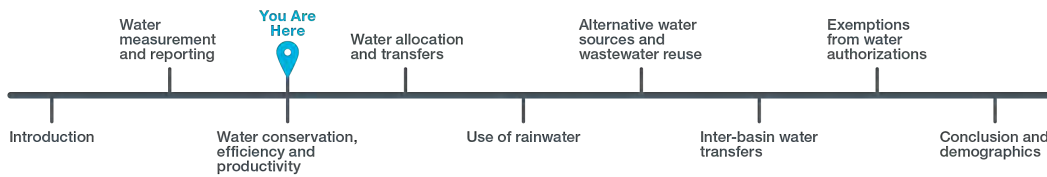
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- Yes
- No
- Skip to conclusion and demographics

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Which, if any, voluntary measures should Alberta consider to increase water conservation, efficiency and productivity? Select all that apply.

(Choose all that apply)

- Enhanced public education and awareness
- Incentivize water efficiency technologies
- Water conservation targets
- Water efficiency or productivity targets
- Water allocation trading
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Please expand on your above answers, including the pros and cons of such measures. If possible, please provide specific example(s).

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Which, if any, mandatory requirements should Alberta consider to increase water conservation, efficiency and productivity?

(Choose all that apply)

- Province wide water conservation targets
- Region-specific water conservation targets
- Sector-specific water conservation targets
- Water use objectives based on indoor, outdoor, commercial, industrial and institutional and water loss efficiency standards
- Sector or industry-specific water use efficiency or productivity objectives or standards
- Cross-sector water use efficiency or productivity objectives or standards
- Water audits
- Use of low-flow appliances and available water efficient technology
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Please expand on your answers, including the pros and cons of such measures. If possible, please provide specific example(s).

Which, if any, market-based mechanisms should Alberta consider to increase water conservation, efficiency and productivity?

(Choose all that apply)

- Volumetric water pricing
- Water trading and transfers (permanent)
- Water trading and transfers (temporary)
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Please expand on your answers, including the pros and cons of such measures. If possible, please provide specific example(s).

Which of the following best reflect your position on implementing conservation, efficiency, and productivity (CEP) improvements:

(Choose any one option)

- Government (through general revenue / taxpayers) should bear the cost of improvements.
- Water users should bear the cost of improvements.
- Government and water users should share the cost to improvements.
- Other (please specify)

Please expand on how the government should consider the costs associated with implementing water conserving technologies.

Are there technologies or innovations available or emergent for more effective water use and management - efficiency, productivity, infrastructure, etc.?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
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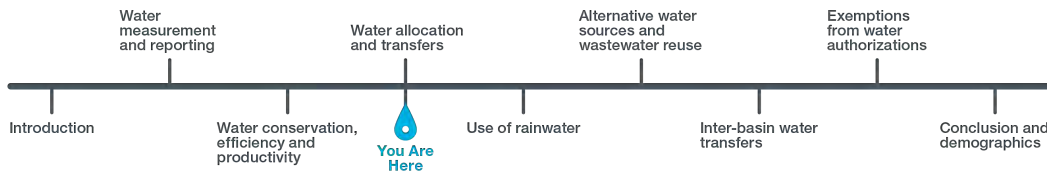
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Water allocations and transfers



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In the Bow, Oldman and South Saskatchewan River sub-basins, new water allocations are not available and water must be found from an existing, willing licensee including negotiating any costs to acquire a licence, which can then be transferred to a new use.

Amendments to the *Water Act* and policy changes could help to address fairness and transparency of the existing licensing and transfer system to address system pressures.

Learn more about water allocations and transfers in the [Water Allocations and Transfers issue sheet](#).

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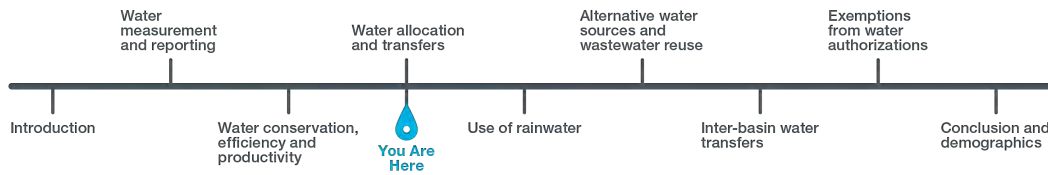
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Water allocations

A water allocation is the assignment of volume, rate, and timing of a diversion of water for a specified use. Water allocations are regulated under a licence through the *Water Act*.

Under what circumstance, if any, should the government be able to review and amend a water licence? Select all that apply.

(Choose all that apply)

- If the water licence holder cannot demonstrate why the water is needed.
- If the water licence holder cannot demonstrate how the water is being used.
- If water availability conditions have changed significantly.
- If policy direction has changed significantly.
- If the basin is closed (no further water to be allocated).
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Please provide additional context to your answers. If possible, please provide specific example(s).

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Water Transfer

A water transfer is the process by which a water licence holder transfers all or part of their water allocation to another user under a licence as regulated through the *Water Act*.

Do you support making water transfers more transparent?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

What, if any, cost or fee should apply to users who trade or transfer water? Select all that apply.

(Choose all that apply)

- Financial fee (to support the government's ability to better manage water for all Albertans)
- Water fee (to go back into the environment)
- None
- Other (please specify)

Please provide additional context. If possible, provide specific example(s).

Are there means to improve water allocation licencing and transfers?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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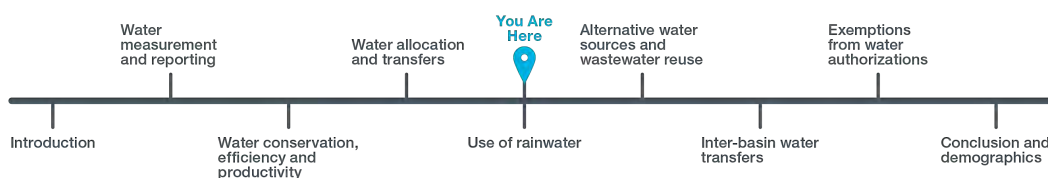
Please explain. Include the impacts and benefits to introducing authority to review allocations and transfers. If possible, provide specific example(s).

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Please provide any additional comments you have about water allocation and transfers.

Use of rainwater



In the water management system in Alberta, rainwater is rain or snow collected from a roof surface or intercepted by an engineered rainwater collection system. Compared to stormwater, rainwater is usually higher quality because it has not flowed over ground surfaces (e.g., parking lots or streets) and has not been in contact with potential sources of contamination (e.g., fertilizer, herbicide/pesticide, pet waste, oil, grease, anti-freeze).

The *Water Act* does not currently define rainwater or precipitation and therefore does not specify whether rainwater is included as water under the Act. Without clarity, it can be misinterpreted that any volume of rainwater could be collected (harvested), stored and used without a licence or any oversight.

If large volumes of rainwater are stored and used without a licence, local waterbodies and recognized water users (licensed, household or traditional agricultural) may be impacted from captured precipitation that reduces runoff. Without oversight, it is challenging to assess or mitigate potential impacts.

Learn more about defining rainwater in the [Use of Rainwater issue sheet](#).

Do you want to answer questions regarding rainwater?

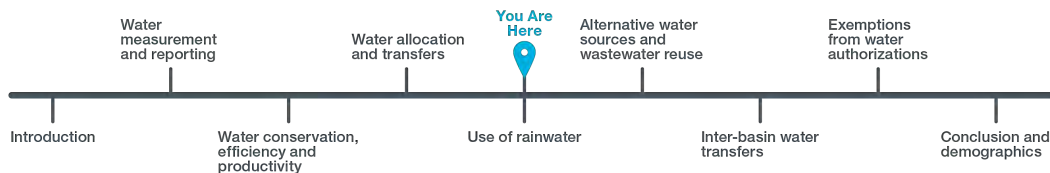
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If large volumes of rainwater are stored and used without a licence, local waterbodies and recognized water users (licensed, household or traditional agricultural) may be impacted from captured precipitation that reduces runoff. Without oversight, it is challenging to assess or mitigate potential impacts.

Learn more about defining rainwater in the [Use of Rainwater issue sheet](#).

Do you think rainwater should be defined in the *Water Act*?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Do you think rainwater should be defined in the *Water Act*?

How could rainwater be defined under the *Water Act*? If possible, provide specific examples.

Do you think a licence should be required for rainwater collection above a certain amount?

Note: residential rain barrels would not require a licence.

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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Answer this question only if you have answered yes to Do you think a licence should be required for rainwater collection above a certain amount? Note: residential rain barrels would not require a licence.

What amount?

Aside from a small residential exemption for rainwater (rain barrels), should the government consider other potential exemptions for rainwater use?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
 No
 I don't know

What exemptions should be considered?

Are there any other considerations that need to be taken into account if rainwater is defined in the *Water Act*?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
 No
 I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there any other considerations that need to be taken into account if rainwater is defined in the *Water Act*?

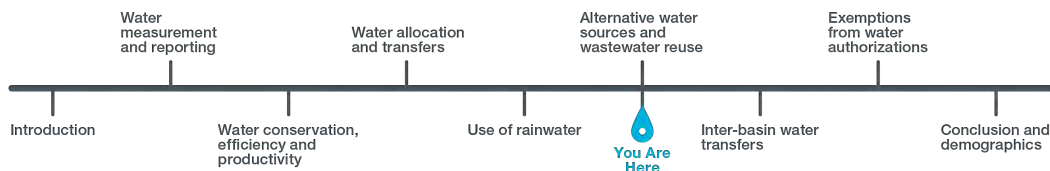
Please explain the other considerations. If possible, provided specific example(s).

Please provide any additional comments you have about defining rainwater.

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Alternative water sources and wastewater reuse



For most of Alberta's history, water supply and availability and the water licensing system were focused only on allocating the readily available, natural water sources in the environment such as rivers, creeks, lakes, groundwater aquifers, or wetlands. Alternative water sources also exist.

Most alternative water sources are water sources not supplied from fresh surface water or groundwater in the environment. Wastewater and stormwater form the majority of alternative water sources currently of most interest for use in Alberta. Other alternative sources include rainwater and greywater. The use of these sources can augment our existing water supplies while providing environmental and economic benefits.

Learn more in the [Alternative Water Sources and Wastewater Reuse issue sheet](#).

Do you want to answer questions regarding alternative water sources and wastewater reuse?

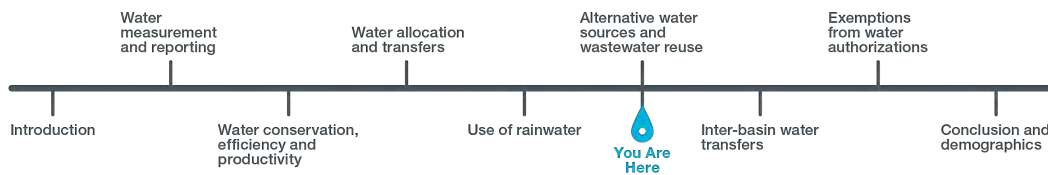
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- No
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How would you rate the following benefits to alternative water sources and wastewater reuse?

Questions	1: Not beneficial	2: Moderately beneficial	3: Very beneficial	I don't know
Reduces the impact on the natural environment by offsetting diversions that would otherwise come from rivers, lakes, streams or aquifers				
Can create local alternative supply options and drought resiliency for some types of water users				
Reduces the need for larger infrastructure to transport water larger distances from the source to end-user				
Reduced treatment and transportation financial and energy costs				

Are there other benefits to consider?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there other benefits to consider?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

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How would you rate the following challenges to alternative sources and wastewater reuse?

Questions	1: Not challenging	2: Moderately challenging	3: Very challenging	I don't know
Cost of setting up and maintaining the reuse system				
Regulatory requirements				
Lack of standards for the safe reuse of water and wastewater or quality requirements				
Health concerns over reusing water and wastewater indoors or outdoors				
Potential environmental impacts resulting from decreased return flows to the environment				
Potential impacts to downstream users due to reduced flow.				
Public perception and acceptance of the reuse of water or wastewater				

Are there other challenges to consider?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
 No
 I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there other challenges to consider?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

Alternative water sources and wastewater reuse continued

Do you think that return flow should be recognized in water licences?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Do you think that return flow should be recognized in water licences?

What should be included? Is possible, provide specific example(s).

Answer this question only if you have chosen No for Do you think that return flow should be recognized in water licences?

Please explain why.

Are there technologies or innovations available or emergent to support alternative water use and wastewater reuse?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there technologies or innovations available or emergent to support alternative water use and wastewater reuse?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

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Please provide any additional comments you have about alternative water sources and wastewater reuse.

Are there operational limitations to enabling alternative water sources and wastewater reuse through the *Water Act*?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there operational limitations to enabling alternative water sources and wastewater reuse through the *Water Act*?

What are they? If possible, provide specific example(s).

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Do you have concerns regarding alternative water sources and wastewater reuse?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

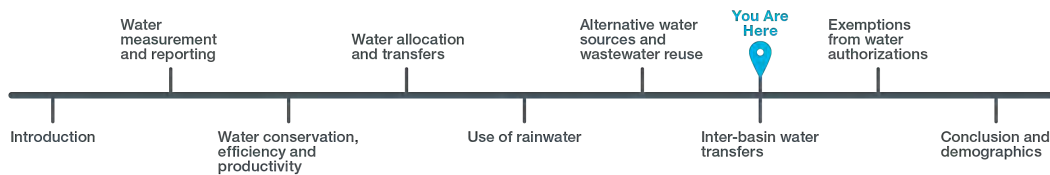
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Inter-basin water transfers



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The *Water Act* does not prohibit inter-basin transfers, however it does require they be authorized by a special Act of the Legislature. Since 1999, six special Acts have been passed, all for regional pipelines carrying municipally treated drinking water.

The government could consider identifying criteria and thresholds for inter-basin transfers that pose a low risk to the environment and other users, where a special Act would not have to be passed by the Legislature to issue the licence.

Learn more about inter-basin transfers in the [Inter-basin Transfer issue sheet](#).

Do you want to answer questions regarding inter-basin transfers?

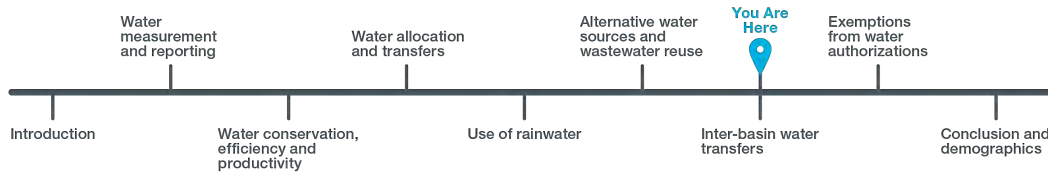
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- Yes
- No
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Where and under which, if any, circumstances do you think an inter-basin transfer could be appropriate or necessary without a special Act of the Legislature?

(Choose all that apply)

- Drinking water for communities, such as regional water systems
- Where environmental impacts would be greater if sourcing water from the local basin
- Water for projects that straddle two major river basins
- Where volumes would have negligible environmental impact
- None of the above
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

How would you rate the following potential benefits to inter-basin transfers?

Questions	1: Not beneficial	2: Moderately beneficial	3: Very beneficial	I don't know
More timely resolution to secure water access				
Effort and administrative requirements that are proportionate to the potential impact				
More flexibility for water management				

Are there other benefits to consider related to inter-basin transfers without a special Act of the Legislature?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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Answer this question only if you answered yes to Are there other benefits to consider related to inter-basin transfers without a special Act of the Legislature?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

Are there impacts or benefits of removing the requirements of the special Act of the Legislature for inter-basin transfers?

(Choose any one option)

- There are impacts
- There are benefits
- There are both impacts and benefits
- I don't know.

Please explain the impacts.

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Please explain the impacts and benefits.

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Could certain decisions be made by cabinet (or others)?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Could certain decisions be made by cabinet (or others)?

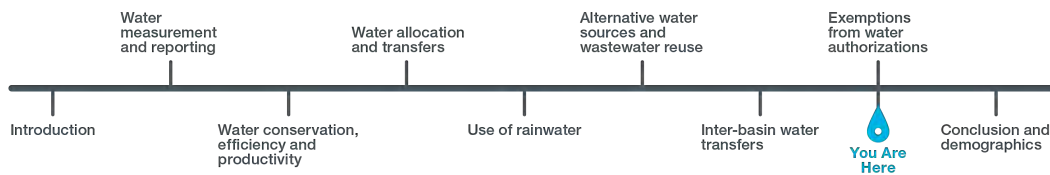
Please provide specific examples of who could make decisions, and in what circumstances.

Please provide any additional comments you have about inter-basin transfers.

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Exemptions from water authorizations



The Government of Alberta has established exemptions for certain types or categories of water activities and uses, which allows Albertans to use or impact water without having to apply for an authorization. Typically, these activities and uses are relatively small, considered low risk, and have minimal or manageable effects on other water users or the environment.

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Learn more in the [Exemptions from Water Authorizations issues sheet](#).

Do you want to answer questions regarding exemptions from water authorizations?

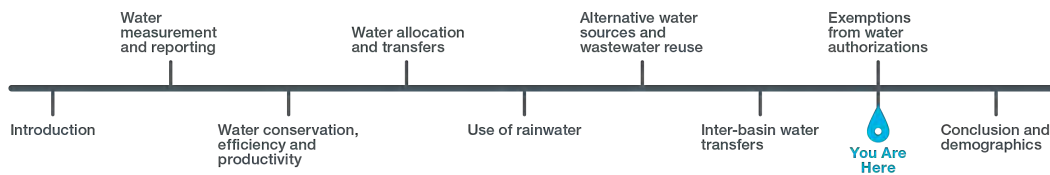
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- Yes
- No - Skip to conclusion and demographics

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Which, if any, of the following water use exemption amendments should be considered?

Questions	Yes	No	I don't know
Increase the approval exemption threshold for dugouts (currently 6,250 m3/year and maximum storage capacity of 12,000 m3 or less), to match the licence exemption threshold (12,000 m3/year)			
Increase the licence exemption threshold for dugouts to include potential for household use			
Increase the licence exemption threshold for stormwater use (currently 6,250 m3/year) to align with dugouts (12,000m3/year)			
Increase exemption thresholds for building wetland replacement projects (currently 6,250 m3/year and maximum storage capacity of 6,250 m3 or less) to align with dugouts and stormwater			
Double the exemption for small temporary camps from 1,250 m3 to 2,500 m3			

Are there any other circumstances where you think water authorization exemptions should be amended?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there any other circumstances where you think water authorization exemptions should be amended?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

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Do you think the government should explore new exemption criteria for any of the following water uses:

Questions	Yes	No	I don't know
Bridge and sign washing			
Dust control			
Emergency preparedness (e.g., fire and spills prevention)			
Public borrow pits in the Green Area of Alberta			

Are there any other circumstances where you think new exemptions should be explored?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
 No
 I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there any other circumstances where you think new exemptions should be explored?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

Are there risks or concerns with exempting certain water diversions, either current or potential expanded exemptions?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
 No
 I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there risks or concerns with exempting certain water diversions, either current or potential expanded exemptions?

What are they? If possible, provide specific example(s).

Please provide any additional comments you have about exemptions from water authorizations.

Conclusion and demographics

Are there any other opportunities to optimize water availability in Alberta?

(Choose any one option) (Required)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Are there any other opportunities to optimize water availability in Alberta?

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

Do you have any other additional concerns about water management in the province that you would like to share?*

(Choose any one option) (Required)

- Yes
- No

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Do you have any other additional concerns about water management in the province that you would like to share?*

Please explain. If possible, provide specific example(s).

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

(Choose any one option)

Yes

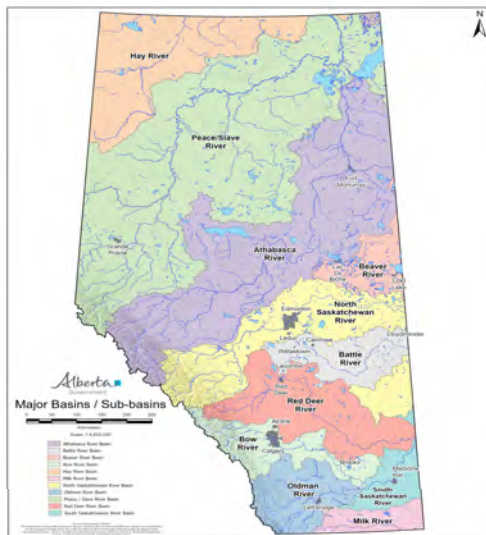
No

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please explain.

Please tell us about yourself

Which basin(s) does your organization operate in?



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(Choose all that apply) (Required)

- Hay River Basin
- Peace/Slave River Basin
- Athabasca River Basin
- Beaver River Basin
- North Saskatchewan River Basin
- Battle River Basin
- Red Deer River Basin
- Bow River Basin
- Oldman River Basin
- South Saskatchewan River Basin
- Milk River Basin
- I don't know
- None of the above

What are the first three characters of your postal code? (e.g. T5K)

(Required)

How was your experience sharing your feedback today?

(Choose any one option) (Required)

- Poor
- Acceptable
- Good

Answer this question only if you have chosen Poor for How was your experience sharing your feedback today?

Why was your experience poor?

Answer this question only if you have chosen Acceptable for How was your experience sharing your feedback today?

Why was your experience acceptable?

Answer this question only if you have chosen Good for How was your experience sharing your feedback today?

Why was your experience good?

Request for Decision

Returning and Substitute Officer Appointments

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint Kim Swanson as the Returning Officer and Kelly Lloyd as the Substitute Returning Officer for the 2025 municipal election.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Local Authorities Election Act Section 13
Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

With the upcoming October 2025 municipal election, legislation states that the positions of Returning Officer and a Substitute Returning Officer be appointed by resolution prior to June 30 in the year of the election.

As the nomination period for the October 2025 election begins January 1, 2025, Council appointments will allow for the role of these officers to be fulfilled according to the legislation.

RISK/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

None

Request for Decision

Christmas Bonus

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the provision of \$100.00 each in Milk River Bucks to the full time and transfer station employees, as a 2024 Christmas Bonus.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

In previous years, Council has graciously approved a \$100.00 Christmas bonus to full time staff.

RISK/CONSEQUENCES

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

\$800.00 from code 2-11-00-215-00

ATTACHMENTS

None

From: Larry Liebelt <liebelt@milkriver.ca>
Sent: December 3, 2024 6:56 AM
To: Kelly Lloyd; Peggy Losey; Anne Michaelis; Dave Degenstein; Shayne Johnson
Subject: Warner Minor Hockey sponsorship letter
Attachments: WDMHA Sponsorship Letter 2024.docx

Good morning, I am forwarding you an email I recieved.
We can add this to the agenda to discuss.

Larry

Good afternoon Larry,

I am sending this email today on behalf of Warner Minor Hockey. As you are aware costs associated with playing hockey can add up quickly. We are reaching out today to see if there is interest from Town of Milk River in sponsoring or donating to Warner Minor Hockey to assist with these costs this season.

Any donation is graciously accepted. Some have asked if there are sponsorship levels. If interested I could send a new letter with the levels. For a reference, here is a quick look at those levels.

- Gold Sponsor \$500 or greater donation

Banner in the rink

Game sponsor

Weeklong social media spotlight

- Silver Sponsor- \$250-\$500

Game sponsor

Weeklong social media spotlight

- Bronze Sponsor- \$100-\$250

Social media spotlight

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Trent Mazutinec



To whom it may concern,

You may not be aware but 3 years ago Warner and District Minor Hockey Association had dwindling player numbers within our catchment area due to Covid-19 and uncertainty in the hockey world. As a result of this, it was decided by the executive at the time to dissolve Warner and District Minor Hockey Association. Due to the dissolution, the previous executive donated much of the inventory (spare equipment, practice items, and bank account savings) to other youth groups throughout the community and surrounding area. Recently, there has been a boom of young kids in our area taking an interest in hockey once again. This brought a group of parents, community members, and like-minded people together to restart Warner and District Minor Hockey Association. Unfortunately, we have had to start from scratch which means many out-of-pocket costs for the families wanting to play hockey out of Warner.

Last season, we started with a group of 10 boys and girls ranging in age from 4-7. Since then through word of mouth we got up to 17 kids and counting. We practice on Mondays and Thursdays as well as play games on the weekend. We also offer a “drop-in” style hockey practice at a reduced rate for players and families to give hockey a try without having to pay our full registration fee. We are hopeful with our emphasis on fun and inclusiveness that Warner and District Minor Hockey will thrive for years to come.

As with many other activities, there are costs to running youth sports. Last season, we had a couple generous donations to assist in our start up costs. This letter is a request to a possible donation to Warner and District Minor Hockey Association.

Physical donations we are seeking:

- Spare equipment for players to come out and try hockey if the parents are unsure if the player would be interested in playing full time.
- Goalie equipment for our U7 team as these young players would each be taking a turn in net.

Monetary donations we are seeking:

- Tournament fees for upcoming tournaments we plan to attend.
- Ice fees for practice and home games.

If you have any questions or would like to chat, please contact Trent at 403-642-7911.

Thank you for your consideration.

Trent Mazutinec

Vice President/Sponsorship Chair

**Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)
Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Coaldale Hub (2107-13th Street)
In-person and Online**

Attendance (in-person)

Degenstein, Dave – Town of Milk River, Board Chair
Bekkering, Garth – Town of Taber
Doell, Daniel – Village of Barons
Feist, Teresa - Town of Picture Butte
Jensen, Kelly – Town of Raymond
Kirby, Martin – Village of Warner
Nilsson, Larry – Village of Stirling

Attendance (online)

Forchuk, Marilyn – Town of Vauxhall
Payne, Megan – Village of Coutts
Caldwell, Heather – Town of Coalhurst
Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford

Absent – Board Members

Heggie, Jack – County of Warner
Foster, Missy – Village of Barnwell
Hickey, Lorne – Lethbridge County
Harris, Merrill – M.D. of Taber
Chapman, Bill – Town of Coaldale, Vice-Chair

Staff (in-person):

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

Call to Order

Z. Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board introductions were made.

Elections

Z. Morrison called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

M. Payne nominated D. Degenstein for the position of Chairperson.

K. Jensen entered the Board Meeting at 4:07

Z. Morrison called a second time for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

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Z. Morrison called a third time for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

D. Degenstein accepted the nomination.

G. Bekkering moved nominations cease. L. Nilsson seconded the motion.

Carried Unanimously

D. Degenstein was acclaimed to the position of Chairperson.

D. Degenstein called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

D. Degenstein nominated B. Chapman for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

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G. Bekkering moved nominations cease. T. Feist seconded the motion.

Carried Unanimously

B. Chapman was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Approval of Agenda

L. Nilsson moved the Board approve the agenda as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Dates of Regular Meetings

The Board members discussed the monthly date for 2024-2025 regular Board meetings.

T. Feist moved the Board meetings to be held the first Wednesday of the month, excluding the months of January, July, and August at 4:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Z. Morrison discussed Annual Agenda Items for 2024-2025 Board meetings.

M. Payne moved the Board accept the Annual Agenda Items as presented for information.

Carried Unanimously

Minutes

K. Jensen moved the minutes of October 2, 2024, FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

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Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- 2024-09 FCSSAA News.
- Resolutions for FCSSAA AGM 2024.
- FCSS Community Impact Tool FAQ's.
- 2024-10 FCSSAA News.
- 2024-10-10 Village of Barons – Daniel Doell appointment to the FCSS Board (2024-2025).
- 2024-10-23 MD of Taber – Merrill Harris appointment to the FCSS Board (2024-2025).
- 2024-10-25 Lethbridge County – Lorne Hickey appointment to the FCSS Board (2024-2025).

D. Doell moved the Board to receive the correspondence as presented for information.

Carried Unanimously

Reports

Executive Director

Z. Morrison reviewed the Executive Director's report.

The following was highlighted:

- Z. Morrison was nominated by the Directors' Network for the FCSSAA Board of Directors as a Director Representative.
- FCSS programming space in Barons has moved from the United Church to the Seniors' Drop-in Centre.
- **November** is Family Violence Prevention Month, which means it is a time to raise awareness and have an open conversation about family and domestic violence. Visit: <https://fcss.ca/monthly-message/family-violence-prevention-month/>

G. Bekkering moved the Board to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Financial Report

Z. Morrison reviewed the Financial Report.

The Board discussed the Financial Report.

L. Nilsson moved the Board to approve the November 2024 Financial Report including:

- Financial statement for September 30, 2024;
- Monthly accounts for September 1-30, 2024;
- ATB Mastercard statement – September 13 to October 10, 2024

Carried Unanimously



New Business

Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA)
Conference 2024

Z. Morrison discussed the annual FCSSAA Conference which will be held November 13-15, 2024.

The Board discussed that the attending Board Members can vote at will as voting delegates at the FCSSAA AGM.

G. Bekkering moved the Board send B. Chapman, M. Kirby, D. Degenstein, and H. Caldwell attend the FCSSAA Conference naming D. Doell as an alternate.

Carried Unanimously

T. Feist moved the Board appoint D. Degenstein and M. Kirby as the voting delegates for the 2024 FCSSAA AGM.

Carried Unanimously

The Board tabled the Municipal Requisition 2025 discussion till the December 4th, 2025, Board meeting.

Round Table

The Board shared municipal updates.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be December 4th, 2024, at the Coaldale HUB (2107 – 13th St.) in person and online (via Teams) starting at 4:00pm.

Adjournment

K. Jensen moved the meeting to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

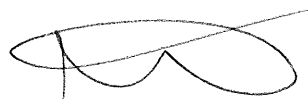
Carried Unanimously



Chairperson

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Date



Executive Director

Dec 4/2024

Date

Milk River Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee
Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2024 – Milk River

In Attendance: Scott MacCumber, Derek Baron, Beth Kappelar, Austin Hook, Anne Michaelis, Colleen Bianchi, Judy Gaehring, Sharon Thompson

1. **Welcome** - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Scott.

2. **Agenda** - Beth made a motion to accept the agenda as written. All in favour. Carried.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the September 3, 2024, meeting were presented. Colleen made a motion to accept them as written. All in favour. Carried. The minutes of the October 3, 2024, were presented. A couple of errors noted. A sentence was misplaced in the “Primary Care” point should have been in the “Recognition” point. As well as the motion to do 2 x \$50 should have read 4 x \$50. Corrections will be made and sent out. Austin made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections. All in favour. Carried.

4. **Health Centre / Clinic Update** – No Clinic update. Health Centre Update – Cheryl Seaborn is currently the Health Centre Site Manager, but due to other commitments was unable to attend this meeting.

5. **Financial Report** – The August financial statement was presented by Scott. As of August 31st, there is \$14,298.97 in chequing and \$10,000 in GiC’s. One error noted on statement. The interest rate on one of the GIC’s is listed as 425%, when it should be 4.25%. A correction will be made and an amended statement sent out. Colleen made a motion to accept the statement with the correction. All in favour. Carried. The September financial statement was presented by Scott. As of September 30th, there is \$14,236.15 in chequing and \$10,000 in GIC’s. One error noted on statement. The interest rate on one of the GIC’s s listed as 4% when it should be 4.25%. A correction will be made and an amended statement sent out. Derek made a motion to accept the statement with the correction. All in favour. Carried.

A discussion was held on how to best invest our funds and utilize various bank accounts to maximize our interest income. We will review our investments prior to our GiC’s coming due and decide how much to reinvest. Austin to discuss with ATB various options surrounding our accounts.

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6. Old Business

- A) **Physician / NP / PA Recruitment** – Dr. Huy Truong as verbally accepted a position in Milk River. We have no updates since then. And no updates on a permanent Nurse Practitioner in Milk River.

- B) **Rental Housing Shortage** – Christine is maintaining a list of those workers who are looking for rentals and sends them any potential rentals we come across. Scott outlined his provincial housing proposal at the last Mayors and Reeves meeting. A representative from Alberta Municipalities will present it at his next meeting.

- C) **Home Show** – About 40 people attended. M & K Home Sales, Triple M, and ATB reps were happy with the event, so we will call it a success.

7. Projects / Ongoing Initiatives

- A) **Locum Welcome Packages** – No requests for more at this time.
- B) **Support for Healthcare Workers** – We had 21 entries for our October recognition event. The winners of the \$50 Milk River Bucks were: Winnie Welsh, Gayna Welsh, Dawn Rimmer, and William Young. November 27 is National Physician Assistant Day. Colleen made a motion to provide a gift basket to Mark, with the cost up to \$75. Colleen will take care of it. All in favour. Carried. Scott made a motion to carry out our Christmas campaign as done in previous years, that being asking 5 local businesses to put together gift baskets. The funding will be 5 x \$100 + GST. Scott will take care of contacting the businesses. All in favour, carried.
- C) **Healthcare Services Booklet** – future project.
- D) **School Award** – We have another application from a local student this year. Jayda Johnson from Coutts will be attending the University of Lethbridge and majoring in psychology. Scott made a motion to present her with a scholarship of \$250. All in favour. Carried.
- E) **Health Centre Staffing** – positions posted on our Facebook page.
- F) **Scholarship for Current Employees** – 1 nurse currently working on RN Prescribing Course.
- G) **Fundraising** – We are selling the Kinsmen Corvette Tickets in the Park Place Mall from November 5 – 8, 2024.

8. **RhPAP Update** – Lynsey has sent out the RhPAP update for November. Scott will forward to all committee members. One “Knowledge Now Series” to note will be held on November 28th, on the topic of “Locum Services”. The link to register will be in the update or on RhPAP’s website under RhPAP events. Scott has been listed as a community contact for the AHS International Educated Nurses project.

9. New Business

- A) **Photo Journalist Project** – Scott was contacted by Amber Bracken, an independent photo-journalist working with the Globe and Mail, who would like to do a story on Milk River focused on rural health. She may attend our December meeting.
- B) **Milk River Council Annual Committee Report** – The Milk River Town Council has requested that a representative from our committee give an annual report at the Milk River’s June meeting.
- C) **Lab Incentives** – Discussion on providing a financial incentive to any Combined Lab/X-Ray technician who accepts a position in Milk River. Currently Alberta Precision Labs (APL) is advertising for a 1.0 and a 0.7 FTE position. Derek made a motion to give \$2000 to the tech who accepts the 1.0 FTE position and \$1500 to the tech who accepts the 0.7 FTE position. All in favour. Carried. Scott will check with various individuals to see how we can do this proactively.
- D) **High School Student Interest** – Discussion on how to inform our local high school students of the opportunities available in healthcare. RhPAP does host high school

events. Scott will check with Rachelle to see if they applied for the event.

E) “In the News”

- Plans for a cardiac catheterization lab at Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge are advancing to functional programming.
- The Milk River Clinic is advertising for a Clinical Care Coordinator.
- Progress is being made on Primary Care Compensation in Alberta.
- Alberta has seen an increase in the number of physicians in the province. At the end of September, there were 12, 126 physicians registered in Alberta, an increase of 518 physicians compared with the same time last year.
- Primary Care Alberta, the new provincial health agency overseeing and coordinating the delivery of primary health care services, will become operational later this fall.
- The University of Lethbridge Medical School is moving forward. The province has given them \$42.5M dollars to renovate the Neuroscience building. It is a three year program with 30 students in each year. No foreign students will be accepted and rural applicants will be given preference. There will also be a functioning clinic at the University.

10. Next Meeting – Set for December 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in Milk River. It will be our Christmas Potluck meeting.

11. Adjournment – Derek adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)
Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 2, 2024
Coaldale Hub (2107-13th Street)
In-person and Online

Attendance (in-person)

Board Members:

Caldwell, Heather – Town of Coalhurst
Chapman, Bill – Town of Coaldale, Vice-Chair
Degenstein, Dave – Town of Milk River, Chair
Bekkering, Garth – Town of Taber
Doell, Daniel – Village of Barons
Foster, Missy – Village of Barnwell
Heggie, Jack – County of Warner
Hickey, Lorne – Lethbridge County
Jensen, Kelly – Town of Raymond
Kirby, Martin – Village of Warner
Nilsson, Larry – Village of Stirling

Attendance (on-line):

Payne, Megan – Village of Coutts

Absent

Feist, Teresa – Town of Picture Butte
Harris, Merrill – M.D. of Taber
Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford
Norris, Russell – Town of Vauxhall

Staff (in-person):

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

Call to Order

D. Degenstein called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

D. Degenstein noted this is the last meeting of this Board and thanked the Board for their service.

Approval of Agenda

J. Heggie moved the Board approve the agenda as presented.
Carried Unanimously

Minutes

L. Nilsson moved the minutes of the September 4, 2024, FCSS Board meeting be approved as amended.
Carried Unanimously



Delegation

Report to Municipalities – Outreach Services

Kaitlynn Weaver, Outreach Services Supervisor presented the draft Report to Municipalities – Outreach Services 2024.

The Board discussed the information provided.

M. Foster entered the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

M. Payne entered the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

K. Jensen entered the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

The Board discussed the Volunteer Income tax program and the need for new Volunteers. New Volunteer names must be submitted by November and CRA training begins in January 2025.

The Board thanked K. Weaver for her presentation.

L. Hickey moved the Board approve the Report to Municipalities – Outreach Services 2024 as presented and requested Administration distribute the report to our Municipalities and Alberta Government funders.

Carried Unanimously

Kaitlynn Weaver left the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- 2024-07-05 - FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights
- 2024-08 – FCSSAA News
- Challenges facing FCSS September 2024 – Summary
- Alberta Farm Mental Health Network (AGKNOW) – Upcoming Events

The Board discussed the Community Needs Assessment project, Board members are being contacted directly by the Prentice Institute to arrange interviews.

G. Bekkering moved the Board to receive the correspondence presented for information.

Carried Unanimously

Reports

Executive Director

Zakk Morrison reviewed the Executive Director's report.

The following was highlighted:

- International Day of the Older Person is October 1, 2024.

B. Chapman asked about the Seniors Speakers Series held in Coaldale and would like Z. Morrison to provide an update for activities held in Coaldale.



Z. Morrison will contact Cindy Lauwen to provide B. Chapman with an update.

M. Kirby moved the Board to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Financial Report

Z. Morrison reviewed the Financial Report.

The Board discussed the Financial Report.

L. Hickey moved the Board approve the October 2024 Financial Report including:

- Financial statement for August 31, 2024;
- Monthly accounts for August 31, 2024;
- ATB Mastercard statement August 14 to September 12, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

New Business

2025 Municipal Requisitions

Z. Morrison asked the Board members when they would like to discuss the 2025 Municipal Requisitions.

The Municipal Requests will be brought forward at a future Board meeting.

Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA)

Z. Morrison reported the FCSSAA Conference will be held November 13-15, 2024, in Edmonton. Board attendance at the conference is done on a rotating basis with four Board members budgeted to attend the FCSSAA Conference yearly.

The following Board members indicated they would be interested in attending: D. Degenstein, H. Caldwell, M. Kirby, D. Doell and B. Chapman.

The Board members not in attendance will be contacted to see if they would like to put their name forward to attend.

The Board directed Administration to register D. Degenstein and H. Caldwell for the conference. The additional two Board members to attend the conference will be decided at the November Board meeting.

The Board discussed sending an invitation G. Hunter and J. Schow to attend the "Breakfast with Your MLA" during the Conference.

H. Caldwell moved the Board direct Z. Morrison to send a letter to the MLA's in our area inviting them to the "Breakfast with Your MLA" on November 14, 2024 during the FCSSAA Conference.

Carried Unanimously

2024-2025 FCSS Association Membership Invoice

The Board discussed the 2024-2025 FCSS Association Membership Invoice.

B. Chapman moved the Board approve payment of the FCSSAA Membership Invoice #1895 for September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

Round Table:

The Board shared municipal updates.

Closed Session

J. Heggie moved the Board move in-camera, based on the Governance Policies-Board Meeting in Absence of the Public, at 5:25 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Linda Hashizume, Evelyn Florence-Greene, Petra DeBow left the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

G. Bekkering moved the Board to regular session at 5:52 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

H. Caldwell moved the Board approve the Executive Directors work plan for 2025-2026.

Carried Unanimously

L. Hickey moved the Board approve the Executive Directors performance evaluation for 2024.

Carried Unanimously

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be November 6, 2024, at the Coaldale Hub (2107-13th Street) in-person and online (via Teams) starting at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

J. Heggie moved the meeting adjourn at 5:57 p.m.


Carried

Chairperson



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Milk River & District Ag Society
Regular Meeting #1
Nov 18, 2024

Members Present: Laurie Balog, Ted Swanson, Suzanne Furlong, Sheila Garber, Leslie Cody, Dave Robertson, Clayton Schmitt, Jera Vandenhoeck, Shayne Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Laurie Balog.

Laurie Balog moved to adopt the agenda with one addition, meeting with Town Council to give brief of our activities.

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Shirley Garber, 2nd by Jera Vandenhoeck. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial report presented.
- Motion to pay bills presented, made by Leslie Cody, 2nd by Clayton Schmitt. Motion carried..

Old Business:

- **Rental agreements and bookings** – the agreements have been revamped to have a short-term agreement (for birthday parties, etc) and long term (for weddings, etc). We also added an hourly rate for the main hall to a maximum of 4 hrs. The new forms were circulated for comments.
- **AAAS Conference in Edmonton** – we have 2 rooms booked in hopes to have 2 members (and their spouse) attend. Tabled to next meeting.
- **AAAS regional meeting** – we were not able to attend, however we have been informed AGLC is looking at amending the handbook on Charitable Gaming Policies and where we can spend Casino monies. AAAS is lobbying to not amend the section. The link to the website is available (if you are interested, please let Suzanne know, she can forward the email).
- **Kitchen exhaust fan** – it is due for a routine cleaning; however, it is not used enough to warrant this cost. Laurie will wait until the inspector comes and requests it done.
- **Ceiling fan** – we need to find an electrician. Clayton has a contact and will forward the info to Ted.
- **Floor repair update** – the floor is finished; the edge transition is still to be done. We are waiting for the Town to get the outside work completed.
- **Open Gym Night** – 4 dates have been set for this. Jan 17, 31, Feb 14, Apr 4. Posters will be posted and circulated. (Jan 31 and Apr 4 need volunteers)

Correspondence:

- AAAS Invitation to Farm Transition sessions (forwarded by email)
- AAAS agriculture scholarship opportunities (forwarded by email)
- Agri-News weekly news (forwarded by email)
- AAAS newsletter (forwarded by email)
- Govt of Alberta – small comm opportunity program announcement (forwarded by email)
- AAAS – Farm Forward event (forwarded by email)
- Stigma Free Mental Health – newsletters (forwarded by email)
- Govt of Alberta – Regional Health Advisory Council invitation (forwarded by email)
- Alberta Community Development Newsletter (forwarded by email)

New Business:

- **Corvette ticket sales** – Jan 5 to 8th are our dates to work selling tickets. We still have 3 shifts to be filled – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoon. Please check your calendars and let Suzanne know what shift you could cover.
- **Kinsmen Dance March 1** – Kinsmen has offered us the opportunity to have a concession during their dance. Motion to accept and hold a concession, made by Sheila Garber, 2nd by Leslie Cody. Motion carried. This would be a good opportunity to sell Ag Society memberships. Clayton suggested the Kinsmen sell tickets for concession instead of us handling cash. Laurie will talk to Kinsmen. Tabled to next meeting.
- **Antique/Collectors Sale** – June 21st will be our 2nd annual sale. We will charge \$30 to set up a table in the civic ctr, \$10 to be added to the list in town. We will have a small concession with coffee and donuts. Jera V had kindly agreed to take registrations again. More to follow as we get closer to the date.
- **AGM – is Dec 16th at 6:30.** This is open to your family and to the public. We will be serving pizza. Please invite your friends and extended families. Laurie expressed her concern to have new members to help in continuing the Ag Society work in this community so please look around for new members to join us.
- **Flooring quote** – For curiosity sake, we asked for a quote on replacing the remaining flooring. We could pursue another grant for this work
- **Event to showcase the renos** – all present thought having an open house to showcase all the work that has been done was a good idea. It would be a good way to get new members as well, maybe have a door prize. Tabled to next meeting.
- **Meeting with Town** – the CAO has asked the Ag Society to attend a meeting on Jan 13th to give a report on our activities, etc. Laurie B and Ted S will attend.

Committee reports:

- ✓ ~~Bonanza Day~~
- ✓ **Oktoberfest** – this went over very well with a profit of approximately \$15,000, All comments were positive – good food, good silent auction. One suggestion made – one price for all

Laurie Balog motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Next meeting: Dec 16 – AGM at 6:30pm in main hall, followed by regular meeting in Agora room



OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2024; 6:00 pm

ORRSC Boardroom (3105 - 16 Avenue North, Lethbridge)

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission was held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm, in the ORRSC Administration Building, as well as virtually via Zoom.

Attendance

Executive Committee

Gordon Wolstenholme, Chair
Scott Akkermans
Brad Schlossberger
Christopher Northcott, Virtual

Staff

Raeanne Keer, Executive Assistant
Stephanie Sayer, Accounting Clerk

Absent

Don Anderberg, Vice Chair
David Cody
Neil Sieben

Chairman Wolstenholme called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Christopher Northcott

THAT the Executive Committee adopts the October 10, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Scott Akkermans

THAT the Executive Committee approves the July 11, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Official Business

a. Chief Administrative Officer Performance Evaluation

R. Keer handed out the Chief Administrative Officer Performance Evaluation form to the Committee and advised that she would send out a digital copy as well.

R. Keer stated that in October & November every year the Committee completes the Performance Evaluation of the Chief Administrative Officer.

b. Organizational Meeting & Elections – December 5, 2024

R. Keer stated that the Organizational Meeting and Elections will be at the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for December 5, 2024. She stated that nomination forms will be going out mid to late November for the Executive Committee.

c. Subdivision Activity – As of September 30, 2024

R. Keer presented Subdivision Activity as of September 30, 2024 to the Committee.

d. 4-Year Rolling Budget Discussion

S. Sayer presented the 4-Year Rolling Budget options that were provided to the Committee following the September Budget Workshop. She requested direction from the group in order to be prepared for the October Budget Workshop on October 17, 2024.

The Committee discussed a 3-year and 4-year rolling budget options, succession within the organization, membership fee increases, regional opportunities, and future financial planning for the organization.

5. Accounts

a. Office Accounts

R. Keer presented the Monthly Office Accounts for June to August 2024 and the Payments and Credits for June to August 2024 to the Committee.

b. Financial Statements

R. Keer presented the Balance Sheets and Comparative Income Statements for June to August 2024 and the Details of Account as of August 31, 2024 to the Committee.

Moved by: Brad Schlossberger

THAT the Executive Committee approves the Monthly Office Accounts, the Payments and Credits, Balance Sheets and Comparative Income Statements for June to August 2024 and the Details of Account as of August 31, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

6. New Business

There was no new business for discussion.

7. CAO's Report

R. Keer presented CAO Report to the Committee.

8. Round Table Discussions

Committee members and staff reported on various projects and activities in their respective municipalities.

- 9. Next Meeting** – Board of Directors – December 5, 2024;
Executive Committee – November 14, 2024

10. Adjournment

Following all discussions, Chair Gordon Wolstenholme adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:41 pm.



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Request for Decision

Mayors Report

December 9, 2024



RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayors Report for December 9, 2024, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

Mayor Liebelt will provide a report from the Mayors Desk.

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. Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission

**MINUTES OF THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, AT THE TOWN OF MAGRATH.**

Members Present:

Brian Wickhorst – Village of Glenwood
Byrne Cook – Town of Magrath
Larry Liebelt – Town of Milk River
Bryce Coppieters – Town of Raymond
Gary Bikman – Village of Stirling

Tanya Smith – Village of Coutts
Wayne Harris – Cardston County
Randy Taylor – County of Warner (Zoom)
John Grainger – Town of Cardston
Tyler Lindsay – Village of Warner

Others Present:

Marian Carlson – SEO
Arnold Paintsil – Stantec (Zoom)

Lee Beazer – Operator
Suzanne Pierson – Secretary/Treasurer

Commenced at 5:00 pm

Gary Bikman in the Chair.

AGENDA

Bryce Coppieters moved that the agenda be approved. Carried

MINUTES

Wayne Harris moved that the minutes of the June 12, 2024, regular board meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

NEW BUSINESS

DELEGATION

Arnold Paintsil from Stantec presented information regarding the existing waste management system with maps showing potential transfer station shutdowns and/or relocations.

Arnold Paintsil was excused at 5:49 p.m.

The board discussed Stantec's presentation. The study is looking at the feasibility of taking over the transfer stations and leaving curbside pick-up to the municipalities. The board discussed Option 1 and presented positives and negatives to the SEO. Option 2 is for future planning.

Brian Wickhorst was excused at 6:02 p.m.

The SEO advised that she and the staff are working with Stantec on the Transfer Station Redevelopment Project. The waste diversion study will be occurring before the end of October.

The SEO reported that the Operator will be taking her to visit the transfer station operators in the next couple of weeks.

The SEO advised that the website traffic is encouraging with 72 visits in the last 30 days.

Bryce Coppieters moved to approve the SEO's report. Carried

The Operator advised that 910.48 tonnes of waste were delivered to the Landfill in July 2024 and 867.00 in August 2024, making the year-to-date tonnage 6,793.443 tonnes.

The Operator advised that J.I.M. Equipment has completed the cell.

Tanya Smith moved to approve the Operator's report. Carried

Financial Statement

The Financial Statements for June 30, 2024, July 31, 2024, and August 31, 2024, were reviewed.

John Grainger moved to accept the June 30, 2024, July 31, 2024, and August 31, 2024, Financial Statements. Carried

Approval of Bills

Bills for June 2024, July 2024 and August 2024 were reviewed.

Bryce Coppieters moved to approve the bills for June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024. Carried

The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the Year-to-Date Budget as of August 31, 2024.

Byrne Cook moved to approve the Year-to-Date Budget as of August 31, 2024. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Cardston County regarding the current payment timeline for waste disposal services.

24-12 Larry Liebelt moved to keep the policy F9 as stated. Carried

A letter from the Alberta Pensions Services Corporation regarding the 2023 annual pension year.

24-13 Tanya Smith moved to request the pension audit be a Triennial Audit Reporting Cycle. Carried

An article regarding Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault proposing new rules for landfills by 2030. Filed

Tyler Lindsay moved correspondence for information. Carried

The board discussed having a meeting in October. If there is enough information to present in October a meeting will be held.

The board would like to have the agenda on the screen during board meetings for those on Zoom.

John Grainger moved to go In-Camera at 6:59 p.m.

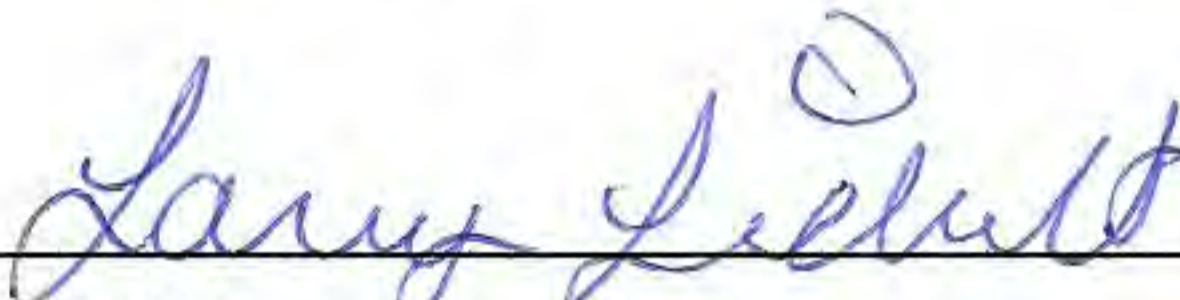
Bryce Coppieters moved to Reconvene at 7:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

John Grainger moved the meeting adjourned.

Adjournment at 7:19 p.m.

The Next Commission board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Town of Magrath.



Chairman

**MINUTES OF THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES COMMISSION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AT THE TOWN OF MAGRATH.**

Authority Members Present:

Larry Liebelt – Town of Milk River
Josh Bouelle – Town of Magrath
Wayne Harris – Cardston County
Tanya Smith – Village of Coutts
John Grainger – Town of Cardston
Brian Wickhorst – Village of Glenwood

Tyler Lindsay – Village of Warner
Randy Taylor – County of Warner
Kate Kindt – Town of Raymond
Mike Nish – Village of Glenwood
Gary Bikman – Village of Stirling

Others Present:

Marian Carlson – SEO
Suzanne Pierson – Secretary/Treasurer

Lee Beazer – Operator

Meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m.

Gary Bikman in the Chair.

Tanya Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

Chairman

Gary Bikman asked for nominations for Chairman.
Tanya Smith nominated Larry Liebelt.
Gary Bikman called for nominations a second and third time.
Tyler Lindsay called for nominations to cease.
Larry Liebelt is declared Chairman.

Vice-Chairman

Larry Liebelt asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman.
Tanya Smith moved to nominate Randy Taylor.
Larry Liebelt asked for nominations a second and third time.
Tyler Lindsay called for nominations to cease.
Randy Taylor is declared Vice-Chairman.

Signing Authorities

24-14 Randy Taylor moved that the signing authorities be as follows: Larry Liebelt, John Grainger, Josh Bouelle, Wayne Harris, Marian Carlson, Suzanne Pierson, and Lee Beazer; (Lee Beazer and Suzanne Pierson cannot sign the same cheque(s)) signing for the following accounts: Chief Mountain Regional (Depreciation), Chief Mountain Regional Solid (Current Operating), Chief Mountain Regional Closure Account, and Chief Mountain Regional Reserve Account. Carried

- 24-15 Wayne Harris moved that the CAFT authorities be as follows: Josh Bourelle, Larry Liebelt, Marian Carlson, and Suzanne Pierson. Carried

Committees

- 24-16 Josh Bourelle moved that the committees be as follows: Finance Committee are Bryce Coppieters, Tyler Lindsay, and Josh Bourelle; Joint Health and Safety Committee are Gary Bikman, Mike Nish, and Brian Wickhorst; Policy Committee are John Grainger, Tanya Smith, Randy Taylor, and Wayne Harris; HR Committee are Wayne Harris, Tyler Lindsay, Bryce Coppieters, and Randy Taylor. Carried

Per Diem

- 24-17 Gary Bikman moved to keep the rates as follows: the per diem rates stay at \$200 for meetings less than four hours and \$260 for meetings over four hours and to follow the CRA-approved rate for mileage. Carried

The Board discussed whether to keep the regularly scheduled board meetings to every two months.

- 24-18 Randy Taylor moved to move the meeting time to 4:30 p.m. Carried

- 24-19 John Grainger moved to return to regularly scheduled board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Josh Bourelle moved the adjournment of the organizational meeting.

Adjournment at 5:22 p.m.


Chairman

Alberta's government is helping women break barriers and gain meaningful employment through three scholarship opportunities.

Key messages:

- As job opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics as well as cultural industries like film and television continue to grow, Alberta's government is ensuring women have every opportunity to obtain fulfilling careers in these job markets.
- Alberta is a leader with scholarship opportunities for women studying in fields where they are traditionally underrepresented.
- This year, through the Women in STEM and Persons Case Scholarships, 90 women will receive funding to help them gain meaningful employment in a field they want to work in.
- Alberta's government is also proud to announce the new Women in Technical and Applied Arts Scholarship, the first and only provincially funded scholarship of its kind in Canada, which will help women train for jobs in industries like film, television, and music.
- By making education more accessible and affordable for women, Alberta's government is building a diverse and talented workforce, while empowering women.
- Because when women are able to break into fields in which they are traditionally underrepresented, our province thrives.

Alberta's energy industry is continuing to succeed as crude exports have driven the province's exports to a 21-month high following a record high of oil production in July.

Key messages:

- The increase has been driven by the completion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion that has tripled capacity of the pipeline and it proves the need for more access to tide water.
- This growth has pushed Alberta's international retail merchandise exports to \$16.9 billion in July, with energy exports accounting for about 80 per cent of this total.
- This is further evidence that there is ongoing demand for Alberta's ethically and responsibly produced oil and gas products and we will continue to produce these high-quality products to drive growth and improve standards of living around the world.

Alberta's government has launched a series of initiatives to spotlight the important role that apprenticeship education and skilled trades play in our province and encourage more students to begin in-demand careers.

Key messages:

- From homes to highways, skilled tradespeople build Alberta's landscape and play a pivotal role in upholding and advancing industry standards.
- This critical role is why Alberta's government is committed to supporting the success of our students in the economy of tomorrow.
- We have launched a promotional campaign to promote career opportunities in the skilled trades in order to support students and the needs of job creators.

- As our population continues to grow, we will need more skilled workers to build more housing and new infrastructure and we are proud to highlight and support the opportunities in the skilled trades.

Related news on government investment in the skilled trades and apprenticeships:

- [Sparkling kids' interest in the skilled trades | Susciter l'intérêt des enfants pour les métiers spécialisés](#) (July 31, 2024)
- [Partnering to streamline trade credentials](#) (July 5, 2024)
- [Investing in the future of apprenticeships at NAIT](#) (May 28, 2024)
- [Amplifying young voices in the skilled trades | Faire entendre les points de vue des jeunes dans les métiers spécialisés](#) (May 22, 2024)
- [Investing in crane operator apprenticeships](#) (April 18, 2024)
- [Supporting and growing Alberta's skilled trades](#) (February 23, 2024)
- [Building learning spaces for power engineers](#) (January 29, 2024)

Alberta is providing \$4 million through Youth Suicide Prevention Grants to organizations to improve the mental health of youth and increase access to suicide prevention supports.

Key messages:

- Every death by suicide is an unimaginable loss for families, friends, and loved ones, with impacts felt by entire communities.
- We recognize the important call to action in doing our part to prevent these tragic deaths by ensuring youth feel supported, loved, and valued.
- Alberta is strengthening youth mental health and suicide prevention supports by providing \$4 million over two years through Youth Suicide Prevention grants to 17 organizations across the province.
- Youth Suicide Prevention Grant funding will enhance programs for youth at increased risk of suicide, as well as improve access for rural and Indigenous communities.
- These grants build on Alberta's fulsome approach to improving the mental health and well-being of vulnerable children and youth, including expanding prevention and early intervention services through Family Resource Networks, integrating mental health supports in schools, and partnering with Kids Help Phone.

In September 2024, nine new CASA Mental Health Classrooms opened, for a total of 17 throughout the province.

Key messages:

- Our government is committed to ensuring families, children, and every Albertan has access to the mental health care they need.
- Every person deserves an opportunity to pursue recovery, which is why we are embarking on this path of record-breaking expansions to mental health services for children and youth.

- CASA Mental Health Classrooms provide an innovative way for students to get the mental health care they need while continuing their education and maintaining a social life.
- We're grateful to CASA Mental Health for the ongoing work they do to support Alberta families, which is why we have made them one of our biggest partners in delivering these services.
- This September, nine more CASA Mental Health Classrooms began operation, taking us another step further to fulfilling our promise of 60 mental health classrooms across the province.
 - As of September 2024, there are 17 total mental health classrooms across the province, more than double what was available last school year.
- In every mental health classroom, students will have access to teachers and other educational staff, mental health therapists, and a wide range of professionals ready to support students in their pursuit of recovery.

Minister of Affordability and Utilities Nathan Neudorf issued [a statement](#) on Alberta's hydrogen market after promoting it at the 2024 Energy Council Annual Meeting.

Key messages:

- The world is looking to hydrogen as a way to significantly reduce emissions in hard to abate industries.
- Alberta is already emerging as a clear leader in the hydrogen sector.
 - As the largest hydrogen producer in Canada, Alberta has the resources, business-friendly environment, and expertise needed for a competitive advantage.
- Alberta's government is supporting major and rapid progress within the hydrogen space through the Clean Hydrogen Centre of Excellence, Alberta Innovates, Emission Reduction Alberta, and the Alberta Petrochemical Incentive Program.
 - Alberta's government is actively exploring policy options and legislative amendments to better enable hydrogen within the utilities system.
- There is already enormous interest in Alberta's hydrogen sector, with announcements from major international companies looking to establish hydrogen production projects in the province.
 - This includes projects such as Linde's new \$2 billion clean hydrogen production facility, Dow's Path2Zero project, Edmonton International Airport's fleet of hydrogen fuel cells electric vehicles, hydrogen fueling stations, and more.

First announced in Budget 2023, the Fugitive Apprehension Sheriffs Support Team (FASST) is now fully staffed and operational across the province.

Key messages:

- Apprehending fugitives makes Albertans safer by returning convicted criminals to custody – where they belong – and ensuring people accused of serious crimes will face justice.
- FASST provides police services across Alberta with more resources for finding and arresting high-priority offenders wanted by authorities.
- FASST helps get dangerous and wanted offenders off Alberta streets, and out of Alberta communities, quicker.
- Members of FASST are trained and equipped for RAPID Response functions, meaning they're available to answer requests for assistance from the RCMP on high-priority calls.

- A provincial team dedicated to finding and apprehending fugitives allows police services to focus on other local priorities, such as ongoing investigations and community policing.

Alberta is on pace for a record-breaking year with 29,902 housing starts so far in 2024.

Key messages:

- Alberta's plan to build more homes is delivering results.
- As the province grows, Albertans need more diverse housing options to meet their unique needs and budgets and Alberta is committed to providing a range of housing options.
- Year to date in 2024, Alberta has seen nearly 30, 000 new homes under construction.
- Our government will continue to support our housing partners to make sure we go from permits issued to shovels in the ground, and finally to new homes ready for Albertans.

Alberta's government is investing \$8.6 billion to complete and open 200,000 new student spaces across the province over the next seven years.

Key messages:

- Alberta is growing exponentially, which is leading to historic student enrolment and a subsequent strain on our K-12 education system.
- To keep up with this growth in student enrollment, our government is investing \$8.6 billion through the new School Construction Accelerator Program.
 - The School Construction Accelerator Program will create more than 200,000 new and modernized spaces for students to learn, grow, and reach their full potential.
 - Starting with Budget 2025, Alberta's government will kick-start up to 30 new schools and as many as eight modernizations and replacement schools every year for the next three years.
- The School Construction Accelerator program will build new schools in our fastest growing communities, modernize aging school infrastructure in rural Alberta, and expand school choice by building new public charter schools and sparking the development of a new school capital pilot program for non-profit independent schools.
- We are immediately moving forward 10 priority school projects including six full construction projects to help build and modernize student spaces across rural Alberta and our biggest cities.

Alberta's Minister of Health, Adriana LaGrange, has issued a statement on the significant progress being made toward building a fair and sustainable compensation model for primary care physicians in Alberta.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government values doctors in Alberta and is committed to ensuring that primary care is stabilized in the province, so Albertans get the care they need where and when they need it.
- That is why, in April, Alberta's government announced a new primary care compensation model, to be developed in close collaboration with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA).
- We knew from the start that developing a new physician compensation model would be a complex and time-consuming process and we have made tremendous progress since April.

- Alberta's government is continuing to work with the AMA to finalize key details of the new model – one that is financially sustainable and supportive of both our physicians and Albertans well into the future.
- Strengthening primary health care and addressing health care staffing challenges remains a priority for Alberta's government and we will continue working with our partners to find solutions.

Alberta's government has announced a significant investment in the future of aviation through a \$900,000 Workforce Strategies Grant awarded to Elevate Aviation.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government recognizes the importance of our aviation industry to our province's economy and is committed to addressing the workforce shortage of aviation professionals.
- We have recently committed \$900,000 to Elevate Aviation to invest in a state-of-the-art Virtual Reality Aviation Maintenance Training System, set to transform aviation training across the province.
 - This state-of-the-art system uses immersive virtual reality technology to create lifelike training environments, enabling trainees to practice and perfect their skills in a risk-free setting.
 - This dynamic approach will accelerate learning and give graduates the experience they need to be industry-ready from day one.
- Investing in innovative training solutions like virtual reality is integral to Alberta's strategy for economic growth, ensuring a steady stream of skilled professionals and maintaining the province's competitive advantage in a rapidly evolving industry.
- The Workforce Strategies Grant funding Elevate Aviation's system aims to broaden access to high-quality aviation training, including for women, and rural and Indigenous communities.

Alberta's government is launching a Seamless Patient Experience Review to ensure the province's refocused health care system provides consistent and efficient cross-sector care for all Albertans.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government continues to take significant action to refocus the health care system so Albertans can get the right care when and where they need it most.
- Albertans expect improved performance and outcomes when they begin to access the refocused health care system, which includes being able to access consistent, appropriate, and efficient care across multiple sectors.
- That's why Alberta's government is launching the Seamless Patient Experience Review – to make sure that when new provincial health agencies become operational, service providers deliver care in a manner that puts patients and their health first.
- Led by Dr. Lyle Oberg, the review will provide recommendations to the Integration Council on the implementation of seamless patient experiences in the context of the refocused health care system.

Alberta's government is investing in rural health facilities across Alberta to ensure all Albertans get the care they need, when and where they need it.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is committed to providing high-quality health care services for all Albertans, no matter where they live in the province.
- To ensure Albertans can get the care they need close to home, Alberta's government is investing almost \$15.5 million to improve access to health-care services in rural and remote communities.
- This investment will support the construction of new dialysis unit in Lloydminster, enhance kidney care services for residents of Grande Prairie and its surrounding area, and support the construction of the Brian Rosche Ambulance Station in Slake Lake.
- Alberta's government will continue to take significant action to refocus the health care system to ensure that health care facilities can meet the needs of their communities in every corner of the province.

Premier Danielle Smith released a social media video on the UCP government plan to introduce legislation to amend and strengthen the Alberta Bill of Rights.

Key messages:

- In a few weeks time, our UCP government will be introducing legislation to amend and strengthen the Alberta Bill of Rights, a document that has stood as a safeguard for our civil liberties and freedoms for decades.
- Since its inception, the Alberta Bill of Rights has recognized the fundamental rights and freedoms that are essential to a free and democratic society.
 - It enshrines the principles that every Albertan holds dear – freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the right to equality before the law among other fundamental rights.
- Now the Bill of Rights has served its purpose well over the years, but as our society evolves, so too must our laws to ensure our rights and freedoms remain properly protected in an ever-changing world.
- This is why we will be bringing forward three key amendments:

Amendment 1:

- We will reinforce the right of every Albertan to make their own choices regarding the medical treatments they receive.
- This includes ensuring that every individual in our province who has the mental capacity to do so, will have the right to decide whether or not to receive a vaccination or other medical procedure.

Amendment 2:

- The amended Bill of Rights will also strengthen property rights, another cornerstone of living in a free and democratic society.
- The amendments will ensure that no Albertan can be deprived of their personal property without due process of law and just compensation.

- This is a reaffirmation of your right to own and enjoy the property you have worked so hard to earn.

Amendment 3:

- There will also be an amendment to make clear that in Alberta, we respect the right of individuals to legally acquire, keep, and safely use firearms.
- For many Albertans, firearms are critical to their livelihood and way of life.
- Law-abiding firearms owners have been unfairly targeted by our federal government for decades, and it is my hope that these amendments will better protect the rights of our farmers, ranchers, and hunting enthusiasts.

Amendments in the Police Amendment Act, 2022 made December 2022 will mandate the creation of civilian governance bodies for all communities policed by the RCMP and set out regulation-making authority for these bodies.

Key Messages:

- Ensuring Albertans are kept safe is a priority for Alberta's government which is why it introduced and passed the *Police Amendment Act, 2022* in the Fall session of 2022.
- This important piece of legislation is strengthening RCMP ties to the communities they serve and improve police accountability by mandating civilian governance bodies for municipalities policed by the RCMP.
- An Order in Council for the legislation was signed, with the new regulations coming into force set for March 1, 2025.
- The creation of the municipal and regional policing committees and the Provincial Police Advisory Board will ensure large and small municipalities have a role in setting province-wide policing priorities and performance goals for the RCMP to ensure service delivery reflects and addresses local needs.
- Alberta's government is working to improve police accountability by reforming policing practices and strengthening law enforcement's ties to the communities they serve.
- Amendments to the *Police Act* will ensure all RCMP-policed communities have a voice in setting province-wide policing priorities and performance goals by creating municipal and regional policing committees, as well as a provincial police advisory board.

New regulations will bring more stability and clarity to Alberta's Rate of Last Resort.

Key messages:

- As part of our long-term efforts to protect Alberta's ratepayers and lower utility bills, Alberta's government is helping consumers be better informed of their energy options.
- To help Albertans better understand the rate they are paying and encourage them to find the best option available, our government making changes to Alberta's Rate of Last Resort starting Jan. 1, 2025.
 - Our government is renaming default electricity rate from the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) to the Rate of Last Resort to better reflect the nature of the rate.

- We've introduced a rate confirmation requirement, where the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA) will contact all ROLR customers every 90 days to confirm whether they would like to stay on the Rate of Last Resort and encourage them to explore their options.
- Providers will be required to clearly indicate on customer bills that they are on the Rate of Last Resort and update the terms and conditions of their service agreements.
- For Albertans unable to sign a competitive contract, Alberta's government is making the Rate of Last Resort more stable and predictable to protect them from power price spikes.
 - The Rate of Last Resort will be fixed for a two-year term starting January 1, 2025, and can only be changed to a maximum of 10 per cent between terms.
- We strongly encourage all Albertans to explore their electricity options and find the best rate available to them.
 - Last year, tens of thousands of Albertans moved off the Rate of Last Resort to competitive contracts for a more affordable option.

Alberta's government is moving forward to expand the existing Ghost Reservoir with a relocated Ghost Dam.

Key Messages:

- We are moving forward to expand the existing Ghost Reservoir with a relocated Ghost Dam to help reduce the impact of flood and drought on the Bow River and nearby communities.
- Several options were considered, and we found the relocated Ghost Dam option is the best option.
- It's significantly better than the Glenbow East option with a lower cost, ability to meet the drought and flood mitigation performance objectives, and fewer social and environmental impacts.
- The relocated Ghost Dam has a smaller project footprint, and less overall impacts to the environment, property, and infrastructure, while providing comparable water storage to the Glenbow East option.
- Given the need to move in a timely manner to prevent floods and mitigate drought along the Bow River, the Morley option was not a feasible option. Removing the Morley option saved at least nine months and prevented cost increases of at least \$3.3 million.

Alberta's tourism industry smashed records in 2023, increasing tourism revenues by nearly 20%.

Key Messages:

- It's clear: the world wants more Alberta!
- In 2023, visitors spent a record-breaking \$12.7 billion in Alberta, supporting jobs and businesses province wide.
 - This surpasses the previous record by nearly 20%, injecting \$2 billion more into the province's economy than in 2022.
- 2023's record-setting year shows that Alberta's tourism strategy is working, and investments made by Alberta's government in the province's tourism sector are paying off.
- Let's continue to show the world what Albertans already know: Alberta is the best place in the world to live, visit and play.

Alberta's government has officially submitted our feedback to the Competition Bureau on Bill C-59: Fall Economic Statement Implementation Act, 2023, which passed in June 2024.

Key Messages:

- The federal government's changes to the Competition Act are undemocratic, extreme and will hurt hardworking businesses and families. These ideological rules don't help the environment but do threaten investment, jobs, and decades of environmental progress.
 - These amendments punish Canadian companies and unnecessarily risk billions of dollars of investments in Alberta's and Canada's economy. This is a gag order on freedom of speech.
- We should be celebrating and increasing public information about ongoing commitments to responsible development, not attacking and silencing it.
- This isn't about 'truth in advertising.' That's a smokescreen. Instead, this creates a new double-standard, providing a path for anti-energy and anti-business groups to silence those working to reduce emissions while growing the economy.
 - These new rules will effectively prevent any company from making climate-related statements unless they meet an impossible and undefined 'internationally recognized methodology.' No such accepted methodology exists now or in the foreseeable future.
- We will continue to defend our provincial jurisdiction as we explore every legal option at our disposal to defend our rights and protect our industries from job-killing federal overreach.

Alberta's government will start accepting applications for the second round of funding through the Drought and Flood Protection Program.

Key messages:

- Earlier this year, as part of budget 2024, we launched the \$125 million dollar Drought and Flood protection program to help protect homes, businesses and lives from droughts and floods.
- Today, we are making another \$19 million in funding available this year as we begin accepting applications for round two of this program.
- Building the local infrastructure needed to protect residents, property and critical infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather is costly, but necessary.
- We strongly encourage all municipalities, Improvement Districts, Special Areas, Metis Settlements and First Nations to apply. The deadline to apply is Nov. 29.

Alberta's government is taking action to improve health care in rural and remote communities across the province by launching a Rural Health Action Plan.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is committed to addressing rural and remote health care challenges to ensure Albertans have access to high-quality health care services, no matter where they live in the province.

- We understand that Albertans living in rural and remote communities face unique challenges which require tailored supports and approaches to deliver safe, high-quality, and sustainable health care services.
- To help guide actions, address challenges, and improve outcomes in rural and remote health care, Alberta's government is launching a Rural Health Action Plan.
- As some of the first steps being taken under the Action Plan, Alberta's government is introducing a Rural and Remote Family Medicine Resident Physician Bursary Pilot Program, a Medical First Responder (MFR) Grant program, and an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Education Grant program.
- By addressing health care challenges in rural and remote communities, Alberta's government is continuing to prioritize the improvement of care and health outcomes for Albertans living in these areas.

Nominations to honour extraordinary Alberta athletes, teams, coaches, officials and volunteers with Alberta Sport Recognition Awards are now open.

Key messages:

- Alberta is a global leader in sport, and it's thanks to all those in the sport community who dedicate themselves to excellence in their craft.
- Our government is proud to honour the outstanding accomplishments of the Albertan sport community through the Alberta Sport Recognition Awards.
- If you know someone who keeps the spirit of sport alive in our province and helps make Alberta the best place in the world to live, visit, and play, consider nominating them for an Alberta Sport Recognition Award.

Alberta's government is continuing to invest in authentic Indigenous tourism experiences to tell Alberta's story to visitors from around the world.

Key Messages:

- Tourism in Alberta is booming with more visitors coming to the province than ever before, and Indigenous tourism is key to this success.
- To support increased demand for authentic, Indigenous-led tourism experiences, Alberta's government has made the largest commitment to Indigenous tourism in the province's history, directing \$8.85 million to Indigenous Tourism Alberta over six years.
- Authentic, Indigenous-led experiences that share the stories of the land and vibrant cultures of Indigenous Peoples draw visitors from around the world to Alberta, providing economic opportunities for communities province wide.
- By continuing to invest in Indigenous tourism and supporting the development of authentic Indigenous experiences, Alberta's government is positioning the province as a premier destination for travellers worldwide.

Changes to the way in which victim services are being delivered took full effect on Oct. 1, 2024. A robust communications/outreach campaign will help create awareness of the changes and their resulting benefit to Albertans.

Key messages:

- Under the old model, 14 areas had no local victim services unit, which is why the new model being implemented by Alberta's government ensures every RCMP detachment in the province will have access to consistent victim services.
- We are making sure victims have access to the help they need, when they need it and where they need it because we know the aftermath of a crime can be complex.
- Albertans were clear about the gaps in services and supports for victims of crime, which is why we developed this new model.
- The new model will keep services local and shift to a regional governance model to ensure sustainability, consistency, and predictability for victim services across the province.
- We have met with many municipalities and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and have incorporated their feedback into the redesign.

Alberta's government is issuing a request for proposal to help create a long-term maintenance strategy to ensure government-owned affordable housing units are available now and into the future.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is making strides to repair and improve government-owned affordable housing units to ensure they are safe and available now and into the future.
- Alberta's government is investing nearly \$121 million over three years to maintain and repair government-owned and supported housing units across Alberta, supporting about 4,250 units in 2024-25.
 - This funding goes toward repairing units through projects like replacing windows, repairing roofs, and improving interior environments.
- As we committed under our 10-year affordable housing plan, Stronger Foundations, the government is also issuing a request for proposals to create a long-term maintenance strategy.
 - The strategy will help ensure existing government-owned assets continue to provide suitable housing that meets the needs of the community and make effective use of taxpayer dollars.

Alberta's government is investing in mobile lung health units to ensure Albertans living in rural and remote communities will have better and more timely access to screening services.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is committed to providing high-quality health care services for all Albertans, no matter where they live in the province.
- To ensure Albertans can get the care they need close to home, Alberta's government and the Alberta Cancer Foundation are partnering with 19 to Zero to support mobile lung health units that will bring screening services to underserved communities across the province.
- Investing in mobile services available in rural and remote communities will increase the likelihood of early detection and treatment, improving health outcomes and bridging gaps in the health care system.
- The mobile screening program will be funded by an investment of \$1.5 million from Alberta's government, which will also be matched by the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

A new compensation agreement for resident physicians has been reached, helping to retain and recruit more physicians throughout the province.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government, in partnership with AHS, the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, and the Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta, have reached a new tentative four-year compensation agreement.
- Alberta's government is pleased to see an agreement has been reached, which provides fair-market compensation to resident physicians while they train and provide services across the province.
- Ensuring resident physicians receive competitive compensation will help stabilize and strengthen primary health care while bringing medical students and ultimately more physicians to the province.
- This new agreement ensures Alberta remains competitive with other jurisdictions while offering financial stability for resident physicians.

Through Alberta's new funding formula, municipalities across the province will receive more infrastructure funding next year.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is helping to build Alberta's communities by providing predictable funding so that local governments can plan more effectively for the future.
- Local governments across Alberta have long asked for funding that is predictable and tied to provincial revenue growth. Our government has listened, and we have delivered.
- Next year, municipalities will receive more than \$820 million for the 2025-26 fiscal year, an increase of just over 13 per cent from Budget 2024.
- The *Local Government Fiscal Framework Act* (LGFF) provides a more predictable municipal infrastructure model that is tied to provincial revenues, that means when provincial revenues increase, municipal funding increases at the same percentage.

Alberta's government is announcing the stand-up of Primary Care Alberta (PCA), the new provincial health agency responsible for overseeing and coordinating the delivery of primary health care services in the province.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is taking action to refocus the health care system so that every Albertan has access to a primary health care provider and timely, high-quality primary health care, no matter where they live.
- We are pleased to announce that Primary Care Alberta (PCA), the new provincial health agency overseeing and coordinating the delivery of primary health care services, will be operational later this fall.
- The immediate priority of Primary Care Alberta is to ensure every Albertan has access to high-quality primary care services in all areas of the province, so Albertans and their families are supported in their day-to-day health needs through every stage of life.

- The new primary care agency will focus on supporting integrated teams of family physicians, nurse practitioners and pharmacists to provide patients with the best care possible.
- Primary Care Alberta will create a modern, more responsive, and unified health care system that prioritizes patients, empowers front-line health care professionals, and helps reduce pressures on the entire health system.
- Alberta's government will continue to work with Alberta Health Services to ensure staff are supported and informed of any potential changes and ensure front-line workers can continue to deliver the high-quality health care services to Albertans.

Alberta is launching a national campaign to increase awareness of the proposed federal oil and gas emissions cap and how it will negatively affect the Canadian economy.

Key Messages:

- Alberta does not support any cap on emissions – it's really a cap on Canadian prosperity and a cap on oil and gas production.
- The federal cap will not reduce global emissions.
- Rather, it will scare off the investments into CCUS and other technologies we need to keep lowering emissions in the energy sector, while replacing low-carbon Canadian production with higher-polluting, less responsible oil, gas and coal from other countries.
- This is coming at a time when energy security has never been more important and Canada is in a position to fill this growing need.
- Tweaks won't work – it's time to scrap the cap. We can reduce emissions and enjoy a thriving economy but only if Ottawa abandons the proposed oil and gas emissions cap for good.
- Alberta is calling on all Canadians to visit scrap-the-cap-dot-ca and send the campaign letter to their Member of Parliament to let them know we don't support any cap that will cut jobs and leave us with a lower standard of life.
- With Ottawa providing misleading or inconsistent information, and draft regulations expected this fall, we needed to launch a campaign to ensure Canadians understand the dangerous impacts of this cap.

Alberta's government is helping industry reduce emissions, save money, and turn landfill waste into energy – all through technology.

Key Messages:

- As global demand for industrial and manufacturing products rises, companies are looking for more ways to reduce emissions, repurpose waste, decrease costs and increase operational efficiency, however, these improvements can be expensive and complex.
- That's why we are investing \$10 million from the industry-funded Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) program into the new Strategic Energy Management for Industry program to help industrial and manufacturing facilities save money on their energy bills and reduce emissions by upgrading technologies.
 - This will be led by Emissions Reduction Alberta and launching in the coming weeks.
- Alberta will also launch a new Tire-Derived Fuel Pilot Program, testing ways to turn scrap tires into clean heating fuel for companies, instead of letting them pile up at the landfills.

- This will be led by the Alberta Recycling Management Authority.
- Working with key partners, we are reducing emissions while turning waste into energy, diversifying Alberta's industrial portfolio, stimulating investment, and expanding Alberta's job market by leveraging our energy expertise.

Alberta's Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange and Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services Jason Nixon have issued a statement on the establishment of Alberta's new continuing care agency.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government continues to take significant action to refocus the health care system so Albertans can get the right care when and where they need it most.
- We're refocusing health care by creating four fully integrated provincial health agencies that will oversee the priority sectors of primary care, acute care, continuing care, and mental health and addiction.
- Establishing a new provincial health agency dedicated to continuing care gives us the opportunity to broaden our efforts to care for all Albertans who need daily supports and services in continuing care homes, supportive living, or through home and community care.
- Alberta's government is pleased to announce that Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services Jason Nixon will become the sector minister for the new continuing care provincial health agency.
- A new unified approach will ensure Alberta has a continuing care system that provides Albertans with the health care, personal care services and accommodations they need to support their independence and quality of life.
- Alberta's government is committed to ensuring seniors, people with disabilities, people facing homelessness, and other vulnerable Albertans are supported with comprehensive, wraparound services that meet both their medical and non-medical needs.

Alberta's government has announced that the Arthur J.E. Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre, a state-of-the-art cancer treatment and research facility, will begin welcoming patients later this month.

Key messages:

- Alberta's government is committed to providing Albertans with the high-quality health care they need, including access to cancer care research, screening, prevention, and patient-centered treatment.
- With 127,000 square metres of space, including 160 inpatient beds and more than 9,200 square metres dedicated to research, the Arthur J.E. Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre (Arthur Child) will provide world-leading care and treatment to patients while driving innovation and working towards a future without cancer.
- As one of the largest government infrastructure projects in the province's history and most advanced cancer centers in the world, the Arthur Child will increase cancer care capacity in Alberta by consolidating and expanding services to support integrated and comprehensive care.
- The centre was designed to meet the needs of cancer patients today while preparing for the future, ensuring Albertans receive the highest level of care in an environment that fosters both healing and innovation for years to come.

Alberta's government is moving forward with proclaiming Bill 20, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which will come into force on October 31. Accompanying regulations will also enable local political parties and slates in Edmonton and Calgary and introduce requirements for campaign expense limits for municipal candidates, local political parties, and third-party advertisers across Alberta.

Key Messages:

- Albertans expect free and fair elections and that's why it's important we strengthen the rules that govern municipal elections.
- We are making local election processes more transparent for the benefit of all voters and Albertans.
- Now that we're a year away from the next municipal elections, new regulations will provide direction for those looking to establish local political parties and will set limits for campaign expenses.

Regulation – Local Political Parties

- Alberta's government is introducing regulations to encourage local candidates to be transparent about their political leaning.
- These new regulations for political parties introduce strict rules for a local political party's registration, operation and financial administration.
- Starting October 31, 2024, local political parties can register in either Edmonton or Calgary for the municipal elections in October 2025.
- In order for voters to be better informed of candidate's platforms and philosophy, Edmonton and Calgary municipal candidates endorsed by a registered local political party or who have formed a registered slate will have their affiliation listed on the ballot.
- Local political parties must remain unaffiliated with a provincial or federal party.
- Local political parties and slates in Edmonton and Calgary may only be registered for the October 2025 elections.
- Alberta's government will evaluate this pilot project following the October 2025 municipal elections.

Regulation – Campaign Expense Limits

- Alberta's government has created campaign expense limits for municipal candidates, local political parties, and third-party advertisers across Alberta.
- Campaign expense limits will help to ensure elected officials focus on governance and concentrate campaign activities to the year before and year of the election.
- These regulations ensure that elected officials focus on the responsibilities of being an elected official instead of campaigning for the next election.
- These new limits tie campaign expense limits to municipal populations, so they automatically adjust with changes in population over time.

Between October 15 and April 15, electricity and gas services in Alberta cannot be fully disconnected.

Key Messages:

- Ensuring Albertans have access to reliable and affordable energy is a top priority for Alberta's government.

- Alberta's Winter Rules for utilities protect vulnerable Albertans by helping keep their lights on and homes warm during the cold winter months.
- Alberta's government is working tirelessly to lower utility bills and protect ratepayers, ensuring Albertans keep more of their hard-earned dollars in their bank accounts.
- With more still yet to come, Alberta's government has already taken action to lower utility bills by introducing new legislation and regulations to prevent power price spikes and stabilize local access fees, in addition to investing in programs that help municipalities and rural Albertans manage and lower their energy costs.

The Local Growth and Sustainability Grant (LGSG) is a new infrastructure grant program that will address growth pressures for municipalities throughout Alberta.

Key Messages:

- Alberta's government is launching the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant to help local communities manage population growth pressure on public infrastructure.
- Alberta's dynamic economy has led to rapid population growth, which is creating challenges for local communities as more and more people use their roads, bridges, and water treatment systems.
- Budget 2024 introduced the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant to help communities manage these challenges.
- The Local Growth and Sustainability Grant will provide \$60 million over three years to assist communities that are experiencing significant growth.
 - It will also allow communities to capitalize on economic development opportunities including support for new industrial and commercial development.
- Applications for the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant are now open and close on November 29, 2024.

Alberta's government is providing an update on plans to expand cardiac services in southern Alberta, including building a cardiac catheterization lab at the Chinook Regional Hospital.

Key Messages:

- Alberta's government is working to ensure Albertans living in southern Alberta have access to the services and care they need close to home.
- In response to a needs assessment completed earlier this year, plans for expanded cardiac services in southern Alberta are advancing to functional programming, which will define the project's scope, schedule, budget and associated impacts.
- The needs assessment identified infrastructure solutions within existing facilities, allowing the project to be expedited by up to a year.
- Our government remains focused on finding innovative solutions that ensure timely access to essential services for all Albertans.

Alberta's government is conducting a review of the province's regulated professions to gather input from these organizations on a potential legislation aimed at safeguarding the rights and freedoms of their members.

Key Messages:

- We have heard from professionals receiving complaints from regulators, and in some cases facing actual disciplinary action for expressing personal beliefs and opinions unrelated to their professional competencies.
 - This could result in self-censorship and infringe on their ability to speak and express opinions freely.
- We are initiating a review of the province's regulated professions to ensure members rights and freedoms are protected.
- As part of our commitment to protecting the civil liberties of all Albertans, we are considering legislative changes to clarify that professional regulatory bodies are limited to regulating members' professional competence and behaviour.
- We will be gathering input from professional regulatory bodies this fall on how to ensure they are maintaining standards of competence and ethics without infringing on individual rights and freedoms.
 - Eleven ministries with regulated professions in scope will collect information and engage with professional regulatory bodies and other relevant groups as needed to inform policy decision-making.

On October 23, Lethbridge Polytechnic officially celebrated its new polytechnic status and unveiled its new logo.

Key messages:

- Lethbridge College officially became Alberta's newest polytechnic institution, Lethbridge Polytechnic, on September 3, 2024.
- Changing to a polytechnic brings exciting new opportunities for the institution, allowing it to provide a wider variety of courses and career paths to students to better meet the community's needs.
- Polytechnic education provides a wide range of hands-on learning opportunities for students, developing valuable skills that they can use throughout their careers.
- Aligning post-secondary opportunities in Alberta's smaller communities provides students with education closer to home, reducing the need to travel to larger centres to receive a polytechnic education.
- Alberta's government is committed to ensuring students across the province have a broad range of educational options to choose from, to best meet their needs and interests, including universities, colleges, polytechnics, First Nations Colleges, private career colleges, and apprenticeship programs.

Alberta's legislature to reconvene on Oct. 28 with legislation for the protection and furtherance of Albertans' rights, freedoms, and opportunities.

Key messages:

- This fall, Alberta's government will introduce legislation that fortifies the rights, freedoms and opportunities of Albertans, ensuring protections are updated to reflect these modern times.
- Alberta's government will introduce legislation to amend and strengthen the *Alberta Bill of Rights*, preserve choice for minors, strengthen the ties between parents and their child's education, and protect fairness and safety for biological women and girls in sport.

- The full suite of legislation introduced this session will see Alberta be a leader in Canada, enshrining fundamental rights while simultaneously ensuring the province remains a haven for job-creating investment with strong, business-friendly policies.
- Alberta's government is dedicated to ensuring Alberta remains the best place to live, work, invest, and raise a family — and the legislation introduced this fall will help do just that.

Proposed bills to be introduced this session include:

- Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024
- Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024
- Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
- Education Amendment Act, 2024
- Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024
- Fairness and Safety in Sport Act
- Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
- Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
- Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
- Protection of Privacy Act
- Access to Information Act
- All-season Resorts Act
- Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024

Alberta's government is making changes to the Alberta Bill of Rights to ensure Albertan's rights and freedoms remain properly protected in an ever-changing world.

Key Messages:

- Strengthening the Alberta Bill of Rights to protect your medical choices, property rights, and legal firearms use.
- Proposed changes would add protections for Albertans, including:
 - To reinforce the right of every Albertan to make their own choices regarding the medical treatments they receive. This includes ensuring that every individual in our province who has the capacity to do so, will have the right to decide whether or not to receive a vaccination or other medical procedure.
- Through the proposed firearms amendment, we reinforce our commitment to standing up for lawful firearms owners in Alberta and affirm government's intent that provincial laws should not interfere with the right to own legally acquired firearms. We will continue to fight against unfair restrictions on lawful firearms owners by the federal government.
- Expanded property rights – government would be required to compensate individuals or businesses if government takes ownership of their property, or if a law deprives the individual or business of all reasonable uses of their property.
- The proposed amended Bill of Rights will serve as an additional tool for Albertans to challenge a government decision. They could challenge a decision under the charter, the Bill of Rights, or both. The amended Bill of Rights does not contradict anything in the Charter.

- Proposed amendments will also strengthen Albertans right to freedom of expression.

What amendments to the *Alberta Bill of Rights* are being proposed?

- Some proposed changes would add protections for Albertans, including:
 - The right of an individual with capacity not to be subjected to, or coerced into receiving, medical care, medical treatment or a medical procedure without consent unless that individual is, within a reasonable time, likely to cause substantial harm to themselves or to others.
 - The right of an individual with capacity not to be compelled or coerced into receiving a vaccine.
 - The right to freedom of expression.
 - The right to acquire, keep and use firearms in accordance with the law.
 - Expanded property rights – government would be required to compensate individuals or businesses if government takes ownership of their property, or if a law deprives the individual or business of all reasonable uses of their property.
- Other proposed changes would make the *Alberta Bill of Rights* a stronger civil rights document:
 - For any provincial law that is declared by a court to be inconsistent with the *Alberta Bill of Rights*, the inconsistent part of the law could not be enforced.
 - The *Alberta Bill of Rights* would apply to all provincial government action, including policies and programs. The act currently only applies to laws in Alberta, such as statutes or regulations or actions taken under those laws. However, lots of government activities, including many programs and policies, are not specifically authorized by a statute or regulation. This amendment ensures these activities are also subject to the *Alberta Bill of Rights*.
 - If a court determines rights under the *Alberta Bill of Rights* have been breached, the court may impose any remedy that it considers appropriate and just in the circumstances, except for awarding damages related to the passage of legislation.
 - A new statement in the *Alberta Bill of Rights* would clarify that government may place reasonable limits on rights if government can demonstrate there is a good reason for doing so.
 - The parliamentary supremacy or notwithstanding clause in the *Alberta Bill of Rights* would be updated to clarify that it could apply to a regulation, bylaw or similar document when the clause is used in an act.
 - The requirement for the Minister of Justice to be notified when any legal action that challenges a law under the *Alberta Bill of Rights* is initiated would be updated to align with existing notification requirements in the *Judicature Act* for constitutional challenges.
- Proposed changes to the preamble would:
 - Confirm that fundamental freedoms retain their importance during times of emergency.
 - Add language to recognize “the position of the family in a society of free people and free institutions.” This statement is also found in the preamble to the *Canadian Bill of Rights*.
 - Add a reference to the rule of law, acknowledging its importance. This is also found in the preamble of the Charter.